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SEPTEMBER 17, 2022

WASHINGTON, D.C. (TIP): Ukraine has recaptured swaths of territory in the east from occupying Russian forces in recent weeks, boosted by heavy weapons supplied by Western allies

U.S. President Joe Biden is warning his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin against using chemical or tactical nuclear weapons in the wake of serious losses in his war in Ukraine.

"Don't. Don't. Don't," Mr. Biden said, in an excerpt from an interview with CBS' "60 Minutes" aired on Friday evening.

Mr. Biden was responding to an interviewer's question about the possibility of Mr. Putin, whose army is incurring heavy losses in the Ukraine

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U.S. President Joe Biden warned his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin against using chemical or tactical nuclear weapons in the wake of serious losses in his war in Ukraine. File photo

President Murmu arrives in London to attend funeral of Queen Elizabeth II



President Droupadi Murmu emplanes for London, United Kingdom, to attend the state funeral of Queen Elizabeth II and offer condolences on behalf of the Government of India.

Photo: Twitter/@rashtrapatibhvn

LONDON (TIP): President Droupadi Murmu arrived in London on Saturday, September 17 evening to attend the state funeral of Queen Elizabeth II and to offer condolences on behalf of the Indian government. Queen Elizabeth II, who died aged 96 at her summer residence of Balmoral Castle in Scotland on September 8, is lying-in-state at Westminster Hall before the funeral at Westminster Abbey on the morning of September 19.

President Murmu is on a three-day visit to the U.K. during which she will attend Monday's funeral service and is also invited to a reception for world leaders hosted at Buckingham Palace by King Charles III on Sunday evening.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar had visited the British High Commission in New Delhi on September 12 to convey the country's condolences, a day after India observed a day of national mourning. **CONTD ON PAGE 40**

Indian Community organizations pay tribute to victims of 9/11 and condemn desecration of Gandhi statue



Consul General of India Randhir Jaiswal paid tribute to the victims of 9/11 and suggested vigilance against hate crimes and terrorism. To his left are seen FIA President Kenny Desai, Deputy Consul General Dr. Varun Jeph, and Jaipur Foot USA Chairman Prem Bhandari, among others

Photo / Jay Mandal-on assignment

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022
TIMES SQUARE, NEW YORK CITY

(TIP): Indian American organizations in association with the Federation of Indian Associations of NY NJ CT NE held a non-religious and non-political gathering to lodge community's protest against the recent series of hate crime episodes.

Community representatives also expressed concern on the recent and multiple brazen attacks on Mahatma Gandhi's statue in NY city and other US cities. Moment of silence and prayers were held to pay tribute to the victims and the heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice to keep us all safe. **CONTD ON PAGE 40**



Weaves of India fashion show promises to be an attractive event

COUNTDOWN BEGINS FOR 3-DAY MADE IN INDIA TRADE EXHIBITION IN GUATEMALA

SEPTEMBER 16, 2022

GUATEMALA CITY (TIP): The countdown for the 3-day Made in India Trade Exhibition has begun. The Indian Embassy in Guatemala, in collaboration with 'Beti and Shiksha Foundation' (a Non-Profit, Non-Political Organization that has been playing a catalytic role in economically empowering women and promoting Indian Industries) is organizing an immaculate 3-day "MADE IN INDIA" grand trade **CONTD ON PAGE 40**



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Adieu Mr. Bains; Rest in Peace

BY INDRAJIT SALUJA



One of the greatest sons of Punjab in the US, Didar Singh Bains is no more is a heartrending news. I regret not looking him up in Yuba City during my visit to Fresno and San Francisco last month. I spoke to his youngest son Karam to inquire after Mr. Bains's health which I knew was deteriorating, and I was keen to look him up on being told that he was not well, but the visit to Yuba City did not materialize. I regret now not having met him. I cherish the memories of more than three decades of my association with him, beginning from the turbulent days in



Punjab when he decided to lend his support to Khalistanis which he later withdrew in favor of the moderate

Shiromani Akali Dal.

A devout Sikh, to him nothing was dearer and more venerable than the Word of the Guru. He lived by the code prescribed by the Sikh Gurus which includes kirt kamayee, vand chhakna and naam japna (making an honest living, sharing with others, and meditating on God).

He will be remembered as a shining example of being a Guru da Sikh.

I hope his departed soul finds place at the feet of the Guru.

RIP, my friend.

GUEST COMMENT

Part of a pattern: On Varanasi court verdict in Gyanvapi case

**COURTS SHOULD BE WARY OF GIVING A TOEHOLD TO
COMMUNAL FORCES IN RELIGIOUS DISPUTES**

Hindu revanchism has found a way to use the legal route to record early success in its latest communal campaign. The district court in Varanasi has rejected objections to the maintainability of a suit filed by five Hindu devotees seeking the right of daily worship at a spot in the Gyanvapi mosque. Of particular significance is that the court ruled that the suit is not prohibited by the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991, which freezes the status of places of worship as it was on August 15, 1947 and bars suits that seek to change their character. On the fact of it, the ruling only paves the way for the suit to be heard and is in consonance with law. The plaintiffs have argued that the spot had the status of a Hindu temple on that day and ever since, and that the suit does not seek to convert a mosque into a temple; on the other hand, they are only demanding the right to worship deities in the complex. If limited to this assertion of a religious and customary right, the suit may indeed not be barred by the 1991 law. However, it is a matter of concern that the ruling is also grounded in other claims that appear to question the mosque's status. For instance, the court says records produced by the Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee were not enough to show that the complex was Waqf property. This appears in concert with the Hindu side's claim that Muslims were "encroachers", an assertion that clearly makes it a dispute aimed at converting the property's status.

Courts should be wary of underhand designs behind the legal facade that such litigation builds to gain a toehold right that can be incrementally expanded. The mere pendency of some kinds of religious disputes can contribute to the vitiation of peace and harmony. It is now clear that the enactment of a special law to freeze the status of places of worship and prohibit litigation over inter-religious disputes over their location has not stemmed the Hindu right-wing's obsession with targeting mosques and stoking communal passions. It is no surprise that the latest efforts to raise civil and legal disputes involving the Gyanvapi Mosque in Varanasi and the Shahi Idgah Mosque in Mathura are being made in tandem with a campaign against the Places of Worship Act. Several petitions have been filed challenging its validity. That such a campaign goes on despite the experience of communal frenzy through the 1990s shows the unregenerate nature of majoritarian forces. The abominable destruction of the Babri Masjid in Ayodhya, the communal riots that took place in its aftermath, the serial bomb blasts in Mumbai, and the fundamentalist violence that the sequence of events spawned cannot be forgotten. It is unfortunate that an atmosphere has been created in which the political leadership can encourage divisive litigation and exploit the process, if not influence the outcome.

(The Hindu)

End of the Federer era: A magical 24-year journey is over

Roger Federer broke a million hearts when he announced that he would retire from tennis after next week's Laver Cup. The announcement wasn't a surprise: the Swiss master is 41 and hadn't played a match since his defeat in last year's Wimbledon quarterfinals. Yet, hoping against hope, his fans wanted one final hurrah - maybe a 21st Grand Slam trophy, or even a lower-ranked ATP Tour tournament win, to add to his 103 titles. But realistically, the possibility of Federer holding another trophy aloft was minimal because he has endured several knee surgeries in the last six years, three of them in 2020-21. He was quickly running out of time as a top tennis player. Federer put it perfectly when he said: 'My body's message to me lately has been clear. I have played more than 1,500 matches over 24 years. Now I must recognize when it is time to end my competitive career.'

The universal sense of sadness that has greeted his announcement is testimony to the love and respect he gained by playing the game with matchless elegance - and behaving with grace and modesty off the court. It could be argued that globally, he is the most-loved sportsperson of the 21st century - perhaps of the last 50 years. His game was marked by beauty that had vanished with the wooden racquets, which were replaced by power-generating, lightweight racquets in the 1980s. Federer's court movement - economic, graceful, balletic - was a sight to behold, and it was matched by wonderful ball-striking. Using the graphite racquet to manipulate the ball in the manner of a wooden racquet, he made the greatest players gasp at his genius. Federer matched his beautiful game with immaculate conduct away from the sport, raising funds for charities across the world, and his interactions with fans and media were marked by grace, humility and respect.

(Tribune, India)



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Indian American Devika Bulchandani appointed Global President & CEO of Ogilvy

SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

NEW YORK (TIP): Just two years after becoming Global President and CEO of Ogilvy North America, Devika Bulchandani has been appointed Global CEO of New York City-based advertising, marketing, and public relations agency.

In this role the Indian American executive will be responsible for all aspects of the creative network's business across 131 offices in 93 countries and spanning its advertising, public relations, experience, consulting, and health units, Ogilvy announced Sep 7.

Bulchandani takes the helm from Andy Main who is stepping down as Global CEO and will serve as a Senior Advisor until the end of the year. She will also join parent firm WPP's executive committee as she takes on her new role.

"Devika is a champion of creativity who brings passion, purpose, and an uncompromising focus on generating impact to everything she does," Mark Read, CEO of WPP, said.

"In partnership with Andy and Liz Taylor, she has been instrumental in Ogilvy's recent growth and development," he noted.

"Her love for our industry, deep understanding of clients' needs, and track record of delivering growth for agencies and brands, make her the perfect choice to lead Ogilvy to even greater success."

"David Ogilvy changed the industry 74 years ago when he founded this iconic agency," said Bulchandani. "As we write the next chapter in the history books of Ogilvy, we will do it together with our clients, using creativity to push the boundaries of what's possible."

"I am honored and humbled to take on this role, and



Devika Bulchandani has been appointed Global CEO of New York City-based Ogilvy

to do it with all our incredibly talented people all over the world."

Prior to joining Ogilvy, Bulchandani spent 26 years at McCann in various leadership roles including President of McCann North America.

As a leader who believes in the power of creativity to make a positive impact on society, Bulchandani's proudest achievements have occurred at the intersection of the social causes she champions and brand-building efforts on behalf of clients, the release said.

She was the driving force behind Mastercard's long-running "Priceless" campaign as well as "True Name," a first-of-its-kind feature launched in 2019 that empowers transgender and non-binary people to display their chosen name on their Mastercard.

Known for ideas that capture the cultural zeitgeist, Bulchandani also helped launch "Fearless Girl," an iconic and beloved symbol of women's equality; the campaign became one of the most awarded campaigns

in the history of the Cannes Lions International Festival of Creativity.

Next month Bulchandani will be honored by New York Women in Communications (NYWIC) at the 2022 Matrix Awards, which honors women who are making a difference, building community, and inspiring the next generation of female leaders in their field.

She has previously received a range of other honors including, NY Power Woman by Moves Magazine; US Advertising Agency Head of the Year by Campaign Magazine; Working Mother of the Year by She Runs It; and ADCOLOR Innovator.

Bulchandani has been the recipient of multiple 4As Jay Chiat Awards for strategic planning. She also serves on the board of the ERA Coalition. She is also a founding member of Times Up Advertising and serves on the boards of the Ad Council, the 4A's, and the Advertising Club.

Over the last two years the creative network has deepened and grown relationships with current clients while winning new business with brands including Absolut, Enterprise Holdings, World of Hyatt, TD Bank, FEMA, New York Philharmonic, and Audi of America, according to the release.

Ogilvy also played a key role in WPP being named as The Coca-Cola Company's Global Marketing Network Partner. Recently Ogilvy earned the coveted position of Network of the Year at the 2022 Cannes Lions International Festival of Creativity for the first time since 2016 and secured the same honor from The One Show and Campaign magazine.

Additionally, Ogilvy also became the only agency network to secure top rankings on both WARC's Creative 100 & Effective 100 lists.

Sikh priest attacked in UK ; Manchester police release video, man arrested



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SEPTEMBER 9, 2022

MANCHESTER (TIP): A man has been arrested after last month's attack on a Sikh priest in UK's Manchester, which left the 62-year-old victim with serious brain injury, ANI reported,

A 28-year-old man was arrested on Wednesday, September 9, on suspicion of section 20 assault in connection with an attack on a Sikh priest in Manchester City Centre.

"Following an appeal for assistance from the public, a 28-year-old man was arrested earlier today (September 7, 2022), on suspicion of section 20 assault in connection with an attack on a Sikh priest in Manchester City Centre," Manchester Evening News quoted the police statement released on September 7.

(Read full story at www.theindianpanorama.news)

Indiaspora presented a book on rise of Indian Americans to Indian minister Piyush Goyal



India's Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal (center) was presented a book on the phenomenal rise of Indian Americans in diverse fields by M R Rangaswami, founder of Indiaspora (right), in Palo Alto, California last week.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

PALO ALTO, CA (TIP): India's Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal was presented a book on the phenomenal rise of Indian Americans in diverse fields by M R Rangaswami, founder of Indiaspora, in Palo Alto, California last week.

The book, "Kamala Harris and the Rise of Indian Americans," a first-of-its-kind anthology on the Indian American community in the US, was presented to Goyal during an interactive Indiaspora lunch event to discuss trade, regulation, tech infrastructure and diaspora issues.

Inspired by the US Vice President, the book evidences the progress and accomplishments of the Indian-American diaspora through 16 essays written by influential Indian Americans.

From politics to the new administration, entrepreneurship to technology, medicine to hospitality, science to academia, business to entertainment, philanthropy to social activism, leaders from various arenas detail their own paths to success and offer their perspectives on diasporic progress. These stories culminate in a larger narrative of the Indian-American community's coming-of-age in the US.

Edited by the Delhi-based veteran journalist and foreign policy analyst, Tarun Basu, the book was released by New Delhi-based publisher Wisdom Tree and is available in the US via Amazon at: <https://bit.ly/HarrisIA> - Amazon India book link, and at <https://bit.ly/HarrisIndAm> - Amazon USA link.

Authors who have contributed to the Book include: former Indian ambassadors TP Sreenivasan and Arun K. Singh; Deepak Raj, chairman of Pratham USA; businessman Raj Gupta; hotelier Bijal Patel; Pradeep Khosla, Chancellor of UC San Diego; scholar-professor Maina Chawla Singh; Sujata Warriar, Chief Strategy Officer for the Battered Women's Justice Project; Shamita Das Dargupta, co-founder of Manavi; and journalists Arun Kumar, Mayank Chhaya, Suman Guha Mozumder, Ajay Ghosh, Vikrum Mathur, and Laxmi Parthasarathy.

Indo-Canadian gangster Goldy Brar booked for threatening witnesses



Goldy Brar is a Canada-based gangster

SEPTEMBER 8, 2022

FARIDKOT, PUNJAB (TIP): The police today registered a criminal case against Goldy Brar, a Canada-based gangster, and four other persons for a l l e g e d l y

threatening some witnesses in the murder case of a Congress leader.

In a complaint to the police, Gurjaswinder Singh, a prosecution witness in the case, alleged he had received a phone call from Brar, threatening him with dire consequences if he appeared in a court against the gangster in a murder case that was lodged at the Kotwali police station in February 2021.

On February 18 last year, Youth Congress district chief and zila parishad member Gurlal Singh Pehalwan was killed here. In the FIR, it was claimed that Pehalwan's murder was orchestrated by Brar and his aide, jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi.

(Read full story at www.theindianpanorama.news)

130 Indian Americans appointed to key positions in President Joe Biden's administration

SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

WASHINGTON, D.C. (TIP): US President Joe Biden has appointed 130 Indian Americans to key positions in his administration so far, a senior White House official has said, the best representation from the community that makes up around one per cent of the American population.

Representing the Biden administration at an event to celebrate 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava' at the US Capitol, Raj Panjabi, who is currently serving as Senior Director for Global Health Security and Biodefence on the White House National Security Council, read out a list of top Indian Americans in the US Government.

Panjabi said that US President Biden has appointed 130 Indian Americans in his administration.

"This is something to be proud of," he said in his address to Indian Americans.

As many as 75 Indian-American organizations came together to observe the historic milestone of India's journey after 1947. Prominent among these organizations include US India Relationship Council, Sewa International, Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation, Hindu Swayamsevak



President Biden

File photo

Sangh, GOPIO Silicon Valley, US India Friendship Council, and Sardar Patel Fund for Sanatan Sanskruti.

The theme for Wednesday's celebration was "Stronger Together: US-India Partnership." "I'm proud to be part of an administration that is committed to diversity and building a government with leaders who look like and represent America," Panjabi said.

President Biden in his Independence Day message this year noted, that as people around the world, including

nearly four million Indian Americans, celebrated the 75th anniversary of India's independence on August 15, the US joined the people of India to honor its democratic journey guided by Mahatma Gandhi's enduring message of truth and nonviolence, Panjabi said.

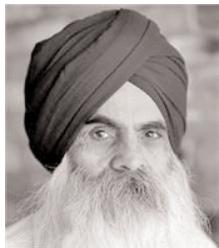
"He said India and the United States are indispensable partners and the US India Strategic Partnership is grounded in our shared commitment to the rule of law and the promotion of human freedom and dignity," Panjabi said.

"In both India and America, the dreams of freedom and dignity could have been crushed. But today because of the efforts of those who fought for freedom, the dream of America, and the dream of India is alive. It remains alive in our shared work as President Biden said to continue to promote freedom and dignity and it remains alive, I believe in every one of you," he added.

Ajay Jain Bhutoria, member of the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders said, "India US relationship has been deepening in several past years." According to the list prepared by Indiaspora, more than 40 Indian-Americans have been elected to various offices across the country. Four are in the House of Representatives -- Dr Ami Bera, Ro Khanna, Raja Krishnamoorthi and Pramila Jayapal. This includes four Mayors.

Led by Indian-Americans Sunder Pichai of Google and Satya Nadella of Microsoft, there are over two dozen Indian-Americans heading US companies. Among others include Shantanu Narayen of Adobe, Vivek Lall of General Atomics, Punit Renjen of Deloitte, and Raj Subramaniam of FedEx.

Indian American 'Peach king' Didar Singh Bains passes away



Didar Singh Bains of Yuba City passed away after a prolonged illness

SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

YUBA CITY (TIP): Didar Singh Bains, founder of Gurdwara Yuba City California, passed away after a prolonged illness in the US. He was 84. He passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded by family on Tuesday, September 13, 2022.

Bains was known as a "Peach King" of California and was one of the richest

Sikh farmers in North America.

He was born in 1939 at Nangal Khurd village in Hoshiarpur district.

He arrived in the US with only \$8 and went on to own over 40 pockets of land in 13 counties, including 667 acres of land near Sacramento International Airport. He became one of the Northern California's richest man, having assets worth USD 50 million. Bains worked as a laborer during his initial days in the US. He not only sponsored his own family members, but countless other people of the region to immigrate to the US since 1960.

Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee chief Harjinder Singh Dhama expressed deep grief on the demise of Bains. Expressing condolences to the aggrieved family, Dhama also remembered his work of preaching Sikhism in the US.

Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh said, "The report of his demise is very sad. Didar Singh Bains was a famous Sikh leader and an eminent farmer."

Indian American Shefali Razdan Duggal is US Ambassador to The Netherlands



Shefali Razdan Duggal has joined a select band of Indian-Americans to be chosen for an important diplomatic assignment. Her appointment as the US Ambassador to the Netherlands was confirmed by the US Senate this week.

SEPTEMBER 16, 2022

WASHINGTON, D.C. (TIP): After Richard Rahul Varma, who served as US Ambassador to India and Nikki Haley Randhawa, who represented the US at the United Nations as its Ambassador, Shefali thus joins the elite band of Indian Americans chosen for top diplomatic assignments. Between 2015 and 2018, High Commissioners of Australia (Ms Harinder Sidhu), and Canada (Nader Patel) besides US Ambassador (Richard Rahul Varma) all belonged to the Indian Diaspora. In between, Canada's Consul-General in Chandigarh, Rajni Alexander, also belonged to this elite group.

Shefali's appointment comes at a time when the number of Indian Americans holding top positions in the Biden Administration has crossed 130-mark. Though Shefali was born in Haridwar and moved with her family to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, at the age of two,

she has her roots in Kashmir. "I was born in India, but I was made in the United States," Duggal told members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee during her confirmation hearing in July.

A versatile political activist, Shefali Duggal, has also been a women's rights advocate and human rights campaigner. She also remained a former presidential Appointee to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Council. She continues to serve as a Western Regional Advisor. She is represented by a number of organizations, including San Francisco Human Rights Watch, Wake Forest University Leadership and Character Council, and the National Board of Directors for Emily's List "I have full confidence that kindness, empathy, honesty and equity mean something in our country. It is the reason why people from all over the world see us as a beacon of hope and freedom. While my story is not unique, it is one that represents the infinite possibilities of the American spirit and the American dream," Duggal said.

Read full story at www.theindianpanorama.news

Indian American Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal receives abusive hate messages

SEPTEMBER 9, 2022

WASHINGTON, D.C. (TIP): Indian American Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal has been receiving abusive and hate messages over phone.



Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal has been receiving abusive and hate messages over phone.

On Thursday, September 8, she posted a collection of five such audio messages. In all these, portions of which have been redacted because of obscene and abusive content, the male caller is heard threatening her with dire consequences and in one instance she is being asked to go back to her country-of-origin India.

"Typically, political figures don't show their vulnerability. I chose to do so here because we cannot accept violence as our new norm. We also cannot accept the racism and sexism that underlies and propels so much of this violence," Jayapal said in a tweet.

Early this summer, a man with a pistol had showed up outside the Congresswoman's house in Seattle. The man, identified by police as Brett Forsell, 49, was arrested later.

Farmingdale State College Receives \$300,000 Grant from Senator John Brooks to Reinforce its Security Infrastructure

SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

FARMINGDALE, NY (TIP): NY Senator John E. Brooks (SD-8) presented a funding award of \$300,000 to the State University of New York at Farmingdale - Farmingdale State College (SUNY Farmingdale) - to support an infrastructure project currently underway to address campus security issues and to improve communication and emergency preparedness training to ensure the safety and security of its faculty, staff, and students.

In response to a spate of national gun violence tragedies - and in the event that such an attack were to occur on its grounds - Farmingdale State College (FSC) administration conducted town-hall forums, shelter-in-place training exercises, and tabletop scenarios, over the course of 18 months, to assess campus emergency preparedness. FSC leadership prioritized soliciting feedback regarding opportunities for improvement or any areas of potential risk.

As a result of feedback provided, FSC is undertaking a comprehensive initiative to evaluate security in offices, classrooms, and laboratories in all of its campus buildings - with the proposed project including risk assessment, gap analysis of existing infrastructure, purchase and installation of locking mechanisms with improved functionality, and acquisition of hard-wired key-card access assemblies that will not only improve



Senator Brooks with Farmingdale State College Leadership (from left to right): John S. Nader (FSC President), Senator John E. Brooks, and Dan Daugherty (FSC Chief of Police).

access control but will also provide key information in the event of a crime or other incident on campus.

A strong advocate for gun violence reduction and prevention, Senator Brooks understood and shared the sense of urgency shown by FSC leaders in addressing these infrastructure concerns remarking, "These

improvements will be vital in the ongoing effort to ensure the safety and security of faculty, staff, and students at Farmingdale State College. As we have unfortunately seen time and time again, there is a horrible gun violence epidemic sweeping our nation. Sadly, as we just recently saw in Uvalde, many of these tragedies could have been prevented if the appropriate steps had been taken to allow our public institutions to upgrade their security features to provide a safe and secure environment for all. After hearing about the steps that FSC leadership was undertaking to ensure that safety of its students and faculty, I was determined to do all I could to help, so it was an absolute honor to return to my alma mater and present this funding grant to FSC President Dr. John S. Nader."

The proposed project, coupled with continued communication and emergency preparedness training, will address interior security challenges, including purchasing new hardware for doorways unable to lock from the inside as well as replacing any wireless key-card access systems with hard-wired mechanisms.

Upon receiving the funding grant on behalf of FSC, Nader reflected, "Thanks to Senator John Brooks' efforts, we have made great strides in making one of America's safest campuses even more safe. Senator Brooks has been a tireless advocate for the College and for college students. As always, we appreciate his work."

New York State Economy Added 27,600 Private Sector Jobs in August 2022



For representation only

SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

NEW YORK (TIP): The Number of Private Sector Jobs in New York State Grew by 0.3% in August, Rising Faster Than the Nation

According to preliminary seasonally adjusted figures released by the New York State

Department of Labor, on September 15, the number of private sector jobs in New York State increased over the month by 27,600, or 0.3%, to 8,054,900 in August 2022. The number of private sector jobs in the U.S. increased by 0.2% in August 2022.

New York State's private sector jobs (not seasonally adjusted) increased by 411,800, or 5.4%, over the year in August 2022, which exceeded the 4.4% increase in the number of private sector jobs in the U.S.

New York State's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased from 4.3% in July to 4.7% in August 2022. From August 2021 to August 2022, the unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) fell from 6.7% to 4.9%.

From July to August 2022, New York State's labor force (seasonally adjusted) increased by 32,500. At the same time, the labor force participation rate went up from 60.3% in July 2022 to 60.5% in August 2022, its highest rate since March 2020.

The number of private sector jobs in New York State is based on a payroll survey of New York businesses conducted by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Monthly payroll employment estimates are preliminary and subject to revision as more complete data become available the following month. The BLS calculates New York State's unemployment rate based partly upon the results of the monthly Current Population Survey (CPS) of approximately 3,100 households in the State.

Note: Seasonally adjusted data are used to provide the most valid month-to-month comparison. Non-seasonally adjusted data are valuable in year-to-year comparisons of the same month - for example, August 2021 versus August 2022.

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Senator Brooks' Funding Grant to Provide 28,000 Meals to Long Island Homeless Community



Senator Brooks with Long Island Cares Staff (from left to right): Lisa Owens (Program Manager), Dr. Jessica Rosati (Chief Programs Officer), Senator John Brooks, Paule Pachter (CEO), and Marc Leonelli (Program Center Coordinator).

SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

HAPPAUGE, NY (TIP): Senator John E. Brooks (SD-8) was proud to present a funding grant of \$25,000 to Long Island Cares - The Harry Chapin Food Bank to help support their Hope for the Homeless program.

