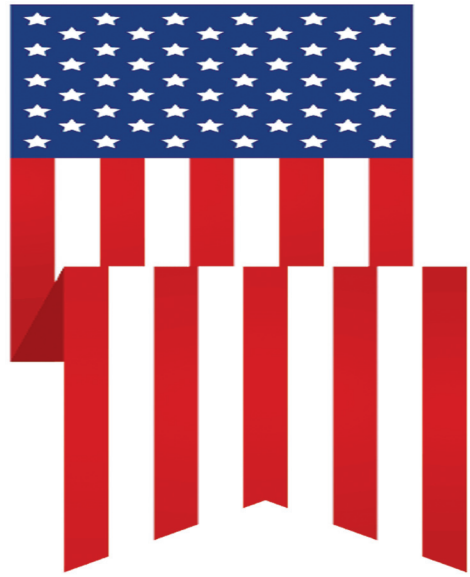




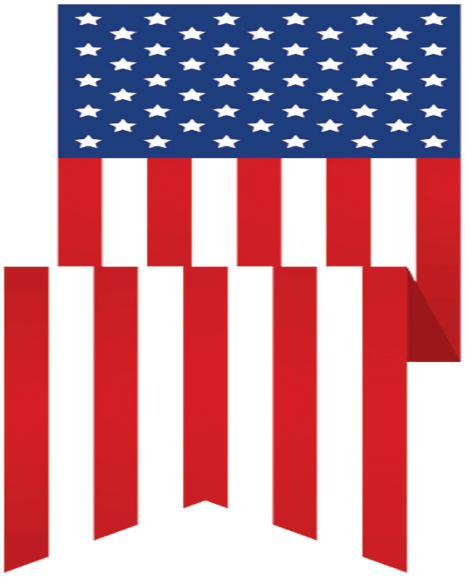
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PURNIMA DESAI

CULTURAL AMBASSADOR OF INDIA NONPAREIL

Mrs. Purnima A. Desai is a distinguished cultural leader, educator, and humanitarian dedicated to serving the Indian community in America for decades. She is the Founder of Shikshayatan Cultural Center and Sriniketan Foundation in New York, through which she promotes education, classical arts, wellness, and spiritual growth. Honored with titles such as 'Ambassador of Peace' and 'A Loving Light', Mrs. Desai continues to inspire lives through her selfless service and vision of a harmonious and enriched society.





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LALA HARDYAL

SPARKED INDIA'S FREEDOM MOVEMENT FROM AMERICA

Lala Har Dayal was a visionary nationalist whose years in the United States transformed the Indian independence movement abroad. As the principal founder of the Ghadar Party in California in 1913, he inspired thousands of Indian immigrants to challenge British colonial rule. A brilliant scholar educated at Oxford, Har Dayal combined intellectual leadership with revolutionary activism, making the Ghadar movement one of the earliest organized efforts for India's freedom from American soil.



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BHAGAT SINGH THIND

SIKH IMMIGRANT WHO CHANGED US' CITIZENSHIP DEBATE

Bhagat Singh Thind became a defining figure in the struggle for immigrant rights after challenging racial barriers to U.S. citizenship in the landmark United States v. Bhagat Singh Thind (1923). Though the Supreme Court ruled against him, his persistence ultimately led to his naturalization and helped shape the broader debate on race and citizenship in America. A U.S. Army veteran and lecturer on Indian philosophy, Thind became a symbol of resilience for generations of Indian Americans.



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SUHAG SHUKLA

A LEADING VOICE FOR HINDU AMERICANS

Suhag Shukla has emerged as one of the most influential advocates for Hindu civil rights in the United States. As the Executive Director and co-founder of the Hindu American Foundation, she has championed religious freedom, human rights, and fair representation of Hindus in education, media, and public policy. A former attorney, Shukla regularly engages with lawmakers, academic institutions, and international forums, strengthening the voice of the Hindu American community while promoting pluralism and constitutional freedoms.



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CHAMPIONING INDIC THOUGHT ON THE GLOBAL STAGE

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