



# India's Independence Day celebrated at the Indian Consulate



: Consul General of India in New York Randhir Kumar Jaiswal delivers remarks at the celebration of 75th anniversary of India's Independence at the Indian Consulate on August 15. BJP MP Sambit Patra and BJP Secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya (seen in the picture) also attended.

## DELHI DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER MANISH SISODIA IS BOOKED IN EXCISE POLICY SCAM



Manish Sisodia addressing the media after the CBI conducted the raid at his house. "CBI team came this morning. They searched my house and seized my computer and phone", he said.

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**NEW DELHI (TIP):** The CBI today conducted raids at the official residences of Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia and IAS officer Arava Gopi Krishna, besides 29 other locations in seven states and union territories, after registering an FIR to probe alleged irregularities in formulating and executing the city government's excise policy, which was brought in November last year.

The agency has named 15 persons, including Sisodia, in its FIR, lodged on August 17.

Besides Sisodia, other public servants who have been named in the FIR as accused include then Excise Commissioner Arava Gopi Krishna, then Deputy Excise Commissioner Anand Kumar Tiwari and Assistant Excise Commissioner Pankaj Bhatnagar, besides nine businessmen and two companies. In a statement, the CBI said, "Searches are being conducted at 31 locations, including Delhi, Gurugram, Chandigarh, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Lucknow and Bengaluru, which have led to the recovery of incriminating documents, articles and digital records."

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**NEW YORK (TIP):** The Consulate General of India, New York, celebrated 76th Independence Day of India on Monday, August 15, 2022 at the Consulate in the presence of members of the community, including State Senator, New York Mr. Kevin Thomas, the first Indian-American State Senator in New York. During the program, Consul General conferred Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) Quiz - 2022 Gold Medal for the PIO/OCI category on Ms. Riya Dadheech. Miss Riya Dadheech and Mr. Udayan Dhar are the winners of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) Quiz - 2022 Gold Medal from the jurisdiction of the Consulate.

Congratulatory messages from several local elected officials and celebrities were received. Governors, State Assemblies and City Governments from nine States under the Consulate's jurisdiction issued proclamations and

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## GOVERNOR HOCHUL CELEBRATES 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDIA'S INDEPENDENCE WITH INDIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY



Governor Kathy Hochul giving remarks at the Indian Independence Day celebration at Flushing Meadows in New York, August 16

American community and elected officials the 75th anniversary of India's Independence at the Queens Museum, Flushing Meadows on August 16.

Addressing a large gathering of Indian Americans and elected officials, Governor Hochul was all praise for the Indian American community's tremendous contribution in America. "On behalf of myself and the people of New York, I'm here to declare that New York's strength is the diversity of our people.

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Commits to continue to officially proclaim August 15th as India Independence Day.

FLUSHING, NY

**(TIP):** New York Governor Kathy Hochul celebrated with the Indian

## PAK PM SHEHBAZ SHARIF EXPRESSES DESIRE FOR PEACEFUL TIES WITH INDIA, KASHMIR ISSUE RESOLUTION

Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif urged the international community to play a "facilitative role" to ensure durable peace and stability in South Asia  
File photo / PTI



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**ISLAMABAD (TIP):** Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has expressed his desire for peaceful relations with India based on the principles of "equity, justice and mutual respect" and the resolution of the Kashmir issue, according to a media report on Friday, August 19.

Sharif also urged the international community to play a "facilitative role" to ensure durable peace and stability in South Asia, it said, amidst a chill in Indo-Pak bilateral ties over the Kashmir issue and cross border terrorism emanating from Pakistan.

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Members of various women's organizations in Delhi raise slogans during a protest against the remission of sentence given to the convicts of Bilkis Bano's case by the BJP-led Gujarat government, at Jantar Mantra in New Delhi, Thursday, Aug. 18, 2022.

Photo/ PTI-Kamal Singh

## Outrage over Remission for accused in Bilkis Bano gangrape case

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**NEW DELHI (TIP):** It was as recently as in April that the court had said that the State cannot exercise its remission powers arbitrarily. The Supreme Court has enough ammunition in the form of past judgments to examine the Gujarat Government's premature release of 11 convicts who were sentenced to life

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# In Dropping Gadkari from BJP's Parliamentary Board Modi Sends a Message to RSS Chief

BY INDRAJIT SALUJA



In a major organizational reshuffle, the Bharatiya Janata Party dropped Union Minister Nitin Gadkari and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan from its parliamentary board, the party's highest decision-making body.

Nitin Gadkari has not exactly been comfortable in the company of Modi-Shah duo. A once vocal president of Bharatiya Janata Party, Gadkari has comparatively been, if not silent, quiet for some time. In the last three years one could see a different Gadkari than the nation had known as pushing forward vigorously the party agenda.

Gadkari's performance as minister speaks for itself. I remember his

keenness to learn from New York traffic control authorities how best traffic could be managed in Indian metropolitan cities. He spent a couple of hours to study the system at the Traffic control in New York. His passion to speed up work of construction of roads and bridges, the department he holds (Gadkari is Minister for Road Transport and Highways), is evident from the fact that he not only met the targets but met them in advance of the deadlines. A man who believes in action rather than in making tall claims, he is probably the best man in Modi's cabinet.

Why should Gadkari, a former President of the BJP and a performing senior minister in Modi cabinet be dropped from the Party's highest policy making body- the BJP Parliamentary Board?

Well, it is a clear signal to RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat that he does not

control power; the power lies with Modi-Shah duo.

The first clear indication came when, in a dramatic move, a Bhagwat favorite Devendra Fadnavis, was restrained from becoming the chief minister of Maharashtra when even the announcement about his oath taking was almost made.

And now comes the exclusion of Gadkari. One should not be surprised if a performing chief minister of UP whose model of governance came in for much appreciation and which is being sought to be replicated by many BJP chief ministers in their states, has failed to find favor with the BJP leadership of Modi-Shah duo because of his being a protégé of RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat.

Clearly, Modi who is known to be ruthless with his perceived rivals, has conveyed to RSS chief who really controls the knobs of power

Surely, all is not well in Modiland.

GUEST COMMENT

## Remission to the convicts in the Bilkis Bano Gangrape case must be reviewed

The political battle over the decision of the state government in poll-bound Gujarat to prematurely release the 11 convicts in the 2002 Bilkis Bano gangrape case has intensified, with the Congress questioning the kind of message that was being sought to be conveyed to the women of the country in disregard of the Prime Minister's own commitment to the cause. Other parties like the TRS have asked for amendments to the IPC and CrPC to prevent those charged with rape from getting remission. Though the power of remission is subject to judicial review and the victim can approach the High Court or the Supreme Court, the process is fraught with concerns for the victim's safety because of fear of reprisal.

The Gujarat Government has held that a jail advisory committee was formed to look into the early release of the convicts following an appeal in the Supreme Court by one of the accused under the state's remission policy, which was in effect when they were pronounced guilty in the case. The 11 convicts who were

welcomed with garlands and sweets after they walked free, were sentenced to life not just for the gangrape of Bilkis Bano but also for the murder of 14 members of her family, including her three-year-old child. This case exemplified the rapes and murders that terrorized and brutalized the Muslims of Gujarat in 2002. And the conviction provided closure to the community and restoration of faith in the justice system. The remission has dealt a severe blow to all that.

The legal system has to assure justice to the victims and ensure faith in the due process of law. The overall aim should be to make sure that the punishment is just and proves to be a deterrent against repetition of crime. Gujarat witnessed some of the worst communal trouble that scarred not only the state, but also the psyche of the nation. It is the responsibility of the state to ensure that harmony prevails. Remission to the convicts in the Bilkis Bano case must be reviewed.

(Tribune, India )





Consul General Randhir Jaiswal hoists the Indian National flag

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citations celebrating India's 75 years of independence. Later, Consul General hoisted the national flag in a special event organized by the Federation of Indian Associations (FIA - NY/NJ/CT) at the iconic Times Square in New York City. On August 15th, FIA- NY/NJ/CT in

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collaboration with the Consulate organized a lighting Ceremony at Empire State Building in New York City.

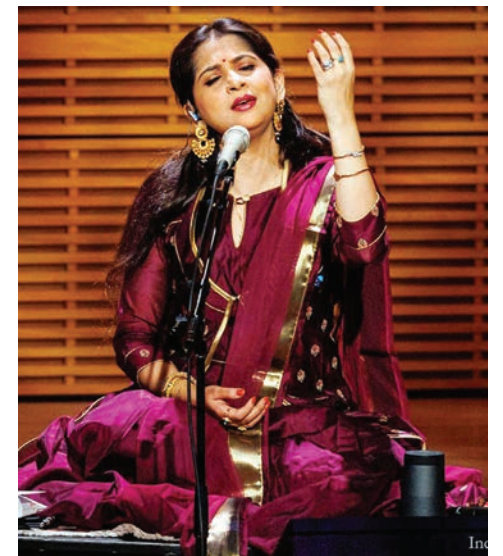
Among other community organized events, the prominent ones were 11th India Day Parade organized in Hicksville, Long Island, New York, August 07th; Heritage of India festival organized by Indian American Cultural Association of Westchester, August 07th; flag hoisting ceremony at Philadelphia City Hall by Council of Indian Organizations in Greater Philadelphia on August 12th; Independence Day celebrations at Connecticut State Capitol Building held by Indian association of Central Connecticut on August 13th; India day Parade organized by Council of Heritage and Arts of India, at Williamsville, Buffalo, August 13th; India Day Parade & Flag Hoisting celebrations organized by Federation of Indian Associations (FIA), New England, Boston, August 13th; India Day Parade organized by Indian Business Association, New Jersey on August 14th. The special feature of the Boston celebrations, held close to Boston Harbor, was that it meaningfully brought out the shared historical connections between



Consul General conferred Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) Quiz - 2022 Gold Medal for the PIO/OCI category on Ms. Riya Dadheech

Indian and American independence.

In order to mark a special celebration on the occasion of 75 years of India's independence, the Consulate General of India in association with the Indo-American Arts Council (IAAC)



Celebrated Kaushiki Chakraborty's performance with her all-female group Sakhi at Carnegie Hall New York was an aesthetically stunning depiction of Indian music and women empowerment.

celebrated Festival of India@75. The series began on August 5th with a photo exhibition by celebrated photographer Steve McCurry. In the subsequent days, noted Classical vocalist Kaushiki Chakraborty, flautist Rakesh Chaurasia and Sitarist Purbayan Chatterjee performed at the Carnegie Hall in New York City. The grand finale of this series will take place on 15th August, featuring India's celebrated Sarod maestro Ustad Amjad Ali Khan at the Carnegie Hall.

Largest India day Parade in downtown New York City is scheduled to be held on August 21st, 2022 by FIA- NY/NJ/CT in collaboration with the Consulate.

The celebrations organized around Independence Day, this year, had a distinct flavor of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. Wholehearted Participation from members of the diaspora and friends of India transformed the landmark celebrations into a true people's movement.



Kaushiki Chakraborty's all-female group Sakhi performs at Carnegie Hall

## Immigrant Advocates Praise 'Project Open Arms,' Urge City To Leverage Existing LIFE Project Model to Ensure Student Success

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**NEW YORK, NY (TIP):** New York City Mayor Eric Adams, New York City Department of Education (DOE) Chancellor David C. Banks, Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs Commissioner Manuel Castro, and New York City Department of Social Services (DSS) Commissioner Gary Jenkins, on August 19, announced "Project Open Arms" to provide support for asylum-seeking youth entering the school system and help enroll students as the school year quickly approaches.

The New York Immigration

Coalition (NYIC) has focused on addressing barriers that immigrant families face enrolling their children through our pioneering LIFE Project, which engages NYIC member organizations (immigrant-led community-based organizations) to help immigrant families with eligible children enroll in Pre-K and 3K programs. For the last five years, LIFE Project partners have worked one-on-one with families to understand what they're looking for, provide families with information about their options, and support them through the enrollment process in a

culturally and linguistically fluent manner.

**Kim Sykes, Director of Education Policy, New York Immigration Coalition:**

"The City is right to focus on cross-agency coordination and meeting families where they are - in person - to get youth into the right schools ahead of the first day of class on September 8th. The City must ensure that youth are enrolled at schools that are well-prepared to meet their needs, and that have deep expertise in supporting students learning English

for the first time. While this moment certainly demands a special response, newcomer families arriving in NYC and needing support enrolling their kids is something this city and community-based organizations have experience in and have been doing for a long time. There are best practice programs, such as our Linking Immigrant Families with Early Childhood Education (LIFE) Project, that have proven enormously successful, should be used in this moment, and be made a permanent part of the City's infrastructure."

## Indian American Arun Agarwal named vice chairman of Texas economic development body

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**DALLAS, TX (TIP):** Texas Governor Greg Abbott has named Indian American entrepreneur Arun Agarwal as vice chairman of a body tasked with marketing Texas, domestically and globally, as the best state for business.

The Texas Economic Development Corporation is the private side of a public-private partnership with the Governor's Office of Economic Development & Tourism set up for this purpose, according to a press release.

Dallas based Agarwal, 50, is the CEO of Nextt and has business interests in textiles, cotton trading, and real estate. He is chair of the Indian American CEO Council and president of the Dallas Parks & Recreation Board.

Additionally, he is a board member of the US India Friendship Council, the University of Texas at Dallas Executive Board, Texas Tech Innovation HUB at Research Park, Big Brothers Big Sisters International, and MD Anderson Board of Visitors. He is also a volunteer for Chetna, a non-profit organization to help victims of domestic violence, and the Living Dreams Foundation.



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Agarwal, originally from Jaipur, India, attended school at Maharajas College for his bachelor's degree. He received a Master's in Business Administration from IMT - Ghaziabad, a Master's in Computer Information Systems from Southern New Hampshire University, and an Advanced Certificate in International Business from Harvard University.

Agarwal told The Dallas Morning News that he and Sanjiv Yajnik, president of financial services for bank holding firm Capital One, started the Indian American CEO Council in 2018, "to help bring business leaders together."

He said, "the council's mission is to facilitate alliances between India and the US, act as a catalyst for economic and trade opportunities and strengthen relationships."

"We are Indian Americans," Yajnik said. "We really wanted to give back to the wonderful land that has given us so much."

When they started the Indian American CEO Council, the pair didn't want it to feel like a chamber of commerce or a narrowly focused organization, Yajnik says. They wanted to find a way to bring together business leaders who shared an identity and heritage.

