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## Meet Usha Chilukuri Vance



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Usha Vance is an accomplished attorney and together with the nominee has three children.

MILWAUKEE, WI (IANS) – On July 15, Donald Trump selected JD Vance, a first-time senator from Ohio, as his running mate for the vice-presidential post. Vance, who is 40 years younger than Trump, is making

headlines not only for his selection but also for his Indian connection through his wife, Usha Chilukuri Vance.

Usha Chilukuri Vance is the daughter of Indian immigrants from Andhra Pradesh.

Born and raised in the US, Chilukuri is from San Diego, CA where she attended Mt. Carmel High School. She received her BA degree in history from Yale University in 2007 and an MPhil from the University of Cambridge in 2009, where she was a Gates Cambridge Scholar. Chilukuri taught American history as a Yale-China Teaching Fellow at Sun Yat-sen University in Guangzhou, China, before she returned to attend Yale law school.

She has served on the board of the Gates Cambridge Alumni Association and as secretary of the board of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. She has clerked for Chief Justice John G. Roberts and Judge Brett Kavanaugh.

Usha and JD Vance met at Yale Law School, where they developed a close relationship. The couple had two ceremonies for their wedding in 2014: a traditional wedding ceremony and a separate Hindu ceremony conducted by a Hindu priest, honoring Usha's Hindu heritage. They have three children: Ewan, 6, Vivek, 4, and Mirabel, 2.

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## Violence Has No Place In Politics: Modi



The two leaders have met several times.

NEW DELHI, (IANS) - Prime Minister Narendra Modi has condemned the attack on US Presidential candidate Donald Trump, saying that "violence has no place in politics."

Modi posted, "Deeply concerned by the attack on my friend, former President Donald Trump. Strongly condemn the incident. Violence has no place in politics and democracies."

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## Suhas Subramanyam Likely To Be Next Indian American Congressman



The Indian American has emerged triumphant in a hard fought primary.

### India-West News Desk

RICHMOND, VA – Suhas Subramanyam has secured the Democratic primary for a Congressional seat in Virginia's 10th Congressional District. He beat back a crowded Democratic field of 11 other candidates, including fellow Indian American Krystle Kaul.

Subramanyam, 37, the first Indian American

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## Tesla Crash: CA Doctor Avoids Jail Time On Mental Health Grounds



Dharmesh Patel had the support of his wife.

### India-West News Desk

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – Dharmesh Arvind Patel, the Pasadena doctor who drove his

Tesla off Highway 1 on the San Mateo County coast with his family inside, will avoid jail time. San Mateo County District Attorney

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# First Indian Visa Application Centers Inaugurated In Seattle, Bellevue



travel to India.” He added, “Providing smooth and efficient consular services is one of our top priorities, and we welcome any feedback and suggestions for further improvement from all applicants as we commence our consular operations in the Greater Seattle Area.”

Both the IVAC centers will be managed by Amit Kumar Sharma, Head – Americas, VFS Global who stated, “The new centers in Seattle and Bellevue will play a crucial

# Consulate Sets Up Portal For Students To Find Internships



NEW YORK, NY (ANI) – The Consulate General of India in New York has launched an initiative to assist Indian students studying in the northeastern United States, the region it serves. The consulate’s move will assist Indian students with internship opportunities, legal referrals, and access to medical professionals.

Indian students have been coming by the droves to the US and constitute 25 percent of the more than one million foreign students in the US.

The portal lists positions in a wide range of fields, including finance, IT, investment banking,

automotive, software, science and technology, healthcare, hotels, multinational corporations, government agencies, aviation, artificial intelligence, and pharma.

The New York Consulate is also providing students with referrals to attorneys and doctors within its jurisdiction.

“Members of the community may reach out to the Attorneys directly with the Consulate General’s reference,” the Consulate cautioned. “It may please be noted that this initiative is aimed at assisting the Indian community and that the Consulate does not hold any responsibility for the outcome of the case.”

**India-West Staff Reporter**

SEATTLE, WA - City Mayor Bruce Harrell and Prakash Gupta, Consul General of India, inaugurated the first Indian Visa Application Center (IVAC) in Seattle and Bellevue on July 12.

The IVAC services follow the opening of the first Indian Consulate in Seattle in November 2023. These centers will offer consular services such as visas, passports, Overseas Citizen of India cards, and other related requirements to residents of Greater Seattle.

Mayor Harrell expressed his admiration for the Indian com-

munity in the Greater Seattle area, highlighting their significant contributions to strengthening the bonds of friendship between India and the US.

Consul Gupta emphasized the importance of the new visa application centers, stating, “The opening of the Indian Consulate in Seattle reflects the Government of India’s strong commitment to deepen our relations with the Pacific Northwestern states of the US. Through the opening of these new visa application centers in Seattle and Bellevue, we hope to ensure a more convenient experience for all consular applicants preparing their

role in catering to the growing demand for visa and consular services to India. We are confident that these visa application centers will enhance the customer experience by making the visa application process smoother, thereby helping us serve travelers and the Indian diaspora better.”

These services are expected to benefit the large Indian diaspora community within the consular jurisdiction of the Indian Consulate in Seattle, which covers nine Pacific Northwestern states: Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington, and Wyoming.

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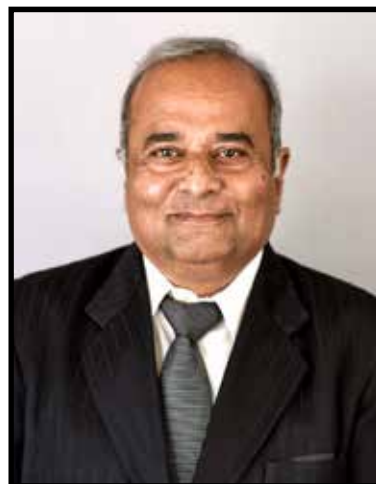
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## OPINION

# Education, National Security, Gun Control, Climate, Matter To Asian American Voters

LOS ANGELES, CA – Asian Americans Advancing Justice – AAJC, alongside its partners, has unveiled the findings from the bi-annual Asian American Voter Survey (AAVS), the longest-running longitudinal survey of AAPI voters. The results indicate key trends and concerns within the community as the 2024 elections approach.

The survey of 2,479 Asian American voters was conducted using mixed modes, self-administered responses via an online panel and telephone interviews of respondents selected from a classified list of Asian American voters for the six largest ethnic groups (Chinese, Indian, Filipino, Korean, Vietnamese, and Japanese).

According to the survey, 46% of Asian American voters indicate they are likely to vote for

President Biden, a decrease from 54% in 2020. Meanwhile, Trump has made little headway with 31% expressing support for him, a marginal shift from 30% in the previous election. Additionally, 5% of respondents are considering other candidates, a significant increase from just 1% in 2020. The remaining voters are either undecided or chose not to disclose their preference.

A significant majority, 90% of Asian American voters, confirmed their intention to vote in the upcoming elections, with 68% stating they are certain they will participate. The survey highlights several key issues that are particularly important to this demographic: education (80%), national security



(77%), and immigration (71%).

A significant majority of Asian American voters (77%) support stricter gun. Among them, 53% agree “very strongly” on the need for more stringent regulations to address gun violence and enhance public safety.

Climate change is another pressing concern for Asian American voters, with over two-thirds (69%) advocating for stronger legislation

from Congress and the president to mitigate its effects. The community calls for decisive action to combat climate change and protect the environment for future generations.

Moreover, the survey reveals that over two-thirds (68%) of Asian American voters are concerned about hate crimes, harassment, and discrimination, with 38% reporting they worry about these issues “sometimes,” 17% “sometimes often,” and 13% “very often.”

Asian Americans have emerged as the fastest-growing group of eligible voters in the U.S., expanding by 15% in the last four years alone. Their turnout has been pivotal in federal elections since 2016, with a notable surge in 2020, particularly in battleground states, where new

Asian American voters played a crucial role in Biden’s victory.

“Asian Americans are rapidly diversifying the American electorate, and it is critical for us to update our understanding of what motivates them and informs their voting choices,” said Karthick Ramakrishnan, Executive Director of AAPI Data. “We see ongoing evidence of dynamism within the Asian American electorate, including on matters pertaining to presidential vote choice and party preferences on key issues ranging from inflation to health care and immigration.”

*Conducted in partnership with AAPI Data, APIAVote, and AARP, the AAVS is a detailed, multilingual survey designed to delve into the issues that matter most to this rapidly growing electorate and to understand how these issues influence their voting behavior.* (IWJ)

## After Trump Shooting, Presidential Race Will Change, Possibly Violently

In a country already on edge, the assassination attempt on former President Donald Trump has enraged his supporters, paused the Democratic campaign and raised fears of further political violence in the run-up to November’s election.

Trump’s Republican allies painted him as a hero, seizing on the image of him with his ear bloodied and fist raised, appearing to mouth the words “Fight! Fight! Fight!”

Whereas Trump has regularly used violent language with his followers, advisers and allies of the former president flipped the script on his Democratic opponent President Joe Biden, saying it was the demonization of the Republican presidential candidate that led to the assassination attempt.

“Today is not just some isolated incident. The central premise of the Biden campaign is that President Donald Trump is an authoritarian fascist who must be stopped at all costs. That rhetoric led directly to President Trump’s attempted assassination,” Senator J.D. Vance of Ohio, a top candidate to be Trump’s running mate, said.

Biden moved quickly to try to defuse the situation, denouncing the attack as unacceptable political violence and pulling election ads

attacking Trump. “There’s no place in America for this kind of violence. It’s sick,” Biden told reporters.

The motivation of the shooter is not yet known. The suspect, 20-year-old Thomas Matthew Crooks of Bethel Park, Pennsylvania, was a registered Republican, according to state voter records. He previously made a \$15 donation to a political action committee that raises money for left-leaning and Democratic politicians. In the short term, the attack will likely boost Trump’s appearances in Milwaukee this week at the Republican National Convention as he accepts his party’s presidential nomination, fortifying the sense of grievance and estrangement his supporters already feel toward the nation’s political class.

Within hours of the shooting, Trump’s campaign sent out a text asking voters to contribute to the campaign. “They’re not after me, they’re after you,” the message read.

Billionaires Elon Musk and Bill Ackman also swiftly endorsed Trump. “I fully endorse President Trump and hope for his rapid recovery,” Musk said on X, the social media site he owns.

