



MODI HOLDS FIRST BILATERAL MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BIDEN; DISCUSSES INDO-PACIFIC, CLIMATE AND COVID

TIP SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON, DC (TIP): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday, September 24, described as "outstanding" his first bilateral meeting with US President Joe Biden who said the Indo-US relationship is destined to be "stronger, closer and tighter" as the two leaders discussed a wide range of issues, including combating COVID-19, climate change, trade and the Indo-Pacific.

President Biden, who welcomed Prime Minister Modi in the Oval Office of the White House said that today they are starting a new chapter in US-India relationship.

Observing that he has long believed that the US, India relationship can help them solve global challenges, Biden in his opening remarks before a battery of India and American media said they are



PM Modi and President Biden hold their first bilateral meeting at the White House on September 24

now "are launching a new chapter in history of India US ties, taking on some of the toughest challenges we face together."

And this starts with a shared commitment to end COVID-19, he said.

Prime Minister Modi, who is visiting the US for the 7th time after assuming office in 2014, described Friday's bilateral meeting with Biden that lasted more than 60 minutes as "important" as they're meeting at the start of the third decade of this century.

"Your leadership will certainly play an important role in how this decade is shaped. The seeds have been sown for an even stronger friendship between India and the US," Prime Minister Modi told Biden.

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VP Harris in her first meeting with PM Modi talks about defending democracies



PM Modi (left) and VP Harris at the joint media appearance before their first in-person meeting, September 23

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WASHINGTON, DC (TIP): Voicing concern over the threat to democracies around the world, Vice President Kamala Harris on Thursday, September 23,

underscored the need to defend democratic principles and institutions in both India and the US.

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Our diversity is the identity of our strong democracy, says PM Modi at UNGA



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York on September 25, 2021

UNITED NATIONS (TIP): Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his address to the 76th session of the UNGA on September 25, 2021, said that countries with "regressive thinking" that are using terrorism as a "political tool" must understand that it is an equally big threat for them also.

Mr. Modi said that he represents a country which is proud to be known as the mother of democracy and cited his own rise from a tea seller at a railway station to the Prime Minister of India to underscore the strength of India's democracy.

"I represent a country that is proud to be known as the mother of democracy. On 15th of August this year, India entered into the 75th year of its independence," he said.

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FIX TIMEFRAME FOR UNSC REFORMS: G4

JAISHANKAR ADDRESSES G20 MEETING ON AFGHANISTAN ISSUE

TIP SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW YORK (TIP): The G4 has called for concrete outcomes in a fixed timeframe on the measures to reform the UN Security Council. "With G4 Foreign Ministers Heiko Mass, Moteging and Carlos Franca, sent a clear message on the need for reformed multilateralism," said External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar after meeting his German, Japanese and Brazilian counterparts in New York.

All four members of G4 are aspirants for permanent seats on the UN Security Council. In making their claims,

India cites its large population and economic strength and Brazil absence of a Latin American nation among the five permanent members (P-5) while Japan and Germany feel the UNSC has rewarded only the victors of World War II.

Jaishankar also addressed the G20 Foreign Ministers' meeting on Afghanistan where he said assistance providers must be accorded unimpeded, unrestricted and direct access. Taliban's commitment not to allow use of Afghan soil for terrorism should be implemented and the government must have representation from all sections of Afghan society.



The G4 has called for concrete outcomes in a fixed timeframe on the measures to reform the UN Security Council. Seen in the picture are the G4 Foreign Ministers Jaishankar, Heiko Mass, Moteging and Carlos Franca - Photo / PTI

Modi arrives in Washington, DC to a warm welcome by the Indian American community

SEPT 23 ENGAGEMENTS INCLUDE MEETING WITH US VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS AND BILATERAL WITH JAPANESE AND AUSTRALIAN PMs

TIP SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON, DC (TIP): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday, September 23, a day after his arrival here, is scheduled to have as many as eight meetings, including one with Vice President Kamala Harris, on the first working day of his current US trip.

Apart from meeting Harris at the White House, the Prime minister will have two bilateral meetings with his Australian and Japanese counterparts - Scott Morrison and Yoshihide Suga.

Prime Minister Modi was received on arrival at the Andrews airbase by Mr. T. H. Brian McKeon, Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources on behalf of the government of the USA and India's Ambassador to the US Taranjit Singh Sandhu.

A large number of Indian Americans had gathered at the airport, despite rain, to welcome Mr. Modi.

Touched by the love and warmth of the Indian American community, Modi later tweeted:

*Narendra Modi
@narendramodi*

Grateful to the Indian community in Washington DC for the warm welcome. Our diaspora is our strength. It is commendable how the Indian diaspora has distinguished itself across the world.

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Modi would kick off his day's engagements with a series of one-on-one meetings with five top American CEOs representing diverse areas from technology, the IT sector to finance, defense and renewable energy.

These CEO's include Shantanu Narayen from Adobe and Vivek Lall from General Atomics, Cristiano E



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Amon from Qualcomm, Mark Widmar from First Solar and Stephen A Schwarzman from Blackstone.

According to sources, these CEOs represent fairly large corporate interests, companies that have particular expertise, have invested in India and have the potential to invest

significantly there.

In the afternoon, Modi is scheduled to have a bilateral with Prime Minister Morrison of Australia. The two leaders have met in the past on a number of occasions on the sidelines of various international conferences.

Morrison had recently called Modi to brief him about planning to go ahead with the AUKUS alliance.

The US, Britain and Australia last week announced the AUKUS alliance for the Indo-Pacific to take on the threats of the 21st century and allow for greater sharing of defense capabilities, including help Australia acquire nuclear-powered submarines, in a bid to counter China's growing power in the strategically vital region.

Morrison was to visit India in January last year which he had to postpone because of a massive fire in Australia. Another trip to India in May had to be postponed due to the COVID-19 situation. After meeting with Morrison, Modi would drive down to the White House for a meeting with Indian-origin US Vice President Kamala Harris at her ceremonial office. The maiden meeting between the two leaders has been scheduled for an hour. The two leaders are likely to talk to the

press. According to sources, they are expected to talk on a range of issues that interest both sides -- from the management of COVID-19 to issues like cooperation in the high tech and space sectors.

Prime Minister Modi is looking forward to his first meeting with Vice President Harris, sources said.

The two leaders have earlier spoken to each other over the phone during the COVID-19 crisis in June.

Later in the day, the prime minister is scheduled to meet prime minister Suga of Japan. The two leaders have been speaking to each other quite frequently.

On Friday, the Prime Minister would spend most of his time at the White House, first a bilateral meeting in the Oval Office with President Biden. This would be followed by the first-ever in-person Quad summit.

In November 2017, India, Japan, the US and Australia gave shape to the long-pending proposal of setting up the Quad to develop a new strategy to keep the critical sea routes in the Indo-Pacific free of any influence.

The prime minister will then leave for New York. He is the first speaker scheduled to address the UN General Assembly on September 25.



Modi meeting the enthusiastic Indian Americans who had gathered at the airport and on way to hotel, despite rain, to welcome him

PM Modi and US Vice President Kamala Harris discuss bilateral ties, Indo-Pacific

TIP SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON, DC (TIP): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday, September 23, described India and America as "natural partners" as he held the first in-person meeting with Vice President Kamala Harris at the White House during which they decided to further cement the Indo-US strategic partnership and discussed global issues of common interest, including threats to democracy, Afghanistan and the Indo-Pacific.

"India and America are natural partners. We have similar values, similar geopolitical interests," Modi said in a joint media appearance with Harris, the first-ever person of Indian origin to be elected as the vice-president of the United States.

Noting that India and the US are the largest and oldest democracies, Modi said the two countries share values and their coordination and cooperation are also gradually increasing.

This is the first meeting between the two leaders. Harris had earlier spoken with Modi over the phone in June during the COVID-19 crisis in India.

"You are the source of inspiration for so many people across the world. I am completely confident that our bilateral relationship will touch new heights under President Biden and your leadership," Modi told Harris.

The two leaders were wearing masks as they both spoke in front of a battery of pool reporters from both India and the US.

Modi invited the 56-year-old Democratic leader and Second Gentleman Douglas Emhoff to visit India.

"Both President Biden and you assumed office at a time when our planet faced very tough challenges. In a short time, you have had many achievements to your credit be it COVID-19, climate change or the Quad," Modi said.

In a statement, the Ministry of External Affairs said the two leaders exchanged views on recent global developments, including in Afghanistan and reaffirmed their commitment towards a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific region.

The two leaders discussed the COVID-19 situation in their countries, including ongoing efforts to contain the pandemic through expedited vaccination efforts, and ensuring supply of critical medicines, therapeutics and healthcare equipment, it said.

"As relates to the Indo-Pacific, the US stresses on maintaining a free and open Indo-Pacific," Harris said, amidst China's aggressive moves in the strategically vital region.

India, the US and several other world powers have been talking about the need to ensure a free, open and thriving Indo-Pacific in the backdrop of China's rising military maneuvering in the region.



US Vice President Kamala Harris and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi holding talks at the White House, September 23 - Photo / Twitter

China claims nearly all of the disputed South China Sea, though Taiwan, the Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia and Vietnam all claim parts of it. Beijing has built artificial islands and military installations in the South China Sea.

Harris said the world is more interconnected and more interdependent than ever before. "And the challenges that we face today have highlighted that fact. COVID-19, climate crisis and the importance of our shared belief in the Indo-Pacific region," she said. "Both sides acknowledged the importance of collaborative action on climate change. Prime Minister spoke about India's push for increasing renewable energy and the recently launched National Hydrogen Mission. He also emphasized the importance of lifestyle changes to promote environmental sustainability," the statement said.

Modi noted that he had the opportunity to speak to Harris after she assumed the Vice Presidency. "One of our interactions happened when India was battling a very tough wave of COVID-19 infections. I recall your kind words of solidarity that time," Modi said.

India was confronted with the second wave of the COVID 19 pandemic. A very difficult time for India, he said. "Like a family, the sense of kinship and so warmly, you extended a helping hand, the words that you chose when you spoke to me, I will always remember

that, and I'd like to thank you from the bottom of my heart," the prime minister said.

"Like a true friend, you had given a message of cooperation, and were very full of sensitivity and immediately after that we found that the US government, the US corporate sector and the Indian community, all came together to help India," he said.

Modi said that the US Government, companies based in the USA and the Indian diaspora were very helpful when India was fighting a tough wave of COVID-19 infections.

Both leaders acknowledged the vibrant people-to-people linkages as the bedrock of the mutually beneficial education linkages and the flow of knowledge, innovation and talent between our two countries.

Modi said that four million people of Indian origin are acting as a bridge of friendship between the two countries.

Harris described India as a "very important partner" to the US and welcomed New Delhi's announcement that it will soon resume vaccine export.

India stopped the export of COVID-19 vaccines after the second wave of the pandemic hit the country in April this year.

On Monday, India said that it will resume export of surplus COVID-19 vaccines in the fourth quarter of 2021 under the "Vaccine Maitri" programme and to meet its commitment to the COVAX global pool. On the issue of the climate crisis, she told Modi that the US working together with India can have

not only a profound impact on people of nations but around the world itself.

Harris said that it is incumbent on the two nations to protect democracies in the best interests of people of the two countries.

"As democracies around the world are under threat, it is imperative that we defend democratic principles and institutions within our respective countries and around the world. And that we maintain what we must do to strengthen democracies at home and it is incumbent on our nations to of course protect democracies in the best interests of people of our countries," she said.

Their meeting comes a day ahead of the maiden bilateral meeting between Modi and President Joe Biden and the Quad Leaders' Summit at the White House on Friday.

Since taking office, Harris has met with or spoken to over 30 world leaders, promoting US interests on issues ranging from global health to climate change to cyber threats.

