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Ro Khanna: I Have a Great **Relationship With the White House**

By NIMMI **RAGHUNATHAN**

Ro Khanna has just turned 46 and is already in his third term as a CA Congressman. Young, energetic, and well-informed, Khanna has stood out in the crowded House of Representatives. On the face of it, he seems full of contradictions. A Co-Chair of Bernie Sanders' 2020 campaign he has come to be seen as Joe Biden's champion. Serving in Silicon Valley where Big Tech predominates, he is often agitating for the small guy. Unabashed about being from the progressive wing of the Democratic Party, he is often on Fox News which pretty much leans toward everything he does not espouse.

But Khanna above all is hardworking and while focused on his convictions pragmatic enough to want to move things forward.



Ro Khanna spoke on the state of the nation and India relations with India West.

Which has him talking to everyone who will listen. He is also patient - working on the CHIPS and Science Act for over three years and slowly stoking the Inflation Reduction Act along.

And then he wants everyone to know about it. So, there he is in print, and on the airwaves. That he is media seasoned is obvious. Speaking to India-West,

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We Won An Emmy!



Subodh with his mom and sister holding the Emmy Award.

By ANJU GARG

LONG BEACH, CA - We are over the moon. The Netflix docuseries 'Love on the Spectrum- US' which streamed in May 2022 and featured, amongst others, our Southern California Indian American familv's journey to find love for our firstborn son Subodh Garg has won three Emmys!

The award ceremony was held at the Microsoft Theater

on September 12 in Los Angeles and the show won all the categories it had been nominated in: Outstanding Unstructured Reality Program, Outstanding Casting for an Unstructured Reality Program, and Outstanding Editing for an Unstructured Reality Program.

The docu-series shows the audience the challenges and triumphs of a family who has raised a child on the Autism spectrum. Contd. on p30



LMU's Dean Robbin Crabtree and Professor Chris Chapple.

Doshi Bridgebuilder Award Given to Stanford's Jay Bhattacharya

By NIMMI RAGHUNATHAN

LOS ANGELES, CA - The evening started innocuously enough with the values of bridge building and moderation espoused in informed words by Dr. Navin Doshi and then went on to see not both but one side of an issue - in this case, covid related lockdowns and policies.

The occasion on September 13, at the Loyola Marymount University, was the annual reception and talk by the recipient of the year's Doshi Family Bridgebuilder Award. Named for its benefactors, Navin and Pratima Doshi, the award is given annually to honor those dedicated to fostering understanding

between cultures and peoples. Past honorees have included the likes of Thich Nhat Hanh, Vandana Shiva, Huston Smith, and Zubin Mehta.

The 2022 winner, Dr. Jay Bhattacharya, Professor at Stanford University's medical school was recognized for his research on the deadliness of Covid and the ensu-

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Mammoth Gathering Celebrates 10th Anniv of BAPS Temple, 100th Birth Anniv of Pramukh Swami Maharaj

India-West Staff Reporter

INGLEWOOD, CA - On September 4, hundreds of thousands of people from across the globe came together to celebrate the 100th birth anniversary of Pramukh Swami Maharaj, the fifth spiritual guru, and leader of BAPS, and the 10th anniversary of Southern California's largest Hindu temple, the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Hindu Mandir in Chino Hills, CA.

10,000 Indian Americans and well-wishers gathered at the historic KIA Forum here, for a celebration coordinated by over 500 BAPS volunteers.

The program titled, 'Paratpar: The Guiding Light,' dove deep into the life and work of Pramukh Swami Maharaj. Divided into three key components, the program shed light on his unconditional love for individuals, his love for humankind as a whole, and love for God.

To start off the celebration, leaders of over 25 Hindu organizations across Southern California lit diyas to perform the traditional 'Deep Pragatya,' offering prayers on behalf of the assembly. Through various dramatic skits, emotional monologs, energetic dances, and informative speeches by learned swamis, the audience learned about how Pramukh Swami Maharaj's love became a guiding light for millions around the world.

Indian actor and BAPS devotee, Dilipbhai Joshi participated in the program by delivering a powerful monolog about the impact of the spiritual leader on his life. Youth volunteers also performed a musical skit depicting the story of Prahalad from the Hindu scriptures. The skit showed the parallels of the faith that Prahalad had in God with the faith that Pramukh Swami Maharaj had, no matter the situation.

In addition, interpretive artists performed a creative dance showing a story about a flock of bluebirds at a fountain and what happens when a new bird of a different color joins them. A story exemplifying Pramukh Swami Maharaj's emphasis on equality and inclusion of all. Yogananddas Swami, a learned swami from BAPS, spoke about how Pramukh Swami Maharaj revived the tradition of temples as a center of the community and how that gift has transformed generations of families. Congresswoman Young Kim (CA-39) also joined the assembly and shared warm wishes for the occasion.

The program concluded with a devotion filled dance by over 100 youth offering tribute to Pramukh Swami Maharaj.









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OPINION

By DEEPIKA BHAN

It may be too early to predict whether a phoenix emerges, or the churn ends in scattering stars. The question is who will challenge Narendra Modi and does any opposition leader have an alternative to 'sabka vishwas' ... and the power of Hindutva?

Presently, the opposition is disjointed, with each party in their own realm, weaving their own webs to stay afloat. According to the Election Commission of India, the total number of registered parties is 2,858 -- eight national parties, 54 state parties and 2,796 unrecognized parties. From time to time, some of these parties come together to form one or the other front.

India has seen several coalition governments at the Centre as well as in the states. At the Centre, the experiment began in 1977 with the short-lived Janata Party government headed by Morarji Desai.

Then there was the National Front government, first headed by V.P. Singh, followed by the United Front government, first headed by H.D. Deve Gowda in 1996, followed by the BJP-led coalition headed by A.B. Vajpayee in 1997, the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in 1999, which was followed by the Manmohan Singh-led United Progressive Front in 2004 and 2009. In 2014, the NDA under Narendra Modi took over.

Being out of power for 10 years at the Centre and increasingly losing the states as well, the opposition has been finding itself on the backfoot and almost waning in political influence across the country. But will it be able to come together to take on the BJP? That is the million-dollar question.

After the drubbing in the 2014 Lok Sabha polls, the opposition was at a loss to figure out how to counter the Modi wave, which remained more or less the same even in the 2019 elections. In between, elections in a number of states have been good off and on for the Opposition. Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, and now Maharashtra are examples where the opposition lost despite forming governments initially.

The BJP has been far ahead in its political strategies before and after elections. The opposition, most of the time, has been in a state of utter disarray with weak strategies and lacking the will to take on







Clockwise Mamata Banerjee, Rahul Gandhi, Sharad Pawar and K. Chandrashekar Rao

India's Opposition: Too Many Stalwarts Who Can't Agree on a National Leader

the might of Modi or the BJP.

For any thriving democracy, it is essential to have a robust opposition that can make the people see through the government's policies and decisions and take up issues meaningfully. This may be an ideal situation, but the fact remains that the opposition, most of the time, has failed to rise to occasion. Whether it is inside Parliament or outside, the general feeling is that despite grave issues confronting the government, and the many sticks to beat the government with, the opposition has not been able to do much, except for Modi bashing.

The opposition has several stalwarts and mass leaders who have individual areas of influence. Such as Mamata Banerjee in West Bengal, M.K. Stalin in Tamil Nadu, K. Chandrashekar Rao in Telangana, Nitish Kumar in Bihar, the Left in Kerala, the Congress in MP and Chhattisgarh, Naveen Patnaik in Odisha, Jagan Mohan Reddy in Andhra, and the AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal. Besides

them, there are the Gandhis and the other dynasts, such as those of Sharad Pawar, Mulayam Singh, Lalu Prasad, Deve Gowda, the Abdullahs and the Muftis. The list is long. Most of them tasted power for a long time and now want the pie at the Centre.

Most of these leaders dream of taking up the top job of the country. Rahul Gandhi, Mamata Banerjee, KCR, Sharad Pawar, and the latest in the list, Arvind Kejriwal, all have made their aspirations known.

The contenders are many, which has perhaps been one of the big hurdles in the way of opposition unity. There is no political party at the national level which can single-handedly take on the Modi-led BJP. Congress, over the past eight years, has been going downhill, so much so that other parties are shying away from forming alliances with it.

To recover lost ground, Congress has been betting on its Bharat Jodo Yatra. Rahul Gandhi is aiming to rebuild his party and salvage his image. But more than creating influence, Rahul Gandhi seems to be generating other controversies that threaten to overshadow the yatra's intent.

Mamata Banerjee finds herself on shaky ground after ministers and leaders from her party have been caught in scams. As stacks of cash recovered from the premises of the leaders of her party get flashed in the media, her image takes a beating.

KCR and Stalin do not carry the same popularity in the rest of the country as they do in their respective states. Their area of influence outside their states is limited.

That leaves two names -- Nitish Kumar and Arvind Kejriwal.

Kejriwal has been gradually increasing his party's footprint across the country. Slowly, he is trying to take over the space vacated by Congress. His area of influence across the country is rising.

His party is projecting him as PM material, but he may not be ready for the top job in 2024, as a lot will depend upon AAP's performance in Gujarat and Himachal Assembly polls. In case, the BJP

takes a hit from the AAP, then Kejriwal will prove to be the biggest contender from the entire opposition.

Nitish Kumar's activism after severing his ties with the BJP in getting the opposition unified has propelled him to the national stage. Though he has been reluctant to admit that he is a claimant for the top post, his meetings with several other opposition leaders have been enough to make his aspirations public.

It is too early to predict whether the opposition will get united before the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. The unity to a large extent depends upon Congress, which insists on being the center of the alliance. It has been proving to be a speed-breaker in the unity efforts.

With several opposition leaders trying to make individual efforts towards some sort of unity, the political game has already begun. With less than two more years to go, the country seems to be entering into poll mode. (IANS)

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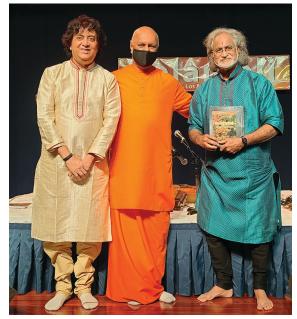






Guruhari Mahant Swami Maharaj

Vishwa Mohan Bhatt Headlines Chinmaya Mission's Musical Event in Tustin





Swami Ishwarananda with the artists. (R) Grammy Award winner Pandit Vishwa Mohan Bhatt accompanied by Pandit Subhen Chatterjee enthralled the large audience.

By T.S.R.KRISHNAN

TUSTIN, CA – Southern California music lovers and patrons of Chinmaya Mission Los Angeles, gathered here on August 21, in a celebratory mood: after the two years long Covid induced break, it was the first time CMLA's cultural wing Kalanjali was hosting an in-person concert. The moment was doubly significant as it was also held to mark India's 75th year of independence.

The event, held at CMLA's center Chinmaya Rameshwaram, was headlined by the

Grammy-winning musician Vishwa Mohan Bhatt on the mohan veena accompanied by Pandit Subhen Chatterjee on the tabla.