Yajnik and Agarwal say Indian-American leaders can help diversify and better the country. They want more underrepresented groups to hear their story and bring their families here, too. "We want this to be an inspiration for all, not only for Indian Americans," Agarwal told the news.

## Indian American creators put a new spin on arranged marriage on Netflix



"In America, you feel tired of being asked about arranged marriage," said "Wedding Season" writer Shiwani Srivastava

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**NEW YORK (TIP):** Visibly frustrated, matchmaker Sima Taparia recounts her struggle to an "Indian Matchmaking" producer: She has been tasked with finding potential partners for a 30-something Indian man living in Nashik, a few hours outside of Mumbai, but women of his generation would rather live in a bustling metropolis than this quieter part of the country. Thirty years ago, Sima reminisces, she followed her husband to Nashik and fell in love with the warmth of its people. Why hasn't anyone done the same for Akshay Dhumal?

"Akshay's charming, handsome. Parents are good. He's loaded with

money. He has a good business, good education. Everything is there," she says. "But the girls, they do not want to go to Nashik."

Generational differences often pose challenges to Sima, whose downsized presence in the new season of the Netflix reality series hints at the evolving landscape of arranged marriage. When the show premiered two years ago, it set off a flurry of takes in South Asian communities: Some criticized how it painted the culture as "burdensome," while others described it as "telling it like it is." Sima's strong-willed client Aparna Shewakramani became a fan favorite for refusing to contort herself to fit other people's expectations.

The determined independence exhibited by Aparna - as well as by the women who refuse to abandon their big-city lives - is also a central component of two other recent South Asian-led projects on Netflix: the romantic comedy "Wedding Season" and the comedy series "Never Have I Ever," which released a new season Friday. All three were created by Indian Americans and explore the growing sense of autonomy exercised by the people for whom matches are sought, whether in India or as part of the diaspora. Ultimately, the power lies with them.

"In America, you feel tired of being asked about arranged marriage," said "Wedding Season" writer Shiwani Srivastava. "But on the flip side, you realize people have a gross misunderstanding of it."

Tune in now to Netflix to watch the episodes.

## Indian American Sanjay Gupta quits MSU amid allegations of sexual misconduct

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**MICHIGAN (TIP):** Sanjay Gupta, Indian American dean of Michigan State University's Broad School of Business has resigned amid allegations of sexual misconduct or relationship harassment, or violence.

MSU officials confirmed that Sanjay Gupta resigned on Friday as the dean of the College of Business after serving in the position since June 2015 and working at MSU for the last 15 years, Lansing State Journal reported.

As of July of last year, Indian-born Gupta was the sixth-highest paid university official, with a salary of \$472,236.

In a statement provided to the Journal by Emily Guerrant, MSU spokesperson, officials cited concerns over Gupta's leadership of the College of Business and for "failure to report under our mandatory reporting policies" as reasons that led to his resignation.

"Those who take on leadership roles at MSU are expected to conduct themselves with careful and consistent attention to integrity and professionalism," according to the statement. "This leadership transition is the result of poor administrative oversight, including a failure to adhere to our mandatory reporting guidelines."

In an emailed statement, Gupta told the Journal he has been cooperating in an MSU investigation and refuted any claims he failed to follow mandatory reporting protocols.

"During the past few months, I've fully cooperated with the Office of Institutional Equity's investigation, which remains ongoing, and I've acted



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accordingly with transparency to ensure a thorough and accurate report," he wrote.

"I've served MSU for 15 years, including the last seven as dean of the business school - and I'm confident the proper steps to initiate an investigation of alleged misconduct, which I took extremely seriously, had been taken and that mandatory reporting obligations had been met."

MSU policy put in place in August of 2020 only requires employees to report relationship violence and sexual misconduct if they became aware of it in their capacity as university employees, not in a personal capacity, according to the journal.

MSU officials pointed to the Larry Nassar scandal and other instances of sexual misconduct at MSU to highlight the importance of mandatory reporting.

(Read full story at [www.theindianpanorama.news](http://www.theindianpanorama.news))

# Four Indian American Healthcare Professionals win New Jersey's Healthcare Heroes Awards

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**SOMERSET, NJ (TIP):** Four Indian American healthcare professionals- Dr. Nisha Kotecha, Dr. Amit Borah, Dr. Tushar Patel and Ritesh Shah - have been recognized as NJBIZ Healthcare Heroes.

They were among individuals and organizations across 12 categories celebrated as 2022 Healthcare Heroes at an event at The Palace at Somerset Park on Aug 19.

The HealthCare Heroes program was created to recognize excellence, promote innovation and honor the efforts of individuals and organizations making a significant impact on the quality of health care in New Jersey, according to a press release.

Dr. Nisha Kotecha, chief of critical care at Overlook Medical Center received the award in Physician of the Year category. Kotecha is a pulmonologist in Summit, New Jersey and is affiliated with multiple hospitals in the area. She received her medical degree from Topiwala National Medical College and has been in practice for 20 years.

Dr. Amit Borah, Atlanticare Regional Medical

Center was honored in Innovation - Individual category. Borah is a medical pioneer - an interventional pulmonologist, one of the newest internal medicine subspecialties. He uses sophisticated technology to diagnose and treat problems in the lungs and airway.

Borah is board certified in internal medicine, pulmonary medicine and critical care medicine. He is a member of the American Thoracic Society and the American Association of Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology, among others.

Dr. Tushar Patel, Indian Health Camp of New Jersey and Ritesh Shah, pharmacist/founder of Ritesh Shah Charitable Pharmacy - NJ's 1st Charitable Pharmacy were honored in the Public Health category.

Patel and Shah have worked together for the past two decades. Under the leadership of Patel, Indian Health Camp has provided free services to more than 12,000 patients. Shah has been running a charitable pharmacy with Indian Health Camp in New Jersey for the past two decades.

Since the inception of RSCP, it has provided more



Ritesh Shah and Dr. Tushar Patel display their awards

than \$100,000 worth of medications to needy people in New Jersey communities to start making a difference in better medication access.

## Indian American Dipesh Navsaria nominated by Biden to National Museum and Library Services Board



President Joe Biden intends to appoint Indian American educator, public health professional, and child health advocate Dipesh Navsaria as a member of the National Museum and Library Services Board.

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**WASHINGTON, D.C. (TIP):** President Joe Biden intends to appoint Indian American educator, public health professional, and child health advocate Dipesh Navsaria as a member of the National Museum and Library Services Board.

The upcoming appointment of Navsaria, a pediatrician working in the public interest, was announced by the White House Friday with 10 others to key roles in various boards and commissions.

Navsaria blends the roles of physician, occasional children's librarian, educator, public health professional, and child health advocate, according to his White House profile. With graduate degrees in public health, children's librarianship, physician assistant studies, and medicine, he brings together a combination of interests and experience.

Navsaria is an associate professor of pediatrics at the School of Medicine and Public Health, as well as a clinical associate professor of Human Development and Family Studies at the School of Human Ecology, both at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

He has practiced primary care pediatrics in a variety of settings with special interest in underserved populations and continues to practice in outpatient settings. He also works regionally and nationally with Reach Out and Read and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Navsaria "is committed to understanding how basic science can translate into busy primary-care settings via population health concepts and policy initiatives and also be incorporated into transdisciplinary approaches across multiple sectors and schools of thought," the White House said.

As such he "aims to educate the next generation of those who work with children and families in realizing how their professional roles include being involved in larger concepts of social policy and how they may affect the cognitive and socioemotional development of children for their future benefit," it said.

The various ways in which we can influence the environment around children and families - from the very micro to the most macro - to ensure they can flourish and thrive is at the heart of what Navsaria does, the White House said.

## Indian American Author 'Salman Rushdie is off ventilator, road to recovery has begun', says his agent Andrew Wylie

AUGUST 18, 2022

**NEW YORK (TIP):** Salman Rushdie, the acclaimed author who was stabbed repeatedly at a public appearance in New York state on Friday, August 12, 33 years after Iran's then-supreme leader called for him to be killed, is off a ventilator and his health is improving, his agent and a son said on Sunday.

"He's off the ventilator, so the road to recovery has begun," his agent, Andrew Wylie, wrote in an email to Reuters.

"It will be long; the injuries are severe, but his condition is headed in the right direction." Rushdie, 75, was set to deliver a lecture at the Chautauqua Institution in western New York on the importance of the United States as a haven for targeted artists when police say a 24-year-old man rushed the stage and stabbed him.

The Indian-born writer has lived with a bounty on his head following the publication of his 1988 novel "The Satanic Verses," which is viewed by some Muslims as containing blasphemous passages. In 1989 Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini issued a fatwa, or edict, calling for his assassination.

Writers and politicians around the world have condemned the attack. U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on Sunday that Iranian state institutions had incited violence against Rushdie for generations, and state-affiliated media had gloated about the attempt on his life.

"This is despicable," Blinken said in a statement. "The United States and partners will not waver in our determination to stand up to these threats, using every



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appropriate tool at our disposal."

The suspect in the stabbing, Hadi Matar of Fairview, New Jersey, pleaded not guilty to charges of attempted murder and assault at a court appearance on Saturday, his court-appointed lawyer, Nathaniel Barone, told Reuters.

Neither local nor federal authorities have offered any additional details on the investigation, including a possible motive.

An initial law enforcement review of Matar's social media accounts showed he was sympathetic to Shi'ite extremism and Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), according to NBC New York. The IRGC is a powerful faction that Washington accuses of carrying out a global extremist campaign.

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# Indian Consulate and RANA organize a Women Empowerment event with Ruma Devi



Consul General Randhir Jaiswal gives his remarks



Prem Bhandari, Chairman, Jaipur Foot USA spoke about women empowerment and introduced Ruma Devi



Ruma Devi narrated her story which surely inspired many



All-India Jain Minority Foundation's President Lalit Gandhi honored Ruma Devi, Randhir Jaiswal, and Prem Bhandari with shawls



Deputy Consul General Varun Jeff proposed a vote of thanks



Consul, Culture and Press Vipul conducted the proceedings

AUGUST 18, 2022

**NEW YORK (TIP):** Consulate General of India, New York, and Rajasthan Association of North America (RANA) organized an event on Women Empowerment with Ruma Devi, Recipient of Nari Shakti Puraskar - 2018

Randhir Jaiswal, Consulate General of India, New York welcomed Ruma Devi and all the distinguished guests. This event began with the patriotic song 'Vande Mataram' performed by Nidhi Ladda, followed by her performance on Mahisasur mardan. A dance performance on a popular Rajasthani song "Ghoomar" was given by Riya Dadich and was also joined by Ruma Devi.



Riya Dhadeech gave a "Ghoomar" dance performance. Ruma devi also joined.

During this event Prem Bhandari addressed the audience about "Women Empowerment in New India", under the able leadership of Narendra Modi. One of the greatest examples for such mission is set by Ms. Ruma Devi who is an Indian social worker, fashion designer, traditional handicraft artist from Barmer, Rajasthan, who couldn't complete her 8th grade and had to dropout from school due to financial concerns at home, was invited to a talk show to inspire the younger generations at the prestigious Harvard University, USA.

Ruma Devi took an initiative and supported 30,000 needy women from 250 villages in a small district of Rajasthan and has become an inspiration for others. Her contribution led her recognition and support for which she was also awarded the prestigious "Nara Shakti Puraskar 2018", a highest civilian honor for Women in India.

At instance of Haridas Kotahwala's, a Chairman of Deepavali function of RANA 2022, that will be celebrated on November 20th, 2022, Shri Prem Bhandari ji invited and encouraged Ruma Devi to participate and exhibit the handmade products in this Deepavali function. Prem Bhandari also informed about hosting a Traditional Fashion Show - New York during the event.

A short film of Ruma Devi's life struggles and hard work was also played during this event to inspire others through her journey. Prem Bhandari said "Ruma Devi had not just given employment, but also a new life to the women in need, making them self-reliant, independent, and confident individuals. He remarked that RANA will continue to support Ruma Devi on her mission as she has the potential to uplift not just 30,000 women from 250 villages but also to uplift 30 million (3 crores) such women from the entire Indian nation.



Ankur Vaidya, the Chairman of (FIA) Federation of Indian Association NY NJ CT NE, also spoke about the inspirational story of Ruma Devi and promised that FIA will also extend their help to support on her mission. He also appreciated and thanked Prem Bhandari

Nidhi Ladda gave a dance performance on Mahisasur mardan

ji, who is a conveyor of FIA's "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" function, for all his support to make this FIA and all the events, a grand success. Mr. Vaidya also invited all the attendees to join the parade which will be taking place on 21st August in New York City, USA. Dr. Ravi Murarka, a President American Association of Veterinarians of Indian origin, who came all the way from Philadelphia was felicitated with bouquet by RANA for working day and night for the solution of lumpy skin disease for cows.

An All-India Jain Minority Foundation's President Lalit Gandhi honored Ruma Devi, Randhir Jaiswal, and Prem Bhandari with shawls. This grand event included honorable guests included Mr. Alok Kumar, a Former President & Bihar's Foundation Chairman of FIA, Mr. Harish Thakkar, an AIA President, New York Chapter, Neelam Modi, RANA's office bearer, Mr. Dashrath Duggar, a Former RANA President, Ashok Sanketi, Chandra Prakash Sukhwil, Sharad Kothari, Ravi Jargad, Ravi Murarka, Dulichand Baid, Yatin Doshi, and other dignitaries.

Nidhi and Riya were cited by Consulate General of India, Ranbir Jaiswal. At the end of the event, Deputy Consul General of India, Dr. Varun Jeff gave vote of thanks to all the attendees and guests.

# Gandhi Statue Vandalized in New York

**INDIAN CONSULATE AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS CONDEMN THE "DESPICABLE ACT"**

AUGUST 19, 2022

**RICHMOND HILL, NY (TIP):** August 19: A statue of Mahatma Gandhi outside a Hindu temple in Queens, New York has been vandalized twice in less than two weeks. New York Police is investigating both incidents as possible hate crimes.

As Police search for a group of suspects the Indian consulate in New York took up the matter with US authorities to ensure those responsible for the "despicable action" are held accountable.

Surveillance video shows someone thrashing a statue of Mahatma Gandhi with a sledgehammer overnight Tuesday, according to CBS News. He smashes the head off, then topples it over. Minutes later, a group of six stomp on it and take turns hammering the statue before taking off.