Chris LaCivita, the co-manager of Trump’s campaign, said on X that



“for years and even today, leftist activists, Democrat donors and now even Joe Biden have made disgusting remarks and descriptions of shooting Donald Trump ... it’s high time they be held accountable for it... the best way is through the ballot box.”

LaCivita was apparently referring to recent remarks by Biden made in the context of asking his supporters to focus on beating Trump rather than his own performance. “So, we’re done talking about the debate, it’s time to put Trump in a bullseye,” said Biden, who has always condemned any political violence.

The U.S. is grappling with the biggest and most sustained increase in political violence since the 1970s. Of 14 fatal political attacks since supporters of Trump stormed the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, in which the perpetrator or suspect had a clear partisan

leaning, 13 were right-wing assailants. One was on the left. Despite being a former president, Trump has campaigned as an outsider insurgent, complaining that he has long been targeted by the federal “deep state” and Biden’s administration to prevent him from reclaiming power.

He has typically employed violent, degrading and even apocalyptic rhetoric while doing so, warning of a “bloodbath” if he is not elected and saying immigrants in the United States illegally are “poisoning the blood of our country.”

Some Republicans were already agitated by his continued stoking of the fire. “If the country wasn’t a powder keg before, it is now,” said Chip Felkel, a Republican operative in South Carolina who has opposed Trump. Brad Bannon, a Democratic strategist, said the shooting could benefit Trump politically because it feeds into his campaign narrative that the country is off-track.

“The attempted assassination creates sympathy for Trump,” Bannon said. “It also confirms the idea to voters that something is fundamentally wrong in this nation, which is an idea that

drives support for him.”

Trump in May was found guilty of engaging in a scheme to cover up an affair with a porn star, a conviction that did little to alter the race and suggested supporters of both sides remain entrenched in their positions.

Biden has dealt with a debate within his own party over whether he should step down as the Democratic candidate because of concerns that he is no longer fit for the job. He says his doctors have told him he is in good shape. Trump has benefited in some polls from Biden’s disastrous debate performance last month, but others show the race to be even.

Many voters have already been alienated by both Biden and Trump. The chaos that surrounds the candidates may contribute to voters feeling that the nation’s problems are unfixable and the gulf between the parties cannot be bridged.

U.S. Representative Steve Scalise, a Republican who was shot by a gunman in 2017, told Fox News that violent election rhetoric needed to stop. “All it takes is one person who is just unhinged to hear that and go out and act on it and think that’s their signal to go take somebody out,” he said.

(Reuters).

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# SMAP-LA Hosts 3-Day Celebrations Featuring Talks & Entertainment

## India-West Staff Reporter

CERRITOS, CA – The Shivaji Maharaj Antarashtriya Parivar (SMAP) recently held a three-day celebration to mark the 350th Anniversary of the coronation of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. It began on June 21 with a three-hour networking cruise in Long Beach Harbor with 200 people in attendance.

A leadership summit was held on June 22 at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. The program began with a video session by Govind Dev Giri Swami, the treasurer of Ram Mandir Ayodhya. He said Shivaji Maharaj had united people and provided strong leadership to protect the rights of the local citizens to bring liberty, equality and justice for all and emphasized the need to learn from his leadership.

There were various panel discussions on the core values of SMAP – “Unite, Lead, Serve.” Panelists included Dr. Pradeep Shukla, an associate professor at Chapman University, Sattie Persaud from Forbes non-profit counsel, Dr. Ashish Pande, professor from IIT Mumbai, Dr. Kamaljeet J. Anand, professor from Stanford University, Brian Mac Mahon, entrepreneur, Ganesh Ramkrishnan, profes-



sor from IIT Mumbai, Scott Fox, entrepreneur, Charudutta Aphale Buwa, 8th generation kirtankar, Dr. Rohini Joshi, founder of NeuroSquare, and Dr. Nitin Shah, physician and social worker.

The chief guest of the evening was Sambhajiraje Chhatrapati, the 13th descendant of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. He spe-

cially came for this event from India, and spoke emotionally about the life, values, and legacy of his illustrious ancestor, highlighting Shivaji Maharaj's achievements and contributions to society. Additionally, he discussed his own initiatives in India, particularly the restoration of the Raigad Fort, one of the world's largest forts.

The panel sessions were followed with talks by Ashish Pandya, Art of Living Foundation, Miss World America, Shree Saini and H R Gaikwad of BVG Group who shared details of his company doing research in the medical field. The entertainment segment featured various talented local performers and the Gulzaarish Group.

and other inspirational events. Miss India, Simran Ahuja was the emcee.

The organizing committee was composed of 82 members, 60 volunteers, 50 supporting organizations, and over 300 performers, a statement said. The huge celebration was spearheaded by Vijay Patil, SMAP founder and global president.

## Stopping The Stigma Of Alzheimer's In The South Asian Community

By Payal Sawhney,  
Founding Executive Director,  
Saahas for Cause

In my culture, we believe in karma. The belief is largely shared within the South Asian community. Because karma says that the sum of our past actions can be the cause of our current situation, it leads us to blame ourselves when something bad happens. This is one of the reasons why diseases like Alzheimer's and related dementias (ADRDs) are so stigmatized within our community – somehow, they are our own karma. To start shifting this cultural perspective, we need to provide resources and information to our community about what Alzheimer's disease is, why it happens, what the signs are, and that a diagnosis is not anyone's fault.

Alzheimer's is now the second leading cause of death in California. Currently, more than 690,000 individuals across the state are living with Alzheimer's, and that number is projected to double by 2040.<sup>1, 2, 3</sup> This is why the California Department of Public Health's Take on Alzheimer's media campaign is crucial to our current and future aging population. This campaign is the first-ever statewide campaign of its kind aiming to drive behavior change by educating Californians about the prevalence of Alzheimer's, and to provide easy and accessible informational resources to better under-



stand relevant risk factors, combat fear and stigma and improve overall brain health.

It is not uncommon for conversations around diabetes, obesity, and heart attacks to be held openly in social settings, but there's rarely conversations about mental health, brain health, or the impact or risk these can have for developing Alzheimer's. When it comes to health, many South Asians ignore anything above the neck and don't consider the brain an important part of the body. The South Asian community is also very resistant to preventive medicine and will ignore signs and symptoms because they don't want to hear a clinical explanation.

I want our community to know that there is no shame in receiving a diagnosis of ADRDs. That is one of the key messages of the Take on Alzheimer's campaign, and we hope it leads to more screening and early

detection. The earlier ADRDs are diagnosed, the greater chance someone has to improve or extend their overall quality of life while managing their condition, which is also helpful for loved ones with the disease, their family, and their caregivers.

However, stigma plays a large role in preventing people from getting screened early and receiving a diagnosis. Even families feel it is a huge stigma to have a family member suffering from a brain issue. It is important to educate our South Asian Community to help them understand that the sooner you take action to address ADRDs with your loved one and their healthcare provider, the better position you are in to provide the attention and care they need and the more time you have to plan ahead.

After a diagnosis, our older adults are at high risk of being depressed which is why educating those living with Alzheimer's and their family members is crucial. There is a huge need for communities like ours to create social settings that stimulate the brain because if older adults with Alzheimer's are left isolated, we know that the disease can progress even faster. Saahas for Cause provides this through older adult wellness groups that focus on physical, mental, financial, and spiritual health. Called Mauj Masti Sehat (which means fun, relaxation, and health in Hindi), we work to incorpo-

rate all three of these elements with every session, carefully curated by professors, psychologists, and social workers.

A senior that has attended these sessions asked one day if it was okay to bring his wife next time. He eventually shared that he suspected his wife was showing signs of Alzheimer's. When she started coming to the group, we learned she was eligible to become a U.S. citizen years ago but because of her memory issues she never applied. This was a big misunderstanding because there are provisions for people with cognitive impairment and memory issues and our staff were able to walk her through the process to help her obtain her citizenship. There is so much information that people don't know because they are afraid to ask. It not only took a long time for her husband to bring her along, but he also felt like he needed to ask for permission to do so. That's the intensity of stigma.

We need to talk more about these issues connected to our brain health to help break the stigma. To learn more and to understand ways to reduce risk, support others, and take charge of brain health, visit [TakeonALZ.com](http://TakeonALZ.com).

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The new Om Shanti Meditation Center.



Sister Mohini, Sister Jayanti, and dignitaries at the inauguration.

India-West Staff Reporter

MILPITAS, CA – The Brahma Kumaris Silicon Valley here, celebrated the inauguration of its new Om Shanti Meditation Center on June 22. The event, graced by Sister Mohini, Sister Jayanti, additional administrative heads of the Brahma Kumaris, and esteemed dignitaries, was a jubilant gathering filled with expressions of joy, gratitude, and love.

Under the leadership of Sister Kusum Kejriwal, Brahma Kumaris Silicon Valley has served the Bay Area for over 28 years. The Om Shanti Meditation Center stands as a testament to their commitment, built with heartfelt enthusiasm and good wishes to offer the transformative benefits of Rajayoga meditation to the



The atmosphere was festive with prayer, dance and live drums.



local community, the organization said.

The center, in a press release said, that it is open to people from all religious and cultural backgrounds and is a place to reflect and witness the transformative benefits of Raja Yoga and meditation.

The center said it will host spiritual

retreats, personal development series, and provide value-based education for children, with the aim of empowering individuals to discover and embody their best selves.

As the world's largest spiritual organization led by women, the Brahma Kumaris

boast over 9,000 centers across more than 115 countries and a student community exceeding one million. For over 80 years, their leaders have exemplified unwavering courage and steadfast faith, fostering unity and tirelessly working towards a better world, the press release said.

## Memory Loss That Disrupts Daily Life, Misplacing items, Confusion with Time or Place? Recognizing Alzheimer's Disease Early and Getting Treatment Helps Families and Patients Improve Quality of Life

By Wynnelena Canio, MD, AGSF Geriatrician (IM) and Psychiatrist, Regional Dementia Care Clinical Lead, Kaiser Permanente Northern California

My grandma was diagnosed with dementia when I was in college. She started mixing up the stories she had told me growing up. Her doctor gave her medication and told her it may or may not help.