The evening began with Swami Ishwarananda, who heads CMLA, reminiscing in his talk on the involvement of mission founder Swami Chinmayananda in the Indian freedom movement. He spoke of the spiritual leader's vision for India and how, through his teachings, had sought to uplift all humanity.

Keeping India in focus, the Mission's music choir, Swaranjali, rendered two bhajans

that praised the mother country including 'Dhanya Dhanya Jaya Bharatmata' composed and written by Guruji Swami Tejomayananda. Bhatt then commenced the concert with a soulful rendition of a lesser-known, yet enchanting evening raag, Gawati which when played on a string instrument, always has an unusual appeal, sure to mesmerize listener, whether a knowledgeable musician or an uninitiated music lover.

A master at keeping all sections of a crowd happy, after the main Gawati, Bhatt sang with a laugh the popular ghazal by Fayyaz Hashmi, 'Aaj Jaane Ki Zid Na Karo,' and had the audience pinned to their seats.

At the request of his accompanist, Chatterjee, the renowned musician then played his famous song from his Grammy award-winning album 'A Meeting by the River.' Both the artists blended well and provided a memorable experience for everyone who was fortunate to attend. Bhatt finished the concert with a rousing 'Vande Mataram' to the great delight of the audience celebrating with nostalgia, India's Independence Day.



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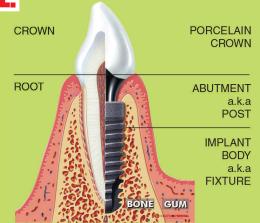
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2022 Doshi Bridgebuilder Award for Jay Bhattacharya

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ing effects of lockdown policies.

Bhattacharya has four degrees from Stanford including an MD, and a PhD in economics making him uniquely qualified to speak about the economics of healthcare and making him a bridgebuilder between academic disciplines. He brought the full force of his education and experience in his talk, 'The Economic and Human Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic and Policy Responses.'

He peppered it with global data and statistics that had formed the basis of what is known as the Great Barrington Declaration named after the town in MA, where he and two fellow researchers were hosted by a libertarian think tank. When it was first released in 2020 the study got support from the Trump administration and drew the attention of Fox News making Bhattacharya a recognizable face.

The central argument of the GBD at the height of the pandemic and reiterated at the event was this: governments should lift lockdown restrictions on young and healthy people who are the least affected by the virus, place protection measures for the elderly, and allow the virus to spread amongst those for who it will not be lethal, so there is herd immunity and no dependence on vaccines. Bhattacharya averred governments had instead used data to control populations, whereby lives had been lost but had starkly revealed the values practiced.



Bhatacharya making his presentation at the award function.

He pointed to the callousness toward the poor and drew attention to the horrific 'Trail of Tears' in India where migrant workers were made to return home and walked miles only to die in the scores on the wayside. Poor nations suffered he said, as they had to deal with hunger-related deaths caused by disruptions to the supply chain when the rich West simply shut down. Children's health had devolved too with necessary vaccinations for measles, polio, and the like being shafted aside for the covid related ones. By shutting down schools and depriving kids of proper education and interaction, a "generational theft" had occurred, he said.

The lockdowns, he concluded, were there to protect the hospital system, the rich, and the "laptop class" because they were the

only ones who could afford to stay home. Zoom, he said, had caused the lockdown. When the tech had been unavailable people had just gone out and done their work. Referring to the response he received for his research, which was not embraced by the scientific community, he said it was because so many had received funding from the NIH and were scared to go against the institution's position. Bhattacharya claimed that till that point he had "never understood the link between research and funding."

Up to this point, it seemed correct that the awardee had the podium and freely spoke about the work he

was being recognized for. But the event then had Bhattacharya's talk followed by Dr. Aaron Kheriaty who forcefully reiterated similar arguments terming the restrictions as being worse than what the "fascists and communists had dreamed of." It was confusing – was the event about recognizing a person's work or making a case?

Earlier, Doshi while leading up to the two presentations praised Bhattacharya for his boldness and said, "if western countries had let doctors remain autonomous and let them practice their profession during COVID, tens of thousands of lives would have been saved."

The early part of his speech was interesting as he gave an arching, spirituo-historical perspective on bridgebuilding.

The middle path of moderation practiced in India by the Buddha and as evidenced in the teachings of the Katho Upanishad and the Gita, influenced the pre-Socratic Greek thinkers, he said. The consequences of this path were huge, including the adoption of the principle of co-existence and avoidance of polarization. Doshi pointed out that nature exists in pairs of opposites which means, "there is some good in the worst of us and some bad in the best of us. The path for transcendence is to bring balance, harmony, and complementarity between the opposites."

For the occasion, Doshi had also penned a poem, 'Satyam Sivam Sundaram' delving into the nature of the immortal soul and ringing out with the wisdom of the four Upanishadic mahavakyas. Set to music, it was rendered by Vijay Bhatt as an invocation at the top of the event. Doshi told India-West his readings and studying of texts over the years, including works by Aurobindo had revealed to him over and over again the strong connection between Quantum Mechanics and Advaita Vedanta and he e had penned the poem with thoughts of his last years and curiosity of 'what is after death?'

Also speaking briefly was Robbin Crabtree of the Bellarmine College of Liberal Arts of the Loyola Marymount University who expressed her gratitude to the Doshis and told the South Asian community, "you honor us with your engagement."

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Tata in Talks to Build Iphone For Apple in India: Report



Apple CEO Tim Cook during a visit to India where he praised the talent of engineers. (File photo)

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (IANS) - The Tata Group is in discussions with a Taiwanese supplier to Apple to build electronics manufacturing joint venture in India and assemble iPhones here, Bloomberg reported on September 9. According to the report, the discussions with Wistron are aimed at making Tata a force in technology manufacturing and the Group wants to tap the Taiwanese company's expertise in product development, supply chain, and assembly.

If the agreement is successful, Tata might become the first Indian business to manufacture iPhones, which are now largely put together in China and India by Taiwanese manufacturing behemoths like Wistron and Foxconn Technology Group, the report said. Meanwhile, earlier this month, industry analyst Ming-Chi Kuo claimed that the next iPhone 15 is likely to be manufactured at the same time in India and China next year. "The iPhone 14's mass production schedule in India this year is still about six weeks behind China, but the gap has improved significantly. Therefore, it is reasonable to expect that India and China will be able to produce the new iPhone 15 at the same time next year," Kuo tweeted earlier.Last month, reports mentioned that the tech giant would start the production of the latest iPhones in India two months after its debut. However, Kuo later noted that it would be manufactured "about six weeks" later. Apple first started manufacturing iPhones in India in 2017 with iPhone SE. The tech giant manufactures some of its most advanced iPhones in the country, including iPhone 11, iPhone 12, and iPhone 13, at the Foxconn facility, while iPhone SE and iPhone 12 are being assembled at the Wistron factory in the country.

Starbucks CEO Laxman Narasimhan's Salary: \$17.5 million



Laxman Narasimhan is from Pune University.

SEATTLE, WA – Starbucks which recently named Laxman Narasimhan as its next Chief Executive Officer, a report in The Guardian says, will receive an annual salary of approximately \$17.5 million or Rs.140 crore. His yearly salary at his previous employer, Reckitt Benckiser was Rs 55 crore or 6 million pounds.

The new role of the 55-year-old is an improvement in many ways. According to The Guardian, Reckitt Benckiser was valued at 45 billion pounds, while Starbucks is approximately £87 billion in revenue. Due to this, Narasimhan's individual incentives will

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also significantly rise.

Starbucks is the world's largest roaster and retailer of specialty coffee, with 34,000 locations across the globe and a five-decade history of success.

After moving from London to Seattle, Narasimhan is scheduled to start working for the coffee company as the upcoming CEO on October 1 of this year. Before formally taking over as CEO and joining the board on April 1, 2023, he will work closely with interim CEO Howard Schultz.

Narasimhan has nearly 30 years of experience in managing and consulting international consumer-facing brands. He completed his mechanical engineering from Pune University and has served in several executive capacities at PepsiCo, including that of its global chief commercial officer, where he oversaw the business's long-term strategy and technological prowess.

Resolving Starbucks' escalating labor relations issues would be one of Narasimhan's main challenges as the company's CEO. Starbucks said in a statement that Narasimhan would spend his first few months getting to know staff members from across the world. Narasimhan also serves as a trustee for the Brookings Institution, is a director of Verizon, and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

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while friendly he responded like he might have on TV –on point and as if conscious of airtime. Excerpts:

Q: So, Joe Manchin finally came through, who do you give credit to?

A: Several things happened, Senator (Chuck) Schumer, the President, and with some humility, I played a role in keeping the bipartisan talks going. I was the only house progressive to do so.

Q: How did that go down with the progressives?

A: They weren't happy and were critical of me being the only guy from the House along with ten other senators talking to Senator Manchin, but then they saw what was going on and appreciated it.

I was there to help work out the compromises that made everyone get on board.

Q: How does the IRA integrate with California's efforts including the banning of ICE cars after 2035...

A: (Jumping in) It makes it possible to achieve the goal. We need battery production, lithium processing, and supply chains set up. Manufacturing is the need, and the IRA is going to let it happen.

Q: Since the climate bill is going to onshore a lot of tech and shift away from China...do you see anything happening with India-US trade relations?

A: There is a lot that is going to be needed like clean steel, and we definitely want to make things in the US. The global supply chain however has to be with allied countries like Japan, Canada, Mexico, and of course India.

Q: We don't have an ambassador in India. What can be done about moving the Eric Garcetti nomination?

A: It is a problem. I am the Vice Chair of the India Caucus and I want to be helpful in moving this. Me and Raja (Krishnamoorthi) have been pushing the White House. We should get whoever can be confirmed and get someone of high profile. Lawmakers like me are frustrated,



especially given the strategic importance of India.

Q: You have not necessarily agreed with all that India does but with the waiver of the CAATSA sanctions you have the community on your side. Have you felt the winds change?

A: Well, I have great affection for the community, they know my background where my grandfather was a freedom fighter and have always treated me like their son. I have spoken for pluralism and secularism. And look, that's not my original insight. Gandhi and Nehru were not just great leaders of India but of the world and I come from that worldview when it comes to India. There is also no question I got over 300 votes to back the amendment which showed that India is a strategic ally. After the Indian civilian nuclear deal, this was the biggest, most vehement amendment that we have ever had. Some can question why I voted against the final bill, but the answer is clear - I have always been against massive defense spending.

Q: The rash of hate crimes against Indian Americans, what advice do you have for the community?

A: We need to stand up. We need to call it out. We need to be vocal about it. I have been on the front-lines, I have condemned the attack on the Hindu man in Fremont and tweeted about it. There was also the schoolboy in Texas who was assaulted which I have spoken against. We need to be assertive and demand justice.

Q: Is it you or your office tweeting?

A: Both. Sometimes I tweet, but I approve the other tweets. Yeah, lots of times I glance at the responses between meetings and things

Q: You have been critical of Dems and messaging. How are you now with President Biden's new tone?

A: I am for new economic patriotism. We need to revitalize our production, build new plants, and create more jobs. We have passed the CHIPS Act, now the IRA. It is a compelling message. I like that the President is out there and being more vocal, but more is needed from everyone.

Q: How do you feel about Dems backing Trumpian die-hards in the GOP primaries?