"To see them coming after us like this is very painful," Lakhram Maharaj, the founder of Shri Tulsi Mandir, the Hindu temple in South Richmond Hill, told media.

He discovered the Gandhi statue outside in the morning, reduced to rubble. The word "dog" was spray painted both in front of the temple and down the block.

"For someone to do that, you can see the hatred," congregant Romeo Hitlall was quoted as saying. "We're definitely worried because a statue, we don't know what's next," he said.

That same statue was vandalized less than two weeks earlier, on Aug 3. Again, someone knocked it over in the night, breaking off the hands and nose.

"And when the Gandhi statue was vandalized, that really flew in the face of all of our beliefs and it's very disturbing for the community," Indian American Assembly member



The vandalized Gandhi statue



George Abraham with Richard David, Pandit Maharaj (Chief Priest of Tulsi Mandir) Romeo Hitlall and Christina Latchama at Tulsi mandir.

Jenifer Rajkumar said.

"Hindu hate is on the rise," he stated. "We always knew that defeating hate would not be accomplished in one day, one week, or even one year."

"We are committed to this fight for the long term, and will use the Hindu principles of ahimsa (non-violence) and satyagraha (soul force) that guided Gandhi himself and later the great American civil rights hero Martin Luther King, Jr," Rajkumar added.

Many in the community are now afraid to go to temple, Maharaj said. "I cannot show the congregation that I am worried because if I show them that I'm worrying and I'm not strong, how will they be strong?"

The temple cannot afford to replace the statue right now. It was handcrafted for them and cost about \$4,000. "I wanna know why they did it," he said.

Meanwhile, the Consulate General of India in New York

has condemned the vandalization of the statue and taken up the matter with US authorities to ensure those responsible for the "despicable action" are held accountable.

The consulate "strongly condemns the vandalization of the Mahatma Gandhi statue outside a temple in Queens, New York," it stated. "We have taken up the matter with US authorities seeking thorough investigation so that those responsible for such despicable action are held accountable."

"We are deeply saddened to learn of the vandalism at the Tulsi Mandir last night," the Cityline Ozone Park Civilian Patrol tweeted. "This is not the first time something like this has happened, and it must stop. We must work together to send a clear message that hate crimes towards any religion will not be tolerated." *(Read full story at [www.theindianpanorama.news](http://www.theindianpanorama.news))*

## A Petition to Condemn Hateful Politicization of Indian Independence Day in Edison, New Jersey



India Day Parade in Edison, NJ had a bulldozer with the picture of the UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath who introduced the use of bulldozer to allegedly demolish structures belonging to a minority community

August 18, 2022

**EDISON, NJ (TIP):** A petition was initiated by Muhammed Abdul which calls upon elected officials to condemn "Hateful Politicization of Indian Independence Day in Edison New Jersey".

This petition is to Condemn Hateful Politicization of India Independence Day parade in Edison, NJ. A BULLDOZER was used at the India Independence Day parade this week. The BULLDOZER, which has become a symbol of injustice in India. BULLDOZERS are used by racist ruling party to demolish homes and intimidate minorities who raise voice against human rights violations.

BULLDOZER is a sign of rising anti-Minority violence in India at the hands of Hindutva nationalists, who are

enabled by BJP leaders.

We need to contextualize what it means to march with bulldozers emblazoned with the images of two openly Hindutva supremacist leaders.

We Indians have the right to celebrate our independence from British colonial rule, but we strongly condemn the use of a bulldozer in Independence Day parade and the glorification of racist behavior in New Jersey.

Elected officials must condemn this racist behavior by organizers as they were part of parade. They need to understand it hurts Indian minority communities living in New Jersey.

Elected officials need to understand that all of south Asian minorities have come together to elect man of color as a mayor of great Edison. He should work with all the Edison community members to protect civil rights and promote justice and condemn Indian Business Association who organized this parade.

Hate crimes are increasing in NJ - <https://www.monmouth.edu/polling-institute/2021/03/31/hate-is-thriving-in-new-jersey-opinion/>

Hate against minorities - [https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Violence\\_against\\_Christians\\_in\\_India](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Violence_against_Christians_in_India)

<https://cruxnow.com/church-in-asia/2022/02/india-government-destroys-20-foot-jesus-statue-in-christian-village>

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# A Unitary State: Modi & Shah Determined to Establish 'One India' under Tutelage of One Party

BY JULIO RIBEIRO



**"IT WAS ALWAYS THE DREAM OF THE HINDU FAR-RIGHT TO HAVE ONE CENTER OF POWER. IT WAS THE ROLE OF THE SECOND PARALLEL ENGINE THAT WOULD BE INSTALLED IN EVERY STATE TO FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS. MONEY POWER AND THE THREAT OF VISITS FROM THE ED TURNED MINORITY BJP GOVERNMENTS INTO RULING DISPENSATIONS RIDING DOUBLE ENGINES TO POWER. LOSING ELECTIONS DOES NOT MATTER! THERE ARE DOZENS OF VENAL POLITICIANS WAITING TO BE COMPENSATED WITH MONEY OR POWER IN RETURN FOR THEIR DIGNITY AND HONOR. SINCE THE MENACE OF THE ED IS VISITED ONLY ON OPPONENTS, CROSSING OVER IS REDEEMING."**

**THE INROADS MADE BY THE PARAMILITARY AND THE HOME MINISTRY INTO OPPOSITION STATES IN THIS NEW ADVERSARIAL AVATAR ONLY CONSOLIDATES THE INGRESS OF THE CENTRE INTO THE LAW-AND-ORDER MANAGEMENT IN SUCH STATES. IT HELPS THE UNITARY STATE TO COME INTO BEING.**



Complete control: Central agencies are being blatantly used as a sign of the power wielded by the Centre. Photo / Courtesy Tribune

far-right to have one center of power. It was the role of the second parallel engine to be installed in every state to follow instructions.

He rightly pointed out that each state used to pride itself on its dedicated crime investigation unit and gained considerable satisfaction from difficult or sensational cases successfully solved. I can testify that my own experience in Mumbai's police is that the morale of the entire force would rise a notch or two when cases that attracted public attention were solved. That morale booster is slowly being extinguished by the ruling duo in Delhi.

Modi and Shah are least concerned about the health of the police. I do not envisage them giving such 'trivial' matters even a stray thought. They are determined to establish a 'united', 'one India' under the tutelage of one party that controls everything, even a citizen's innate thoughts and feelings! All decisions need to be taken by the PMO because only they know what is good for the country and its people.

Over half the voters who voted in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections did not vote for Modi and the BJP. His slogan of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas' is not taken seriously by the minority community, nearly 14% of the total population. There are numerous members of the majority community

also who do not think that the BJP really wants every Indian's wellbeing. The Dalits, for instance, are aware that they are not accepted as equal in most parts of the country.

In Gujarat - Modi and Shah's happy hunting ground - even OBC children reportedly refuse food cooked by Dalits under the midday meal scheme in schools. Dalit grooms are thrashed if they dare ride a horse in wedding processions. Young Dalit boys try to achieve parity with 'forward' castes but get thrashed. This is not an uncommon occurrence in enlightened Gujarat. What does one expect in neighboring backward states that constitute the Hindi belt where the BJP dominates?

The real feeling among the minorities and the neglected among the majority is that the government is out to re-establish the Brahminical Chaturvarnya hierarchy. This may not be completely true, but mass perceptions are relevant. Among my many Hindu friends, most hailing from advanced castes, there is a feeling of triumph that the old social order is about to be restored in 'new India'.

Sivanandhan was right when he pronounced that the old elan in the police forces was now dying because of the new role being played by the Central investigating agencies. I, however, will go further and say that this was done

deliberately - a plan that is obviously working. All powers are sought to be concentrated in one supreme body, the PMO, which will think for citizens, tell them what is permitted and what is not. The state government's role in law-and-order management will be confined to implementing those policies. Their bulldozers, for instance, are to be used more frequently and only against those who oppose their policies.

It was always the dream of the Hindu far-right to have one center of power. It was the role of the second parallel engine that would be installed in every state to follow instructions. Money power and the threat of visits from the ED turned minority BJP governments into ruling dispensations riding double engines to power. Losing elections does not matter! There are dozens of venal politicians waiting to be compensated with money or power in return for their dignity and honor. Since the menace of the ED is visited only on opponents, crossing over is redeeming.

The Centre also had the wicked idea of using the Central Armed Forces, controlled by the Home Ministry, to the same end. Whenever BJP's MLAs in Opposition-controlled states, like West Bengal, feel threatened, CRPF or CISF personnel are dispatched to the state as a sign of the power wielded by the Centre.

This adversely affects the relations between the state police and the paramilitary. This never happened earlier. Whenever the paramilitary was deployed in a state, it always was with the consent, or even at the request of a state government. The local police would take decisions on the terms of deployment and would be in charge. It was the responsibility of the police to arrange for the accommodation of the visitors and to brief them. The arrangement worked. The Home Ministry is solely responsible for any misgivings and misunderstandings that may arise between what we used to think of as 'sister' forces.

The Shinde faction of the Shiv Sena in Maharashtra, presently in power, had requisitioned the CRPF or CISF to provide security for its revolting legislators. This was before the new government was formed in Mumbai. It is common for legislators to get enamored of their protectors and want them to continue. It is not uncommon for protectees to strike up a personal relationship with security officers! CRPF/CISF men lead very hard lives. An assignment away from their own officers is always welcomed.

The inroads made by the paramilitary and the Home Ministry into Opposition states in this new adversarial avatar only consolidates the ingress of the Centre into the law-and-order management in such states. It helps the unitary state to come into being.

(The author is a retired Indian Police Service officer)

My esteemed former colleague in service, D Sivanandhan, who was at one time the Police Commissioner of Mumbai, and then, the DGP of Maharashtra, wrote a piece in a leading English daily recently. In his view, the policy of the Modi-Shah government in Delhi to push all important criminal investigations in the hands of Central agencies, like the ED, CBI and NIA, not forgetting the National Drugs Control Bureau, has emasculated the state police forces across the country.

It was always the dream of the Hindu



# A.G. Merrick Garland - F.B.I. search Trump's Mar-a-Lago with Trump Attorney present. Peaceful Transfer of Power!?

By Ravi Batra



**"Mar-a-Lago has unleashed for future generations a new problem that will one day consume and destroy the most important goal of American Exceptionalism: Peaceful Transfer of Power. Now, every POTUS who does wrong, like a murderer who has murdered, will do more wrongs as they are "free," and here, to avoid criminal prosecution, that criminal-POTUS will seek to destroy our cherished singular goal of peaceful transfer of power. Trump tried after losing the 2020 election. That Hunter Biden's "activities" were suppressed by MSM in support of Joe Biden's then-candidacy is wrong, but not excuse for January 6th."**

Our republic - America - is in trouble and our precious peaceful transfer of power is at-risk; our divisions more brittle; and January 6th Insurrection Hearings surpassed by Mar-a-Lago.

We, the United States of America, have crossed the Rubicon, and truly "no one is above the law" with the F.B.I.'s effectuating on August 8, 2022 a federal search warrant issued by Hon. Bruce Reinhart, a Federal Magistrate Judge - with a history of being concerned about public integrity and well respected in the Palm Beach community.

This First - raiding a former President's home - is nevertheless troubling as even Richard Nixon was not raided, and his undeniable criminality was recorded on tape. Now, we are at a tension between two competing American Ideals: "no one is above the law" and "peaceful transfer of power." The problem is that the former is a "means," and the latter the "goal"; and we are witnessing the means destroy the goal.

The raid on Mar-a-Lago fully and honestly honors the "means," no one is above the law; but in so doing, it also does more violence to our republic surviving - as Ben Franklin warned so many years ago in Philadelphia in 1787 - than the Insurrection on January 6th, as that was personal and merely people misled to a cause by an enchanting and charming



:" I personally approved the decision to seek a search warrant in this matter": AG Garland

president Trump, while this has the institutional force of law. That Merrick Garland is an honest man, with integrity intact, and a distinguished jurist gracing the role of Attorney General of these United States, and hence, both America's lawyer and the Constitution's lawyer is of no moment.

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On August 6th, just two days before the Mar-a-Lago Raid, I wrote an introductory editorial note to Belarus D.F.M. H. E. Yury Ambrazevich's Op-Ed. It's worth repeating here, as now its inward-looking for our fellow Americans: "After the Magna Carta was wrestled from King John in 1215 at Runnymede, limiting the absolute power of a sovereign, the next and last great leap forward was - our Declaration of Independence in 1776, where individuals claimed certain inalienable rights to both freedom and to self-govern, and soon thereafter in 1787, our Constitution which memorialized our distrust of government's power by separating it into three co-equal parts, and then for good measure, granted individuals the Bill of Rights that the split-powered government could not take away; American Exceptionalism. So, from the Greek's "Order is beauty, and Beauty is order," i.e., Order first, the noble American contribution is: we need Order; but absent God, who we trust, it's power in human

beings' hands we don't, so we separate it, and then block it with our Bill of Rights."

Lincoln at Gettysburg - but not every POTUS is Lincoln. "We the people" must not forget that our Government is "for" the people, and not the politicians. Abraham Lincoln promised us that at Gettysburg - but not every president honors that. My Revolutionary hero, Thomas Jefferson gave us the key: Eternal Vigilance. He didn't say it, but I will: vigilance by the people of our government, not just the other way around. We the People are missing in action and MSM, always a resident outside the palace walls with an invitational pass to visit, when invited in, has too often dishonored its obligations by being unfaithful to Truth, without fear or favor.

And, now the distinguished and honest Attorney General of the United States, former Chief Judge Merrick Garland...

**T**he key to making the "means" serve the "goal" is discretion: be it well know prosecutorial discretion, legislative discretion, behind-the-scenes presidential discretion, society-affirming judicial discretion, or the mother of all discretions: jury nullification.

**TRANSCRIPT: ATTORNEY GENERAL MERRICK GARLAND DELIVERS REMARKS ON F.B.I.'S SEARCH OF TRUMP'S MAR-A-LAGO ON MONDAY AUGUST 8, 2022**

Washington, DC

Thursday, August 11, 2022

Remarks as Delivered

Good afternoon. Since I became Attorney General, I have made clear that the Department of Justice will speak through its court filings and its work.

Just now, the Justice Department has filed a motion in the Southern District of Florida to unseal a search warrant and property receipt relating to a court-approved search that the FBI conducted earlier this week.