Since its creation in 1980 by the late Harry Chapin, Long Island Cares had been on a mission to feed Long Island's community and to stamp out the root causes of hunger. Their Hope for the Homeless program currently provides mobile outreach, including emergency food, supplies, and linkages to other resources, to approximately 800 homeless individuals - many of them veterans - on a monthly basis. In August 2022 alone, the Hope for the Homeless program distributed nearly 1,000 meals throughout Nassau and Suffolk. When able, the organization also assists community members with securing housing or by providing housing referrals.

Having been involved with Long Island Cares since they were first established, Senator Brooks

stated, "We are exceptionally fortunate that we have an agency like Long Island Cares that is able to reach those most in need, and that is so in tune with the needs of the most vulnerable members of our community, including our pets. I have seen the work they do - how many people they are actually able to help - and I have been to many of their facilities and have worked in their warehouse to get items ready. I know the needs on Long Island are very high, so I just think it is a wonderful organization. I have seen firsthand the good work they do here, so I am very proud that I was able to secure this funding grant for them - anything I can do to help, I will do."

Because of the funding grant that Senator Brooks was able to secure, Long Island Cares will be able to provide 33,750 pounds of food, or 28,000 meals, to be distributed throughout the Long Island Community. Founded in 2011, Hope for the Homeless provides ready-to-eat food and personal care items to the street homeless on a weekly basis. For further information, please visit <https://www.licares.org/>.

NYC Celebrates Krishna Janmashtami @ Hare Krishna Temple



Divine Lord Radha Krishan

BROOKLYN, NY (TIP): Krishna Janmashtami, the appearance day or birthday of Lord Krishna, was celebrated at the New York Hare Krishna Temple on Friday, August 19th, from 4pm until midnight with over 2500 guests taking part in the festivities.

The free cultural and spiritual event encompassed a full experience of bhakti yoga practices, including live music, sacred chants, reading of sacred texts, dance and dramatic performances, meditation classes, books, gifts, and food sales. and opportunities for children to take part in Krishna related arts and crafts. A free vegetarian feast was served in the evening to all visitors.

Special guests at the Temple's celebration included Jenifer Rajkumar, New York State Assembly member - District 38, Dilip Chauhan, NYC Deputy Commissioner for International Affairs, Dr. Varun Jeph, Deputy Consul General of India, Sheetal Desai, Milan Cultural Association NY and Harish Thakkar, President of Association of Indians in America, NY Chapter.

Honoring the significance of the

celebration and the work of ISKCON, the Temple received proclamations from Ms. Rajkumar, on behalf of the New York State Assembly, and from Mr. Chauhan on behalf of NYC Mayor Eric Adams. In his proclamation, Mayor Adams, declared August 19th, 2022, as ISKCON Day in New York City. Also, Deputy Commissioner Chauhan emphasized the great community service of ISKCON during the time of COVID-19 by providing free vegetarian food to the needy people. Those who understand the eternal blessings which come from the temple know that no sacrifice is too great, no price too heavy, no struggle too difficult in order to receive those blessings you all the devotees are so blessed to have a ISKCON temple in the heart of New York City.

Lord Krishna is revered as the Supreme Personality of Godhead, the speaker of the famed Bhagavad-Gita, by hundreds of millions of people across the world. "India's sacred wisdom texts, the Vedas, explain that the ultimate personality of God is an ever youthful,



From Left - Pragnesh Surti, Jaganath Rao, President of ISKCON Hansrupa Das, Assemblymember Jennifer Rajkumar, NYC Deputy Commissioner Dilip Chauhan Presenting a Proclamation.

Photos / Courtesy ISKCON Brooklyn

all-attractive person, and the most intimate friend of everyone," says Hansa Rupa Das, ISKCON NYC Temple President, "That is why Janmashtami, the appearance day of Lord Krishna, is

such a joyous occasion for us all."

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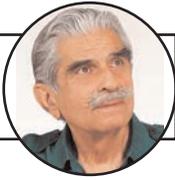


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US skeptical of China resolving LAC row

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"INDIA'S SUSPICION OF JOE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S REVIVAL OF TIES WITH PAKISTAN IS BEING ATTRIBUTED TO THE US MAINTAINING STRATEGIC BALANCE BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN, ESPECIALLY AFTER THE CROSS-BORDER OPERATIONS IN 2016 AND 2019. INDIA IS ONLY ONE OF THE 14 COUNTRIES THAT HAS WALKED OUT OF THE INDO-PACIFIC ECONOMIC FRAMEWORK FOR PROSPERITY (IPEF) MINISTERIAL MEETING IN THE US, WHICH HAS WASHINGTON WORRIED."

At London's Frontline Club for journalists, American and British writers informed me that the US think tanks were concerned about India's reliability as a partner to contain China. The worry, not new, was expressed on September 8, when perhaps unexpectedly, China agreed to disengage from another friction point - Patrolling Point (PP) 15 in the Gogra-Hot Springs area. The pullback resulted from the 16th round of Corps Commander-level talks (July 17), almost two months after what had appeared to be an inconclusive meeting at Moldo on the Chinese side of the border. Depsang, where the People's Liberation Army (PLA) has intruded 18 km, and Demchok, where five patrolling

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points are blocked, remain unresolved.

Last week in Delhi, US Assistant Secretary of State Donald Lu, while calming fears on the \$450-million F-16 fighter jet fleet sustainment programme, noted that the US was not seeing "any sincere effort by Beijing to resolve the dispute" and expressed skepticism about the disengagement agreement at PP-15. Lu said that the US would stand by India resolutely as it faces "terrible threat from China".

India's suspicion of Joe Biden administration's revival of ties with Pakistan is being attributed to the US maintaining strategic balance between India and Pakistan, especially after the cross-border operations in 2016 and 2019. India is only one of the 14 countries that has walked out of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) ministerial meeting in the US, which has Washington worried.

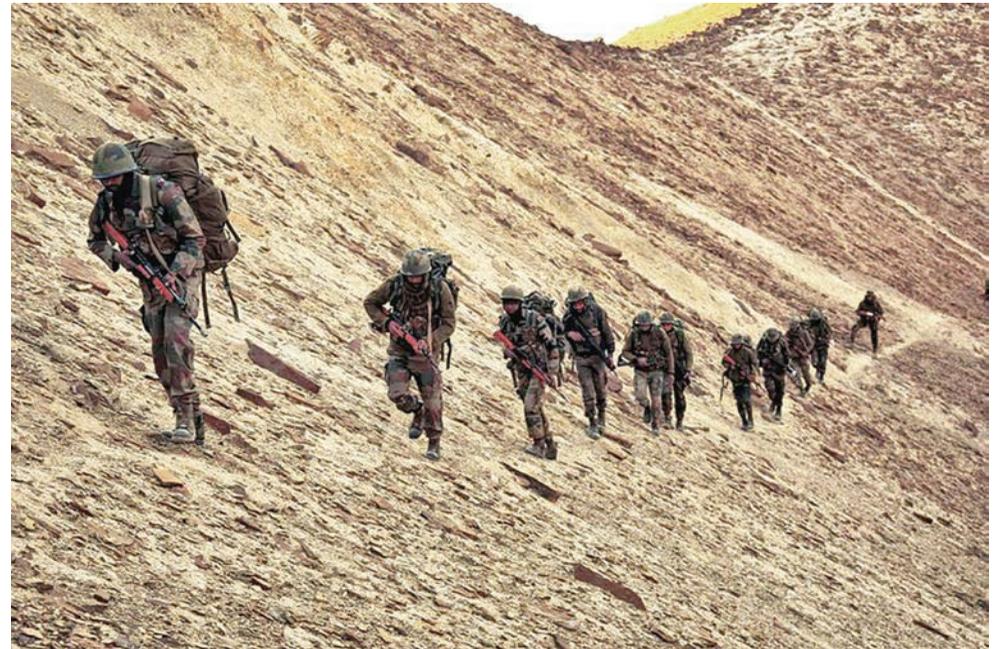
Meanwhile, former Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, currently President and CEO of Asia Society, while launching his book *Avoidable War: The Dangers of a Catastrophic Conflict* between the US and Xi Jinping's China in Mumbai and Delhi, said in response to a question that China would not withdraw from Ladakh and the border dispute would continue. Pessimism about the disengagement process and de-escalation is rife among India's strategic community.

Combing through these events and statements (and ones earlier), it is clear that suspicion about mutual commitments by India and the US to their comprehensive strategic partnership have not gone away despite several positive indicators. The US has been extremely generous in granting or considering multiple waivers on Iran, Russia - arms and oil purchases from Moscow - and over Ukraine in order to promulgate its Indo-Pacific policy to counter China's rise.

India's foreign policy's crown jewel remains strategic autonomy and multi-alignment. By being at odds with China, border dispute et al, India cannot realize its full potential of comprehensive national power and has to rely on the US hard and soft power to hedge China.

Since PLA's multiple intrusions in May 2020, India chose diplomacy to achieve restoration of status quo ante in eastern Ladakh. But disengagement from all friction points except Depsang and Demchok has succeeded in creating buffer zones 2-10 km wide on the Indian side of the LAC and prevented control of areas which it previously patrolled.

Diplomacy has been handicapped by self-goals: PM Modi's statement that no Chinese intruded or is on Indian territory; in August 2020, the Ministry of Defense was forced to take down from its



India has been rejecting Chinese pleas on delinking bilateral relations from the border dispute.

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website details of intrusions contradicting the PM's claim; withdrawal from Kailash heights for piecemeal disengagement surrendered a key advantage.

Not only is the PLA ensconced on the Indian side of the LAC, it has also fortified battle positions and constructed military bases.

A 5G network has come up along the LAC. Besides, five new heliports, a new bridge over Pangong Tso, five air bases with enhanced capacities and a new road G219 (in addition to the existing G619 from Kashgar to Lhasa) developed. Although not provoking China has been a feature of Indian diplomacy, pricks and jabs were par for the course. Conspicuously absent were statements on human rights violations in Xinjiang and Hong Kong.

On Taiwan, India was on listening watch till the belated mild rebuke to desist from unilaterally altering status quo. The Dalai Lama spent a month in Ladakh and Modi wished him on his 86th birthday. Unsavory spats over Quad and Chinese spy ship Yuan Wang 5 in Hambantota and glacial pace of disengagement led External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar to reiterate India's pet peeve about relations with China being in an extremely difficult phase and his rejection of the Chinese pleas about delinking bilateral relations from the border dispute. Complaints about China violating border protocols were bad for Beijing's image.

Strategic autonomy was in full view with joint high-altitude training with US personnel in 'Yudh Abhyas' at Alaska in 2021 and this year close to the China border in Uttarakhand. Last month, Indian and Chinese troops participated in the Shanghai Cooperation

Organisation (SCO) exercises along with Pakistani soldiers. US Chief of Naval Operations Adm Mike Gilday, after a visit to India last month, affirmed at the Heritage Foundation that the US considers India a strategic partner to counter China.

Jaishankar, responding to a question at Bangkok University on August 15, said, "The Asian century will happen when China and India come together, though at present relations are in a very difficult phase. It is in their interest to join hands."

Journalists at the Frontline Club were taken aback by India's trapeze act. Jaishankar has maintained that India will always act in its self-interest.

Xi congratulated President Droupadi Murmu on her appointment, the first direct message by him since offer of Covid-19 assistance during the second wave in April 2021. Xi added that he attached great importance to China-India relations. His third term as President is virtually assured even before the once in five-year 20th Party Congress in October. Is Xi ready to make further concessions on the border, if disengagement from PP-15 days before the Samarkand SCO summit is any indication? Later this week, Modi and Xi, who met 18 times between 2014 and 2019, but have not spoken since the LAC row in April 2020, would be seeing each other several times at the summit. While India's bottom line of status quo ante in eastern Ladakh is not realizable, Xi - during a pull-aside - can extend his hand, paving the way towards the making of the Asian century, eliciting a chuckle from the US.

(The author is a military commentator)

Freebies strain Punjab's financial resources

BY RANJIT
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"The existing freebies and newly committed "guarantees", including Rs 1,000 per month to every adult woman, by the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in Punjab will eat up Rs 28,962 crore in 2022-23. It is over and above the facility of free bus travel to all women given by the outgoing Congress government. The debt service will consume another Rs 36,009 crore, while Rs 46,317 crore will go to salaries, pensions and retirement benefits. The total comes out to be Rs 1,11,288 crore (116.68 per cent of the total budgeted revenue of Rs 95,378 crore), resulting into revenue deficit to the tune of Rs 16,000 crore. It necessitates efficient and full mobilization of latent financial resources and rationalization of freebies. But that would require strong and unequivocal political will and rational decisions."

Given the acute financial crisis, debt trap, decelerating growth and huge unemployment in Punjab, freebies should be given only to the really deserving sections of the people. Illogical and untargeted freebies would neither be good economics nor good politics in the long term as they are bound to have an adverse impact on the economic growth, employment and development. However, investment in education, skill development and health is sine qua non for development of human capital and overall socio-economic development. Thus, instead of

spending the scarce and additionally mobilized financial resources on irrational and indiscriminate freebies, the government must spend on education, skills, health and employment generation so that the people get quality education and health services at an affordable cost.

The advocates of freebies, however, argue that if the government can write off outstanding debt of Rs 9.91 lakh crore of 10,306 willful defaulters during 2017-18 and 2021-22 (and Rs 1.84 lakh crore in 2019-20 and 2020-21 because of lowering the tax rate) in the corporate sector then what is wrong in giving freebies to other sections of the population.

Critics of freebies, however, argue that there are huge (long-term) hidden costs of irrational freebies in terms of foregone opportunities. Experts, however, are broadly of the view that taking care of poor and marginalized sections of the population is the duty of the welfare state, yet, while giving freebies, fiscal capability of the government is a key factor. Not going into the rationality and irrationality of freebies, the subject needs an informed public discourse as it is turning into relentless competitive political populism with every succeeding election. Under such a scenario, people often are not in a position to take informed decisions about their interests. The White Paper issued by the Punjab Government in June 2022 admits that Punjab is passing through a serious financial crisis being reflected in ever-increasing debt, high revenue and fiscal deficit and increasing debt servicing.

According to the RBI, the debt-Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) ratio and revenue deficit in Punjab are the highest, while the fiscal deficit is the second highest among the 17 general category states. The outstanding debt of the government increased from Rs 83,099 crore (31.17 per cent of the GSDP) in 2011-12 to Rs 2.58 lakh crore (42.54 per cent of the GSDP; highest among all states, according to the RBI) in 2020-21 and to around Rs 2.82 lakh crore in 2021-22. This, along with the off-budget debt burden on public sector undertakings, adds up to 53 per cent of the state's GSDP.

It is approximately 4.4 times of the current account revenue of the Punjab Government in 2021-21. The per capita debt in Punjab is the highest among all 17 general category states of India. The budgetary provision of Rs 35,000 crore loans in financial year 2022-23 will further increase the debt burden. The amount of debt-servicing increased from Rs 8,955 crore in 2011-12 to Rs 32,080 crore in 2020-21. Debt-servicing consumed Rs 32,080 crore of the gross borrowing of Rs 32,258 crore in 2020-21; in 2021-22 it was Rs 36,512 crore.

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Clearly, the Punjab Government is in debt trap as the debt is being serviced by taking additional loans. The grossly under-mobilization of latent financial resources, coupled with irrational competitive political populism aimed at capturing votes, inter alia, have been mainly responsible for such a scenario. The stopping of GST compensation from July 1, 2022, will require an additional resource mobilization to the tune of Rs 12,000 to Rs 15,000 crore or will necessitate additional loans in 2022-23.

The decelerating growth rate for the past 30 years is also a cause for worry. In terms of the GSDP growth rate, Punjab ranked between 13th and 17th during 1992-2012 among the 17 general category states and between 18th and 24th among all 28 states during 2013-14 and 2017-18. In terms of the net per capita income, Punjab started lagging behind Maharashtra in 1995-96 and during 2011-12 and 2018-2019, Punjab oscillated between 11th and 12th position and slipped down to 19th rank in 2019-20.

In terms of capital expenditure and per-capita capital outlay, Punjab ranks 11th and 17th, among the 17 general category states, respectively. During 2011-12 and 2020-21, capital expenditure remained only around 0.7 per cent of Punjab's GSDP. Compared to the all-India average, Punjab's investment-GSDP ratio (pre-requisite for economic growth) has been much below the national average since 1996-97. All this led to deceleration in the growth rate and increase in unemployment.

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Punjab's rank in terms of per capita own tax revenue is eighth among the 17 general category states. The share of non-tax revenue in the state's total revenue declined from 28 per cent in 2008-09 to 9 to 12 per cent in 2020-21. Punjab's own tax-GSDP ratio declined from 7.49 per cent in 2012-13 to 4.95 per cent (a decline of 2.54 percentage points) in 2020-21. This alone has led to an under-mobilization of latent financial resources to the tune of Rs 16,012 crore in 2020-21. My own estimates (now included in the sixth Punjab Finance Commission's final report submitted to the government in March 2022) show that there is a scope for mobilizing additional financial resources to the tune of Rs 28,500 crore annually without imposing any additional tax. The break-up is as follows: Rs 5,000-crore excise duty, Rs 9,000-crore GST, Rs 2,000-crore stamp and registration, Rs 3,000-crore mining, Rs 3,000-crore property tax, Rs 1,500-crore professional tax, Rs 1,500-crore power theft, Rs 2,500-crore transport and cable and Rs 1,000-crore pilferage in social welfare schemes.

Another Rs 10,000 crore can be added to it by moderately rationalizing the tax regime, freebies/subsidies and discretionary spending. The government and the people of Punjab have no option but to mobilize additional finances, use them judiciously and rationalize the freebies.

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Bilkis and Joseph: Test cases for justice and living metaphors for what's wrong with our society

BY RAJESH
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"HOPEFULLY, THE SUPREME COURT WILL SOON REVIEW THE REMISSION GRANTED BY THE GUJARAT GOVERNMENT AND OFFER A LEGAL CURE TO THIS TERRIBLE INJURY TO OUR BODY POLITIC. ALONG WITH THE SUPREME COURT, THE BJP AND THE SANGH PARIVAR SHOULD ADOPT A CIVILIZATIONAL VIEW AND ANALYZE THIS ACT OF INJUSTICE TOWARDS A WOMAN AND ITS IMPACT ON THE PRACTICE AND PRINCIPLES OF LAW IN INDIA. THE BJP WILL NOT REMAIN IN POWER FOR ALL TIMES TO COME IN ALL STATES OR THE CENTRE, BUT IF THE SUPREME COURT DOES NOT OVERTURN THIS DECISION, IT WILL BECOME THE LAW OF THE LAND: ANY EXECUTIVE COULD THEN LET OFF ANY CONVICTED CRIMINAL DEPENDING ON HIS CASTE, RELIGION OR POLITICAL AFFILIATION. THIS WILL MAKE A MOCKERY OF THE INDIAN JUDICIARY, WITHIN OUR COUNTRY AND ALL ACROSS THE WORLD. THE VICTIM ALWAYS NEED NOT BE A MUSLIM."



The cases of Bilkis Bano and TJ Joseph ought to become call signs of public morality for politicians, activists, academics and journalists.



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Bilkis Bano and TJ Joseph are two living metaphors that ought to become call signs or entry codes of public morality for politicians, activists, academics or journalists. The celebration of 75 years of India's Independence was soiled by the release of 11 convicts who had gang-raped Bilkis Bano and killed her 14 relatives, including her three-year-old child. These rapists and murderers were feted outside the jail of their choice in Godhra and later at their village in Randhikpur, with relatives distributing sweets, bursting crackers and singing and dancing to the tunes of a disc jockey.

The talisman for true journalism in India will have their names in it. We need to ask: Are we doing right by them?

A momentous occasion was marred and a day of deep significance was defiled for a bunch of criminals who never deserved the remission in the first place. The Godhra train tragedy - criminal arson or terrorist attack - and the killing of 60 pilgrims cannot justify the release and public adulation of people who committed heinous crimes. And this one episode has made Bilkis a metaphor for all that is wrong with our sense of justice as a society.

Worse, this episode sends a chilling message down the spines of all Indians: criminals will be pardoned for their worst transgressions if they are done in the name of a religion or a religious group. The next time around, won't the people of Randhikpur repeat the gang-rape and murder, knowing well that they would be let off on an Independence Day and feted by their neighbors? Why just Randhikpur, will not this remission reassure criminals across the country? All that they need to do is to double-check their political and religious credentials - do they belong to the right religion and the right party? And the religion can get replaced by caste in certain cases. This was the

BJP's biggest grouse against caste-based parties in the Hindi heartland, yet it seems to have successfully replicated the model by replacing caste identity with religious identity, offering the same impunity.

Hopefully, the Supreme Court will soon review the remission granted by the Gujarat Government and offer a legal cure to this terrible injury to our body politic. Along with the Supreme Court, the BJP and the Sangh Parivar should adopt a civilizational view and analyze this act of injustice towards a woman and its impact on the practice and principles of law in India. The BJP will not remain in power for all times to come in all states or the Centre, but if the Supreme Court does not overturn this decision, it will become the law of the land: any executive could then let off any convicted criminal depending on his caste, religion or political affiliation. This will make a mockery of the Indian judiciary, within our country and all across the world. The victim always need not be a Muslim.

And that brings us to the case of Prof TJ Joseph of Newman College in a small town of Kerala. About 12 years ago, he was brutally attacked and his hand was chopped off in the presence of his family while he was returning from church. The intention of the attackers, in all likelihood, was to sever his hands and feet. This teacher of Malayalam was attacked for a reference to a character named Mohammed in a question paper that he set for a semester exam. Mohammed is the name of the Prophet, but it is also the most common Muslim name, and in the context of a passage referring to a Muslim character, the use of this name could only be considered a casual act of classroom indulgence.

But the Islamist lawgivers of Kerala decided that Joseph had committed blasphemy and deserved severe punishment. So, they sent out their law-enforcement squad to chop off his limbs. After his right hand was severed

and he was undergoing treatment, the Christian management of his college dismissed Joseph from service for setting a paper that 'hurt religious sentiments'. Of course, the then progressive and secular Marxist government left it to the victim to appeal to the university tribunal, not taking any action against the college management. And Joseph was not spared homilies on good conduct by the minister concerned.

Joseph suffered in silence the loss of his right hand and his livelihood, but his wife, the primary caregiver, was devastated and decided to end her life of misery and penury. The Popular Front of India (PFI), which keeps hitting the headlines for its murderous feuds with the Sangh Parivar - recently attracting attention for threatening Hindus and Christians in a public rally - is the fountainhead of Islamist radicalism that threatens free speech in Kerala. All the accused in Joseph's case were identified as members of the PFI, but the prime accused is still absconding and the second accused, who was convicted, has already secured his release.

Finally, this year, guilt-ridden Marxists have offered the Kerala Sahitya Akademi award for Joseph's autobiography, which was recently published in English as *A Thousand Cuts*. But neither the state nor the Centre has chosen to ban PFI or its activists. Nor has the liberal intelligentsia called out the PFI Islamists who roam around in the garb of journalists and activists. Interestingly, a journalist who was arrested by the Uttar Pradesh Police while travelling to Hathras to report on the brutal rape and murder of a Dalit girl was earlier an employee of the now-defunct mouthpiece of PFI. His arrest and the legal fight for his release have become a cause celebre for activists, lawyers and journalist unions.

The mouthpiece of PFI cannot be treated differently from those of some gauraksha dals that keep sprouting regularly to lynch cattle traders or murder innocents like Mohammed Akhlaq of Noida. Of course, a journalist, as a pure professional, can offer his services to a radical religious newspaper and all employees need not share the political or communal ideology of the newspaper owner. But in this case, nobody has even tried to examine whether this celebrated PFI-linked journalist is a radical Islamist propagating hand-chopping ideas. The talisman for true journalism in India from now on will have two names in it: Bilkis and Joseph. And the question we always need to ask ourselves is: Are we doing right by them?

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Meet the Consul General of India at San Francisco Dr. T.V. Nagendra Prasad

BY PROF. INDRAJIT S SALUJA



Dr. T.V. Nagendra Prasad, Consul General of India at San Francisco

The Consul General of India at San Francisco, Dr. T.V. Nagendra Prasad joined the Indian Foreign Service in the year 1993. He has served in various positions at Indian Missions abroad, including Tehran, London, Thimphu, Berne and Ashgabat. He was India's Ambassador to Turkmenistan from July 2014 to January 2018.

Within India, he served as Regional Passport Officer, Bengaluru(1999-2001) and as Project Director of the Passport Seva Project, one of the Mission Mode Projects under e-Governance(2008-2011).

Before taking over as the Consul General of India at San Francisco, Dr. Prasad served at the Ministry of External Affairs as Joint Secretary heading the Gulf Division.

Dr. Prasad was born in the district of Warangal, Telangana. He graduated from the Andhra Pradesh Agricultural

University and received his Doctorate from the prestigious Indian Agricultural Research Institute in New Delhi.

He is married to Padmavathi and has one son.

I had communicated with Ambassador Prasad quite a few times before I got to get an appointment to interview him at the Consulate in San Francisco on August 29, 2022.

Pleasantries over, Ambassador Prasad settled down for a formal interview which took over 45 minutes. Dr. Prasad was candid, frank and forthcoming which made my task easier and pleasanter than I had expected. My experience with bureaucrats tells me they, having been trained in diplomacy, are quite adept in the art of deflecting conversation. It was a pleasure to be with a polite, charming and elegant person.

HERE ARE EXCERPTS FROM THE INTERVIEW.



Consul General Dr. T.V. Nagendra Prasad is interviewed by The Indian Panorama Chief Editor Prof. Indrajit S Saluja

TIP: YOUR CONSULATE HAS AN EXPANSIVE JURISDICTION. HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO VISIT ALL STATES AND TERRITORIES IN YOUR JURISDICTION?

A. I haven't done because of COVID. Because I joined in the midst of COVID, I couldn't travel for the first one year. But later on, I started whenever a governor gave an appointment. I completed visiting almost all states. You see I have gone to most, and Hawaii. I'm going next month to Arizona. I want to see whether or not there is some purpose to a visit. For example, the other day I went to Reno, Nevada, met the community. There are a couple of temples and Indian community is growing there.

And in Vegas, we have Las Vegas India Chamber of Commerce. That Chamber of Commerce was organizing a meeting with the Governor and the Congressman. So, I went there. So, most of the states I visited. Still there are a couple of states that I have to visit.