Over the years, as a family, we suffered ambiguous loss as grandma was losing her ability to cook, move independently, shower on her own, control her bladder, amongst other things. Like most Asian families, we took turns helping her with these increasing disabilities, while learning how to communicate in her disease/stage-appropriate language. One day, as I was helping her bathe, she cried and said, "why are you helping me with this, I bathed you." I responded, "you're right you did, so now it's my turn."

When grandma's paid caregiver moved, my mom decided to retire early to take care of her at home. Given how emotionally and physically draining as it was, mom often said "I'll die before her." I'd give mom a break and I'd take grandma to spend one week at a time with us in Petaluma.

This was an extremely arduous journey for

us, the progression of the disease revealing new challenges at every turn, which required us to learn and adapt. This is a journey not unlike every caregiver and family with a loved one suffering from dementia.

While caring for our elders is a cultural touchstone for many AAPI communities, the challenge of older adult care and managing a multigenerational household can be overwhelming for anyone. When a parent, grandparent or other loved one begins to show a new pattern of forgetfulness, lost items or confusion with time – possible early signs of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRDs) – the stress for caregivers is compounded. The loved one, often aware of their increasing lapses may also fear their loss of control and the stigma of aging and becoming a burden to their family.

Now, the State of California is helping people meet these challenges through the Take on Alzheimer's campaign. The first-ever statewide campaign of its kind, it aims to shift perceptions and reduce stigma around Alzheimer's.

For Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) populations the message is critical. We know that almost half (46%) of Asian Americans say that they are concerned about developing Alzheimer's or dementia and 90% worry about being a burden on their family if they develop Alzheimer's disease.

Moreover, we know that stigma can play a role in limiting the help families receive. Too often AAPI families experience shame that deters them from seeking information, assistance, or a formal diagnosis, until the disease has progressed to later stages.

Honest and empathetic conversations with friends, loved ones or a clinician can be critical to improving outcomes. The earlier ADRDs are diagnosed, the better it is for the loved one with the disease and their caregivers. Take on Alzheimer's hopes to make conversations about symptoms, diagnosis, and caregiving commonplace. We want people to know that first and foremost, there are things we can do to take care of our brain health before and after diagnosis. We also want to shift perceptions so that people understand that Alzheimer's is a neurological disorder and not a psychiatric disorder. There are new treatments and considerable research in this area, and we expect care and therapies to get even better.

Why is California taking on Alzheimer's now? According to the 2024 California State of Public Health report, Alzheimer's is now the second leading cause of death in California, affecting over 690,000 individuals across the state. California is expecting the number of residents living with Alzheimer's to double by 2040.

By identifying when memory loss disrupts

your loved one's daily life or tasks, you can discuss symptoms with a doctor and take action. It's ok to be afraid at this step, but open communication leads to better outcomes and increased support for the affected loved one.

California's Take on Alzheimer's campaign hopes that by fighting the stigma associated with Alzheimer's, people can get the resources and assistance they need sooner. Especially in the early stages, eating a balanced diet, exercising, getting good sleep, and staying socially connected help preserve quality of life.

With early screening and detection, people with ADRD, along with their family members, have the chance to make the choices that are right for them. Families can also take critical steps to create the necessary legal and financial plans for their affected loved one. While these conversations may be difficult to start, they are critically important to ensuring your loved one's needs and wishes are met.

Ready to start the conversation? Visit [TakeOnAlz.com](http://TakeOnAlz.com) for information, tips and resources.

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Dr. Canio is the Regional Dementia Care Clinical Lead for Kaiser Permanente of Northern California.



# Peace Of Mind On The Road: VinFast VF 8 Impresses With Advanced Safety Features



*VinFast VF 8 prioritizes safety. The car secured high marks in Euro NCAP's stringent tests, achieving a perfect score in some areas of overall protection. Further solidifying its safety credentials, the VF 8 also garnered a 5-star rating from the ASEAN NCAP. These accolades underscore VinFast's commitment to its "Customer-centric" philosophy, with many owners reporting that the car's safety features have prevented accidents and instilled confidence during long drives.*

The VinFast VF 8, the Vietnamese automaker's first foray into the international car market, is garnering positive reviews for its advanced driver-assistance systems (ADAS). Data analyst Natalie Ly credits the VF 8 with preventing an accident. "The car's automatic emergency braking (AEB) kicked in once and saved us," Ly said. "The lane departure warning system also helps keep me alert on long drives. ADAS level 2 is a lifesaver for long road trips."

Ly's experience is not unique. Many VF 8 owners are expressing satisfaction with the car's safety features, which complement its sleek design and smooth driving experience. Hung Pham, an electronic engineer, highlighted the car's helpful driving aids, including the head-up display (HUD) and 360-degree camera system.

"The car offers a lot of technology features, and my enjoyment of ownership to increase even further once I've fully explored them all," Pham said. Pham also recounted two instances where the car's lane departure warning system helped him avoid accidents.

While some drivers may prioritize established brands, Pham sees value in VinFast's fresh perspective. "I would definitely recommend this car, especially for those who appreciate a new brand and want to stand out," he said.

"VF8 is a safe car. I feel well protected while I'm in it," he added.

The VinFast VF 8 electric SUV boasts a comprehensive suite of ADAS designed to enhance safety on the road. Cameras and sensors work in concert to maintain safe following distances, warn drivers of lane departures, and automatically engage emergency braking when necessary. This technology is particularly helpful in scenarios where drivers encounter unexpected obstacles or are unable to apply the brakes with sufficient force.

The VF 8's ADAS suite includes features like highway driving assistance, traffic jam assist, lane keeping assist, lane departure warning, collision warning, smart speed adjustment, traffic sign recognition, and automatic emergency braking.

Beyond ADAS, the VF 8 is equipped with a host of additional high-end features, solidifying its position as a compelling choice for car enthusiasts.

## Safety Certifications Highlight VF 8's Strength

The VF 8's robust safety features have garnered recognition from prestigious safety organizations. Euro NCAP, a rigorous testing program relied upon by manufacturers and drivers alike, awarded the VF 8 a 4-star safety rating, narrowly missing a 5-star designation by a mere 4%.

Euro NCAP's evaluation utilized a VF 8 Plus variant equipped with the full suite of standard safety features and technology. These features include 11 airbags (including central front-seat airbags), an ADAS package with AEB and lane keeping assist, and more.

The VF 8 excelled in child occupant protection during both frontal and side impact tests, with child mannequins demonstrating exceptional protection across critical body areas. This achievement is reflected in the car's outstanding 89% score for child occupant protection in its Euro NCAP

debut. This category score ranks among the best tested by the independent assessment program throughout 2023, underlining VinFast's commitment to developing vehicles with top-tier safety standards. As a result, the VF 8 emerges as an ideal choice for families seeking a secure and comfortable driving experience for their children.

The VF 8's performance extended beyond child occupant protection. It also received high marks in the categories of vulnerable road user protection and safety assist systems. This comprehensive suite of safety features positions the VF 8 as a frontrunner in the family SUV segment, offering peace of mind for parents and ensuring the safety of all passengers.

VinFast's AEB system is particularly noteworthy, demonstrating exceptional responsiveness to pedestrians, other vehicles, and even cyclists at risk of collision. The system excelled in tests involving pedestrians, protecting individuals even behind the reversing vehicle. Similarly, the AEB system performed admirably in cyclist scenarios, including preventing or warning against opening doors when a cyclist approaches from behind. The system achieved top scores in all tests involving motorcyclists.

## Award-Winning Safety: Recognition from Multiple Organizations

The VF 8's safety prowess extends beyond Euro NCAP's evaluation. It has also earned 5-star ratings from the New Car Assessment Program for Southeast Asia (ASEAN NCAP).

Biennially, the ASEAN NCAP organization hosts the prestigious Grand Prix Awards to recognize manufacturers demonstrating exceptional safety standards.

On May 28, 2024, ASEAN NCAP awarded the VF 8 a remarkable five out of six top safety awards. These awards included "Best Child Occupant Protection," "Best Safety Assist," "Best Overall," "Best Motorcyclist Safety," and "Best SUV." Facing competition from over 15 major manufacturers in the ASEAN region, VinFast secured recognition in nearly every category. This achievement stands as a testament to VinFast's exceptional capabilities and unwavering commitment to prioritizing occupant safety.

The VinFast VF 8's safety features are a major selling point for consumers seeking a reassuring electrification experience. The car's affordability is further enhanced by VinFast's attractive leasing policy, making it easier for many customers to make the switch to an electric vehicle.

Beyond the technology itself, consumers also expressed appreciation for the peace of mind provided by the ADAS features. "The ADAS is the feature that



I appreciate the most about the VF8 car," said Tony Nguyen, an engineer. "It helps relieve my stress driving on the highway." John Riedy, a photographer, echoed this sentiment, stating, "I love driving it most when I'm in traffic on the highway and can use the ADAS to do most of the work."

The affordability of the VF 8 leasing program was another factor cited by early adopters. "The initial lease was very affordable for anyone to get firsthand into EV culture and experience it for themselves," said Steven Garza, a porter.

This sentiment suggests that VinFast's leasing strategy may be effectively lowering the barrier to entry for electric vehicle ownership.

John Riedy further underscored the importance of warranty coverage when purchasing an electric vehicle. "The 10-year warranty gave me total confidence in making the purchase," he said. VinFast's extended warranty policy appears to be a significant advantage in attracting new electric vehicle customers./.



COMMUNITY

# Sounds At Stanford Jazz Festival: Creative And Unforgettable

By Poonam Kakodkar

PALO ALTO, CA – The Stanford Jazz Festival, held on June 23 at the Dinkelspiel Auditorium, was an unforgettable event. Headlined by vocalist Mahesh Kale and saxophonist George Brooks, the evening also featured Grammy-winning percussionist Selvaganesh Vinayakram, pianist Frank Martin, bassist Kai Eckhardt, and drummer Scott Amendola and the synergy of musical talents captivated the audience from start to finish.

Brooks' joyous opening piece, "McCoy," instantly warmed up the crowd. A mesmerizing jugalbandi featuring Selvaganesh Vinayakram on the kanjira and drummer Scott Amendola showcased the musicians' unparalleled skill and chemistry.