A: I disagree with it. I think it's bad choosing extremists. I don't think we should be this cynical.

Q: Would things be different if younger people without acrimonious history were in office?

A: It is definitely for our generation to lead, and I would hope that we can help to unify. But then it depends on the leaders. It was not preordained that Lincoln or FDR's generation would have dealt with inequality, racism, the depression. They were individuals who drove it forward. So, it depends on the individual, the leader.

Q: You have voted with Biden 100% of the time. How does the Biden team view you...

A: It's a great relationship. They invited me to the signing of the CHIPS Act in Columbus (OH) and a number of signing ceremonies like the IRA. I have a great relationship with Ron Klain (WH Chief of Staff), and Steve Ricchetti (Counselor to the President).

Q: You have their trust even after you supported a rival in the primaries?

A: Yes, they see me as supporting the President and as a strong ally. That's what they care about.

Q: There is talk of you running for the White House...

A: I am very happy to support the President. I am overwhelmed by the support from the community and that they see me as a leader.

Q: Is that an option for the future?

A: That depends on so many things like timing...

Q: What would you do if Californians Gavin Newsom and Kamala Harris ran in 2024?

A: I would support whoever is better. It would be about the person's vision, not geography. I am committed to issues.

Q: CA has a Senator who is being actively encouraged to leave, is that office of interest to you?

A: I represent a very influential district. I love the district not just because of masala chai, but the tech, the diversity, many things...I will look at all options but will never stop feeling deeply honored by the love and support from this district.

Q: How does your family cope with your political life?

A: I have an incredible wife (Ritu Khanna). She is an incredible mother and an incredible partner. I have been very, very lucky.

SHORT TAKES:

Favorite restaurant in DC: Karma Fox News: Important to get along Senator Bernie Sanders: Changed the national dialog

Favorite news anchor: Chuck Todd

Last book read: A Brief History of Equality by Thomas Piketty

Fitness mantra: Get 10,000 steps Samosas: Never a huge fan, prefer pakodas...cheese pakodas

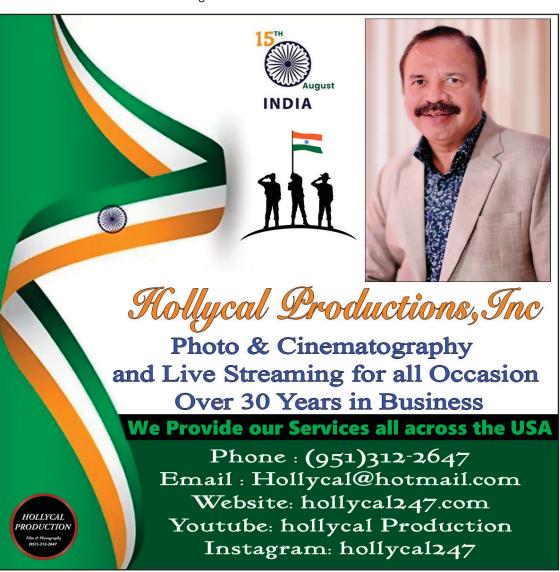


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Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal Continues to Get Hate Calls

India-West News Desk

WASHINGTON, DC - Two months ago Indian American Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal was stalked by a man who drove by her home in Seattle, WA hurling insults and invectives in her direction. He told the police after his arrest that he would do that every day till she packs her bags and left for India.



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The harassment has continued, with Jayapal tweeting on September 8, about her ordeal of receiving hate messages over the phone. "Typically, political figures don't show their vulnerability. I chose to do so here because we cannot accept violence as our new norm," she wrote. "We also cannot accept the racism and sexism that underlies and propels so much of this violence."

The Democratic Congresswoman also posted parts of call she had received where the threats are filled with violence:

"Get ready for the worst year of your life. It's going to be turmoil every day." "This is going to be fun. This is going to be fun. Your life is going to be miserable." "You stupid ****** ****. Get ready for turmoil. You're getting it." And "Hey, why don't you guys go back to where you ****** came from?"

The Washington Post on September 7 reported in detail about her 47-minute ordeal on the night of July 9 when she was home and experienced for the first time a stalker's hatred. She said she was watching a psychological thriller "Mindhunter" with her husband, Steve Williamson, when it started.

That was the first time they saw and heard the stalkers, who came in a black car with gold rims and drove past their house had been a familiar sight to neighbors.

It was 10:38 p.m.

"F..... C...," said one of the men, according to voices captured by security cameras. Another voice said something that included "India".

"But I will continue to drive by here and voice my opinion, until she goes back to India - or something else," Brett Forsell, 49, one of the two men said as he sat in a police car after his arrest.

Jayapal has also been a strident critic of former President Donald Trump and blamed him for the stalker. "The person that occupied the White House, the highest office in the land, actually used and unleashed and mobilized all of that violence and white supremacy using the tools of the federal government," she said shortly after the incident.

"I've had people forever telling me to go back to India," Jayapal told The Washington Post. "But I will say that this was different. This was really different."

Forsell had planned to pitch a tent close to Jayapal's house to serve her as a constant reminder. And on the night of his arrest, he was carrying a Glock pistol, which he claimed to the police, was meant only for selfdefense. (with IANS inputs)

Trumpian Kash Patel Says Indian Americans Are Hypocrites

WASHINGTON, DC (IANS) - Kashyap "Kash" Patel, the controversial top aide to former President Donald Trump and a close associate, said he feels "forsaken and vilified" by the Indian American community at a time when he has been "unfairly targeted by the US justice department for the color of his skin".

"I think it's the height of hypocrisy that they won't support people who are first-generation Indian Americans, who have made it to somewhat the highest levels of the United States government just because they disagree with you politically," Patel said.

He added: "I will help any Indian American and everyone looking to advance in government service or in other ways, in law enforcement, national defense, wherever I can. But they take the opposite position because they have the fake news media to back them. All they care about is publicity and media. The only thing I care about is the mission. I put the mission first every time.' Patel said that he has been getting hateful messages from the Indian American community on "email, or messages on social media, hateful messages, spiteful messages, disgusting mes-



sages, which is sad because these are supposed to be our brothers and sisters".

Patel is an Indian American who was born in New York to Gujarati parents who came to the US via East Africa. He is an attorney by training and rose to become the chief of staff to the acting secretary of defense in the dying days of the Trump administration and almost came to head the CIA as acting director.

He is now a leading member of a small group of Republican Indian Americans – mostly Trumpian disliked intensely by the rest of the community. This so-called rogues' gallery of Desis includes former Louisiana governor Bobby Jindal, who earned the community's wrath for not wanting to be called an Indian American because he was opposed to the concept of hyphenated Americans; and Dinesh D'Souza, a Ronald Reagan White House staffer who went on to reinvent himself as a documentary filmmaker and was jailed for election funding fraud and became the first Indian American to receive a Presidential pardon, from Trump.

He remains a close associate of the former President. "The President and I talk all the time. I'm

not going to reveal our private conversations, but he's been public about what his intentions are and how much he wants to fix the country." Patel said, when asked if Trump is planning to run again. "So, I think you'll see that an announcement will be coming in the next couple of

months and then

we'll follow behind it."

Patel was named recently in an affidavit that the Department of Justice filed before a federal judge to secure a warrant to search Trump's Mar-a-Lago beach home for presidential documents that he had carried there with him from the White House in violation of the Presidential Records Act, which required him to turn them over to the National Archives.

Patel took issue with the naming. "Me, as a former National Security prosecutor, knows that the policy of DOJ and FBI is redact names of people just to protect their security and the only name

they didn't un-redact last Friday, when they released the affidavit besides Donald Trump was mine and the next seven pages were redacted," Patel said.

He said that he believes he is a victim of "racism against Republican minorities". He had hash-tagged a recent post on Truth Social, a twitter-like social media site promoted by Trump, "Brown Lives Matter", his take on "Black Lives Matter", a movement for racial justice and equality.

When and how does he expect to see the Mar-a-Lago papers scandal end? After November midterm elections when the House of Representatives is expected to pass into Republican hands? "I hope there's some serious accountability because as I've said publicly, it's the same corrupt FBI and DOJ officials who started Russia gate by lying to a federal judge to unlawfully surveil a president that is now back in charge of executing this raid," he said, adding, "That's Russia gate all over again. And we have to get the documents out showing the FBI and its corruption and I think that will happen when we get rigorous congressional oversight, like we did in the Russia gate investigation."



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October 9th - Sunday	Samoohika Satyannarayana Puja	Puja	5:00 PM	\$54
October 12th - Wednesday	Karva Chauth	Puja	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Free
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	Dhana Trayodashi: Dhanvantari Homa	Homa	6:00 PM	\$54
	Shani Pradosham: Pradosha Siva Puja	Puja	7:00 PM	\$54
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5:30 PM-7: 15PM: SANGITA SEVA – FLUTE by K R Subrahmanyam

SANGITA SEVA – VIOLIN by Arun Ramamurthy SANGITA SEVA – MRIDANGAM by Arjun Narayanan

VIDIYA – DAY 2 – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2022

GAYATHRI DEVI ALANKARAM

5:30 PM-7:15 PM: SANGITA SEVA - VOCAL by ANIRUDH VENKATESH

TADIYA - DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2022

ANNAPURNA DEVI ALANKARAM

5:30 PM-7:15 PM: SANGITA SEVA - VIOLIN by NIKHITA KAUSHIK

ACCOMPANIED by MRIDANGAM BY SATVIK SUBBARAMAN

CHAVITI - DAY 4 - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2022

LALITHA TRIPURA SUNDARI DEVI ALANKARAM

5:30 PM-7:15 PM: SANGITA SEVA - Vocal by HARI AASURI

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PANCHAMI - DAY 5 - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2022

MATHA LAKSHMI DEVI ALANKARAM

5:30 PM-7:15 PM: BHAJAN - by SMT. PADMA KUTTY STUDENTS 8:30 PM-11:30 PM: Mata ki Chowki - by Pandit Siddharth Pathak & team

SHASHTI & SAPTAMI – DAY 6 – SATURDAY, OCTOBER IST, 2022

SARASWATI DEVI ALANKARAM

10:30 AM–12 PM: Samoohika Vidyarthi Saraswati Puja – for Students (Free)

(For Knowledge and success in academics)

4 PM-5 PM: NRUTYA SEVA – BHARATANATYAM by PRIYA DANCE

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5:30 PM-7:15 PM: SANGITA SEVA by VANI RAMAMURTY FLUTE by ANIRUDH BHARADWAJ

MRIDANGAM by SUBHA CHANDRAMOULI

8:30 PM-10:30 PM: KOLATAM (8:30PM TO 8:45PM)

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(Chanting of Durgapatha, Devi Mahatmyam)
Gain the means to fight obstacles, receive an abundance
of wealth and advancement in various matters.

4PM-7:30PM: Daily Navavarana Archana, Suvasini Puja & Kanya puja.