TIP: WHAT I UNDERSTAND IS YOU ARE DOING TWO THINGS SIMULTANEOUSLY. MAYBE THE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IS CONCENTRATING ONLY ON ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GOVERNMENT AT THE GOVERNMENT LEVEL. BUT IN YOUR CASE, YOU'RE DEALING NOT ONLY WITH THE COMMUNITY, BUT ALSO WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT. WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH THESE ELECTED OFFICIALS?



Dr. T.V. Nagendra Prasad, Consul General of India at San Francisco hoists the Indian National Flag to celebrate India's 75 years of Independence in Milpitas

A: I will give you an example. The other day we were celebrating India's 75 years of Independence in Milpitas. I could see 20 elected officials present. And an astounding 6000 enthusiastic Indian Americans were present. That shows the Indian community's strong relationship with the elected officials. Not only that I received a letter from Governor Newsom saying that we congratulate you on 75 years of India's Independence. So, this shows that we are able to reach out and then at the same time

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they are reciprocating our sentiments. The City Hall was flying tricolor and the Mayor declared August 15 as US India Friendship and Heritage Day and then they hosted a reception in the City Hall. We contact them and we continue our conversations with them. Our community is very influential. Our community commands respect with the elected members and that helps in establishing rapport with them. And at the level which is not at the level of superior and inferior but at the level of equals and that is very, very important. You go to any state Arizona. You have a community that has connected very well to the local government and local elected officials. I see it anywhere I go, without exception.

TIP: DON'T YOU THINK THAT THE LOVE FOR THE LAND OF ORIGIN WE SEE TODAY IS GOING TO WANE WITH THE COMING GENERATIONS?

A. Whenever I meet the community, I say that children who are born and brought up here also must know an Indian language. 50 to 60 schools are teaching Indian classical dance to thousands of children. One can see them dancing. You see them singing whatever the language. For example, even in case of language, these guys are teaching mother tongue on Saturday and Sunday. One is Telugu. I have seen one Tamil. I have seen Punjabi. It is basically to see that people don't lose touch with their mother tongue. This is where the thing comes. You're right. They are born here they are educated here. They will do a job here. Through this learning of language, music and dance. I think that is going to help us to keep them still attached.

And I see a lot of effort on the part of the community. That effort is very much continuing. But what happens to the current generation, that is the question.

We have to consistently follow up on whether the mother tongue is really going very well. You go to Seattle; you go to LA; Arizona, I saw the language schools are really doing well. And I can tell you some Institutes are there who give you a certificate of graduation in the mother tongue. So that is interesting.

TIP: WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR EFFORT FOR SOME OUTREACH PROGRAMS, YOU KNOW, LIKE, GOING TO VARIOUS STATES AND HOLDING CONSULAR CAMPS. DO YOU DO THAT?

A: We hold camps. Like we had in Seattle, one for the community, one for the IT people, and so on. And in LA, we had one, related just to visa, passport and OCI card, or it is related to community issues. It all depends on the size of the community in that place, and the response. Many people would like to have their certificates and attestations. Many old people came to stay with their children and they have to send some documents to India to manage their properties or

Nowadays our camps are different, unlike in the past. Okay, now we take the service provider VFS also with us.

TIP: SO, DURING THESE CAMPS DID YOU EVER FIND ANY PEOPLE YOU KNOW VOICING THEIR COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE VFS?

A. See the FS VFS complaints during the camps I have not seen but on the email. Sometimes we get but it's an evolving thing we keep on feeding them. We have nothing serious. Nothing serious against this company. The main complaint I used to get was they're charging for the calls. And that was the main complaint. It was as per the agreement between government of India and VFS, and after these complaints they reduced the charge a bit but still I hear these complaints sometimes, and, mostly on the email. So, we also take note on a daily basis 300 to 400 emails. We keep on responding. We are trying to do our best. But the number of 1.5 million in the jurisdiction is formidable.

TIP: BUT YOU MUST HAVE IDENTIFIED WHAT THE MAIN ISSUES ARE BEFORE THE DIASPORA IN YOUR JURISDICTION.

A. See, for example, last Saturday, Sunday, both days, we opened the office for someone needing emergency services. We opened VFS. We opened our office. That is number two. And then I have launched one app which a chat box to work on our website.

TIP: WHEN DID YOU LAUNCH IT?

A. Last August. The chat box helps them on general queries and IT service, etc.

TIP: DO YOU THINK OCI IS, AFTER PASSPORT AND VISA, THE MOST SOUGHT-AFTER DOCUMENT?

A. I will give you an example. In our consulate's history the highest number was around 27,000 in any year that OCI cards were granted. Last year we issued double the number because the visas stood suspended during the COVID time. And people with OCI were able to travel. So, people realized the value of OCI cards. That has increased number of OCI applications significantly in our consulate, and I think it will be the same with other consulates.

I see here huge rush for passport also because many people who come on H1 etc. have to get their passports renewed. Even visa applications have been on the rise. Then E visa was opened up. It was a very heavy task. Indeed, many people are also applying for the visa online. We also get most attestations. People have property; people have parents who are writing their property in their name etc. That is also good rash we have.

TIP: COULD YOU GIVE US AN IDEA OF HOW MANY INSTRUMENTS OR DOCUMENTS THE CONSULATE HANDLES ON A DAILY BASIS ?

A. I have calculated last year we did about 140,000 services. This is minus

emails, minus phone calls, minus just the documents.

TIP: WHAT IS THE SIZE OF YOUR STAFF HERE?

A. I have around 38 or so, everyone, including local staff.

TIP: THERE IS A LARGE NUMBER OF INDIAN STUDENTS STUDYING HERE AND THEY'RE YOUNG. HOW DO YOU MANAGE TO HAVE CONTACT WITH THE INDIAN STUDENT COMMUNITY TAKING CARE OF THEIR PROBLEMS AND HELPING THEM OUT?

A. I meet them when I'm visiting a state. I make it a point to go to the university and meet all Indian students. I have done it in every State I visited.

We have a register of Indian students which is managed by the Embassy in Washington. Besides my regular contact with the students in different States, Ambassador Sandhu also meets them when he is on a visit to San Francisco Consulate jurisdiction. When Ambassador Sandhu came to LA last year, we had an interaction with students within UCLA and recently, when he came about 15 days back, we had interaction with students in San Diego

TIP: MANY GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PROGRAMS THAT CAME UP A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, LIKE STARTUP INDIA, MAKE IN INDIA ETC. ARE NO MORE HEARD OF EITHER FROM INDIAN POLITICIANS OR FROM BUREAUCRATS.

A. Startup India is very much a vibrant program. India has the third largest ecosystem for startups. If you see government of India commerce ministry inventory, there are 60,000 to 70,000 startups in all the districts in India. I will give you an example, Here in Bay Area, there are venture capitalists. I have seen Indian startups being funded by them from here and mentored from here. Cross border collaboration in startups is really gaining.

TIP: WHAT ARE GOING TO BE YOUR SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES IN THE COMING MONTHS?

A. We are going to do some camps. We want to go around to every state at least once. That is one. Number two, cater investment techniques. So last year we did in



Dr. T.V. Nagendra Prasad, Consul General of India at San Francisco in his message for the Indian American community said: please don't go to an agent and get into trouble. We are here to take care

Arizona, in Seattle, in Portland and then again, we want to do some. Third one is, we want to encourage our Indian tech leaders here to look at the opportunities in India. We are fastest growing large economy in the world. And we came out of COVID depression. So, we are trying to tell the people that opportunities are there. Please try and invest in India. So, that is a main objective.

TIP: WHAT MESSAGE YOU WOULD LIKE TO GIVE TO THE INDIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY THROUGH THE INDIAN PANORAMA?

A. I want to say that we provide services efficiently, number one. Number two, please don't go to an agent and get into trouble. We are here to support the community and take care of their needs.



PM RELEASES EIGHT CHEETAHS BROUGHT FROM NAMIBIA AT KUNO NATIONAL PARK IN MP

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday, September 17, released eight cheetahs - brought from Africa's Namibia - in the Kuno National Park of Madhya Pradesh. The arrival of the big cats in India - which has been dubbed as "historic," considering cheetahs went extinct in 1952 in the country - coincides with PM Modi's 72nd birthday celebrations countrywide.

"On his birthday, there can't be a bigger gift for Madhya Pradesh," chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan asserted while speaking to news agency ANI earlier. "Cheetah had gone extinct. This is the most remarkable achievement for wildlife in this century. This would boost tourism. We thank PM Modi on behalf of the state."

Five of the eight cheetahs are female, between 2 and 5 years of age, and three are males between 4.5 and 5.5 years of age. After a Boeing 747-400 aircraft landed in Gwalior at around 7:55 am on Saturday morning, the big cats were taken to the national park on Air Force choppers.



ASARAM BAPU'S SON NARAYAN SAI BOOKED IN 2015 ATTEMPT TO MURDER CASE

The court of Additional District and Sessions Judge, Panipat, Nishant on September 16, framed charges against Narayan Sai, son of self-styled godman Asaram Bapu and three others in an attempt to murder case registered against them in 2015. This followed the complaint of Mahender Chawla of Sanoli Khurd village, a former aide of Asaram Bapu. Mahender Chawla was the key witness in the rape case against Asaram Bapu. He was allegedly attacked by some unknown assailants on May 13, 2015. The police had booked Narayan Sai, Kartik and Neeraj under various Sections of the IPC. *Source: TNS*

BJP continuing with Operation Lotus to break AAP, says Manish Sisodia

NEW DELHI (TIP)

Reacting to Waqf Board chairman Amanatullah Khan's arrest, Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on Saturday, September 17, accused the BJP of continuing with its Operation Lotus to "break" the AAP leaders.

Khan, AAP MLA from Okhla, was arrested by the Anti-Corruption Branch on Friday in connection with the alleged irregularities in the Delhi Waqf Board recruitment, officials said.

"First, they arrested Satyendar Jain but there is no evidence against him in court. They raided my residence. Nothing was found. Then they initiated a fake probe against Kailash Gahlot, and now they arrested Amanatullah Khan. Operation Lotus to break each leader of AAP continues," Sisodia said in a tweet in Hindi.

Earlier, the AAP leaders had alleged that the BJP was trying to buy AAP MLAs by offering them Rs 20 crore each



Manish Sisodia

to topple the Arvind Kejriwal government in Delhi.

SC Judge must probe 'Operation Lotus'

Amid Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) allegations against BJP of trying to topple the Punjab government by poaching its MLAs, finance minister

Harpal Cheema Thursday demanded a judicial probe into 'Operation Lotus' by a Supreme Court judge.

Addressing the media here, Cheema said, "Not only Punjab, BJP indulged in poaching in other states like Goa, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Assam. In all these states where the Operation Lotus took place should also be a part of investigation."

"The BJP is offering ? 25 crore per MLA to switch sides. Operation Lotus may have succeeded in Karnataka, but the Delhi MLAs stayed firm and failed the BJP operation," said Cheema.

Cheema refused to give names of the BJP leaders against whom they had submitted an evidence to the police after which an FIR was registered by the Punjab Police Wednesday. "We have got the FIR registered. We will make the names public only after a thorough investigation is done. If we give out the names now, the Opposition will distort the facts."

Lakhimpur Dalit teens were raped, murdered, confirms autopsy report; 6 held

LAKHIMPUR KHERI (TIP)

The police have arrested six people for the rape and murder of two Dalit sisters in Uttar Pradesh's Lakhimpur Kheri district on Thursday, September 16. The autopsy report of the victims has confirmed that they were raped and strangled to death before they were hanged to a tree by the accused men.

The accused have been identified as Chotu, Junaid, Suhail, Kareemuddin, Arif and Hafeez-ur-Rehman. Junaid was arrested after an encounter with the police in which he was shot in the leg, the police said.

Speaking to India Today TV, Superintendent of Police of Lakhimpur Sanjeev Suman said all the accused, other than Chotu, hailed from Lalpur village in Lakhimpur Kheri. Contrary to the victims' family's claim that the girls were kidnapped, SP Sanjeev Suman said the girls went with the accused with their free will.

Chotu, who was a neighbour of the girls, had introduced the two girls to the accused. He too has been arrested.

"Accused were friends with deceased girls. Girls were yesterday lured to farms and raped by Sohail and Junaid. After the girls forced the accused to marry them, Sohail, Hafizul and Junaid strangled and killed them. They then called Karimuddin and Arif and hanged the girls to eliminate proof," the SP said.

All the accused have been booked under IPC Sections 302, 376 and the PcoSO act, the SP said. The police will also add penalties under SC/ST Act in this case.

A panel of three doctors conducted the post-mortem of the victims. According to the autopsy report, the teenage girls were raped and then they were strangled to death.



AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan arrested after raids in corruption case

NEW DELHI (TIP)

AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan was arrested by the Anti-Corruption Branch, a unit of Delhi Police, on Friday, September 16, following recovery of "incriminating material and evidence against him" during the searches.

Amanatullah Khan was arrested after raids in connection with irregularities in Delhi Waqf Board recruitment.

"As alleged in the FIR, Amanatullah Khan while working as chairman of Delhi Waqf Board illegally recruited 32 persons violating all norms and government guidelines and with allegations of corruption and favoritism. The then CEO of Delhi Waqf Board had clearly given statement and issued memorandum against such illegal recruitment," ACP, Anti-Corruption Bureau, said following the AAP MLA's arrest.

The statement further added, "It is alleged that as chairman of Delhi Waqf Board Amanatullah Khan has rented out number of properties of Delhi Waqf Board illegally with allegations of corruption and favoritism. Further, it has been alleged that he has misappropriated the funds of Delhi Waqf Board comprising grants in aid from Delhi Government."

The ACB officials searched four locations in Delhi on Friday. Around Rs 24 lakh cash has been recovered and 2 illegal and unlicensed weapons and cartridges and ammunition was also recovered during the searches.

The police statement stated, "From the questioning of Amanatullah Khan and on the basis of incriminating material and evidences against him and from the recovery during the searches conducted on September 16, Amanatullah Khan has been arrested in case FIR No. 05/2020 of PS ACB, GNCT of Delhi."

Source: India Today



CHINA BLOCKS PROPOSAL BY US AND INDIA TO BLACKLIST PAK-BASED 26/11 LET HANDLER SAJID MIR BY UN

China has blocked a proposal by the US and India at the United Nations to blacklist top Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) militant Sajid Mir, one of India's most-wanted terrorists and the main handler of the deadly 2008 Mumbai attacks, in the third such move by Beijing within four months.

It is learnt that Beijing put a hold on Thursday, September 15, on the proposal moved by the US and co-designated by India to blacklist Mir under the 1267 Al-Qaeda Sanctions Committee of the UN Security Council as a global terrorist and subject him to assets freeze, travel ban and arms embargo.

Mir is one of India's most wanted terrorists and has a bounty of USD 5 million placed on his head by the US for his role in the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks carried out by Pakistan-based LeT terrorists.

In June this year, he was jailed for over 15 years in a terror-financing case by an anti-terrorism court in Pakistan, which is struggling to exit the grey list of the Paris-based Financial Action Task Force (FATF).

Pakistani authorities had in the past claimed Mir had died, but Western countries remained unconvinced and demanded proof of his death. This issue became a major sticking point in FATF's assessment of Pakistan's progress on the action plan late last year. Mir is a senior member of the Pakistan-based LeT and is wanted for his involvement in the November 2008 terrorist attacks in Mumbai.

"Mir was LeT's operations manager for the attacks, playing a leading role in their planning, preparation and execution," the US State Department has said.

Source PTI

This era not of war: PM Modi tells Vladimir Putin at SCO meet

NEW DELHI (TIP)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Samarkand and stated that this era is not of war but peace as the Ukraine war enters its ninth month.

"Today's era isn't of war and I've spoken to you about it on the call. Today, we'll get the opportunity to talk about how we can progress on the path of peace. India-Russia has stayed together with each other for several decades," PM Modi told Vladimir Putin in a face-to-face meeting, the first since Russia invaded Ukraine in February.

"We spoke on the phone several times about India-Russia bilateral relations and also on various issues. We should find ways to address the problems of food, fuel security & fertilizers. I want to thank Russia & Ukraine for helping us to evacuate our students from Ukraine," PM Modi said.

Both leaders discussed bilateral, regional and other global issues on the sidelines of the SCO summit.

During the meeting, Russian President Vladimir Putin told PM Modi that Moscow will keep New Delhi informed about the developments in Ukraine. "I know about your position on the conflict in Ukraine and also about your concerns. We want all of this to end as soon as possible. We will keep you abreast of what is happening there," Putin said.

Putin also took time out to wish PM Modi who will be celebrating his birthday on Saturday, September 17.

"My dear friend, tomorrow you are about to celebrate your birthday. As per Russian tradition, we don't say happy birthday in advance. But we wish you



PM Modi meets Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of the SCO summit. (Photo: Twitter/@PMOIndia)

all the best and to our friendly nation, India. We wish prosperity to India under your leadership," Vladimir Putin said.

No handshake, no smiles: PM Modi, Chinese President Xi Jinping share stage at SCO summit

Even as Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for improving connectivity at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit held in Uzbekistan's Samarkand, he maintained a safe distance from Xi Jinping, the President of India's northern neighbour China.

PM Modi and President Jinping shared the world stage for the first time after clashes in the Galwan Valley. The

tension along the Indo-China border was evident from the distance that the two leaders maintained from each other at the summit. PM Modi is said to have missed the dinner meeting on Thursday evening and arrived just in time on Friday for the annual summit. During a photo-op, PM Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping stood side by side but did not exchange smiles or shake hands.

PM Narendra Modi, Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Shariff, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping and other leaders attended the SCO and deliberated on the regional security situation and ways to enhance trade and connectivity at the annual summit of the grouping.

Source: Agencies

Marital Rape: Supreme Court notice to Centre on plea over High Court order

NEW DELHI (TIP)

The Supreme Court on Friday, September 16, issued notice to the Centre and others on a plea against the Delhi High Court's split verdict on an issue related to criminalising marital rape.

A bench of justices Ajay Rastogi and Justice BV Nagarathna agreed to examine the issue and listed the matter for further hearing in February 2023.

All India Democratic Women's Association (AIDWA) among others has moved the Supreme Court against Delhi High Court's split verdict on issues relating to criminalising marital rape matters.

Two-judges Bench of Delhi High Court on May 12 pronounced a split verdict on an issue.

Delhi High Court's Judge Justice Rajiv Shakdher ruled in favour of criminalising while Justice Hari Shankar disagreed with the opinion and held that Exception 2 to Section 375 does not violate the Constitution as it is based on intelligible differences.

According to the order passed by Justice Rajiv Shakdher, husbands can be held criminally liable for sexual relations without the consent of the wife. Justice Hari Shankar expressed disagreement with this view.

AIDWA was represented by advocate Karuna Nundy



and the plea was filed through advocate Rahul Narayan.

AIDWA, in its plea, said that the exception allowed to marital rape is destructive and in opposition to the object of rape laws, which clearly ban sexual activity sans consent. It places the privacy of a marriage on a pedestal above the rights of the woman in the marriage, the plea said.

The petition said that the Marital Rape Exception is in violation of Articles 14, 19(1)(a) and 21 of the Constitution.

AIIMS Delhi to be renamed? Concerned faculty write to health minister

NEW DELHI (TIP)

The Faculty Association of AIIMS has written to Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya expressing concern over the proposal of assigning a new name to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in Delhi, contending it will lead to a loss of the institute's identity. The Faculty Association of AIIMS (FAIMS) had recently sought the opinion of faculty members over the government's proposal to give new names to all the 23 All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) across the country.

The faculty members opposed the changing of name of AIIMS, Delhi, according to the letter written by the FAIMS to the minister on Thursday.

The letter further said AIIMS, Delhi was created in 1956 with a trinity of mission for medical education, research and patient care. "An identity is linked with the name. If the identity is lost, institutional recognition is lost both within the country and outside."

"That is why famous and established institutes have the same names for centuries - Oxford, Cambridge and Harvard universities," the letter said.

The FAIMS said if the proposal is accepted, the esteemed medical institute will face a huge loss of identity and demoralisation.

India in history this Week

SEPTEMBER 16, 2022, TO SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

16 SEPTEMBER

1916 Classical singer and actress MS Subbulakshmi was born.



1932 Nobel laureate Dr. Ronald Ross, who discovered malaria, a deadly disease spread by mosquitoes, was born.

2008 The employees of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) were awarded the Vishwakarma Award.

2009 The Incredible Bharat Vigyan Abhiyan, presenting India as an outstanding tourist destination to the world, received the British Award.

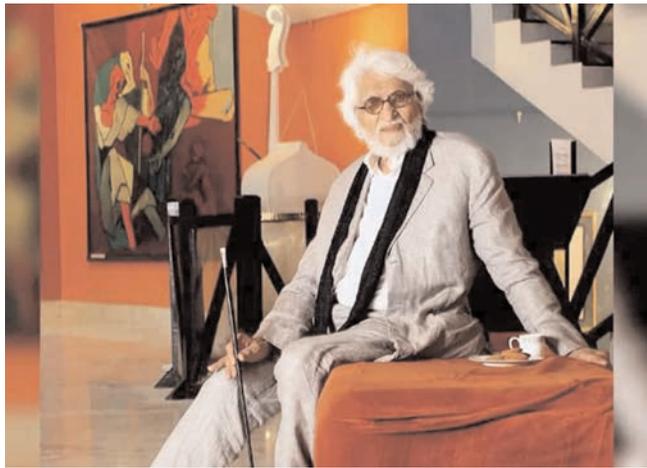
1882 Freedom fighter Balwant Singh was born.

2017 The most senior of the Indian Air Force and the only Marshal to reach the five-star rank, Arjan Singh died.

1965 Lieutenant Colonel A. B. Tarapore, PVC, died.

17 SEPTEMBER

1915 Popular painter of India Maqbool Fida Hussain was born.



1867 Birth of Indian artist Gaganendranath Tagore.
1876 Birth of great Bengali novelist Sharat Chandra Chattopadhyay.

1948 The princely state of Hyderabad merged with India.

1950 Birth of Indian politician and current Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

1956 Constitution of Indian Oil and Natural Gas Commission.

1982 The first cricket Test match was played between India and Ceylon (present-day Sri Lanka).

1778 The first treaty (Fort Pitt) was signed between the US and Indian tribes.

18 SEPTEMBER

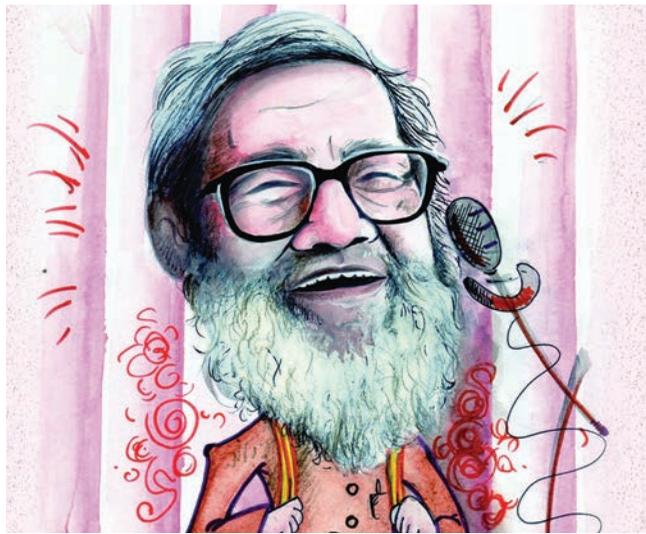
1947 National Security Act passed.

1803 The British captured Puri in Odisha.

1931 The birth of Shrikant Verma, the famous Hindi writer, lyricist, critic and politician.

1967 Nagaland adopted English as the official language.

2003 Dhaka-Agartala bus service started.



1906 Kaka Hathrasi, the great poet of comic compositions, was born on this day.

2008 Shobhana Bhartiawas appointed the chairman of HT media.

2009 Information technology sector company HCL Shiva Nair, the founding president of the UK, was awarded the UK's Trade and Investment Business Person of the Year Award.

2009 India opened another airstrip in Ladakh region.

19 SEPTEMBER

1965 Sunita Williams, woman of Indian origin who went into space was born .

1581 Sikh Guru Ram Das died. Guru Ram Das was the fourth Guru of the Sikhs.

2007 Yuvraj Singh of India set the record for the fastest half-century off 12 balls by hitting six sixes in an over off Broad in a T20 match against England in Durban.



2014 Apple iPhone 6 started selling.

2000 Karnam Malleswari won a bronze medal in the weightlifting event at the Olympics.

1936 Hindustani classical musician Vishnu Narayan Bhatkhande died.

20 SEPTEMBER

1338 Sultan of Delhi Feroz Tughlaq Shah III passed away.

1933 Social activist and British woman Annie Besant, who fought for the independence of Hindustan, died.

1819 Death of Goa scientist-revolutionary Jose Custodio Faria.

1856 Birth of Shri Narayana Guru, the great saint and reformer of India.

1857 British troops liberated Delhi from the rebels and captured it.



1878 The famous Madras newspaper The Hindu was first published as a weekly in the editing of GSS Iyer.

2009 Marathi film Harishchandrachhi Factory selected in Oscar Awards foreign film category

21 SEPTEMBER

2000 The Liberal Democratic Friends India Society was established for better relations between India and Britain.

1857 Bahadur Shah II surrendered to the British.

1966 Mihir Sen floated and crossed the Bosphorus Channel.

2008 Oil products started in Reliance's Krishna Godavari basin.

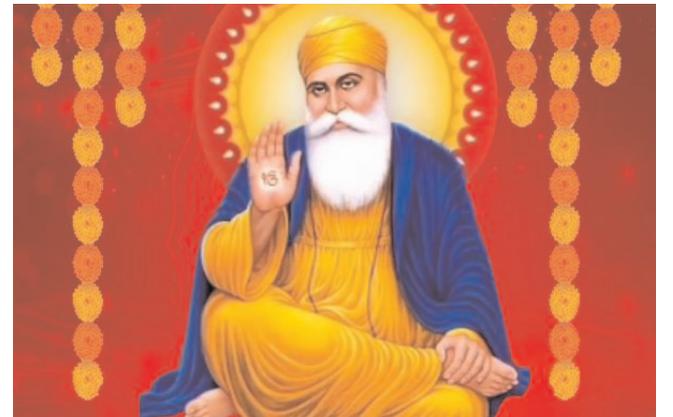


1926 Birth of famous actress and singer Nur Jahan.

1743 The death of King Sawai Jai Singh of Amer.

22 SEPTEMBER

1965 In the battle between India and Pakistan, there was a ceasefire on the initiative of the United Nations on this day.