That search was of premises located in Florida belonging to the former President. The Department did not make any public

statements on the day of the search. The former President publicly confirmed the search that evening, as is his right.

Copies of both the warrant and the FBI property receipt were provided on the day of the search to the former President's counsel, who was on site during the search.

The search warrant was authorized by a federal court upon the required finding of probable cause.

The "property receipt" is a document that federal law requires law enforcement agents to leave with the property owner.

The Department filed the motion to make public the warrant and receipt in light of the former President's public confirmation of the search, the surrounding circumstances, and the substantial public interest in this matter.

Faithful adherence to the rule of law is the bedrock principle of the Justice Department and of our democracy.

Upholding the rule of law means applying the law evenly, without fear or favor. Under my watch, that is precisely what the Justice Department is doing.

All Americans are entitled to the evenhanded application of the law, to due process of the law, and to the presumption of innocence.

Much of our work is by necessity conducted out of the public eye. We do that to protect the constitutional rights of all Americans and to protect the integrity of our investigations.

**F**ederal law, longstanding Department rules, and our ethical obligations prevent me from providing further details as to the basis of the search at this time. There are, however, certain points I want you to know.

First, I personally approved the decision to seek a search warrant in this matter.

Second, the Department does not take such a decision lightly. Where possible, it is standard practice to seek less intrusive means as an alternative to a search, and to narrowly scope any search that is undertaken.

Third, let me address recent unfounded attacks on the professionalism of the FBI and Justice Department agents and prosecutors. I will not stand by silently when their integrity is unfairly attacked.

The men and women of the FBI and the Justice Department are dedicated, patriotic public servants.

Every day, they protect the American people from violent crime, terrorism, and other threats to their safety, while safeguarding our civil rights. They do so at great personal sacrifice and risk to themselves.

I am honored to work alongside them.

This is all I can say right now. More information will be made available in the appropriate way and at the appropriate time. Thank you.

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# Crime: From local to global

**"THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME (UNODC) KEEPS COMING OUT WITH ITS REPORTS ON THE EVOLVING CRIME PATTERNS. IN ONE OF ITS REPORTS, IT SAID THAT IN THE PAST QUARTER CENTURY (NAMELY, SINCE THE END OF THE COLD WAR), GLOBAL GOVERNANCE HAS FAILED TO KEEP PACE WITH ECONOMIC GLOBALIZATION. AS SUCH, UNPRECEDENTED OPENNESS IN TRADE, FINANCE, TRAVEL AND COMMUNICATION HAS CREATED ECONOMIC GROWTH AND WELL-BEING, IT HAS ALSO GIVEN RISE TO MASSIVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CRIMINALS TO MAKE THEIR BUSINESS PROSPER."**

Crime has changed. From local it has become global. Mafias, gangsters, smugglers and terrorists have grown beyond the jurisdictional controls of police.

Recent years have shown a rapidly growing graph of crime in Punjab or involving Punjabis worldwide. Gang wars in Canada involving Punjabi youth often hawk media headlines. Early this month when a police outfit came out with "avoid contact" notice, nine of 11 persons mentioned therein were Punjabis.

Cases of crime committed in Punjab at the instance overseas perpetrators or gangsters (Canada, UK and Australia) have been growing. Most of these cases are closed for lack of jurisdictional controls. Though there are extradition treaties between India and other countries, long and tardy procedures limit their benefits.

Assassination of a Punjabi folk singer Sidhu Moosewala got both Interpol and Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) in active mode. Besides Punjab police, law and order enforcement agencies of other States, too, get into active mode. Even the central police and intelligence agencies in India and overseas have been involved in tracking down this infamous case.

Requisitions from provincial and federal governments for extraditing "wanted criminals" have been on the rise.



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Interpol on a requisition from Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) notified Goldy Brar on Red Corner Notice (RCN) in the Sidhu Moosewala case.

Till the end of the last centennial, handling crime was considered a prerogative of the provincial or local administration. In many parts of the world, it still is.

Soon after the Sidhu Moosewala case, another homicide (murder) of a prominent Sikh leader of British Columbia, Ripudaman Singh Malik, hawked media headlines.

Two arrests made in the Malik case gave strong indications of third party involvement. Initial reports said that the victim and the suspects were not even remotely connected.

The growing face of crime has become a cause of concern for all governments.

Social scientists agree that crime, like all other social parameters, is continuously evolving.

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) keeps coming out with its reports on the evolving crime patterns. In one of its reports, it said that in the past quarter century (namely, since the end of the Cold War), global governance has failed to keep pace with economic globalization. As such, unprecedented openness in trade, finance, travel and communication has created economic growth and well-being, it has also given rise to massive opportunities for criminals to make their business prosper.

Organized crime has diversified, gone global and reached macro-economic proportions. The illicit goods are sourced from one continent, trafficked across another, and marketed in a third. Mafias are today truly a transnational problem: a threat to security, especially in poor and conflict-ridden countries.

Crime is fueling corruption, infiltrating business and politics, and hindering development. And it is undermining governance by empowering those who operate outside the laws.

Drug cartels are spreading violence in Central America, the Caribbean and West Africa. The collusion between insurgents and criminal groups (in Central Africa, the Sahel and Southeast Asia) fuels terrorism and plunders natural resources.

The smuggling of migrants and modern slavery have spread in Eastern Europe as much as South-East Asia and Latin America. In so many urban centers authorities have lost control to organized gangs.

Cybercrime threatens vital infrastructure and state security, steals identities and commits fraud.

It was a while when the UNODC produced its first-ever Transnational Organized Crime Threat Assessment to fill a knowledge gap and pave the way for future world crime reports.

Growing global crime patterns have also triggered debates over jurisdictional controls.

Drugs, Mafias, Gangsters and Terrorist groups have grown beyond the laws. Operations are carried out on far off territories through social media channels.

Going by the investigations in Sidhu Moosewala case, the crime was executed at the instance of those who were far away from the actual spot of commission.

Homicides, extortions, kidnappings and even strikes at innocent people and vulnerable places are carried out on directions given through social media channels.

Honor killings are one of the recent additions to the list. A young girl who defied her parents to marry a boy of her choice, was done to death by hired killers.

Another grey area of international crime has been human trafficking. It is one of the oldest crimes that extends beyond jurisdictional control of local, provincial or national police organizations.

Last month, when Statistics Canada came out with its report, it found that

BY PRABHJOT SINGH



between 2010 and 2020, 2,977 incidents of human trafficking have been reported by police services in Canada; at least three in ten (30%) of which involved an international border crossing.

The number of incidents increased over time before declining in 2018, peaking in 2019, and declining once again in 2020. The highest provincial rates of police-reported human trafficking in 2020 were documented in Nova Scotia and Ontario, a finding that has generally remained consistent over time.

Police-reported human trafficking in Canada affected women and girls disproportionately, and they represented the vast majority of detected victims. The large majority of accused persons were men and boys, and most victims knew their trafficker.

Just under half of all police-reported human trafficking incidents have been cleared either by charge (44%) or by another means (4%). An accused person has not been identified by police in the remaining incidents.

Between 2009 and 2020, there were 1,793 unique persons accused of police-reported human trafficking, including Criminal Code and Immigrant and Refugee Protection Act violations; about eight in ten of whom were male. The large majority (87%) of accused were identified by police in multiple criminal incidents-both related and unrelated to human trafficking.

According to a data linkage for 2009 to 2020, most accused had been in contact with police either before (75%) or after (66%) being accused of a human trafficking offence.

Among prior contacts, accused were most often implicated in property crimes (67%), offences under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (58%), physical assault-related offences (57%) and the administration of justice offence failure to comply (56%). Following their initial human trafficking contact with police, around one in nine individuals had been accused of human trafficking again during the reference period, the Statistics Canada said.

Similar reports suggest how Mafias dealing with human smuggling are operating out of Punjab with their links in Malaysia, Australia, Greece, Italy and other countries. Same is the case with those engaged in money laundering. The list is growing by day while the law enforcement agencies are lagging behind.

They say law has a long arm. How long? Only time will tell.

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# New UTD Study by IACEO Council Reveals Economic, Political & Social Characteristics of Indian Americans in North Texas

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**DALLAS, TX (TIP):** To commemorate India's 75th year of independence this week, the Indian American CEO (IACEO) Council, in partnership with the Institute for Urban Policy Research at the University of Texas at Dallas, released a new report called "A Profile of the Indian American Population in North Texas."

The study uses both quantitative and qualitative analyses to examine the economic, political, and social characteristics of the Indian American community in the North Texas region. Using data collected and provided by various government agencies, the report analyzes the demographic, market, education, and workforce characteristics of the Indian American population in the North Texas region and conducts further analysis in the context of the state and the nation. The study also highlights individual and group examples of successful engagement within the Indian American community and the opportunities those successes highlight for other racial groups.

**HERE'S WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT INDIAN AMERICANS IN THE U.S. BEFORE THE STUDY:**

- Indian Americans, numbering more than 4.16 million, have appeared as a significant political constituency in the U.S.
- Indian Americans constitute a total voter population of 1.9 million, or 0.82 percent of the total voter population.
- Indian Americans constitute a relatively young population with a median age of 40 compared to 46 for all other immigrants.
- About two-thirds of Indian Americans reached the United States after 2000. Because of their relatively young status and recent arrival, it is possible that the full political impact of the Indian American community has not been fully realized.
- Indian Americans are among the highest median-income earners of all immigrants. In 2019, the annual median household income of Indian Americans was \$119,000, significantly higher than that of all Asian groups combined at \$85,800.
- Besides high-income status, Indian Americans are also the highest educated and fastest growing racial group in the United States.

**INDIAN AMERICANS IN NORTH TEXAS (DALLAS, COLLIN, TARRANT AND DENTON COUNTIES):**

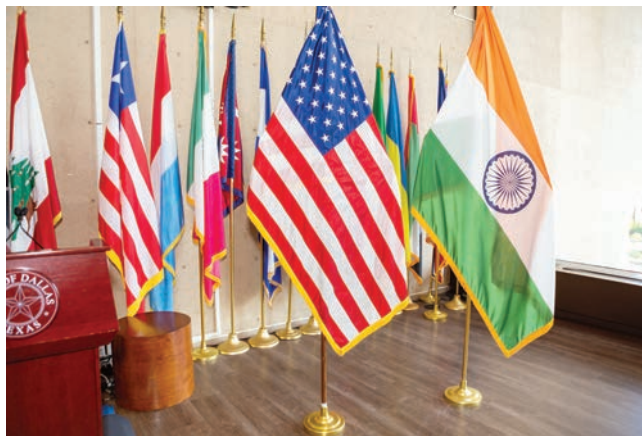
**WAGE:** The average wage for Indian Americans in the DFW region in 2019 was USD 58,879 compared to USD 36,301 for other Asians and USD 39,895 for White persons. The average wage for all other racial groups was reported at USD 27,986. In other words, Indian Americans earn about 48 percent more than their white counterparts and 62 percent more than other Asians.

**EDUCATION:** Indian Americans have the highest proportion of population with a 4-year college degree or a graduate degree. Specifically, more than one-in-four Indian Americans has a 4-year college degree, compared to about one-in-five whites. More than 60 percent of Indian Americans in North Texas have a four-year or graduate degree. One-in-three Indian Americans in the Dallas-Fort Worth area have a graduate degree, compared to about one-in-ten whites and one-in-five other Asians. Overall, about 60 percent of Indian Americans have a college degree of some sort.

**OCCUPATION:** Compared to their overall number in the workforce, Indian Americans are over-represented in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) occupations in North Texas. More



Dallas Mayor Eric Johnson (left) presents proclamation to IACEO Council President and Co-Founder Arun Agarwal  
Photo / IACEO Council



American flag next to the Indian flag at Dallas City Council  
Photo / IACEO Council



Indian Americans gather at the annual DFW South Asian Film Festival  
Photo / John Strange for Selig Polyscope Company



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only three industries: computer and mathematical, management, and healthcare practitioners. No other group shows such a prevalent clustering.

**IMMIGRATION:** According to data from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), in 2020, immigrants from India comprised 6 percent of new arrivals in the United States, behind Mexico, Vietnam, the Dominican Republic, and China. In 2019, 2,050 individuals from India obtained lawful permanent resident status in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, comprising 6 percent of Dallas-Fort Worth's lawful permanent resident approvals. These 2,050 individuals represent 4 percent of everyone of Indian descent who were awarded lawful permanent resident status in the United States. Dallas-Fort Worth received the 4th-highest number of individuals of Indian descent, behind New York City (8,221), Chicago (3,344), and San Francisco (2,972).

**ENTREPRENEURSHIP:** According to the US Census Bureau Survey of Business Owners and Self-Employed Persons in 2012 (the latest version), Indian Americans owned 5.3 percent of all businesses in Collin, Denton, Dallas, and Tarrant counties, representing more than one-third of all Asian American businesses. The combined sales receipts of all Indian American businesses was just over \$10 billion, or 2.27 percent of all business receipts (and 43 percent of all Asian-owned business receipts). Indian American businesses were most prevalent in Collin County, representing 7.5 percent of all businesses and 4.4 percent of all sales receipts.

**KEY FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS:**

Demographically, Indian Americans represent the fastest-growing immigrant group in the United States. Economically, they are among the highest median-income earners of all immigrants. And sociologically, they are the best-educated ethnic group in the country.

The study highlights the disparity in political participation between the first and second-generation Indian Americans. This calls for a strategy that differentially impacts the civic participation rates of the two generations.

Politically, the population reflects the same polarization of the broader American population, and civic and political engagement is much higher among US-born Indian Americans than those who have naturalized.

Overall, civic engagement efforts, such as voting, volunteering, and community activities, can help build trust and promote social cohesion. Civic participation also can be increased through mentoring and participation in group activities such as sports. Providing avenues for members to conduct formal group activities, including through established organizations and associations, and informal group activities-book clubs, bike rider clubs, and the like-is essential to facilitate social capital formation and decrease social isolation among community participants.

With the onset of COVID-19, many members of the Indian American community face new challenges that threaten their health and economic status. A skills-employment strategy might need to be deployed to retrain Indian American workers whose employment has been affected by the pandemic to find new jobs and possibly new occupations. A public health strategy might facilitate combatting vaccine hesitancy and ensuring continued health coverage for affected members whose employment has been lost.

than one-half of Indian American employees work in

# Indians made History at Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC



Mike Ghose and a lady carry the US and the Indian Flag at the Lincoln Memorial



Participants in the celebration of India's Independence at the Lincoln Memorial



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**WASHINGTON, D.C. (TIP):** For the first time in the history of the United States, Indian Americans chose the Lincoln Memorial, one of America's iconic monuments, to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of India's Independence.

