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## Indian American Hopes Dashed, Raja Loses

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CHICAGO, IL – Raja Krishnamoorthi, one of the most visible Indian Americans in Congress and a sharp critic of Donald Trump, fell short in a high stakes primary battle against Juliana Stratton, the candidate backed by the state’s Democratic establishment.

In his concession on the night of March 17, he struck a tone that blended humility with subtle defiance. “I thank the many local Democratic leaders... who had the courage to defy the party establishment and endorse the candidate with twenty nine letters in his name,” he said, a line that underscored both his outsider positioning and the insti-



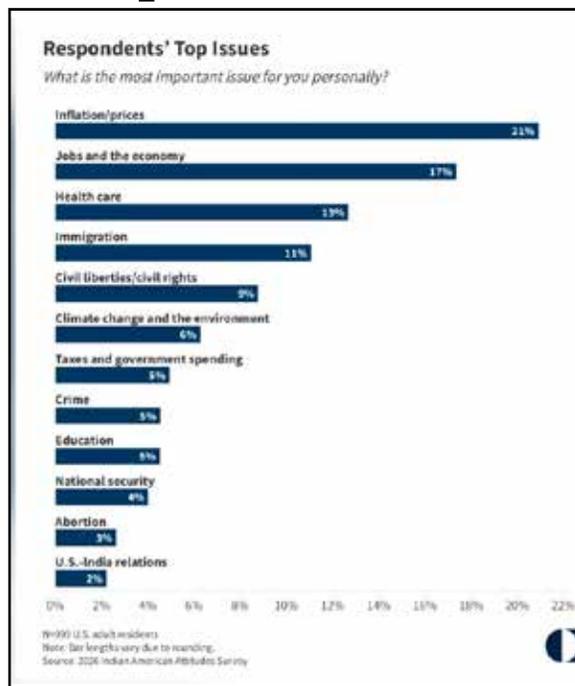
tutional resistance he faced.

He added a characteristically self-aware note rooted in Chicago politics: “In the classic Chicago story, I’m the guy nobody sent to be their senator.” The remark captured the underdog narrative he leaned into throughout the campaign.

For many Indian Americans, the loss stung. Krishnamoorthi had come to embody a rare combination of credentials and communication skills, Princeton and Harvard educated, four terms in Congress, and widely regarded as one of the most articulate and media savvy lawmakers of his generation. There was a genuine sense that he had “done

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## Poll: Anti-Trump, Rising Hate Shape Indian American Politics



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WASHINGTON, DC – Indian Americans express broad dissatisfaction with the Republican Party and President Donald Trump. Roughly seven in ten disapprove of Trump’s overall job performance, and majorities reject his handling of immigration and the economy.

Nearly half fault the GOP for fostering discrimination against Indian Americans, and at least one third view the party as intolerant of minorities. Many respondents also report rising concern about online hostility and anti-Indian rhetoric.

In Indian Americans in a Time of Turbulence: 2026 Survey Results, authors Sumitra Badrina-

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## Worrisome: Anti-Indian Rhetoric Triples Online



WASHINGTON, DC – The Network Contagion Research Institute (NCRI) in a recent study traced a surge in anti-Indian rhetoric online, citing 24,000 posts on X in 2025 that were viewed more than 300 million times, with such content tripling compared to the previous year, a report said on Thursday.

“The attack was led by just a few accounts rather than organically spreading online. According to the study, the three ‘most prolific posters’ generated a total of 525 posts on X – and those posts

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Alexandre Singh, Natalie Musteata, Kumail Nanjiani pose during the live 98th Oscars at the Dolby Theatre. Etienne Laurent / The Academy. ©A.M.P.A.S.

## India-West At The Oscars: Singh’s Big Win, Gandbhir’s Historic Double No

By PREETI CHANDAN

LOS ANGELES, CA – “Two People Exchanging Saliva,” co-directed by Alexandre Singh and Natalie Musteata, won the Oscar for best Live Action Short Film in a rare tie at the 98th Academy Awards in Hollywood last night.

An Oscar eluded Indian American filmmaker Geeta Gandbhir despite a double nomination for her Documentary Short “The Devil is Busy” and Documentary Feature “The Perfect Neighbor.” The winners these categories respectively were “All the Empty Rooms,”

which documents the untouched bedrooms of children killed in American school shootings, and “Mr. Nobody Against Putin,” about a school teacher in a poor mining town near the Ural Mountains who while recording his students, also documents the Putin administration’s moves to control public perception during the ongoing Russo-Ukrainian war. Gandbhir’s two nominations placed her in a relatively small group of filmmakers with this distinction. Winner of multiple Emmys and other prestigious awards, she is a highly respected documentarian with a significant body of work that

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# Small Business, Big Community: The Heart Of Little India

By LEENA MUMTAZ

ARTESIA, CA - For many immigrants, belonging doesn't come with citizenship papers only. It comes in smaller ways: hearing your language spoken freely, finding ingredients your grandmother used, seeing wedding clothes that look like the ones in family photos. That sense of belonging lives on Pioneer Boulevard in Artesia, home to Southern California's Little India.

South Asian Network, in partnership with Cal State Fullerton and OC Solidarity Tours, began organizing Little India tours for college students to bridge the gaps between what they learn (or not) in classrooms and the lived histories surrounding them. Many students grow up near cultural neighborhoods without ever understanding how or why they exist.

Little India, centered in Artesia, California, is one of the region's most vibrant South Asian commercial and cultural enclaves, home to more than a hundred South Asian-owned businesses that have served as economic lifelines and cultural bridges for generations. Through these tours, youth see immigration not as an abstract topic, but as something visible in storefronts, family businesses, language, faith, and food, living



A group of students who toured Little India

history unfolding in real time.

As Dr. Mojgan Sami, Associate Professor of Public Health at Cal State Fullerton, explains, "If our students do not understand the unique experiences and histories of our communities at the level of ethnicity and culture, they cannot design health programs that meet the cultural and linguistic competencies required for healthy program development. These tours get students out of the classroom and into lived experience so they can design these programs and understand the connection between health outcomes and the built environment, the cultural environment, and the social and political environment in this day and age."

Why this matters goes beyond nostalgia. California is home to the largest Asian American population in the United States, with more than 7 million Asian Americans, making up roughly 18% of the state's total population, according to a 2025 report by the Pew Research Center. Among Asian subgroups, South Asians including Indian, Bangladeshi, Pakistani, Nepalese, and Sri Lankan communities, are among the fastest-growing populations in Los Angeles County and the state more broadly.

These aren't abstract statistics; they reflect families building small businesses, intergenerational households rooted in cultural traditions, and neighborhoods rich

with language, food, and faith.

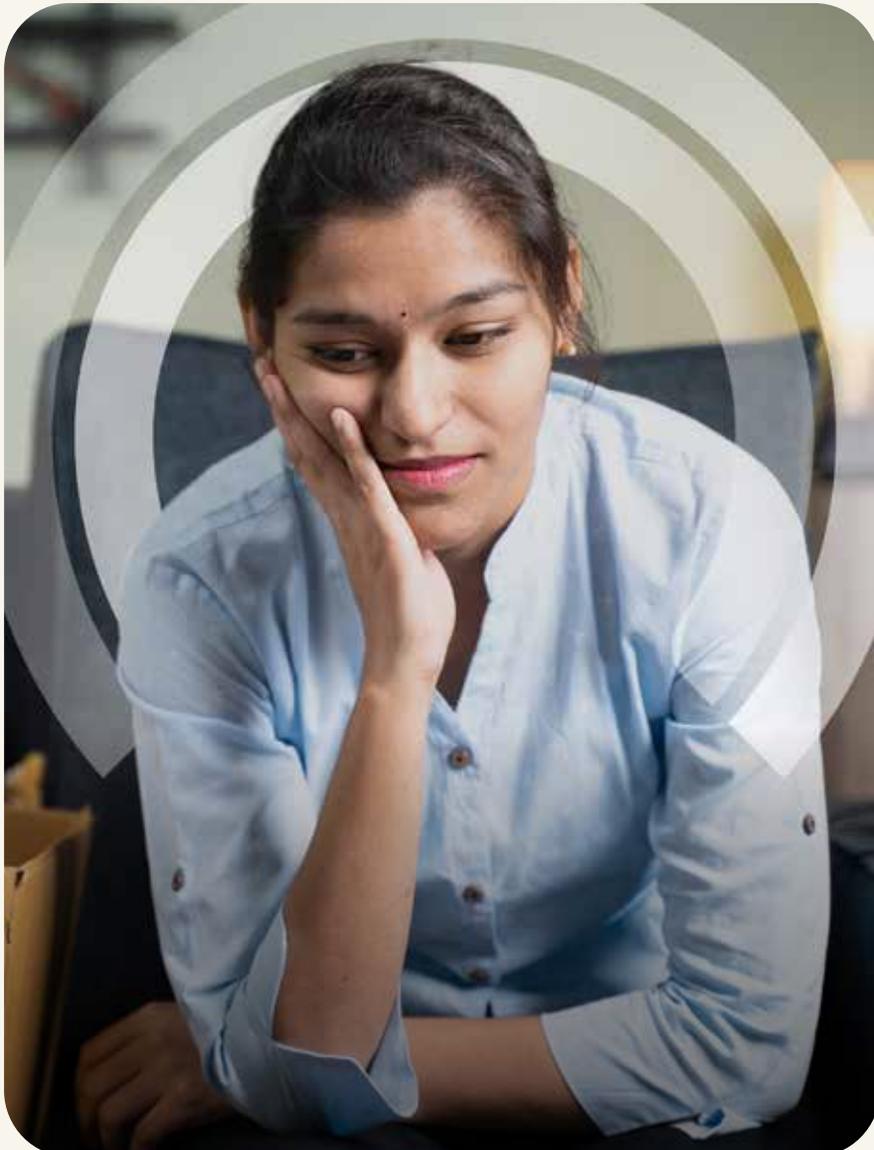
Yet, even as these communities grow, the places that hold our cultural memory, our ethnic enclaves, face real threats. Commercial displacement, rising rents, and economic shifts challenge the survival of independent businesses.

Little India, once a bustling corridor that helped revitalize an economically slow Pioneer Boulevard, still carries that legacy; over 120 businesses transformed the district into one of the largest South Asian commercial hubs in the U.S. by the late 1990s. But today, many small storefronts struggle to thrive as consumer habits change, and newer generations choose to shop online.

For the students who join these tours, however, the impact is immediate and personal. As a student participant Patty Madrid reflected, "I also loved how immersive the experience was—meeting the shop owners and guests, sharing the food, and being present in the cultural space made everything come to life in a powerful way. It wasn't just informative; it was deeply engaging and meaningful."

Moments like these remind us that places like Little India are more than shopping districts. They are classrooms, cultural archives, and gathering spaces where stories of migration, resilience, and entrepreneurship are passed down in everyday interactions. Protecting and uplifting these neighborhoods ensures that future generations, immigrant and non-immigrant alike, can learn not only about history, but about each other.

Because ultimately, belonging is built through these shared spaces. It grows when people can see their cultures reflected in the streets around them, when students step outside their textbooks and into community, and when neighborhoods like Little India continue to thrive as places where heritage, identity, and opportunity meet.