1539 Guru Nanak Dev, the first Guru of the Sikh sect, died in Kartapur. It was he who started the practice of 'langar'.

1914 The German warship Imden bombed the port of Madras.

1869 Social reformer of India VS Srinivasa Shastri was born in 1869.

2008 Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh left for a ten-day visit to America and France.

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ਮਹਾਨ ਕੀਰਤਨ ਦਰਬਾਰ

2 ਅਕਤੂਬਰ 2022 ਦਿਨ ਐਤਵਾਰ

ਹਿੱਕਸਵਿੱਚ ਟਰੇਨ ਸਟੇਸ਼ਨ ਦੀ ਪਾਰਕਿੰਗ ਲਾਟ ਵਾਲੀ ਜਗ੍ਹਾ 'ਤੇ

ਬੜੀ ਹੀ ਸ਼ਰਧਾ ਭਾਵਨਾ ਅਤੇ ਅਦਬ ਸਤਿਕਾਰ ਸਹਿਤ ਧੰਨ ਧੰਨ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਰਾਮ ਦਾਸ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਉਸਤਿਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਜਾਏ ਜਾ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ ਜਥੇਦਾਰ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਕਾਲ ਤਖ਼ਤ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਗਿਆਨੀ ਹਰਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਸਮਾਗਮਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਹਾਜ਼ਰੀ ਭਰਨਗੇ।



ਸਿੰਘ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਗਿਆਨੀ ਜਸਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ (ਸਾਬਕਾ ਹੋੱਡ ਗੁੱਬ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਦਰਬਾਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ)

ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਕੀਰਤਨ ਸਮਾਗਮ

ਮਿਤੀ 27 ਸਤੰਬਰ ਤੋਂ 30 ਸਤੰਬਰ
(ਮੰਗਲਵਾਰ ਤੋਂ ਸ਼ੁੱਕਰਵਾਰ)

ਰੋਜ਼ਾਨਾ ਸ਼ਾਮ 6.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੋਂ 9.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ
ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਸ਼ਹੀਦਾਂ ਵਿਖੇ ਕਰਵਾਏ ਜਾਣਗੇ

ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਕੀਰਤਨ ਸਮਾਗਮ

ਮਿਤੀ 01 ਅਕਤੂਬਰ 2022 ਦਿਨ ਐਤਵਾਰ ਨੂੰ
ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਮਾਤਾ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਕੌਰ ਗਲੈਨਕੋਵ

ਵਿਖੇ ਸ਼ਾਮ 6.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੋਂ 9.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ
ਕਰਵਾਏ ਜਾ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ



ਭਾਈ ਹਰਜਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ (ਸੁਨਿਕਰ ਵਾਲੇ)

ਇਨ੍ਹਾ ਸਮਾਗਮਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਪੰਥ ਪ੍ਰਸਿੱਧ ਕੀਰਤਨੀ ਜਥੇ, ਢਾਡੀ ਜਥੇ ਕਥਾ ਵਾਚਕ ਅਤੇ ਕਵੀਸ਼ਰ ਸਮੂਹ ਸੰਗਤਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਧੰਨ ਧੰਨ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਰਾਮ ਦਾਸ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਜੀਵਨ ਜਾਣੂੰ ਕਰਵਾਉਣਗੇ ਅਤੇ ਕਥਾ ਕੀਰਤਨ ਅਤੇ ਢਾਡੀ ਵਾਰਾਂ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਸੰਗਤਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਗੁਰੂ ਚਰਣਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਜੋੜਣਗੇ।



ਗਿਆਨੀ ਪ੍ਰੇਮ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ (ਸਾਬਕਾ ਹੋੱਡ ਗੁੱਬ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਦਰਬਾਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ)



ਭਾਈ ਇੰਦਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਖਾਲਸਾ (ਭੰਦ ਵਾਲੇ) ਸਾਬਕਾ ਗੁਰੂ ਗ੍ਰੰਥ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਸੰਗਤ ਦੇ ਦਰਬਾਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ



ਭਾਈ ਅਮਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਤਾਲ (ਪਿਠਾਠੀ ਵਾਲੇ)



ਭਾਈ ਰਾਏ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ (ਧੂਹੀ ਵਾਲੀ ਸਾਬਕਾ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਦਰਬਾਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ)



ਭਾਈ ਸੱਜਣ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ (ਸਾਬਕਾ ਗੁਰੂ ਗ੍ਰੰਥ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਸੰਗਤ ਦੇ ਦਰਬਾਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ)



ਭਾਈ ਬਲਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਬੁਲਦਪੁਰੀ



ਭਾਈ ਗੁਰਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਬਾਵਾ (ਭਾਈ ਵਾਲੀ) ਸਾਬਕਾ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਦਰਬਾਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ



ਗਿਆਨੀ ਅਮਰੀਕ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ (ਸਾਬਕਾ ਹੋੱਡ ਗੁੱਬ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਦਰਬਾਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ)



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Embassy of India in Guatemala & The Plastic Export Promotion Council (Plexconcil) organized Hybrid Buyer Seller Meet



Hybrid Buyer Seller Meet in the presence of Ambassador Dr Manoj Kumar Mohapatra and Chairman of the Plexconcil, Mr Arvind Goenka

SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

GUATEMALA CITY (TIP): As plastic features in top ten Indian exports to Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras, and to keep momentum in India's exports to Central American countries of Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras, on 7 September 2022, Embassy of India in Guatemala & The Plastic Export Promotion Council (Plexconcil) organized Hybrid Buyer Seller Meet in presence of Ambassador Dr Manoj Kumar Mohapatra and Chairman of the Plexconcil, Mr Arvind Goenka.

The event was organized in hybrid mode to maximize its reach. The BSM featured physical participation from over 22 companies from Guatemala along with 15 participating companies from India who made presentations of their respective plastic products. The BSM was focused on to connect international buyers with appropriate suppliers and facilitates interaction that enables them to source their specific needs. Information was also provided on India's competitive advantages, its export environment and updated position in the global marketplace. Efforts were made during the Meet to enable better understanding of Indian and International trade policies, emerging trade issues, social and environmental compliances, quality management and sustainable business practices.

Ambassador Dr Manoj Kumar Mohapatra, in his inaugural speech highlighted the large scope for trade between India and Central America, especially in plastics sector. While delivering the Welcome Address, Shri Arvind Goenka, Chairman, Plexconcil encouraged Indian companies to focus on Central American market and emphasized the importance of Guatemala to play an integral role in the plastic sector within the Central American region. Ms. Mellany Diaz, Coordinator of The Plastics Commission, AGEXPORT, Guatemala also address the BSM and assured full support of Guatemalan companies in enhancing the trade of plastic between two countries. Shri Suraj Ananta Jadhav, Second Secretary, EoI, Guatemala conveyed vote of thanks and conveyed that Embassy's door are always open for Indian and Guatemalan companies.

White supremacy, hate-fueled violence has no place in America: Biden

SEPTEMBER 16, 2022

WASHINGTON, D.C (TIP): US President Joe Biden has asserted that white supremacy, all forms of hate-fueled by violence have no place in America, amidst a spurt in hate-related incidents across the country, including those against the Hindus, Sikhs and Muslims.

"Regardless of our backgrounds, our beliefs, we have to stand united against hate-fueled violence, which you know than anyone, that forever an attack on one group of us is literally an attack on all of us," Biden said in his address to the "United We Stand" summit organized by the White House on Thursday.

Addressing the participants who had gathered from across the country in the East Room of the White House, Biden said he decided to run for president after such incidents.

"I had no intention of running. I give you my word. I was teaching and I thought that was the best thing for me to do, as Chris knows, my colleague from Delaware. But Charlottesville changed everything because I believed our story is to unite as people of one nation and one America," he said.

"When those folks came out of those - that field carrying torches, the United States of America, carrying torches, chanting the same anti-Semitic bile that was chanted in Germany in the early '30s, accompanied by white supremacists holding Nazi flags, and I thought to myself, my God, this is the United States of America, said how could that happen?" said the president.

In 2020, hate crimes in the US were the highest in more than a decade, and the Justice Department has pledged to increase efforts to counter it.

The idea of America, he observed, guarantees everyone, everyone is



President Biden

File photo

treated with dignity and equality, an idea that ensures an inclusive, multiracial democracy, an idea that we give no safe harbor, none, to hate.

"While we've never, as I said, fully lived up to the idea, we've never walked away from it before. Look, on the - Kamala (Harris) and I travelled to Atlanta to grieve with Asian-American residents, the violence against the community grew during the pandemic, too many people fearful just walking the streets of America," he said.

Noting that the summit is being joined by presidents of historic black colleges and universities, who should be able to focus on providing the best experience possible for their students, he said instead, they're having to worry about more bomb threats against their institutions. Too often Native Americans, disabled Americans face harassment, discrimination, and violence and victimization.

"Unfortunately, such hate-fueled violence and threats are not new to America. There is a through the line of hate, from massacres of indigenous people to the original sin of slavery, the terror of the Klan, anti-immigration violence against the Irish, Italians, Chinese, Mexicans,

so many of those laced through our history," he said.

"There's a through the line of violence against religious groups, anti-Semitic, anti-Catholic, anti-Mormon, anti-Muslim, anti-Hindu, anti-Sikh. Look, folks, that line of hate never fully goes away. It only hides," Biden said.

Hate, he observed, can be defeated. "It only hides. When you give it any oxygen, it comes out from under the rocks. And the last few years it's been given much too much oxygen in our politics, in our media, and on the Internet, too much hate all for power and profit," he said.

"You need to say clearly and forcefully white supremacy, all forms of hate-fueled by violence, have no place in America. A barrier called out is complicity, my dad would say. If your silence is complicity, we can't remain silent," he said.

Biden said his administration will use every federal resource available to help communities counter hate-fueled violence, build resilience, and foster greater national unity.

For example, training on identifying, reporting and combating hate-fueled violence from local law enforcement agencies, workplaces and houses of worship. Partnerships with schools that help them address bullying and harassment. "And I'm calling for a new era of national service to organizations like AmeriCorps, to foster stronger communities and bridge divides in our society," he said.

Biden called on Congress to do its part and raise the living allowance for national service positions to include USD15 an hour. This would make national service an accessible pathway to success for more Americans of all backgrounds.

(Read full story at www.theindianpanorama.news)

Ambassador Mohapatra with B&S Foundation Trustee J.K. Sharma announces the Made in India Trade Show



Ambassador Manoj Mohapatra along with Mr J. K Sharma, trustee, B&S foundation announces the Made in India Trade Exhibition



A view of the press conference

GUATEMALA CITY (TIP): Ambassador Manoj Mohapatra along with Mr J. K Sharma, trustee, B&S foundation announces the 'Weaves of India Fashion show'

to be held in Guatemala National Palace and Grand Made in India Trade Show in Cayala from 22-24 Sept, in a press conference attended by major Guatemalan media outlets.

Ahead of Nov mid-term elections, Trump coins India-US friendship slogan in Hindi

SEPTEMBER 16, 2022

WASHINGTON, D.C. (TIP): Former US president Donald Trump has coined an India-US friendship slogan in Hindi as part of his efforts to woo the influential Indian-American community before the mid-term elections in November.

"Bharat and America sabse achhe dost" Trump is seen rehearsing and saying in a video released by the Republican Hindu Coalition (RHC). The slogan in English means "India and the United States are best friends".

In the short 30-second video, Trump is seen seated with his supporter Chicago-based businessman Shalabh Kumar from the Republican Hindu Coalition.

The new slogan is inspired by the phenomenal success of the 2016 slogan of Trump in Hindi "Abki Baar Trump Sarkar" which had caught the imagination of the Indian-Americans then and had played a key part in his

victories in some of the key swing states.

Kumar, who has been instrumental in both Trump's slogans "Abki Baar Trump Sarkar" and "Bharat and America sabse achhe dost", told PTI in an interview this week that he and the RHC plan to run the former president's latest slogan in the ethnic Indian media to gain Indian-American support and vote for Republicans in the November 8 mid-term elections.

Political observers and the latest polls indicate that Republicans are most likely to regain the majority in the House of Representatives.

"The end goal is to heavily support five (Republican) candidates for Senate" where the margin of victory is going to be "less than 50,000 votes. Some might be even 10,000 votes or 5,000 votes," Kumar said.

These Senate races are in the states of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Wisconsin, Arizona

and Georgia, he said, adding that the small Hindu community in these states can make that difference.

"The Hindu vote will make the difference. That's the biggest block of independent voters," Kumar said in response to a question.

"We are going to have a (national) campaign (with focus on these states) which is going to be close to what the 2016 campaign was," he said.

Kumar and the RHC were an important part of Trump's 2016 presidential campaign. However, the two fell apart in the 2020 presidential elections.

Kumar says early this year he met Trump at his Mar-a-Lago residence in Florida on March 21. There have been a few meetings after that as well.

Indian-Americans comprise slightly more than 1 per cent of the total US population and less than 1 per cent of all registered voters.



Trump has coined a slogan in Hindi to woo Indian American voters- "Bharat and America sabse achhe dost"

At UNGA, US to focus on respect for core principles of international order: White House



SEPTEMBER 17, 2022

WASHINGTON, D.C. (TIP): At the United Nations General Assembly session this year in New York, the United States would focus on respect for the core principles of the international order, which it says is needed now more than ever in view of the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the Chinese aggression against its neighbors, senior administration officials said.

"As President Biden has made clear since taking office, the United States is committed to renewing our engagement with all regions of the world as we partner on tackling the most pressing challenges affecting us. The core message that I think you're going to hear from leaders across the US government next week is that respect for the core principles of the international order is needed now more than ever," Coordinator for Strategic Communications at the National Security Council in the White House John Kirby told reporters here.

The UN General Assembly begins next Monday. US President Joe Biden will attend the UN general Assembly on Wednesday, September 21, he said.

On September 20, Secretary of State Tony Blinken will co-chair the African Union, European Union, and Spain the Global Food Security Summit, which also will be co-hosted with Indonesia, Germany, Nigeria, and Colombia.

The goal of the summit, he said, is to reaffirm the commitment of world leaders to act with urgency and at scale to respond to the pressing global food crisis and avert famine for hundreds of millions of people around the world.

On September 21, Biden will host the seventh replenishment pledging session for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria. The fund enables programs that prevent, detect, and treat the deadliest infectious disease killers today, and will help make sure that they have the resources they need to build strong, resilient health systems within their communities, he said.

"The president will also take this opportunity to encourage all nations to do more to help meet the proposed target of USD18 billion to be raised by 2025. And then lastly, on Wednesday evening, the president and first lady will host the heads of delegation and spouses at a diplomatic reception," Kirby said.

India, China expressing concern about Ukraine war reflective of global concerns, says Blinken

SEPTEMBER 17, 2022

WASHINGTON, D.C. (TIP): India and Chinese leaders expressing their concerns directly with the Russian leader about the war in Ukraine is reflective of global concerns about the effects of its aggression, US Secretary of State Tony Blinken said Friday.

"What you're hearing from China, from India, is reflective of concerns around the world about the effects of Russia's aggression on Ukraine - not just on the people of Ukraine, devastating as that's been, but on countries and people across the entire planet," Blinken told reporters at a joint media availability with the Jordanian Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi.

"It's an aggression not just against Ukraine and its people, it's an aggression against the very principles of international relations that help keep peace and security," he said. He was responding to a question on leaders of China and India expressing their concern about the war in Ukraine directly to Vladimir Putin.

"Do you see this as a significant shift for Russia on the international stage?" he was asked.

Blinken argued that the United Nations Charter should be front and center. "The number one violator of the charter right now is Russia. So, there are real concerns that, I think, are being heard from countries around the world about that, and, of course, all of the impacts that this is having, including, for example, on food insecurity," he said.

"We've spent a lot of time and a lot of focus in recent months in trying to address the challenges to food security that have been exacerbated dramatically



US Secretary of State Tony Blinken

by Russia's aggression. We already had Covid, we already had climate change that were having profound effects on food insecurity. Add to that conflict, we now have well over 200 million people who are severely food insecure," Blinken said.

"This is something that leaders in countries around the world are feeling because their people are feeling it. And so, I think what you're seeing is just a manifestation of the fact that this aggression has been an aggression against the interests of people across the planet, and I think it increases the pressure on Russia to end the aggression," Blinken said.

OUT ON FILM FEST CELEBRATES @ 35

BY MABEL PAIS

FEATURING

Urvashi Pathania's "BEAST" and "LIKE FATHER, LIKE...."

Naman Gupta's "COMING OUT WITH THE HELP OF A TIME MACHINE"

Shiva Raichandani's "QUEER PARIVAR" and "PEACH PARADISE"

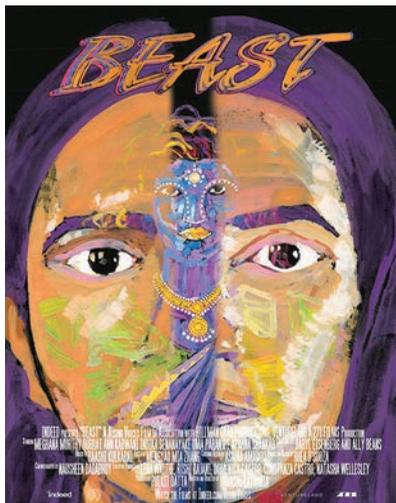
Rahul Roye's "MAN AND WIFE" : 'Out on Film' brings its 35th Anniversary edition of films and events to the Atlanta-based LGBTQIA+ film festival, September 22-October 2. The Film lineup includes 40 features (23 narrative films, 17 documentaries) and 16 shorts programs with 143 films representing 27 countries. Nearly all of these films will be available for nationwide streaming.

TICKETS

For more information on the Fest and for passes, visit outonfilm.org.

FILM LINEUP

OPENING NIGHT



Bros
Dir: Nicholas Stoller | USA | 1h 55m
Comedy

This fall, Universal Pictures proudly presents the first romantic comedy from a major studio about two gay men maybe, possibly, probably, stumbling towards love. Maybe. They're both very busy.

CENTERPIECE

Beast Photo / outonfilm.org

Dir: Micheal Rice | USA | 1h 15m

Black As U R poses to Black America a highly confrontational and much avoided question. Why do we as a people protest racial injustice, but disregard the injustices experienced by black queer people?

WHEN TIME GOT LOUDER

Dir: Connie Cocchia | Canada | 1h 54m

Departing for college, Abbie leaves her parents and brother who has autism and is non-verbal. As she explores her independence and sexuality, she's torn between her new life and her love for her brother.

MAMA BEARS

Dir: Daresha Kiyi | USA | 1h 30m

Did you know there are more than 32,000 mothers in America - many from conservative, Christian backgrounds - who fully accept their LGBTQ+ children?

WONDERFULLY MADE - LGBTQ+(RELIGION) - WORLD PREMIERE

Dir: Yuval David | USA | 1h 34m

Directed by Emmy winner Yuval David and produced by Mark McDermott, the extraordinarily moving Wonderfully Made - LGBTQ+(religion) is a feature-length documentary that strikes at the root of anti-LGBTQ attitudes by exploring the challenges and aspirations of LGBTQ+ Catholics.

CLOSING NIGHT

CHRISSY JUDY - GEORGIA PREMIERE

Dir: Todd Flaherty | USA | 1h 36m

Everybody has that one friend who can't get their act together, but you can't help but love them to pieces anyway. For thirty-something Chrissy, that's his bestie, Judy, an endearing but perpetually messy ride-or-die who's always



Coming Out....

Photo / outonfilm.org

got more than a few cocktails in the tank.

ADDITIONAL FEATURE FILMS (IN-PERSON)

- All Kinds of Love
Dir: David Lewis | USA | 1h 15m
- All Man: The International Male Story
Dir: Bryan Darling & Jesse Finley Reed | USA | 1h 23m
- Art and Pep
Dir: Mercedes Kane | USA | 1h 30 min
- El Houb
Dir: Sharif Nasr | Netherlands | 1h 42m
- For the Love of Friends
Dir: Cara Consilvio | USA | 1h 37m
- Framing Agnes
Dir: Chase Joynt | USA/Canada | 1h 15m
- Grease 2 (1982)
Dir: Allan Carr | USA | 1h 54m
- In From the Side
Dir: Matt Carter | USA | 2h 14m
- Intentionally Erased - World Premiere
Dir: Kimya Motley | USA | 1h
- Jimmy in Saigon
Dir: Peter McDowell | USA | 1h 29m
- Lonesome
Dir: Craig Boreham | Australia | 1h 35m
- Love Island - World Premiere
Dir: Myles Clohessy | USA | 1h 30m
- Love Without Fear (Amar Sin Miedo)
Dir: Juan Jose Frausto | USA | 1h
- Manscaping
Dir: Broderick Fox | UK | 1h 2m
- Mars One
Dir: Gabriel Martins | Brazil | 1h 55m
- Maybe Someday
Dir: Michelle Ehlen
- Miles From Nowhere
Dir: Jono Mitchell | USA | 1h 16m
- Nana's Boys
Dir: Ashton Pina | USA | 1h 18m
- Nelly & Nadine



Queen Parivar

Photo / outonfilm.org

- Dir: Magnus Gertten | Sweden/Norway/Belgium | 1h 32m
- Sissy
Dir: Hannah Barlow and Kane Senes | Australia | 1h 43m
- So Damn Easy Going
Dir: Christoffer Sandler | Sweden/Norway | 1h 31m
- Swallowed
Dir: Carter Smith | USA | 1h 33m
- Two Eyes
Dir: Travis Fine | USA | 1h 47m
- Unidentified Objects

Dir: Juan Felipe Zuleta | USA | 1h 40m

Where Butterflies Don't Fly

Dir: Roman Nemeč | Czech Republic | 2h 6m

Youtopia

Dir: Scout Durwood | USA | 1h 31m

ADDITIONAL FEATURE FILMS (VIRTUAL)

Country Love

Dir: Wapah Ezeigwe | Nigeria | 45m

Dawn, Her Dad and the Tractor

Dir: Shelley Thompson | Canada | 1h 31m

Erin's Guide to Kissing Girls

Dir: Julianna Notten | Canada | 1h 30m

Game on, Queer Disruptions in Sport

Dir: Mária Takács | Hungary | 1h 47m

A Journey to Pride

Dir: Christopher Wesley Moore | USA | 57m

SCREENS WITH:

The Hollidays in Mississippi

Dir: Christina Huff | USA | 35m

No Siren Left Behind

Dir: Shirin Barghi, Martine N. Granby | USA | 31m

Our Dad, Danielle

Dir: S.E King | USA | 1h 38m

A Run for More

Dir: Ray Whitehouse | USA | 1h 22m

The Unabridged Mrs. Vera's Daybook

Dir: Robert James | USA | 1h 20m



Man and Wife.

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SHORT FILM PROGRAMS (IN PERSON)

EVERYTHING UNDER THE RAINBOW SHORTS - 10 Shorts

TRANSEXCELLENT - 6 Shorts

LET'S LAUGH AGAIN - 6 Shorts

BEING WHO WE ARE - 9 Shorts

TAKING A STAND - 4 Shorts

INSPIRATIONS - 5 Shorts

LATINEXTRAORDINARY - 4 Shorts

AROUND THE WORLD - 6 Shorts

FOR THE LADIES - 6 Shorts

ANIMATION EXPLOSION - 8 Shorts

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS - 6 Shorts

HOMEGROWN SHORTS - 9 Shorts

HORROR SHORTS - THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT - 4 Shorts

CONNECTIONS - DRAMA SHORTS - 6 Shorts

SHORT FILM PROGRAMS (Virtual)

FOR THE LADIES 2 - 4 Shorts

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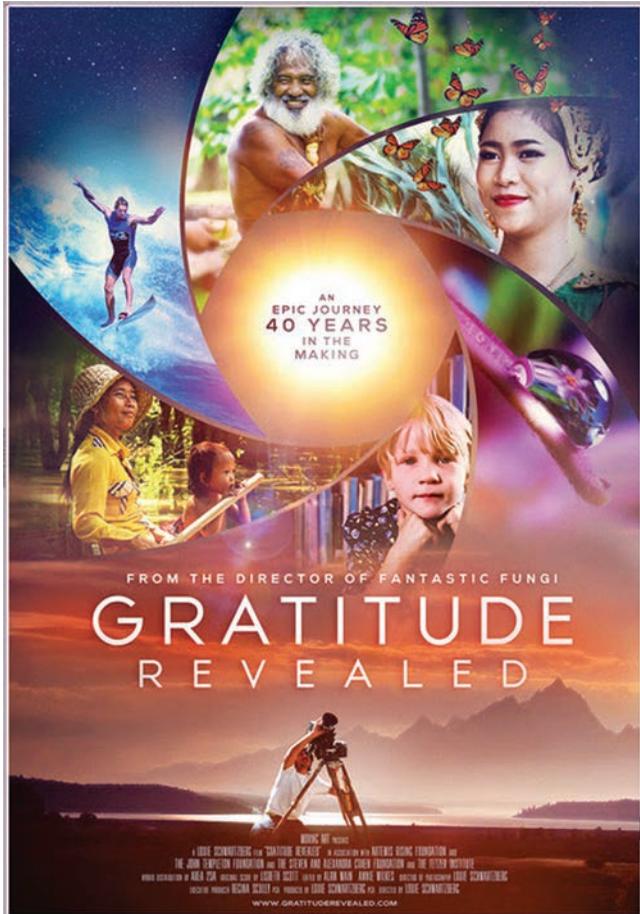
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PRACTICING GRATITUDE IN “MOTHER” NATURE

BY MABEL PAIS



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GRATITUDE REVEALED

Dir: Louie Schwartzberg | USA | 2022 | 1h 22m

SPECIAL NYC SCREENING

to show Gratitude to the Brave Men and Women who Stepped In and Cared for the Great City of New York during the Pandemic

GRATITUDE REVEALED from acclaimed filmmaker, Louie Schwartzberg, the director of Fantastic Fungi, is an epic journey forty years in the making. It takes us on a transformational, cinematic experience of how to live a more meaningful life full of Gratitude through his intimate conversations with everyday people, thought leaders, and personalities revealing Gratitude is a

proven pathway back from the disconnection we feel in our lives; disconnection from ourselves, our planet, and each other.