It is time we honor President Abraham Lincoln, who took the bold first step in the emancipation of enslaved people and brought liberation to Americans, and for that, he paid the price with his life. So did the father of the Indian nation, Mahatma Gandhi, who fought brilliantly to change the societal norm of untouchability. He also paid the price for bringing freedom to India from British colonialism with his life. He achieved that without violence and set an example to the world. Today, the world looks up to Mahatma Gandhi as the Prophet of Peace and emulates his methods.

It was a purposeful event, a homecoming to many Indians. Indeed, history was made by commemorating the event at one of America's iconic monuments, The Lincoln Memorial.

Homecoming is a state of mind where one feels relaxed, joyful, happy, and in harmony with fellow Indians by shedding all filters of religions, languages, caste, and cultures and accepting and respecting the otherness of other Indians.

The joy expressed by Indians at the event was overwhelming. Everyone felt like they belonged to one nation and were one people. Inclusive India was not only a slogan but action vibes to them during the event. Each time "no-politics" was mentioned, it generated emphatic nods from fellow Indians. Politics or political figures were

kept entirely out of the program as they are transitory, whereas India is an eternal nation.

A few mentioned that they had goosebumps when they joined the medley of twelve one-liner patriotic songs. They further appreciated knowing about an inclusive India in terms of Religion, culture, geography, languages, saints, and India's enduring architectural icons.

We were thrilled to see our youth participate in the program. The extraordinary joy came when the kids heard about Laddus, and they could not wait to get their hands on it. That is the highlight of the program - to see our youth.

Spiritual freedom is the most outstanding achievement in one's life, and it clings to you till eternity. The ones who can free themselves from ill-will, hostility, malice, hatred, anger, jealousy, pressure, tension, apprehension, stress, strain, and conflicts, are showered with blessings of peace and joy. It is good to be free.

Anju Srivastava, "I love my India where we do not differentiate between one Indian and the other, and when I read that in the Facebook, I was tempted to witness, and I am glad I came."

Mohan Swamy, "Happy Independence Day; I have been here for the last four years, and it feels like home to see Indians celebrating Independence. I came because it was for all Indians."

Swati Ramesh, "Glad to see our flag flying Infront of the iconic Lincoln Memorial. We are the largest democracy, and America is the first democracy where all humans are considered equal."

Sangeeta Mathur "Bhartiya" Simlote, I am grateful to the organizers for a much enjoyable and heartwarming celebration of the 75 years of independent India. We, as Indians, free of any caste or creed, collectively sang many

patriotic songs. This was also joined by visitors from Canada who stopped by when they saw the Tiranga. It was followed by distribution of the traditional laddoos. Mike ji had a handle on everything so well. It was all in all a great event.

Mike Ghose, "We are proud of our heritage - a multi-faith, multi-cultural, multi-regional and multi-linguistic society, where we have come to accept and respect every way people have lived. For over 5000 years, India has been a beacon of pluralism - it has embraced Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Baha'i, and Zoroastrian faiths to include in the array of indigenous religions; Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, and Sikhism. India's democracy is a shining example to the world, where the people have peacefully transferred the powers.

Indians are inherently secular and economically capitalistic. They believe in a "live-and-let-live" lifestyle, which is the essence of capitalism. Over the years, we have expressed the highest maturity in handling extreme situations. The more divergent opinions we hear, the larger our heart grows, and the bigger our embrace would be. We are committed to fostering a pluralistic model of building a cohesive India where every Indian feels included and treated on an equal footing. I am proud of my heritage and am proud to be an Indian-American."

It was a historic moment for the people of Indian origin, who celebrated India's 75th Independence Day- a non-political event.

Every Indian is encouraged to create an inclusive model of India where every Indian feels included. Please review the seven images appreciating India's linguistic, religious, and cultural diversity as a sampler.

Indians came together and organized the program, and no organization was involved.

## 3 US states proclaim August 15 as India Independence Day

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**WASHINGTON, D.C. (TIP):** Three US States - Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire - have proclaimed August 15 as India's Independence Day.

Proclaiming August 15 as India Day, Massachusetts Governor C Baker said a youthful country celebrating its 76th Independence Day, modern India has shown an unsurpassed growth in education, health, agriculture, and technology since its independence.

Rhode Island Governor Daniel McKee proclaimed August 15, as "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav 76th Independence Day of Bharat (India)" in the state and encouraged all residents to join him in recognizing the importance of this day.

"The Bhartiya heritage, culture, traditions, and values provide invaluable solutions to many of life's



problems and often serve as a source of inspiration, reflection, and contemplation for the millions of individuals who look to the teachings of Bhartiya ancient knowledge, such as Yoga and Ayurveda for

guidance," he wrote in the proclamation.

New Hampshire Governor Christopher T Sununu said that India is a composite civilization, a nation unique as a cultural mosaic of people embracing a prodigious diversity of ethnic groups, religions, languages, customs, traditions, clothing, manners, food habits, climatic conditions, and natural resources, and yet presenting an underlying unity.

"India has the largest diaspora in the world, with around 32 million Indians living in other countries, and over 5 million Indian immigrants residing in the United States, who contribute greatly to the social, economic, and civic health of the nation," the New Hampshire Governor wrote in his proclamation. Earlier this month, the Texas Governor also issued a proclamation to celebrate India's Independence Day.

**COINS WORTH RS 11 CR MISSING FROM SBI VAULTS; CBI BEGINS PROBE**

The Central Bureau of Investigation conducted searches at 25 locations in connection with a case of coins worth Rs 11 crore going missing from the vaults of an SBI branch in Karauli in Rajasthan.

The searches were spread across Delhi, Jaipur, Dausa, Karauli, Sawai Madhopur, Alwar, Udaipur and Bhilwara at the premises of around 15 former bank officials and others, officials informed PTI.

The issue came to light after the State Bank of India (SBI) branch decided to carry out counting of money after a preliminary enquiry indicated discrepancy in its cash reserve at Mehandipur branch in Karauli district in August 2021.

Alarmed bank officials had roped in a Jaipur-based private vendor to do counting of coins supposed to be Rs 13 crore according to account books.

To their shock, the vendor found only 3,000 bags carrying coins worth about Rs 2 crore coins while over coins of Rs 11 crore were missing from the branch.

It is also alleged that the employees of the private vendor who were doing the counting were threatened in the night on August 10, 2021 at the guesthouse where they were staying and were asked to refrain from the counting, the FIR has alleged SBI had approached the Rajasthan High Court seeking a CBI probe into the matter as the missing amount was higher than Rs 3 crore, the threshold for seeking a probe by the agency.

**AS VISA-SEEKERS WAIT, US VOWS FASTER PROCESSING**

The US State Department has said it is working to reduce wait time for visas in several countries following complaints that processing of some visa classes is taking as much as 500 days in India and 300 in Turkey.

Apart from the US, visa application and processing are taking a long time for other countries like the UK, Schengen states and Canada.

"Unfortunately, this is a challenge that we've faced around the world, and it's a challenge that owes primarily to Covid and some of the lingering effects in places where those restrictions have only recently been lifted," said US State Department spokesperson Ned Price. He said the problem also arose due to some of the limitations on the workforce. "It's something we're addressing with urgency. I know there are countries around the world where we've been able to shrink that wait time significantly, in some cases in half or more," said Price. The average waiting time for new US visitor visas in India is over 500 days. In Hyderabad, the average wait time for a US visa appointment is 518 calendar days for a visitor visa and 479 days for a student visa. In Kolkata, the average wait time for a US visa appointment is 587 calendar days for a visitor visa and two days for a student visa.

**Uproar in Kashmir as govt allows voting rights to non-locals**

JAMMU (TIP)

In a major decision, Jammu and Kashmir's Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Hirdesh Kumar has announced that non-locals, including employees, students, labourers or anyone from outside who is living ordinarily in Jammu and Kashmir, can register their names in the voting list, and vote in the J&K elections.

He said that the requirement of domicile is not necessary for outsiders to get enlisted as voters. He has also said that armed forces personnel from other states who are posted at peace stations in J&K can also get their names added in the voter list.

Kumar said around 25 lakh new voters are expected to be enrolled in the Union Territory as the special summary revision of electoral rolls is being held for the first time after abrogation of Article 370 in 2019.

Describing the ongoing exercise as a challenging task, he said the special summary revision of electoral rolls will be completed by 25 November.

"The massive exercise to complete the process in time is going on to ensure that all the eligible voters including those who have attained the age of 18 years on 1 October, 2022 or earlier are enrolled to provide an error-free final list," ABP report quoted Kumar as saying.

The Voter ID will be linked to AADHAR and new cards will be issued with many more security features, however, furnishing of Aadhaar number is purely voluntary, the report added.

Reacting to the development, Former chief ministers Omar Abdullah accused the BJP of seeking backdoor entry into J&K by bringing in non-local voters. "Is the BJP so insecure about support from genuine voters of J&K that it needs to import temporary voters to win seats? None of these things will help the BJP when the people of J&K are given a chance to exercise their franchise," he tweeted.

PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti said the real aim behind the move is to tilt the balance in BJP's favour. "GOI's decision to defer polls in J&K preceded by egregious gerrymandering tilting the balance in BJP's favour & now allowing non locals to vote is obviously to influence election results. Real aim is to continue ruling J&K with an iron fist to disempower locals," she wrote.

J&K Peoples Conference president Sajad Gani Lone, however, warned that the step would be a replay of 1987 – implying alleged rigging in the polls that led to the outbreak



Until August 5, 2019, voting rights in Kashmir were restricted to its permanent residents. Photo: Reuters

of insurgency a year later.

"This is dangerous. I don't know what they want to achieve. This is much more than a mischief. Democracy is a relic especially in the context of Kashmir. Please remember 1987. We are yet to come out of that. Don't replay 1987. It will be as disastrous," Lone said.

**Key points**

- 25 lakh new voters are likely to be registered for the first time in Jammu and Kashmir with the new special revision of electoral rolls.
- Anybody living ordinarily in Jammu and Kashmir for job, education, labour or business can register as a voter and cast vote in the Assembly elections
- With this provision after the abrogation of Article 370, there is now no requirement of Permanent Resident Certificate or domicile certificate of Jammu and Kashmir to become a voter.
- Jammu and Kashmir residents, who work in a different state, also have the option to enroll themselves as service voters.

**Dialogue is effective: China backs Jaishankar's remarks on Asian Century**

BEIJING (TIP)

Beijing on Friday concurred with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's observation that an Asian Century cannot happen if India and China don't join hands and said dialogue between the two countries to resolve the eastern Ladakh border standoff is "effective".

Chinese and Indian troops are engaged in a prolonged standoff in eastern Ladakh. The two sides have so far held 16 rounds of Corps Commander Level talks to resolve the standoff which erupted on May 5, 2020, following a violent clash in the Pangong Lake areas.

Asked for his reaction to Jaishankar's comments, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin told a media briefing here that "a Chinese leader said once that if China and India cannot achieve sound development, then an Asian Century cannot happen". "A true Asia Pacific Century or Asian Century can happen only when China and India and other countries can achieve sound development. China and India are two ancient civilisations, two emerging economies and two big neighbours," he noted.

Wang said China and India have far more common interests than differences and the two neighbours have the wisdom and capability to reinforce each other better than pose a threat to each other. "It is hoped that Indian side can work with China in the same direction to follow through on the common



understanding between our two leaders on being each other's cooperative partners, not causing threats to each other and presenting each other with development opportunities, so that China-India relations can come back to the right track of sound and steady development at an early date and uphold common interest of China, India and the developing world," he said. To a question on whether China will hold talks with India on the disengagement at the remaining friction points in eastern Ladakh, Wang said, "I would like to stress that China and India maintain smooth communication over the border issues. The dialogue is effective."

**UGC RULES EXEMPTING PHD HOLDERS FROM NET APPLY RETROSPECTIVELY: APEX COURT**

The UGC (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment and Career Advancement of Teachers in Universities and Institutions Affiliated to It) Regulations, 2016, which exempted PhD holders from NET, would operate retrospectively, the Supreme Court has ruled.

“When an enactment or an amendment is declaratory, curative or clarificatory, impelled by a felt need to make clear what was always intended, such amendment is usually meant to operate from an antecedent date, or to cover antecedent events,” a Bench of Justice UU Lalit, Justice S Ravindra Bhat and Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia said in its August 17 verdict.

Justice Bhat sought to emphasise that the UGC had the power to give retrospective effect to the UGCR-2016 under Section 26(3) of the UGC Act. The court took note of the fact that the UGC Rules were subsequently amended in 2016 and 2018 to clarify that both pre-2009 and post-2009 PhD holders would be exempted from qualifying NET. Allowing the appeals filed by the University of Kerala and one Dr MS Jayakumar, the SC set aside a Kerala HC verdict quashing his appointment as a Lecturer in Sociology. *Source: TNS*

**AJIT DOVAL'S RUSSIA VISIT TO SET TONE FOR SCO MEET**

The ongoing intensive engagement with Russia and Central Asia may set the tone for the first post-Covid in-person summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) countries next month in Uzbekistan.

The latest in the engagement was Deputy NSA Vikram Misri's visit to Uzbekistan, where he engaged in bilateral talks as well as participated in the SCO NSAs meeting in Tashkent. “We discussed a wide range of issues on the Uzbek-Indian agenda as well as interaction within the framework of multilateral structures, in particular the SCO,” tweeted Acting Uzbek Foreign Minister and former SCO Secretary General Vladimir Norov after meeting Misri.

The Indian embassy in Tashkent said Misri and Norov discussed advancing bilateral security and defence cooperation. At the SCO NSAs' meeting, Misri called for combating terrorism, terror-financing, transnational organised crime, illicit drug trafficking and strengthening information security.

His visit to Uzbekistan was preceded by trip to Moscow by Doval, where he met his Russian counterpart Nikolai Patrushev to discuss Afghanistan as well as transnational terrorism. His other meeting with Russian Deputy PM Denis Manturov was equally significant as he is the minister in charge of the futuristic weapons industry.

**100 million houses now have tap water: Modi hails landmark**

NEW DELHI (TIP)

The Union government has achieved the milestone of providing piped water connection to 100 million houses in villages under the Jal Jeevan Mission, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Friday, August 19, adding that at least 70 million houses were provided such connections over the last three years.