(Sri Chakra Puja For enlightenment and blessings from the highest form of the

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7:15PM-8:15PM: Daily Samoohika Kumkumarchana to

Goddess Sri Siva Kameswari (For prosperity and happiness in the family)

8:15PM-9:30PM: Aarati and Veda Swasti

followed by dinner prasad

ASHTAMI - DAY 7 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2ND, 2022

DURGA DEVI ALANKARAM

7 AM: Chandi Homam/Havan (DURGASHTAMI) Gain an abundance of wealth, the means to fight obstacles, and advancement in various matters

10:30 AM-12 PM: 108 Bala/Kanya Puja - Lalita Group Chanting where we worship & adore the Divine in each young girl. Small gifts will be given to each child.

4 PM-5 PM: SANGITA SEVA – VEENA CONCERT by SHREYAS VIOLIN by SHANKAR SUBRAMANIUM

MRIDANGAM by SATVIK SUBBARAMAN

5 PM-7:15 PM: NRUTYA SEVA - ODISSI by ANAVI & ANNIKA (5PM-5:15PM)

SANGITA SEVA – VOCAL by MUNIKUTLA VIKAS SANGITA SEVA – VIOLIN by ROSHAN MANDAYAM SANGITA SEVA – MRIDANGAM by ARJUN NARAYANAN

NAVAMI – DAY 8 – MONDAY, OCTOBER 3RD, 2022

MAHISHASURA MARDINI DEVI ALANKARAM

5:30 PM-7:15 PM: SANGITA SEVA - VOCAL by MAYURI VASAN

SANGITA SEVA – VIOLIN by KIRAN ATREYA SANGITA SEVA – MRIDANGAM by

SATVIK SUBBARAMAN

VIIAYA ƊASHAMI - ƊAY 9 - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 2022

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4 PM-7:30 PM: 108 SUVASINI /SUMANGALI PUJA

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the Goddess) for an Abundance of happiness and prosperity

5:30 PM-6:30 PM: VASANTHA BOCHU – VEENA CONCERT 6:45 PM-7 PM: SATYABHAMA PRAVESA DARUVU

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Bay Area Bullish on India: Piyush Goyal in CA Visit

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (ANI) - India's Minister for Commerce Piyush Goyal said that creating partnerships with companies in the San Francisco bay area will help India

achieve cyber security goals faster and added that he is excited about some of the offers that he received from the entrepreneurs and tech companies here, after holding meet-

ings with IT security companies.

His statement came after Jay Chaudhry, the Indian American billionaire and CEO of the San Josebased, Zscaler, on September 7 said







that they have come up with some initiatives where the company can help improve cyber security for the Indian government. About his company, Chaudhry said, "We have made significant investments in India. We opened the Zscaler office first in Banglore before opening it in the US. 40 percent of our employees are in India, probably the highest by any US-based company. We are hiring aggressively and looking at what more and more can be done in India," he added.

The India-US start-up SETU, which stands for Supporting Entrepreneurs for Transformation and Upskilling, will act as a bridge between American and Indian companies, Goyal said.

"One of the key takeaways is that the Bay Area is very bullish on India, very excited about the potential that India, Indians and Indian startups and Indian businesses have to offer. Very excited about the talent available in India. They see huge potential in the large market that India is, 1.3 billion aspirational Indians," Goyal said.

"There were suggestions about mentorship. We've launched the SETU program where we are looking at supporting entrepreneurs through transformation and up- industrial and economic activity. skilling initiatives. We're also looking at a program that the startup advisory council had initiated in India in which mentorship is being

initiated particularly in tier-2, tier-3 and tier-4 towns and remoter areas. A lot of good suggestions have been brought to the table," he said.

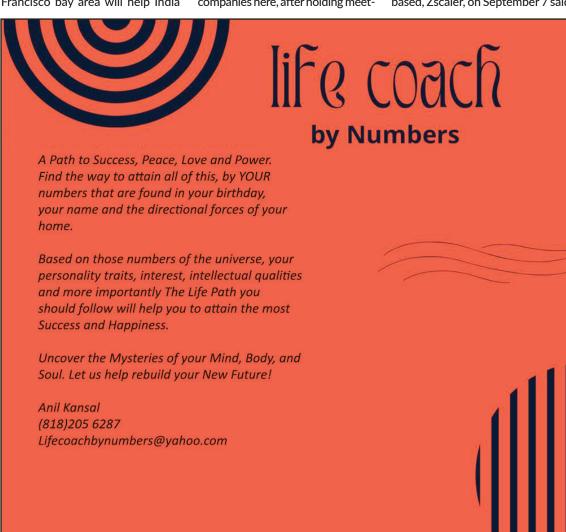
The start-up will help entrepreneurs in upskilling, transforming and leveraging the success stories of the Indian diaspora in the US, Goyal said after launching the startup in San Francisco.

Encouraging investments in India, the minister said that apart from getting a competitive place to do business, companies also get a large billion-plus market of 'aspirational Indians'. Highlighting the huge market potential of the country, Goyal said there are benefits of economies of scale and the availability of a large talent pool.

Stanford University

To deepen the partnership between India and the US, Goyal expressed a desire to collaborate with Stanford while visiting the university's newly launched Doerr School of Sustainability, a hub for research and innovation focused on advancing the long-term prosperity of the planet. Goyal underlined the need for a deeper understanding of India's energy needs and potential solutions for the sustainable development of

He also stressed partnerships between Stanford Graduate School of Business and Indian Management Institutions.



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'Peach King' Didar Singh Bains, 84, Passes Away



India-West Staff Reporter

YUBA CITY, CA - Didar Singh Bains known as the Peach King of California and one of the richest Sikh farmers in North America.

died at his home on September 13. He was 84. Bains is survived by wife Santi, sons Ajit and Carmen and Harpreet; daughter Diljit and son-in-law Avtar. His passing was mourned in Yuba City where he farmed, lived and served the community as well as in Punjab and Sikh circles.

Bains was born in 1938, in Nangal Kurd, District Hoshiapur. He immigrated to the US in 1958 and began life here as a farm laborer. He tilled and toiled over a land that reminded him of fields in Punjab. Years later,

his perseverance and focus was to make him the largest independent peach grower in the world. With lands spread cross the US, India and Canada he diversified growing raspberries, blueberries, black currants, prunes, walnuts, almonds, and grapes. He became the second largest cranberry grower for the Ocean Spray brand.

Bains was also deeply religious, serving at the Stockton Gurdwara and then becoming one of the 26 founding members of the Yuba City Gurdwara. In 1980, he started the Yuba Nagar Kirtan, which is now a massive and annual event.

His activities were keenly monitored when after Sikhs fled India after the 1984 riots, he reached out to help. Reports say he had lawyers stationed in the Bahamas to aid their immigration to the US. On their arrival, they were sure to find jobs on his various farms. But Bains was clear, he was helping on humanitarian grounds and extended the same support

to militants and those who were not. He is also said to have made clear he had nothing to do with separatist politics, and that humanitarian assistance is what was of interest to him.

The outpouring of grief from Sikh-affiliated institutions was immediate upon learning of his passing. Bains' son and Sutter County District 4 Supervisor Karm Bains told the media, "He laid a foundation not only for his family, but also the entire community... He was the epitome of a selfless servant. He was inspirational. He served his faith, the community and was an inspiration to all. It's all about hard work. Live an honest and hard-working life to share with others in need or your neighbors, but always be thankful."

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Bharti Kher's Sculpture Unveiled in NY Central Park



NEW YORK, NY - An 18-foot-tall patinated bronze sculpture by New Delhi- and London-based artist Bharti Kher was unveiled at the southeast entrance to Central Park in New York on September 8 and will be on view through August 27, 2023.

Depicting a universal mother figure linking our cultural and personal pasts and futures, 'Ancestor' is Kher's most ambitious work to date. The sculpture stems from the artist's ongoing 'Intermediaries' series in which she reassembles small, broken clay figurines of humans, animals, and mythical beings into hybrid figures that defy a fixed identity.

'Ancestor', however, is a resolutely feminine figure. Adorned with the heads of her 23 children that extend from her body, she embodies multiculturalism, pluralism, and interconnectedness. They manifest a sense of belonging and celebrate the mother as a keeper of wisdom and the eternal source of creation and refuge.

Connecting New Delhi and New York City, the sculpture reflects Kher's cross-cultural identity and her appreciation for India's rich material culture. The sculpture proposes a genealogical, spiritual, and metaphysical inquiry into the meaning of society and is a sensitive investigation into our relationship with

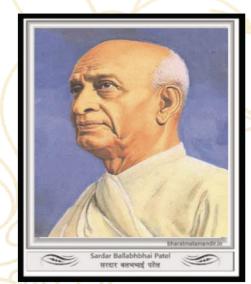
In contrast to monuments that glorify historical figures and commemorate traditional symbols of authority, 'Ancestor' inhabits the public space as a powerful female force paying homage to the generaP16 - September, 2022

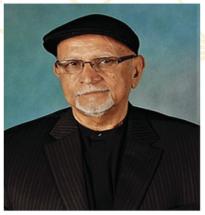
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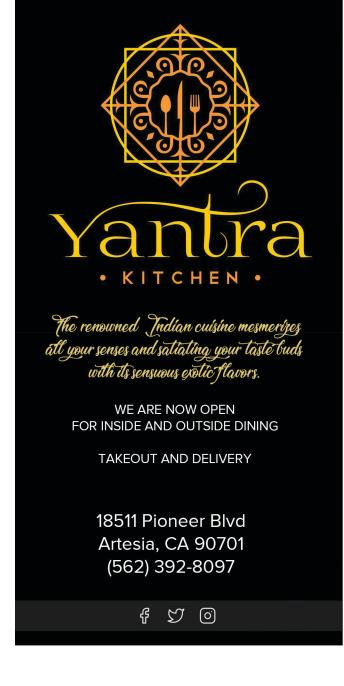


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DOSHI BRIDGEBUILDER AWARD 2022

Speech by Navin Doshi

Good evening friends,

Thank you for gracing this event to honor Dr. Jay Bhattacharya, and special thanks to the organizers of this wonderful university; thank you Chris, Robin and all the LMU team members.

A few words about Bridge building: Deep meditation indeed helped Siddhartha to discover the middle path of moderation, balanced blissful mind avoiding the extremes of pain and pleasure. The middle path also helped him discover the conduit to Transcendence, becoming Buddha.

During the first century AD, another Buddhist middle path, Madhyamika, was articulated by the philosopher Nagarjuna. The truth of the middle path was rediscovered centuries later by a Chinese scholar and traveler, Xuanzang, a giant of bridge building. His itinerary included traveling through the grueling terrain of Gansu, steppe upon steppe, enduring the deadly heat of the Gobi desert and the desolate and treacherous ice-peaks of the Pamir Mountains. Xuanzang journeyed enduring long periods of solitude not for any riches; like Siddharta, he sought only the path of Truth.