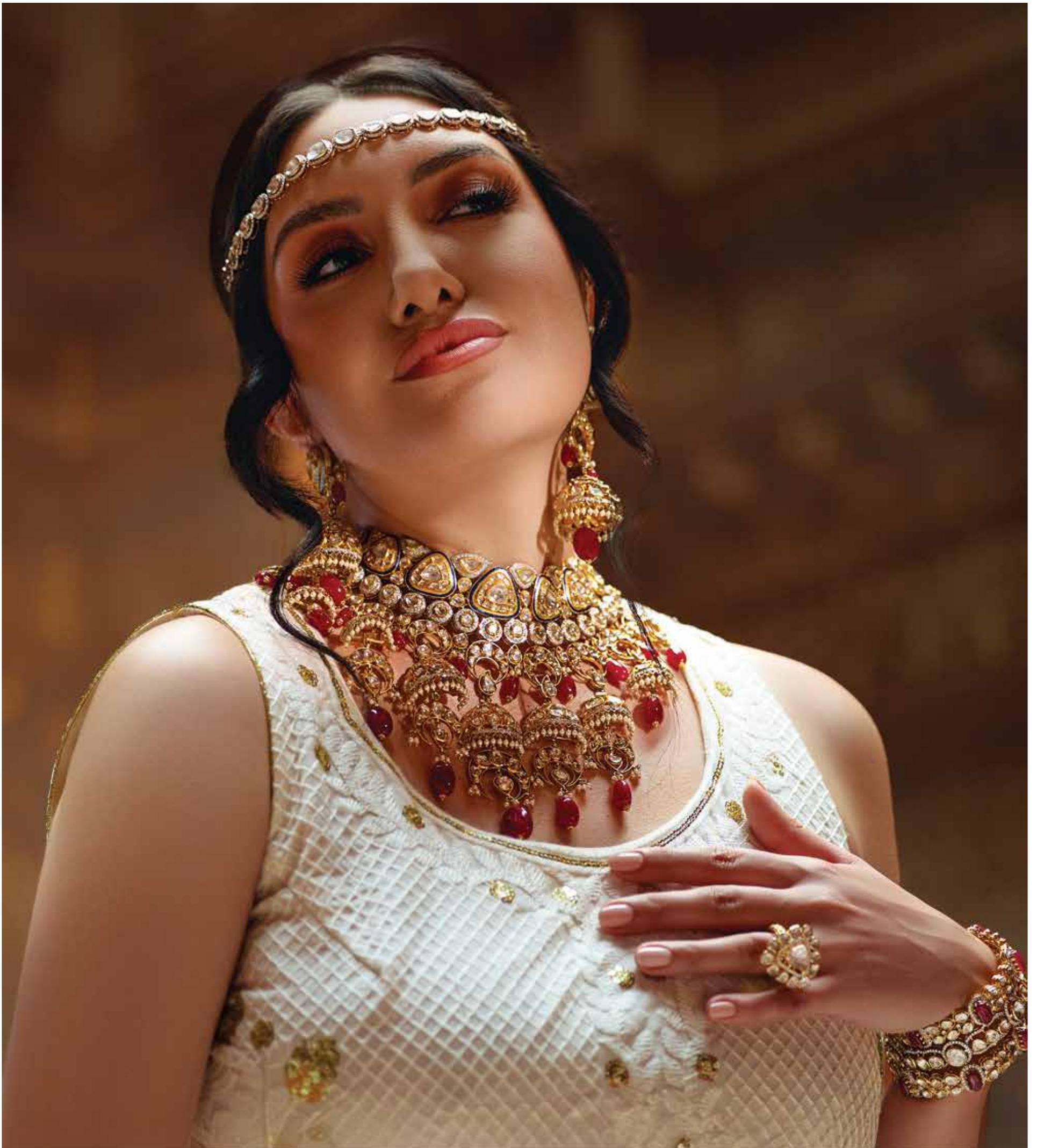


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## OPINION

## Shaping A Human-Centric Future For AI

## NOTE FROM PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI

At a defining moment in human history, the world gathered at the AI Impact Summit 2026 in New Delhi. For us in India, it was a moment of immense pride and joy to welcome Heads of State, Heads of Government, delegates and innovators from across the world.

India brings scale and energy to everything it does and this Summit was no exception. Representatives from over 100 nations came together. Innovators showcased cutting-edge AI products and services. Thousands of young people could be seen in the exhibition halls, asking questions and imagining possibilities. Their curiosity made this the largest and most democratised AI summit in the world. I see this as an important moment in India's development journey, because a mass movement for AI innovation and adoption has truly taken off.

Human history has witnessed many technological shifts that changed the course of civilisation. Artificial Intelligence belongs in the same league as fire, writing, electricity and the internet. But with AI, changes that once took decades can unfold within weeks and impact the entire planet.

AI is making machines intelligent, but it is even more a force multiplier for human intent. Making AI human-centric instead of machine-centric is vital. At this Summit, we placed human well-being at the heart of the global AI conversation, with the principle of 'Sarvajana Hitaya, Sarvajana Sukhaya' (Welfare for All, Happiness of All).

I have always believed that technology must serve people, not the other way around. Whether it is digital payments through UPI or COVID vaccination, we have ensured that Digital Public Infrastructure reaches everyone, leaving none behind. I could see the same spirit in the Summit, in the work of our innovators in domains like agriculture, security, assistance for Divyangjan and tools for multilingual populations.

There are already examples of the empowering potential of AI in India. Recently, 'Sarlaben', an AI powered digital assistant launched by Indian dairy cooperative AMUL, is providing real-time guidance to 3.6 million dairy farmers, mostly women, about cattle health and productivity in their own language. Similarly, an AI-based platform called Bharat VISTAAR gives multilingual inputs to farmers, empowering them with information about everything from weather to market prices.

Humans must never become mere data



points or raw material for machines. Instead, AI must become a tool for global good, opening new doors of progress for the Global South. To translate this vision into action, India presented the MANAV framework for human-centric AI governance.

- M - Moral and Ethical Systems: AI should be based on ethical guidelines.
- A - Accountable Governance: Transparent rules and robust oversight.
- N - National Sovereignty: Respect for national rights over data.
- A - Accessible and Inclusive: AI should not be a monopoly.
- V - Valid and Legitimate: AI must adhere to laws and be verifiable.

MANAV, which means 'human', offers principles that anchor AI in human values in the 21st century.

Trust is the foundation upon which AI's future rests. As generative systems flood the world with content, democratic societies face risks from deepfakes and disinformation. Just as food carries nutrition labels, digital content must carry authenticity labels. I urge the global community to come together to create shared standards for watermarking and source verification. India has already taken a step in this direction by legally requiring clear labelling of synthetically generated content.

The welfare of our children is a matter close to our hearts. AI systems must be built with safeguards that encourage responsible, family-guided engagement, reflecting the same care we bring to education systems worldwide.

Technology yields its greatest benefit when shared, rather than guarded as a strategic asset. Open platforms can help millions of youth contribute to making technology safer and more human-centric. This collective intelligence is humanity's greatest strength. AI must evolve as a global common good.

We are entering an era where humans and intelligent systems will co-create, co-work and co-evolve. Entirely new professions will emerge. When the internet began, no one could imagine the possibilities. It ended up creating a huge number of new opportunities and so will AI.

I am confident that our empowered youth will be the true drivers of the AI age. We are encouraging skilling, reskilling and lifelong learning by running some of the largest and most diverse skilling programmes in the world.

India is home to one of the world's largest youth populations and technology talent. With our energy capacity and policy clarity, we are uniquely positioned to harness AI's full potential. At this Summit, I was proud to see Indian companies launch indigenous AI models and applications, reflecting the technological depth of our young innovation community.

To fuel the growth of our AI ecosystem, we are building a robust infrastructure foundation. Under the

India AI Mission, we have deployed thousands of GPUs and are set to deploy more soon. By accessing world-class computing power at highly affordable rates, even the smallest startups can become global players. Further, we have established a national AI Repository, democratising access to datasets and AI models. From semiconductors and data infrastructure to vibrant startups and applied research, we are focusing on the complete value chain.

India's diversity, democracy and demographic dynamism provide the right atmosphere for inclusive innovation. Solutions that succeed in India can serve humanity everywhere. That is why our invitation to the world is: Design and develop in India. Deliver to the world. Deliver to humanity.

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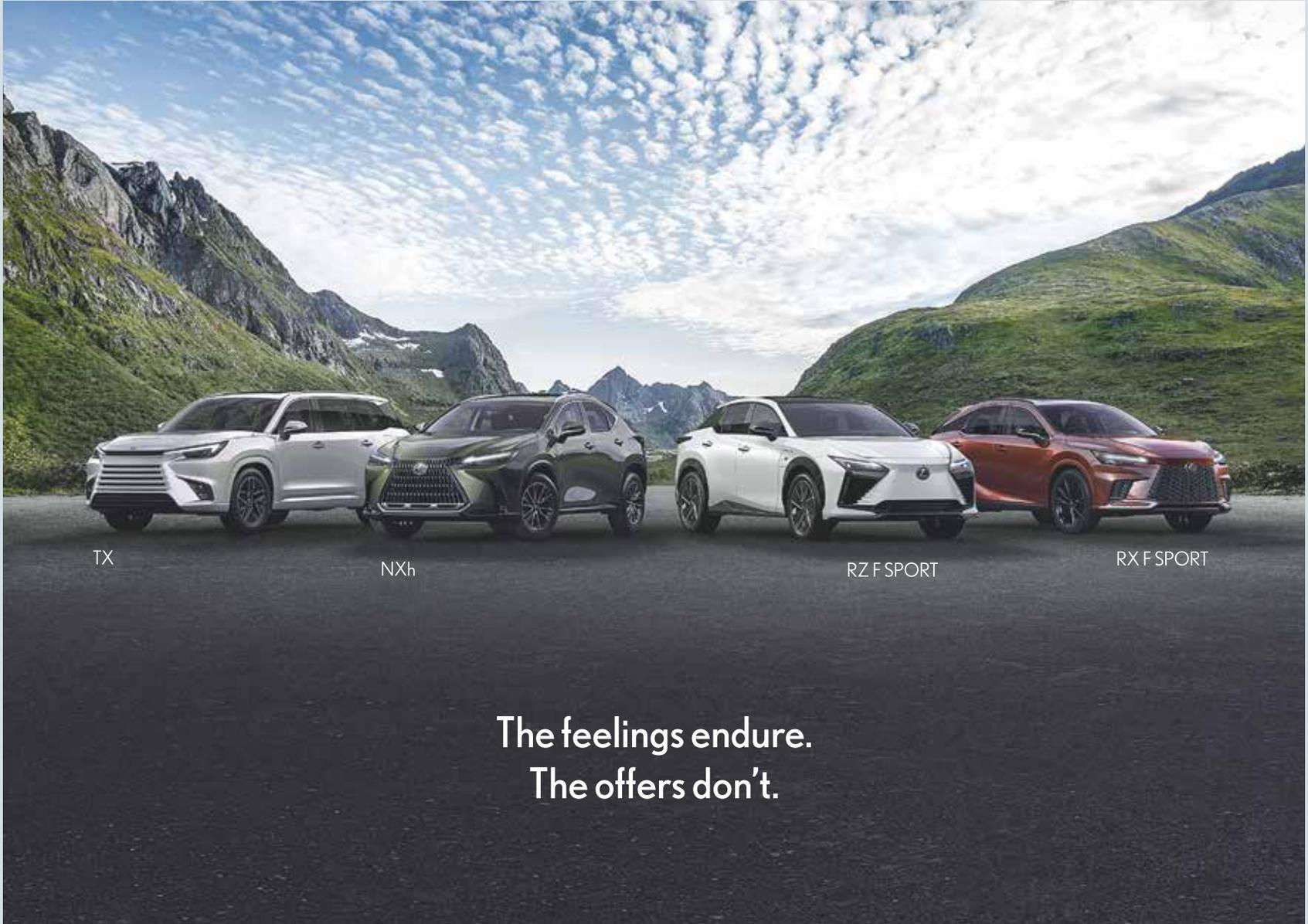
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COMMUNITY

# California Lt. Gov. Kounalakis, Consul General Reddy Applaud Women's Achievements At 'Naari 2026'

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SAN FRANCISCO, CA – The Association of Indo Americans, in partnership with the Consulate General of India, San Francisco, hosted 'Naari 2026 – International Women's Day Celebration' on March 8, honoring women leaders making a meaningful impact in their communities.

The highlight of the event was the presentation of Lifetime Achievement Awards to three distinguished leaders: California Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis, former U.S. Ambassador Shefali Razdan Duggal, and philanthropist Neeru Khosla.

Kounalakis was recognized for her leadership in public service and fostering international collaboration, Duggal for her diplomatic contributions, and Khosla for her transformative work in education through accessible learning resources. During the event, Lt. Gov. Kounalakis emphasized that gatherings like 'Naari' strengthen international relationships by bringing together people from diverse cultural backgrounds, fostering understanding and collaboration that benefit communities, trade, and cultural exchange.

The event also presented the Geetha Ramakrishnan Memorial Award to Srma Ranganathan, honoring women who embody the spirit of excellence of the late CA Geetha Ramakrishnan. In addition, 48 'Trailblazer Women' were recognized across sectors including public service, technology, healthcare, entrepreneurship, education,



Lieutenant Governor of California with Reddy and his wife



Ambassador Shefali Razdan with CG Reddy and his wife

and community leadership.

The honorees included Prathima Reddy Koppula, Catherine Stefani, Penny Coulter, Christine Pelosi, Ranganathan, Sonita Lonto, Lily Mei, Sherry Hu, Anita Manwani, Noreen King, Hannah Kain, Mamta Bhandari, Dr. Nilima Ragavan, Beena Ammanath, Vasu Jakkal, Shalini Govil-Pai, Sundari Mitra, Sulata Mitra Sarkar, Sumita Jayaraman, Shabana Shiraz, Sema Sharma, Amrita Kar, Leela Mathur, Priya Kannan, Meena Sivaramakrishnan, Padma Parthasarathy, Shubha Prithviraj, Reema Mukherjee, Lizy John, Reni Poulouse, Lekshmi Shaiju, Rinu Nair, Namrita Yuhanna, Shampy Prakash, Renu Bhatt, Sudha Prabhunandan, Sheetal Jharia, Gayatri Joshi, Archana Panda, Renuka Chavva, Radhika Sharma, Jyothi Chigullapalli, Minal Joshi, Meghna Patel,

and Riya Patel.

The celebration included networking, keynote speeches, and cultural performances, providing a platform for collaboration and inspiration among community, business, and technology leaders from Silicon Valley.

The Association of Indo Americans is a coalition of over 50 nonprofit organizations promoting civic



Neeru Khosla with husband Vinod Khosla receiving her honor.