“Seven crore (70 million) rural households have been connected with piped water in just three years compared to just three crore (30 million) in seven decades. This is an example of the same human-centered development, which I talked about this time (in the Independence Day speech)...,” Modi said.

“The achievement of the 10 crore (100 million) milestone reflects the Centre's commitment towards provision of water and preservation of the environment,” he added.

According to Census 2011, fewer than 14% of rural households had access to ‘on premise’ tap drinking water supply.



The Jal Jeevan Mission aims to link all of India's 192 million households with tap water. As on August 19, the Jal Jeevan mission has covered 52% of all rural homes. At the launch of the mission in 2009, only 17% of rural households had tap water access.

In a country where nearly 800 million people live under extreme water stress, the Jal Jeevan Mission carries huge political significance for the Bharatiya

Janata Party and PM Modi, whose focus on providing poorer Indians with benefits such as cooking gas, toilets and subsidised housing is said to be one of the key reasons for the ruling party's electoral successes.

“The real test of Jal Jeevan Mission is in its long-term sustainability because the water sources connecting each area should be sufficient to last 30 years as per guidelines, so conservation and replenishment of sources is equally important,” said Narendra Patel, a water expert with Samaj Pragati Sahayog, a water-conservation NGO based in Dewas, Madhya Pradesh.

The Prime Minister was virtually addressing the Har Ghar Jal Utsav event under the Jal Jeevan Mission in Goa when he made the statement. The event was held to celebrate Goa's certification as a state that connected all rural households with piped water, along with the Union territories of Dadra Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu. *Source: HT*

**US Treasury official to visit India amid Ukraine tensions**

WASHINGTON (TIP)

A top Treasury Department official is set next week to make his first official trip to India since the start of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Amid tensions over India's neutral stance on the invasion that began in late February, the US wants the meetings to focus on how to deepen ties with the South Asian nation.

Treasury Deputy Secretary Wally Adeyemo will travel to Mumbai and New Delhi for meetings that include Prime Minister Narendra Modi's office, the finance ministry, the Reserve Bank of India, and the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

And as India is set to lead the Group of 20 intergovernmental forum in 2023, Treasury says Adeyemo will “discuss key shared priorities such as bolstering energy security, addressing food insecurity globally, and combatting illicit financial flows”.

India hasn't shunned Russia despite its membership in the regional Quad alliance with the US, Australia and Japan. Instead, it has maintained its business ties with Russia, depending on the Kremlin for energy and other exports.

The nation has boosted its purchase of Russian oil, buying roughly 60 million barrels in 2022 so far, compared with only 12 million barrels in all of 2021, according to commodity data firm Kpler.

The US and Europe, however, are moving away from Russian energy — with Treasury officials promoting a price cap on Russian oil.

A Treasury statement says Adeyemo will meet with financial services and energy sectors executives in Mumbai and will speak about strengthening economic ties between the US and India.

He will also underscore “our two countries' deep economic, security, and cultural ties” and discuss ways to build “more resilient supply chains” through the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework that India joined as a founding member in May.

India is the world's second-most populous country and largest democracy based on a population of 1.4 billion.



Treasury Deputy Secretary Wally Adeyemo. Photo: Twitter

**New privacy law may cover only digital data at first**

NEW DELHI (TIP)

The data protection bill that is being redrawn after being withdrawn in Parliament by the government earlier this month will initially only cover digital personal data and not records on paper, people aware of the matter said, adding that possible legacy provisions will be included to cover any data that is subsequently digitised.

The move will include making a distinction between digitised and non-digitised data, according to internal discussions held at the ministry of electronics and information technology. “The government is still working on how to segregate the two, with a special focus on ensuring safety of sensitive personal data,” said one official, asking not to be named.

“The ultimate aim will be to digitise all data, but the bill, as it is shaping up, is likely to only apply to digital data initially,” the official added.

But, this person said, a legacy provision will be included to cover any data later digitised. “Think of birth certificates that are old, and so far, only maintained as physical records. Over time, they will be digitised and all forms of personal data will be protected under the bill,” the official added.

A second official said that the Bill will be a truncated version as compared to the report that was tabled by the Joint Committee of Parliament in December 2021. “The idea is to make the bill less complicated and more easily accessible,” the second official said.

The first official added that the problems remain the same, and will have to be addressed in the new bill. The bill will be put for public consultation once it is finalised. “To try and apply the laws to data that is on paper will take extensive time. Right now the need is to prioritise privacy of citizens and provide a mechanism to ensure it,” the official said.

“There are other recourses that citizens can take if data which is on paper is missed.” “Sensitive personal data will have to be tackled with great care and the government is taking all necessary steps to ensure its safety,” the official reiterated.

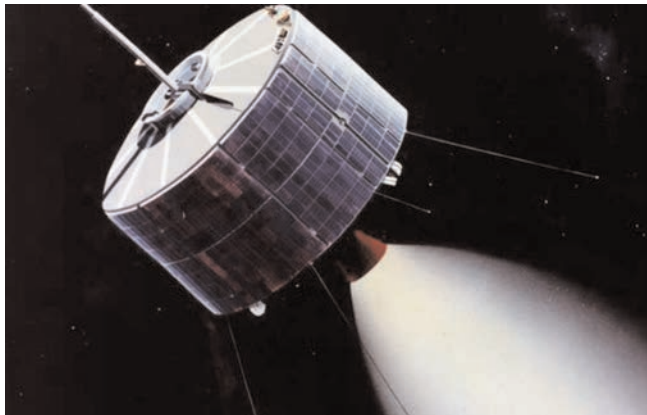
Experts, however, raised some concerns over the delay. *Source: HT*

# India in history this Week

AUGUST 19, 2022, TO AUGUST 25, 2022

## 19 AUGUST

1757 The first one rupee coin of the East India Company was made in the Calcutta mint.  
 1918 Birth of Dr. Dr. Shankardayal Sharma, 9th President of India.  
 1666 Shivaji escaped from Aurangzeb's captivity by hiding in a fruit basket in Agra.  
 1949 Bhubaneshwar became the capital of Odisha.  
 1999 Angered by India's draft nuclear policy, the G8 announced a ban on all kinds of aid.  
 1600 Mughal Emperor Akbar captured Ahmednagar.



1964 The communication satellite Cincom 3 was launched.  
 1939 Guruvar Ravindra Nath Tagore laid the foundation stone of Subhash Chandra Bose Mahajati Sadan in Calcutta in 1939.  
 1907 Hazari Prasad Dwivedi, essayist, novelist, critic, thinker and researcher was born in 1907.

## 20 AUGUST

1597 Dutch East India Company's first ship returned from East Asia.  
 1944 Former Prime Minister of India, Rajiv Gandhi was born.  
 1921 Start of Mopala Rebellion in Malabar, Kerala.  
 1979 Prime Minister Chaudhary Charan Singh resigned from his post.  
 2011 India's famous historian Ram Sharan Sharma died.  
 1828 The first session of Raja Ram Mohan Roy's Brahma Samaj was held in Calcutta (now Kolkata).  
 1897 Ronald Ross identified malaria-causing anopheles mosquito while working at the Presidency General Hospital in Calcutta (now Kolkata).  
 1988 A magnitude 6.5 earthquake in India and Nepal killed a thousand people.



2018 Vinesh Phogat of India won the gold medal in the 50 kg category of the Jakarta Asian Games women's wrestling competition. She became the first woman wrestler in the country to achieve this feat.

## 21 AUGUST

1790 The British army, led by General Meadows, captured Dindigul in Tamil Nadu.  
 1988 One thousand people died due to the severe

earthquake that hit the Indo-Nepal border.  
 2005 The ceasefire agreement between Bangladesh and India's Border Security Force concluded.



2006 Renowned Shehnai player Ustad Bismillah Khan passed away.  
 2008 The Caravan-e-Aman bus service plying between Muzaffarabad, the capital of Srinagar and 'Pakistan-occupied Kashmir', resumed.  
 1931 Pandit Vishnu Digambar died.  
 1972 The Wildlife Protection Act was passed in India.  
 2008 In 2008, India joined hands with NASA on the Moon mission.  
 2009 The Indian Navy's fighter aircraft 'Sea Harrier' crashed in the Arabian Sea after flying from Goa in 2009. Take the pilot. Commander Saurabh Saxena died.

## 22 AUGUST

1639 The British East India Company established Chennai, the capital of Tamil Nadu (erstwhile Madras).  
 1818 Warren Hasting, the first Governor General of India, died.  
 1921 Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi lit Holi of foreign clothes.



2012 Pranab Mukherjee was elected the 13th President of India.  
 1918 India's first proficient pilot Indralal Rai was killed in an air battle with Germany in London during the First World War.  
 1996 The state government changed the name of Madras to Chennai.

## 23 AUGUST

1944 The famous heroine of Indian films Saira Banu was born.



1947 Vallabhbhai Patel was appointed as the Deputy Prime Minister of the country.  
 1986 Bombay's Shambhu Apashane won the longest typing marathon by winning a world record.  
 1995 The country's first cellular phone was commercially introduced in Calcutta.  
 2011 Scientists at the Chinese Academy of Sciences discovered the origin of the Brahmaputra and Indus rivers and completed a comprehensive satellite study of the length of their route.  
 1960 The world's largest frog (3.3 kg) was caught.  
 2008 The Government of Uttar Pradesh nominated 16 members in the State Women's Commission in 2008.

## 24 AUGUST

1908 The revolutionary Rajguru was born.  
 1600 The first ship of the East India Company, Hector, reached the coast of Surat.  
 1690 Calcutta city was established.  
 1969 VV Giri became the fourth President of India.  
 1974 Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed became the fifth President of India.  
 1999 Pakistan refused to consider the 8 prisoners of war captured by India during the Kargil operation as a prisoner of war.  
 1910 ITC Limited bought the third largest tobacco company in Kolkata, India.  
 1925 Social reformer Ramakrishna Gopal Bhandarkar died.



1971 India beat England by four wickets in the Oval Cricket Test match to register their first win on the ground.

## 25 AUGUST

1957 India won the title of world winner by winning the final of the Polo World Championship in France.  
 1917 In 1917, 7 Indians serving in the British India Army received the Kigs Commission for the first time.  
 1957 India won the title of world champion by winning the final of the Polo World Championship in France.



2003 The 2003 car bombings near Mumbai's Gateway of India and Mumbi Devi Temple killed more than 50 people and injured more than 150.  
 2008 The Government of Madhya Pradesh in 2008 requested to insure all students of government schools for the year 2008-09.  
 1351 Sultan Ferozeshah Tughlaq III was crowned.



# 20 people died in bus-oil tanker crash in Pakistan's Punjab province

AUGUST 16

**LAHORE (TIP):** At least 20 people were burnt alive in a collision between a passenger bus and an oil tanker in the Punjab province of Pakistan on August 15.

The accident occurred on a motorway in Multan, some 350kms from Lahore reportedly because of overspeeding.

Traffic remained suspended on the motorway for several hours after the accident.

"Twenty people have perished in a collision between a bus which was going to Karachi from Lahore and an oil tanker. After the collision, both the bus and tanker caught fire and the passengers were burnt alive," a Rescue 1122 spokesperson added that six passengers who suffered burn injuries were shifted to Nishtar Hospital in Multan where their condition is stated to be critical.

"Most bodies of the perished passengers are burnt completely and beyond recognition. These bodies will be handed over to the families after a DNA test," he said. He further said after the accident the fire engulfed both vehicles and the rescue operation was very difficult for the rescue and firefighter



teams. Punjab Chief Minister Parvez Elahi has expressed grief over the loss of precious lives in the accident and directed the health authorities concerned to provide better treatment to the injured. He also directed the administration to cooperate with the families of the deceased to identify them.

On Saturday, at least 13 people were

killed after a loaded truck collided with a passenger bus in Pakistan's Punjab province.

Road accidents have become all too frequent in Pakistan, pointing to the fact that shoddy infrastructure, dilapidated vehicles and lack of compliance with traffic rules add to the overall situation. (PTI)

## Decision on next Pakistan army chief by mid-Sept

AUGUST 16

**ISLAMABAD (TIP):** Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif could initiate discussions on the appointment of the

next army chief to replace General Qamar Javed Bajwa by the end of August, and take a decision by mid-September, according to a media report on August 15.

### POTENTIAL CANDIDATES

LT GEN SAHIR SHAMSHAD MIRZA  
LT GEN AZHAR ABBAS  
LT GEN ASIM MUNIR  
LT GEN NAUMAN MEHMOOD  
LT GEN FAIZ HAMID  
LT GEN MOHAMMAD AMIR

(PTI)

## BOMBING AT KABUL MOSQUE KILLS 21, INCLUDING PROMINENT CLERIC

AUGUST 18

**ISLAMABAD (TIP):** A bombing at a mosque in the Afghan capital of Kabul during evening prayers on August 18 killed at least 21 people, including a prominent cleric, an eyewitness and police said.

Thirty three others were wounded in the attack.

Khalid Zadran, the spokesman for Kabul's police chief, gave the figures to The Associated Press after Wednesday's bombing at the Sunni mosque.

No one has claimed responsibility for the attack, though the Islamic State group's affiliate in the country has been blamed for a series of similar assaults. (Reuters)

## PAKISTAN GIRL REFUSES TO MARRY FRIEND'S DAD; SEXUALLY ASSAULTED, FORCED TO LICK SHOES; HER HAIR CHOPPED

AUGUST 17

**LAHORE (TIP):** A college girl in Pakistan's Punjab province has been tortured and sexually harassed for refusing to marry her friend's father, who along with others shaved the teenager's head as well as eyebrows and threatened to upload a video of her humiliation on social media if she did not pay him Rs 1 million.

The shocking incident took place in Faisalabad, some 150 kms from Lahore, on August 8.

A video of the incident surfaced on Tuesday in which the girl was seen thrashed by the suspects, her head and eyebrows shaved off and she was made to lick the shoes of the suspects. (PTI)



AUGUST 19

**COLOMBO (SRI LANKA)(TIP):** Former Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, who fled the island nation in July amid mass protests demanding his resignation, is awaiting to obtain a US Green Card to return back to the United States along with his wife and son, a media report said.

Former Sri Lankan Ambassador to

## Ex-Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa applies for US Green Card: Report

Russia, Udayanga Weeratunga, who is also related to Gotabaya, hinted that Gotabaya Rajapaksa is all set to return to the country on August 24, cancelling his initial plan to remain in Thailand at least till November.