This event is made possible through the generosity of the Doshi Family, with additional support from the Navin and Pratima Doshi Professorship of Indic and Comparative Theology and the Theological Studies Department at Loyola

Navin and Pratima Doshi have been active philanthropists, promoting the value of education and world peace. They also support fundraising activities and oversee consultancy for numerous projects relating to Indic traditions, world

Navin Doshi grew up in Mumbai, India, and came to the United States in 1958 after completing his undergraduate studies at Puna Engineering College and the L.D. Engineering College of Gujarat University where he earned his Bachelor of Engineering degree. He completed a second bachelor's degree and a master's degree in electrical engineering at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. In 1960, he moved to Los Angeles to begin a Ph.D. program in

Navin worked as an aerospace engineer at TRW, now Northrop Grumman, where he was the recipient of NASA awards and U.S. patents. During this time, Navin and his wife, Pratima, started a business importing velvet patchwork bedspreads. He also engaged in residential income properties and financial



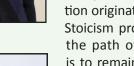
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With JB, Harkisan Vasa and Suru Manek

During a 17 year journey, he traced both the physical and spiritual footsteps of Buddha and Nagarjuna. Walking past the Greco-Indian statues of Gandhara, journeying to the glorious university of Nalanda, he learned about all the Buddhist schools and embraced Yogachara, another middle path founded on both Nagarjuna's and Buddha's middle paths. These were Buddhist metaphysics discovered some 17 centuries before Immanuel Kant's critique of pure reason. Eastern tradition gives more importance to intuition than the intellect constituted of pure reason.

Related to intuitive and intellectual outcomes, a difference had arisen between Tagore and Einstein in matters of objective observation. Tagore intuitively disagreed with Einstein, stating that the participating observer does influence the process of observation resulting into multiple outcomes, in effect supporting Schrodinger's equation of quantum



Dr. Doshi's introduction about Bridge Builder Award and introduction of Dr. Bhatacharya, Prof. Chapple helping him.



Dr. Vandana (daughter) and Bhanu Sardesai.

With Pratima, JB, and Chris Chapple.

mechanics and uncertainty of outcome. This is the path of transcendence towards Sunyata, and informs us to stay in the present, the middle of the past and the future, the zeros of Einstein's time and space coordinates, making time and space irrelevant. Only as we plunge into a deep contemplation of this endless profundity, is it possible to discover the purity of absolute vacuity, the effulgent illumination of Nirvana.

The path of moderation was not only espoused by Buddhism, but was taught by a large number of schools in India at that time. It formed the foundation of the teachings of the Katha Upanishad as well as of the Bhagavad Gita, two of Hinduism's principal wisdom texts, perhaps composed shortly after the time of the Buddha. Indian wisdom made its way to the Mediterranean and influenced the thought of Pre-Socratic Greek philosophers.

> After Alexander's conquest of Persia in the 4th c. BC, there was even greater exchange of thought and culture between India and Greece. Stoicism founded by Zeno of Citium in Athens, seems to have been one of the schools of Greek philosophical practice influenced by the path of moderation originating in India. Stoicism proclaims that the path of happiness is to remain indifferent and undisturbed by the pleasure and pain which people experience in their lives. By that practice the intellect is unclouded and remains in harmony with the laws

There are many corollaries to the middle path

of nature.

of moderation. Bridge building and the principle of co-existence are two of them to avoid polarization between a pair of opposites. Please note that Nature's nature is to create pairs of opposites within and without. The dark half of the pair, such as ignorance is also the raw material for the brighter half like wisdom. There is some good in the worst of us and some bad in the best of us. The path for transcendence is to bring balance, harmony, and complementarity between the opposites. Nature is fractal, meaning it is also layered at every level of our existence; specifically the somatic and the psychic layer needs to be autonomous to prolong the life of the order. Though born out of physical energy of the somatic self, the strength of the psychic self is its vision and detachment from worldly matters.

The psychic self of artists and poets is powerless in a material world. It is like an angel flapping its wings, moving against gravity to transcend towards the heavens, with power hungry materialists aiming to shoot it down like a game bird. The western mindset of pure logic needs to be complemented with the traditionally intuitive eastern mindset of compassion and complementarity. Quantum mechanics also supports the primacy of consciousness over the material manifestation. Western belief, "I think therefore I am" needs to be changed to, "I think because I am". Thoughts come and go, and die with the somatic body. But the consciousness or Christhood or the Atman exists for ever.

Today it seems to me that the humanity even at the highest layer of geopolitics is severely polarized. USA and western countries need to be out of the unipolar mind set, and accept the multi-polar world where every country is sovereign. At a professional level, if western countries had let doctors remain autonomous and let them practice their profession during COVID, tens of thou-



Dr. Doshi, Dr. Bhatacharya and Dr. Kheriaty (left to right).

sands of lives would have been saved

Digital technology is associated with information and culture. But it has been also capitalized and mixed with commodity capital of the somatic self. Power hungry materialists are using and mixing these technologies to take away the freedom of mind and autonomy; they have been proposing implanting microchip in a new born baby; that could result into humanity becoming robotic, receding psychic and philosophic self with the loss of freedom and autonomy.

Macroeconomics of today has been poisoned with public debt of over 140 trillion, with an overhang of \$700 trillion derivative markets. In an environment of shrinking credit and GDP, rising rate of interest and inflation and shrinking productivity, the future is gloomy unless we change the direction towards conforming to the laws of nature.

This year Chris and I agreed to honor Dr. Jay Bhatacharya with the Bridge Builder Award because he is one of the few who showed great boldness with strong sense of responsibility, going against western governments. to manage COVID 19 pandemic. Dr. Bhatacharya along with his two associates penned a document known as The Great Barrington Declaration (GBD) that showed compassion towards the poor, sick and seniors and a path to save lives and money.

Dr. Bhatacharya's concern was the suffering of the old and the poor and the least damage to the fragile economies of developing countries like India. Thousands of workers died in transition due to fatigue and starvation when they were asked to go back to their villages. The release of GBD shattered the notion of consensus favoring the lockdown. Every recommendation of GBD would have helped to manage the pandemic efficiently to the best of my knowledge.

Over 135 thousand individuals and around 10 thousand medical professionals signed approving the resolution during the very first four days. The current count of approval, by my estimation, exceeds a million, probably much more. The GBD was penned by authors based on over hundred years of experience managing pandemics.

Please give a big applause welcoming Dr. Bhatacharya. Thank you

Loyola Marymount University during the Doshi Bridgebuilder Award ceremony. Convened in the beautiful modern auditorium of Life Science Building on September 13, 2022, the function started with the poem penned by Mr. Navin Doshi, praising Lord Shiva in his quest to destroy evil and reconstruct good, bringing everyone to truth and beauty: Satyam, Shivam, and Sundaram. This soothing poem-song, delivered extremely well by Vijay Bhatt with perfect pitch and pronunciations of multiple languages, bridged multiple faiths, celebrating

It was an afternoon of enlightenment at

Atha ata Brahma Jigyāsa Janma ādi yasa yata2 Primeval cause of all causes, Of creation, sustenance and destruction Manifested universe for us to play Professor of Health Policy at Stanford University Hari Om tat-sat, Hari Om tat-sat O? Nama? Shivāya, O? Nama? Shivāya

> O dancing Natarājan, In symmetry and splendor Guiding us to transcend, From Somatic to psychic, Towards the spiritual self,

Invocation written By DR. NAVIN DOSHI,

Sung by prof. Vijay Bhatt

Satyam Shivam Sundaram

O Supreme cosmos, (hmm...?)

O absolute Brahman (hmmm..?)

O dancing Natarājan,

In symmetry and splendor

O destroyer of the devil

Creating souls with beauty,

Bholenath Ashutosh Shambhu

Vaishnavanam, yatha Shambhu

Showing the path for truth,

In the ocean of love and bliss

No more anger no more hate, In ocean of love for truth in bliss Hold on to that state, never let go, Hold on, yes hold on, never let go

Effulgent light of infinite photons Undivided enlightening for truth In ocean of love for truth in bliss Mind in state of Sat-Chit-Ananda

O supreme cosmos, O absolute Brahman O dancing Natarājan, In effulgence and bliss

> Human mind having no location Like photons having no position Searching for absolute truth Devoid of anger and hate Devoid of pain and pleasure

Mind full of love and compassion Now in light of absolute truth Enter the field of infinite gravity, Singularity OR a black hole

Beyond Nature's space and time Out of manifested matters and forms No more Maya veiling Brahman Within the Reality of pure being, The Reality of supreme consciousness

> Aham Bīja prada pitā Mayam etam taranti te

Pragyānam Brahma; Ayam Ātma Brahma; Aham Brahmāsmi Yes, we are all divine. O supreme Cosmos, We are all conscious, We are one Brahman Self-conscious Brahman Hari Om tat-sat, Om Nama Shivaya, Satyam Shivam Sundaram, Satyam Shivam Sundaram

Hark Vasa

humanity in its core. It created an ambiance akin to temple worship, a feast for the heart, mind and ears. Navin Doshi then explained why, through building bridges, we must find again the middle path of the sages and philosophers. Our democratic, pluralistic society calls for a free flow of thoughts, ideas, and dialogues. The award recipient Jay Bhattacharya, MD,PhD,

and research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research, provoked the audience with scientific, evidence-based, at times common sense insights that were overlooked by public health authorities throughout the globe during the pandemic. Decisions were made by persons in power that led to the neglect of social, psychological, economic, and educational well-being during Covid-19 pandemic. With his lifelong interest in the plight of vulnerable populations, specifically the elderly, the poor, and children. Dr. Bhattacharva with his two associates penned a document known as the Great Barrington Declaration. The Declaration was signed by over a million professionals and health workers. Lives were saved when suggestions written in the declaration were implemented. I asked him "Are you seeing this in hind sight?" He told me that no, he published an opinion piece in the Wall Street Journal early in the pandemic, in October, 2020, that challenged widely-held beliefs and policies. His then- contrary views have now been adopted in many places. In democracies and in open societies, demagoguery be replaced by dialogues and discussions. Bridges must be built for a two way flow of ideas, thoughts, and suggestions.

Dr. Aaron Kheriaty, Chief of Psychiatry and Ethics at Doc1 Health, provided a commentarial response to the lecture presented by Dr. Bhattacharva. He guestioned the constitutionality of lock down policies and expressed concern about the psychological and social impact of decisions made by the authorities during

From the opening invocation and the words of Doshi, Bhattacharva, and Keriatv, we learned an important lesson: open dialogue is essential, and the builders of bridges should be honored.

Dr. Vikram Kamdar

Dr. Bhattacharya's presentation and talk on COVID 19 was very informative and eye opener whereby his research shows that COVID relate lockdowns have done 10 times more harm than good. He stated that lockdown made over 600 million people starve, got into depression and suicide and loss of trillions of dollars of income. World had many viruses over the history of the

world and no one ever did a lockdown in the past, then why for COVID 19? The world should learn a lesson from this and never do lockdowns. Media made it worse by publishing number of affected people, while never talking about millions starving.

Shefali Duggal Confirmed as New Envoy to The Netherlands

India-West News Desk

WASHINGTON, DC - Razdan Duggal, 50, has been confirmed by the US Senate by a voice vote.

Duggal is an experienced political activist, women's rights advocate, and human rights, campaigner. She served as National Co-Chair of Women for Biden, and as a Deputy National Finance Chair at the Democratic National Committee.

A Kashmiri Pandit, Razdan Duggal was born in Haridwar and moved with her family to Pittsburgh, PA at the age of two and then moved to Cincinnati, OH where she grew up. She is a graduate of Miami and New York universities. "I was born in India, but I was made in the United States," Duggal told members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee during her confirmation hearing in July.