Mahesh Kale took the spotlight with an 800-year-old composition by Sant Ravidas, "Abhigath Nath Niranjana," blending spirituality and soulfulness. His rendition, enriched by personal anecdotes, added depth to the spiritual journey shared with the audience. The debut of Kale's rendition of the ghazal "Toh Kya Yeh Tay Hai," based on a poem by Suroor Barabankvi, was a highlight. This genre, known for emotive and poetic lyrics, found new life with Kale's delivery, complemented by Brooks on the piano.

Kale's performance of a bandish based on the Carnatic raga Amritavarshini, a composi-



tion of his own creation, was another highlight. This expressive piece showcased Kale's vocal prowess and the talents of his students Prajwal, Rohan, and Aditi, who joined him on stage for a captivating musical dialogue.

The grand finale was a truly interactive experience as Kale invited the audience

music became a bridge connecting hearts and souls, transcending language and cultural barriers. Kale and Brooks delivered a mesmerizing performance, blending Indian classical music with the improvisational flair of jazz. Kale's soulful vocals resonated alongside Brooks' evocative saxophone melodies.

The ensemble was elevated by the virtuosity of Grammy-winning percussionist Selvaganesh Vinayakram, whose rhythmic intricacy added layers of depth. Selvaganesh made his debut performance, leaving an indelible mark with his virtuosity and creativity.

Carnegie Hall pianist Frank Martin enriched the performance with his nuanced keys, complemented by the prodigious bassist Kai Eckhardt's dynamic grooves. Grammy-nominated drummer Scott Amendola provided a steady pulse, anchoring the ensemble's adventurous musical explorations. Together, they created a transcendent musical experience, weaving together diverse traditions into a cohesive and unforgettable evening of music.

The ICMA Foundation's mission to promote Indian classical music on a global stage facilitated a platform where traditional Indian melodies intertwined harmoniously with the improvisational ethos of jazz.

Reflecting on the evening, Kale shared, "My favorite moments are when I get people to sing, people from different backgrounds, many of them non-Indians, and to make them sing Indian music with so much love and passion is beautiful." His ability to connect diverse audiences through music underscores his role as a performer and cultural ambassador.

Kale continues his musical journey with "Abhangwari" on June 30 at the BMM 2024 Convention, promising another unique experience celebrating the timeless devotional essence of Marathi 'Abhangs.'



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COMMUNITY

# Jain Center Holds Free Medical Camp

India-West Staff Reporter

BUENA PARK, CA – Despite perfect beach weather during the long weekend, many people prioritized their health and visited the Anekant Community Center for a free health fair on July 6. The event saw a turnout of 108 individuals registered for comprehensive checkups, with approximately 45 having pre-registered online.

This free health fair, organized by the Jain temple here and Anekant Community Center, offered a variety of medical specialties. Services included bone density assessments, COPD testing, eye checkups, diabetes, cholesterol, and hemoglobin testing. Lestonnac Free Clinic provided a complete dental setup, conducting 34 dental exams and screenings, with 18 patients receiving cavity fillings or extractions.

Over 60 volunteers contributed to the success of the health fair. Vegetarian breakfast and lunch were provided for all volunteers, professionals, and participants.



Dr. Ramesh Kothari highlighted the long-standing tradition of the event, stating, “We have been providing these services to bring health awareness to the community for more than 33 years at no charge, and we look forward to continuing this tradition every year.”



## Tribute to Sardar Patel on his 150th Birth Anniversary



# Rajmohan Gandhi To Headline Sardar Patel 150th Birth Anniversary Celebration

India-West Staff Reporter

CERRITOS, CA - On October 27, the Friends of Sardar Patel Association (FSPA) will host a grand celebration at the Sheraton Hotel here to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Patel. This event will also commemorate the silver jubilee of the Sardar Patel Award, the prestigious \$10,000 prize given annually for outstanding doctoral theses on India.

Established in 1999, FSPA has collaborated with UCLA for the past 25 years, creating a \$250,000 endowment to support this annual award. Over the years, 25 distinguished scholars have been honored with this accolade, recognizing their contributions to the academic study of India.

The celebration will take place from 10am to 3pm, featuring Rajmohan Gandhi, the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi and a noted

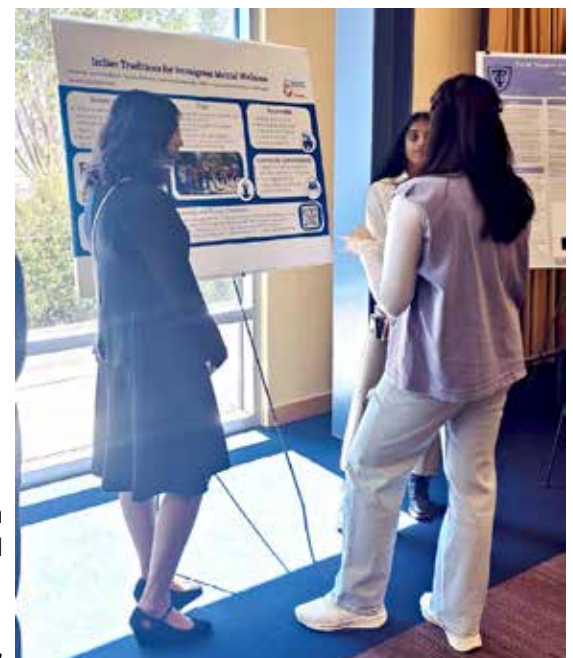
scholar on Sardar Patel, as the chief guest and keynote speaker.

The event will include an exhibition showcasing the life and legacy of Sardar Patel, who played a crucial role in India’s independence and the unification of over 500 princely states.

For more information: Hark Vasa: 714-335-9046 (hvasa@yahoo.com) or Vijay Bhatt at 818-259-6667 (vijaybhatt01@gmail.com).



# Saahas at the 8th Annual South Asian Mental Health Consortium



On Saturday, June 22, Saahas team members Payal Sawhney and Anchu Biswas, along with Saahas Youth members Vishnu Dharanikota, Monicka Manni, Shivali Shrivastava, Aditya Khanna, and Tanisha Pidshetti, participated in the 8th Annual South Asian Mental Health Consortium at Cal State University, East Bay. This event offered an opportunity to learn from scholars, researchers, clinicians, and mental health practitioners, all focused on the theme “Reclaiming Our Lost Practices and Belief Systems.”

The Saathi team presented research highlighting the benefits of traditional South Asian practices and physical community spaces, and how Saahas incorporates these elements into our programs for improved mental health outcomes. Three youth groups from Saahas shared their research on topics such as the Ayurvedic Diet for Better Mental Health and Indian Traditions for Immigrant Mental Wellness. Additionally, the collaboration team with Taarika showcased their projects aimed at enhancing mental

health among South Asian children and teens.

Beyond presenting, Saahas representatives had the opportunity to network with other professionals in the mental health field. It was an honor for Saahas to be part of the Consortium, and we are incredibly proud of our team’s dedication to advancing South Asian mental health through research and programming.

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COMMUNITY

# AAPI Election Disputes: Dr. Kaza Says He Is Chair Of The Board Of Trustees

India-West Staff Reporter

NEW YORK, NY – Dr. Sunil Kaza, a cardiologist and trustee on the board of the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI), has been elected as the Chair for the 2024-25 term, according to a press release.

The election took place on June 8 during a “properly convened meeting” of the AAPI Spring Governing Body in Garden City, NY, following AAPI’s bylaws, with a full quorum present, the release noted.

Dr. Lokesh Edara, the sitting Chair who conducted the election, confirmed this and noted



Edara said and added that Kaza’s election was further ratified on June 19 by most of the Board of Trustees.

Kaza’s election has faced disputes. He says that a second, unconventional, alternate election was conducted by the AAPI president without transparency about who re-

ceived the ballots or who voted. He alleges that many legitimate governing body members did not receive ballots for this alternate election and reported several other discrepancies.

AAPI traditionally announces its new Chair of the Board of Trustees during its annual convention, now called the World Health Congress, scheduled for July 18-22 in New York.

Kaza remains hopeful for a resolution to the contested election. He suggests that senior leaders of the organization initiate dialogue to resolve differences, referencing a precedent where both candidates shared the term.

The press release noted that

Kaza, an interventional cardiologist for 23 years in Nashville, currently serves veterans and is Board-Certified in Internal Medicine, Cardiology, Nuclear Medicine, and Echocardiography. He has held several different offices in AAPI. His charitable and philanthropic efforts include personal donations exceeding \$500,000 and raising significant funds for causes such as fighting human trafficking in India and empowering women and children. Recently, as President of the Association of Telugu Medical Graduates in the US, he partnered with Ekam USA to raise over \$40,000 for these initiatives.

that there were two other candidates. The meeting minutes and related documentation were promptly sent to the AAPI office,

that a second, unconventional, alternate election was conducted by the AAPI president without transparency about who re-



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## India’s Pharma Exports Surge With Demand From US



NEW DELHI, (IANS) – India’s pharmaceutical exports continue to register double-digit growth, reflecting the strong demand for the country’s affordable generic medicines in global markets led by the USA and UK.

India’s pharma exports grew by 10.45 percent in May this year to touch the \$2.3 billion mark compared with the \$2.08 billion in the same month of the previous financial year.

India is now the world’s third-largest drugmaker by volume amid the growing demand for the country’s pharmaceutical products in export markets.

The US is a key market, which accounts for about 30 percent of India’s annual pharma exports after a nearly 16 percent increase in fiscal 2024.

The country’s drug shortages as well as the increased use of drugs for lifestyle diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, and depression are expected to fuel the demand for India’s affordably priced drugs, according to industry sources.

India is a hub of bulk generic drug manufacturing and drugmakers including Dr Reddy’s, Cipla, Sun Pharma derive a significant share of revenue from both the US and Europe.

The world’s largest drug market is facing decade-high drug shortages, India Ratings said in a note citing data from with Utah Drug Information Service.

There is an active shortage of 233 drugs across 22 therapeutic categories as of April, led mainly by discontinuing production of some drugs, rising demand and delays in shipments, it said, also citing data from the US Food and Drug Administration.





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COMMUNITY

# In A First, Indian Americans Lead Top 3 US Pharmacy Organizations

India-West Staff Reporter

POMONA, CA – For the first time in history, Indian Americans are serving as presidents in three of the leading U.S. pharmacy organizations simultaneously.