PM Modi later tweeted:
Narendra Modi
@narendramodi
Glad to have met
@VP
@KamalaHarris

Her feat has inspired the entire world. We talked about multiple subjects that will further cement the India-USA friendship, which is based on shared values and cultural linkages.

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Biden: Quad plan to make 1 bn Covid vaccines in India on track

TIP SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON (TIP): The first in-person summit of Quad nations opened in Washington on Friday, September 24, with PM Narendra Modi hoping that it would be a force for global good by ensuring prosperity and peace in the Indo-Pacific and the world.

The summit, hosted by US President Joe Biden at the White House, saw all four leaders noting that the grouping had made excellent progress since its first summit held virtually six months ago.

None of the leaders mentioned China in their opening statements though some spoke of an Indo-Pacific free of coercion. Known to forget names, Biden introduced PM Modi as "my friend from India" just as he had referred to Australian PM Scott Morrison as "my friend from Down Under" while announcing AUKUS security treaty a week ago. PM Modi noted that the four countries had come together for the first time in 2004 to extend support to the Indo-Pacific region that had been hit by tsunami.



US President Biden, Indian PM Modi, Australian PM Scott Morrison and Japanese PM Yoshihide Suga at the Quad summit at the White House on September 24, 2021

"Today, the world is grappling with the pandemic and we are meeting once again as Quad and working for humanity," he said, observing that the Quad initiative to produce one billion vaccines in India would greatly help countries in the Indo-Pacific region.

The Quad, he hoped, would move forward to find answers to wide-ranging issues such as supply chains, global security, climate action, Covid response and technology.

Biden described Quad as a group of democratic partners, sharing the same

world view and a common vision of the future, coming together to take on key challenges. "We are making excellent progress," he said while announcing fellowships for students from Quad countries to pursue advanced degrees in STEM and said the plan to manufacture one billion vaccines in India was on track.

The four major democracies of the world, he declared, "know how to get things done and are up to the challenge".

Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison said a trusted and secure cyberspace and addressing supply chain problems should be Quad's priorities. Its collective strength, he hoped, would lead to an Indo-Pacific where disputes were settled peacefully in accordance with international law.

Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga wanted Quad to discuss new areas, such as infrastructure and clean energy and promote people-to-people exchanges in science and technology.

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PM Modi, Japanese Premier Suga reaffirm commitment for free, open Indo-Pacific

TIP SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON, DC (TIP): Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Japanese counterpart Yoshihide Suga have reaffirmed their commitment towards a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific region, as they reviewed the multi-faceted bilateral relationship and exchanged views on recent global developments, including in Afghanistan.

During their meeting here on Friday, September 24, the two Prime Ministers agreed to enhance bilateral security and defense cooperation, including in the area of defense equipment and technologies, according to a statement issued by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

Prime Minister Modi thanked Suga for his personal commitment and leadership, both as Prime Minister and Chief Cabinet Secretary earlier, in enabling great advances in the India-Japan Special Strategic & Global Partnership over the last few years, it said.

"The two Prime Ministers reviewed the multi-faceted relationship between the two countries and exchanged views on recent global and regional developments, including in Afghanistan. They reaffirmed their commitment towards a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific region," it said. The two Prime Ministers welcomed the increasing economic engagement between the two countries. "Furthering friendship with Japan," the MEA said in a tweet after the meeting. "Prime Ministers @narendramodi and @sugawitter had a fruitful meeting in Washington DC. Both leaders held discussions on several issues including ways to give further impetus to



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trade and cultural ties," it said.

A special strategic and global partnership with Japan- firmly rooted in history and based on common values, it further said.

They welcomed the launch of the Supply Chain Resilience Initiative (SCRI) between India, Japan and Australia earlier this year as a collaborative mechanism to enable resilient, diversified and trustworthy supply chains, the statement said.

Prime Minister Modi highlighted the need to develop bilateral partnerships in manufacturing, MSME and skill development.

Prime Minister Suga informed Modi that in order to operationalize the Specified Skilled workers (SSW) agreement which was signed earlier this year, the Japanese side would be undertaking skill and language tests in India from early 2022, it said.

They discussed the Covid-19 pandemic and efforts to address it and highlighted the

increasing importance of digital technologies and in this regard positively evaluated the progress in the India-Japan Digital Partnership, especially in start-ups.

The two leaders exchanged views on further collaboration in various emerging technologies. Discussions also took place on climate change issues and green energy transition, and the potential for Japanese collaboration with India's National Hydrogen Energy Mission, the statement said.

The two prime ministers reaffirmed their commitment to advance efforts to facilitate the smooth and timely implementation of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) project.

They also welcomed the progress in bilateral developmental projects in India's Northeastern Region under the India-Japan Act East Forum, and noted possibilities for further enhancement of such cooperation, it said.

Prime Minister Suga expressed confidence that the strong momentum attained by the India-Japan partnership in the last few years will continue even under the new administration in Japan.

Modi conveyed that he was looking forward to welcoming the next prime minister of Japan to India for India-Japan Annual Summit in the near future.

Modi and Suga spoke in April this year and the two leaders underscored the importance of working together to create resilient, diversified and trustworthy supply chains, ensuring reliable supply of critical materials and technologies, and developing new partnerships in manufacturing and skill development to deal with the crisis.

Suga had called off a scheduled visit to India in April end in view of the coronavirus situation.

Speaking after virtually inaugurating a Japanese Zen Garden and Kaizen Academy set up at the premises of the Ahmedabad Management Association (AMA) in June, Modi had described Suga as a very straight-forward person.

"Prime Minister Suga and I believe that during the time of this Covid-19 pandemic crisis, the Indo-Japanese friendship and our partnership have become even more relevant for global stability and prosperity. Today, when we are facing several global challenges, it is the need of the hour that our friendship and relationship get stronger day by day," Modi had said.

He said efforts like setting up of the Kaizen Academy are a beautiful reflection of this relationship.

Modi said the launch of the Zen Garden and Kaizen Academy is a "symbol of the spontaneity and modernity of India-Japan relations".

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PM Modi discusses bilateral, regional, global issues with Australia's Morrison

TIP SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON, DC (TIP): Prime Minister Narendra Modi has met his Australian counterpart Scott Morrison here ahead of the first in-person Quad meeting to be hosted by US President Joe Biden and discussed a broad range of issues of bilateral, regional and global importance, including the Indo-Pacific.

The meeting between Modi and Morrison on Friday, September 24, came a week after they spoke over phone and reviewed the rapid progress in the India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, including through the recent 'two-plus-two' dialogue, and exchanged views on regional developments and the forthcoming Quad meeting.

This was the first in-person meeting between the two leaders in the post-pandemic period.

"They reviewed progress since the last leader's summit that was held virtually in June 2020, and they resolved to continue their close partnership and cooperation for the mutual wellbeing of both sides," Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla told reporters while details of the meeting.

The last bilateral meeting was the Leaders' Virtual Summit held on June 4 last year when the Strategic Partnership between India and Australia was elevated to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said in a statement.

During the meeting here, Modi and Morrison discussed a broad range of issues of bilateral, regional and global importance, it said.

The Prime Ministers "resolved to continue close cooperation for mutual well-being and towards advancing their shared objective of an open, free, prosperous and rules-based Indo-Pacific region," the MEA said.

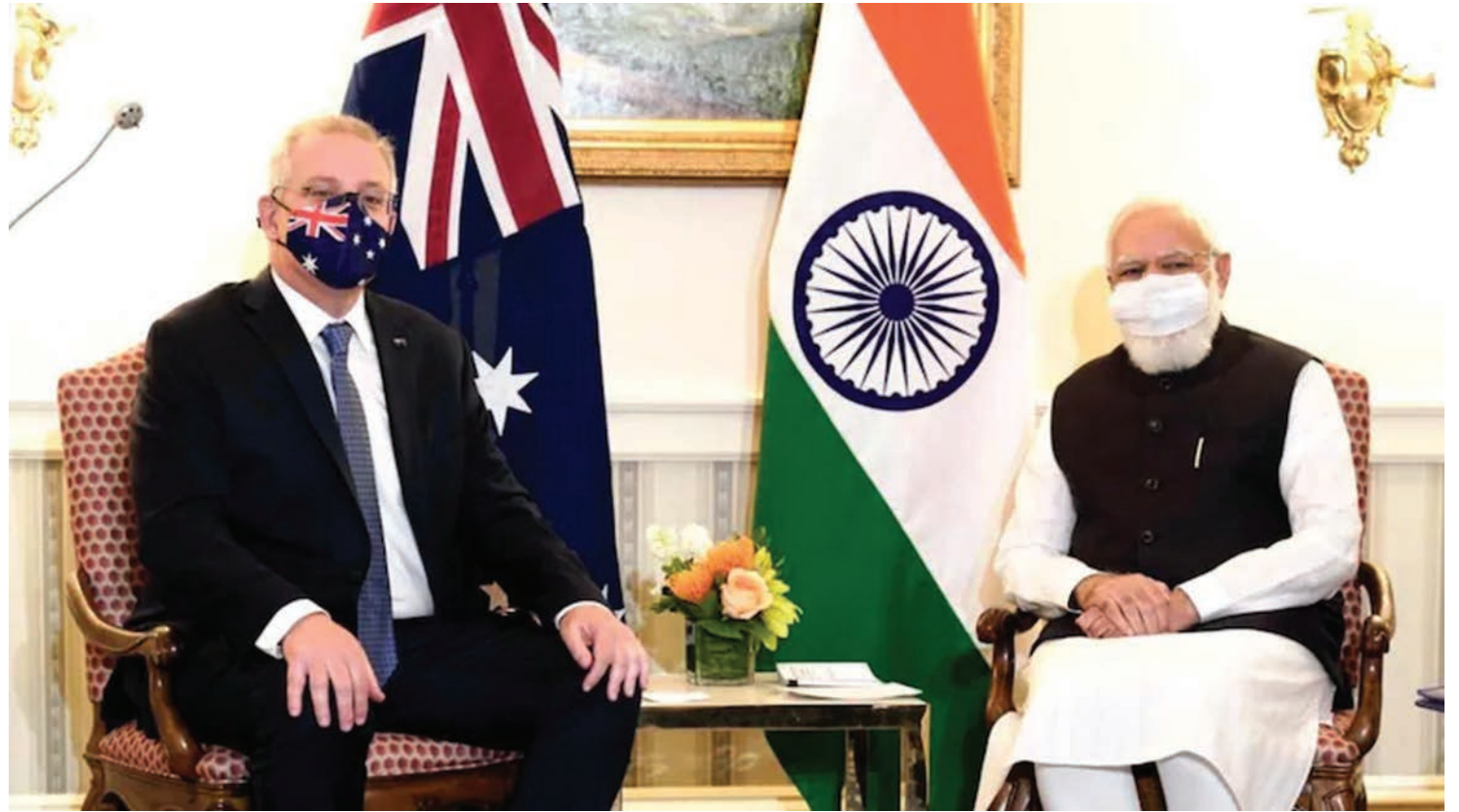
India, the US and several other world powers have been talking about the need to ensure a free, open and thriving Indo-Pacific in the backdrop of China's rising military maneuvering in the region.

China claims nearly all of the disputed South China Sea, though Taiwan, the Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia and Vietnam all claim parts of it. Beijing has built artificial islands and military installations in the South China Sea.

"Great to meet with my good friend and a great friend of Australia, Indian PM Narendra Modi during my visit to the US," Morrison tweeted.

"A wide-ranging and productive discussion ahead of the first in-person Quad meeting as we look to further deepen the partnership between our two countries," Morrison said.