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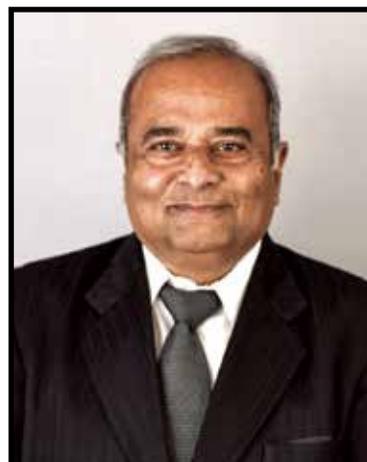
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PEOPLE

# UCLA Student Sohum Bhargava Uses Origami to Spark Kidney Health Awareness

India-West News Desk

CERRITOS, CA – At the Cerritos Public Library here, visitors this month are encountering an unusual blend of art, science, and public health. Paper cranes, geometric structures, and intricate folded forms fill a display space that is part gallery and part classroom. The exhibition, titled ‘Fold for Life’, has been curated by UCLA student Sohum Bhargava and runs through March 31 as part of Kidney Awareness Month.

Bhargava’s exhibition uses origami to explore a surprising idea: that the quiet, hidden process of folding paper can mirror how organs develop inside the human body. The inspiration came when he learned that three sets of kidneys form during early human development. The first two exist only briefly before the final, permanent kidneys emerge.

While practicing origami, Bhargava noticed a striking parallel. Creating a finished origami model requires many folds that are essential to the structure but disappear from view once the piece is complete. In the same way, the early stages of kidney development are invisible but crucial in shaping the final organ.

That connection sparked a broader question for him. If folding is



so central to both art and biology, could origami offer a new way for scientists to think about how organs form? Researchers are already growing miniature kidney organoids from stem cells in laboratories. Bhargava believes that understanding the mechanics of folding in nature could someday help scientists better study organ development and potentially address the shortage of kidneys available for transplant.

But the exhibition is not just about science. Bhargava also hopes it will help people talk about a disease that often remains hidden until it is too late. Kidney disease affects more than 37 million Americans and is frequently described as

a silent condition because symptoms often appear only after the illness has progressed.

“Many people feel uncomfortable discussing disease,” Bhargava explains through the exhibition’s messaging. By presenting information through art, he hopes visitors will feel more open to learning about kidney health and discussing it with family members.

One of the exhibition’s most meaningful pieces is a large modular origami installation created collaboratively with patients and caregivers at the Connie Frank Kidney Transplant Center at UCLA. Participants folded individual units that Bhargava later assembled



into a single sculpture. The finished piece symbolizes the shared journey of illness, recovery, and support that surrounds organ transplantation.

Alongside the collaborative work are several single sheet origami pieces that demonstrate the complexity and beauty that can emerge from simple materials. A series of educational posters accompanies the artwork, illustrating the stages of kidney disease, early warning signs, and the medical tests used for detection.

The exhibit also includes a wearable art piece: a scarf designed by Bhargava and hand embroidered by artisans in India. The fabric features subtle kidney motifs woven

into a floral pattern, blending cultural craftsmanship with the exhibition’s health message.

Throughout the display, visitors will also find accessible explanations of kidney structure and function, the stages of kidney disease, and the most common risk factors. Diabetes and hypertension, both increasingly common among Indian Americans and other communities, remain leading causes of kidney failure. Doctors note that two relatively simple tests can often detect kidney problems early and help prevent the need for dialysis if intervention begins soon enough.

Ultimately, ‘Fold for Life’ invites visitors to see both art and health in a new way.



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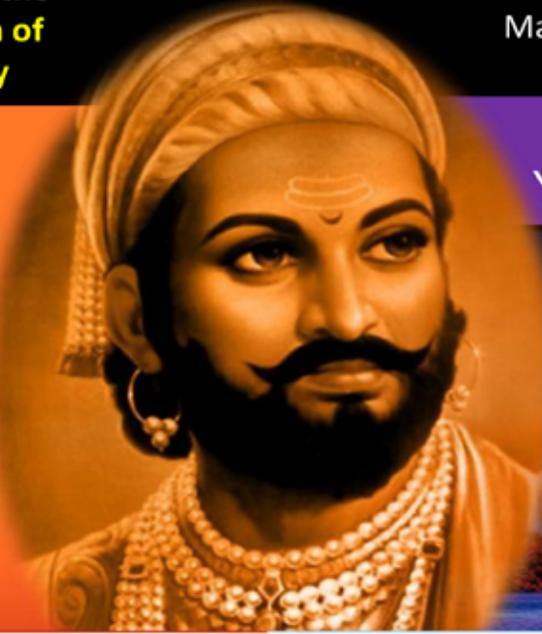
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## Mars To Pepperidge Farm: Mohit Anand To Head Campbell's Snack Division



food, beverage and consumer packaged goods companies. He joins Campbell's from Kellanova, now part of Mars, Incorporated following a recent acquisition. Most recently, he served as Senior Vice President and General Manager in Mars Snacking's Accelerator division and was part of the post-acquisition integration team. Earlier, he led Kellanova's frozen foods business based in Chicago.

Before that, Anand headed Kellogg's snacks business across Asia, the Middle East and Africa and previously led Unilever's water and beverages businesses from London. He began his career at Procter & Gamble, where he spent 15 years in senior marketing and general management roles across Asia.

Anand holds a bachelor's degree in engineering from Panjab Engineering College, Chandigarh, and a master's degree in management studies from Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai.

CAMDEN, NJ -The Campbell's Company has appointed Mohit Anand as Executive Vice President and President of its Snacks division, effective Feb. 23, 2026, the company announced February 17.

Anand will lead Campbell's snacks portfolio, which includes brands such as Goldfish, Pepperidge Farm, Snyder's of Hanover, Lance, Kettle Brand, Cape Cod, Snack Factory and Late July. He will report to Campbell's President and Chief Executive

Officer Mick Beekhuizen, join the company's Operating Committee, and serve as an executive officer.

"With some of the best brands in the business, Campbell's has the right to win in snacking," Beekhuizen said in a company statement. He added that Anand's track record of driving sales growth, margin improvement and operational efficiency would be key to returning the Snacks division to sustainable growth.

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## Asha Sharma Appointed As Microsoft Gaming CEO



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SEATTLE, WA – Microsoft has named Asha Sharma Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of Microsoft Gaming, the company announced in messages to employees on February 19. Sharma will report to Microsoft Chairman and CEO Satya Nadella.

The appointment follows the decision by Phil Spencer to retire after 38 years at Microsoft, including 12 years leading its gaming business. Spencer said he informed Nadella last fall of his intention to step back and will remain in an advisory role through the summer to support the leadership transition.

In his message to employees, Nadella said gaming has been central to Microsoft since its earliest days and remains core to the company's consumer strategy. He said Sharma brings "deep experience building and growing platforms, aligning business models to long-term value, and operating at global scale," qualities he described as critical to leading Microsoft Gaming into its next phase.

Sharma joined Microsoft two

years ago and previously served as Chief Operating Officer at Instacart and as a Vice President at Meta. Nadella said her work has included building and scaling services that reach billions of users while supporting large consumer and developer ecosystems.

In her first message as CEO of Microsoft Gaming, Sharma told employees she was approaching the role with "humility and urgency," citing rapid change across the gaming industry. She outlined three priorities: delivering great games, recommitting to core Xbox players and developers, and building new models for the future of play. Sharma said the company would continue to expand gaming across console, PC, mobile and cloud while keeping player and creator needs at the center, adding that games "are and always will be art, crafted by humans."

Nadella said Microsoft Gaming currently reaches more than 500 million monthly active users and expressed confidence that Sharma and Booty together would lead the organization's next chapter while remaining grounded in what players and creators value.

## FDA Flags Aurobindo Pharma Unit In Rajasthan



NEW DELHI-Aurobindo Pharma on March 17 said that the US Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) has classified one of its subsidiary units as "Official Action Indicated" following an inspection conducted last year.

In a regulatory filing, the company said that the USFDA inspected Unit-II of Eugia Pharma Specialties Limited, its wholly-owned subsidiary, located in Bhiwadi, Rajasthan, between November 3 and 14, 2025.

At the end of the inspection, the regulator had issued a Form 483 with nine observations.

The OAI classification means that the regulator be-

lieves certain issues found during the inspection may require regulatory action.

However, the company clarified that it does not expect any immediate impact on its business operations due to this development.

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# New US Policy Limits SBA Loans To American Citizens

WASHINGTON, DC – The US Small Business Administration (SBA) has announced a new policy barring foreign nationals and non-citizens from accessing federally backed small business loans, saying the move is aimed at prioritizing American entrepreneurs amid rising demand for capital.

The policy expands earlier restrictions and will apply across multiple SBA-guaranteed lending programs, including the agency's Surety Bond and Micro-loan programs. Under the updated rule, applicants must be US citizens or US nationals whose principal residence is in the United States.

"The Trump SBA is committed to driving economic growth and job creation for American citizens," SBA Administrator Kelly Loeffler said.

The decision builds on a policy shift introduced earlier this month that already made businesses owned wholly or partly by for-



foreign nationals ineligible for the agency's flagship 504 and 7(a) loan programs.

"Last month, we made it clear that SBA would not allow foreign nationals to access our core small business loan programs – and today, we are expanding that policy to include all SBA-guaranteed loans," Loeffler said.

"With our lending authority capped annually by Congress and amid record demand for access to capital, our responsibility is clear: the limited resource of SBA financing must prioritise American

citizens who are building businesses and creating jobs here at home."

According to SBA data, the agency approved 3,358 loans in Fiscal Year 2025 for businesses owned partly by lawful perma-

nent residents or Green Card holders. Those approvals represented about four percent of the agency's roughly 85,000 loan approvals that year.

Officials said the new policy reflects the administration's view that the SBA's federally backed loan capacity should be reserved primarily for American citizens given the growing demand for financing.

The updated policy will take effect 30 days after publication.

Separately, the agency has also tightened citizenship verification procedures for its lending pro-

grammes. Officials say the changes are intended to ensure that SBA funding does not go to individuals who are not authorized to receive such federal assistance.

The SBA said the new rules are part of a broader set of reforms aimed at ensuring that the agency's programmes benefit American

small business owners first. Among the steps announced previously are stronger citizenship verification checks across loan programmes.

The agency has also said it plans to relocate certain field offices from jurisdictions described as sanctuary cities that do not cooperate with ICE. (IANS)

## Anti-Indian Rhetoric

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were viewed, liked, and reposted 18.4 million times. Those three X accounts attracted over 10 per cent of all likes and 20 per cent of all reposts among the anti-Indian posts reviewed by NCRI," a report in American news website 'The Free Press' highlighted.

According to the report, the study documented that spikes in anti-Indian posts frequently followed announcements of changes to immigration policy under President Donald Trump's administration, including the introduction of a \$100,000 fee for employers

sponsoring H-1B workers. In an executive order in September 2025, Trump said the fee was intended to curb fraud.

"Most of the highly-engaged anti-Indian tweets during this period applauded this order as a way to curb Indian immigration while simultaneously engaging in racist verbal abuse," 'The Free Press' quoted the NCRI study as saying.

The report noted that ethnic slurs and stereotypes were frequently used alongside discussions about visas, legal and illegal immigration, and assimilation. Citing NCRI, it stated that the volume of anti-Indian posts reached its peak in mid-December, including over 800 posts per week featuring slurs such as "pajeet and dothead".

Recently, a viral video of an Indian couple participating in an online dance challenge at Washington DC's World War II Memorial triggered outrage with calls to slash visas.

"The clip led to demands from some Americans to acknowledge the solemnity of the space. 'No more H-1B,' one user replied. The work visa has become a frequent reference in insults lobbed online at some immigrant group," it mentioned.

A report in India Narrative stated that the rise in anti-Indian hate, revealed by NCRI analysis, is not mere random bigotry but a coordinated digital attack amplified by influencers and algorithms, endangering immigrant communities and free discourse.

"Even prominent Indian-Americans face the barrage. Usha Vance, the US Second Lady with Indian immigrant parents, drew over 2,000 hostile posts; Vice President J D Vance fired back bluntly against critics. FBI Director Kash Patel and DOJ Civil Rights head Harmeet Dhillon endured racist attacks. Dhillon called out "blatant racism and nativism" during the 2024 RNC. Indian conservatives like Utsav Sanduja warn that this erodes bipartisan support built over the years," it detailed.

The report further said, "Platforms must act: curb algorithmic boosts for hate, verify influencer networks, and enforce transparency on high-view content. Policymakers should distinguish legitimate H-1B reforms from ethnic scapegoating. India, a key US ally in tech and defense, deserves better than slurs." (IANS)

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# US Visa Fees: Indian Doctors Face Hurdles, Rural Care Faces Shortage

WASHINGTON, DC -A heated congressional hearing on America's growing physician shortage has opened a new fault line that could directly affect Indian medical graduates seeking careers in the US.

At the center of the debate is a proposed "\$100,000 supplemental fee for new H-1b visas", a sharp increase over current employer-paid processing costs. Lawmakers on February 24 questioned whether such a move would discourage rural hospitals from hiring foreign-trained doctors at a time when workforce gaps are widening.