Anandi Law has been elected president of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, Nishaminy Kasbekar serves as the president of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists and Alex C. Varkey is the president of the American Pharmacists Association.

Reflecting on the significance of this milestone, Law, a professor and associate dean at Western University of Health Sciences, here, and a pharmacy educator, mentor, and researcher for 25 years, said, “I aim to reach out to internal and external stakeholders to engage them and strengthen the focus on interprofessional collaborations for patient care and societal needs while elevating the profession through advocacy, branding, and communication. My theme is ‘Reach Out. Engage. Elevate our profession.’ Alex, Nish, and I are very aligned in our voices – with Alex’s theme of



Alex C. Varkey

Anandi Law

Nishaminy Kasbekar

‘All In. One Profession. United.’ and Nish’s theme of ‘Be The Change’ drawing inspiration from Mahatma Gandhi.”

Alex Varkey is the first Indian American to become president of APhA in the organization’s 172-year history. Currently director of pharmacy services at Houston Methodist Hospital–Texas Medical Center, he has implemented innovative technologies to improve efficiency and safety in medication-use processes. He has his PharmD from the University of Houston and a graduate

degree in Health-System Pharmacy Administration from Ohio State University.

Varkey said, “I am acutely aware that I not only represent my colleagues in the profession, but I also represent my family and heritage. My parents came to this country to provide opportunities for their children they wouldn’t otherwise have; because of that, their expectations were very high. They’re no longer here physically, but I know how proud they would be of my commitment to APhA and

to our entire profession. I’m honored to share this responsibility with Nish and Anandi,” he said, adding, “Knowing that we share cultural ties makes this experience of service more special and meaningful to me.”

Nishaminy Kasbekar, vice president and chief pharmacy officer at the University of Pennsylvania Health System, is the first Indian American to serve as ASHP president. Elected in 2022, Kasbekar has a long history of service to national and state pharmacy organizations.

ward to pursue my dream of being a clinical pharmacist. I hope my experience inspires young practitioners of all backgrounds to fulfill their aspirations as pharmacists and leaders in our profession.”

Kasbekar earned her degree in Pharmacy and PharmD degrees from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science. She is a Fellow of ASHP and a past president of the Pennsylvania Society of Health-System Pharmacists and the Delaware Valley Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

She stated, “I am extremely proud to be in this cohort of Indian American leaders in our profession. As a first-generation American, I watched my parents sacrifice to fight for the things they cared about. Their example gave me a path for-

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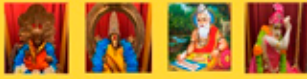


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# CA Doctor Avoids Jail Time

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Steve Wagstaffe's Office announced that Judge Susan M. Jakubowski found the 43-year-old Patel "eligible and suitable" for mental health diversion during a June 20 hearing.

"Judge Jakubowski made a lengthy statement concluding the defendant was suitable for mental health diversion. She stated that after a review of all the evidence, she had concluded the proper diagnosis for the defendant's mental illness was major depressive disorder, which is a qualifying mental disorder under the statute," the DA's office said in a statement. The judge also ruled that Patel will re-

main in county jail for several weeks for a "bridging period" before being released, as suggested by defense doctors. After his release, Patel will be monitored by GPS, must stay at his parents' home in Belmont, cannot leave San Mateo County, and can only leave home for court or treatment sessions for the first two months. He is also prohibited from using alcohol or drugs and cannot drive.

On January 2, 2023, Patel was driving his Tesla with his wife and children, ages 7 and 4, along Highway 1 when he drove up a hill and off a 250-foot cliff to the rocks below. All four occupants survived the impact, with one child suffering minor injuries. Patel pleaded



not guilty to three counts of attempted murder following the incident.

If Patel successfully completes the two-year treatment program, overseen by Stanford University's forensic psychiatric fellowship, the ruling could lead to a dismissal of all charges against him. Prosecutors had strongly objected to the diversion, arguing Patel posed a danger to the public.

Deputy District Attorney Dominique Davis said Patel suffered from schizoaffective disorder

and delusions, describing his mental state before the crash: "He feared his children would be sold into sex slavery. He carried a knife around for three days."

Patel's defense attorney countered that he suffered from major depressive disorder, which the judge ultimately accepted as the proper diagnosis.

Judge Jakubowski described Patel as "by all accounts a kind and loving" person who would be better served by treatment at home than awaiting trial in jail. "He wants to continue psychiatric treatment," Jakubowski said. "The court believes he now realizes the importance of being forthright."

Patel's wife had testified in support of his release, stating, "We're not a family without him." She has pledged to seek help if needed and report any signs of mental instability.

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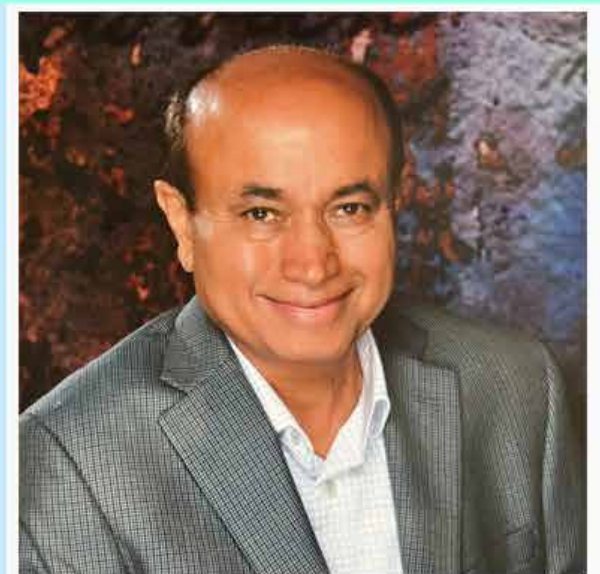
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# Subra Suresh Joins Caltech's Board Of Trustees

India-West Staff Reporter

PASADENA, CA – Subra Suresh, the Vannevar Bush Professor of Engineering Emeritus at MIT and president of the Global Learning Council, an education-focused innovation platform, is also now a Caltech trustee.

Passionate about education, diversity, and equity in STEM, and nurturing a global perspective among scientists and engineers, Suresh discussed his early connection to Caltech and what makes the Institute special.

"I had the pleasure and the privilege of spending two sabbaticals at Caltech at different times, one around 1999 in GALCIT and the other in 2004 as the Gordon Moore Scholar,"

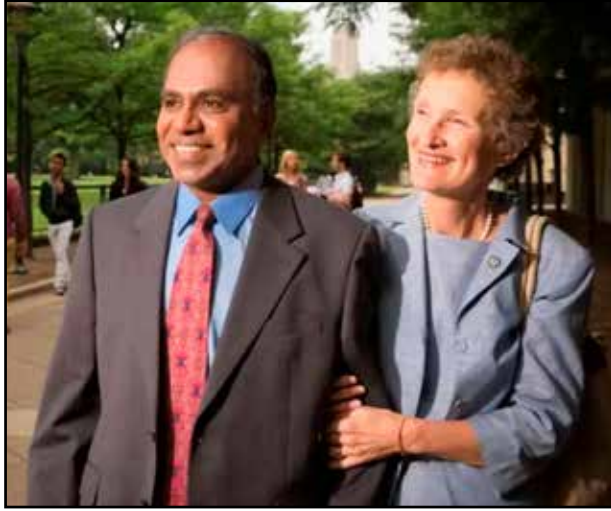
Suresh recalled. He fondly remembers chatting about his research with Moore himself for two hours when the Intel Corp. co-founder visited his office.

"One of the things that has always impressed me about Caltech is the impact it has had on new scientific discoveries, innovation, translation of science to industry, start-ups, and leadership in different domains all over the globe, especially given its extremely small size," he said.

Last year, Suresh was awarded the National Medal of Science, the highest honor for a scientist or engineer in the United

States, by President Joe Biden.

Suresh also serves as Brown University Professor at Large, a member of the Board of Governors of the New York Academy of Sciences, a member of the Board of



Dr. Subra Suresh with his wife.

Overseers of Koç University in Istanbul, and a member of the Board of Directors of Singapore Exchange.

A former director of the National Science Foundation, Suresh designed and created the Innovation Corps program, a successful initiative focused on translating scientific discoveries into commercial applications. He previously served as dean of engineering at MIT and professor of engineering at Brown University.

Suresh has authored three books and more than 300 research articles. He also has 30 patent applications.

# Giri, Retailer Of Religious Products, Opens In Sunnyvale, CA

India-West Staff Reporter

SUNNYVALE, CA – Giri, a premier retailer of Indian traditional and religious products, has opened its first US showroom, here.

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The new showroom in the US aims to serve as a cultural hub for Indian Americans fostering a deeper connection to Indian traditions and spirituality, the company said. It will showcase an extensive selection of Giri's renowned products including books, pooja essentials, Indian festivity products, idols, handicrafts, Yantram,

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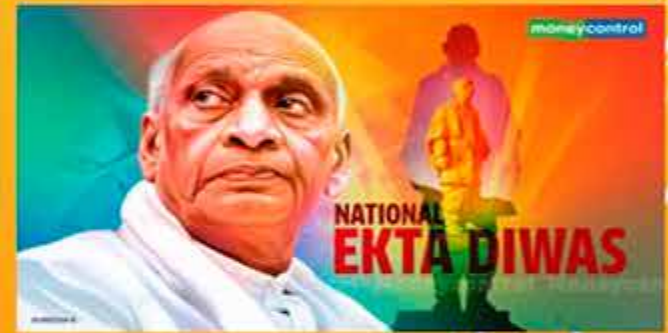
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**CRIME**

**Masked Robbers Steal \$500,000 Merchandise From Berkeley Jewelry Shop**

India-West News Desk

BERKELEY, CA – In a brazen daylight heist, masked robbers armed with guns and sledgehammers stormed the Bombay Jewelry Company in Berkeley over the weekend, making off with \$500,000 worth of merchandise, authorities report.

The robbery occurred on July 6, just before 2:10 p.m. According to the Berkeley Police Department, seven to eight individuals executed a coordinated attack, forcing their way into the jewelry store.

The assailants used sledgehammers to shatter display cases and brandished firearms to threaten and control both staff and customers.

The alarm company initially alerted the police, who responded swiftly. However, the robbers managed to spend just over a minute inside the store, fleeing with at least half a million dollars in jewelry.