Prime Minister Modi in a tweet said,



PM Modi and Australian PM Morrison discussed a broad range of issues of bilateral, regional and global importance

"It is always wonderful to interact with my good friend, PM @ScottMorrisonMP. We had wide-ranging deliberations on strengthening cooperation in the fields of commerce, trade, energy and more." According to the MEA statement, in their meeting, Modi and Morrison reviewed the ongoing negotiations on a bilateral Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) and welcomed the visit to India by former Australian prime minister Tony Abbott as Morrison's Special Trade Envoy for India and noted the commitment of both sides to achieve an early harvest announcement on an interim agreement by December 2021.

They underlined the need for the international community to address the issue of climate change on an urgent basis as Prime Minister Modi highlighted the need for a broader dialogue on environment protection, it said, adding that both the leaders also discussed possibilities of providing clean technologies.

Modi and Morrison agreed that "as two vibrant democracies in the region, the two countries needed to work closer together to overcome the challenges in the post-pandemic world, inter alia to enhance supply chain resilience," the MEA said.

"Both leaders lauded the immense contribution of the Indian diaspora to Australia's economy and society, and discussed ways to enhance people to people ties," the statement added.

Prime Minister Modi also invited Morrison to visit India.

"The Prime Minister mentioned that the Indian community was very well looked after during the COVID crisis in

Australia. He especially mentioned that to the Prime Minister and there was an appreciation of the contribution of the Indian diaspora in Australia," Shringla said.

Earlier, Office of Prime Minister Modi said on Twitter: "Advancing friendship with Australia. PM @ScottMorrisonMP held talks with PM @narendramodi. They discussed a wide range of subjects aimed at deepening economic and people-to-people linkages between India and Australia."

Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Arindam Bagchi termed the meeting as "another chapter in our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership with Australia".

"Another chapter in our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership with Australia! PM @narendramodi and @ScottMorrisonMP met today. Discussed regional & global developments as well as ongoing bilateral cooperation in areas related to Covid-19, trade, defense, clean energy & more," Bagchi said on Twitter.

The meeting assumes significance as External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Defense Minister Rajnath Singh on September 11 held the 'two-plus-two' talks in New Delhi with their Australian counterparts Marise Payne and Peter Dutton.

It was the first meeting between the prime ministers of India and Australia since the AUKUS (Australia, the UK and the US) security partnership was unveiled last week by US President Biden, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and Morrison.

In response to a question, Shringla said that Prime Minister Morrison did

briefly mention rationale from the Australian side in seeking to initiate the AUKUS Alliance.

"He felt that the technology that they received was appropriate and there was a brief discussion in that regard," he said.

In a tweet, the prime minister's office described it as advancing friendship with Australia. "They discussed a wide range of subjects aimed at deepening economic and people-to-people linkages between India and Australia," the PMO tweeted. The AUKUS partnership, seen as an effort to counter China in the Indo-Pacific, will allow the US and the UK to provide Australia with the technology to develop nuclear-powered submarines for the first time.

Australia said its decision to join a security alliance with the US and the UK is aimed at developing capabilities that can contribute along with India and other countries in deterring behavior that threatens the peace and security in the Indo-Pacific.

In the first reaction from India on the contentious alliance, Shringla on Tuesday said that the new security agreement among the US, the UK and Australia is neither relevant to the Quad nor will have any impact on its functioning, and they are not groupings of a similar nature.

Shringla said while the AUKUS is a security alliance among the three countries, the Quad is a plurilateral grouping with a vision for a free, open, transparent and inclusive Indo-Pacific.

The Quad comprises India, the US, Japan and Australia.

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Indian diaspora has distinguished itself across the world: Modi

TIP SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON, DC (TIP): Prime Minister Narendra Modi has commended the Indian Diaspora for distinguishing itself across the world, as he received an enthusiastic welcome from the community on his arrival here on a major visit to further enhance Indo-US relations.

Modi was warmly greeted by groups of Indian-Americans at the airport soon after his plane landed here on Wednesday and later at the hotel where he had an interaction with the members of the community.

"Grateful to the Indian community in Washington DC for the warm welcome. Our diaspora is our strength," Modi said in a tweet along with a set of pictures of his interaction with Indian-American CEOs.

"It is commendable how the Indian diaspora has distinguished itself across the world," Modi said.

One of the signature events of Prime Minister Modi's overseas visits has been his meetings with the diaspora community in large gatherings.

However, due to the current COVID-19 situation, the prime minister is unlikely to have a large gathering or meeting with the diaspora.

Modi has been popular among Indian-Americans, who constitute more than 1.2 per cent of the country's population.

The community is increasingly playing an important role, including in American politics.

Modi, who is visiting the US for the 7th time after assuming office in 2014, and the first time after President Biden took



Prime Minister Modi acknowledging greetings of the Indian American community gathered to welcome him. - Photo / Twitter

on the reins of America, has said that his visit would be an occasion to strengthen the Indo-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership and consolidate ties with Japan and Australia.

Apart from meeting US President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris, Modi is also scheduled to have separate bilateral talks with his Australian counterpart Scott Morrison and Japanese

Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga.

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PM Modi reaches New York to address 76th UNGA session on September 25th morning

TIP SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW YORK (TIP): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday late night arrived in New York where he is scheduled to address the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly, which was held virtually last year due to the Covid pandemic.

Modi flew to New York from Washington after holding his first bilateral meeting with US President Joe Biden in the Oval Office of the White House and attended his first in-person Quad summit on Friday.

The prime minister and his counterparts - Scott Morrison of Australia and Japan's Yoshihide Suga - attended the meeting of Quad leaders hosted by US President Biden in Washington.

"Landed in New York City. Will be

addressing the UNGA at 6:30 PM (IST) on the 25th," the prime minister said in a tweet.

"Voicing the sentiments of the 1.3 billion people of India! PM @narendramodi arrives in New York to address the 76th UNGA tomorrow. India's current membership of the @UN Security Council lends even greater significance!" the Ministry of External Affairs said in a tweet.

Modi will address the world leaders at the UN General Debate on Saturday morning. He is the first world leader scheduled to address the world organization.

The prime minister was received at the airport by India's ambassador to the US Taranjit Singh Sandhu and India's Permanent Representative to the UN ambassador T S Tirumurti.



PM Modi flew into New York from Washington after holding his first bilateral meeting with US President Joe Biden

Quad, AUKUS, SAARC... and a divided Asia

AUKUS: YET ANOTHER ANTI-CHINA GROUPING CREATED BY THE US



BY SUDHEENDRA
KULKARNI

"WE INDIANS, INSTEAD OF SORTING OUT OUR DISPUTES WITH CHINA ON OUR OWN ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY AND FAIRNESS, HAVE CHOSEN TO JOIN THE US-LED QUADRILATERAL. ESSENTIALLY AN ANTI-CHINA ALLIANCE, THE QUAD COULD END UP MAKING ASIA THE THEATRE OF A NEW COLD WAR AND AN EXPENSIVE ARMS RACE. SHOULD WE ALLOW OUTSIDERS TO PUT THEIR GUNS ON OUR SHOULDER TO FIRE AT CHINA?"

"EXACTLY A HUNDRED YEARS AGO, MAHATMA GANDHI HAD WARNED ABOUT A FUTURE WHEN POWERFUL NATIONS, USING THEIR NAVIES, WOULD "THREATEN WORLD'S PEACE AND EXPLOIT ITS RESOURCES" (YOUNG INDIA; DECEMBER 8, 1921). HIS WARNING IS NOW COMING FRIGHTENINGLY TRUE. TAGORE TOO HAD WARNED ASIANS AGAINST IMITATING THE MONSTROUS FEATURES OF THE EUROPEAN RIVALRY, WHICH TRIGGERED TWO HORRIFIC WORLD WARS. INDIA, WHICH ASPIRES TO BECOME A 'VISHWA GURU', IS BLISSFULLY IGNORING GURUDEV'S WARNING, TOO."

Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore would have been an unhappy man were he alive today. A poet-philosopher who relentlessly advocated Asian unity, he would have been utterly distressed by the disunity and conflicts in Asia, and the current efforts by Western powers to mire the continent in bloc rivalry.

No other Indian leader of his times visited as many Asian countries as he did - Japan (1916, 1924, 1929), Burma (1916, 1924, 1927), Sri Lanka (1922, 1928, 1934), China (1924, 1928), Singapore (1916, 1924, 1927), Indonesia (1927), Malaysia (1924 and 1927), Thailand (1927), Vietnam (1929), and Iran and Iraq (1932).

His mission was to 'create an Asian mind'. When he established Visva-Bharati in 1921, his principal goal was to revive the age-old civilizational, cultural and spiritual bonds that linked India and other Asian countries. He was not the only Indian who had this vision. Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru and Subhas Chandra Bose also espoused Asian solidarity.

'The Asian Mind' of Gurudev's dreams is fragmented today. Countries that were once victims of colonialism have drifted apart. Asia - home to 60 per cent of the world population - is becoming increasingly non-peaceful, with Western powers trying to create competing groupings and ignite fires of conflict.

Sadly, the internal quarrels in Asia are harming peace and closing the opportunities for mutually beneficial cooperation aimed at enhancing the wellbeing of its peoples. West Asia has seen many wars in the recent past - Iran-Iraq war, the US invasion of Iraq, and the ongoing wars in Syria and Yemen. In South Asia, Afghanistan has suffered four decades of external wars and internal conflicts. Even after the recent withdrawal of American troops, there are no cooperative efforts by India and regional neighbors to help Afghanistan achieve stability and national reconstruction.

This is mainly due to Taliban's religious fanaticism on the one hand and India-Pakistan hostility on the other. India and Pakistan are in no mood to establish good unneighborly relations even 75 years after our two countries gained independence from British rule. Because of our ceaseless enmity, SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation), of which Afghanistan is also a member, has become completely dysfunctional and remains in coma. Its leaders have not had a summit meeting since 2014.

In contrast, China has achieved some success in making the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) a viable non-Western platform in the region. The SCO managed to induct both India and Pakistan as full members in 2017. At its recent 20th anniversary summit in Dushanbe (Tajikistan), Iran joined it as a full member. Afghanistan has an



The two architects of AUKUS

observer status in the SCO.

Sadly, India has chosen to isolate itself from a regional cooperation endeavor involving China, Russia, Iran and Pakistan to promote peace and inclusive government in Kabul even though there is no basic difference among the five nations over the issue that the Taliban regime must not give sanctuaries to terrorist organizations.

Instead, India is aligning its Afghan policy with that of America. More worrisome is America's reported attempt to seek a military base at some place in 'north-west India' for carrying out 'over-the-horizon counter-terrorism operations' in Afghanistan. Agreeing to this would be catastrophic for India and the region. It would also expose us to the criticism of following double standards. India has been rightly insisting that the Taliban should not allow Afghan soil to be used against India. How, then, can we allow the USA's anti-Afghan operations from Indian soil?

Let's look at another major intra-Asian antagonism. India and China, the two great Asian civilizations, are locked in a power struggle, which, if unchecked, can be disastrous for both as well as the continent and the world. India-China rivalry, coupled with China's failure to peacefully resolve maritime disputes with its neighbors in South China Sea, has given an opportunity for the distant US to fish in troubled waters.

America has no business getting involved in Asian disputes. Yet, invoking the artificial concept of the 'Indo-Pacific', which gives India's westernized ruling elite a feel-good sense of gaining global leadership, Washington has persuaded the Modi government to offer it a foothold in the India-China row.

Since the end of World War II, US rulers have been acting on the belief that their country is the global hegemon and, as such, have the right to flaunt its power anywhere in the world.

However, with the rise of China in recent decades, the days of US global domination are clearly numbered. Alarmed by this certainty, it is busy

sowing the seeds of disunity in Asia. For this purpose, it is building military groupings to contain China.

Unfortunately, we Indians, instead of sorting out our disputes with China on our own on the basis of equality and fairness, have chosen to join the US-led quadrilateral. Essentially an anti-China alliance, the Quad could end up making Asia the theatre of a new cold war and an expensive arms race. Should India allow outsiders to put their guns on its shoulder to fire at China? What will be the consequences of India becoming a pawn in America's games?