"I have full confidence that kind-



ness, empathy, honesty and sweat equity mean something in our country. It is the reason why people from all over the world see us as a beacon of hope and freedom. While my story is not unique, it is one that represents the infinite possibilities of the American spirit and the American Dream," Duggal said.

During her confirmation hearing, Razdan Duggal said as an immigrant, she represents the diverse face of the United States and the generations of people throughout its history who found an opportunity in the

She was raised by

US.

a single mom in Cincinnati who worked two minimum wage jobs to support the family. "My father left us when I was very young and that in this profoundly and permanently affected the direction of my life," she told lawmakers. "Rather than dwell upon what I did not have, I embraced the boundless opportunities that we are given here in the United States. I attended college and graduate

school with the help of loans, grants, and scholarships. As I faced some of my own challenges of being a minority woman with limited resources, I became attuned to the

values of diversity and inclusion that continue to inspire me today," the Indian American said.

Duggal is the recipient of numerous civic awards.

Fox News Anchor Tucker Carlson Belittles India



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NEW YORK, NY - Inflammatory Fox News anchor and Donald Trump apologist Tucker Carlson was at it again and has drawn the wrath of Indian Americans, social media users, and some high-profile people, both Indian and non-Indian.

Carlson on his show claimed that India had no architectural marvels before the onset of the British colonial era. His comments have been condemned as "racist" and "supremely uninformed" by several people, including tennis star Martina Navratilova. She slammed him on Twitter, "Hey @TuckerCarlson - your utter ignorance of history is quite staggering. I suggest you read the book "Inglorious Empire" by Shashi Tharoor and then try again. Your racism is off the charts and your stupidity on this issue is of Olympic proportions!!!"

Congress leader Shashi Tharoor was incensed. He wrote on Twitter, "I think Twitter ought to have an option for something to press when you can't respond without losing

your cool. For now, I will content myself with..." adding two angry face emojis in response.

The Fox anchor on September 8, had gone on a long rant claiming that the British empire was "more than just genocide. Strong countries dominate weak countries. This trend hasn't changed. At least the English took their colonial responsibility seriously. They didn't just take things, they added. We (the United States) left Afghanistan, we left airstrips, weapons, and guns. When the British pulled out of India, they left behind an entire civilization, a language, a legal system, schools, churches, and public buildings, all of which are still in use today," he said.

He then referred to Mumbai's Victoria Terminus station which was since been renamed Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus and said, "And after 75 years of independence, has that country produced a single building as beautiful as the Bombay train station that the British colonials built?"

He has not apologized.



President Droupadi Murmu Attends State Funeral of Queen Elizabeth



LONDON, (ANI) - President Droupadi Murmu along with other global leaders attended the state funeral of Queen Elizabeth II at Westminster Abbey in London on September 19. Upon her arrival two days earlier, she offered tributes to Queen Elizabeth II at Westminster Hall in London, where the queen's coffin was lying-in-state.

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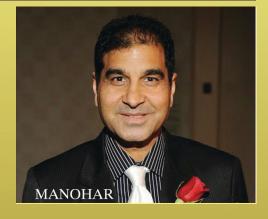
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America Most Favored Destination of Indian Students: US Issues 82,000 Student Visas, Highest Ever Globally in 2022

NEW DELHI, (ANI) - The US Mission in India has issued a record-breaking 82,000 student visas in 2022, higher than any other country, comprising nearly 20 percent of all international students studying in the United States, according to an official statement.

"We are happy to see so many students were able to receive visas and reach their universities after the delays caused in previous years by the COVID-19 pandemic. We issued over 82,000 student visas this summer alone, more than in any previous year," US Charge

d'Affaires Patricia Lacina said on September 6.

The US Embassy in New Delhi and four Consulates in Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, and Mumbai prioritized the processing of student visa applications from May to August to ensure that as many qualified students as possible made it to their programs of study in time for scheduled start dates.

"This shows that the United States remains for most Indian families the most sought-after country for higher education. It also highlights the important contributions Indian students make to both our countries as they build life-long connections with American peers to maintain and grow international partnerships, working collectively to address current and future global challenges," Charge d'Affaires said further.

According to the statement, Indian students comprise nearly 20 percent of all international students studying in the United States, with the Open Doors report in 2021 showing there were 167,582 students from India in the 2020-2021 academic year.





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The US has remained open and welcoming to international students throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2020, the US government and U.S. higher-education institutions implemented measures to safely welcome international students in person, online, and via hybrid learning methods, guaranteeing that opportunities and resources to international students remained robust.

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I Cry All The Time: Author Chitra Divakaruni About Writing on the Lives of Sita, Draupadi, and Jindan

By NIMMI RAGHUNATHAN

In giving voice to three Indian women from the past, Chitra Divakaruni it would seem has found for women of today too, a unique voice: spirited and independent.

With this, the prolific Texas-based novelist whose books have won awards and made it to the celluloid (eg., 'Mistress of Spices' starring Aishwarya Rai), is now a star in the historical fiction genre too. In three recent works, she has explored the lives of iconic figures: Sita from the 'Ramayana,' Draupadi from the 'Mahabharata,' and now, Jindan the last wife of Maharaja Ranjit Singh and the last queen of the Sikh empire.

Every Indian knows about them, especially the former two, but Divakaruni unlocks the box they have been restrained in to become remote figures and invites readers into their lives with an intimacy that proves no matter what the era, how mighty, wealthy, or beautiful an individual, human emotions will remain stunningly universal.

Her latest release, 'The Last Queen,' is an easy read and you don't have to be Punjabi to

understand the ebbs and flows of the life of Queen Jindan or even be an Indian to get it. But the complex circumstances and choices that determine the trajectory of lives are never subsumed by the beguiling simplicity of the prose.

Divakaruni's sensitive handling of her characters also proves one more thing: History would read differently, possibly even a tad bit more gently if women had been the primary scribes. The author's interest in understanding women is not limited to the past. Active in women's groups, she now associates herself with the organization Daya which works with South Asian survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Divakaruni, who has a PhD from UC Berkeley, teaches writing at the University of Houston and makes her home in the city with her husband Murthy. The couple is parents to two boys, both consultants.

In her chat with **India-West**, she was articulate, friendly, and bursting with information. Excerpts:

Q: Are your books mostly read by women?

A: They are the majority. It makes me happy when men read my books and say they made



a difference. Then I say please tell other men; we are not in battle, together we make up society. A healthy society for women creates

a healthier one for men too.

Q: Sita, Draupadi, and

Q: Sita, Draupadi, and now Jindan – are they heroines in your view?

A: Yes. But I never wanted to create statues of perfection; I wanted them humanized in a way where all of us can relate to them. In the case of Draupadi for instance, she is accused of starting the war. But of course, it's more complicated than that, there were other factors at play. But she was upset about being disrobed in public. Which woman wouldn't be? There is a tendency to blame the woman and I wanted to write against that.

Q: Does it surprise you that Sita is upheld as an ideal more than someone like Draupadi?

A: Not at all. It falls in with the belief that women should be seen not heard. Sita is no iconoclast, but she is no doormat either. She is comfortable in her skin not feeling the need to prove anything to anyone. I see her as a role model for single mothers- probably the first in literature. How wonderfully she does it instead of wasting time bemoaning her condition! It took me a longer time to understand Sita's quiet strength...it appealed to me, and I wanted to show that. By the way, in the 'Adhbut Ramayan' she is a warrior!

Q: Abortion. Jindan undergoes one and in our time

we have the Supreme Court ruling against it...

A: I am very distressed by the ruling. We are going back to the dark ages. A major choice has been taken away from women. Women have no control over their own bodies now, how can that be? I hope people will look at Jindan with sympathy. As a queen, she wanted the regency to take care of her child but as a woman, she was widowed young but was not allowed to do what she wanted to do and could not have married a non-Sikh. Here's the thing about literature, it nudges you to put yourself in the other's shoes and this makes us more compassionate: what would we have done in her place?

Q: What is your headspace like during the writing process?

A: For me, the first step is research. My husband has now gotten used to

seeing me crying. I feel their danger and pain. I cry a lot. I believe I have to feel what they feel only then I can touch the readers.

Q: How does it affect daily life?

A: I think it has made me more empathetic. I have realized no one is fully a villain, it's more complex than that. No one grows up wanting to be a bad person. The British come close, but they too were being patriotic.

Q: Do you fear idealizing them in your work?

A: I actively watch for that. When I make notes, I am thinking about how to humanize them, what their faults are. If Sita in her stubbornness had not wanted that deer, things would be different. Jindal was too fond of her brother and instead of sending him off she gave him official power. Draupadi had her temper, her barbed tongue. All of them learn through their mistakes. I too learned; with 'The Last Queen' I grew a lot. We think we are loved by so many, but ultimately it is only the Divine who is with us.

Q: In 'The Last Queen' you have included apt verses from the Guru Granth Sahib. Did you tailor the story to meet them?

A: Jindan was devout and would read it all the time. Even when she fled with one suitcase, she took it with her. I did all the research and studied the holy book as much as I could. I felt like I knew which verses would apply to her. A big thank you to Harper Collins India, who gave me a fact checker.

Q: Are there any gender lessons that you have imparted to them?

A: That they must respect every human regardless of gender and treat them the same way regardless of gender. Women have historically had it hard, it is in their hands to try harder with women to lend them the dignity to make choices.

SHORT TAKES:

Favorite Pandava: Bhim, he is a cook! Favorite woman character: Sita Favorite food: You will laugh, pizza!

Last visit to India: My hometown of Calcutta, Chennai where my husband is from, and Jaipur for the literature festival.

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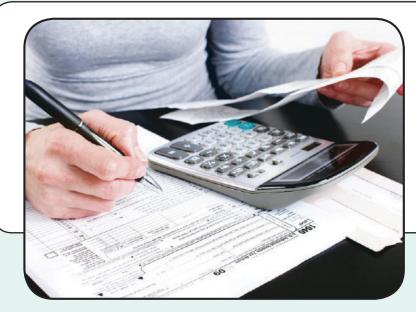
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Under Viswa Subbaraman's Baton, Mozart's 'Marriage of Figaro' Goes Desi, Yet Remains True to Original

India-West Staff Reporter

SAN JOSE, CA - Viswa Subbaraman, the internationally applauded opera conductor has given Mozart's 'The Marriage of Figaro' an Indian take. With a nearly all South Asian cast,

Subbaraman hopes to not only reel in an Indian American audience in his first appearance at the Opera San Jose, here but also have them fall in love

with the genre. Subbaraman is aware of the

mild resistance

that opera might face with Indian American audiences because they don't understand the music. But he sees storytelling as a universal tool and told India-West, "what would be truly amazing is to truly feel like our casting was color blind and desi

Viswa Subbaraman at the podium

during Victorian Imperial rule.

(Photo: Opera San José)

audiences take us as seriously as other art forms."

> 'The Marriage of Figaro' composed in 1786 by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart is considered one of the greatest operas ever written. It revolves around the servant Figaro and Susanna who succeed in getting married, despite

> > the efforts of their philandering employer Count Almaviva, teaching him a lesson in fidelity.

