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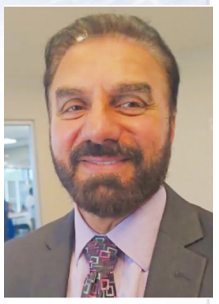
STANLEY GEORGE



POLITICAL STRATEGIST AND COMMENTATOR

Of Malayali Indian origin, Stanley Geroge is a political strategist and commentator, known for his advisory role in the U.S. Republican Party and association with President Donald Trump's political campaigns. George has gained prominence for his involvement in shaping immigration-related policies and building outreach among Indian-American voters.

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TULSI GABBARD

A HINDU VOICE IN AMERICAN POLITICS

Tulsi Gabbard made history in 2012 as the first Hindu elected to the U.S. Congress, representing Hawaii while serving as a Major in the U.S. Army National Guard and an Iraq War veteran. A former Democratic presidential candidate, she has championed healthcare reform, veterans' issues, and a restrained foreign policy. Though not of Indian origin, Gabbard identifies as Hindu and has been a strong advocate for closer India-U.S. relations, co-chairing the House India Caucus and promoting stronger bilateral ties.

BUSINESS & INVESTMENT

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INDRA NOOYI

THE GLOBAL ICON OF CORPORATE EXCELLENCE

Born in Chennai, India, Indra Nooyi rose to the pinnacle of American business, becoming one of the most influential corporate leaders of her generation. As Chairman and CEO of PepsiCo (2006-2019), she transformed the global giant through her visionary "Performance with Purpose" strategy, delivering sustained growth while championing health, sustainability, and innovation. A graduate of Madras Christian College, IIM Calcutta, and Yale University, Nooyi shattered glass ceilings, redefined corporate leadership, and inspired millions as one of the most powerful women in global business.

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PARAG AGRAWAL

ENGINEER WHO REACHED SILICON VALLEY'S PINNACLE

From IIT Bombay to the corner office of Twitter, Parag Agrawal exemplifies the rise of Indian talent at the highest levels of corporate America. Handpicked by co-founder Jack Dorsey, he rose from software engineer to Chief Technology Officer and became Twitter's CEO in 2021, joining the league of India-born leaders who have shaped America's technology giants. After Twitter's acquisition, Agrawal returned to his engineering roots, founding Parallel Web Systems-an AI infrastructure startup that has attracted top-tier investors and rapidly emerged as a major force in AI.

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NIKESH ARORA

CONQUERING CORPORATE AMERICA

Born in India, Nikesh Arora is one of Corporate America's most successful technology leaders. At Google, he helped grow annual revenues from $2 billion to over $60 billion before leading multibillion-dollar investments at SoftBank. Since 2018, as Chairman and CEO of Palo Alto Networks, he has transformed the company into a global cybersecurity leader through cloud and AI innovation. An IIT (BHU) graduate, Arora is consistently ranked among America's highest-paid CEOs.

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RAMANI AYER

REWRITING THE FORTUNE 100 PLAYBOOK

Ramani Ayer became one of the first Indian-Americans to lead a Fortune 100 company, transforming The Hartford into a financial services powerhouse. As Chairman and CEO, he doubled its revenue from $12.5 billion to over $26 billion, earning the company a place in the Fortune 100 while gaining acclaim for customer service and management excellence. An IIT Bombay graduate with a master's and Ph.D. from Drexel University, Ayer has also chaired Hartford HealthCare and several leading insurance and civic organizations. He is also known for promoting global peace through Transcendental Meditation.

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AJAY BANGA

FROM INDIA'S BOARDROOMS TO THE WORLD BANK

Ajay Banga has risen from India's corporate sector to become one of the world's most influential business leaders. The first person of Indian origin to serve as president of the World Bank, he previously transformed Mastercard as CEO, tripling revenue and growing its market value from under $30 billion to over $360 billion while advancing financial inclusion for 500 million people. A graduate of St. Stephen's College and IIM Ahmedabad, Banga was awarded the Padma Shri by Indian in 2016 for his contributions to trade and industry.

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MANOJ BHARGAVA

MONK WHO ENERGIZED A SOFT DRINK EMPIRE

Manoj Bhargava turned a simple idea into a billion-dollar success by creating the iconic 5-hour ENERGY drink, one of America's best-selling consumer products. Born in Lucknow, India, he left Princeton University and spent 12 years in an Indian ashram before returning to build his business empire. A signatory of the Giving Pledge, Bhargava has committed 99% of his wealth to philanthropy through The Hans Foundation and Billions in Change, transforming healthcare, education, and rural livelihoods in India and beyond.

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