America has now created yet another anti-China grouping - AUKUS, a security pact among Australia, the UK, and the US, all three being Anglosphere nations. America and Britain will help Australia develop and deploy nuclear-powered submarines to deter China.

France is extremely angry with its two NATO allies because the pact has scuttled the lucrative \$80-billion French-Australian submarine deal. This shows how several western nations have now become predominantly war economies. They prosper only by selling costly weapon systems to non-western countries, including India.

Be it Quad or AUKUS, what should worry Indians and all other Asians is how our seas and oceans will increasingly become a playfield for menacing warships and submarines.

Exactly a hundred years ago, Mahatma Gandhi had warned about a future when powerful nations, using their navies, would "threaten world's peace and exploit its resources" (Young India; December 8, 1921). His warning is now coming frighteningly true. Tagore too had warned Asians against imitating the monstrous features of the European rivalry, which triggered two horrific world wars.

India, which aspires to become a 'Vishwa Guru', is blissfully ignoring Gurudev's warning, too.

(The author is a former close aide to ex-PM Vajpayee and Founder, Forum for a New South Asia)

WELCOME TO NEWCOMERS

Every now and then some officials move on to their new postings and their replacements arrive. While those leaving get a sendoff, the new arrivals are given a welcome reception.

In recent months, some officials who got transferred included Mr. Ashwani Tewari, Country Head of State Bank of India, Mr. Balasubramaniam Elango, CE of Bank of Baroda, and Deputy Consul General Shatrughna Sinha. Their replacements have since arrived.

The Indian Panorama takes pride in introducing them to the readers.

Mr. Virendra Bansal

Country Head -US Operations State Bank of India, New York



Mr. Virendra Bansal has taken over as the Country Head of the US Operations of State Bank of India, which includes its offices in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Sao Paulo and Washington DC. Prior to his present assignment, he was Chief Executive Officer, New York Branch since May 2019. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Engineering (Mechanical) and has certification of AML/ KYC from Indian Institute of Bankers.

He is a career banker with over 30 years' experience with State Bank of India in India and outside. Having joined as a directly recruited Probationary Officer in 1990, Mr. Bansal has handled several important and crucial assignments in diverse areas of Credit, International Banking and Retail Banking.

His prior assignments include Deputy General Manager & Relationship Manager at Corporate Accounts Group of State Bank of India at Mumbai where he managed relationship with some of the large corporates with aggregate credit exposure of USD 8.00 billion approx. His previous roles were Head (Trade) at London branch of State Bank of India and Branch Head of retail branch handling high net worth customers.

Mr. Prasanta Kumar Tripathy

Chief Executive Manager, State Bank of India, New York



Mr. Prasanta Kumar Tripathy joined as Chief Executive Officer at New York branch in June 2021. He is experienced banker with over 25 years of working in various facets of banking in major markets for State Bank of India in India and outside. Having joined as a directly recruited Probationary Officer in 1995, Mr. Tripathy has handled several important and crucial assignments in diverse areas of Credit, Government business, International Banking and Retail Banking.

His prior assignments include, Deputy General Manager of New Delhi Main Branch, Delhi. Where he was responsible for growth in deposits, Foreign Business, Govt. Business, oversee Accounts of Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Finance, etc. His important task was to keep track of the PM CARES FUND ACCOUNT, which required direct reporting to Prime Minister's Office. He has worked as DGM and Chief Development Officer at Local Head Office, New Delhi as Head of HR department having 17000 staff members with

responsibilities of hiring, training, industrial relations, business conduct & discipline management. He has previously worked at Commercial Bank of India LLC, Moscow as Vice President (Credit) supervising Loan Syndications & Bi-lateral loans and Credit.

Mr. Chander Mohan Kumra

Chief Executive Bank of India US Operations, New York

Mr. Chander Mohan Kumra is the Chief Executive of Bank of India US Operations. Bank of India is one amongst the top five Public Sector Banks in India.

Mr. Kumra joined Bank of India in 1995 as Direct Recruit Officer. In his 26 years of unblemished and illustrious career in Bank of India, he worked in various progressive positions in the Bank.

He worked as Deputy General Manager of International Division Head Office wherein he was overseeing the business operations of all overseas Branches of Bank of India. Previously, he had completed an overseas stint at Bank of India's Operations in Hong Kong.

Apart from rich overseas banking operations, Mr. Kumra has also handled key positions on domestic front such as Deputy General Manager & Branch Head of our Kolkata Large Corporate Branch which is a specialized vertical of the Bank dealing with Large Corporate Credit, Assistant General Manager & Branch Head of Bharat Diamond Bourse Branch which is a specialized Branch for Foreign Exchange Operations and Assistant General Manager & Branch Head at Jaipur SME City Center where he handled High Value credit proposals.

Being a seasoned banker, he is thoroughly familiar with the key skills of business development of the Bank while ensuring regulatory compliances.



Hindu University of America awards Honorary Doctoral Degree to Padma Bhushan Anupam Kher

NEW YORK CITY (TIP): Hindu University of America awarded Master of Arts in Sanskrit Degrees, and other Master's and Doctoral Degrees in Hindu Studies and Yoga, to 12 of its graduating students at a Graduation Ceremony on Saturday, September 18, 2021, at the Marriott Marquis, Times Square, New York. In addition, Hindu University of America also awarded an Honorary Doctoral Degree in Hindu Studies to Padma Bhushan Shri Anupam Kher.

The event began with Bhajans and dignified Vedic chanting and was addressed by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Padma Bhushan Prof. Ved Nanda. He welcomed and commended the graduating students as well as the chief guest of the event, Shri Anupam Kher. Dr. Nanda said that America was very receptive to Hindu ideas and thought, and that he was confident that Hindu University is on its way to fulfilling the expectations of not only the immigrant Hindu

community, but also of many other Americans. The students, who received their degrees to appreciative applause, spoke briefly but movingly about the gift of knowledge that they had received from their teachers and guides. The graduating class of MA Sanskrit students deeply appreciated the precious gift that they now possessed, i.e., a direct access to the Shastras that contained the Hindu knowledge systems.

Swami Sarvapriyananda, the resident Swami and head of the Vedanta Society of New York City, was also a featured speaker at the event. He spoke about the need for the "Hindu community to build institutions that can transmit Santana Dharma systematically to the next generation of Hindu Americans." He added that "Hindus in North America have been great temple builders... but the younger generation is interested in the meaning and philosophy behind the rituals... It is good that Hindus have made large donations to Harvard and Columbia,



Anupam Kher receiving Honorary Doctoral Degree in Hindu Studies at a Graduation ceremony of the Hindu University of America in New York on September 18, 2021

FIACONA thanks President Biden and VP Harris for advising Modi on the need for democratic values

WASHINGTON DC (TIP): The Federation of Indian American Christian Organizations (FIACONA) thanks Vice President Harris for telling Prime Minister Modi, "I know from personal experience and from my family, of the commitment of the Indian people to democracy and to freedom, and to the work that may be done and can be done, to imagine and then actually achieve our vision for democratic principles and institutions".

While we greatly applaud the Vice President's powerful testimony and her heartfelt remarks, we also feel that Mr. Modi may not have understood the gravity of what she was trying to convey to him.

It is not the first time that Mr. Modi and his team have completely missed the point of suggestions coming from



Voicing concern over the threat to democracies around the world, Vice President Kamala Harris on Thursday, September 23, underscored the need to defend democratic principles and institutions in both India and the US. - Photo / Twitter

American leaders, including the then Vice-President Biden and President Obama on past occasions.

Hence, we ask that President Biden and Vice President Harris be more direct and explicit in expressing that India should not and could not afford to go down the path of religious nationalism at the expense of pluralist democratic principles that values Christian and other religious segments of the population.

Should Modi and his party choose to continue down this path of religious nationalism despite warnings from leaders of the free world, there is no reason to assume that India would end up any better than Pakistan, Sri Lanka, or Myanmar in that region, thus jeopardizing the stability and commerce in the Indo-Pacific region.

Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh USA celebrated Raksha Bandhan with the Irving Police Department in Texas



Irving Police Department celebrates Raksha Bandhan with Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh USA

Photo Courtesy / Twitter/@IrvingPD

DALLAS, TX (TIP): Raksha Bandhan, a festival that cherishes the bond between brothers and sisters, is celebrated by the Hindus across the world. The festival was celebrated this year on August 22.

However, it's never too late to celebrate this bond, and ring in the festival as did members of Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh (HSS) in Dallas.

Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh USA celebrated the festival of love and togetherness with the Irving Police Department here. Taking to Twitter, the official handle of Irving PD posted pictures of the celebration with HSS members.

Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh (HSS) USA is a voluntary, non-profit, social and cultural organization. Sangh, as the organization is popularly known, aims to organize the Hindu community in order to preserve, practice and promote Hindu ideals and values. There is an HSS presence in North Irving.

Shree Jalaram Mandir Raas Garba Ramzat with Kirtidan Gadhvi Turns Chicago land Devotional

CHICAGO, IL (TIP): Chicagoland couldn't have asked for a better post-pandemic celebration after almost two years of pause to any public gathering than the beautiful religious and musical extravaganza organized by Shri Jalaram Mandir with Kirtidan Gadhvi and group. The grand program of "Ras-Garba Ramzat" was organized by Shri Jalaram Mandir, 425 Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estate, IL on Friday September 17, 2021 from 6:00 pm to 1:00 am at Renaissance Convention Center, 1551, Thoreau, Schaumburg, IL with the internationally acclaimed vocalist Kirtidan Gadhvi and his fellow artists who entertained thousands of devotees at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel at Schaumburg, IL. The event was attended by over 2500 people.

"The best karma is not the one that has a good result, the best karma is the one that has the best purpose."

Shri Jalaram Mandir follows the similar path of public service, with all its revenue from such programs going to the contribution of the temple. The selfless and free service of Shri Jalaram Mandir, its managing committee and all the



Enthusiasm and devotion marked the event

volunteers was as excellent as ever with beautiful sound system lighting, security, photography, videography and booths for different businesses. There was free entry for children below 10 years of age, free parking, tea and snacks at reasonable prices, provision of water, cold drinks and free covid testing. The contribution of donors from different fields as sponsors was commendable. All the devotees who came were also very supportive and cooperative. Jalaram Mandir has been organizing events in mind boggling fashion depicting unique examples of teamwork and credit goes not only to Board Members but to every individual that participates with zeal be it an executive or volunteer. The entire venue was

overcrowded and the spectacular audience danced and enjoyed Raas Garba with enthusiasm and fervor. This annual holy event is celebrated in honor of Goddess Durga Mataji.

"Navali Nortani Raat Maa Amba Garbe Ghumta (Nisarya) Pavagadhthi. Ne Chicagona Khailaiya Raas Garba Khub Ghumta Sang Kirtidan Gadhvi"

Garba and Raas, performed by Kirtidan Gadhvi and Group, transformed the whole center into a huge dance floor to accommodate thousands of bare feet moving into thunderous drumbeats in swirling circles around deity Hindu Goddess "Durga".

(Read full story at www.theindianpanorama.news)

Women can apply for NDA & Naval Academy exams

The UPSC has permitted unmarried women to apply for the National Defence Academy (NDA) and Naval Academy examinations, said officials.

The move follows a Supreme Court directive on the issue last month. In a statement, the UPSC said in compliance with the apex court's interim direction, it had decided to open the application on upsconline.nic.in for the exam to enable "unmarried women candidates only", who were otherwise eligible in terms of nationality, age and educational qualification. The agency said the physical standards and number of vacancies for women candidates would be notified at later stage when it receives a recommendation from the Ministry of Defence.