After consulting his lawyers two days back, Rajapaksa had decided to return to Sri Lanka later this month, Daily Mirror reported citing sources.

Sri Lankan Newspaper, Daily Mirror, citing highly placed sources stated that Rajapaksa's lawyers in the United States had already commenced the procedure last month for his application to obtain the Green Card as he was eligible to apply due to his wife Ioma Rajapaksa being a US citizen.

The procedure will also involve his lawyers in Colombo submitting the

additional documents.

Upon his arrival in Bangkok, Thai Police had advised the former Sri Lankan President to remain indoors for security reasons whereas, on his arrival in Sri Lanka this month, the Cabinet will discuss providing Rajapaksa a state house and security accorded to a former President.

Gotabaya Rajapaksa arrived in Thailand on the evening of August 11 following his departure from Singapore after a month-long stay.

Thailand was the second Southeast Asian country after the Maldives that Rajapaksa is seeking temporary shelter after fleeing his island nation last month amid mass protests.

The former President was issued a 14-day visit pass when he arrived at the

Changi Airport in Singapore from the Maldives last month and he was allowed to stay there for two weeks.

After the resignation of Gotabaya Rajapaksa, Ranil Wickremesinghe was sworn in as President of Sri Lanka on July 21 in Parliament.

The 73-year-old Gotabaya Rajapaksa had gone into hiding after crowds of protesters stormed his residence on July 9. Ranil Wickremesinghe was then sworn in as President of Sri Lanka on July 21 in Parliament before Chief Justice Jayantha Jayasuriya.

Earlier, Wickremesinghe was appointed as the interim president of Sri Lanka after Rajapaksa fled abroad after his palace was stormed by angry protesters amid the unprecedented economic crisis. (ANI)



### Sunny Leone: Some production houses still reluctant to work with me

It's been a decade since actor Sunny Leone embarked on a journey in Bollywood, opening a new chapter in her life, but there are days when her past life comes back to haunt her. However, she says she has learnt not to get bothered by these hiccups. Leaving her career in the adult film industry of the West, Leone started her Bollywood journey with Pooja Bhatt's *Jism 2*, going on to create a name in the industry, and an empire for herself.

"As (compared to the) person who entered the industry in 2012, I am a completely different person from then. And I think for the better. I love being here, I love this industry. I'm happy for all the work that I've gotten to do and lots of good choices and lots of bad choices," Leone says. The 41-year-old continues, "But within those bad choices, good things did come out of it. And there has been a huge learning curve and being able to meet some of the most amazing people and knowing that this is my home. I love every second of it. I had no idea that I would love it as much as I did when I first moved here. I am ever grateful to all the fans who supported me because without them I really would not be here".

## Vicky Kaushal reveals how 'truly settled' he feels after marrying Katrina Kaif

Bollywood stars Vicky Kaushal and Sidharth Malhotra totally graced the latest 'Punjabi-Munde' edition episode of *Koffee with Karan* Season 7 and revealed some interesting details about their love lives.

Bollywood actor Vicky Kaushal talked about his wedding and life after his marriage with Katrina Kaif on *Karan's* show. In the episode, *Karan* asked Vicky how it feels to be married to Katrina Kaif.

In response to the question, Vicky revealed, "It actually does feel great. I really truly do feel settled. It's a very beautiful feeling to kind of have that companion. And I just feel truly lucky to just find that in her - life partner. She is a wonderful soul and one of the wisest and the most compassionate person I have ever come across."

He further went on saying, "I really learn from her a lot and she really grounds me. She is like a mirror to me. She would state out hard facts which I need to know and hear. And you always need that person with you. I truly feel fortunate to have her as my life partner."

KJo aka *Karan Johar* further went and asked the 'URI' star if he had ever imagined that he would marry Katrina one day, Vicky further went and answered, "Whatever happened last season on this couch--it was really my moment to know that she knows about me. We had never met before that."

Not just this! Recalling events from the wedding, the star also shared how amidst the fanfare of their dream-like wedding, memes and funny tweets that were widely shared did not escape his attention, "We had a blast reading those messages. Some of the most random things were being said...Something about drones being shot down." Vicky added.

From drones being used for security to Vicky making a helicopter entry. The bizarreness of this random news and even that of 'drones being shot down' at the wedding only



motivated the groom to say one thing.

In the previous season of *'Koffee With Karan'*, actor Katrina Kaif stated, that she might look good with Vicky Kaushal, in response to it, the *'Bhoot: Part 1'* actor gave a surprising reaction when he arrived at the *Koffee* couch with actor Ayushmann Khurrana.

As they say, the rest is history.

Vicky and Katrina after being in a secret relationship for quite a long time tied the knot on December 9, 2021, in Rajasthan.

Source: ANI

## Shehnaaz Gill says she's over her crush for Kartik Aaryan

Big Boss fame Shehnaaz Gill has said she now prefers to be called "Shehnaaz from India". She said, "I don't want to be Punjab Ki Katrina Kaif. I just want to be Shehnaaz Gill from India." The title 'Punjab Ki Katrina Kaif' was coined by Shehnaaz on *'Bigg Boss 13'*. Earlier, she had said the title suits Katrina more as she married Vicky Kaushal.

She said that the title was a 'mistake' and that she would just like to be known as Shehnaaz Gill.

During a Rapid Fire round with *Bollywood Bubble*, Shehnaaz said that she's over her crush for Kartik Aaryan, and instead just has enormous respect for him. She said: "Aap kaam karo, aap life mein bahut successful ho jao, *Bhool Bhulaiyaa 4, 5 and 6* karo (You just keep working, and act in all the sequels to *Bhool Bhulaiyaa*)."

When asked about her reaction on meeting several stars, one of which was Katrina Kaif. Shehnaaz answered, "How's Vicky Kaushal?"

On being called 'Punjab Ki Katrina Kaif', Shehnaaz Gill said, "I don't want to be Punjab Ki Katrina Kaif. Galti ho gayi, mujhe maaf kar do. I just want to be Shehnaaz Gill from India."

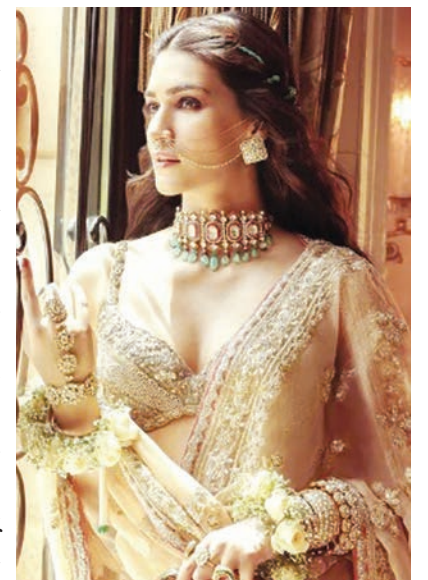
Earlier this year, in the *Boring Day* making video shared by Yashraj Mukhate, Shehnaaz had said that the title of 'Punjab ki Katrina' should go to Katrina Kaif now that she is married to Vicky Kaushal, a Punjabi. Gill said that her favourite Bollywood couple were Sonam Kapoor and Anand Ahuja.

Source: TNS



## Kriti Sanon's swayamwar on cards

Kriti Sanon is one of the most loved actresses in Bollywood. She enjoys a massive fanbase not just in India but around the world. Recently, in a conversation, Kriti spilled some beans about her marriage plans. She talked about her interest in organising a swayamwar for herself and also shared who all should be a part of it. From Vijay Devarakonda to



Kartik Aaryan, Aditya Roy Kapur and even Ryan Gosling, Kriti wants them to be at her swayamwar.

During a live show on *Roposo*, Kriti said: "Vijay Devarakonda is good looking and he sounds sensible to me. I have seen some of his interviews too and he seems to be very real and sensible. He could be in the Swayamwar. Kartik Aaryan could be in it and Aditya Roy Kapur too. Is there anyone else who is single?"

The actress added: "I would love to work with Ryan Gosling and I would also like him to be in my Swayamwar."



**'Game of Thrones' star Emilia Clarke called 'short, dumpy' by Australian TV CEO**

As the 'Game of Thrones' prequel series 'House of the Dragon' released in Sydney, Patrick Delany, the CEO of Australian television company Foxtel, referred to actress Emilia Clarke as a "short, dumpy girl." Foxtel, an Australian pay television company, is the country's home for 'Game of Thrones', reports Variety.

As reported by Australian publication Crikey, Delany was giving a speech ahead of the 'House of the Dragon' premiere screening and tried to make a joke about the first time he watched 'Game of Thrones'.

The CEO said: "I was like, 'What's this show with the short, dumpy girl walking into the fire?'" Delany was referencing Emilia Clarke's character, Daenerys Targaryen, who famously walks through fire during the series.

An attendee at the Sydney premiere told Crikey that "there was a bit of a gasp" after Delany made the comment.

A Foxtel spokesperson told Crikey after the event that Delany's remark was "meant to be self-deprecating."

**Angelina Jolie filed anonymous lawsuit against Brad Pitt**

Actor Angelina Jolie has been identified as the plaintiff in an anonymous 2016 lawsuit where she had alleged being assaulted on a private plane by her then-husband, Brad Pitt. The couple filed for divorce in 2016 and had six children together.

According to a report several years ago Angelina told an FBI agent that Brad Pitt 'physically and verbally assaulted' her and their children when they were aboard the plane. An FBI agent's notes reveal that at the time, Brad allegedly took Angelina to the back of the plane, grabbed her shoulders and shouted things like, "You're f\*\*\*\*\* up this family."

Angelina had alleged that another physical altercation occurred on that same flight. It caused her to sustain injuries, including on her elbow. Angelina also said that Brad had poured beer on her as he had been drinking at the time. However, Brad's team has denied all allegations, as per reports.

After a special agent met with the assistant US attorney and concluded that they would not pursue criminal charges, Angelina, in order to obtain documents related to the federal investigation against Brad, anonymously filed a Freedom of Information Act suit against the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation), reported Variety.

Previously, Brad was reportedly under investigation in 2016 for child abuse by both the FBI and the Los Angeles Department of Child and Family Services after an incident occurred on his family's private plane. Allegedly, he got physical with their son, Maddox, after the then 15-year-old intervened in a fight between Brad and Angelina.

At the time, Brad's team issued a statement to People magazine, denying that he hurt his son. The statement read, "He is emphatic that it did not reach the level of physical abuse, that no one was physically harmed. He did not hit his child in the face in any way. He did not do that; he is emphatic about that. He put his hands on him, yes, because the confrontation was spiralling out of control." As per Variety, following this incident the Hollywood couple split and Brad publicly gave up drinking. No charges have been filed against him.

Source: ANI



**Johnny Depp might return to Fantastic Beasts, says Mads Mikkelsen**

Johnny Depp may end up returning as wizard Gellert Grindelwald in the Fantastic Beasts series. And this is something Mads Mikkelsen, the actor who replaced him in the role, has said. Johnny played Grindelwald in the Harry Potter spinoff in the first two films. Thereafter, he was replaced with Mads in the wake of the domestic abuse allegations levelled against him by his ex-wife Amber Heard.

Mads Mikkelsen played the famous dark wizard in the third film Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore, which was released earlier this year. Fans have campaigned for Johnny to be brought back now that he has won a defamation suit against Amber after domestic violence allegations. Many see this as proof of his innocence.

In a recent interview to Deadline, Mads said, "Obviously, well, now the course has changed — he won the suit (against Amber), the court (case) — so let's see if he comes back. He might." The actor added that it was intimidated to take on the role after Johnny and he understood why his fans 'had their hearts broken'.

"I'm a big fan of Johnny. I think he's an amazing actor, I think he did a fantastic job. Having said that, I could not copy it. There's there was no way I could just copy it, because it's so much him. It would be creative suicide. So, we had to come up with something else,



something that was mine, and build a bridge between him and me. So, yes, it was intimidating. His fans were very, very sweet, but they were also very stubborn. I didn't interact too much with them, but I could understand why they had their hearts broken," he added.

**Gwyneth Paltrow to be 'guest shark' in 'Shark Tank'**

Actor and founder of Goop Gwyneth Paltrow will join the series 'Shark Tank' as a guest shark for its 14th season. It marks the actress' first appearance on the business format, reports deadline.com.

She will be joined by DoorDash CEO and co-founder Tony Xu as a guest shark alongside long-standing Sharks Mark Cuban, Barbara Corcoran, Lori Greiner, Robert Herjavec, Daymond John and Kevin O'Leary.

Other guest sharks returning for the season are Emma Grede, CEO and co-founder of Good American, Peter Jones, a dragon on the BBC's version, known as 'Dragon's Den', Daniel Lubetzky, founder of Kind and Kendra Scott.

The show returns on Friday September 23 with a live episode. In addition to films such as 'Emma' and 'Sliding Doors', Paltrow founded lifestyle brand Goop in 2008 and became CEO in 2016.

Source: IANS



# AUGUST 2022 FILMS

By Mabel Pais

**AJIT PAL SINGH'S "Fire In The Mountains"**  
**OFFICIAL SELECTION: SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL**



Fire In The Mountains

Photo / kinolorber.com

## FIRE IN THE MOUNTAINS

"A powerful feminist tale. Deeply empathetic." - Naman Ramchandran, Variety

Dir/Writ: Ajitpal Singh | 2022 | India | Drama | Hindi w/Eng subs | 1h 24m

In northern India, a breathtakingly beautiful Himalayan community attracts tourists by commingling South Asian and Swiss Alps aesthetics. Debut filmmaker Ajitpal Singh tells an unconventional story of feminist strength while "accentuating the [region's] spectacular exteriors and wide-canvas nature shots" (Variety). One local woman competes with her neighbors for business while battling the strictures of patriarchy, a local infrastructure from hell, and religious superstitions. She saves money, uses feminine wiles to subvert the corrupt powers-that-be, and piggy-backs her son up and down the mountainside to medical appointments with condescending doctors. In the end, our heroine's tightly wound grit must find release... in triumph, or madness, or both.

Watch the trailer - [youtu.be/cyfHfftgr-A](https://youtu.be/cyfHfftgr-A)

RELEASE - Available on all major Digital/VOD platforms

## THE YOUTH GOVERNOR

The Film INSPIRES the Next Generation to FORGE CHANGE

Dir: Matthew & Jason Halmy | 2022 | USA | Doc | 1h 26m



The Youth Governor

Photo / theyouthgovernor.com

**T**HE YOUTH GOVERNOR, an incredible documentary, arrives just in time for back to school and when we can all use some inspiration

from the next generation.