The issue surfaced during a Ways and Means health subcommittee hearing focused on expanding graduate medical education (GME) and strengthening healthcare delivery in rural America.

India was not mentioned directly during the hearing. However, Indian nationals have historically formed one of the largest groups of international medical graduates in the United States, particularly in internal medicine, family medicine and other primary care specialties.

Many international medical graduates, especially from India, serve in rural and medically underserved areas under visa arrangements linked to service obligations. Lawmakers noted that a substantial rise in visa costs could make recruitment financially unviable for small community hospitals already operating on tight budgets.



Congressman Adrian Smith warned that the United States faces "a very real problem, a rapidly depleting health care workforce".

"By 2037, the US will see a shortage of 187,000 physicians. Nearly half of all practicing physicians will retire in the next decade," he said.

Rural communities are especially affected. "83 million Americans live in an area with too few primary care physicians," Smith said, noting that only "2 per cent of residencies can be found in rural America".

While lawmakers from both parties broadly supported expanding Medicare-funded residency slots, immigration policy quickly emerged as a point of contention.

Congresswoman Linda Sanchez raised concerns about the proposed visa fee increase and asked whether it could harm underserved communities that depend heavily on international medical graduates. Dr. Andrew Racine, president of the American Academy of Pediatrics, responded that "anything that's going to decrease the supply is going to have an impact on our ability to serve the needs of children."

Several lawmakers acknowledged that foreign-trained physicians play a critical role in residency programs and rural healthcare systems.

Some Republican lawmakers

argued that immigration policy should not replace domestic training reforms. Congressman Greg Steube said American medical graduates were losing residency slots to foreign doctors and said he plans to introduce legislation to address the issue.

Beyond immigration, lawmakers debated proposals to expand Medicare-funded residency positions. A bipartisan plan seeks to add 14,000

slots over seven years, with a focus on rural and underserved areas.

Medicare currently spends about \$22 billion annually on GME, but caps introduced in 1997 continue to shape how residency positions are allocated nationwide.

For Indian medical students pursuing US licensure and residency — a pathway that involves clearing US licensing examinations and securing accredited training slots — the debate adds a new layer of uncertainty. (IANS)

## Republicans, Democrats Split On Immigrant Commercial Drivers

WASHINGTON, DC- US lawmakers clashed during a congressional hearing over whether immigrants should be allowed to hold commercial driver's licenses, with Republicans warning of safety risks on highways and Democrats arguing the move could harm the economy and disrupt supply chains.

The House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations and Accountability convened the hearing on March 4 to examine what Chairman Rep. Josh Brecheen described as "the issuance of non-domiciled commercial driver's licenses to illegal aliens unlawfully present in the US."

Brecheen said commercial truck drivers are vital to the American economy and transport essential

goods across the country every day.

"Commercial truck drivers are the backbone of the American economy," he said. "Every day they transport food, fuel, medicine and other critical supplies all across the US." However, he argued that federal audits have exposed failures by some states to properly enforce licensing standards.

"Recent Department of Transportation audits have revealed alarming failures by many states to comply with these requirements," Brecheen said. He cited federal findings showing that in Illinois, "One in 5 non-domiciled CDLs failed to meet federal standards." He also said the Department of Transportation found California had "illegally issued 17,000 non-domiciled CDLs," while a 2025 audit concluded that "over 50 per cent of the non-domiciled CDLs issued by the State of New York were in violation of federal law".

Republican lawmakers repeatedly warned that heavy commercial vehicles can pose serious risks if driven by unqualified operators.

"You do not have to be a scholar to understand what a bad actor could do with a 40-ton tractor-trailer," Brecheen said. "That vehicle is not just a truck, it's a weapon capable of threatening public safety and national security."

Law enforcement officials appearing before the panel described enforcement actions that uncovered drivers operating commercial vehicles while violating immigration rules. Tim Tipton, commissioner of the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety, said joint operations between state troopers and federal immigration authorities had resulted in hundreds of arrests.

He said inspections had revealed broader concerns about licensing oversight. "Many of these drivers struggle with even basic English language proficiency and likely received their licenses from an unscrupulous CDL mill," Tipton told lawmakers.

Sheriff Richard Del Toro of Saint

Lucie County, Florida, described a fatal crash in his jurisdiction involving a commercial truck.

"Three innocent people in my county lost their lives in a catastrophic crash on the Florida Turnpike involving a commercial motor vehicle," Del Toro said. "For the families of those victims, this is not a policy debate; it's a permanent loss."

Democrats on the panel rejected claims that immigrants holding commercial licenses pose a safety threat and warned that restrictions could worsen a shortage of drivers in the trucking industry.

Congressman Shri Thanedar, the ranking member, said immigrants make up a significant share of the workforce. "Nearly 20 per cent of truck drivers in the US are immigrants," he said.

Wendy Liu, an attorney with Public Citizen Litigation Group, testified that banning immigrants with legal work authorization from holding commercial driver's licenses would not improve road safety.

"Barring people with lawful work authorization who have obtained their commercial driver's licenses by completing the required training and passing the required tests will not make our roads safer," Liu said.

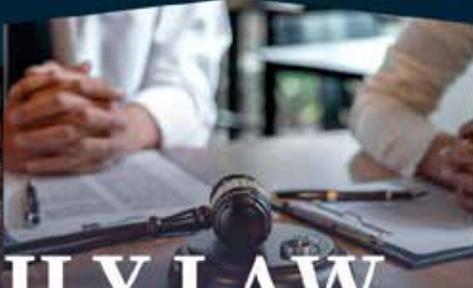
She warned that the policy could remove thousands of experienced drivers from the industry.

"The Trump administration's exclusion of documented immigrants from the truck driver workforce would force 2,00,000 experienced drivers out of the market," Liu said.

"That will disrupt supply chains, delay the delivery of goods and materials and increase rates for freight operations." Lawmakers also referred to a fatal highway crash involving a truck driver who had previously entered the United States illegally and later obtained a commercial license in another state, a case cited by Republicans as an example of regulatory gaps. (IANS)








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# Raja Loses Senate Bid

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everything right” and could follow Kamala Harris as only the second Indian American in the US Senate.

Instead, the race exposed the challenges of political machinery. Stratton’s candidacy was powered by Governor JB Pritzker and Senator Tammy Duckworth, while Representative Robin Kelly split part of the vote in a crowded field.

Krishnamoorthi’s campaign, though heavily funded, found itself up against a coordinated establishment push. Tens of millions were spent across the race, with outside groups adding another layer of controversy, particularly spending linked to crypto aligned political action committees that critics said complicated the dynamics of the contest.

Policy wise, he ran as a steady, issues driven Democrat. He made opposition to Trump central, warning against what he described as an “unauthorized war with no end in sight” in Iran, and pushing back against cuts to welfare programs. He also leaned heavily into economic anxiety, arguing that rising prices and affordability were hurting working families. But in the blue state that was not enough and Stratton’s aggressive stances won over the electorate.

Immigration, however, was



grant rights organizations.

Krishnamoorthi returned to his personal narrative returned in his closing lines. “Only in America can an immigrant with twenty nine letters in his name go from public housing and food stamps to the halls of Congress,” he said, reframing his loss within a larger story of opportunity and perseverance.

where his message turned personal. “I’m an immigrant myself,” he said in campaign messaging, tying his own story to broader concerns about enforcement crackdowns in Chicago. He argued that actions by federal agencies were not just policy, but something that affected communities like his directly.

Stratton questioned how aggressively Krishnamoorthi would confront Donald Trump on immigration, pointing to his campaign’s acceptance of donations linked to Palantir Technologies, a federal contractor involved in enforcement operations. Krishnamoorthi’s team responded that by December, they had redirected an equivalent amount to immi-

In conceding, he drew a quiet contrast with Trump, making clear he would accept the result without question, a line that resonated in a polarized political climate.

Krishnamoorthi will remain in the House through the end of his term representing Illinois’ 8th District. “I will continue to do that job to the best of my ability,” he said, signaling that while the Senate bid has ended, his political career is far from over.

For now, Krishnamoorthi leaves the race as he entered it, as a compelling, articulate figure whose story reflects both the promise and the limits of the American political system.

# Staggering Defeats For Indian Americans Vying For Raja’s Congressional Seat

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sary to take our democracy back into our own hands.”

CHICAGO, IL - Indian Americans hoping to succeed Raja Krishnamoorthi in Illinois’ 8th Congressional District suffered heavy losses in the Democratic primary.

Candidates Neil Khot, Sanjyot P. Dunung, and Ryan Veticad were all soundly defeated on March 17.

Melissa Bean claimed a decisive victory, beating Khot by nearly 25 points and securing the nomination. According to the Associated Press, Khot finished with just 6.7 percent of the vote, trailing behind Junaid Ahmed, while Dunung received 2.5 percent and Veticad only 1.1 percent.

The 8th District, covering western Chicago suburbs including Schaumburg, Elgin, and Des Plaines, is considered a safely Democratic seat, making the primary effectively decisive for who will represent the district in Congress.

Acknowledging her win, Bean said, “The voters have spoken, and tonight, we begin the work neces-



Khot had entered the race emphasizing a “practical, business-savvy mindset” and a goal to “aggressively attract a new generation of world-class companies” to the district. He also highlighted the importance of Indian American representation, stating, “We are a minority community; one percent of the country paying six percent of the taxes. I think we need representation in the Samosa Caucus, and we want to make sure that we continue to grow that.”

Dunung ran on a platform focused on affordability, safety, and expanding opportunities for families across the 8th District, earning endorsements from ASPIRE, the Asian Congressional Caucus, and Vote Common Good.

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# Vivek Ramaswamy Trailing Slightly Behind In Polls



mid-March shows Acton holding a narrow lead with 45.9 percent of the vote compared to 44.9 percent for Ramaswamy. This survey of 809 likely voters suggests a highly fluid electorate where neither candidate has yet captured a majority of the public's support.

The Newsweek report further highlights that this is the second time in a week that Ramaswamy has found himself behind in the polls. An earlier survey from the Ohio

Environmental Council showed a much wider gap, placing him ten points behind Acton at 43 percent to her 53 percent.

While Ramaswamy has secured significant endorsements from the state party and the current administration, the polling suggests that the Democratic focus on the former health director's record is gaining some early traction.

Even with these numbers, many political forecasters still lean toward a Republican victory in the state come November, Newsweek noted. The primary is on May 5, 2026.

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CINCINNATI, OH - According to a Newsweek report, Vivek Ramaswamy is facing a difficult stretch in his bid for the Ohio governorship as new polling data indicates he is trailing Democrat Amy Acton.

Despite Ohio's recent history of shifting toward the Republican party, the former presidential candidate has seen a double blow in recent surveys.

A Quantus Insights poll conducted in

# Ethan Agarwal Drops Governor Bid, Takes On Ro Khanna In CA 17

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SAN JOSE, CA – Five-term Congressman Ro Khanna, who has been making national headlines with the Epstein Files and has repeatedly won reelection by comfortable margins in Silicon Valley, is now facing a primary challenge from a fellow Indian American Democrat.

Tech entrepreneur Ethan Agarwal announced March 3 that he is running for California's 17th Congressional District, abandoning a previously declared campaign for governor. Agarwal had launched his gubernatorial bid last August but has not got any attention in an overcrowded Democratic field.

In pivoting to the House race, Agarwal is seeking to draw a sharp ethical contrast with the incumbent. The 40-year-old has accused Khanna of benefiting from congressional stock trading and has branded him "Trader Ro," arguing that lawmakers should be barred from buying and selling individual stocks while in office. He is also calling for term limits and a rejection of corporate PAC money, casting his campaign as a reform effort aimed at restoring public trust.

The challenge comes as Khanna's national stature has grown. In recent months, he has

partnered with Republican Rep. Thomas Massie to press for the release of the Epstein files, a move that has drawn bipartisan attention.



At the center of the emerging contest is a debate over wealth and taxation in a district that is home to some of the nation's richest executives. Khanna has supported a proposal that would impose a 5 percent annual tax on billionaires' wealth. Backers argue the plan could generate an estimated \$4.4 trillion dollars to offset rising costs for working families. Critics counter that such a measure would backfire. Gavin Newsom and several Silicon Valley business leaders have warned that a state level wealth tax could prompt high net worth residents to relocate, ultimately shrinking California's tax base. Agarwal has aligned himself with that view.

Born in Montreal in 1985 to immigrant parents, Agarwal was raised in Los Gatos. His father, Vinod Agarwal, is a former McGill University professor and founder of semiconductor company LogicVision.



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## ELECTIONS

# Los Angeles Mayor Race Wide Open, Nithya Raman Polls Among Top 3

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LOS ANGELES, CA – A new poll suggests the race for Los Angeles mayor remains wide open, with a majority of voters still undecided and City Councilmember Nithya Raman emerging as a challenger to incumbent Karen Bass.

The survey conducted by Emerson College Polling in partnership with Inside California Politics found that 51 percent of likely voters in Los Angeles have not yet decided who they will support in the June 2 mayoral primary.