CBI registers FIR in Mahant Giri's death

The CBI filed an FIR on Friday, Sept 24, in connection with the death of Akhil Bharatiya Akhara Parishad president Mahant Narendra Giri in Allahabad.

The agency has invoked Section 306 (abetment to suicide) of the IPC in the FIR. The seer was found hanging by his disciples in Allahabad on Monday. Earlier in the day, the Centre gave its approval for a CBI probe with the Department of Personnel and Training issuing a notification.

India inks Rs 21,000 crore deal with Airbus for 56 IAF planes

NEW DELHI (TIP): India Friday, Sept 24, signed a contract estimated to be worth Rs 20,000 crore with Airbus Defence and Space to procure 56 C-295 military transport aircraft.

The new aircraft will replace the IAF's Avro-748 planes. The first 16 of these will be delivered in flyaway condition from Spain between the next two and four years.

The remaining 40 will be manufactured by Tata Advanced Systems along with Airbus in India. These deliveries will begin from the fourth or fifth year from now and end by the tenth year.

This is India's first aerospace programme in the private sector.

The Cabinet Committee on Security approved the deal, which has been in the works for a decade, earlier this month. On Friday, besides the deal, the Defence Ministry signed an offset contract with Airbus. As part of this, company will discharge its offset obligations through direct purchase of eligible products and services from Indian offset partners.

While officials have been tight-lipped about the deal, sources say it is estimated at over Rs 20,000 crore. The programme will involve the development of a complete industrial ecosystem — from manufacturing, assembly and tests to delivery and lifecycle maintenance.

All the aircraft will be equipped with an indigenous Electronic Warfare Suite and handed over in a transport configuration. The government has called this a "big step towards modernisation of the IAF transport fleet".

Sukaran Singh, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Tata



Advanced Systems Ltd, told reporters that the company, along with Airbus, has considered more than a hundred sites to set up the production facility. A final call, in consultation with all stakeholders including the local residents, is yet to be taken.

Remi Millard, President and MD, Airbus South Asia, said the project is much more ambitious than a mere technology transfer, as it is aimed at manufacturing the aircraft in the country. He said this will place India on the global map to manufacture such aircraft.

His colleague Jean-Brice Dumont, Executive Vice-President, Military Aircraft, said there is a "real" export potential from these facilities, but the

priority is to honour the commitment to the Air Force. He said that the engines for the 40 aircraft manufactured in India will have to be imported. But, he added, the technology transfer to make engines within the country is just a "matter of time".

According to Airbus, the C-295 has a proven capability of operating from short or unprepared airstrips, and can be used for tactical transportation of up to 71 troops or 50 paratroopers. It can also be deployed for logistics operations to locations inaccessible to heavier aircraft. It can airdrop paratroops and loads, and also be used for casualty or medical evacuation. It can perform special missions as well as disaster response and maritime patrol duties.

Modi's image in SC mails raises eyebrows; apex court objects

NEW DELHI (TIP): Since its launch six months ago, the Central Government has been going all out to promote the showpiece initiative, Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, to mark 75 years of Independence next year.

But this has now led to questions being raised over the inclusion of ads for the event with images of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in emails sent to advocates by the Registry of the Supreme Court.

Several advocates confirmed to The Indian Express that the images were included as part of email signatures — and said this blurred the line separating the judiciary and executive.

Late Friday, the Registry said in a statement that the National Informatics Centre (NIC), "which provides the email services to the apex court, was directed to drop that image from the footer of the emails originating from the Supreme Court".

"It was further directed to use the picture of the Supreme Court of India, instead. NIC has since complied with the directions..." it said.

The statement was issued hours after a lawyer red-flagged the ads in a message on the WhatsApp

group of the Supreme Court Advocates-on-Record Association.

"Sir, I have received this notice from the Registry with a snapshot of the Prime Minister. The same does not seem to be in order of the Supreme Court's position as an independent organ and not a part of the government. Request you to kindly take up the same with the Hon'ble Chief Justice with a note of protest if you deem appropriate," the message said.

Soon, even as the apex court's secretary general Sanjeev S Kalgaonkar said he was not aware of such incidents, the Advocates-on-Record association's secretary Joseph Aristotle said further course of action will be planned after a formal complaint is received from lawyers.

Advocates-on-Record (AoR) are lawyers qualified to plead before the Supreme Court — only an AoR can file a case in the apex court. The Registry handles the back-end operations of the court, and communicates with AoRs on the status of cases.

When contacted, an NIC official said: "This script is used in all NIC platforms. Today, we have

taken steps to remove this from the Supreme Court platform... a message related to Gandhi Jayanti was being used earlier."

Hours later, the Registry issued its statement. "Late last evening, it was brought to the notice of the Registry...that the official emails of the Supreme Court of India were carrying an image as footer, which has no connection whatsoever with the functioning of the judiciary," it said.

Asked about the ads in emails, Senior advocate Chander Uday Singh described them as "highly objectionable". "The Supreme Court and all other courts of India are not government offices and not intended to be used as propaganda machinery of the government," Singh said.

Another advocate, who did not wish to be named, said: "The Supreme Court must not only be independent but must also be seen to be independent. In the minds of people, if the image of the judiciary being separate from the political executive is to be maintained, any such association must be avoided."

Source: Indian Express

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Salman Khan gets talking about his longest relationship

Superstar Salman Khan said his over a decade-long association with the reality show "Bigg Boss" is his "longest relationship" and he keeps coming back to it every year, faithfully.

Khan, who is currently shooting for his upcoming actioner "Tiger 3" in Austria, has been associated with the show since its season four in 2010.

The superstar will be seen hosting the 15th season of the Colors show, set to premiere on October 2.

In a video message shown to the media during a special event at the Pench National Park in Madhya Pradesh, the 55-year-old actor said the show has a strong hold on him and it brings a certain "permanency" in his life.

"My relationship with 'Bigg Boss'... This is perhaps my only relationship that has lasted this long. Some relationships, what do I say... Let it go.

"(But) 'Bigg Boss' has brought a certain permanency in my life. Though sometimes for those four months, we don't see eye to eye but when we are parting ways (after a season's end), we are desperate to reunite," Khan said in the message.

Present at the special event were former "Bigg Boss" contestants Devoleena Bhattacharjee and Arti Singh.

Taapsee Pannu's Rashmi Rocket brings back lingering memory of Dutee Chand

A couple of days ago, Taapsee Pannu skyrocketed to top trends for her 'mard ki body' when a faceless troll, well, decided to troll her on Twitter. The point of contention - a still from her upcoming film, Rashmi Rocket, where Taapsee, with her back to the camera, showed off enviably ripped muscles. Her answer? "Just remember this line and wait for 23rd September (sic)." On September 23, the trailer of Rashmi Rocket dropped - and it all came together.

Taapsee's Rashmi, a National-level player, is tagged 'mardaana' for she is 'not conventionally feminine'. Her achievements, medals, fame, all snatched away in a matter of seconds when she's accused of lying about her gender and competing in women's games. What followed was a slew of archaic gender testings to ascertain if she was a woman at all. Then, a ban. Then, a case. Mudslinging, public opinion made and broken, and the customary Bollywoodised crescendo of tears, drama and the promise to rise back up. And a lingering memory of Dutee Chand from 2014.

Dutee Chand, a double silver medalist at the Asian Games and India's National record-holder in 100 m, was banned and dropped from India's Commonwealth and Asian Games teams in 2014. This was on grounds of hyperandrogenism - a condition where the female body produces more testosterone, almost at the level of men.



She was just 19 at the time. She fought back. She won. And had her ban overturned. In 2018, she won two Silver medals at the Women's 100 m and 200 m at the Asian Games. And became the first Indian athlete to come out as gay. But that is not the story of Rashmi Rocket. Rashmi resonates with Dutee on several levels. Rashmi, like Dutee, comes from a humble background. And

as the story goes, has had to fight the 'I am a woman, so what?' battle against patriarchy. From there, to now having to prove her femininity would be a twisted war, unlike what Bollywood has ever seen before. Rashmi, however, has her husband by her side. Yes, Bollywood can only go so far until it trips on the knight-in-shining-armor boulder.

Source: India Today

Vicky Kaushal's 'Sardar Udham' to release directly on Amazon Prime Video

Filmmaker Shoojit Sircar's upcoming movie "Sardar Udham", starring Vicky Kaushal in the lead, will premiere on Amazon Prime Video.

A biopic on freedom fighter Sardar Udham Singh, who assassinated Michael O'Dwyer, the former Lieutenant Governor of Punjab in British India in 1940, to avenge the 1919 Jallianwala Bagh massacre, the film will digitally release in October.

Said to be a "heart-wrenching story of retribution", "Sardar Udham" showcases the journey of a gallant man who made sure the world never forgets the lives of his beloved brethren who were brutally killed in the Jallianwala Bagh Massacre of 1919.

Vicky Kaushal took his Instagram handle to break the news of release. He wrote, "My heart is filled with love as we bring to you the story of a revolutionary. This October, watch #SardarUdhamOnPrime."

Prime Video too shared the same picture on its Instagram and captioned it, "You know the man but not his story. Bringing to you the story of India's freedom fighter, this October, watch #SardarUdhamOnPrime."



The film Ganapath is next for Kriti Sanon

Kriti Sanon and Tiger Shroff made their Bollywood debut together with Heropanti. The duo was much appreciated as a pair by the audience. However, after that movie, Kriti and Tiger have not shared screen space. And now, the Heropanti duo is all set to create magic on screen as they will be seen together in the movie Ganapath. Kriti Sanon has already begun the grind as she is attending rigorous training to get in shape for her character.

Kriti took to her Instagram account and shared a video montage of her dance and workout schedules as she 'warmed up'.





Soon, documentary on Britney Spears

A documentary based on pop singer Britney Spears is one step closer to the screen and will be on Netflix, a trailer-teaser for the film 'Britney Vs. Spears' confirmed.

In the 18-second clip, Spears is heard leaving a message for an attorney in 2009. A trailer is expected to drop on Wednesday, September 22, and the documentary itself on September 28, ahead of Spears' next court date on September 29. The documentary is being directed by Erin Lee Carr and has been underway for more than a year. It is unclear, though highly unlikely that Spears herself will appear in the project, given how closely guarded she has been throughout the course of her conservatorship.

Vanessa Hudgens tells how she got bruised doing pole dance

Actress Vanessa Hudgens says she had Zoom pole dancing lessons during the lockdown, which were "tough" and left her bruised.

Hudgens said: "I've had multiple hobbies, I've definitely leaned into multiple things. At one point I got a pole and I was taking Zoom lessons, pole dancing, which was tough. I had a lot of bruises, but it was no joke."

"Eating, I did a lot of eating, I made a lot of anklets and necklaces and bracelets. Definitely leaned into some art, did a bit of painting and colouring, a lot of music and a lot of movies and TV." The 'High School Musical' actress met her boyfriend, Cole Tucker, during a Zoom meditation class during the pandemic and she credits the fact they're both "weirdos" as to why they get on so well, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

She told 'Entertainment Tonight': "We're just like the same, we're very similar. We're such weirdos, it's wonderful." Hudgens has also kept busy working on her first animated movie role, as Sunny in 'My Little Pony: A New Generation' and she had a great experience recording her lines.

She said: "It was so nice. I'm a cozy broad, so I love showing up to work and being able to stay cozy all day and really just digging into this character and this story. And you know, it's such a great story, it's such a great character, I just loved every minute of it. I was so excited. I think they were kind of taken aback by how excited I was." Hudgens recently described her Cole Tucker as "perfect" for her and said that she was making it her priority to remain "grateful for everything".



Nicole Kidman makes rare comment on Tom Cruise, their marriage

Hollywood actor Nicole Kidman has given an insight into her marriage and subsequent divorce from actor Tom Cruise. Speaking to Harper's Bazaar, for its upcoming October issue, Nicole discussed the immense media scrutiny their relationship invited in the 1990s.