The robbers arrived and departed in two vehicles, described as a black Honda Civic and a gray Dodge Charger. The Berkeley Police Department is actively investigating the incident. Despite this high-profile case, robberies in Berkeley have significantly decreased this year, according to the Berkeley Scanner.



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**Physician Pleads Guilty To Ripping Off Medicaid, Faces Jail**



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CHICAGO, IL – Mona Ghosh, who owns and operates Progressive Women's Healthcare, specializing in obstetrics and gynecology services, pleaded guilty to two counts of health care fraud. Each count is punishable by up to ten years in federal prison.

The 51-year-old physician was charged with billing Medicaid and private insurers for nonexistent services. Federal prosecutors said Ghosh is accountable for at least \$2.4 million in fraudulently obtained reimbursements. She admitted in her plea agreement that she was accountable for more than \$1.5 million of such fraudulently obtained reimbursements.

The final amount will be determined by the court at sentencing.

ing. US District Judge Franklin Valderrama has set sentencing for October 22.

According to court documents, from 2018 to 2022, Ghosh had her employees submit, fraudulent claims to Medicaid and other insurers for procedures and services that were not provided or were not medically necessary, some of which were performed without patient consent.

Ghosh also fraudulently overstated the length and complexity of in-office and telemedicine visits and submitted claims using billing codes for which the visits did not qualify to seek higher reimbursement rates.

She admitted that she had prepared false patient medical records to support the fraudulent reimbursement claims.

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# Gun Violence A Public Health Crisis, Declares Vivek Murthy

WASHINGTON, DC (REUTERS) – The U.S. surgeon general declared gun violence in the country a public health crisis on June 25, calling on Americans to act to prevent rising firearm-related deaths and their cascading effects, particularly on Black Americans, young Americans and other populations.

In the first-ever public health advisory on gun violence, the nation's top public health official, General

Vivek Murthy, outlined what he called devastating and far-reaching consequences to the public's well-being and called for more research funding, better mental health access, and other steps such as secure storage to reduce harm.

"Firearm violence is an urgent public health crisis that has led to loss of life, unimaginable pain, and profound grief for far too many Americans," he said in a statement.

Murthy said the impact of gun violence spreads far beyond the staggering number – 50,000 a year – of lives lost. It impacts millions of people who have been shot and survived it, as well as those who have witnessed gun violence, lost family members or who learn about through the news.

In 2020, gun violence became the leading cause of death among U.S. children and adolescents, the

report noted. The firearm mortality rate among youths in the U.S. is 11 times higher than in France, 36 times higher than in Germany and 121 times higher than in Japan, according to the advisory.

The rate of firearm-related deaths has been steadily rising, General Vivek Murthy warned, with more than half of those in 2022 driven by suicides followed by homicides and accidental deaths.

Mass shootings, which draw out-sized attention despite representing a small percentage of firearm-related deaths, have also increased in recent years. The country has seen more than 600 such incidents in each full year since 2020, according to the Gun Violence Archive, which defines a mass shooting as involving at least four victims.

In television interviews, Murthy compared his latest effort to previous public health campaigns that targeted cigarette smoking and promoted seatbelt use. "One of my goals here is to take out of the realm of politics and into the realm of public health," Murthy said on MSNBC.

But many of the solutions that the report recommended, such as expanding background checks and banning assault-style weapons, have



little chance of becoming law, with Republican lawmakers in Congress staunchly opposed to virtually all gun limits as violations of the U.S. Constitution's guaranteed issued public health advisories on the harm that social media causes to young people's mental health and on the crisis of loneliness and isolation. Last week, he called for social media warning labels to protect adolescents.

Former congresswoman and gun shooting survivor Gabby Giffords, who founded the Giffords anti-gun violence organization after she was wounded in the head in 2011 during a mass shooting, called on policymakers and the U.S. government to heed the surgeon general's warning.

"I have seen firsthand how shootings are a major threat to Americans' lives and well-being, and our leaders must view the problem as the public health crisis it is," Giffords said in a statement.

The National Rifle Association decried the advisory as an "extension of the Biden administration's war on law-abiding gun owners."

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**POLITICS**

# President Clinton, Secretary Clinton, Chelsea Clinton To Bring Leaders Together At CGI This Fall To Accelerate “What’s Working”

By **SABRINA K. CHUGH**

NEW YORK, NY — On July 12, President Bill Clinton, Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton, and Clinton Foundation Vice Chair Dr. Chelsea Clinton launched the program for the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) 2024 Annual Meeting, to be held in New York City on September 23-24. CGI 2024 is focused on “What’s Working,” accelerating solutions that are working now, and emphasizing the responsibility we all have as citizens to take action. On this theme, the featured participants announced today are leaders across the public, private, and nonprofit sectors who have demonstrated success in advancing solutions to our greatest global challenges.

In 2005, President Clinton launched CGI with the goal of harnessing the power of individuals, corporations, and governments to take action. For the first time at a conference of this kind, hundreds of leaders from various sectors came together to not only discuss pressing issues facing the world but also to develop Commitments to Action, which are new, specific, and measurable solutions. Nearly 20 years later, CGI has grown into a year-round program that drives



collaboration and action. CGI has facilitated more than 4,000 Commitments to Action, mobilizing billions of dollars in resources and making a difference in the lives of more than 500 million people in over 180 countries.

“The CGI community has shown that we all have the potential to make a difference on the biggest global challenges — if we cooperate and work with a commitment to action,” said President Clinton. “At CGI 2024 we’ll be recognizing ‘What’s Working,’ and looking at the most promising solutions to these challenges, the best ways to bring these ideas to scale, and the speed with which we can get them to work.”

CGI’s innovative approach has revolutionized philanthropy by focusing on five key areas: Climate Resilience: Strengthening communities against global climate change; Economic Inclusion: Securing economic stability for individuals and communities; Health Equity: Promoting equitable access to healthcare; Humanitarian Response: Providing resources for crisis response and recovery; Women and Girls’ Equality: Advancing health, economic power, education, and rights for women and girls.

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# Meet Usha Chilukuri Vance



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In a 2017 interview with NBC News, Usha recounted how they met, saying, “We were friends, and I liked that he was very diligent. He would show up at 9 a.m. appointments that I would set up for us to start working on the brief together.” JD Vance praised Usha for her unwavering faith and commitment to her beliefs, stating, “The thing that I remember most about Usha is just how completely forward and comfortable with herself she was. She is so defensive about the things that she really cared about.”

In an interview with Fox News, JD Vance explained how his Indian-origin wife’s Hindu faith had been instrumental in helping him navigate challenges and reconcile his Catholic beliefs. He revealed that he was raised Christian but never baptized until 2018. “Usha was actually raised non-Christian. But I remember when I started to re-engage with my faith, Usha was very supportive,” Vance said.

Usha has made rare appearances alongside her husband during his campaign for the Ohio Senate election in 2022.

# Kamala Harris Congratulates JD Vance

MILWAUKEE, WI (ANI) – Vice President Kamala Harris left a congratulatory voicemail to GOP Ohio Senator JD Vance on July 16 after he was announced as the Republican vice presidential pick on Truth Social by former President Donald Trump.

In her message, Harris expressed her congratulations and said that “she hoped to see [Vance] at the CBS News debate,” a Biden-Harris

campaign official said.

While the Biden campaign has agreed to a vice presidential debate hosted by CBS News, the Trump camp has been advocating for a Fox News debate instead. CNN reported that Ms Harris “welcomed him to the race,” and congratulated Mr Vance on his selection.



# Ramaswamy Says He Is Friend Of Vance & Wife Usha

MILWAUKEE, WI – In a significant development for the 2024 presidential race, JD Vance has been selected as Donald Trump’s vice presidential candidate. The announcement has garnered enthusiastic support from Vance’s former law school classmate and fellow Ohioan, Vivek Ramaswamy.

Ramaswamy, who had to withdraw from the Republican presidential race after a fourth-place finish in the Iowa caucuses, ex-

pressed his excitement on social media. “So proud of my friend, classmate, and fellow southwest Ohioan today. We used to watch Bengals games at the bar in law school. It’s awesome we’re now here a decade later with JD joining the strongest presidential ticket in our lifetime,” Ramaswamy wrote. He added, “He’ll be an outstanding Vice President and I look forward to everything ahead for him and for our country.” In addition to their

political ties, Ramaswamy revealed that Vance’s wife, Usha, is also a family friend and was a classmate during their law school days. The personal connections between the families extend further, as Vance is a father of three children, one of whom is named Vivek.

Ramaswamy too had been seen as being in the running for the veep slot on the Trump ticket and has been frequenting Trump’s orbit in Florida.

# Subramanyam Likely To Be Next Congressman

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can, South Asian, and Hindu to be elected to the Virginia General Assembly in 2019 and the Virginia State Senate in 2023, is now poised to make history from the state in the general elections in November. He will face off Mike Clancy who won the Republican ticket beating India-born Manga Anantatmula, a government contractor.

Subramanyam is running for the seat currently held by Democrat Congresswoman Jennifer Wexton, who announced last year she would not seek re-election because of ill health. She endorsed Subramanyam in the primary. As Subramanyam aims to extend his public service to the national stage from what is seen as a safely blue one, he is likely to focus on his legislative experience

and his commitment to progressive values, as he seeks to build on the support he received in the primary.

Born in Houston to physician parents who migrated from Bengaluru, Subramanyam has a distinguished background in public service and policy. In 2015, he was appointed by then-President Barack Obama as a White House technology policy advisor.

# No Violence: Modi

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“Wish him speedy recovery. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of the deceased, those injured and the American people,” the Prime Minister added.

“The Secret Service has implemented protective measures, and the

former President is safe,” said Anthony Guglielmi, the Chief of Communications for the Secret Service, in a statement. The former US President is “fine and is being checked out at a local medical facility,” Trump Communications Director Steven Cheung said in a statement.