Among voters who have made a choice, Bass leads the field with about 20 percent support. Republican Reality television personality Spencer Pratt follows with just over 10 percent. Raman, who entered the race shortly before the filing deadline, is close behind with slightly more than 9 percent, signaling early traction for the progressive councilmember's campaign.

Tech entrepreneur Adam Miller drew support from just over 4 percent of respondents, while left leaning candidate Rae Huang polled at roughly 3 percent.

Raman's late entry reshaped the mayoral contest. A former ally of



Bass on the City Council, she has positioned herself as a candidate focused on housing affordability, government accountability, and faster action on the city's most pressing challenges. Her campaign said the poll reflects growing momentum among voters seeking change in city leadership.

Bass, who took office in 2022, remains the best known figure in the race but faces mixed public sentiment. The poll found that 47 percent of respondents disapprove of the job she is doing as mayor, compared with 25 percent who approve. Another 28 percent said they feel neutral or have no opinion.

The survey of 350 likely voters was conducted March 7 to 9 and

highlights the fluid nature of the contest with less than three months before the primary election.

Political observers say the unusually high number of undecided voters leaves significant room for movement. Independents were the most uncertain, with 67 percent still undecided. Among Democrats, who dominate the city's electorate, 49 percent have yet to choose a candidate, while 37 percent of Republicans remain undecided.

A total of 13 candidates have qualified for the ballot pending final verification of signatures. If no candidate secures more than 50 percent of the vote in June, the top two finishers will advance to a runoff election in November.

# Pooja Sethi Advances To November Race After Decisive Primary Win In TX

India-West News Desk

AUSTIN, TX – Pooja Sethi has secured the Democratic nomination for Texas House District 47 after a decisive victory in the primary, defeating 20 year U.S. Army veteran Joseph Kopser and positioning herself for a November showdown with Republican nominee Jennifer Mushtaler.

Sethi won the race with 76 percent of the vote to Kopser's 24 percent in a contest that drew national attention after she publicly pushed back against what she

described as attacks on her Indian heritage during the campaign.

Following the win, Sethi thanked supporters and volunteers who helped power her campaign across the Austin area district.

"I am so incredibly honored to have earned the Democratic nomination for Texas House District 47,"

she said in a post on Instagram. "I'm deeply grateful to my family, amazing team, volunteers, and supporters who stepped up, knocked doors, made calls, and believed in what we're building together. Thank you!"

She said conversations with voters during the campaign shaped her priorities and reinforced the issues she plans to focus on if elected.

"At doors across the district, families told me their medication costs too much, parents shared fears about their child's school closing, and women spoke about their concerns for their fundamental rights," Sethi wrote. "I hear you, and I promise I will fight for you."

Calling the campaign a collective effort, she urged supporters to continue organizing ahead of the general election.

"This has never been about one person, it's about all of us," she said. "Let's keep this momentum going and continue fighting for a Texas where every person can thrive, all the way to November."

Sethi also highlighted the broader Democratic ticket in Texas, congratulating fellow candidates and encouraging voters to stay engaged.

"Now let's go! Congrats to @ginafortexas for Governor and @jamestalarico for U.S. Senate!" she wrote. "Join me in doing every-

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cannot wait to engage them and build on the incredible movement that voters in HD 47 and across Texas have shown is possible."

Sethi served as chief of staff to Texas State Representative Vikki Goodwin and is chair of the Travis County Democratic Party. With nearly four years of experience working in the Texas Legislature, she has been involved in legislative strategy, policy development and constituent advocacy.

Before joining the Capitol, she worked as an immigration attorney with Catholic Charities, representing families navigating the immigration system and advocating for due process and dignity.

During her time in the Legislature, Sethi has helped advance legislation focused on preventing child drownings, protecting survivors of domestic violence and expanding access to affordable housing. Her campaign priorities include strengthening democratic institutions, fully funding public education and pursuing gun reform measures.

Sethi lives in House District 47 with her husband and son. She earned her Juris Doctor from the Syracuse University College of Law after completing a Bachelor of Arts degree at George Washington University.

**POLITICS**

# FDA Vaccine Chief Resigns Amid Controversies

WASHINGTON, DC – Scientist Vinay Prasad, who oversees the approval process for vaccines and new therapies, is stepping down amid controversies over his decisions to tighten certain regulations. His departure for the second time from the post of director of the Food and Drug Administration’s Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research within a year was announced on March 6 by the agency’s head, Marty Makary.



Prasad had quit his job in July, less than two months after taking the directorship, due to criticism from the extreme right regarding his past remarks in support of Democrats. But he was brought back in August by Health Secretary Robert F Kennedy Jr, with whom he shared some, though not entire, skepticism of the medical establishment and the pharmaceutical industry.

Makary said on X that Prasad, who “got a tremendous amount accomplished” during his tenure, will return to the University of California, San Francisco, where he is a professor. “Under his leadership, his center hit a record number of approvals” of medications, he added.

Although he loosened some of the trial requirements for therapies, such as requiring only one major

study instead of two, the types of trials he demanded created run-ins with pharmaceutical corporations.

A recent one was with Moderna when he blocked its application for releasing a flu vaccine, questioning its trials. The company and others in the pharmaceutical industry fought back, and Makary overruled Prasad.

Another controversy was over his refusal to allow an application from the Dutch company UniQure for a drug for Huntington’s Disease, an ailment that affects the brain.

While he was in academia, he criticized some of the regulations and procedures introduced by the administration of former President Joe Biden during the COVID pandemic. That, along with his criticism of the FDA and the pharmaceutical industry, caught the attention of Kennedy. (IANS)

# Mayor Mamdani Celebrates Holi With Toddlers, Highlights Free Child Care Rollout



deeper meaning. “Growing up, Holi was more than just a celebration of spring – it was an embrace of joy in all its colors. Today felt like home,” he said.

He also extended greetings to Hindu residents across the city. “Wishing New York City’s Hindu communities an extra colorful Holi. Looking forward to warm weather and universal

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NEW YORK, NY – Mayor Zohran Mamdani joined young children and caregivers in South Richmond Hill to celebrate Holi, sharing memories of the spring festival while highlighting a new effort to expand free childcare across the city.

The mayor visited Lucy’s Rainbow Daycare on March 4, where he spent time with toddlers making rangoli designs to mark the colorful Hindu festival celebrating the

arrival of spring and the spirit of joy and renewal. The home-based childcare center is among thousands of similar providers expected to play a role in the city’s early childhood education expansion.

In a video shared on Instagram, Mamdani was seen sitting with children as they created rangoli patterns together.

Reflecting on his childhood, Mamdani who was born to Hindu mother Mira Nair, the fame filmmaker, spoke about the festival’s

childcare soon,” he added.

The visit also highlighted the rollout of the first phase of the city’s program to provide free childcare for two-year-olds. Earlier this week, Mamdani and Kathy Hochul announced the launch of the “2 Care” initiative, aimed at moving New York City toward universal childcare.

Under the first phase, about 2,000 toddlers will receive free full day childcare beginning this fall. The rollout will include School District 27 in Queens.

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**POLITICS**

# Arvind Raman Tells Senate: NIST Must Lead Global Tech Standards

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WASHINGTON, DC – Arvind Raman, the engineering scholar nominated to lead the National Institute of Standards and Technology, told senators that the agency must focus on accelerating American innovation and setting global technology standards as the United States competes with China in emerging technologies.



Appearing before the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, Raman described his journey from India to the United States as an example of the opportunities the country offers.

“I first came to the United States 35 years ago from India to study engineering at Purdue University,” Raman said. “I only had a few dollars in my pocket at the time.”

He recalled that his first paycheck as a research assistant was still weeks away and that he managed through a university loan available to students without credit history, along with help from a local Goodwill store.

“Today I’m the dean of engineering at that great institution,” he said, referring to Purdue, where he has served as a faculty member for more than two decades and now leads one of the largest engineering colleges in the United States.

Raman, nominated by Donald Trump to serve as Undersecretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology and director of NIST, said the agency plays a critical role in strengthening American industry and technological leadership.

“NIST has been foundational to advancing American industrial competitiveness,” he said, noting that for more than a century the institute has helped ensure industries operate on trusted standards that support innovation and global competitiveness.

Raman also emphasized the importance of international technology standards in shaping global commerce. “When America leads in setting global tech standards, the rules of international commerce are

based on American values such as free markets, private sector innovation and freedom of speech,” he said.

Lawmakers questioned him about NIST programs including the Manufacturing Extension Partnership, which supports small and medium sized manufacturers. Raman said he would review the programs carefully but assured senators he would follow congressional directives if confirmed.

He also pledged to work with Congress to strengthen US leadership in artificial intelligence, semiconductors, biotechnology, quantum technologies and advanced manufacturing, saying his goal would be to help NIST “enable an era of maximum American innovation.”

# Madhu Gottumukkala Out As Cybersecurity Chief



India-West News Desk

WASHINGTON, DC – The reassignment of Madhu Gottumukkala, the acting chief of the nation’s premier cyber defense agency, might have been sudden but the demand for it was long pending, according to reports. His was a tenure defined by widespread incompetence and a high-stakes effort by DHS Secretary Kristi Noem to protect her own political standing, before she herself was fired by President Donald Trump.

Gottumukkala was removed from his post at the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency after months of chaos that hampered the agency’s mission to protect government networks.

Gottumukkala’s lack of experience was evident from the start, Politico said. A former IT pro-

fessional and South Dakota official under Noem, he entered the \$3 billion agency with no prior federal experience. During his first classified intelligence briefing, Gottumukkala stunned officials by ignoring threats from Russia and China to instead ask about cyber

threats from India which was not considered an unfriendly nation or a serious threat.

His technical judgment was equally scrutinized; he triggered a department-wide damage assessment after uploading sensitive contracting documents into a public version of ChatGPT.

Internally, his leadership style was described as volatile, Politico said. He reportedly lashed out at career staff, dismissed nearly a dozen employees during a workforce shortage, and reassigned his own chief of staff for challenging his authority. Furthermore, he alienated both career officials and Trump appointees by abruptly canceling a \$30 million contract essential for identifying vulnerable government devices, claiming it was a cost-saving measure against a “bloated bureaucracy.”

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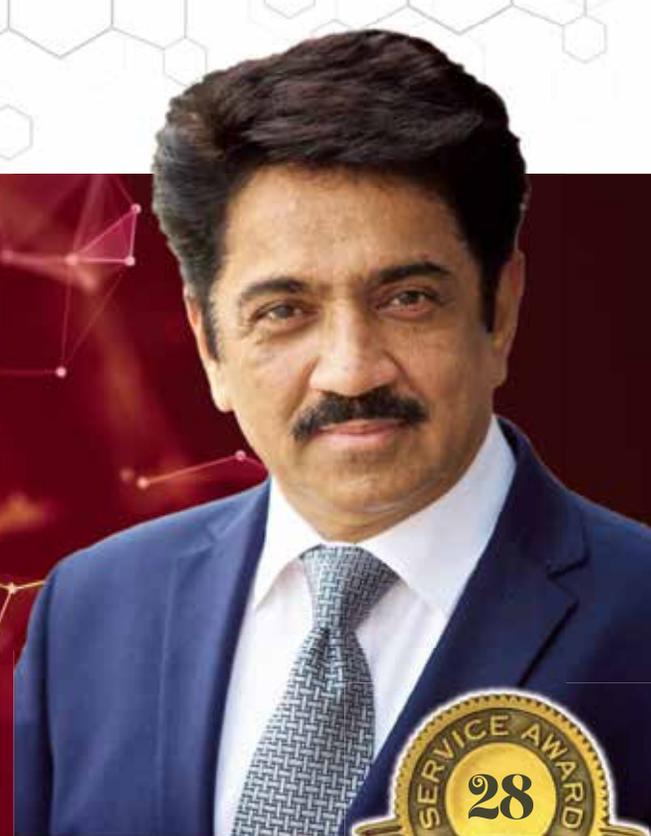
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# Laura Loomer Says Sorry For Racist, Anti-India Tweets, Reads Trump's 'I Love India' Message

India-West News Desk

NEW DELHI – “I shouldn’t have said some of the things that I said... I apologize if my remarks offended people,” said Laura Loomer during an appearance in New Delhi, after a journalist confronted her with past social media posts critical of India. Loomer added that she “loves India,” seeking to soften the controversy that surfaced during her visit.

The MAGA social media personality and adviser to President Donald Trump was speaking at the



India Today Conclave 2026 when journalist Rajdeep Sardesai read out several of her earlier tweets that were widely seen as disparaging toward India and Indians. Although many of the posts had been deleted before her arrival in the country, they had already been archived and circulated online.