Nicole and Tom met on the set of their 1990 movie Days of Thunder and got married just six months after the movie's release. They were together for more than a decade and even adopted two children. However, they split in 2001.

She said that her acting career was eclipsed by the attention that was given to her personal life and marriage. She blames the media for it.

She said, "I was young. I think I offered it up? Maybe I've gotten a bit more trepidatious, but I'm always trying to be as open as possible. I just prefer to live in the world that way."

She further added, "I'm wary at times, and I've been hurt, but at the same time I much prefer a warm approach rather than a prickly shutdown approach." She added that the episode left her 'open' to other experiences, such as when she finally met her now-husband, country singer Keith Urban.



Gillian Anderson bans her kids from watching her series Sex Education

Actress Gillian Anderson, who stars as Dr Jean Milburn in the Netflix series Sex Education, has banned her children from watching the show.

Anderson, who has Piper, 26, with Clyde Klotz, as well as Felix, 12, and Oscar, 14, with Mark Griffiths, said: "I am living happily in the denial that my children do not watch the show — I hope they haven't. When it first came out, I told them they weren't allowed to. But I have no control over what they do at their friends' houses. I have no control over what their friends show them." The new series of Sex Education features 20 intimate scenes in the first two minutes!

Anderson said that she's already had some candid conversations with her children about the issues explored on the show. She said: "I have had the conversations with them about certain aspects of the show, and also the importance of certain aspects of the show."



Researchers detect malaria resistant to key drug in Africa

UGANDA / LONDON (TIP): Scientists have found evidence of a resistant form of malaria in Uganda, a worrying sign that the top drug used against the parasitic disease could ultimately be rendered useless without more action to stop its spread.

Researchers in Uganda analysed blood samples from patients treated with artemisinin, the primary medicine used for malaria in Africa in combination with other drugs.

They found that by 2019, nearly 20 per cent of the samples had genetic mutations suggesting the treatment was ineffective. Lab tests showed it took much longer for those patients to get rid of the parasites that cause malaria.

Drug-resistant forms of malaria were previously detected in Asia, and health officials have been nervously watching for any signs in Africa, which accounts for more than 90 per cent of the world's malaria cases. Some isolated drug-resistant strains of malaria have previously been seen in Rwanda.

"Our findings suggest a potential risk of cross-border spread across Africa," the researchers wrote in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, which published the study on Wednesday.

The drug-resistant strains emerged in Uganda rather than being imported



from elsewhere, they reported. They examined 240 blood samples over three years.

Malaria is spread by mosquito bites and kills more than 4,00,000 people every year, mostly children under five and pregnant women.

Dr Philip Rosenthal, a professor of medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, said that the new findings in Uganda, after past results in Rwanda, "prove that resistance really now has a foothold in Africa."

Rosenthal, who was not involved in the new study, said it was likely there was undetected drug resistance elsewhere on the continent. He said

drug-resistant versions of malaria emerged in Cambodia years ago and have now spread across Asia. He predicted a similar path for the disease in Africa, with deadlier consequences given the burden of malaria on the continent.

Dr Nicholas White, a professor of tropical medicine at Mahidol University in Bangkok, described the new paper's conclusions about emerging malaria resistance as "unequivocal."

"We basically rely on one drug for malaria and now it's been hobbled," said White, who also wrote an accompanying editorial in the journal.

He suggested that instead of the standard approach, where one or two other drugs are used in combination with artemisinin, doctors should now use three, as is often done in treating tuberculosis and HIV.

White said public health officials need to act to stem drug-resistant malaria, by beefing up surveillance and supporting research into new drugs, among other measures.

"We shouldn't wait until the fire is burning to do something, but that is not what generally happens in global health," he said, citing the failures to stop the coronavirus pandemic as an example. —AP

CHINA DECLARES ALL CRYPTOCURRENCY TRANSACTIONS ILLEGAL

BEIJING (TIP): China's central bank on September 24 declared all transactions involving Bitcoin and other virtual currencies illegal, stepping up a campaign to block use of unofficial digital money.

Chinese banks were banned from handling cryptocurrencies in 2013, but the government issued a reminder this year. That reflected official concern that cryptocurrency mining and trading might still be going on or the state-run financial system might be indirectly exposed to risks.

Friday's notice complained Bitcoin, Ethereum and other digital currencies disrupt the financial system and are used in money-laundering and other crimes.

"Virtual currency derivative transactions are all illegal financial activities and are strictly prohibited," the People's Bank of China said on its website.

Promoters of cryptocurrencies say they allow anonymity and flexibility, but Chinese regulators worry they might weaken the ruling Communist Party's control over the financial system and say they might help to conceal criminal activity.

The People's Bank of China is developing an electronic version of the country's yuan for cashless transactions that can be tracked and controlled by Beijing. —AP

CHINA FLIES 19 JETS TOWARDS TAIWAN AMID ROW OVER PACIFIC TRADE PACT

TAIPEI (TIP): China sent 19 fighter jets towards Taiwan in a large display of force on September 23 after the self-governing island announced its intention to join an 11-nation Pacific trade group that China has also applied to join. Taiwan deployed air patrol forces in response to the Chinese jets and tracked them on their air defense systems, the island's Defence Ministry said in a statement.

Among the various jets, some of which flew in a long L-shaped path, were 12 J-16 and two J-11s, as well as bombers and an anti-submarine aircraft. China has sent fighter jets toward Taiwan on an almost daily basis this past year. It stepped up its military harassment of the self-ruled island and has sent large displays of fighter jets after political events in which it views as interfering with its sovereignty. Taiwan and China split during a civil war in 1949, but China continues to claim Taiwan as part of its territory. Beijing opposes Taiwan's involvement in international bodies.

Taiwan announced on Thursday that it applied to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership, setting up another potential clash with Beijing. —AP

107-year-old Japanese twins certified as world's oldest

TOKYO (TIP): Two Japanese sisters have been certified by Guinness World Records as the world's oldest living identical twins, aged 107 years and 330 days, the organisation has said.

The announcement coincided with Respect for the Aged Day, a national holiday in Japan.

Sisters Umeno Sumiyama and Koume Kodama were born on Shodoshima island in western Japan on November 5, 1913, as the third and fourth of 11 siblings.

The sisters as of September 1 broke the previous record of 107 years and 175 days set by famous Japanese twin sisters Kin Narita and Gin Kanie, Guinness World Records Ltd. said in a statement.

About 29 per cent of the population of 125 million in Japan, the world's fastest aging nation, are 65 years or older, according to the health and welfare ministry. About 86,510 of them are centenarians—half of whom turned 100 this year.

Sumiyama and Kodama were separated after finishing elementary school, when Kodama was sent to work as a maid in Oita on Japan's southern main island of Kyushu. She later married there, while Sumiyama remained on the



island they grew up on and had her own family. The sisters later recalled their difficult younger days. Growing up, they said they were targets of bullying because of prejudice against children of multiple births in Japan.

Busy with their own lives for decades, the sisters rarely met until they turned 70, when they started making pilgrimages together to some of the 88 Shikoku temples and enjoyed being reconnected.



Their families told Guinness World Records that the sisters often joked about outliving the earlier record holders, affectionately known as "Kin-san, Gin-san," who attained idol-like status in the late 1990s for both their age and humour.

Due to anti-coronavirus measures, the certificates for their new record were mailed to the separate nursing homes where they now live, and Sumiyama accepted hers with tears of happiness, according to Guinness. —AP

LANKA SEEKS \$100-MN IMF LOAN TO PROCURE COVID VAX

COLOMBO (TIP): Sri Lanka has decided to ask for a \$100 million loan from the IMF to procure 14 million doses of the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine and finance other vaccination programme related costs, it was announced here on Wednesday.

“Minister of Health Keheliya Rambukwella had proposed that Sri Lanka obtain the additional loan grant of \$100 million under the programme of strategic preparation and response to Covid-19,” the government said in a statement. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has agreed to grant a supplementary loan of \$100 million to assist Sri Lanka’s Covid-19 response, it added.

The decision made was to obtain the funds to procure 14 million doses of the Pfizer vaccine and also finance other vaccination programme related costs. The minister for pharmaceuticals Channa Jayasumana told Parliament on Tuesday that the government had already vaccinated over 50 per cent of the island nation’s 21 million population. “Our target is to vaccinate over 75 per cent of the population within the next few months,” he said.

The public health inspectors said those below the age of 30 had shown reluctance to get vaccinated. Only around 35 per cent of them had received the jabs by September 20. — PTI

NARAYAN KHADKA APPOINTED NEPAL’S NEW FOREIGN MINISTER

KATHMANDU (TIP): Senior Nepali Congress leader Narayan Khadka has been appointed Nepal’s new foreign minister. President Bidya Devi Bhandari appointed Khadka on the recommendation of the government led by Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba.

Khadka, 72, was administered the oath of office and secrecy by President Bhandari during an official ceremony at the Sheetal Niwas on Wednesday.

During a meeting of the top leaders of the ruling party alliances held at his residence in Baluwatar on Tuesday evening, Deuba had proposed the name of Khadka as the new foreign minister of Nepal.

Khadka has done his PhD in Economics from a University in Pune.

Prime Minister Deuba has been holding the portfolio till now.

The post of the Foreign Minister had been vacant for more than two months after the formation of the new government led by Deuba.

With Khadka’s appointment, there are now seven ministers in the government, including Deuba and one minister of state. He had served as advisor to then Prime Minister Krishna Prasad Bhattarai in the 1990s. He was also the minister of urban development in 2014. PTI

Taliban minister rebukes fighters over misconduct

PESHAWAR (TIP): The Taliban’s new defence minister has issued a rebuke over misconduct by some commanders and fighters following the movement’s victory over the Western-backed government in Afghanistan last month, saying abuses would not be tolerated.

Mullah Mohammad Yaqoob said in an audio message that some “miscreants and notorious former soldiers” had been allowed to join Taliban units where they had committed a range of sometimes violent abuses. “We direct you keep them out of your ranks, otherwise strict action will be taken against you,” he stated. “We don’t want such people in our ranks.” The message from one of the Taliban’s most senior ministers underlines the problems Afghanistan’s new rulers have sometimes had in controlling fighting forces as they transition from an insurgency to a peacetime administration.

Some Kabul residents have complained of abusive treatment at the hands of Taliban fighters who have appeared on the streets of the capital, often from other regions and unused to big cities.



Mohammad Yaqoob, Afghansitan Defence Minister Warns against seeking revenge Under the general amnesty announced in Afghanistan, no mujahid has the right to take revenge on anyone.

There have also been reports of reprisals against members of the former government and military or civil society activists, despite promises of an amnesty by the Taliban. Yaqoob said there had been isolated reports of unauthorised executions, and he repeated that such actions would not be tolerated. — Reuters

Nepal’s new foreign min wants friendly ties with India, China



KATHMANDU (TIP): Nepal’s newly-appointed Foreign Minister Narayan Khadka said on Wednesday that he would work towards maintaining friendly and balanced relations with India and China and forge national consensus with political parties on matters of foreign relations.

Khadka, 72, was sworn in as the Minister for Foreign Affairs on Wednesday. President Bidya Devi Bhandari administered the oath of office

and secrecy to Khadka in a ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhawan, Shital Niwas, in the presence of Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba.

Talking to reporters after assuming the office, Khadka said he would work towards ensuring friendly, amicable and balanced relations with both the immediate neighbours — India and China.

Arguing that the foreign policy of a country is not specific to any political party, the senior Nepali Congress leader said he would work towards forging national consensus with other political parties on matters of foreign relations, a website reported.

He also said the issue of the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) Compact Agreement would also be resolved, keeping in view the country’s larger interests.

Under the US \$500 million MCC programme, the US government would provide grant assistance which would mainly be utilised on strengthening Nepal’s transmission line to facilitate the export of hydro-electricity to India in the near future and also improve the country’s road networks.