Watch the trailer: youtu.be/IPV8aTT1uMc



Director, Louie Schwartzberg Photo / gratituderevealed.com

From Director Louie Schwartzberg:

"For over 40 years, I've dedicated my life to making films celebrating life and the human spirit. From a young age, my parents, both Holocaust survivors, appreciated all the little things in life and the blessing of having children. My upbringing taught me the importance of living a daily life full of gratitude.

After graduating from UCLA, I began to shoot flowers 24/7, 365 days a year and still have time lapse cameras rolling non-stop. To this day, I am in awe of the beauty of nature, whether oceans, mountains, flowers, bees, or mushrooms. Each day, I am thankful for the opportunity to film nature's beauty and share my images with a worldwide audience with the hope that people are seduced by the beauty of this planet and fall in love with it and are willing to protect it.

During the pandemic, I was moved by how society was disconnected, and the small

things in life, whether meeting a friend for coffee or hugging a family member, were taken away from them. I felt compelled to show my gratitude for our world during such a complex and unpredictable time. I wanted to help people in desperate need of connection, both inner and external, and address the global suffering from isolation, stress, and anxiety due to the pandemic. So, I decided to make Gratitude Revealed."

"My goal is to provide an audience with an immersive cinematic experience. Through

vignettes of everyday and remarkable people, we find the beauty in humanity and the resilience of the human spirit, and the desire to reconnect with each other.



Gratitude symbol Photo / gratituderevealed.com

The film provides a global audience an opportunity to open our hearts and see each other with compassion and understanding and build bridges with those who think differently. In addition, the film provides the audience with a shift in consciousness on gratitude's vital role in their lives and how they can work towards experiencing more of it daily, as it builds resilience, gives purpose, and health benefits in these troubled times."

Watch Louie Schwartzberg on TEDx:

youtu.be/BxzKjF1ybWE

Learn more at movingart.com

SPECIAL NYC SCREENING:

In addition to opening in theaters, Louie Schwartzberg has partnered with Mount Sinai Health System to host a special screening for NYC nurses. Celebrating their sacrifices during the pandemic, the film will screen exclusively for healthcare professionals across all 8 Mount Sinai campuses. Through the screening, the GRATITUDE REVEALED team hopes to show their gratitude to the brave men and women who stepped in and cared for the great city of New York.

OPENING IN THEATERS: September 16.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPV8aTT1uMc&authuser=0>

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'Nude' photograph was morphed, Ranveer Singh tells Mumbai cops

Bollywood actor Ranveer Singh has told the Mumbai police that one of his 'nude' photographs which led to the filing of a case for obscenity against him had been morphed. He denied that this photograph was among the pictures from a photo shoot that he had shared on social media, a police official said on Thursday, September 15.

Singh's statement was recorded by city police on August 29. He told police that the photograph in which private parts were allegedly visible had not been uploaded by him, the official said.

The actor also maintained that the photos which he had shared were not obscene as he was wearing underwear.

"We have sent the photos to a forensic science laboratory to ascertain if they had been morphed," said the official. A First Information Report (FIR) was registered against the actor at Chembur police station here in July on the basis of a complaint filed by an office-bearer of a non-governmental organisation.

Vicky Kaushal, Katrina team up for first on-screen appearance together

Ever since actor couple Katrina Kaif and Vicky Kaushal tied the knot, the two have been often seen making appearances at various events together. However, much to the surprise of their fans, the two stars are now coming together on screen, albeit not for a film. Pictures of the couple have been surfacing on social media from a recent photoshoot as they reportedly endorsed a brand together.

Ever since their wedding in 2021, the two stars have managed to steal the limelight and create a strong buzz around themselves. After being spotted together at an award show recently, Katrina and Vicky teamed up for an ad shoot that left fans drooling over the two. Though the fans have been hoping to see the real couple romancing on screen, it has now been revealed that Vicky and Katrina Kaif has teamed up with Cleartrip for their first-ever joint collaboration. Fans have also been sharing pictures of the two dressed in comfy holiday outfits which seem to be the BTS shots from the shoot.

As per HT, the actors in a statement shared their excitement about working together for the first time and said, "We couldn't be more excited to team up with Cleartrip"

Netizens were quick to share the viral pictures while sharing their takes on



the same. One of the Twitter users shared their pictures and wrote, "I'm in love with this pic." Another user also echoed similar sentiments while sharing their pictures and wrote, "Wow...for the first time #KatrinaKaif & #VickyKaushal click a shot

together." A third netizen expressed her happiness of seeing the two together and wrote, "Thank you @cleartrip for bringing #VickyKaushal and #KatrinaKaif together! Loads of Love and Kudos to them! Start of something beautiful."

Ajay Devgn, Sidharth Malhotra's 'Thank God' faces legal trouble

The trailer of Ajay Devgn, Sidharth Malhotra starrer Thank God recently hit YouTube. The said glimpses from the film revealed that it is loosely based on Indian mythology with a comedy twist. However, it seems that its references made to mythological concepts have offended some and now, the film has landed in legal trouble as a UP-based lawyer has accused it of hurting religious sentiments.

Thank God will feature Ajay Devgn in the role of Chitragupt who is expected to be a bookkeeper of human deeds in the afterlife as per Indian mythology. While the trailer features him in a comedy avatar, it seems that certain scenes where he uses jokes and some objectional language have not gone down well with some audiences. Lawyer Himanshu Sharma has registered a complaint in Jaunpur court in Uttar Pradesh accusing the film's trailer of insulting a Hindu deity like Chitragupt. He has reportedly stated in his complaint that the film not only mocks religion but also



misrepresents the character portrayed by Ajay Devgn.

In a statement given to IANS, Himanshu Sharma said, "Chitragupta is regarded as the lord of Karma and keeps a record of a

man's good and bad deeds. Such depiction of Gods can create an unpleasant situation since it hurts religious sentiments." It is being said that he has also been summoned to record a statement on November 18.

Gauahar Khan learns to ride a horse for her upcoming show Shiksha Mandal

Gauahar Khan is no stranger to portraying unconventional, hard-hitting characters. She will go to any lengths to achieve perfection—be it with drama, romance or even action! And this is precisely what she did when she discovered that she had to ride a horse for a scene in her upcoming series, Shiksha Mandal.

And Gauahar Khan learnt how to ride a horse in one day! In the show, she is seen playing a no-nonsense cop, who is quick-witted and intuitive.

Says Gauahar, "I performed quite a few stunts on my own. The show also has a scene where I am riding a horse but I didn't know how to ride one. But when the role demands something, you have to give it your all to make it look authentic; there's no other way. So, I learnt how to ride a horse. We didn't have much time, so I did it in one day. It takes around six months to be a confident rider, but I had to learn the basics in a day. All credit to our action director, Salaam sir, and his team who patiently trained me. It was pretty intense actually, but empowering at the same time."





Gigi Hadid and Leonardo DiCaprio spotted sharing a cosy moment

Gigi Hadid and Leonardo DiCaprio's rumoured romance has been hitting the news daily and recently, the duo was reportedly spotted together at a New York Fashion Week party where they were seemingly involved in an intimate conversation. In photos obtained by the Daily Mail, the pair was seen getting cosy at an afterparty, hosted at Casa Cipriani.

The photos reportedly show the actor and the supermodel sitting at a close distance from one another and DiCaprio is also seen reaching for Hadid's hand. The photos of the duo came up after reports have been doing the rounds about the two hanging out together and getting to know each other. Leonardo's new rumoured romance comes on the heels of his recent breakup from Camila Morrone after four years of dating.

As for Gigi, the model split from former One Direction member, Zayn Malik last year. The former couple shares a daughter, Khai whom they welcomed in 2020.

George Clooney calls himself 'best Batman': Ben Affleck has got nothing on me

George Clooney isn't a candidate for the best portrayal of Batman in most critics' list. The actor, however, disagrees, even if just in jest. At a recent event, George called himself the best Batman and added that Ben Affleck—who portrayed the iconic superhero in DC Extended Universe—had “nothing on him”. George had played the caped crusader in Batman & Robin, which was a critical and commercial failure.

George recently appeared at the opening of the Roybal Film and Television Magnet, a school for actors and professionals in the entertainment industry. Speaking at the occasion, George made jokes about actor's education and also referred to his much-maligned appearance as Batman in the 1997 film Batman & Robin.

In a video from the event shared by The Hollywood Reporter on Twitter, the actor can be seen making self-deprecating jokes about his stint as Batman before calling himself the best. “You don't look at actors and think education,” he says in the video, before continuing. You don't look at me and think he is educated. You look at me and just think, ‘oh he's just the best Batman.’” At this point, the audience erupts into laughter before someone suggests Ben Affleck's name.

George responds, “Ben Affleck? He's the best available one.” He then takes a pause and looks at the audience



member who suggested Ben and adds, “Really though, Ben Affleck, really? He's got nothing on me!” Ben Affleck has played Batman in Batman vs Superman: Dawn of Justice and The

Justice League and in a cameo in Suicide Squad. He will reprise his role in The Flash and Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom, both releasing next year.

Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds expecting fourth child

Ryan Reynolds and Blake Lively are all set to expand their family. The actor couple, who are parents to three daughters, will soon embrace parenthood for the fourth time. This was revealed as Blake arrived at a red carpet event in New York on Thursday, September 15, night revealing a baby bump.

On September 15, Blake debuted her baby bump as she appeared at the Forbes Power Women's Summit. Pictures of the actor dressed in a golden sequin dress and proudly flaunted her baby bump have been shared by fan clubs on social media.

As per E! News, the actor quipped at the event, “I just like to create. Whether that's baking or storytelling or businesses or humans, I just really like creating.”

Ryan and Blake tied the knot in 2012. The couple usually keeps their daughters out of the public eye, but that hasn't stopped them from gushing over their family life together.

“Having children for me made me feel so much more in my skin,” Blake had told Forbes in May. “I never felt more myself or at ease in my own body or more confident—not to say that there aren't a bevy of insecurities coming at me a million times a day, but I just feel incredibly settled.”

Blake and Ryan's eldest daughter James was born in 2014. In 2016, the two welcomed their second daughter Inez, followed by and Betty in 2019.



Justin Bieber's India concert cancelled due to singer's ill health

Justin Bieber's upcoming India concert, to be held in New Delhi on October 18, has been officially cancelled. The organisers of the mega concert confirmed the development in a statement, days after they had initially claimed that the concert was going ahead. The development comes after Justin had pulled out of his ongoing world tour citing exhaustion as he recovers from Ramsay Hunt syndrome.

Last week, Justin had announced on social media that he was taking a break from performing indefinitely, cancelling his upcoming concerts in his ongoing Justice Tour. This had cast doubts over his proposed gig in Delhi, which was a part of the Asia leg of the same tour; At that time, BookMyShow, which is promoting this concert in India, had said it was ‘going ahead’.



JCC welcomes you to wellness open house

BY MABEL PAIS

Do you want to check out some FREE health and wellness classes and workshops?

Then head to the JCC Manhattan's (MMJCCM) OPEN HOUSE for HEALTH & WELLNESS, a free hybrid event at the Davidson Fishberg Center on Sunday, September 18, 10 am-4 pm at 334 Amsterdam Avenue at 76th Street and on Zoom.

The annual Open House to the public will feature in-person and virtual samplings of JCC Health Club classes and workshops. The JCC will open its doors to current and prospective members to tour the 14-story



Exercise class

Photo / Courtesy JCC.

building, sample fitness and wellness classes, and meet the JCC team. Highlights of the Open House line-up include sample workout classes on yoga, self-defense, Feldenkrais®, Nia Jam, Latin dance fitness, and more; conversations and lecture topics on personal development with Karen Salmansohn, nutrition, career coaching, and more.

The Open House will conclude with a book signing event with positive psychology authors Scott Barry Kaufman and Dr. Jordyn Feingold.

"We are thrilled to welcome our community back to the JCC for this special annual event," said Melissa Donovan, Chief Operating Officer, Health & Wellness of MMJCCM. "Now more than ever, it's vital for people to be connected to vibrant, informed, motivating programs and resources while on their wellness journey. During the Open House, we're excited to share a sampling of the incredible classes and expertise that you can expect from the JCC year-round."

The Fall Fitness + Wellness Open House is free and open to the public.

Discounts on JCC Health Club and Pool memberships will be offered for prospective members during the event. Pre-registration for the Open House is strongly recommended, with walk-ins welcome. For more information and to register, visit mmjccm.org/openhouse.

THE MARLENE MEYERSON JCC MANHATTAN (MMJCCM)

Since its inception, the JCC has been committed to serving the community by offering programs, classes, and events that extend beyond neighborhood boundaries, reaching people at all stages of their lives. Learn more at mmjccm.org

Roy Choudhury moderates business meeting on Crypto

BY MABEL PAIS

Cryptocurrencies, NFTs, blockchain and digital assets of all kinds - they're all over the news, but how

will they really affect banking, investing and consumer-facing businesses large and small in the long term? What advantages can they offer your business or nonprofit? And what is an NFT anyway?

Join NJPAC's next Business Partners Roundtable conversation at 8:30 AM Thursday, September 22 in the Chase Room, when a panel of experts offer a primer on digital assets and an insiders' guide into how they are already shaping the way we do business, as well as what new applications are on the horizon.

WHAT: BUSINESS PARTNERS ROUNDTABLE

WHEN: September 22, 2022 at 8:30 AM

WHO: PANELISTS

Gavin Michaels, CEO of Bakkt

Luca Cosentino, Head of Crypto at Cross River

Foster Wright, President of CoinDesk

MODERATOR: Roy Choudhury, Managing Director and Partner at BCG

To register, visit njpac.tfaforms.net/145?id=a2F8X000008Not1UAC



Roy Choudhury, moderator

Photo / Courtesy NJPAC

Standing in Solidarity : Racial Healing

BY MABEL PAIS



Healing Circle

Photo / Courtesy NJPAC

Throughout the past two years of NJPAC's Standing in Solidarity virtual conversation series, the participants have examined tough topics, discussed possible solutions and taken action in the communities of influence. What made these conversations so moving, useful, insightful and effective was the public's participation.

Now, NJPAC invites you and other Standing in Solidarity participants to join for an in-person Racial Healing Circle.

What's a Racial Healing Circle?

It's an opportunity for people from diverse backgrounds to reflect and share in the same room. A safe place for real talk. A model for building mutual understanding. A revelation that we have more in common than we think.

The experience is simple and unimposing. You'll have a conversation with a partner, and then with a larger group. You don't need to bring anything other than your authentic self and an open spirit of participation.

PROGRAM : Join the panel as it brings its virtual conversation into a shared physical space.

WHEN: September 26 @ 7PM

CHECK IN: Must check-in by 6:30PM

MODERATOR: SHARON STROYE, Director of the Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation Center at Rutgers University-Newark

Event begins promptly at 7PM, no late admission

WHERE: Chase Room @ NJPAC, 1 Center Street, Newark, NJ 07102

Limited seating available

To RSVP, visit njpac.org

RSVP Required by September 15

Parking Information: njpac.org/visit/directions-and-parking

Join Museum for Industrial Giant Exhibition of 1872

BY MABEL PAIS



Museum Exhibition of 1872.

Photo / Courtesy NJPAC

Join speakers Guy Sterling and Ezra Shales for a discussion on the Newark Industrial Exhibition of 1872. Halfway through its rise as one of America's industrial giants, Newark put together an event America had never seen before - a showcase of locally-made products, including some by Thomas Edison and other leading inventors of the day.

Initially feared as a risky undertaking, the Newark Industrial Exhibition of 1872 was so impressive that it brought the president of the United States to Newark to marvel at its display of goods. Praise for the exhibition spread Newark's reputation as a major manufacturing center far and wide and ushered in an era of similar events. It also helped convince Newark to get serious about modernizing into a city not only worthy of the acclaim but one that could keep pace in an increasingly world market. Its impact resonates to this day. Learn more at npl.org.

PROGRAM

WHEN: Thursday, September 22 @ 6 PM

COST: FREE

WHERE: Newark Main Public Library, 5 Washington Street, Newark, NJ 07102.

RSVP:

To join virtually, RSVP at njpac.org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gV27yLYGT4ikKq7yLtx4lg

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10th SIIMA Awards witness the best of South Indian cinema



By Murtaza Ali

I have had the pleasure of attending the 10th edition of South Indian International Movie Awards (SIIMA), which was held in Bangalore on 10 - 11 September, 2022. The ambiance remained electrifying throughout the two days as the biggest names in Indian showbiz today made their presence felt at the 2022 SIIMA. No wonder, SIIMA holds such an important place in everyone's hearts. It was launched in 2012 by Vishnu Vardhan Induri and Brinda Prasad Adusumilli to appreciate film makers from across the South Indian film industries. Over the last decade or so, SIIMA has only gone from the position of strength to strength to become one of the most sought after awards events in India.

While the first day of the two day event focused on Telugu and Kannada cinema, the second day of the awards function was dedicated to celebrating the best Tamil and Malayalam cinema. Adding to the glitter and glamour of the 10th edition of SIIMA, Bollywood actor Ranveer Singh marked his scintillating presence at the event alongside some of the biggest names of Telugu and Kannada cinema including the likes of Allu Arjun, Yash, Vijay Deverakonda, Pooja Hegde, Darshan Thoogudeepa, Arvind Swamy, Silambarasan TR, and Kamal Haasan at the opening night. The stars to grace the festival on the second day of SIIMA included AneesBazmee, Arvind Swamy, Hansika Motwani, Siva Karthikeyan, Silambarasan TR, NidhhiAgerwal, and Tovino Thomas, among others.

Oozing with cinephilia and glamour, the star-studded extravaganza has been curated by Brinda Prasad Adusumilli and Vishnu Induri, for a span of two days in Bengaluru. Earlier, Brinda Prasad Adusumilli, who is also the chairperson of SIIMA, had announced the nominations for the films and music released in the 4 South Indian Languages viz. Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam and Tamil in 2021. Other than the regular awards, SIIMA also features some special honors for lifetime contributions and few special awards.

The winners for Telugu and Kannada cinema were announced on the first day of SIIMA and the winners for the Tamil and Malayalam films were announced on the second and final day of SIIMA. The Best Film (Telugu) went to Pushpa: The Rise and the Best Film (Kannada) went to Garuda Gama Vrishabha Vahana. While Minnal Murali bagged the Best Film (Malayalam), Sarpatta Parambarai won the Best Film (Tamil).

As far as the top acting honors are concerned, the winners announced on the first day included Punneth Rajkumar, who was awarded Best Actor



Kamal Haasan, Yash, and Ranveer Singh on SIIMA Day 1.



Arvind Swamy.



Hansika Motwani.



Silambarasan TR and (right) Allu Arjun and Ranveer Singh.



(Kannada) posthumously for Yuvarathnaa, Ashika Ranganath, who won the Best Actress (Kannada) for Madhagaja, Pooja Hegde, who won the Best Actress award (Telugu), for Most Eligible Bachelor; Allu Arjun, who won the Best Actor award (Telugu), for Pushpa, Pramod, who bagged the Best Actor in a Supporting Role Award (Kannada) for Rathnan Prapancha, Aarohi Narayan, who won the Best Actress in a Supporting Role (Kannada) for Drishya 2, Jagadeesh Prathap Bandari, who bagged the Best Actor in a Supporting Role Award (Telugu) for the film Pushpa - The Rise, and Varalaxmi Sarathkumar, who won the Best Actress in a Supporting Role Award (Telugu) for the film Krack.

The winners for Malayalam and Tamil cinema were announced on the second day of the festival. The winners included Kangana Ranaut, who won Best Actress

(Tamil) for Thalaivii, Arvind Swamy, who won Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Tamil) for Thalaivii, Silambarasan TR, who won Best Actor (Tamil) for Maanaadu, Tovino Thomas, who bagged Best Actor (Tamil) for Minnal Murali and Kala, and Unnimaya Prasad, who bagged Best Actress in a Supporting Role (Malayalam) for Joji, among others. The winners had been chosen by an online voting system.

As curtains come down on the 10th edition of SIIMA, my eyes are already set on the next edition which promises to be even bigger and grander.

(The author is an Indian critic and journalist who has been covering cinema, art and culture for over 10 years. He tweets at @MurtazaCritic).



Anees Bazmee.

**STRONG EARTHQUAKE
ROCKS SOUTHEAST
TAIWAN, NO REPORTS OF
DAMAGE**

SEPTEMBER 17

TAIPEI (TIP): A strong earthquake of magnitude 6.4 shook southeastern Taiwan on September 18 but there were no immediate reports of damage and no power outages.

The quake had a depth of 7.3 km with its epicentre in Taitung county, a sparsely populated part of the island, the Taiwan weather bureau said.

Taitung county commissioner April Yao wrote on her Facebook page the quake was “extremely strong”, while the official Central News Agency showed a picture of bottles that had been shaken off their shelves in a Taitung shop.

Taiwan’s fire department said it had yet to receive any reports of damage. State-run utility Taipower said there was no interruption to electricity supply on Taiwan’s east coast.

The quake could be felt across Taiwan, the weather bureau said. Buildings shook briefly in the capital Taipei. The science parks in the southern cities of Tainan and Kaohsiung, home to major semiconductor factories, said there was also no impact on operations.

Taiwan lies near the junction of two tectonic plates and is prone to earthquakes.

More than 100 people were killed in a quake in southern Taiwan in 2016, while a 7.3 magnitude quake killed more than 2,000 people in 1999. Reuters

Ukraine pays tribute to Russian woman who fought on its side

SEPTEMBER 17

KYIV (TIP) : An honour guard fired a three-gun salute toward cloudy skies as friends and comrades-in-arms gathered in Kyiv to bid farewell to a Russian woman who was killed while fighting on Ukraine's side in the war with her native country.

Olga Simonova, 34, was remembered for her courage and kindness at a funeral in the Ukrainian capital on September 17.

Simonova’s coffin was draped in the blue-and-yellow Ukrainian flag, with a cuddly toy lion on top. Her nom de guerre was “Simba,” like the main character in the Disney cartoon “The Lion King.” Just a few days before Russia launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine on Feb. 24, Simonova spoke to The Associated Press in a trench in the Donbas region, where she had served for years alongside Ukrainian soldiers fighting against Russian-backed separatists.

Born in the Russian city of Chelyabinsk, Simonova had a keen interest in sports and excelled in both mountain climbing and karate. She said she was always proud to compete for Russia.

But she started feeling uncomfortable about her native country after reading about Russia's war in Chechnya and its actions in Ukraine's eastern Donbas region and Crimea, which Russia annexed in 2014.

Filled with doubts that she “would ever be able to raise the flag of my



country, my homeland” again, Simonova made a life-changing decision. She travelled to Ukraine to join the conflict in the Donbas on the Ukrainian side, first as a volunteer fighter, then a paramedic and ultimately as an enlisted member of the Armed Forces.

“I had this internal feeling that I could handle it and that what I was doing was right and necessary, because I can't turn a blind eye to the situation,” she said. “I just had to buy a one-way ticket. I bought it and I left.” Simonova said she never hid her Russian origin from her colleagues and gained their trust by showing her commitment to

Ukraine on the battlefield. In 2017 she received Ukrainian citizenship.

She became a sergeant and was given command of both infantry and artillery units.

Friends and colleagues said Simonova, who was unmarried and had no children, had recently redeployed from the east to the southern Kherson region, where Ukraine has launched a counteroffensive against Russian forces. They said she died on Sept. 13, after her vehicle hit a land mine.

“She was respected not only as a commander, but as a person,” said Dmytro Karabinovskiy, her former commander and friend. (AP)

Chinese factory churns out British flags after queen’s death

SEPTEMBER 17

SHAOXING (CHINA) (TIP): Ninety minutes after Queen Elizabeth II died, orders for thousands of British flags started to flood into a factory south of Shanghai.

More than 100 employees at Shaoxing Chuangdong Tour Articles Co set aside other work and put in 14-hour days starting at 7:30 am making nothing but British-themed flags.

They turned out at least 500,000 the first week, according to general manager Fan Aiping.

Some are British flags to be carried by mourners or hung outside homes. Others show Elizabeth’s portrait and the years of her birth and death. They range in size from 21 to 150 cm (8 to 59 inches) wide and sell for 7 yuan (\$1).

The first customer sent an order at 3 am Chinese time for tens of thousands, according to Fan. She said 20,000 the factory had in stock were sent out that



morning.

“The customer came to our factory directly to grab the products,” Fan said. “Many of the flags weren’t even

packaged. They were put in a box and shipped away.”

The factory had been making flags for the football World Cup before Elizabeth’s

death. Chuangdong has been in the industry since 2005 and produces flags for the World Cup and other sports events or national day celebrations. It also makes sports-themed scarves and banners. Employees pay attention to news for events that might bring in orders. “There is a business opportunity behind every news event,” Fan said.

Ni Guozhen, an employee since 2005, said she has learned about the world through her work.

“I’ve learned a lot about current events,” said Ni, who was sewing flags with the queen’s portrait. “My knowledge has grown. Therefore I’m proud and happy that I’m making flags.” Ni remembers filling orders for British-themed flags for a royal wedding.

“There is a story behind each flag,” Fan said. “This time it’s about the queen in the United Kingdom. They are buying these flags to mourn the queen deeply.” AP

22-year-old Iranian woman dies after being detained by morality police over her dress code

SEPTEMBER 17

TEHRAN (TIP): Controversy sparked on social media after a 22-year-old woman, Mahsa Amini, died after falling into a coma following her detention by Iran's morality police, a dedicated unit that enforces strict dress codes for women, such as wearing the compulsory headscarf, media reports said.