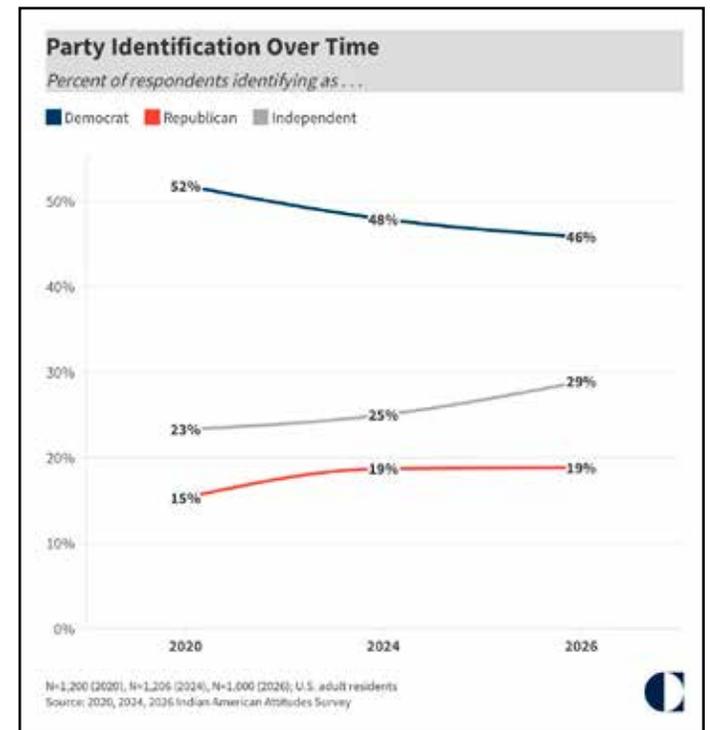
Confronted with the remarks during the dis-

ussion, Loomer acknowledged the backlash and attempted to distance herself from the tone of the earlier posts. She apologized to those who felt offended and emphasized that she held positive feelings toward India.

Loomer also addressed the issue of H 1B visas, a topic that has become contentious in American political debates over immigration

and technology sector hiring. She reiterated her skepticism about the program, reflecting the position held by some conservative voices in the United States who argue that the visa system can disadvantage American workers. At the same time, she framed her views as part of a broader debate about immigration policy rather than a criticism of India itself. (with IANS inputs)

## Tepid Dem Gains Shape Indian American Politics



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than, Devesh Kapur, Andy Robaina, and Milan Vaishnav draw on fresh data from the 2026 Indian American Attitudes Survey to map these shifts. The nationally representative online poll of 1,000 Indian American adults, conducted between November 25, 2025, and January 6, 2026, in partnership with YouGov and published by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, finds that Democratic support has not returned to its 2020 peak.

On the surface, these attitudes toward the GOP and Trump would seem to create fertile ground for a Democratic resurgence. But Democratic gains have stalled. In a hypothetical rerun of the 2024 presidential election, Democratic support remains about ten percentage points below its 2020 high watermark. Party identification has shifted as well. The share of Indian Americans identifying as Democrats has declined from 52 percent in 2020 to 46 percent in 2026, while nearly one third now identify as independents. Ratings of the Democratic Party have cooled, falling from 75 out of 100 in 2020 to 69 in 2026 on a feeling thermometer scale.

By contrast, Indian American

Republicans have consistently rated their party at 72 across survey waves, reflecting steadier partisan intensity on the right.

Ideologically, Indian Americans remain concentrated in the center left. Moderates comprise about one third of respondents, while only around one in five identify as conservative, leaving the community more Democratic leaning than the national electorate.

When asked to name the most important issue facing them personally, respondents overwhelmingly cited inflation and rising prices, followed by jobs and the broader economy. Immigration registered as important but not decisive, and foreign policy barely figured into vote calculations.

Dissatisfaction with Trump’s management of U.S. India relations had little measurable impact on partisan preference. Like many Americans, Indian Americans are evaluating politics through the lens of cost of living pressures, not relations with the mother country.

As the 2026 midterms approach, the lesson for both parties is clear. Indian Americans are not abandoning the left, but they are signaling that their support cannot be assumed, the authors of the study noted.

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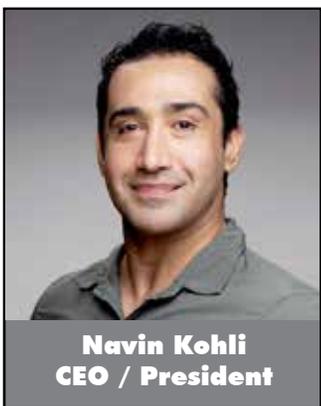
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# India Rejects USCIRF's Report Calling For Sanctions On RAW, RSS

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NEW DELHI- Trashing the annual United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) report, India on March 16 said that the US religious freedom watchdog has persisted in presenting a distorted and selective picture of India for several years by relying on questionable sources and ideological narratives rather than objective facts.

In its report, the USCIRF has recommended the U.S. government "designate India as a 'country of particular concern,' for engaging in and tolerating systematic, ongoing,

and egregious religious freedom violations, as defined by the International Religious Freedom Act."

The USCIRF also called on the government to "impose targeted sanctions on individuals and entities, such as India's Research and Analysis Wing and the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), for their responsibility and tolerance of severe violations of religious freedom by freezing those individuals' or entities' assets and/or barring their entry into the United States."

"We have taken note of the latest report of the US Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF). We categorically reject



its motivated and biased characterization of India," Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said in response to media queries regarding the 2026

Annual Report of USCIRF.

"Instead of persisting with selective criticism of India, USCIRF would do well to reflect on the disturbing incidents of vandalism and attacks on Hindu temples in the United States, selective targeting

of India, and growing intolerance and intimidation of members of the Indian diaspora in the United States, which merit serious attention," the MEA spokesperson

stated on March 16.

It is not for the first time that India has slammed USCIRF, the US federal government agency which monitors the universal right to Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB) abroad and makes policy recommendations to the country's President, Secretary of State and the US Congress.

"It is a biased organization with a political agenda. It continues to misrepresent facts and peddles a motivated narrative about India. We reject this malicious report, which only serves to discredit USCIRF further," the MEA has stated earlier. (IANS)

# First Bust Of Mahatma Gandhi Unveiled In Montana

HELENA, MT – A bust of Mahatma Gandhi was installed at the Mike Mansfield Center of the University of Montana in Missoula.

Montana Governor Greg Gianforte, along with the Consul General of India in Seattle Prakash Gupta, jointly unveiled the bust of the Mahatma at a gathering attended by leading officials from the state, including faculty and students of the University of Montana, as well as members of the Montana World Affairs Council.

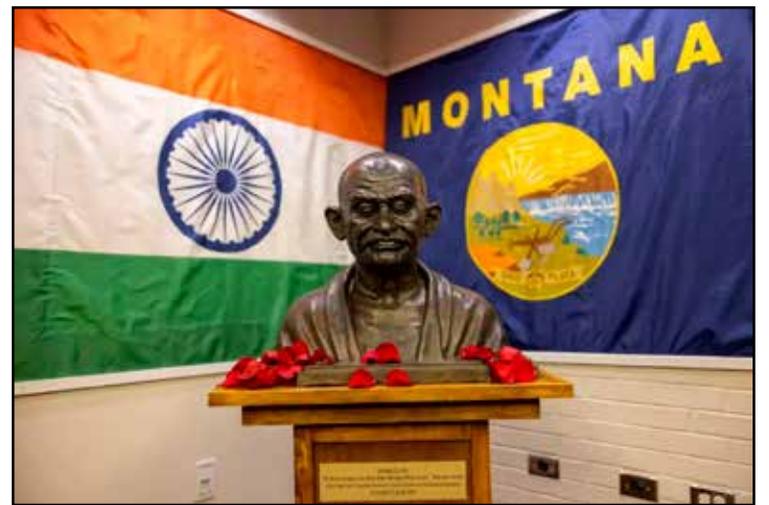
Addressing the gathering, Gian-

forte thanked the Consulate for presenting the bust of the Mahatma as a gift from the Indian government to the US state and praised the ideals of nonviolence that Mahatma Gandhi espoused as much-needed values in the world order today.

Founded by an Act of the US Congress in 1983, the Mansfield Center at the University, where the bust of the Mahatma has been placed, aims to foster globally minded leaders of integrity and supports youth and communities through civic and in-

ternational education guided by ethical leadership, civic responsibility and an unconditional commitment to public good.

The Gandhi bust unveiled at the Mansfield Center is the fourth such installation in the US Pacific Northwest and follows three other statues installed by the Consulate earlier, including at the base of the Space Needle in Seattle (October 2024), at the State Capitol in Lincoln, Nebraska (December 2024), and another earlier one at Bellevue Public Library (October 2009). (IANS)



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# US Slaps 126% Tariffs On Indian Solar Imports

MUMBAI – The growing trade partnership between India and the United States in the renewable energy sector faced a major disruption on February 25, as the US Commerce Department imposed preliminary countervailing duties of 125.87 percent on solar cell and panel imports from India. This



decision followed a petition filed by the Alliance for American Solar Manufacturing and Trade, which includes major US players like First Solar and Hanwha Qcells. The group alleges that Indian exporters

benefit from unfair subsidies that allow them to undercut domestic American manufacturing.

The scale of this trade is significant for both nations. In 2025, solar panel imports from India, Indo-

nesia, and Laos were valued at approximately 4.5 billion dollars, accounting for nearly two-thirds of all US solar imports. While the White House recently implemented a temporary 10 percent tariff on Indian goods, this new Commerce Department ruling represents a far more aggressive protectionist stance. The Trump administration has signaled that additional tariff

authorities could be invoked in the coming weeks to further shield American industry.

The situation for Indian solar exporters could worsen in March. The Commerce Department is currently investigating whether these countries have also sold products in the US below production costs. If that determination is affirmative, additional anti-dumping duties will be stacked on top of the current 125.87 percent rate. This focus on India is particularly sharp, as its subsidy rate was fixed significantly higher than those for Indonesia at 104.38 percent and Laos at 80.67 percent.

The news triggered an immediate reaction across India's renewable energy sector. Major manufacturers saw their shares decline as the market adjusted to the potential loss of access to the lucrative US market. Waaree Energies dropped as much as 14.6 percent, hitting the lower circuit during early trade. Other industry players, including Premier Energies, Vikram Solar, and Waaree Renewable Technologies, also saw notable declines as the industry braced for a period of heightened trade tension between Washington and New Delhi. (IANS)

# Residents Flee Dubai, Abandoning Thousands Of Pets

DUBAI – As rising tensions and missile threats push residents to leave parts of the Middle East, animal rescue groups in Dubai say they are witnessing a troubling increase in thousands of abandoned pets, with many dogs, cats, fish and turtles being left behind as families scramble to evacuate the region.

The growing crisis has become particularly concerning for groups such as K9 Friends, which say they have been flooded with requests from pet owners seeking to surrender their animals or asking for help rehoming them before departing

the country. Animal welfare organizations say the surge is linked to residents making hurried plans to leave amid uncertainty in the region. Many owners, they claim, are finding it difficult to navigate the complex procedures required to relocate pets internationally.

Animal rescue experts say the best thing for people to do is to board their pets in the commercial boarding facilities available throughout the UAE and keep the pets there until they return to the country or can arrange their travel overseas.

Veterinarians in Dubai have also



reported a noticeable increase in inquiries from pet owners about euthanizing their animals. Some owners, faced with expensive relocation costs, extensive paperwork require-

ments and limited availability of pet-friendly flights, have allegedly approached clinics asking for even healthy pets to be put down instead of taking them along.

Images circulating on the social media platform X appear to show the scale of the problem.

In some photographs, dogs can be seen tied to lamp posts without food or water, while other animals appear to have been abandoned on the streets under the intense heat.

Animal welfare volunteers say they have also encountered cats

and puppies left outside homes or rescue shelters in crates.

In one particularly distressing incident reported by The Sun, an animal rescuer found a cat along with four kittens abandoned in a crate outside a residence.

For many shelters that were already operating at full capacity, the sudden influx of abandoned pets has created an overwhelming challenge and serves as a stark reminder that in moments of panic and uncertainty, the most helpless and voiceless companions are often the ones left behind. (IANS)

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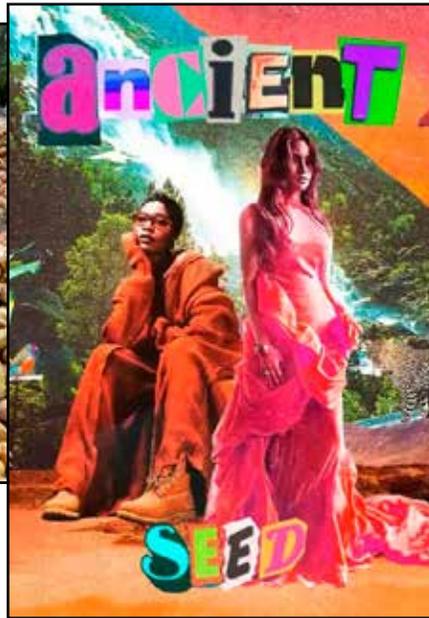
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## MUSIC

## Sadhguru Backed Save Soil Movement Inspires Global Track 'Ancient Seed'



India-West News Desk

LOS ANGELES, CA – Global music is getting a conscious shake-up with 'Ancient Seed,' a new single from Dhee, Tiwa Savage, Santhosh Narayanan, and WondaGurl, which dropped on March 6.