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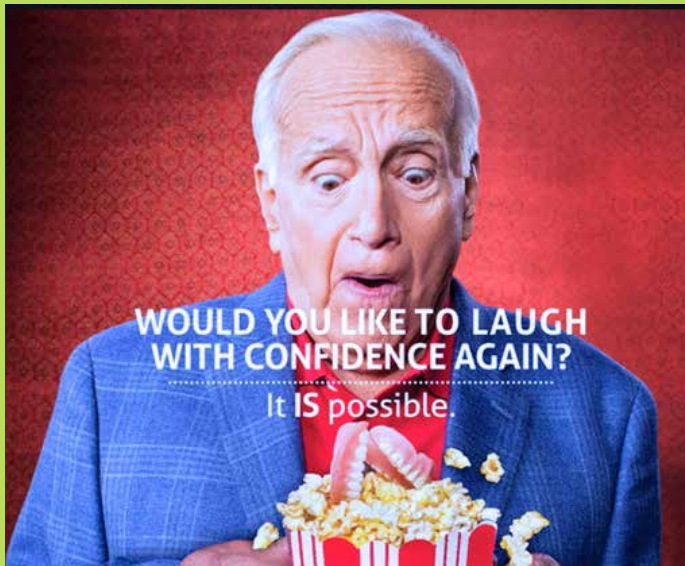
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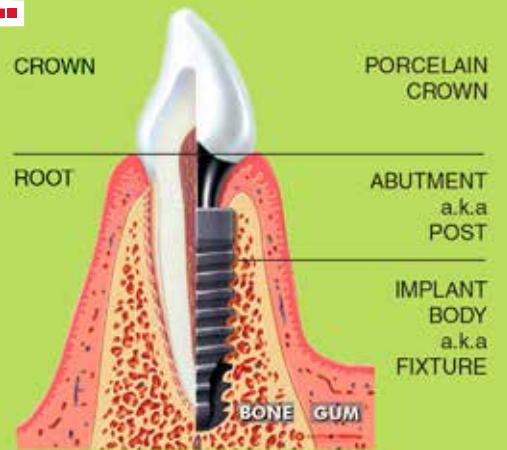


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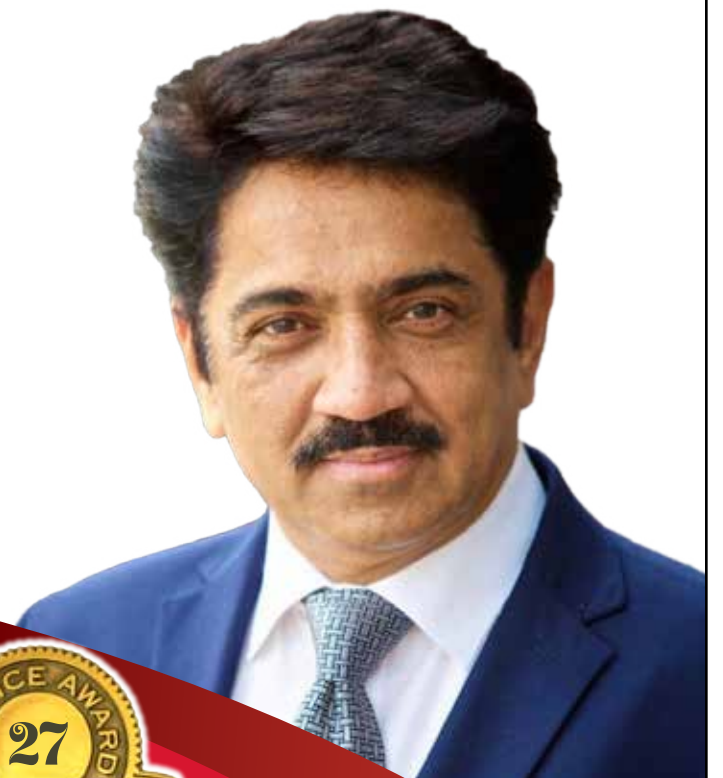
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## Nikhil Gupta Produced Before Trial Judge In Preliminary Procedure

NEW YORK, NY (IANS) – Nikhil Gupta, the Indian national accused in an alleged murder-for-hire plot, has appeared for the first time before the trial judge as lawyers laid out the preliminary steps.

Federal Senior Judge Victor Marrero set the next court date for September 13 during the brief hearing on June 28 at which he ordered the prosecution to share the evidence it had with the defense.

At the September court date by which the defense would have had an opportunity to go through the government evidence to

prepare its case, further trial proceedings will be determined.

Wearing a khaki shirt and pants, Gupta was escorted in by US Marshals and sat at the defense table where he conferred with his lawyer Jeffrey Chabrowe before the proceedings began.

He was produced on June 17 before Magistrate Judge James Cott, who ordered him held without bail.

One of the prosecutors in the case, Assistant District Attorney Camille Latoya Fletcher, outlined to the trial judge the government's case against Gupta.

She reiterated the allegations



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that he participated in a plot with an Indian government employee against a US citizen of Indian origin, both of whom she did not identify.

The alleged intended victim is reported to be Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, a lawyer with US and Canadian citizenships, who lives in New York and leads the 'Sikhs for Justice' group which is the hub for the campaigns for Khalistan.

The Indian government has designated Pannun a terrorist.

Fletcher said that Gupta negotiated with a person he thought was a "hitman", \$100,000 as the price for the alleged assassination plot and arranged to give him an advance of \$15,000 and the details to identify the alleged intended victim.

But the person he thought was a "hitman" was, in fact, a secret undercover agent, she said.

She added that the government evidence included the phone seized from Gupta, which had his interactions with the Indian government employee.

There were also electronic communications that had been seized as well as material from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Drug Enforcement Agency, she said.

In addition, there were videos and audios of Gupta's interactions with the "hitman", she added.

Chabrowe requested an order of protection for Gupta but did not ask for bail.

Marrero said that there would be an exclusion to the legal provisions for a speedy trial to allow the defense adequate time to prepare for the case.

That is routine as also his reiteration of the duties of the prosecution under US law to share all evidence and information it has with the defense, including those that can help the defense, and the penalties for not doing so.

The courtroom was packed with Sikhs, most of them white-bearded older men, while across the street from the courthouse, a group of Khalistanis held a protest holding their yellow flags.

Marrero, 82, holds the senior judge position that allows older judges to continue with a lower-case load.

Marrero has a broad international perspective as he did stints as a diplomat before becoming a judge working as the US Ambassador to the Organization of American States and as one of the envoys to the United Nations.

A major verdict Marrero delivered concerned the Patriot Act, the post-9/11 anti-terrorism legislation.

His 2015 ruling limited the level of secrecy in the FBI's surveillance operation.

More recently in 2019 and 2020, Marrero ruled against former US President Donald Trump's appeals to block a demand by former local New York prosecutor Cyrus Vance to his accountants for his tax records.

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# Terrorist Tahawwur Rana Is Extraditable To India: US Attorney

WASHINGTON, DC (ANI) – Convicted terrorist Tahawwur Rana from Chicago is seeking immediate release from prison and is fighting an extradition request from India.

According to US Court of Appeals records, assistant US attorney and Criminal Appeals chief Bram Alden argued Rana is extraditable, under the provisions of the US-India extradition treaty and stressed that the US lower courts that have already cleared Rana's extradition to India are absolutely right.

"Lower courts here got it right. Rana is extraditable to India under the plain provisions of the treaty and India has established probable cause to prosecute him for his role in terrorist attacks that resulted in 166 deaths and 239 injuries," Alden said in his opening argument.

Less than a year after the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, the FBI in Chicago arrested Rana. The accused terrorist was operating a travel agency in Chicago 15 years ago, when he and his friend David Coleman Headley, scouted Mum-



bai locations and landing zones to carry out the attack.

According to investigators, Pakistani terrorists who carried out the deadly attack worked off a blueprint that Rana had a hand in producing. Rana and Headley both are charged with aiding the terror plot. Headley cooperated with investigators, while Rana fought it and lost.

After serving a 14-year prison sentence, Terrorist Tahawwur Rana was about to be freed from a US prison when India requested his extradition.

Alden stressed in his argument that there is documentary evidence that supports that Rana

provided material support to the Pakistani terror group that carried out the attack.

"Rana said that he was informed about what was going on by one of their co-conspirators in Pakistan and his praise for what was carried out in a gruesome terrorist attack that killed 166 people injured 239 more and cost India USD 1.5 million," Alden informed the judges.

The US attorney also reminded the court how the 'Mumbai Massacre', known as India's 9/11 was a several-day siege of Mumbai by terrorists from Pakistan.

"The terrorists attacked several bars, restaurants, the Chabad House, there were other targets in Mumbai. It was their (India's) 911. It was a devastating attack over the course of multiple days. That resulted as I have said in 166 deaths including six Americans, that is why India wants to prosecute this case, and under the extradition treaty and has every right to do so," Alden strongly asserted.

Last month, according to the

court records, Rana's attorney argued why he shouldn't be sent to India and face the judicial system for the Mumbai Massacre.

Rana's defense has alleged double jeopardy or being tried twice for the same crime, which is barred by the US Constitution, as well as the near certainty of Rana's death while in foreign custody.

Rana's lawyers are making the best arguments they can for why he shouldn't be extradited. Rana remains in custody, assigned to a federal prison in Los Angeles.

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**INDUS-X Summit In Silicon Valley In Sept.: Pentagon**

WASHINGTON, DC (ANI) – Pentagon Press Secretary Pat Ryder announced that the third INDUS-X summit will take place in Silicon Valley this September. A press release from the US Department of Defense highlighted INDUS-X’s role in advancing the commitment to building a defense (Pentagon) innovation bridge under the initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET). Since its inception, INDUS-X has fostered strong private sector cooperation between the US and India, creating partnerships among defense technology firms, investors, and researchers.



The US Department of Defense also mentioned that the upcoming summit in Silicon Valley, co-hosted by the US India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) and Stanford University, will focus on harnessing private capital for defense innovation.

**Bridge Disaster Indian Crew: 8 Fly Back Home, Others To Wait Till Investigation Done**

BALTIMORE, DE (ANI) – Three months after the MV Dali cargo ship lost power and crashed into a Bridge Disaster in Baltimore, eight crew members have left for India, with only a handful remaining on board.