Khadka is the fifth minister to be appointed in the Deuba government, which was formed on July 13. With his appointment, there are now seven ministers in the government, including Deuba, and one minister of state. — PTI

TALIBAN EXPAND ALL-MALE INTERIM AFGHAN CABINET



KABUL (TIP): The Taliban expanded their interim Cabinet by naming more ministers and deputies on Tuesday, but failed to appoint any women, doubling down on a hard-line course despite the international outcry that followed their initial presentation of an all-male government lineup earlier this month.

In their previous rule of Afghanistan in the late 1990s, the Taliban, who adhere to a harsh interpretation of Islam, had barred girls and women from schools, work and public life.

At a news conference on Tuesday, Taliban government spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid held out the possibility of adding women to the Cabinet at a later time, but gave no specifics. He also said the Taliban were preparing rules for allowing teenage girls and women to return to schools and jobs in line with Islamic law, but did not say when that might happen. — AP

The crisis manager: Angela Merkel's double-edged European legacy

ACROSS A DECADE OF ROLLING THREATS, FROM THE EUROZONE TO BREXIT AND COVID, GERMANY'S OUTGOING CHANCELLOR FOCUSED ON HOLDING THE EU TOGETHER

It was Monday 13 July 2015 and dawn had broken when Angela Merkel said it was all over: Greece would be leaving the eurozone. After 15 hours of all-night crisis talks, it looked like disaster. Merkel gathered her papers and was heading towards the door. If the summit had ended at that moment the history of the European Union, its fragile currency and Merkel's legacy would be very different.

But the drama took another turn. Donald Tusk blocked the exit. Throughout the night, the French president, François Hollande, had been cajoling the German chancellor to think again. Now Tusk, European Council president, refused to let her leave, persuading her to reconvene with him and Greek prime minister Alexis Tsipras, warning of the stakes for the EU. "In five years in the discussions between Hollande and Merkel it was a unique occasion in which Hollande really won the battle with Merkel," Pierre Sellal, then France's ambassador to the EU, said. Hollande helped convince Merkel not to run the risk of 'Grexit', suggested Sellal: "It was Pandora's box, the consequences of which were impossible to predict."

Six years on it is Merkel, not Tusk nor Hollande, who is remembered as the savior of the euro. Even arch critic Yanis Varoufakis, Greece's former finance minister, told the BBC that Merkel saved the euro by keeping Greece in, although he disagrees with how she did it. The reason is simple: Greece could not have stayed in the eurozone if its largest EU creditor, Germany had not agreed.

Now, after 16 years and roughly 100 EU summits as Europe's most powerful leader, Angela Merkel is preparing to leave the stage. For the EU it will be the end of an era. With her bright blazers and soundbite-free statements, Merkel is as much a fixture of EU summits as the flags and fine wines. Untouched by scandal, unshaken by referendums, the German chancellor has seen many leaders come and go, including four French presidents, five British prime ministers and eight Italian premiers.

But she leaves a double-edged legacy. Though she is credited with keeping the EU together during more than a decade of rolling crises - eurozone, migration, Brexit, Trump and then coronavirus - critics lament what they see as her lack of vision. For some, her approach was auf Sicht fahren - driving by sight. She navigated each crisis like a driver on a foggy road, edging forward, not sure where she was going, but always keeping the car on the road.

At her first EU summit in December 2005, Merkel was relatively unknown. The EU had just come through a period



A masked Angela Merkel arrives walks along a red carpet in front of flags of European nations and the European Union at an EU summit in Brussels.

of rapid expansion. Poland, Hungary and eight other mostly central and eastern European countries had joined the club only 20 months earlier. Euro notes and coins had been in people's pockets for less than four years. The UK, led by Tony Blair, a "passionate pro-European", was in charge of the EU's rotating presidency. But the optimistic mood had been soured by French and Dutch voters' rejection of the Constitutional Treaty in 2005, leaving the project in a political tangle.

As Merkel's successor will find, any German chancellor carries the clout of their office. Germany is the EU's pre-eminent power: the richest economy, with the most votes and the biggest checkbook. "Obviously any German chancellor will play a major role in the European Union," said Jim Cloos, who recently stood down as a long-serving senior official at the EU council. But the individual makes a difference. "The way she did things: she was a major power in the European Council," said Cloos, who credits her with keeping the club together during the EU's most difficult period since the end of the second world war. "We have held it together, actually - well, we lost the Britons, but that is their choice. We have done this in our usual chaotic, complicated way because we are a union of 27 states, and institutions."

Back in 2005, the new German chancellor impressed the EU executive with her grasp of detail. Dalia Grybauskaitė, then the EU budget

commissioner, recalls meeting Merkel in December to discuss fiendishly complex EU budget negotiations. "It was her fifth day in office. She knew the files as well as [then European Commission president] José Manuel Barroso and me."

Grybauskaitė, who went on to serve as Lithuania's president for a decade, described Merkel as "the queen of compromises", who "never gives empty promises". Alexander Stubb, another political ally in the center-right European People's party, sat next to Merkel at EU summits during his stint as Finland's prime minister in 2014-15. "Angela Merkel was ... by far the most impressive in the room. She was able to eloquently express what she wanted and then subtly show to the council secretariat ... what she wanted in the council conclusions. In that sense she worked both as a politician and as a civil servant."

Leaders from rival political traditions also rated her. Former Italian prime minister Enrico Letta, who now leads Italy's main center-left party, recalled her staying power. In 2014, when a G20 dinner in St Petersburg hosted by Russia's Vladimir Putin ended at 2am after fraught discussions on Syria, Merkel was one of a handful of leaders who stayed to watch dancers of the Bolshoi ballet. Others went to bed, but she stayed for a chilly open-air, long-delayed performance of the romantic classic Ruslan and Lyudmila. "It was cold," Letta recalled. "She decided not to

go to sleep but to stay there and see the show and to give the dancers and to give Putin satisfaction, to say 'we are here and we played a role until the end.'"

If the meticulous grasp of detail and endless stamina are not in doubt, critics say Merkel was too slow to grasp the threat to the eurozone after 2010, enforcing austerity on the debt-battered economies of southern Europe.

Letta, who was battling soaring youth unemployment in Italy acknowledges that she was hamstrung by her powerful finance minister, Wolfgang Schäuble, "the champion of austerity", who was powerful in Merkel's CDU party.

But facing a bailout-skeptical German public, Letta argues, Merkel took a crucial decision. She threw her weight behind an Italian to lead the European Central Bank. Her support took Mario Draghi to Frankfurt, over a more conservative northern European candidate. Eight months into the job, Draghi said the ECB would "do whatever it takes" to save the euro, words that proved a turning point in settling the sovereign debt crisis.

Merkel's decision to back Draghi reflected her growing awareness that she must act for the EU and not simply Germany, Letta believes. "She started to have in this very period a European constituency, aside from her German constituency."

(Read full story at www.theindianpanorama.news)

Shampoo tricks for glossy, silky and smooth hair

Have you been practising everything possible, from oiling to masking your hair and still can't see results? We have some new expert-approved tips that might be the saving grace you need. After all, what harm can trying one more thing do! Experts recommend you start at the root of the problem, aka keeping your hair clean. The way you shampoo your hair makes all the difference in the world and can drastically affect the texture and appearance of your locks.

Here are some shampoo tricks you can try out while washing your hair the next time around, for better quality hair.

Double cleanse

Yes, you read that right! Double cleansing is not meant just for skin!

Pick out your favourite hair oil and heat it up till it is lukewarm. Then massage your hair with it for around 5 minutes till you feel the oil has really sunk into your scalp.

Then, hop into the shower and slather on shampoo to get rid of all the gunk extracted by the oil. Don't forget to condition post that!

Use your fingers

Yes, manicures are all the rage right now but the worst thing one can do for their hair is to scrub their scalp with nails. There are loads of bacteria under the nail. While a good scalp massage under a hot shower sounds divine, if you're using your nails to scrub your scalp, you are only infecting it with germs. Instead, use the tips of your fingers rather than the nails.



Lather your shampoo

While it is definitely more convenient to drop the shampoo directly onto your scalp, the shampoo being a blob on the scalp doesn't cut it for the hair. Instead, to spread it evenly on your scalp, take the shampoo in your palms, lather it and then apply it to wet hair. This way you are manually spreading the shampoo around that will clean your hair effectively.

Rinse

Yes, it is imperative to save water, especially now, but not rinsing your head well post a shampoo leads to a buildup of product which then causes dandruff and infections.

After shampooing, ensure you stand under the shower for a good minute to get rid of all the residue and keep your scalp clean and fresh.

Cold water final rinse

As good as hot water feels on the scalp, it only leaves the cuticles open after a wash which leaves the hair more prone to easy breakage. One of the easiest ways to ensure your hair remains healthy is to give your hair a last rinse with cool water before heading out.

As long as you follow these easy-to-do hacks, be assured that your hair will not only look but also feel great!

Source: Pinkvilla

FOOD CORNER

Kashmiri Lamb



Ingredients

4 dried red chile peppers (such as cayenne), 3 long, green fresh chile peppers (such as Indian Jwala), 1 teaspoon cumin seeds, 1 teaspoon Kashmiri garam masala, 1 (1 inch) piece fresh ginger root, peeled and grated, 5 cloves garlic, crushed ¼ cup dried unsweetened coconut, 3 tomatoes, chopped, 6 tablespoons vegetable oil, 2 large onions, thinly sliced, 2 pounds lamb meat, cut into 1 1/2-inch cubes, salt to taste, ½ teaspoon ground turmeric, 1 cup plain yogurt, ½ teaspoon saffron threads, 20 whole blanched almonds, ¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro,

Directions

- Place red chiles, green chiles, cumin seeds, garam masala, ginger, garlic, grated coconut, and tomatoes into a blender; pulse several times to chop, then blend into a smooth paste.
- Heat vegetable oil in a large skillet or Dutch oven over medium heat. Stir in onion; cook and stir until the onion has softened and turned translucent, about 5 minutes. Reduce heat to medium-low, and continue cooking and stirring until the onion is very tender and golden brown, 10 to 15 minutes more.
- Stir the spice paste into the onion and cook and stir until the oil separates from the mixture, about 3 minutes.
- Stir in lamb pieces and salt. Cook, stirring frequently over medium-high heat, until the lamb pieces are browned on all sides, about 8 minutes.
- Mix in yogurt, saffron, and blanched almonds until well combined.
- Reduce the heat to low and simmer, covered, until the meat is tender and the gravy is thick, about 1 hour.
- Garnish the curry with chopped cilantro before serving.

Is Biotin the right means to contain post COVID hair loss?

Scientists are yet to find whether the virus, the medicines to treat COVID, the stress of getting infected or any deficiency caused by the disease is behind the phenomenon of hair loss post getting infected. Since COVID treatment requires an intake of a lot of strong medicines, it is important to have a nutritious diet during recovery to control incidents like hair loss. Among the many nutrients that promote hair growth and prevent hair loss, biotin is one.

What is biotin and how does it work?

There are 13 types of vitamins that help our bodies to grow and develop normally. Biotin is one of the B vitamins. Also known as vitamin B7, it is soluble in water and acts as a catalyst that converts some other nutrients into energy. Biotin stimulates keratin production in hair and can increase the rate of follicle growth, and hence has a role to play in the health of hair and nails. The daily biotin requirement in adults is around 30 mcg, while women who are breastfeeding should take 35 mcg/day after consultation with a physician. Not getting enough



biotin in your body may cause hair loss or brittle nails. Most of the body's requirements can be sourced from the food we eat, but people with a biotin deficiency may need over-the-counter supplements to help prevent hair loss during and after recovering from COVID.