The track is the first release from WondaGurl's upcoming Conscious Planet EP, a genre-blending project designed to raise awareness about soil degradation, one of the planet's most urgent environmental crises.

The project is linked to the Save Soil movement, founded by yogi and visionary Sadhguru in 2022. Sadhguru, the renowned founder of the Isha Foundation, launched Save Soil to protect and restore the world's rapidly degrading soils. The movement has already reached billions of people globally and supports hundreds of thousands of farmers in adopting regenerative agriculture.

'Ancient Seed' is a vibrant fusion of Indo and Afro beats. Dhee, the Sri Lankan Tamil-Australian singer, and Nigerian Afrobeats icon Tiwa Savage lead the vocals, while India's Santhosh Narayanan adds his signature musical textures. WondaGurl, the Canadian-Nigerian producer, ties it all together with dynamic production that gives the track both global energy and ecological urgency.

Part of the single's royalties will support Save Soil's work.

The full Conscious Planet EP, releasing later this year, will include an interactive digital experience that lets listeners explore the soil crisis firsthand. 'Ancient Seed' proves that music can do more than move feet: it can move minds and help the planet, too.

## Flipperachi Recalls Moment He Realized 'FA9LA' Became India Sensation



NEW DELHI- Bahraini rapper Flipperachi said he realized his track 'FA9LA', featured in Ranveer Singh's film 'Dhurandhar', had become a phenomenon in India when an outpouring of videos, crowd reactions, and messages from across the country began arriving steadily.

Asked when and how he came to know that 'FA9LA', which featured Akshaye Khanna in the Hindi film, had struck a chord with Indian audiences, Flipperachi, whose real name is Hussam Aseem, said, "When the videos, crowd reactions, and messages

from India came flooding in consistently."

"That's when I knew we hit something big," said the rapper, known for blending Khaleeji sounds with modern beats.

Asked what performing in India would represent for him, the leading figure in Arab hip-hop said: "It would represent growth. Every new market is a new chapter."

"It's validation in a way, but also motivation to keep building. It's always been in my pursuit to level up, and this is definitely a reflection of that," he added. Flipperachi is scheduled to perform in Mumbai on March 13. (IANS)

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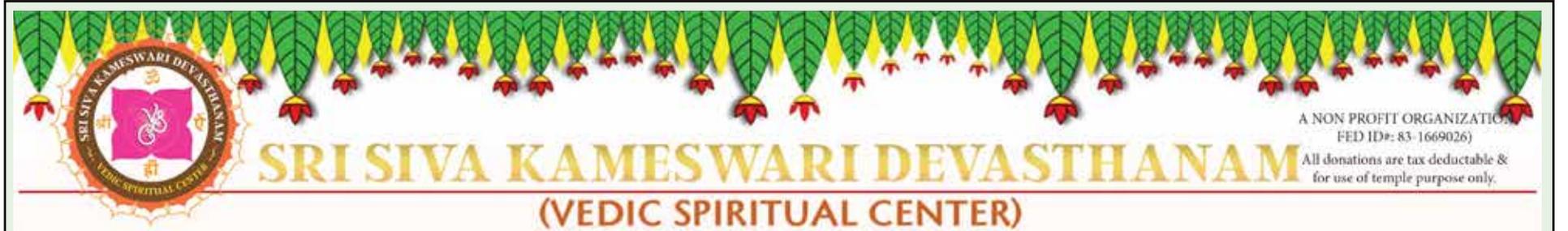


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**CRICKET**

# North Carolina Set To Build Largest Cricket Complex In US

FAYETTEVILLE, NC- A \$150 million cricket complex is coming up here, a development that local media reports say could become the largest cricket stadium project in the United States and draw global attention to the fast-growing sport in America.

Construction crews have already begun clearing a wooded area near Cedar Creek Road along Interstate 95 for the proposed sports complex, which developers say will be the largest cricket stadium development in the country, CBS17 News reported.

The planned US Open Sports Complex will span about 75 acres and include two international

cricket stadiums. Each venue is expected to seat about 15,000 spectators and will feature rooftop restaurants, sky lounges, and large scoreboards designed to host major tournaments and large-scale sporting events, the report said.

Developers say the project is designed to accommodate international cricket competitions as well as concerts and other sporting events. The complex will also include soccer fields, a large fitness center, and about 500 apartments for players, the report added.

Supporters say the project could create significant economic opportunities for the region.

“Opportunity for the locals is go-



ing to be huge,” said Mahammad Qureshi, chief executive of Cricket Council USA, told the media outlet.

Qureshi said Fayetteville was chosen after developers considered larger cities, including New York and Washington.

“We were looking at New York, it’s too cold,” Qureshi said. “We

were also looking at Washington, D.C., but we see the weather is much better here in North Carolina.”

He also pointed to the city’s strategic location along the I-95 corridor, which makes travel easier for teams and spectators moving along the East Coast. “It’s a central location for us,” he said.

Developers are also exploring plans to establish a professional cricket team in the city, potentially called the North Carolina Airborne. Fayetteville Mayor Mitch Colvin

welcomed the project and described it as a major step forward for the city’s future.

“Welcoming a state-of-the-art cricket stadium and \$150 million investment signals that our city is moving boldly into the future,” Colvin said in a statement. “This world-class facility will bring international attention, new economic opportunities and a vibrant sports culture that benefits our entire city.”

Developers aim to complete the complex by 2027. If ready in time, the facility could potentially serve as a warm-up or training venue connected to the 2028 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, the news report said. (IANS)

# NBA’s Philadelphia 76ers Owner David Blitzer In IPL Bidding War For RCB

India-West News Desk

NEW YORK, NY – American billionaire David Blitzer has entered a high-stakes race for a majority stake in the Indian Premier League, sparking a bidding war against Manchester United co-chairman Avram Glazer and a lineup of prominent Indian tycoons.

Blitzer, the co-founder of Harris Blitzer Sports and Entertainment, is currently conducting due diligence on both the Royal Challengers Bengaluru and the Rajasthan Royals. According to Reuters, the talks value

the Bengaluru-based franchise, the league’s defending champion, at approximately \$1.8 billion.

Blitzer brings a massive sporting pedigree from the United States as he looks to expand his footprint into the world’s most lucrative cricket league. He is known for being the first person to hold stakes in all five major North American professional sports leagues, with a portfolio that includes the NBA’s Philadelphia 76ers, the NHL’s New Jersey Devils, the MLB’s Cleveland Guardians, and a minority interest in the NFL’s Washington Commanders.

Blitzer is competing directly with fellow American Avram Glazer, the owner of the NFL’s Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who has already submitted initial bids for both teams, Reuters reported. Domestic interest is equally formidable, with Serum Institute of India CEO Adar Poonawalla and Manipal Group chairman Ranjan Pai emerging as key Indian contenders for the Bengaluru franchise. Reuters reported that global private equity firms KKR and Blackstone are also in the mix, with Blackstone showing particular interest in the Bengaluru team.





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## Padma Lakshmi Roasts Vance's Cooking, Jokes About Usha's 'Taste'



India-West News Desk

NEW YORK, NY -Chef and TV host Padma Lakshmi had a field day roasting Vice President JD Vance on 'The Daily Show,' and she didn't hold back. The target? His cooking.

The moment came when the show brought up a dish Vance allegedly whipped up: vegetables and ranch dressing baked on a crescent roll. Lakshmi's reaction was instant and brutal. "So bad," she declared, making it clear that some recipes are crimes against food.

Then came the cultural twist. Lakshmi pointed out that Vance is married to Usha Vance, who comes from a rich Indian culinary

background. "And he's giving her ranch dressing?" she asked, shaking her head in disbelief.

She also took aim at how Vance described his wife's diet. "He says she's vegetarian. Bread, vegetables, dairy. Really?" Lakshmi quipped. "We eat rice, lentils, beans, squash—so much more than that!"

Lakshmi didn't stop there. With a sly smile, she added: "Maybe he knows what she likes... because she doesn't really have good taste."

The segment, part roast, part cultural commentary, has quickly gone viral. Clips are now all over YouTube and Facebook, making Lakshmi's hilarious culinary take-down the talk of the town.



## Indian Cuisine Shaped By Ved And Hakeems, Says Chef Kunal Kapur

MUMBAI – Following the conclusion of the ninth season of MasterChef India, celebrity chef Kunal Kapur shared his perspective on how Indian cuisine was scientifically shaped over centuries by Ved and Hakeems.

He explained that "the genesis of every cuisine is very different," noting that the specific way we use spices in India is backed by an ancient logic. He remarked that "the spices we use in our food, we can add 6-7 spices to a simple cup of tea, there is a science behind it" because our food has been defined by "Ved and Hakeems over a period of time."

Kapur detailed how these medicinal ingredients were integrated into daily life to make them palatable. He noted that if we were to "grind all the spices and give it to them, it is good for their health," but "we will not drink it because it is very strong." However, "if we

grind the same spices and make garam masala and add it to our food, then we will be able to eat it." This evolution allowed the cuisine to adapt "according to availability, according to different body types."

He further contrasted this approach with other global culinary traditions, observing that "Chinese food has umami, spices, herbs, and their flavor is very different," while in the western world, "minimal spices are used, but still they are used." Kapur concluded that these differences are deeply rooted in geography, explaining that the place where an ingredient grows is "appropriate" for "that climate, for that soil, for that air." For the modern diner, he believes "the flavors of both are different," giving individuals the option to choose what they want to try based on their own needs and the environment around them. (IANS)

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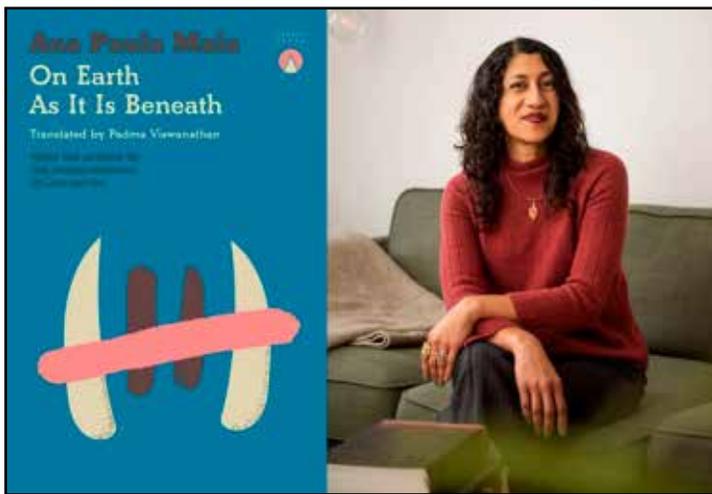
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## BOOKS

## Padma Viswanathan Makes 2026 International Booker Prize Longlist

India-West  
News Desk

LITTLE ROCK, AR— Indian Canadian author and playwright Padma Viswanathan has been named to the 2026 International Booker Prize longlist for her English translation of a Portuguese-language novel by Brazilian writer Ana Paula



Maia. The work, titled 'On Earth As It Is Beneath', is one of 13 global contenders selected for the literary award, which recognizes fiction translated into English and published in the UK or Ireland.

The International Booker Prize carries a total award of £50,000, divided equally between the author and translator. In 2025, Kannada writer-activist Banu Mushtaq and translator Deepa Bhashti won for the short story collection 'Heart Lamp', the first work translated from Kannada to receive the prize. Organizers said the book sold out rapidly in the UK, prompting publisher And Other Stories to reprint 40,000 copies.

The 58-year-old Viswanathan, who is a Professor of Creative Writing at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, translated what judges described as a "haunting" and "stark exploration of power, violence, destruction and institutional corruption." According to the judging panel, the novel "will linger with readers long after the final page."

The longlist includes Shida Bazayr's 'The Nights Are Quiet in Tehran' (translated from German by Ruth Martin), Gabriela Cabezon Camara's 'We Are Green and Trembling' (translated from Spanish by Robin Myers), and Yang Shuang-zi's 'Taiwan Travelogue' (translated from Taiwanese by Lin King), among others translated from Dutch, French, Swedish, Bulgarian, Italian, Persian, and Danish.

The longlist will be narrowed to six shortlisted titles on March 31, with each finalist receiving £5,000, split equally between author and translator. The winner will be announced at a ceremony at London's Tate Modern on May 19.

## Verse Novel 'All That Chandni Knows' Examines Ambition, Family Secrets

India-West News Desk

NEW YORK, NY – 'All That Chandni Knows', a debut middle grade novel in verse by Khushboo Patel, will be published on March 31, 2026, by G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers. Set in India in 1999, the book follows a 12-year-old girl balancing academic ambition, first love, and a family secret that threatens to upend her carefully ordered world.