The new production conducted by Subbaraman, while maintaining the sanctity of the in Opera San José's production plot, transports of Mozart's 'The Marriage of Fi- audiences to Britgaro, 'transported to colonial India ish India with class barriers and sexual politics playing out

in abundance. While the setting is wholly Indian, with dance choreography by Antara Bhardwaj and costumes by Deepsikha Chatterjee, the operatic traditions and the music of Mozart have not been diluted with the musical lyrics be-

Directed by Brad Dalton, the cast features Maya Kherani as Susanna, Efraín Solís as Figaro, and Eugene Brancoveanu as Count Almaviva. Subbaraman hopes that the show will have the support of Indian Americans reiterating, "What we are doing in the community is an invaluable ambassadorship." Elaborating, he said, that Indian Americans tend to be affluent and lose sight of the fact that there is a segment of the community that faces racism daily. In this context, he said, "working on this show with so many desi artists, we often have discussions on what we have managed to build in the classical arts world to be taken seriously amongst our white peers. This show will show the greater community that we are just as American as everyone else."

Subbaraman spoke of how he came into a profession that is not often seen in Indian American circles. He said he was raised in West Texas in a typical "from Chennai family" with the familiar blueprint of a physician father, a musically talented accountant mother. As is common with Indian families, especially one



Internationally acclaimed conductor Viswa Subbaraman at work before the debut of the all-new production of Mozart's 'The Marriage of Figaro.

that has quite a few physicians, Subbaraman was expected to go to medical school just like his father and brother.

He compromised, majoring in biology and music. While at Duke University, a study abroad opportunity took Subbaraman to Austria where he experienced the magnetic magic of the Vienna Philharmonic. This is when he knew that opera conducting was his calling. With a graduate degree in conducting, Subbaraman joined a small but growing number of South Asians inclined more to the world of Western classical music.

Today, a much-respected orchestra maestro and opera conductor, he travels the world putting in appearances at prestigious venues, including the Orchestre National de France but he harbors a dream: putting together an all-desi-orchestra performing twice a year. "We almost have enough artists to do that," he says, "I would love for someone to fund that. I invite our community to come experience 'The Marriage of Figaro' and see what desi's can do with the art." Subbaraman maybe a celebrity and revered in the music and operatic worlds, but he told India-West his personal playlist is eclectic and filled with old AR Rahman's compositions like from the film 'Roja,' Carnatic music, Dr. Dre and Tupac Shakur. (with inputs from interviewer KALYANI VASAN)



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We Won An Emmy, But We Hope We Created Awareness Of Autism

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The message of love, hope, and acceptance reverberates throughout the series and it was very wellreceived throughout the world.

For us, as a family, the show from the beginning provided a series of wonderful surprises.

The fact that an average Indian American family from Southern California was selected for the show was the first surprise. Becoming the sixth highest-rated show worldwide on Netflix was an unexpected surprise. The fan following and positive feedback we received for Subodh and our family was a total surprise. The fact that the show was nominated for three creative arts academy awards brought tears-tomy-eyes surprise and finally, win-



On the show, Subodh worked on his dating and social skills.

ning those Emmys was the biggest and life-changing surprise.

When our son Subodh was selected to be on the show, we did not expect the Emmy and the recognition that followed, for our family. We were just looking to find someone who could be Subodh's

girlfriend and hopefully, eventually, a wife. As first-generation immigrant parents and having had an arranged marriage ourselves, it had been very difficult to navigate the course and find a partner for a son on the spectrum.

When I speak of family, that would be me, the mom; dad Sunil; and sister Aarti. Many times, the challenges of raising an individual with Autism can break a family but we as a family have always embraced Autism and never tried to downplay the challenges that come with it. Of course, Subodh and we as a family have faced negative responses and limited acceptance, especially from the Indian American community, but I put this down to ignorance.

My husband Sunil, a CPA by pro-



Subodh and his parents at the Netflix after-party.

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fession, since the time of Subodh's diagnosis at 2-1/2 years of age has always said, "You tell me what he needs, and I will provide whatever Subodh needs, either through advocacy or by paying for it ourselves." Aarti too, from the youngest age, always accepted Subodh's challenges and has never shied away from him or from helping him. "He is my brother, I will do anything for him," she will tell you.

While growing up and through his teenage years, our son had always wanted to have a girlfriend. In high school, he asked several girls to go out with him but with no luck. We felt the pain of those rejections but never gave up hope, and always made sure that Subodh would develop into an independent adult able to support himself.

He successfully completed the UCLA Independent Living Skill Pathways program and began living by himself. Over the years, with help of the Peers Program at UCLA, Subodh learned valuable skills which are necessary to find a partner.

Subodh was the only Indian American selected for 'Love on the Spectrum-US' after several interviews and from a pool of possible candidates. Even though this is the first season in the US, there have been 2 previous successful seasons in Australia and the filming team included a director from Down Under.

In the show Subodh was able to share his math and memory skills. Many of his statements went viral once the show was released including the heart-wrenching, "I have never dated in 33 years." Through the show Subodh found Rachel. Many individuals on the spectrum

find it hard to relate to others due to an inability to read social cues and a lack of social skills. Because of their limited social vocabulary, many perceive those on the spectrum to be unable to find love and a relationship. This series dealt with this myth and the fact that adults on the spectrum can find love and companionship in their lives.

Upon winning the Emmy, I cried. The moment trumped all the sad and happy moments I have faced for the last 31 years since Subodh's diagnosis. At that moment my whole life flashed by in my mind with thoughts of all the people who have helped us over the years and yes, also those who did not want to do anything with us.

A family that raises a child on the spectrum is very highly impacted financially, socially, and emotionally. Even though there is lot more awareness, acceptance by community, schoolmates, friends, and family remains an elusive goal. As a result, individuals on the spectrum remain isolated by society in general and do not have many friends. But many on the spectrum exhibit special skills and have the ability to learn and with proper training and acceptance can live a fulfilling life.

We celebrated as a family at the Netflix after-party. At the time of this article's publication, Subodh and Rachel are not dating but have decided to continue as friends. Traditional matchmaking is a big challenge for Indian families with special needs children. With this series, our family hopes that many more Indian families will be inspired to try and find a companion for their loved ones on the spectrum.

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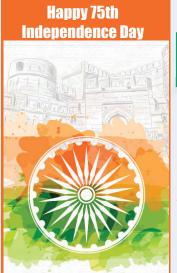




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Indian American Director of 'Delhi Crime 2' Says the City is Beautiful And Menacing

NEW DELHI, (IANS) - 'Yeh Dilli shehar hai madam ji, yahan maangke nahi milta, cheen ke leni padhti hai' -- is a line very special to Indian-American filmmaker Tanuj Chopra, who directed 'Delhi Crime 2' that is currently streaming on Netflix.

'Delhi Crime 2' begins with a quadruple murder in a posh south Delhi locality that



'Kachcha Baniyan' gang that unleashed terror in the national capital in the '90s, but with a twist.

Talking about the divide between the rich and the poor and the less privileged being looked upon with suspicion, Chopra said: "I don't know if finances are the only metrics, as there's certain conditioning. And there are certain expectations people have about what they should get. I think it is less about your bank balance and more about what you think

Chopra, who made his debut in 2006 with the film 'Punching at the

Sun', which was nominated for the Humanitas Prize at the Sundance Film Festival, also talked about the dialog mouthed by actress Tillotama Shome: "'Yeh Dilli shehar hai madam ji, yahan maangke nahi milta, cheen ke leni padhti hai"."

"The line was special. Delhi is a beautiful city, but it is also tough for the people living in it. It's an aspirational city, populated... So, when you are hungry you take what you can, and that is the DNA of a lot of big cities, which we didn't want to overlook. The city is beautiful, but it is also menacing."

'Delhi Crime 1' was based on the Nirbahaya gang-rape that shook the world in 2012. The series had won the Outstanding Drama Series award at the International Emmy Awards in 2020, becoming the first ever Indian series to win the honor.

For the second season, the makers chose a plot based on the infamous 'Kachcha Baniyan' gang of the '90s, but with a twist.

Chopra said: "People don't know much about this gang. They were very organized, and we had to do a lot of research. In Season 1, they could rely on the audience knowing the details of the case. But the world didn't know much about our case. So, we had to make people understand who these people were whom we were chasing."

Chopra hinted that a Season 3 could be in the offing.

Disney Plans Series on 'Mahabharata'



ANAHEIM, CA (IANS) - 'Mahabharata', which a generation of Indians grew up seeing on Doordarshan, will be back with a contemporary look and on a global platform – this time on Disney+ Hotstar.

It was among the three Indian titles that were revealed at the media giant's three-day D23 extravaganza event at the Anaheim Convention Center, held here.

'Mahabharata' is being produced by Madhu Mantena, Ram Gopal Verma's nephew and Anurag Kashyap's former associate, Mythoversestudios and Allu Entertainment. Mantena told 'Variety' "For centuries Indian epics have captured the imagination of billions around the world. These epics are

deeply woven into the very fabric of our nation. The 'Mahabharata' -- one of the oldest epics in India, despite being as old as time, is still relevant today for the many lessons and words of wisdom hidden within its ancient verses."

Disney+ Hotstar India's Head of Content Gaurav Banerjee said: "Over the last several years, India has emerged as a content powerhouse, pushing the envelope with stories that transcend language and cultural boundaries." Release of the series is expected in 2024.

The other announcements made included the return of Karan Johar's celebrity chat show 'Koffee with Karan' for Season 8, after a hugely successful ongoing Season 7.



Documentary on NDTV's Ravish Kumar Wins at Toronto Fest

TORONTO, (IANS) - Even as Steven Spielberg's coming-of-age childhood story 'The Fabelmans' won the top People's Choice Award at the Toronto International Film Festival on September 19, three young Indian origin filmmakers walked away with other prizes.

Vinay Shukla's documentary 'While We Watched' on NDTV's Ravish Kumar won the Amplify

Voices Award. It was Shukla's second documentary to premiere at TIFF after his 2016 documentary titled An Insignificant Man on Arvind Kejriwal. The award carries a cash prize of \$10,000.

Indian Canadian director Nisha Pahuja's documentary 'To Kill a Tiger' about the struggles of a Jharkhand family to get justice after the gang rape of their 13-year-old daughter

got the Amplify Voices Award for Best Canadian Feature Film.

"A huge honor!! I know it could not have been an easy decision given some of the incredible Canadian films this year. Grateful

and happy for my team and Ranjit and his family. A big shout out to the team, David Oppenheim,



Cornelia Principe, Mrinal Desai, Anita Kushwaha, Jordan Kawai, Anita Lee, Jonathan Goldsmith, Lou

Solakofsky, and my incomparable editors, Dave Kazala, and Mike Munn. An incredible way for the film to enter the world," Nisha said after winning the award.

Produced by Indian-origin Vinay Virmani, 'Black Ince,' which highlights anti-Black racism in hockey, won the People's Choice Documentary Award.

Nandita Das' 'Zwigato', Rima Das' 'Tora's Husband', Shubham Yogi's 'Kacchey Limbu' and Shekhar Kapoor's 'What's Love Got to Do with It?' were other movies from Indian filmmakers at this year's festival.