As per Al Jazeera, Mahsa Amini, 22, was on a visit to Tehran with her family when she was detained by the specialist police unit. After a while, she suffered a heart attack and was immediately taken to hospital with the cooperation of the emergency services.

"Unfortunately, she died and her body was transferred to the medical examiner's office," state television said on September 17, reported Al Jazeera. The announcement came a day after Tehran police confirmed Amini had been detained with other women for "instruction" about the rules.

Human rights activists who have spoken to the family said the police grabbed Amini and forced her inside a police vehicle, CNN reported quoting IranWire. Her brother, Kiarash, intervened however the police told him that they are taking his sister to the police station for one hour of "re-education." Her brother waited outside the police station for her to be released



however an ambulance pulled up and took his sister to the hospital. "The woman was sent to a Greater Tehran police precinct for guidance and education when suddenly, in the presence of other people, she had a heart attack," the police said, reported CNN quoting state media.

Questioning the version of events given by police, the Mahsa's family said that she was normal with no pre-existing heart conditions.

Human rights organisation Amnesty International said, "The circumstances leading to the suspicious death in custody of 22-year-old young woman Mahsa Amini, which include allegations

of torture and other ill-treatment in custody, must be criminally investigated." "The so-called 'morality police' in Tehran arbitrarily arrested her three days before her death while enforcing the country's abusive, degrading and discriminatory forced veiling laws. All agents and officials responsible must face justice," it added.

Following the incident that sparked a fury on social media, Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi ordered the interior minister to open an inquiry into the case. Several lawmakers said they would raise the case in parliament, while the judiciary said it would form a special task force to investigate, reported Al Jazeera.

Amini's death comes amid growing controversy both inside and outside Iran over the conduct of the morality police, known formally as the Gasht-e Ershad (Guidance Patrol). The mandatory dress code, which applies to all nationalities and religions, not just Iranian Muslims, requires women to conceal their hair and neck with a headscarf, reported Al Jazeera.

Over the decades, women have increasingly pushed back, particularly in the big cities, wearing their headscarves far back on their heads to reveal their hair. (ANI)

9 KILLED IN STAMPEDE AT CONCERT IN GUATEMALA

SEPTEMBER 16

GUATEMALA CITY (TIP): At least nine people were killed and nearly 20 were injured after a stampede at the end of a concert celebrating Guatemalan Independence Day in the western city of Quetzaltenango, the local Red Cross confirmed. The incident took place on early sept 17 morning, Xinhua news agency reported. According to its reports on social media, the Guatemalan Red Cross and volunteer firefighters "stabilised more than 20 injured people and nine died at the scene." The stampede occurred at one of the exits of the fairgrounds at the end of the outdoor concert, and Guatemalan authorities are investigating the causes. September 15 marks the 201st anniversary of the independence from Spain of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. (Agency)

2 POLICE OFFICERS STABBED IN UK

LONDON (TIP): Two police officers were stabbed by a man near Leicester Square in London on Sep 17. A female officer's arm was seriously wounded while a male officer was stabbed three times around his neck and chest. "The officers are critically injured and being treated. Their families have been intimidated," the police said, adding: "The accused, in his 20s, was arrested on suspicion of grievous bodily harm and assaulting an emergency worker. Inquiries have begun and the attack is not believed to be terrorist in nature". (AP)

Pressure on Russian forces mounts after Ukraine's advances

SEPTEMBER 17

KYIV (TIP): Western defence officials and analysts on September 18 said they believed the Russian forces were setting up a new defensive line in Ukraine's northeast after Kyiv's troops broke through the previous one and tried to press their advances further into the east.

The British Defence Ministry said in a daily intelligence briefing that the line likely is between the Oskil River and Svatove, some 150 kilometres southeast of Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city.

The new line comes after a Ukrainian counteroffensive punched a hole through the previous front line in the war and recaptured large swaths of land in the northeastern Kharkiv region that borders Russia.

Moscow "likely sees maintaining control of this zone as important because it is transited by one of the few main resupply routes Russia still controls from the Belgorod region of Russia", the British military said, adding that "a stubborn defence of this area" was likely, but that it

remained unclear whether the Russians would be able to withstand another concerted Ukrainian assault.

Ukrainian forces, in the meantime, continue to cross the key Oskil River in the Kharkiv region as they try to press on in a counteroffensive targeting Russian-occupied territory, according to the Washington-based Institute for the Study of War.

The Institute said in its Saturday report that satellite imagery it examined suggest that Ukrainian forces have crossed over to the east bank of the Oskil in Kupiansk, placing artillery there.

The river, which flows south from Russia into Ukraine, had been a natural break in the newly emerged front lines since Ukraine launched its push about a week ago.

"Russian forces are likely too weak to prevent further Ukrainian advances along the entire Oskil River if Ukrainian forces choose to resume offensive operations," the institute said.

After the Russian troops retreated from

the city of Izium, Ukrainian authorities discovered a mass grave site, one of the largest so far discovered.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on Friday that more than 440 graves have been found at the site but that the number of victims is not yet known.

Zelenskyy said the graves contained the bodies of hundreds of civilian adults and children, as well as soldiers, and some had been tortured, shot or killed by artillery shelling.

He cited evidence of atrocities, such as a body with a rope around its neck and broken arms.

Videos circulating online on Saturday indicated that Ukrainian forces are also continuing to take land in the country's embattled east.

One video showed a Ukrainian soldier walking past a building, its roof destroyed, then pointing up over his shoulder at a colleague hanging the blue-and-yellow Ukrainian flag over a mobile phone tower.

The soldier in the video identified the seized village as Dibrova, just northeast of

the city of Sloviansk and southeast of the embattled city of Lyman in Ukraine's Donetsk region.

Another online video showed two Ukrainian soldiers in what appeared to be a bell tower. A Ukrainian flag hung as a soldier said they had taken the village of Shchurove, just northeast of Sloviansk.

The Ukrainian military and the Russians did not immediately acknowledge the change of hands of the two villages.

Elsewhere in Ukraine, Russian forces continued to pound cities and villages with missile strikes and shelling.

A Russian missile attack early Saturday started a fire in Kharkiv's industrial area, said Oleh Syniehubov, the regional governor. Firefighters extinguished the blaze.

Syniehubov said remnants of the missiles suggest the Russians fired S-300 surface-to-air missiles at the city. The S-300 is designed for striking missiles or aircraft in the sky, not targets on the ground. (AP)

LANDSLIDES CLAIM 17 LIVES IN NEPAL

SEPTEMBER 17
KATHMANDU (TIP), At least 17 persons have died in landslides triggered by heavy rains in western Nepal in the past 24 hours.

The landslides occurred in different parts of the Achham district of the Sudurpaschim province, which has been badly affected by floods caused by incessant rainfall. (PTI)

DEATH TOLL FROM PAKISTAN FLOODS NEARS 1,500

SEPTEMBER 15
ISLAMABAD (TIP): Pakistan's unprecedented floods, which have submerged huge swathes of the South Asian nation, have killed nearly 1,500 people, data showed on September 16, as authorities looked to step up relief efforts for millions affected by the disaster.

The floods brought by record monsoon rain and glacial melt in northern mountains have hit 33 million of a population of 220 million, sweeping away homes, transport, crops and livestock in damage estimated at \$30 billion.

The tally of dead stands at 1,486, about 530 children among them, the National Disaster Management Authority said, as it released its first country-wide total since Sept 9, a period that saw 90 more people die.

Over the last few weeks, authorities have thrown up barriers to keep the flood waters out of key structures such as power stations as well as homes, while farmers who stayed to try and save their cattle faced a new threat as fodder began to run out.

The government and the United Nations have blamed climate change for the surging waters, in the wake of record-breaking summer temperatures, that have driven thousands from their homes to live in tents or along highways in the open.

Pakistan received 391 mm (15.4 inches) of rain, or nearly 190% more than the 30-year average, in July and August. That figure climbed to 466% for one of the worst-affected areas, the southern province of Sindh.

Aid flights from the United Arab Emirates and the United States arrived in the country on Thursday, the foreign ministry said. The United Nations is assessing reconstruction needs. (PTI)

PM Shehbaz Sharif will appoint new Pakistan Army chief in November: Defence Minister Khawaja Asif

SEPTEMBER 17
ISLAMABAD (TIP): Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will appoint a new Army chief on time in November, Defence Minister Khawaja Asif said on September 18 and accused former premier Imran Khan of raking up a controversy for his personal benefit.

Asif's remarks came days after Khan demanded that the next Chief of Army Staff should be appointed by the new government after fresh elections.

Army chief General Javed Bajwa, 61, would retire on November 29 and his successor is expected to be announced by the prime minister who is legally authorised to appoint the army chief.

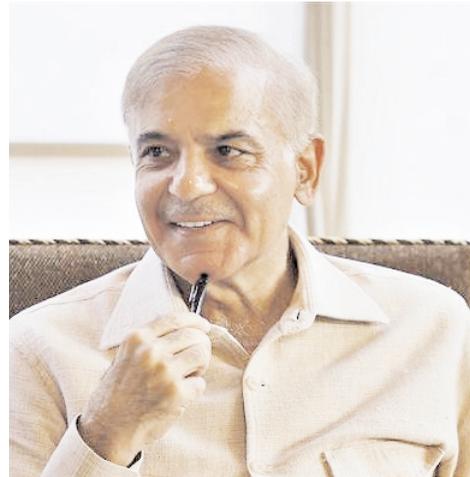
"Former premier Nawaz Sharif has fulfilled this political responsibility four times and Shehbaz will do the same in November," Asif said in response to a question while addressing a press conference.

He said that the policy over the Army chief's appointment was clear in the Constitution but Khan was trying to make it controversial.

"He just wants to make the Army chief's appointment controversial," he said, adding that no one had any doubt about the loyalty of the head of the Army to the Constitution and the institutions.

He also alleged that Khan, chairman of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party, would not hesitate in sabotaging Pakistan for his personal benefit.

"Politics is separate but institutions should not be made controversial," the defence minister said.



Asif also warned Khan to stop the pursuit of making the appointment of the new army chief controversial as it emboldens India, Samaa TV reported.

Khan said in an interview that the incumbent was not competent enough to appoint the new Army chief and that the issue should be left for the next government. He also demanded fresh elections.

The appointment of the Army chief creates a lot of interest and heat due to the power enjoyed by the head of the Army in Pakistan.

Speaking about the recent statements by different people against the country's national security, Asif warned that action would be taken against them.

Bajwa has held the top post of the Pakistan Army for six years. He was initially appointed in 2016, but after three years of tenure, the then government of Khan in 2019 extended his service for another three years.

The appointment of the Army chief is the sole prerogative of the prime minister.

When Khan was in power, the opposition accused him of trying to bring an army chief of his choice, who could support his alleged agenda of victimising opposition leaders.

Since he lost power, the equation has changed and now Khan is saying that the coalition government wants to install an army head of its choice to protect looted wealth and steal general elections.

The powerful Army, which has ruled the coup-prone country for more than half of its 75-plus years of existence, has hitherto wielded considerable power in the matters of security and foreign policy.

Addressing a public rally in Faisalabad earlier this month, Khan had alleged that the government was afraid of fair elections and delaying the polls until the appointment of the new Army chief by the end of November when the incumbent Gen Bajwa would retire.

"(Asif Ali) Zardari and Nawaz (Sharif) want to bring their favourite as the next army chief because they have stolen public money," Khan alleged. "They are afraid that when the patriotic army chief comes, he will ask them about their loot." Strongly objecting to Khan's remarks, the Army issued a statement in which it accused him of making an attempt to discredit and undermine senior leadership of the Pakistan Army at a time when the institution is laying lives for the security and safety of the people. (PTI)

Lankanex-President Sirisena named suspect in Easter attacks

SEPTEMBER 16
COLOMBO (TIP): A Sri Lankan court on September 17 named former president Maithripala Sirisena as a suspect in the 2019 Easter bombings, in which 270 persons, including 11 Indians, were killed. The Colombo Fort magistrate's court, which pronounced the judgment, accused Sirisena of neglecting intelligence reports on the impending attack leading to the bombings. Sirisena (71) will now have to appear in court on October 14. The former president was earlier held responsible for the attack by a probe panel he was forced to appoint following pressure from the Catholic Church and the relatives of the victims.

He had denied the allegation. The special presidential probe had also found a host of other top defence officials, including former police chief Pujith Jayasundera and former defence secretary Hemasiri Fernando, guilty of ignoring prior intelligence. The panel report had recommended criminal action against Sirisena and the other officials. Ousted president Gotabaya Rajapaksa, who had succeeded Sirisena, also came under pressure to implement the findings of the probe panel, where Sirisena was found culpable of committing the crime. However, he had refused to act as Sirisena had by then become the chair of the ruling SLPP coalition. Friday's court order came as a result of a plaint filed by



a victim alongside the National Catholic Committee for Justice to Easter Sunday Attack Victims.

On the third anniversary of the Easter terror attack in April, then PM Mahinda Rajapaksa had vowed that the Sri Lankan government will not rest until justice was served to the guilty behind the 2019 attacks. A month later, Mahinda had to step down in May after massive protests against him over attacks by his supporters on the anti-government protesters. (PTI)



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Add beauty to your home with Indian handicrafts

India is a land of different cultures and traditions. With rich cultural diversity and great artwork, India is world renowned for its beautiful sculptures and magnificent Indian handicrafts. These marvellous pieces of art can be crafted from any type of material available whether it is brass, wood, jute, stones or metal. The handicrafts are preferred worldwide for many purposes. Most of us, use it for decorating their houses as they add positivity, charm and elegance.

The Indian handicrafts speak about its culture, diversity and brilliance of the nation. These handicrafts which are produced are a blend of creativity and imaginative skills of the workers.

Some of the famous handicrafts are made up of:

Brass Handicrafts:

Brass Handicrafts are durable and give a sturdy décor to home. You may find various options in brass handicrafts such as table tops, bowls, vases, wall art, lamps, ornament boxes and figurines.

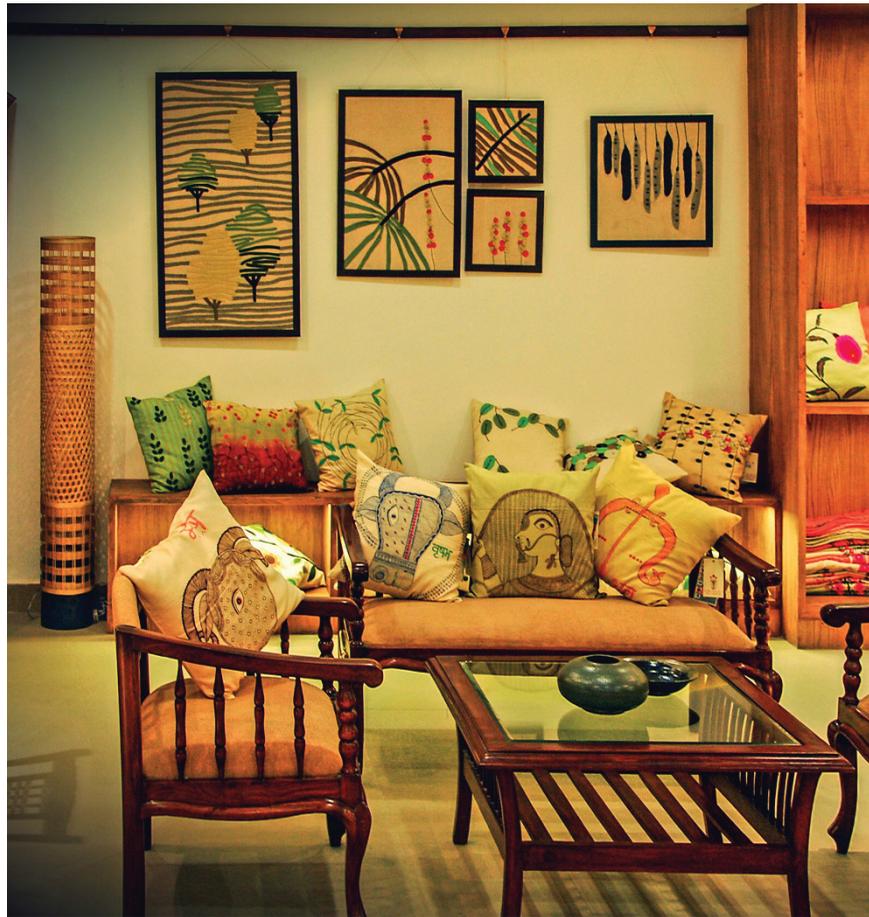
Make sure the brass handicrafts which you are purchasing has given the coat of lacquer because the authentic brass handicrafts tend to oxidise quickly when exposed to air. Also, all of the brass handicrafts require regular polishing to keep the shine intact.

Wood Handicrafts:

The wooden handicrafts enhance the elegance and give a luxurious look to the home. The wooden furniture, utensils, lamps, jewellery box, candle stands, bangle holders, decorative pieces, etc are crafted from wood. These wood are also of different types like Sandalwood, Teakwood, Bamboo and Shisham etc.

Jute Handicrafts:

The jute handicrafts give a fabulous look to the home. You may



find a broad range of handicrafts in jute fabrics such as lamps, tables, bags, rugs, curtains and more. The best part of jute is that they are eco-friendly and gives a natural look to the home.

Clay Handicrafts:

Clay Pottery is one of the most famous and ancient forms of Indian handicrafts. You may find the wide variety of beautiful terracotta planters, containers, tiles, jewellery and utensils to vases. The clay crafts enhance the beauty of the home. Also, the food cooked in baked earth is considered good for health.

The multiple types of clay pottery are terracotta, red, black and grey pottery.

Marble Handicrafts:

Decorate your living room with coloured stones and marbles. This enhances the beauty of the house and makes home a spiritual place with impressive marble idols of gods and marble statues.

Art and Metal Handicrafts:

Choose any creative wall art and synced it to your living room to give a classy and funky look.

Moreover, you can use precious metal handicrafts to give an extravagant look to living room.

Carpets:

Give your living room a luxurious look by using the brilliant colour combination and unbeatable quality. *Source:Boontoon.com*

FOOD

Dahi Lasooni Chicken

Dahi Lahsooni Chicken is an easy recipe that you can easily prepare at home. Marinated in lots of spices, garlic and curd, this chicken recipe is extremely juicy. You'll love to prepare this non-vegetarian recipe for your family and friends, and they will cherish the exotic taste of this tandoori dish.

Ingredients:

- Chicken boneless - 7 pcs, 170 gms
- Cheese - 15 gms
- Garlic chopped - 15 gms
- Ginger paste - 5 gms
- Coriander chopped - 2 gms
- Green chilli paste - 7 gms
- Fresh cream - 18 gms
- Curd - 40 gms
- Kaju paste - 10 gms
- Salt - 2 gms
- Black salt - 0.5 gms
- Chicken masala - 1 gram
- Chat masala - 0.5 gms
- Elaichi - 0.5 gms
- Jeera powder - 1 gram
- White pepper powder - 1 gram
- Salad oil - 5 gms
- Daniya powder - 1 gram

Method:

- The first step is to marinate the chicken with all the ingredients.
- Marinate the chicken pieces with curd and then add chopped garlic, ginger paste, kaju paste, green chilli paste, chopped dhaniya, salt, kitchen king masala
- Add black salt, chat masala, elaichi, dhaniya, jeera powder, white pepper powder, salad oil, cream and cheese.
- Keep aside for 30 minutes to abstract flavour.
- Apply 5 ml of butter.
- Grill it in charcoal tandoor for 8 - 10 minutes.
- Serve in a platter.



Things to avoid if you have thin hair

Some people use heat in their hair every day for styling. However, this also spoils the hair. If your hair is already very thin, stop using heat. Too much blow dry, quick straightening should also be avoided. This will make your hair look thinner.

If your hair is thin, avoid using excessive gel-based sprays. The more you use oil or gel-based spray in your hair, the more your hair will stick to each other. This will not show volume in the hair, and it will look thin. You can use texturising sprays instead.

If your hair is thin and you use too much oil, it will make the hair look even more sticky and thin. In order to make hair dense, some people apply oil quickly.

Now, if the oil is not removed well, dandruff can occur on your scalp, which can also cause hair loss.

You can apply oil in small quantities. Apply oil only once a week, that too after applying, shampoo the hair well. Remove this from the mind applying more oil makes the hair dense.

Some people start consuming many types of pills to make hair dense or keep them strong from the roots, but it is not right to depend more on them to maintain hair health. Hair growth pills will not make your hair thick immediately, but they can also have many side effects. When the hair is constantly falling and thinning, consult an expert.

Avoid using chemical hair care products. If you are using a chemical hair mask, serum, etc., it will never improve the condition of the hair. The more chemical-rich things you apply to the hair, the more damage it will have, so avoid using hair care products available on the market. Use chemical-free hair care products, shampoo, hair gel, hair masks, etc.

If you want to protect your hair from damage, use mild shampoo and conditioner, which clean the scalp well. Also, do not use conditioners daily. Apply a hair mask prepared from natural things in the hair. Hair mask made of banana and curd conditions the hair in a natural way. *Source: News 18*

Effective home remedies manage blood sugar levels

While diabetes can be controlled with medication or insulin, the role of lifestyle changes like eating the right foods (low GI foods) in reasonable portions and physical activity cannot be ignored. Let us have a look at a handful of such remedies to diabetes.

Cinnamon

This effective kitchen ingredient speeds up the insulin activity and comprises of a compound which is bioactive in nature. It helps to lower the sugar levels in the bloodstream. It is one of the best ingredients that can avoid diabetes.

A diabetic prone individual should consume one teaspoon of grounded cinnamon mixed with lukewarm water on a daily basis.

Another method is to take two glasses of water and boiling it with raw cinnamon, then to consume it after cooling and having it on a daily basis.

Aloe Vera

Aloe Vera is one of the common plants available in every household and is really helpful in regulating blood sugar levels. Though the taste is bitter still its inflammatory properties have to lead to the control of diabetes.

Consuming it with buttermilk can provide a much better taste than consuming it directly.

Indian Black Berry (Jambul)

Jambul quite familiar as Indian blackberry reduces the sugar levels in the bloodstream due to the presence of anthocyanins, ellagic acid; hydrolyzable tannins etc. and regulate blood sugar levels. Jambul comprises of hypoglycemic effects and jambosine.

The leaves, seed and berries can be consumed to heal this disease.

Vitamin C

Consumption of eatables containing Vitamin C such as tomato, lemon, etc. constitutes citrus acid and helps in reduction of blood sugar levels. It is recommended especially for individuals suffering from chronic diabetes.



It is advisable to consume 600mg of Vitamin C on a regular basis.

Cabbage

Regular intake of cabbage juice or cabbage soup results in a healthy lifestyle and keeps away diabetes. It has the capacity to stimulate insulin and is advised by present-day doctors to fight against diabetes. It also helps in weight reduction and in turn helps to lower glucose levels in blood.

Bitter Gourd

Bitter Gourd is a must have in your diet if you are prone to diabetes. It should be consumed on a regular basis in empty stomach. The seeds should be extracted well and then prepared into a fine blend of juice.

Consumption of bitter gourd juice helps in maintaining the metabolism of the body and lowers the sugar levels in the bloodstream.

Fenugreek

Consumption of fenugreek seeds stimulate the insulin levels in blood and improve glucose tolerance.

It is suggested to have fenugreek soaked water on an empty stomach every morning and it brings down your blood sugar levels.



Easy to use, more effective and cheap, nasal Covid vaccines can be game-changer: Scientists

Holding out the promise of preventing even mild infections and blocking transmission, mucosal vaccines may well be a game changer for the Covid pandemic, say scientists as Indians gear up for the world's first intranasal preventive.

A nasal, non-invasive and cheaper alternative to injectable vaccines could be just what is needed in a world battling a waning and waxing Covid wave with new variants throwing up challenges at every step, the experts said.

Earlier this month, Bharat Biotech announced that its iNCOVACC (BBV154), the world's first intranasal COVID-19 vaccine, has received approval from the Drugs Controller General of India for restricted use in emergencies for those 18 and older. The vaccine is yet to be marketed.

By prompting an immune response where the virus first enters the body, researchers believe mucosal vaccines may prevent even mild cases of illness and block transmission to other people, something current COVID-19 shots are unable to do.

"This pandemic has been dragging on because new variants continue to emerge that are capable of causing a lot of infections and transmission among people who were already vaccinated," said David T. Curiel, a professor at Washington University.

"A nasal vaccine may be what we need to finally break the cycle of transmission," Curiel said in a statement.

Immunologist Vineeta Bal agreed, explaining that intranasal vaccines are supposed to produce antibodies locally, i.e. in the upper respiratory passage, the entry point for SARS-CoV2.

Because of their presence, the virus is supposed to be 'neutralised' immediately after entry without letting it gain foothold by entry in the cells and reproducing.

"This means early clearance of the virus from the body before its spread to lungs and other organs is a distinct possibility and an advantage over other intramuscular injectable vaccines," Bal, from Pune's Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), said.

Source: PTI

New blood test detects multiple cancers without symptoms

In what could be a game changer for medical science, a new blood test has successfully screened multiple cancers in patients who were yet to show any symptoms. The test was conducted among 6,662 individuals as part of a Pathfinder Study by GRAIL, a healthcare company working on improving cancer screening.

The test was conducted among patients 50 years and above as they are at an elevated risk for cancer. The results of the tests were presented at the European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO) Congress 2022 in Paris.

The study found cancer in about 1 per cent of participants, including types for which there is no established screening method. This is the first time that the results of the test have been published. The Multi-Cancer Early Detection (MCED) test was measured using both an earlier version of Galleri (MCED-E) and a refined version of



Galleri (MCED-Scr).

Researchers said that the earlier version of the test was refined to reduce the detection of pre-malignant hematologic conditions, which are fairly common, and improve prediction of the cancer signal origin.

"When added to standard of care screening, MCED testing more than doubled the number of cancers detected compared to standard screening alone. In fact, Galleri detected more cancers than all U.S.

Preventive Services Task Force-recommended standard single cancer screenings combined. These included Stage I cancers of the liver, small intestine, and uterus, and Stage II pancreatic, bone, and oropharyngeal cancers," Jeffrey Venstrom, MD, chief medical officer at GRAIL, said in a statement.