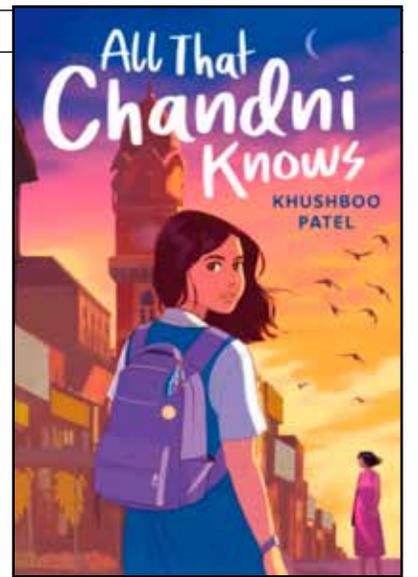
The story centers on Chandni, a high-achieving student preparing for admission to India's most prestigious girls' boarding school. With her parents respected doctors and her position secure among friends, Chandni's future appears mapped out—until a painful truth within her family begins to surface. As selection day approaches, she must weigh her own aspirations against loyalty to those closest to her.

Written in free verse, the novel explores friendship, family responsibility, and moral choice, using Chandni's perspective to examine broader social pressures tied to gender, religion, and cultural expectation. An author's note concludes the book, reflecting on recurring patterns in history and offering reassurance to young readers navigating similar uncertainties.

The book has received early critical recognition across trade and youth literature outlets. Booklist called it "emotionally resonant," noting that Patel "expertly weaves humor and heart into Chandni's emotional tale" in a starred review. School Library Journal described its themes of growing up and managing relationships as "universal and relatable to middle grade readers." India travel guide

Kirkus Reviews praised the novel as "a poignant, character-driven exploration of fraught relationships centering on an appealing protagonist," while Publishers Weekly highlighted its "straightforward free verse" and its treatment of how social and cultural expectations shape identity and relationships. In Teen Vogue, the book was described as "a gem of a novel-in-verse," commending its handling of issues including colorism, women's safety, patriarchy, and religious tension.

'All That Chandni Knows' is Patel's first novel for young readers. The hardcover edition is priced at \$18.99 and is recommended for ages 10 and up.



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## Diya Vij Appointed NYC Cultural Affairs Czar

India-West News Desk

NEW YORK, NY – Mayor Zohran Kwame Mamdani has appointed Diya Vij as commissioner of the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, the nation's largest municipal funder of arts and culture. She is the first South Asian to hold the position.

Vij, 40, will lead the agency's efforts to support artists and cultural organizations across New York City while advancing the administration's focus on affordability in the arts sector.

"She has worked to weave culture into the fabric of public life. This administration believes art is a public good, not a luxury reserved for the few. Under her leadership, we will fight to keep New York a city where artists can afford to live and create — and where every New Yorker, in every borough, can experience the energy and inspiration that art makes possible," Mamdani said in a statement. "This administration has renewed my belief that city government can be a site of real change — and that art and culture are essential to that

project," Vij said. "Too many artists have been forced out of the city they love — crushed by the cost-of-living crisis. As Commissioner, I will extend the Mayor's affordability agenda to arts and culture."

Vij previously worked at the Department of Cultural Affairs during the administration of former Mayor Bill de Blasio, where she led special projects and co-directed the Public Artists in Residence program, which embeds artists within city agencies to integrate art into civic life.



## Raw Rhythms: Preserving Kuthu's Folk Expression In America

By EV MASTER –  
EZHILVANAN OPPILAMANI



SAN JOSE, CA – Dance is the most visceral language of culture, and few forms speak with as much raw power as Kuthu. Rooted in the soil of South India, Kuthu is defined by an explosive energy and a rhythmic pulse that connects directly to the heart of the community.

What began as a folk expression in the village streets and temple festivals of Tamil

Nadu has undergone a remarkable transformation. From its origins as a grassroots celebration of everyday life, Kuthu was embraced

and amplified by Tamil cinema, introducing its bold movements to millions and setting the stage for its current global evolution.

As a choreographer and educator working internationally, I see Kuthu as an art form that prioritizes authenticity over rigid technicality. It is a dance of freedom, expression, and confidence. Unlike styles that demand strict adherence to ancient geometric forms,

Kuthu thrives on the emotional connection between the dancer and the beat. It is this accessibility and infectious spirit that allow it to resonate with diverse audiences who may not share the same language but instinctively understand the rhythm.

In the United States, particularly within the vibrant cultural landscape of the Bay Area, Kuthu has moved beyond the realm of mere entertainment to become a vital pillar of cultural identity. For the Indian diaspora, it serves as a bridge between generations.

For second-generation Indian Americans, mastering the powerful footwork of Kuthu is a way to claim their heritage while participating in a style that feels contemporary and alive. At Macha Swag Dance, our mission is to provide a platform for this energy, integrating Kuthu into programs alongside Bollywood and other cinematic styles to ensure the richness of South Indian tradition

is both preserved and evolved.

The global stage is now witnessing a "Kuthu Renaissance." We see this style flourishing in international dance studios, multicultural festivals, and high-production choreography. As digital media dissolves geographic boundaries, Kuthu is emerging as a recognized performance style that transcends its regional roots. It is no longer just a "folk dance" or a "film style" — it is a global celebration of identity and unity.

Ultimately, Kuthu represents the voice of the people. Its journey from the dust of village streets to the polished floors of international stages is a testament to the power of art to carry traditions across borders. Through every rhythmic stomp and expressive gesture, Kuthu reminds us that shared joy and cultural pride are universal languages that bring the world closer together. (Oppilamani, based in Northern California, leads the popular dance group Macha Swag Dance)

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## Mindy Kaling Is Glam Fab At The Actor Awards

India-West News Desk

LOS ANGELES, CA – The multi-talented Mindy Kaling attended the 32nd annual Actor Awards on March 1, marking her first in-person appearance at the ceremony since 2014.

The event, held at the Shrine Auditorium and hosted by Kristen Bell, was broadcast live on Netflix. Organizers implemented a specific dress code for the first time in the awards' 31-year history, with the theme "Reimagining Hollywood Glamour From the '20s and '30s."

Kaling, who seemed to have lost more weight than ever, wore a modern black velvet gown by designer Yara Shoemaker Couture, that caught the eye. The strapless design featured a structural peplum corset at the midsection and



a hand-beaded, sheer floor-length skirt detailed with sequins and lace florals. She paired the ensemble with black velvet opera gloves, pointed-toe pumps, and diamond drop earrings from Bucherer Fine Jewellery.

In its coverage of the ceremony's fashion, Marie Claire wrote: "The cutout trend is beyond the point of stale, but Mindy Kaling's gown does the trend justice with its voluminous sheer skirt and surprising structural details." For the evening, she styled her hair in a middle part with soft curls and wore bronzed makeup with glossy nude lips, aligning with the vintage-inspired theme.



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OSCARS

# Oscars: Indian Glam On The Red Carpet

By PREETI CHANDAN

LOS ANGELES, CA – Indian celebrities made striking fashion statements on the red carpet. Priyanka Chopra Jonas, a global celebrity and fashion icon, opted for a clean classic look attired in custom Dior gown, strapless and white, with a structured corset-style bodice flowing into a long skirt with a dramatic thigh-high slit and black-and-white feathered detailing. She paired the dress with diamond and emerald statement necklace and matching earrings.

Several Indian designers were showcased at the Academy Awards with singer Rei Ami in Rahul Mishra, “Sinners” actor Li Jun Li in a red Gaurav Gupta gown, and Zanna Roberts Rassi in Swadesh x Abu Jani Sandeep Khosla.

Bela Balaria, Netflix Chief Content Officer came dressed in a Manish Malhotra saree.

Indian British actress Charithra Surya Chandran, who played Edwina Sharma on season two of “Bridgerton,” made her Oscars debut walking the red carpet in a stunning emerald gown.

Isha Ambani too made her Oscars debut, elegant in a Valentino gown with floral embroidery.



Bela Balaria, Netflix CCO

Singer Rei Ami

Zanna Roberts Rassi

Charithra Surya Chandran

## India-West At The Oscars

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deals with issues of discrimination, social justice, and identity.

“Two People Exchanging Saliva,” an exquisite black and white, 36-minute short, absurdist film tied with “Sinners,” directed by Sam A. Davis, a heartwarming film based on a 19th-century Ivan Turgenev story. It follows downtrodden patrons in a dive bar who find connection through an impromptu, singing contest.

There have only been five previous ties in the Oscars history where two films received the same number of votes from the Academy members. In the Press Interview Room backstage, Singh said the couple was happy to share the award with “Sinners,” an equally

beautiful and totally different film.

“We never imagined we would be here today,” he said. “We just really love the medium of cinema. As many people have said before, it’s a machine for creating empathy.”

Singh of Franco-Indian descent was born in France. He and Musteata are real-life and professional partners. Both are visual artists with full careers and a significant body of work. This film is their first joint foray into filmmaking.

“Two People Exchanging Saliva” deals with repression, longing for human connection, and the absurdity of state control over intimacy. It is a story of forbidden love set in a departmental store in a dystopian world where slaps in the face are the currency

and “exchanging saliva,” a clinical description of kissing, is punishable by death. The story follows a dangerous and quiet romance between an unhappily married woman and a shop assistant. The film is emotionally gripping and visually resplendent. Its high definition, brightly lit, angular images in black and white underscoring the relentless scrutiny faced by people whose lives are rendered colorless.

“Coming from the visual arts, we start with pencil on paper. So it made sense to us to begin in black and white,” Musteata said. “Black and white is a little bit like an X-ray. You can’t hide in black and white; color can distract. There’s a certain purity

to black and white in terms of composition and form,” Singh added.

Singh and Musteata received their award from Kumail Nanjiani, a second-time presenter at the Oscars. Nanjiani, a renowned comedian, actor, and screenwriter, with a past Oscar nomination, joked that the short film category was taking twice as long because of the tie.

Priyanka Chopra Jonas joined “No Country for Old Men” star Javier Bardem on stage to present the Best International Film Award to “Sentimental Value,” a Norwegian film directed by Joachim Trier. It explores the strained relationship between a filmmaker father and his two daughters as they confront unresolved



Priyanka Chopra Jonas and Javier Bardem present the Oscar for International Feature Film.

family history and artistic legacy while he is preparing for a new film project.

At an Oscars where political speeches were minimal this year, Trier gently appealed for a return of common sense, decency, tolerance, and kindness in a world increasingly fraught with wars, divisive and authoritarian tendencies. In his acceptance speech, Singh said the world today is dark, absurd, ridiculous, and horrifying. “But that’s why we make films because we believe that art can change people’s souls.” Veteran live television producer, Raj Kapoor, returned as the executive producer and showrunner for the 98th Oscars. He has worked on the Oscars telecast for several years, contributing to its production and creative direction. He received eight Emmy nominations and one win.

Rohan Ramanan, a Southern California-based tenor/countertenor who has studied Western and Hindustani voice, was a performer during host Conan O’Brien’s monologue.

This year, the front-runners were “One Battle After Another” and “Sinners” who won six and five awards respectively. For a full list of winners, visit: <https://www.oscars.org/oscars/ceremonies/2026>

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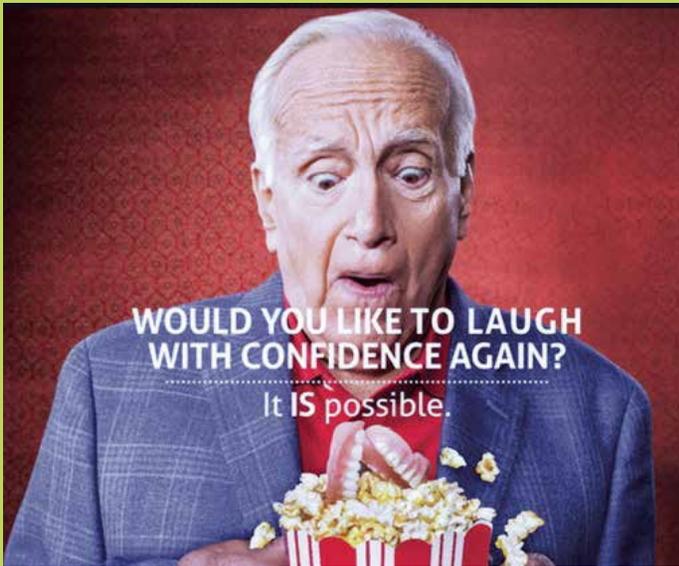
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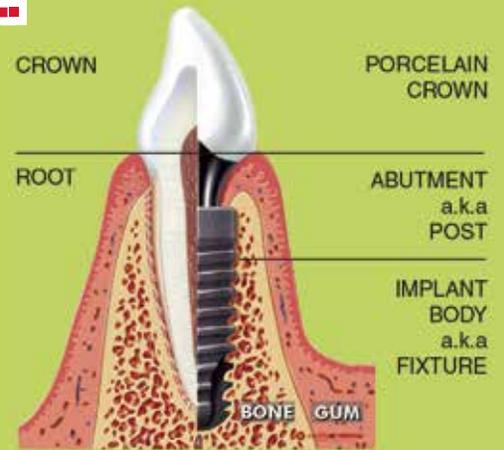
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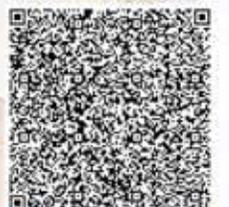


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