Food sources of biotin

The common sources of biotin in food items include egg yolk, organ meats such as liver or kidney, vegetables such as cauliflower and mushroom, whole grains and cereals, nuts, like almonds, peanuts, pecans, and walnuts and butter made from nuts, soybeans and other legumes, and fruits such as bananas and raspberries.

Reduce stress to promote hair growth

As per dermatologists, the hair follicle cycle has three phases: growth, resting and shedding. For most people, it is normal to shed between 50 and 100 hairs every day. Stress may increase the rate of hair fall. However, there is generally a gap of two to three months between a stressful event and the beginning of hair loss; such events can last for as much as nine months. The pandemic-related stresses, such as anxiety about contracting the virus, concern for ill family members, financial stress, social isolation and changes related to working and schooling from home, have impacted us significantly. Take steps to calm the mind before you start any treatment for hair loss.

US Covid-19 deaths are topping 1,900 a day

WASHINGTON (TIP): Covid-19 deaths in the US have climbed to an average of more than 1,900 a day for the first time since early March, with experts saying the virus is preying largely on a distinct group - 71 million unvaccinated Americans.

The increasingly lethal turn has filled hospitals, complicated the start of the school year, delayed the return to offices and demoralized health care workers.

"It is devastating," said Dr. Dena Hubbard, a pediatrician in the Kansas City, Missouri, area who has cared for babies delivered prematurely by cesarean section in a last-ditch effort to save their mothers, some of whom died. For health workers, the deaths, combined with misinformation and disbelief about the virus, have been "heart-wrenching, soul-crushing."

Twenty-two people died in one week alone at CoxHealth hospitals in the Springfield-Branson area, a level almost as high as that of all of Chicago. West Virginia has had more deaths in the first three weeks of September — 340 — than in the previous three months combined. Georgia is averaging 125 dead per day, more than California or other more populous states.

"I've got to tell you, a guy has got to wonder if we are ever going to see the end of it or not," said Collin Follis, who is the coroner in Missouri's Madison County and works at a funeral home.

The nation was stunned back in December when it was witnessing 3,000 deaths a day. But that was when almost no one was vaccinated.

Now, nearly 64 per cent of the US population has received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. And yet, average deaths per day have climbed 40 per cent over the past two weeks, from 1,387 to 1,947, according to data from Johns Hopkins University.

Health experts say the vast



majority of the hospitalised and dead have been unvaccinated. While some vaccinated people have suffered breakthrough infections, those tend to be mild.

The number of vaccine-eligible Americans who have yet to get a shot has been put at more than 70 million.

"There is a very real risk you'll end up in the hospital or even in the obituary pages," Dr. Bruce Vanderhoff, chief medical officer for the Ohio Department of Health, said to the unvaccinated. "Don't become a statistic when there is a simple, safe and effective alternative to go out today and get vaccinated."

Many low-vaccination communities also have high rates of conditions like obesity and diabetes, said Dr. William Moss of Johns Hopkins. And that combination — along with the more contagious delta variant — has proved lethal.

"I think this is a real failure of

society and our most egregious sin to be at this stage where we have hospitals overwhelmed, ICUs overwhelmed and hitting this mark in terms of deaths per day," Moss lamented.

New cases of the coronavirus per day in the US have dropped since the start of September and are now running at about 139,000. But deaths typically take longer to fall because victims often linger for weeks before succumbing.

In Kansas, 65-year-old cattleman Mike Limon thought he had beaten COVID-19 and went back to work for a few days. But the virus had "fried" his lungs and he died last week, said his grandson, Cadin Limon, 22, of Wichita.

He said his grandfather didn't get vaccinated for fear of a bad reaction, and he hasn't gotten the shot either for the same reason, though serious side effects have proved extremely rare.

Source: AP



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UK approves Covishield, but yet to accept Cowin certificates

NEW DELHI (TIP): The UK on Wednesday, September 24, added Covishield to its list of approved Covid vaccines for in-coming travellers but is yet to accept certificates issued from India as valid proof.

London's visa rules are under constant review and the UK High Commission here said it was in dialogue with the Indian government to break the impasse after Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla threatened reciprocation if the "discriminatory" regime was not reversed.

Basically, the UK has problems with certificates issued by Indian



public authorities as well as with the vaccine app Cowin. This means Indians fully vaccinated with Covishield on reaching the UK still have to undergo 10 days of quarantine besides at least two RTPCR tests. "Formulations of the

four listed vaccines, such as AstraZeneca Covishield qualify as approved vaccines from October 4," said the UK's Department of Health in a move that left New Delhi still unsatisfied because India is not on the list of 17 countries whose vaccination certificates will be accepted.

What India found galling was that Pune-manufactured Covishield is based on the same Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine whose UK version is accepted. Moreover, India had supplied five lakh doses of this very Pune-made vaccine to the UK when it was battling a sudden spike in infections.

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Helping others throughout this week appears to be one of the many things you do for people this week and in the long run, you just are only helping yourself especially if you are supportive of your partner, family and friends. This week is and should be all about experiencing love and exploring your feelings for you. This week you have the planets giving you an opportunity to build up a lot of good karma hence focus on that only.

Taurus

This is an amazing week for you. You will be provided with ample opportunities to prove yourself at work which, in turn, may also lead to your promotion this week. If you're single, Venus is in your favor this week. You will have wonderful adventures this week with your partner. You will move on to the next level with your partner. You will experience a positive shift in your feelings, the world has never seemed this beautiful to you before and you will simply be high on life.

Gemini

You will go through a minor rough patch in business which will leave you in immediate need for the money. The people who you thought were your friends will make excuses and try to leave you to your own devices when they find out about your loss, it will still take you some time to fully realize who really cares and looks out for you and who is with you for selfish reasons, focus on only yourself this week so that you can create a positive outcome at the end. This week is a crucial learning lesson for you. Be very careful with the decisions you take.

Cancer

A normal start to the week is likely for you. You will make use of the first two days of the week to improve your knowledge. You will crave for something new in your life. You will procure new items. Results will mirror the hard work that you have put in the past few days but all in all this week might be quite boring for you if you keep it like that. You will have a lot of free time at

your hands and pretty much nothing to do as your business is flourishing by the work of outsources hence you will only need to dedicate a little amount of time and attention to your business.

Leo

Someone experienced will give you right guidance this week so keep your ears and mind wide open. Your family environment will be very communicative. Your children will be obedient and you will inspire them with your victories. Spirituality will be activated showing you way to get inclined towards God. Faith will keep you feeling secured and safe during minor health complications that you face during this week.

Virgo

This week will be important for your profession. You will keep busy at work, your focus towards your goal as well as your patience will be tested. With the help of patience, you might be able to achieve your goals on time. Your dedication for work will be tested many times. Expect some rewards in the result of hard work at the end of the week. You are likely to make investments in fixed assets as well. Expect to hear good news in terms of parent's health. Your losses will convert into gains by the end of this week. Your past dead investments might become profitable as well.

Libra

In the beginning of the week you might feel some detachment from your partner. You will also have some health issues. It is advised not to start a new business or take up any new project this week. You are also advised to postpone making investments into the business. You are likely to face losses this week as luck is not on your side. Your gains are likely to be converted into losses. You need to avoid being involved in controversies; otherwise, it will pull you down negatively. Your strong willpower and blessings from elders might protect you from this adverse situation.

Scorpio

Your focus will be good this week and you will have good patience. You will be able to utilize your strength to implement your plans in the business or work, in terms of growth in the work and business. You will get help from your network to make it possible. Expect some changes in your place, position or responsibilities at work, in terms of promotions. Your family will support you to get success at work, which will help you maintain domestic harmony.

Sagittarius

Your love life will enter into a new phase this week. You will experience a positive shift in your emotions as everything new is exciting and intriguing. Your beauty and charm will lend you a very exciting opportunity, this week. Although it all seems very enticing, do not jump into it without understanding the whole situation as well as consulting those you trust.

Capricorn

You will make some investments this week which will bring you good gains later. You will not be able to spend more time with your family due to burden of work. You are likely to feel dull by the end of the week as your competitors will poke you and try to ruin your efforts. Strictly prohibit yourself from funding into a very large venture and lending on the last day of the week.

Aquarius

You are financially doing a lot better this week. You will meet a new prospect that will challenge you and your team to the core. Your employees will be highly supportive this week. You will enjoy the teamwork. Your love life is at pause as of this week. If you are single, nothing is about to change.

Pisces

This week will bring you great prosperity. You will be saving more money than usual this week. You will be able to make some good decisions regarding some complicated business matters with the help of right guidance. Your cooperation and convincing skills will be beneficial this week.

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Sep 27

You will have the most special day today. Make sure you are very kind and down to earth today. It'll be easy for you to achieve great success in your professional life. If you chose to work hard today, the financial profit you will make today will last you a long time. Seeing the financial gains in real-time will motivate you a lot and cause you to work really hard today which means a positive cycle is created for more profits to come in.

Sep 28

Your partner will be very supportive of you and will be a major reason you get through today. Even though you won't have time to love and appreciate your partner as you're busy with your work today make sure to express your feelings whenever you make time. As gestures as kind as this should not go unappreciated. Your health is doing great in general. Except for the overworking taking a toll on you. You might feel more tired as you go through the day, which is temporary and nothing to worry about. Make sure to stay away from caffeinated drinks and hydrate using simple water or coconut water only.

Sep 29

You need to know how to get work done by other people. As someone who has been in a one-man army for a long time, it's understandable why hiring employees is difficult for you but it is the only way for you to grow. As you will face a lot of obstacles today this confidence will help you be strong and emotionally stable which is mandatory for you to get through this day.

Sep 30

You will close a deal with a prospect that will bring a lot of joy and prosperity to the company as well as your family. You will understand that things will work out better for you and your business from this point onwards which will make you very happy. You will gain some popularity in your town today. You will begin to value the social and financial rewards of taking more responsibility at work. Today is a great day for you to expand your business if you're willing to put in the hard work.

Oct 1

Today is a great day for you to start being extremely productive and workaholic. Maturity will set in today, as the moon transitions; you will find

yourself in a completely different mood. You will have a great time today when it comes to being creatively challenged. You have been focused on other people too much which has the potential to change today and you must make it happen.

Oct 2

You will fall in love with life, the world, and everything in between today. Nothing, in particular, will happen that has caused this change; it is simply your stars that make you feel beloved today. You will have a fairly positive day today because you will face ups and downs but you won't be moved by them emotionally. Saturn being dominant in your sign gives you a lot of emotional stability and viability that you need to sustain today.

Oct 3

You will have to focus on your productivity today. You tend to get too lost in becoming a person that everyone is impressed with. You're working hard for fame and recognition which is what you should change today; this realization is a positive thing for you. You will spend the day feeling content and grateful. Things, where you were stuck before, will suddenly start clearing up.

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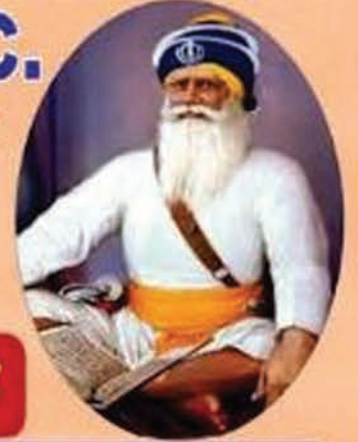
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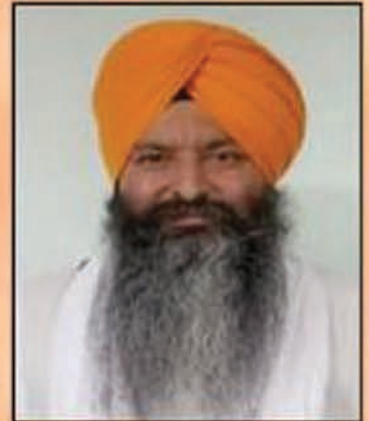
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