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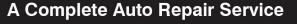












Nagesh Kukunoor to Direct Web Series on Rajiv Gandhi's Assassination

MUMBAI, (ANI) - A web series based on the assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi is all set to be made.

Titled 'Trail of an Assassin', the project will be made using inputs from Anirudhya Mitra's recently launched book 'Ninety Days: The True Story of the Hunt for Rajiv Gandhi's Assassin'.

Nagesh Kukunoor has come on board to helm the web series.

Sameer Nair, CEO, of Applause Entertainment, said, "Driven and

guided by our values of being ambitious, audacious, and disruptive, we believe the adaptation of Anirudhya Mitra's book certainly makes for a compelling story to tell. Most are aware of this incident through the medium of news and will now get a dramatized insider view of the largest manhunt in Indian history. We are pleased to once again collaborate with director Nagesh Kukunoor to bring this gut-wrenching story to a contemporary audience." Mitra shared, that with the book,

The former prime minister of India, Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated on May 21, 1991, in Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu by an LTTE suicide bomber. The woman assassin, Dhanu, triggered a belt bomb and killed Gandhi along with 16 others.

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We are hiring a Resident Manager Couple/Single for a 34 room franchised hotel in San Francisco, Ca. Must have computer skills and fluent in English. Resident will be provided a great Salary. Call Amber: 925-489-4100.

Resident Motel Manager:

Experienced couple/individuals wanted to manage 30+ unit motel property in SF Bay Area. Must possess good communication skills, be customer focused, and have adequate computer knowledge. Good salary plus a furnished apartment will be provided. Please call or email resume to: (669) 250-7385; vaish00@yahoo.com.

Front Desk For Hotel

We are looking for 53 rooms hotel for front desk in Winter Haven Florida. Contact: 863-324-5994 / rodewayinn19111@gmail.com

Night Shift Auditor

Frontdesk Needed for Franchise Motel in Inglewood California. Contact No.: 562-241-7662.

Night Auditor Job

Franchise hotel experience night auditor job in Santa Clara CA. Please send your resume to: bwsantaclara@gmail.com.

Motel for Lease wanted

We are looking for a 20 to 25 rooms motel in Los Angeles County or maximum 100 miles south or North of L.A County Contact Sam: 213-932-1075.

20 Rooms Motel Manager

20 Rooms Independent Motel in Apple Valley Southern California looking for Motel Manager. Manger's Apartment with Kitchen Available. Call Ken Patel: (760) 900-9541.

Motel Manager

Motel manager (family/single) wanted. With nice pay and nice accommodation in Arizona Location. Call: 847-481-9882.

Resident Manager

Searching for a Resident Manager for both Mid-Scale and Up-Scale Hotel in Utah. Experience and Fluent English is required. Please call Peter: 435-703-0737.

Temp Motel Manager

Need manager in Monterey, CA 22 room from Novmber 12 to January 30 2023. Contact Number: 831-601-8759.

Hotel Manager

Looking for a experienced hotel manager in Southern California, franchise experienced required, 3-5 years experience,

1 bedroom accommodation provided. Good Salary. Please email: imtheguy10@aol.com.

Motel Manager wanted for 35 unit motel in Vista, CA Full time residential manager, ideal for couple or students. Please text 714-855-8552.

Email: generalmanagersocal@gmail.com. Call: 714-855-8552.

Resident Motel Manager

Full time resident manager wanted for 22 room independent motel in a very safe tourist area. Fluent in English, prior experience and couples preferred. ASI mgmt is being used at the motel. Includes two bedroom, 1 1/2 bath and full kitchen. Please call or email. Call: 530-318-7440. mgrlt@yahoo.com.

Resident Manager Needed In Northern California

Resident manager for 59 unit (former choice) hotel in Northern California. Must speak fluent English and experience preferred. Living accommodation available with excellent pay. Also need a housekeeping couple. Email resume: motelmanagernorcal@gmail.com.

24 Hour Manager

We are looking for a resident manager couple/single for 39 room property in Anderson, CA. Must have computer skills and fluent in English. Residence will be provided and a competitive salary. Call Amber 925-489 -4100

24 Hour Motel Manager

We are hiring Resident Manager Couple/Single for 36 Unit Franchised Motel in Ventura, CA. Must have Computer knowledge & Fluent in English. Residence will be provided very good Monthly Salary. Call 909-557-0056.

Resident Front Desk

Resident front desk for franchise hotel in culver city. Please call Sila at 562-355-5359. 9am to 3 pm.

Motel Manager

Couples needed with motel manager experience in corona please text or call (909)465-3359.

RESIDENT MANAGER NEED-ED IN SANTA CRUZ CA.

Couple needed to manage a 30 unit Wyndham Property. Must be fluent in English and have computer knowledge. Living accommodations provided. Salary based on experience. For info & duties, please call Vaishali at 831-291-3475. staysantacruz@yahoo.com.

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Looking For A Bride

Seeking Suitable Girl For Our Son. Hindu Gujarati parents invite correspondence from suitable girl for their US Green Card Holder Commerce Graduate. 5' 10". 1982 Born Single/Never married son. send bio data with photograph. Contact Number: (916) 934 9320/nbhuchra@gmail.com.

Hindu Punjabi mother invites correspondence from Suitable girl for their US Citizen Physician 5' 10", 40+ son living in California. Send Bio data with photograph to skconvent@aol.com.

Looking for a bride for our aggrawal hindu son, US citizen, 30 years old, 5' 4" IT professional in Los Angeles. Please connect with us on 424-206-0220 or email gupta4242060220@gmail.com.

California based Punjabi parents invite correspondence for their US born son, Ivy League educated, 37 yrs old, highly specialized doctor with an MBA. Very

fair, handsome never married or engaged, non-smpker with a wonderful personality. Looking for a pretty slim well educated girl 29 to 34 years old. Please send biodata with recent photos to: gerant650@gmail.com 650-453-8017.

Looking For A groom

California based Gujarati parents invite correspondence for their US born, double graduate entrepreneur 31 years old daughter. Very fair, 5'4", fit, conservative valued. Never married or engaged. Seeking US born Hindu professional, 32-35 with conservative values. Preferably North Indian. Please send biodata with recent photos to ambr321@gmail.com. Contact Number: 213 926 6262.

California based Gujarati parents invite correspondence for their US born 35 year old daughter. UC Berkeley graduate with an MBA from Rutgers, and employed as a Senior Product Manager. Intelligent, successful, family-oriented, and never married/engaged. Please contact us at valath47@gmail.com.

California based Gujarati Patel parents invite correspondence for their US born & Damp; raised 39-yrs daughter, MBA, Assistant Director, very pretty, never married/engaged, vegetarian, nonsmoker, having very pleasant personality. Looking for a well-educated professional boy. Please send biodata with recent photos to: dipras44@gmail.com or call 484-947-8858.

Seeking A Sikh Boy As A Match For 25 Y/O 5'8" Sikh Girl In Her Final Year At US MD Medical School. Seeking Sikh boy. Contact: bal1jit@yahoo.com

FOR LEASE

Lodge For Lease

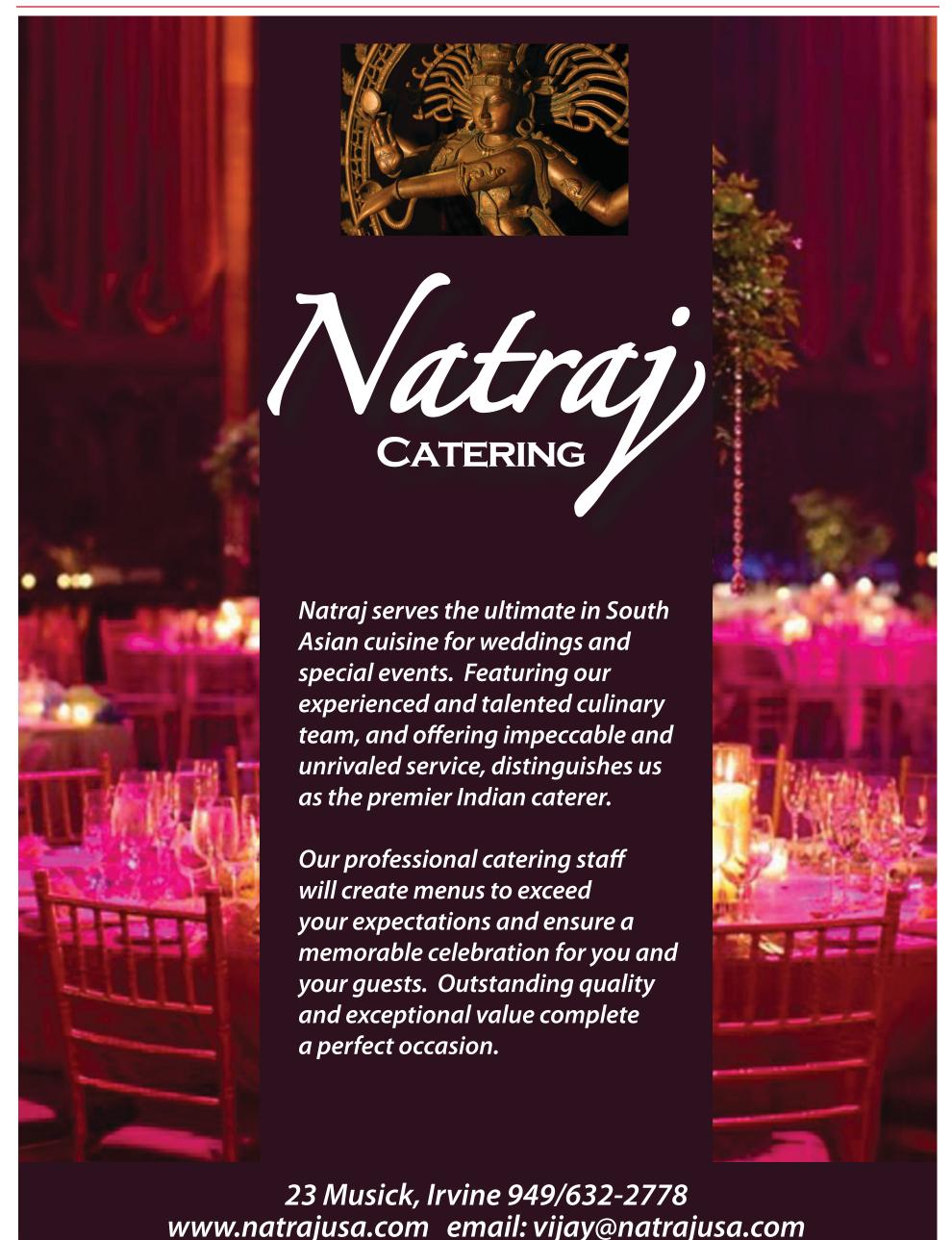
Two lodges for long term lease in Southern California, please email hotellease123@gmail.com for details.

FOR SALE

Dry Cleaners For Sale

Business has been set up for larger commercial work and retail. Dry Cleaning machine only a few years old. 5 pressing stations, 3 commercial washing machines and 2 commercial dryers. Located in the shopping center off of Morrisey and Soquel across the street from Safeway. Lots of traffic. Ample parking in the back of the store. Willing to hear offers. Contact: 1- 408-482-5611.

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