The cancer signal was detected in 92 patients and of these 35 participants were diagnosed with 36 cancers. The company revealed that among the confirmed cancers, 71 per cent of participants had cancer types that have no routine cancer screening available.

They also established that the cancer signal origin prediction had 97% accuracy and after clinical treatment, there was a resolution of the cancer diagnosis in less than three months for most participants.

The new test is likely to enhance cancer screening and devise better treatment strategies earlier than expected. Source: India Today

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Logitech Launches Three New Gaming Mice Featuring 'Lightspeed' Technology

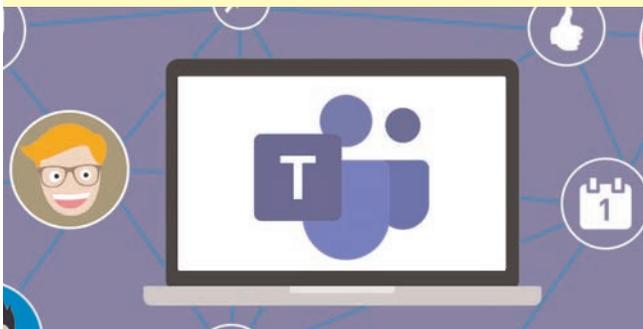
Logitech has announced a range of new gaming mice namely the G502X, G502 X Lightspeed and G502 X Plus and it is introducing the LIGHTFORCE hybrid optical-mechanical switches to offer precise actuation and prompt response for all of its G502 X models.

Traditionally, you would expect optical or mechanical components in a mouse, but Logitech G has been able to combine both into one - optical-mechanical switches allowing for better reliability compared to traditional mechanical switches, better speed and control, and most importantly, retaining the satisfying feeling of mechanical actuation. To facilitate this, Logitech uses galvanic contact components inside the switch. As a result, both optical and mechanical triggers are combined to deliver a hybrid experience that Logitech says allows for an ultra-low latency experience.

Design and New Tech Inside the G508 X

A new thin-wall exoskeleton allows for an overall light-weight construction while being robust enough to handle repeated use. The mice are available in either black or white. The mouse also features a redesigned DPI-shift button that is reversible as well as removable to make the mouse diverse enough for a variety of hand sizes.

The mouse also retains G502's infinite scroll wheel, USB-C charging in wireless models and ratchet modes. The high-precision gaming sensor HERO 25K delivers a one-to-one ratio accuracy at sub-micron levels and zero smoothing, filtering, or acceleration.



Microsoft Teams Will Soon Let You Sign Documents During Meetings

Microsoft has created a sample app for Teams that allow people to sign documents during remote meetings. According to Windows Central, the application lets users add a document to a meeting for attendees to sign, such as a purchase agreement, invoice, or NDA. The sample app was made by Teams Ecosystem Engineering as a proof of concept aimed at independent software vendors (ISVs) or other customers implementing it.

The entire project is available and documented on GitHub, which should help organisations that would like to use it within meetings, the report said.

The app allows users to add a document to a meeting to be reviewed or signed by attendees. It supports Teams single-sign-on (SSO) for authentication. The report mentioned that it also supports sharing content during a meeting stage, adaptive cards, and the Teams people picker.

Microsoft noted that the app could be adapted to work with other scenarios that require signing off, such as reviewing and approving code or working together on a document. The sample app is currently available for desktop clients of Teams. Mobile and web support is on the way, though Microsoft did not specify when in its Tech Community post announcing the feature, the report said.

Another planet in Universe? New evidence shows proof

All astronomers concur that planets are created in protoplanetary disks, which are the bands of gas and dust that encircle newly-formed young stars. Even though the universe has hundreds of these disks, it has been challenging to observe genuine planetary birth and development in these settings.

Currently, astronomers at the Center for Astrophysics, Harvard and Smithsonian, have created a novel method to find these elusive newborn planets, along with "smoking gun" proof of a small Neptune- or Saturn-like planet hiding in a disk. The Astrophysical Journal Letters on Thursday published a description of the findings.

According to Feng Long, a postdoctoral scholar at the Center for Astrophysics and project leader, "directly finding young planets is highly tough and has so far only been effective in one or two situations."

As they are encased in substantial amounts of gas and dust, planets are always too dim for us to see them.

Instead, they must look for signs that a planet is forming beneath the dust. Long notes that in recent years, "many structures have appeared on disks that we think are caused by the existence of a planet but it could be caused by something else too."

"We need new methods to examine and provide evidence that a planet exists."

Long chose to revisit the LkCa 15 protoplanetary disk for her research. The disc is situated in the Taurus



constellation, 518 light years away. Previous research employing ALMA Observatory images showed proof of planet formation in the disk.

Long dug over fresh, high-resolution ALMA data on LkCa 15, mostly from 2019, and found two faint characteristics that weren't there before.

Long found a dusty ring with two distinct, brilliant clusters of material circling within it at a distance of around 42 astronomical units from the star, or 42 times the distance between Earth and the Sun.

Source: ANI

WhatsApp feature that will let you hide online status from specific people is now in Beta

WhatsApp is starting to roll out a new feature that allows users to hide their online status from people they choose. According to reports, the ability to hide your online status is rolling out to beta testers on the Android beta version 2.22.20.9 of the Meta-owned instant messaging app. As per the name, the feature allows users to pick who can see their online status and who can't.

The Meta-owned instant messaging app allows users to hide their 'Last Seen' from their contacts. With the new feature, users will also be able to hide their Online status, and will be able to choose specific people they want to hide both the online status and Last Seen from. The rollout of the feature was first reported by WABetaInfo, and these changes will be available to all users in the coming months.

According to the report, WhatsApp has changed the 'Last Seen' privacy setting to 'Last Seen and Online' privacy setting. Currently, the Last Seen option shows the ability to show the status to 'Nobody', 'Contacts,' and 'Everyone.' With the update, there will be an added option - 'Everyone except..' - which will allow you to hide your status from specific people.

Now, the feature is currently in beta, so it is unlikely that you have it currently unless you're a beta tester, in which case, update your app to use the feature. Users can change who can see their online status and who can't, by simply going into Settings > Account > Privacy > Last Seen and Online.

WhatsApp, the Meta-owned instant messaging app is also working on several other features, including the ability to be able to message yourself. Now, we are not sure what this feature actually serves, but a new report suggests that people will see their name on the WhatsApp chat list when you link to a PC, iOS and an Android device.



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BLOODBATH ON DALAL STREET: RECESSION, RATE HIKE FEARS WRECK STOCKS

Equity benchmarks spiralled lower for the third session on the trot on Friday, September 16, in lockstep with a sell-off in overseas markets as investors fretted over the global economy slipping into a recession amid rate hikes by central banks. A weak rupee and foreign fund outflows added to the woes, traders said.

The Sensex tanked 1,093.22 points or 1.82% to settle at 58,840.79. During the day, it tumbled 1,246.84 points or 2% to 58,687.17. Similarly, the NSE Nifty declined 346.55 points or 1.94% to close at 17,530.85.

UltraTech Cement was the top laggard in the Sensex pack, slumping 4.51%, followed by Tech Mahindra, Infosys, M&M, Wipro, TCS and Nestle India. IndusInd Bank emerged as the sole gainer, spurting 2.63%.

"With persistent bearish pressure from global stocks amid rising yields and dollar index, the domestic market surrendered to the global trend despite its strong decoupling scenario and encouraging macroeconomic data.

"Post the release of US inflation data, which showcased a MoM increase in inflation, the global market has been pricing in the likelihood of a more aggressive policy response from the Fed," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services.

"Markets witnessed a sharp sell-off on the final day of the week and lost closer to 2%. The selling pressure was widespread wherein IT, realty and auto pack were among the top losers," said Ajit Mishra, VP, Religare Broking Ltd.

GAUTAM ADANI BRIEFLY LISTED AS WORLD'S SECOND-RICHEST PERSON WRECK STOCKS

Gautam Adani became the world's second richest person on September 16, but only for a brief period. The tycoon surpassed Amazon boss Jeff Bezos and Louis Vuitton's Bernard Arnault to grab



the second spot with a net worth \$154.7 billion, showed Forbes' real-time billionaires list, before he was pushed back to the third position by Arnault.

Elon Musk remains the richest person with a net worth of \$273.5 billion.

Last month too, Mr Adani had overtaken Arnault to grab the third spot, but was behind Musk and Bezos. This time he overtook Bezos for a brief period.

With him occupying the second spot, Arnault was pushed to the third with his family's net worth falling to \$153.5 billion as it slumped by \$4.9 billion. Arnault has reoccupied the position with his wealth totalling \$152.8 billion though it fell further.

Adani's wealth, meanwhile, slumped to \$151.3 billion as his gains were slash to \$1.1 billion from over \$4 billion, and he settled at the third position.

Bezos stands fourth with a wealth of \$149.7 billion that declined by \$2.3 billion.

Mukesh Ambani, who heads the Reliance Industries Ltd, is at the eighth spot and is worth \$92 billion.

Fitch lowers India's FY 2023 GDP growth forecast to 7% from 7.8%: Report

Fitch Ratings on Thursday slashed India's economic growth forecast for FY23 to 7% from 7.8% projected in June, and said it expects key policy rates of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to peak in the near future and remain at 6% through next year.

In August, the RBI had raised the repo rate by 50 basis points to 5.4%.

Fitch Rating also lowered India's GDP growth rate for FY24 to 6.7% from 7.4% it forecast earlier. The changes are in line with a cut in global economic forecast for the current year by Fitch.

The rating agency cut its global economic growth forecast due to the European gas crisis, high inflation and a sharp acceleration in the pace of global monetary policy tightening which are taking a heavy toll on economic prospects. The agency now expects world GDP to grow 2.4% in 2022, revised down by 0.5 percentage point, and to expand just 1.7% in 2023, down by one percentage point.

Fitch Ratings said that India's central bank has already front-loaded its policy rate hikes, tightening by a total of 140 basis points since the start of 2022 to 5.4% in August. "We expect the RBI to continue raising, to 5.9% before year-end. The RBI remains focused on reducing inflation, but said that its decisions would continue to be "calibrated, measured and nimble" and dependent on the unfolding dynamics of inflation and economic activity. We therefore expect policy rates to peak the near future and to remain at 6% throughout next year," said the agency's latest global economic outlook.

India's trade deficit widened to \$27.98 billion in August: Govt

India's merchandise trade deficit in August widened to \$27.98 billion from \$11.71 billion a year earlier, revised data released by the government showed on September 14.

India's merchandise exports rose to \$33.92 billion from \$33.38 billion in the same month last year, while imports rose to \$61.90 billion in August from \$45.09 billion last year.

Rise in import values last month has been witnessed in major commodity groups like coal, coke and briquettes (133.64% to \$4.5 billion), chemicals (43% to around \$3 billion), and vegetable oil (41.55% to nearly \$2 billion).

Also, export products that witnessed positive growth last month included electronic goods, rice, oil meals, tea, coffee and chemicals.

Export of petroleum products jumped by 22.76% to \$5.71



billion. Similarly, chemicals and pharma shipments rose by 13.47% and 6.76% to \$2.53 billion and \$2.14 billion, respectively.

Sectors, which saw negative growth last month included engineering (14.19% to \$8.3 billion), gems and jewellery (about 3% to \$3.33 billion), ready-made garments of all textiles (0.34% to \$1.23 billion), and plastic (1.10% to \$747.21 million).

Meanwhile, India's current account deficit (CAD) will widen to 5% of the GDP in the September quarter due to higher merchandise trade deficit, domestic ratings agency Icria said.

"The current account deficit (CAD) is projected to widen to an all-time high of USD 41-43 billion in Q2 FY23 from the USD 30 billion expected in Q1 FY23. It is expected to widen to 5 per cent of GDP in Q2 FY23, the second highest level since Q3FY12," Icria said in a note.

The agency said with the re-emergence of foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) equity inflows, it expects the rupee to trade between 78.5-81 against the US dollar in the rest of calendar year 2022 amid the global headwinds.

"While forex reserves have seen a drawdown of USD 45.4 billion in FY23 so far (till Aug 26, 2022), they remain large, and are likely to prevent a disorderly depreciation of the Indian rupee," it added.

Global recession looms on broadest rate hikes in five decades: World Bank

The global economy may face a recession next year caused by an aggressive wave of policy tightening that could yet prove inadequate to temper inflation, the World Bank said in a new report.

Policy makers around the world are rolling back monetary and fiscal support at a degree of synchronization not seen in half a century, according to the study released in Washington on Thursday. That sets off larger-than-envisioned impacts in sapping financial conditions and deepening the global growth slowdown, it said.

Investors expect central banks to raise global monetary policy rates to almost 4 per cent next year, double the average in 2021, just to keep core inflation at the 5 per cent level. Rates could go as high as 6 per cent if central



banks look to wrangle inflation within their target bands, according to the report's model.

The World Bank study estimates 2023 global gross domestic product growth to slow to 0.5 per cent, and contract 0.4 per cent in per capita terms that would meet the technical definition of a global recession. After record expansion in 2021, this would cut short recovery well before economic activity has returned to its pre-pandemic trend, it said.

"Policy makers could shift their focus from reducing consumption to boosting production," said World Bank Group President David Malpass. "Policies should seek to generate additional investment and improve productivity and capital allocation, which are critical for growth and poverty reduction." Source: Bloomberg

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPE - SEPTEMBER 19 TO SEPTEMBER 25, 2022



ARIES : Ganesha says, you'll be prepared to handle your emotional problems well this week Dear Aries. This week, your folks will try to cheer you up, which will improve relations between you and your clan. You will be ready to establish new relationships with people in your professional life, which will enable it simpler for you to manage your obligations. Invest your income sensibly this week. You'll need to be very mindful about how you approach your partner because your negative remarks are probably going to hurt them. Allergies are likely to have an influence on your well-being. Make sure you look after yourself properly.



TAURUS : Ganesha says, you should understand Divine counsel this week, and he will guide you on the right path. You'll see more religious this week. In terms of your working life, by turning in material, you will be capable to satisfy your bosses, who will then help you choose schedules. Maintain tabs on industry developments if you own a firm to avoid missing out on crucial information. This week, your fitness should be fine, but you should drive carefully and refrain from excessive racing. This week, having your sweetheart by your bedside will make you feel safer in regards of your connection.



GEMINI : Ganesha says, this week is a week to appreciate oneself, Dear Gemini. If you don't raise the bar for yourself, no one person will be careful. You can feel a bit uneasy at home if your family has a few strange talks. On the corporate side, you'll focus on putting up regular work because it will eventually bear dividends. The best time to purchase yellow gold is not this week. This week, your mate will value having you in their lives on a romantic level. This week, your well-being might be affected by vision issues, so take caution.



CANCER : Ganesha says, your ability to remain patient this week will be essential to your growth Dear Cancer. Forming decisions will be simple for you because of your peace of mind. Your ability to combine can help you accomplish a range of activities in other working life with comfort, but you shouldn't expect your coworkers to juggle as well, and you ought also to be conscious of their limits. Your partner will complain about not getting enough devotion in your romantic life, which will cause you two to argue briefly. Your problems should be solved this week. This week, stay away from mountains and intense fire for your well-being.



LEO : Ganesha says, you must concentrate and establish a checklist of the things in your professional life to which you ought to give greater

thought. This will enable you to resolve a significant hiccup. You must spend more notice to your kids if they are in education this week. Your partner will make distance in your connections without giving you a reason, which may upset you in conditions of your partnership. Provide them some time together and try not to let this rage ruin what you still have. If you have breathing issues, you should exercise extra precaution this week and refrain from going outdoors in the public.



VIRGO : Ganesha says, this week, you'll think back on a variety of topics Dear Virgo. You'll think back on your errors and disappointments, but most significantly, you'll consider the things you've discovered. In this way, you'll cherish your gifts as well. Actual property professionals must be more watchful and cautious in their business dealings. You will be able to establish a solid connection with someone special you encounter this week, but you will need to wait a bit further to start a commitment. This week, you may take it easy when it comes to your fitness.



LIBRA : Ganesha says, if you believe in your instincts and act on them this week, you will accomplish remarkable work, Dear Libra. The likelihood of getting into a mishap during the first half of this week is very high. Traveling ought to be performed cautiously. You'll run across someone you've been searching for a while. This will change the way you view the world. Now is the perfect time to lay the foundation for your new business. In accordance with Jupiter's presence in your 9th house, you will find the ideal professional adviser to help you set up the foundations for your new company. You'll discover where your income originated as well. You have unquestionably had a lucky week, dear Libra. The week of rest is currently underway. Your ailments will be able to be cured.



SCORPIO : Ganesha says, it's a fortunate week to complete the acquisition of the property you've wanted for a while; don't stress about the money; Lord Shiva has wonders planned for you. You'll find yourself in a bad situation if you simply believe somebody. Don't trust anybody, not even yourself. Get ready for an unexpected celebration. All of your intimate buddies will be introduced to you this week. You'll get the chance to take a professional trip abroad. Ketu is not in a great situation this week, so you should use caution if your line of employment involves using heavy equipment. Deep-fried and sweet meals should be shunned since they may cause stomach issues.



SAGITTARIUS : Ganesha says, your colleagues will start to recognize you, Dear Sagittarius. Others will be

grateful for your help and encouragement during their trying times. Compared to the challenges you have been having, this week will be easier. You'll need to be slightly strict with your kids this week to maintain them on the correct path. It's possible that you'll run into a former lover and have a great evening with them, which could be an indication that your romantic life is improving. Giving the truth will help you get a better deal. Rather than attempting to persuade your workmates, be sincere with them. For now, your bodily and emotional health are substantially stronger.



CAPRICORN : Ganesha says, this week, your thoughts will be a little calmer and more controlled Dear Capricorn. This week will see the conclusion of the overanalyzing, which will carry with it a large degree of understanding. Your business will remain to grow modestly on the commercial side. You'll reconfigure your promotional tools this week. As you wrap up this week, you'll need to exercise additional caution. You will be disappointed when you perceive that your partner is seeking affection somewhere else in your connection, but don't worry-she won't lose direction and would rather realize your value. This week, your health will likely be affected by migraines, so stay away from noisy environments.



AQUARIUS : Ganesha says, this week, you will forge your individual course independent of everyone else Dear Aquarius. Your wandering emotions will finally focus on one thing. The corporate battlefields this week will be littered with errors. You'll discover this week that you're working toward objectives that are actually quite significant to you. If you have a steady task, you will come into contact with fresh people who have more professional expertise and knowledge from whom you could develop. If you're in a romance, you'll ask your family to assist you and the individual you love to continue the wedding conversation. This week, you may sometimes have back soreness related to your wellness.



PISCES : Ganesha says, this week, you'll suffer a terrible loss that will consume your emotions for the first half of the week but, you will shine and glow in happiness in the latter half of the week. Simply allow for it all too quiet out; don't worry. This is also a period that will fade. Due to your poor economic decision this week, your business factions will be tight. In regards of your connection, you will find the courage this week to ask your mate's parents to assist you in formally declaring your connection. You'll be under some psychological pain this week, which won't be helpful for your well-being. This week, make it an effort to relax.

**BIRTHDAY HOROSCOPE : SEPTEMBER 19 TO SEPTEMBER 25, 2022
BY ASTRO FRIEND CHIRAG - SON OF ASTROLOGER BEJAN DARUWALLA**

SEPTEMBER 19 : Ganesha says you to spend more time with those who are knowledgeable, have a high level of education, and have major positions in society. If you want to have friends, you need to work on overcoming your tendency to get grumpy, to be stubborn, and to be lazy at times. Gains in financial status are to be anticipated as a consequence of prior investments. Wonderful opportunity to take part in pursuits will come that bring joy to oneself and bring pleasure to others. Your health will remain in fantastic shape, but you will find yourself increasingly concerned about the well-being of a senior member of your family.

SEPTEMBER 20 : Ganesha says, you have a fantastic sense of humor and are a really happy and lovely person. He also says that you have a wonderful disposition. Despite the fact that you despise office politics, arguments, and conflict, you have a tendency to behave in ways that are occasionally envious, introverted, and selfish. This is something you need to work on. You should anticipate not only financial success but also physical benefits from this year. Long distance travel is something that will be done for both business and personal reasons. Children ought to place a greater emphasis on their future vocations.

SEPTEMBER 21 : Ganesha says, you have a fantastic imagination, a great deal of talent, and strong intuitive abilities. You are open and honest, but you need to work on controlling your behavior, which may be erratic, hypocritical, and ungrateful at times.

The following year is said to bring about fresh opportunities and renewed hope. Your achievements will directly reflect the amount of hard work that you put in, but there is no question that luck will be on our side. Your creative capacity will reach new heights, and you will be able to accomplish incredible things thanks to your vivid imagination and well-honed talents.

SEPTEMBER 22 : Ganesha says, although you are focused on research and have a lot of drive, you need to curb your occasionally envious, lazy, and inconsistent behavior. Although you have a lot of drive, you need to be more focused on research. This year, your investments will bring in additional income, and as a result, you will increase the amount of money you spend on luxuries and other creature comforts. There will be wonderful romantic entanglements, as well as wonderful opportunities to create unions that can lead to marriage. In the latter part of the year, you'll begin to experience religious urges that will compel you to go on a pilgrimage.

SEPTEMBER 23 : Ganesha says you to rein in your desire to rule outright, overspend, and occasionally act in a destructive manner. While you are extremely skilled and enjoy taking on new challenges, Ganesha warns you to do so responsibly. In order to get the most of this year, you need be sure to plan ahead. The effort that you put in throughout this period will, in due course, bring about the results that you're looking for. You're going to priorities

having a romantic relationship. Your current financial condition will begin to improve as soon as you select a career that provides you with a higher level of responsibility and position.

SEPTEMBER 24 : Ganesha says that despite the fact that you take pleasure in meeting new people, you must rein in your behavior, which can be erratic, stubborn, lethargic, and careless at times. The long-awaited promotions and financial awards are now going to be handed over to you. There is a possibility that you will have some financial issues in the beginning of the year; however, things will get better later in the year. It is a wonderful opportunity to establish brand-new relationships and deepen existing ones. It is imperative that travel take place so that one may be present at joyous occasions. Stay away from making any financial bets and steer clear of participating in any joint ventures.

SEPTEMBER 25 : Ganesha says, you are an original and creative person who possesses courage, dignity, and simplicity. People are able to relate to you effortlessly and think that you are a really compassionate person because of the great character you have. You abhor conflict and confrontation and place a high importance on harmony and tranquility; nonetheless, you have a propensity to behave in a way that is withdrawn, timid, and occasionally wasteful; this is a pattern that needs to be corrected. Your concerns regarding legal matters will be addressed in a manner that is cordial and satisfactory to you.

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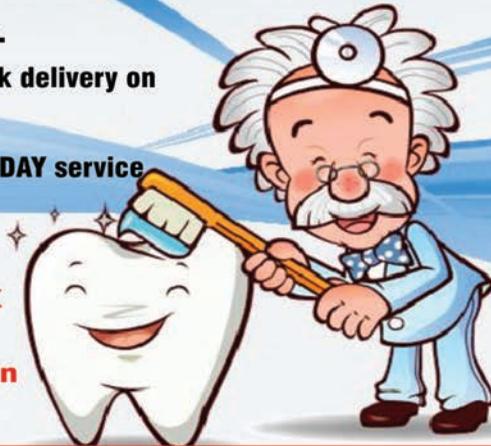
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Ekadashi of Krishna Paksha of Ashwin month is called Indira Ekadashi. The Ekadashi which improves the condition of the wandering ancestors is called Indira Ekadashi.

Shaligram is worshiped on this day. Tulsi Dal must be offered on Shaligram ji on this day.

The end of the fast of Ekadashi is called Parana. Parana is done after sunrise on the next day of Ekadashi fast. It is very important to break the Ekadashi fast before the end of the Dwadashi date. If the Dwadashi tithi is over before sunrise, then Ekadashi fasting ends only after sunrise and doing so is tantamount to sin.

Sometimes Ekadashi fast is observed for two consecutive days. When Ekadashi fasting is for two days, then smart family members should observe Ekadashi fast on the first day. The second day of the Ekadashi is called the 'Dooji Ekadashi'. Sannyasis, widows and devotees wishing to attain salvation should observe a fast on Duji Ekadashi. Whenever Ekadashi fast is for two days, then Duji Ekadashi and Vaishnava Ekadashi fall on the same day.

Indira Ekadashi Importance

The fast of Indira Ekadashi is associated with the liberation of the ancestors and the peace of their souls. By observing this fast, Lord Vishnu liberates the living beings. On this day, those who worship the Lord may get his blessings and their ancestors may rest in paradise. Along with that, worshipers may get immense happiness and prosperity in their life. They keep a day-long fast to please the Lord to seek his blessings. Besides, there is a great importance of reading Vishnu Sahasranama along with fasting rituals and worship. By doing so, one may receive peace in the three worlds.

Indira Ekadashi Vrat Katha

According to the legend, King Indrasen of Mahishmati Nagar was a great devotee and majestic king of Lord Vishnu in Satyuga. Everyone lived happily in his Mahishmati kingdom, the people there did not have any trouble. One day, when the king was discussing with his ministers sitting in the court, Devarshi Narada Muni appeared in his court.

Sage Narada informed the king that in your kingdom, all people are living a peaceful life, but your father is compelled to reside in Yamaloka due to his bad karmas. On hearing this, an anxious King Indrasen asked Devarshi Narada about his father's soul well-being. The sage told him that he must observe fast on Ekadashi of Krishna Paksha of Ashwin month to ward off his father's sins.

King Indrasen then asked sage Narada how to keep Ekadashi vrat? Narada replied that just a day before Indira Ekadashi, take a bath in the river on the tenth day and perform Shradh for your ancestors. On Ekadashi, worship Lord Vishnu and then eat fruits in the evening. By observing this fast, your father would get virtuous benefits. King Indrasen along with his brothers observed a ritualistic fast of Indira Ekadashi. As a result, his father got salvation and after the death of King Indrasen, his soul departed for heaven.