The city of Baltimore filed a motion to keep the crew members in

ship’s officers, must stay until they resolve the litigation, which



Since March 26, the 984-foot ship had 20 Indians and one Sri Lankan crew member on board when it lost propulsion, veered off course, and destroyed the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore. Six construction workers on the bridge were killed in the incident, which is under investigation by the FBI and the National Transportation Safety Board.

the country, but on June 20, a judge approved a deal allowing eight Indians to fly home. These crew members, who are not officers, include a cook, a fitter, an oiler, and several seamen. The deal ensures they will be available for lawsuit-related interviews. The remaining crew members, including all the

could take more than a year. A source familiar with the developments says that the ship will tentatively depart for Norfolk, Virginia, on the evening of June 28. The source also confirmed that they have moved the 13 crew members, mostly Indians, who will stay in the US indefinitely, to serviced apartments in Baltimore.

Investigators are continuing to determine responsibility for the Bridge disaster, though they have not charged any crew members. The mayor of Baltimore has announced legal action to “hold the wrongdoers responsible.”

**Indian Citizens Can Be Part Of SERA, Blue Origin Astronaut Program**

NEW DELHI, (IANS) – In a bid to democratize space, US-based Space Exploration and Research Agency (SERA) and Blue Origin on July 1 announced India as a partner nation in their human spaceflight program.

ary of space. Indian citizens will be part of the six seats that together SERA and Blue Origin aim to offer to people from countries that have sent few or no citizen astronauts to space.

While lauding India for “becoming the first country to reach the Moon’s South Pole”, he said the company aims “to make space accessible for everyone and is happy to offer this unique opportunity to an Indian citizen who wants to experience the wonders of space travel.”

voted for by the public – based on their story which they can promote via their mission profile pages, social media, and other resources – for an opportunity to fly to space onboard the New Shepard mission.



SERA will offer citizens from India a seat on Blue Origin’s future mission of reusable rocket New Shepard on an 11-minute journey past the Karman line (100 km), the internationally recognized bound-

The astronauts will experience several minutes of weightlessness before making a controlled descent back to the landing pad.

Any Indian citizen can register for the program by paying a fee to cover the costs of verification checks that ensure safe and fair voting. The final candidates will be

The potential astronauts will be required to meet Blue Origin’s physical requirements.

The final crew of six will arrive three days before the flight for training at Blue Origin’s launch site in West Texas.

“We’re excited to have India as part of our human spaceflight program,” said Joshua Skurla, Co-Founder, of SERA.

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# 'Girls Will Be Girls' Wins Top Honor At LA Film Fest

## India-West Staff Reporter

LOS ANGELES, CA – The 22nd Indian Film Festival of Los Angeles (IFFLA) announced the winners of its annual jury and audience awards for 2024 at a closing night

gala held at the Writers Guild Theater on June 30. The LA Film Fest celebrated a diverse lineup of films, featuring stories from India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, and the United States.

Shuchi Talati's coming-of-age

drama, "Girls Will Be Girls," clinched the Grand Jury Prize for Best Feature. The film, which had previously won the World Cinema Dramatic Audience Award at Sundance and was acquired for North American distribution by Juno



IFFLA 2024 Winners from L: Kent Bassett, Shuchi Talati, Ritvik Dhavale, Rajshri Deshpande, Lucy Walker.

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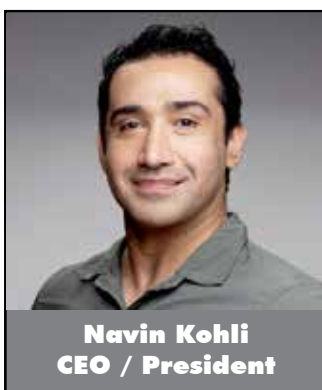

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Films, was lauded by the jury for its nuanced portrayal of coming-of-age themes. The jury noted that the film elegantly weaves together personal desires and societal expectations, making it a universal story that resonates deeply.

"Dear Jassi" received the Feature Jury Honorable Mention. The jury described it as a fable of star-crossed lovers that sheds light on the darker aspects of society. They praised the film for its ability to entertain while also prompting viewers to reflect on social issues and drive change.

The Grand Jury Prize for Best Short went to "Last Days of Summer," directed by Stenzin Tankongj. The jury unanimously selected this poignant film, set against the stunning backdrop of the Ladakh mountains, for its elegant storytelling and powerful performances. The film explores the existential threat posed by environmental issues, using wit and mystery to highlight humanity's relationship with the natural world.

Yuki Ellias's "Lovely & Tip Top" received a Short Film Jury Honorable Mention for its exceptional storytelling and artistic merit.

The Audience Choice Awards, determined by IFFLA attendees, were awarded to Lucy Walker's feature documentary "Mountain Queen: The Summits of Lhakpa Sherpa" and the short film "Hema" by Ritvik Dhavale. Both films captivated audiences with their compelling narra-

tives and emotional depth.

In addition to film screenings, the festival introduced the IFFLA Industry Day, held at the Landmark Theatre Sunset on June 28. This event provided a platform for filmmakers to engage with industry leaders, gain insights, and participate in meaningful discussions. Shuchi Dwivedi's project "Friends and Fascism" won the Pitch Competition held during Industry Day, with an Honorable Mention going to Sejal Pachisia's "Empathico."

IFFLA Executive Director Christina Marouda expressed her excitement about the festival's growth, noting the new locations in the heart of Los Angeles and the record-breaking attendance. She highlighted the festival's role "as a hub for South Asian filmmakers" and a "celebration of powerful storytelling and achievements within the vibrant community."

The LA Film Fest, which took place from June 27 to June 30, featured a total of 21 films, including narrative features, shorts, and documentaries. Highlights included the Los Angeles premiere of Nithilan Saminathan's Tamil film "Maharaja," starring Vijay Sethupathi and Anurag Kashyap, and other notable films such as Nikhil Nagesh Bhat's "Kill," Christo Tomy's "Undercurrent," Shaun Seneviratne's "Ben and Suzanne, A Reunion in 4 Parts," and Leesa Gazi's "A House Named Shahana."

## 'Heeramandi' Star Meets 'Lifelong Idol' Tom Cruise



LONDON, (ANI) – The Heeramandi breakout star Taaha Shah Badussha had a 'pinch me' moment when he recently met Hollywood superstar Tom Cruise here. The 36-year-old actor, who visited a studio here, shared a photo and a video on Instagram with Cruise whom he described as his "lifelong idol". "Pinch me! Just met my lifelong idol. The one and only Tom Cruise!" Badussha captioned his post in which he can be seen having a conversation with the Mission Impossible star.

Badussha was all smiles as Cruise hugged the actor in the video. Badussha shot to fame with his portrayal of a young, rebellious nawab called Tajdar Baloch in the Netflix period drama Heeramandi, which marked the web series debut of Sanjay Leela Bhansali.



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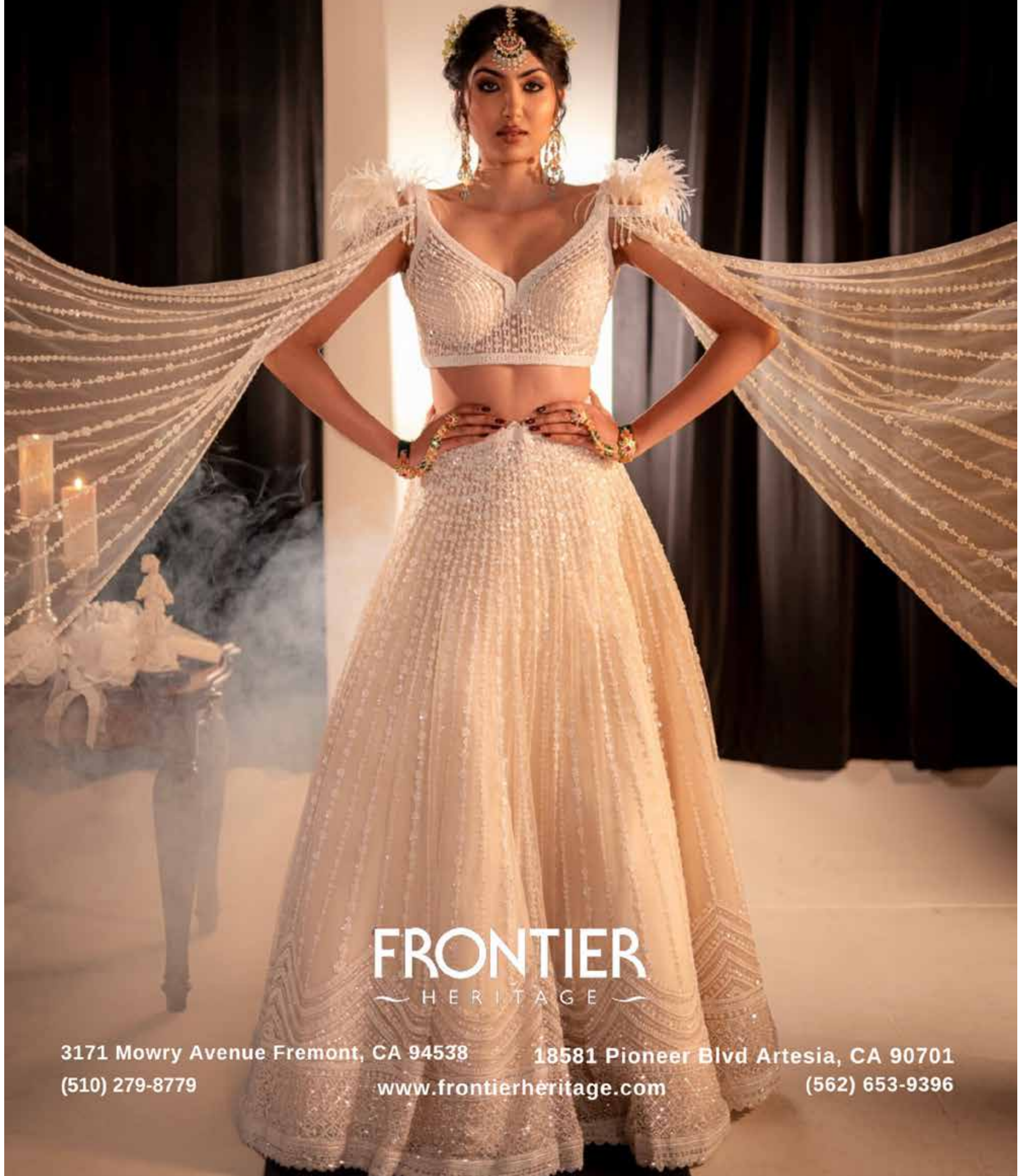
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