Puja Vidhi and Vrat Vidhi for Indira Ekadashi 2022

- Wake up early, take a bath in the morning and wear clean clothes.
- Mediate the Shaligram form of Lord Vishnu.
- Make a swastika on the cloth with kumkum.
- Offer flowers and rice on the swastika while chanting "Om Ganeshaya Namah" by bowing to Lord Ganesha.
- Then, install Shaligram or the picture of Lord Vishnu inside the home temple.
- Do Vishnu Puja by pouring gangajal water on the idol or picture of Lord Vishnu.
- Offer roli, sandalwood, akshat, incense sticks, sweets etc.
- Read Vishnu Sahasranama and perform aarti.
- In the evening, light a lamp in front of the Tulsi plant.
- Listen to the story of Indira Ekadashi Vrat.
- Donate food to Brahmins after performing Shradh in the name of ancestors.
- Conclude your fast by eating fruits on the day of Dwadashi.

Significance of Indira Ekadashi Vrat:

Indira Ekadashi Vrat blesses the devotees with

Indira Ekadashi



prosperity and richness. By observing Indira Ekadashi Vrat, the person can get rid of all the sins. Those who desire to free their ancestors from all offence and ultimately offer them peace must observe Indira Ekadashi Vrat with devotion and dedication. As per the Hindu scriptures, by observing the Indira Ekadashi Vrat, the devotees get the results of the 'Ashwamedha Yagya.' The prominence of Indira Ekadashi is mentioned in the 'Brahmavaivarta Purana' which was narrated to Yudhishtira by Lord Krishna.

Celebrations and Rituals:

A day before Indira Ekadashi, prayers and rituals are carried out in the memory of deceased ancestors. Devotees must consume only single meal on Dashami day. On Indira Ekadashi, devotee performs the rites of Shradh. An idol of Lord Vishnu is worshipped with great devotion. The devotees offer Tulsi leaves, flowers, fruits and other puja essentials to the idol. They also visit Lord Vishnu temple. On Indira Ekadashi, devotees abstain from eating anything. The Vrat ends on the next day by consuming food along with family members. The food is offered to priests and cows, before eating. Indira Ekadashi is dedicated to Lord Vishnu. Vedic mantras, kirtans, and bhajans are sung in praise of the Lord. The devotees should stay awake all night and sing devotional songs and listen to the stories of Lord Vishnu and recite 'Vishnu Sahastranaam.

Shaligram Worship

INGREDIENTS: Ganga jal, panchgavya (It is a mixture of 5 auspicious things cowdung, cow's urine, milk, ghee and curd), fresh tulsi leaves, kusha grass, pipal leaves, Incense sticks, camphor, sandal paste, aarti lamp, conch. For offerings take some milk, fruits, flowers, sweet dish, coconut etc.

PROCEDURE OF PUJA

Sit in the position so that you face East or North East direction. Wash the Shila with Gangajal using the conch. Wash it with punchgavya, again wash it with Gangajal. Put some kusha grass in a water tumbler for sprinkling purpose and sprinkle on the Shila. Place the Shaligram Shila over some pipal leaves in a plate, Pl put a red or white clean cloth on the plate. Light the camphor, incense stick and the lamp.

Apply little sandal paste over the Shila. place some fresh tulsi leaves(if leaves are not there pl place tulasi mala rosary next to the Shaligrama Shila) next to the in front of the Shila. Rotate the lamp in front of thr Shila in the clockwise direction. Chant Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare 9 times Offer some milk, fruits or sweets to the Shila. Offer some money and then donate all offerings of the Shila to the poor

person. If cowdung and cow's uine is not available pl leave them and proceed with rest of the things.

During Shalagram Shila puja prayers one should think and speak to Krishna, and tell Him how you feel unworthy to perform His puja, and still He has blessed you, and even you are sorry for having so many personal motives still you know that if one has NO motives (desires) or has ALL desires, or even if one has desire for liberation, in all cases one should worship Lord Hari for that attainment. So you are not wrong in asking the Lord for anything, because if you will ask or not, still, He is the One to ask. For this meditation you can chant:

"Om akama-sarva-kamo-va moksha-kama-udaradi tivrena bhakti-yogena yajesha purusham param."

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History This Week September 16 to September 22

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SEPTEMBER 16

September 16, 1620 - The Mayflower ship departed from England, bound for America with 102 passengers and a small crew. The ship weathered dangerous Atlantic storms and reached Provincetown, Massachusetts on November 21st. The Pilgrims disembarked at Plymouth on December 26th.

September 16, 1810 - Mexico's break from Spain began in the town of Dolores Hidalgo as Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla rang his church's bells and exhorted local Indians to "recover from the hated Spaniards the land stolen from your forefathers..."



William Crapo "Billy" Durant

September 16, 1908 - General Motors was founded by entrepreneur William Crapo "Billy" Durant in Flint, Michigan.

September 16, 1976 - The Episcopal Church in the U.S. approved the ordination of women priests and bishops.

September 16, 1982 - Beginning of a two-day massacre in Palestinian refugee camps in West Beirut as Christian militiamen (the Phalangists) entered Sabra and Shatila and began shooting hundreds of Palestinians, including elderly men, women and children.

SEPTEMBER 17

September 17, 1787 - At the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, delegates from twelve states voted unanimously to approve the proposed U.S. Constitution.

September 17, 1862 - The bloodiest day in U.S. military history occurred as General Robert E. Lee and the Confederate armies were stopped at Antietam in Maryland by General George B. McClellan and numerically superior Union forces. By nightfall 26,000 men were dead, wounded, or missing.

September 17, 1908 - The first fatality involving powered flight occurred as a biplane piloted by

Orville Wright fell from a height of 75 feet, killing Lt. Thomas E. Selfridge, his 26-year-old passenger. A crowd of nearly 2,000 spectators at Fort Myer, Virginia, observed the crash of the plane which was being tested for possible military use. Wright himself was seriously injured.

September 17, 1939 - Soviet Russians invaded Eastern Poland, meeting little resistance and taking over 200,000 Poles prisoner. This was done in accordance with the Nazi-Soviet Pact in which the Nazis and Soviets had predetermined how they would divide up Poland.

Birthday - Supreme Court Justice Warren E. Burger (1907-1995) was born in St. Paul, Minnesota. Appointed by President Nixon, he had the longest tenure (1969-86) of any Chief Justice in the 20th Century. In 1973, he voted in the majority on Roe vs. Wade which upheld a woman's right to an abortion. In 1974, he voted to force Nixon to surrender White House audio tapes to the Watergate special prosecutor.

SEPTEMBER 18

September 18, 1810 - Chile declared its independence from Spain after 269 years as a colony.

September 18, 1947 - The U.S. Air Force was established as a separate military service.



Greta Garbo

Birthday - Movie actress Greta Garbo (1905-1990) was born in Stockholm, Sweden (as Greta Lovisa Gustafsson). She retired and became a recluse after making 27 films, spanning the silent era through the beginning of sound movies.

SEPTEMBER 19

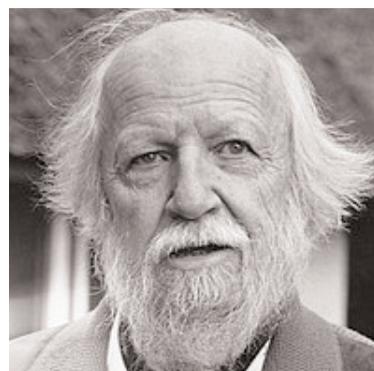
September 19, 1676 - Jamestown, Virginia, was attacked and burned during a rebellion led by Nathaniel Bacon against the Royal Governor, Sir William Berkeley.

September 19, 1893 - New Zealand became the first country to grant women the right to vote.

September 19-20, 1985 -

Earthquakes in Mexico City killed an estimated 5,000 to 20,000 persons and left more than 100,000 homeless, causing \$4 billion in damage. The quakes registered 8.1 and 7.5 on the Richter scale.

September 19, 1994 - U.S. troops invaded Haiti, with the stated goal of restoring democracy.



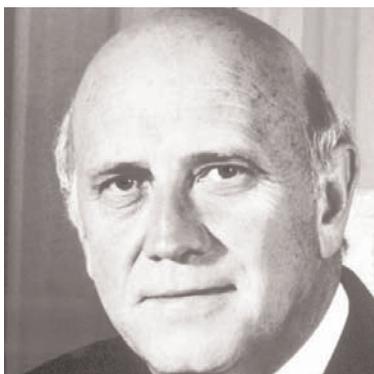
William Golding

Birthday - British author William Golding (1911-1993) was born in Cornwall, England. Best known for Lord of the Flies, he received a Nobel Prize in 1983.

SEPTEMBER 20

September 20, 1873 - The New York Stock Exchange was forced to close for the first time in its history as a result of a banking crisis during the financial Panic of 1873.

September 20, 1973 - The much-hyped "Battle of the Sexes" took place in the Houston Astrodome as tennis player and women's rights activist, Billie Jean King, defeated self-styled male chauvinist Bobby Riggs in three straight sets. Riggs, a retired tennis champion, had been critical of the quality of women's tennis.



F.W. De Klerk

September 20, 1989 - F.W. De Klerk was sworn in as president of South Africa. He began an era of reform aimed at ending apartheid and was succeeded by Nelson Mandela.

SEPTEMBER 21

September 21, 1949 - The People's Republic of China was

proclaimed by its Communist leaders.

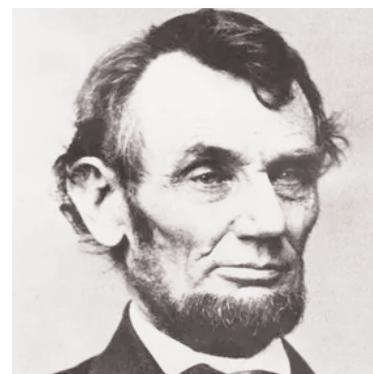
SEPTEMBER 22

September 22, 1776 - During the American Revolution, Nathan Hale was executed without a trial after he was caught spying on British troops on Long Island, his last words, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."



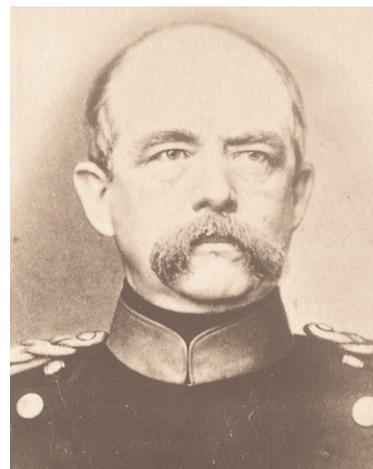
Shaka

September 22, 1828 - Shaka, chief of the Zulus and founder of the Zulu empire, was killed by his two half-brothers.



Abraham Lincoln

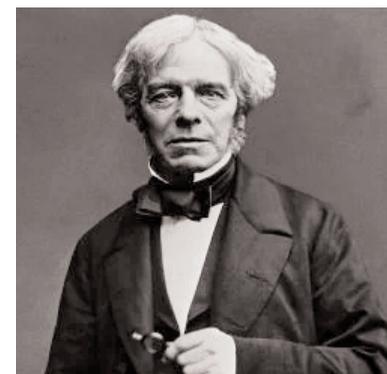
September 22, 1862 - President Abraham Lincoln issued a preliminary Emancipation Proclamation freeing the slaves in territories held by Confederates as of January 1, 1863.



Otto von Bismarck

September 22, 1862 - Otto von Bismarck became premier of Prussia. He forged a loose confederation of German states into a powerful nation, with Wilhelm I becoming Kaiser of the new German Empire.

September 22, 1996 - Australian Bob Dent, a cancer victim, became the first person to commit legally assisted suicide, via a lethal injection, under a voluntary euthanasia law.



Michael Faraday

Birthday - British scientist Michael Faraday (1791-1867) was born in Surrey, England. His discovery of electromagnetic induction proved that moving a magnet through a coil of wire produces a current, resulting in the development of electric generators.



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Biden warns Putin against use of nuclear weapons in Ukraine

counteroffensive this month, resorting to chemical or tactical nuclear weapons.

"You would change the face of war unlike anything since World War II," Mr. Biden said.

"They will become more of a pariah in the world, more than they have ever been," the U.S. leader added.

Ukraine has recaptured swaths of territory in the east from occupying Russian forces in recent weeks, boosted by heavy weapons supplied by Western allies.

And Moscow is facing fresh outrage from the West after the discovery of a mass grave outside the formerly Russian-occupied city of Izyum, where, Kyiv officials say, almost all of the exhumed bodies showed signs of torture.

But Mr. Putin remained steadfast, saying his war against Russia's Western-leaning neighbor was proceeding according to plan.

"The plan is not subject to adjustment," Mr. Putin said on Friday. "Our offensive operations in Donbas itself do not stop. They are going at a slow pace... The Russian army is occupying newer and newer territories."

President Murmu arrives in London to attend funeral of Queen Elizabeth II

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) confirmed earlier this week that the President will be travelling to

London to offer condolences on behalf of the government of India.

"In the 70 years of reign of HM Queen Elizabeth II, India-U.K. ties have evolved, flourished and strengthened immensely. She played an important role in the welfare of millions of people around the world as Head of the Commonwealth," the MEA statement read.

Indian Community organizations pay tribute to victims of 9/11 and condemn desecration of Gandhi statue

Consul General of India Randhir Jaiswal paid his tribute to the victims of 9/11. He also emphasized on the need to renew our commitment and resolve to be vigilant against hate crimes and terrorism and to embrace peace-filled harmony and non-violence which are also the preaching of India's Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi.

Mr. Prem Bhandari, Jaipur foot USA Chairman, said that there is a lot to learn from the values that Mahatma Gandhi embodies and strongly condemned the recent incidents of vandalism where the statue of the great global leader was desecrated and destroyed. He demanded strict action by the administration to punish those responsible for vandalism.

FIA President Mr. Kenny Desai said that there is nothing better than a peaceful march to convey our protest and bring the issue to the attention of concerned authorities as they continue to look the other way and take no major steps to address the issue.

FIA Chairman Mr. Ankur Vaidya said that as we remember and honor those

who lost their lives on this day, we should work peacefully with a committed resolve to abolish extremism and hate-crime.

Others who spoke on the occasion included, among others, Deputy Consul General Dr. Varun Jeph, Chairman of Bihar Foundation of North America Mr. Alok Kumar and The Indian Panorama Chief Editor Prof. Indrajit S Saluja

Prayers and Hymns were offered during the solemn affair.

Countdown begins for 3-day Made in India Trade Exhibition in Guatemala

exhibition in Cayala from 22-24 September. A day before, on 21 September, Indian Embassy in Guatemala and B & S Foundation are organizing first ever Thematic Fashion Show "Weaves of India" at Patio de la Vida, in the National palace of Guatemala, to showcase India's rich heritage, culture, textiles as a blend of modern & traditional wear.

The trade show is aimed at increasing B2B and B2C connectivity between India and Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, and other countries of the Latin American Region.

The trade show would showcase India's strength in Handicrafts, Textiles, Gem & Jewelry, Ayurveda products, Pharmaceuticals, and Automobiles sectors. The event would also focus on promoting India's rich heritage, culture, resilience in supply chain, particularly focusing on Atmanirbhar Bharat.

The main attraction of the event is 10 National Award winner artisans in handicrafts who are coming to the show



from India with the support of Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH). These 10 artists will be showcasing their art in handloom saree, jewelry, silver engraving, phad painting, among others.

On the sidelines of the main event, we are also organizing several cultural programs including yoga & ayurveda workshops; Incredible India tourism shows and Henna Workshops.

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Places to visit in September



Wondering about the best places to visit in September in India? If yes, then this is your quick guide to the best that India has on offer. And believe us, you will have a tough time choosing. Right from the misty, rolling hills of Munnar and the high Himalayas of Ladakh to the backwaters of Kerala and the ancient monasteries of Arunachal Pradesh, you can choose it all. While some surprise rain showers in September can set the roads just right for those scenic drives, the weather remains pretty much clear all along the month to make your vacation hassle-free.

Gangtok

Nestled in the lower Himalayas, the city of Gangtok has grown over the mountains and in the valleys. Seen from the skies or even from the ropeway, Gangtok shows a colourful facade against the backdrop of the snow-clad mountains. At one time, Gangtok was an important stop on the trade route between British India and Tibet. The Nathu La pass saw a constant stream of traders and travellers come across mountains on either side, bringing not only goods but religious texts and beliefs too. All that came to an end with the Indo-China war of 1962, which ended the independence of Tibet and closed its borders with India. In recent times, the situation has improved with the pass being opened for trade at regular intervals, and also with the route to Kailash being opened through this side. Things are looking up for Sikkim, and especially Gangtok. There is so much to see and do, that tourists are pouring in! Here are 10 places you must visit, if you are in Gangtok!

Nainital

You can choose from a myriad things to do in Nainital, Kumaon's famous tourist destination. While boating at Naini Lake is a quintessential Nainital experience, you can go for a session of stargazing at the Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences, ride up the ropeway to Snow View, go trekking up to Tiffin Top or get a sneak peek into Himalayan wildlife at the lesser known GB Pant Zoo. Evening strolls by the lakeside is, of course, a must do.

Gokarna

Gokarna, a sleepy little beach town, lies secluded off the national highway 17,



which makes its way to Goa. Located very close to the Karnataka-Goa border, Gokarna has been a popular destination since the 70s and 80s when hippies found this hamlet to be more peaceful and serene than the vibrant Goa. It was then only known as a spiritual town on the western coast of Karnataka, which was popular for its Mahabaleshwar Temple. With the incessant flow of tourists, backpackers and foreign hippies, Gokarna has carved a niche for itself in the Indian travel circuit. Its serene and secluded beaches, tucked away from the crowd are the major attractions that bring hordes of visitors to this beach hamlet. Though there are many beaches, some accessible only through a trek or a catamaran ride, Om Beach has been

extremely popular. With numerous shacks, hotels and cafes lined on Om Beach and Kudle Beach, Gokarna is an ideal place to relax and break away from the monotony of life.

Kullu-Manali

From the snowy delights of Rohtang Pass to the soothing warmth of the surrounding thermal springs, there are several places to visit in Kullu Manali for nature lovers and thrill seekers. With its picturesque views of snow-clad mountains, river valleys, charming cafes and laidback vibe, this hill station in Himachal Pradesh is an immensely popular vacation spot with both domestic and foreign tourists. Its widespread appeal draws everyone from adventure

sport enthusiasts and vacationing families and honeymoon couples and hippie backpackers. Here are seven places you must visit during your holiday.

Munnar

There are plenty of interesting places to visit in and around Munnar. While nature lovers must visit places like Echo Point, Eravikulam National Park and Kundala Lake, there is a lot for culture buffs as well. The dolmens and rock paintings at Marayur near Munnar, and the Tea Museum that is one of the biggest tea estates in town, are great for some cultural and historical insight. Other than these, the lush green tea estates that line the roadside in Munnar are a no less attraction for those who can marvel at picture perfect scenic beauty.

Arunachal Pradesh

Arunachal Pradesh is one of the Seven Sister states in the lesser explored region of North East India. I had the pleasure of exploring this state for 11 days and seeing the best of the best! I've lived in and travelled India for three years, but this has been my absolute favourite place that I've visited so far. There is a variety of people and cultures in Arunachal Pradesh. The northwest area is inhabited by Monpa people who are Buddhist and Tibetan in culture, while some areas are of Hindus and others are of Christians. The villages throughout the state have tribal people with many different beliefs such as worshipping the sun and the moon. With such a mixed bag, you might find it daunting to plan your itinerary, but you need not worry as here are some of the things to see in Arunachal Pradesh that must be a part of your list.

Ladakh

The rugged terrain of Ladakh is dotted with innumerable monasteries or gompas as the majority of its population practice Buddhism as their religion. These monasteries not only attract visitors for religious and cultural significance but also for architectural splendour. Old scriptures, thangkas, murals and other relics effortlessly capture the attention of visitors. Besides, the peaceful ambience of these gompas has a rejuvenating effect. To believe that you have seen it all by visiting just one monastery would be wrong as each monastery is unique in one way or the other.



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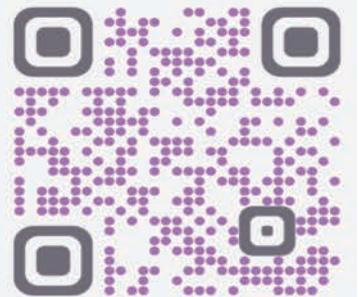
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TEENAGER PRANAV ANAND IS INDIA'S 76TH GRANDMASTER

Bengaluru teenager Pranav Anand became India's 76th Grandmaster after he crossed the 2,500 Elo mark in the ongoing World Youth Chess Championship in Mamaia, Romania.

The 15-year-old, having met the other requirements that are necessary for a GM title, achieved the honour late on Thursday, September 16. To become a GM, a player has to secure three GM norms and cross the live rating of 2,500 Elo points.

Anand had scored the third and final GM norm at the 55th Biel Chess Festival in Switzerland in July.

"He is passionate towards chess. Extremely interested and passionate towards the game. He can work for any number of hours," Anand's coach V Saravanan said.

"He is especially good in calculation and end games...they are his two biggest strengths right now," Saravanan said, while referring to his ward's ninth-round win in the Under-16 section of the World Youth Chess Championship 2022. Anand had secured his third and final GM norm by drawing his game against GM Eduardo Iturrizaga Bonelli (2619) in the penultimate round.

Source: PTI

King and queen of hearts

Federer, Serena leave behind lasting legacies, sport enters twilight of golden era

LONDON (TIP)

As Roger Federer joined Serena Williams in bringing down the curtain on an illustrious career, tennis moved ever closer to the end of a golden era.

Williams' emotional goodbye at the US Open earlier this month was followed by Federer's announcement on Thursday that next week's Laver Cup in London would be his last professional outing.

Both players had taken their sport to new levels and been proclaimed the best to ever wield a racquet, with 43 Grand Slam singles titles between them.

Their departures, along with the fact that Federer's great rivals Rafa Nadal and Novak Djokovic aren't getting any younger, have left fans looking back wistfully at a glorious period in the sport's history.

The 41-year-old Federer's decision was not unexpected given his recent struggles with injuries and form, but it was still met with an outpouring of sadness by tennis fans and former players.

"I wanted to find the perfect way to say this, as you so eloquently put this game to rest — perfectly done, just like your career," Williams said in an Instagram post, reacting to Federer's retirement. "I have always looked up to you and admired you. Our paths were always so similar, so much the same. You inspired countless millions and millions of people — including me — and we will never forget. Welcome to the retirement club."

Like the 23-time Grand Slam singles champion Williams, who in 10 days will also turn 41, the triumvirate of Federer, Nadal and Djokovic have dominated their sport for the last two decades.

And despite spending so many years on the tour, they continue to lure fans to the stands and television screens while their commercial pull still mesmerises brands and advertisers.

Williams' place in the sport was underlined by the fact that her final match at Flushing Meadows was the most-watched tennis telecast in ESPN's 43-year history, while the 2022 edition broke the tournament's all-time attendance record.

Big three

The so-called men's 'Big Three' revolutionised the sport with their own achievements and riveting rivalries. They won a combined 63 Grand Slam singles titles between them.



Federer played Nadal 40 times while Djokovic faced the Swiss in 50 matches as the trio boosted each other and along with it the sport as a whole and brought in new and old fans.

Yet in recent years injuries to Williams, Federer and Nadal have brought their retirement into sharper focus. Fans and pundits have wondered how the sport would cope with the prospect of losing their most marketable athletes.

With the exit of Williams and Federer in the space of three weeks, the answers could be at hand. Source: Reuters

India batters flop as England win by 7 wickets in 3rd T20

BRISTOL (TIP)

Indian bowlers put up a valiant effort with a below par total to defend before rookie Alice Capsey held her nerves to guide England to a seven-wicket win in the third women's T20 International and also clinch the series 2-1.

India put up an inept batting performance, scoring only 122 for eight, courtesy wicketkeeper Richa Ghosh's 22-ball 33 and all rounder Pooja Vastrakar's unbeaten 19 off 11 deliveries.

Indian batter were unable to navigate through the England spin bowling as the trio of Sophie Ecclestone (3/25), Sarah Glenn (2/11) and Bryony Smith accounted for six wickets.

England scored the runs in 18.2 overs, courtesy opener Sophia Dunkley's 49 off 44 and 18-year-old Caspey's unbeaten 38-run knock that took the hosts over the line and seal the three-match series 2-1.

"I think we were 20 runs short. Credit to our bowlers for keeping us in the game," India captain Harmanpreet Kaur said after the game.

"We just need to stick to our strengths. One needs to



have a decent total in any format of the game. We need partnerships with the bat," she added.

Chasing 123, the home side was off to a brilliant start with both openers Dunkley and Danni Wyatt (22 off 23 balls) sharing a 70-run stand before India triggered a mini batting collapse by snaring three quick wickets in as many overs.

Spin all-rounder Sneha Rana (1/32) provided the first breakthrough for the visitors as Wyatt miscued a shot.

Dunkley, who hit six fours, followed next as she was

cleaned up with an excellent delivery by Vastrakar (1/16). Captain Amy Jones' (3) stay in the middle was then cut short by Radha Yadav (1/14). But, Capsey, considered one of England's brightest young talents, continued to attack and played shots all around the ground. She was ably supported by Smith, who remained unbeaten on 13, as the two steered England to victory.

Earlier, India were in all sorts of trouble as they slipped to 75 for 7 before Ghosh and Vastrakar joined forces to take the visitors to a respectable total.

Both openers, the big hitting Shafali Verma (5 off 12) and Smriti Mandhana (9 off 8) were dismissed in the first four overs.

Verma was first to go as she misjudged the pace of the delivery by Issy Wong (1/24) with the ball deflecting off her pads on to the wicket.

Smith then got the prized wicket of Mandhana as Ecclestone held on to a brilliant catch.

Sabbhineni Meghana (0) and Dayalan Hemalatha (0) struggled to open their account while skipper Harmanpreet (5) also had a forgettable day.

Source: PTI



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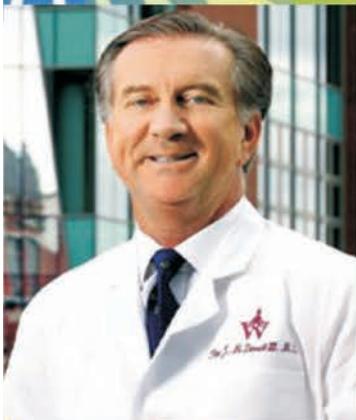


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