The Youth Governor is the story of the candidacy, campaign, and election of the 72nd California Youth Governor. In the halls of California's Capitol, 4,000 teenagers run a fully functioning government complete with legislators, lobbyists, political party bosses, and elections. Over the course of four months, three candidates emerge from a field of 40. On the campaign trail, in their homes, and with their peers watching their every word, these young candidates put together the unique mix of ambition, confidence, shamelessness, and pure motivation it takes to win.

"It's not a weekend retreat or a classroom, it's four months of immersion," said brother-directors Matthew and Jaron Halmy. "It was mesmerizing and inspiring to watch these kids lose themselves in the democratic and electoral process with total conviction."

These young candidates see themselves as the heroic leaders who are nowhere around them. They feel burdened to solve the problems that their adult leaders have trouble addressing. Their story is a window into the world of young people who revere American democracy. The film follows these candidates as they throw themselves into the gauntlet of the electoral process.

This roller coaster of running for high office does not reveal itself through talking head interviews, but in the real-time dramatic experience of each young candidate. On the campaign trail, within their political parties, amongst their friends, in their homes with their families, and in their own quiet thoughts, we see the turmoil, the heartbreak, the elation, and a side of these young candidates that the American public rarely sees of its public servants: who they truly are.

Watch the trailer - [youtu.be/a1FVAmoG9vs](https://youtu.be/a1FVAmoG9vs)

Website: [theyouthgovernor.com](https://theyouthgovernor.com)

RELEASE - THE YOUTH GOVERNOR will open in limited theaters and on VOD on Amazon and Apple TV on August 26!

## THREE THOUSAND YEARS OF LONGING

Dir: George Miller | 2022 | USA | Drama/Fantasy/Romance | 1h 48m

**D**r Alithea Binnie (Tilda Swinton) is an academic - content with life and a creature of reason. While in Istanbul attending a conference, she happens to encounter a Djinn (Idris Elba) who offers her three wishes in exchange for his freedom.

This presents two problems. First, she doubts that he is real and second, because she is a scholar of story and mythology, she knows all the cautionary tales of wishes gone wrong. The Djinn pleads his case by telling her fantastical stories of his past. Eventually she is beguiled and makes a wish that surprises them both.

RELEASE - August 26, 2022

## PRIVATE DESERT (Deserto Particular)

Brazil's Submission to the 94th Academy Awards®

Dir: Aly Muritiba | 2021 | Brazil | Drama | Portuguese w/Eng subs | Unrated | 2h 1m



Private Desert

Photo / kinolorber.com

Private Desert centers Sara and Daniel who, although in a long-distance relationship, comfort one another

from within their own, very different life circumstances. Sara is a genderfluid blue-collar worker who lives as her male birth identity Robson by day and her femme identity, Sara, by night, while caring for her religious grandmother in Sobradinho, a small town in the rural northeast of the country. Daniel, who teaches in a police academy in the southern metropolis of Curitiba, has been placed on unpaid leave after a violent incident, that's all over the news, occurs.

The only thing holding him together is his online romance with Sara, whom he has never met in person. When she suddenly disappears, Daniel drives 2,000 miles across Brazil to find her. He posts Sara's picture all over town but no one recognizes her, until he receives a mysterious call from someone claiming to know her and asking to meet. What follows is a journey of the heart that will change Sara and Daniel forever.

The film is both a swooning sun-baked romance and a triumphant affirmation of queer love and humanity at a time when LGBTQ+ rights are dangerously imperiled across the globe and in Brazil in particular, where annual recorded numbers of fatal violence against trans and queer people continues to be the highest of any other country in the world for the twelfth consecutive year.

RELEASE - August 26, 2022

## MORE AUGUST RELEASES ON VOD -

**COSTA BRAVA | LEBANON** | dir. Mounia Akl | 2021 | 1h 47m

**BLOOM UP** | dir. Mauro Russo Rouge | 2020 | 1h 28m

**COMING APART** | dir. Milton Moses Ginsberg | 1969 | 1h 50m

**OLGA** | dir. Elie Grappe | 2021 | 1h 27m

## FILMATIQUE

Filmatique ([filmatique.com](https://filmatique.com)) is a boutique subscription VOD platform streaming the best of contemporary art house film combined with a hand-picked selection of iconic cinema from the past.

THE MIKLOS JANCOS COLLECTION - including ELECTRA, MY LOVE, RED PSALM, THE CONFRONTATION, THE RED AND THE WHITE, THE ROUND-UP, and WINTER WIND | dir. Miklós Jancsó

OUT 1 (8 episodes), dir. Jacques Rivette | 1971 | 12h 55m

## BATTLE IN HEAVEN

dir. Carlos Reygadas | 2005 | 1h 38m

## CLIMATES

dir. Nuri Bilge Ceylan | 2006 | 1h 38m

## THE FIVE OBSTRUCTIONS

dirs. Lars von Trier & Jorgen Leth | 2004 | 1h 30m

## L'I QUINQUIN

dir. Bruno Dumont | 2014 | 3h 17m

## SYNONYMS

dir. Nadav Lapid | 2019 | 2h 3m

## TABU

dir. Miguel Gomes | 2012 | 1h 58m

## TWO IN THE WAVE

dir. Emmaniel Laurent | 2010 | 1h 32m

## WINTER SLEEP

dir. Nuri Bilge Ceylan | 2014 | 3h 16m

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# ‘India Today and Tomorrow, in MY View’

The Indian nation is celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav during the 75th anniversary of Independence. The period between August 15, 1947 and August 15, 2022 offers a rich history of a people hoping to enjoy the fruits of their struggle for freedom. They dreamed of an India where they would get all that was denied them by the oppressive Mughal and British rulers. After all, the Indian Constitution guaranteed them their fundamental rights, and they hoped they would be treated as equals, something denied to a vast number of people because of the caste system, that they would have equal opportunities to grow, that they would be free from poverty and hunger, that they would be their own masters. Where are they after 75 years of Independence? We thought we could have the viewpoint of Indian Americans on "India Today and Tomorrow". We reached out to a few readers of The Indian Panorama with the request to share their viewpoint. They have been very kind to send in their comments which we are happy to publish here. We thank them for their contribution.- EDITOR



**GOBIND BATHIJA  
NEW YORK**

Seventy-five years later, the India of today is almost unrecognizable from that under the nearly 200 years of British control.

Average life expectancy is now over 70 years, up from 37 years. Literacy rates have risen exponentially. India's nearly 3 trillion economy sits at 5th worldwide leading to recognition of a middleincome status on a per capita basis. Indians have established presence in senior level positions in the world's largest companies.

India's space exploration participation, their commitment to enhancing its' sporting prospects, promotion of global entertainment superstars and the growth of their military are indicative of India's strength as a country. A viable economy with a focus on culture, India is positioned well to remain a global superpower.

The vision is clear and with continued unification under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, India will surpass the successes of the first 75 years of independence and learn from the challenges. The people of India are the strength of India; protecting them, reducing pollution levels, continuing to enhance literacy rates, extending average life expectancies even further through public health initiatives, continuing to reduce economic inequities, providing opportunities to all citizens, securing public safety and continuing to investing in the infrastructure of stable utilities and water supplies for the entire country are paramount to India's continued growth, stability and position of leadership in the world.

(Gobind Bathija is a businessman and a community leader)

## India, The Future Leader of the World

Thousands of miles away from India, our hearts long for India, our motherland. A land with rich traditions, history and culture. A land that gave to the world so much and welcomed everyone with open arms. The generosity and spirit of warmth that we all inherited for centuries from generation to generation, with its unparalleled glorious past makes us all stand tall.

Today, after centuries of enslavement, plundering, destruction and marginalization, India has begun to raise its head, seeking and finding its rightful seat among the nations of the world. We are a young nation, full of energy and power; talent, skills and education; future-oriented and willing and able to



**AJAY GHOSH  
NEW JERSEY**

accomplish our goals.

India Today gives us hope. The vibrant and the largest democracy makes us all proud even though it has its own limitations, with certain groups trying to abuse power and threaten the very foundation of democracy and equality. In India, transfer of power happens

peacefully through ballots at local, state and federal levels. And, not by force and intimidation.

The people of India are rising. They have made a name for themselves across the globe, wherever they went, and wherever they made their homes. They are appreciated for what they are and what they bring to their adopted lands. They are much sought after for their integrity and caliber.

The President of the United States, Joe Biden on the occasion of India's 75th anniversary of India's Independence Day hailed India as an "indispensable partner" He said, "The United States joins the people of India to honor its democratic journey, guided by Mahatma Gandhi's enduring message of truth and non-violence." Biden expressed his commitment to further strengthen the U.S.-India Strategic Partnership that is formed on the ideals of law and democracy and most importantly on their people-to-people ties.

(Ajay Ghosh is Chief Editor, Theunn.com)



## AT LEAST 14 KILLED IN SHELLING ON NORTH SYRIA MARKET, RESCUERS SAY

AUGUST 19

**AL-BAB (TIP):** Fourteen people were killed including at least five children in a rocket attack on a market in the northern Syrian city of Al-Bab on August 19, according to emergency responders working in rebel-held areas.

The White Helmets rescue group earlier put the death toll at nine.

It said that figure might rise further as rescue and search operations continued, adding that children were also among at least 30 people wounded in the attack.

The warring factions in Syria's 11-year conflict have carved up the north into a patchwork of zones of control.

Al-Bab falls within the areas of Aleppo province held by Turkish-backed rebels. Other parts are held by Syrian government troops backed by Russia.

The U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), spearheaded by Kurdish groups who have opened a dialogue with the Damascus-based government, also control parts of the north and northeast.

The head of the SDF's media centre, Farhad Shami, said the group had nothing to do with Friday's attack.

Activists in Al-Bab had been planning a protest after Muslim midday prayers on Friday to denounce comments by Turkey calling for reconciliation between the Syrian government and the opposition.

In a statement after Friday's attack, they cancelled the demonstration over fears of further violence. Reuters

# China jails Canadian tycoon for 13 years for finance crimes

AUGUST 20

**BEIJING (TIP):** A Chinese-born Canadian tycoon who disappeared from Hong Kong in 2017 was sentenced on August 19 to 13 years in prison for a multibillion-dollar string of financial offences and his company was fined USD 8.1 billion, a court announced.

Xiao Jianhua was convicted of misusing billions of dollars of deposits from banks and insurers controlled by his Tomorrow Group and offering bribes to officials, the Shanghai No. 1 Intermediate People's Court said on its social media account.

Xiao was fined 6.5 million yuan (USD 950,000) and his company was fined 55 billion yuan (USD 8.1 billion), the court said.

Xiao was last seen at a Hong Kong hotel in January 2017 and was believed to have been taken to the mainland by Chinese authorities. News reports later said he was under investigation by anti-graft authorities, but no details were released.

The Canadian government said diplomats were blocked from attending his July 5 trial.

"The lack of transparency in Xiao's legal process is very concerning, as is the ongoing lack of consular access which prevents us from being able to assess his wellbeing," said Patricia Skinner, spokeswoman for Global Affairs Canada.

Xiao was deemed to be a Chinese citizen, which meant he wasn't entitled to see Canadian diplomats under a consular treaty between the two governments, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said.

That suggested Xiao might have



entered the mainland using a Chinese travel document instead of his Canadian passport. Beijing has in other cases refused diplomats access to citizens of their countries who entered using Chinese identity documents.

"China does not recognise Chinese citizens with dual nationality. Xiao Jianhua has Chinese nationality," Wang said. "He does not enjoy the right to consular protection of other countries."

The Canadian Embassy in Beijing referred a request for comment to the Canadian government in Ottawa.

Tomorrow Group has been linked to a series of anti-corruption prosecutions and seizures of financial companies by regulators.

Friday's announcement said Xiao and Tomorrow Group were convicted of improperly taking more than 311.6 billion yuan (USD 46 billion) from the public and misused entrusted property and money totalling 148.6 billion yuan (USD 21.8 billion).

Xiao vanished amid a flurry of prosecutions of Chinese businesspeople

accused of misconduct.

That fuelled speculation the ruling Communist Party might be abducting people outside the mainland. Hong Kong at that time prohibited Chinese police from operating in the former British colony, which has a separate legal system.

Since then, Beijing has tightened control over Hong Kong, prompting complaints it is violating the autonomy promised when the territory returned to China in 1997. The Communist Party imposed a national security law in Hong Kong in 2020 and has imprisoned pro-democracy activists.

Hong Kong police investigated Xiao's disappearance and said he crossed the border into the mainland. An advertisement in the Ming Pao newspaper in Xiao's name the same week denied he was taken against his will.

At the time of his disappearance, Xiao was worth nearly USD 6 billion, making him China's 32nd wealthiest person, according to the Hurun Report, which follows the country's wealthy.

In 2020, regulators seized nine companies controlled by Xiao.

These were four insurers, two securities firms, two trust firms and a company involved in financial futures.

The business magazine Caixin reported at the time that the seized assets totalled almost 1 billion yuan (USD 150 million).

A retired bank regulator, Xue Jining, admitted taking 400 million yuan (USD 62 million) in bribes in a corruption case linked to Baoshang Bank Ltd in the northern region of Inner Mongolia, which regulators seized from Tomorrow in 2019. (AP)

## Rishi Sunak takes time out of campaign for Janmashtami temple visit in UK

AUGUST 19

**LONDON (TIP):** Britain's prime ministerial candidate, Rishi Sunak, took some time out of a hectic campaign schedule to make a visit to a Hare Krishna temple on the outskirts of London to celebrate Janmashtami.

Sunak, 42, who swore his oath of allegiance on being elected member of Parliament in the House of Commons on the 'Bhagavad Gita', has often spoken about his Hindu faith giving him strength.

On Thursday, he was accompanied by wife Akshata Murty, daughter of Infosys co-founder Narayana Murthy and philanthropist Sudha Murty, for darshan at Bhaktivedanta Manor in Watford, Hertfordshire.

"Today I visited the Bhaktivedanta Manor temple with my wife Akshata to celebrate Janmashtami, in advance of the popular Hindu festival celebrating Lord

Krishna's birthday," Sunak tweeted with an image of the couple offering prayers.

Bhaktivedanta Manor is one of the UK's leading International Society of Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) hubs, which was famously donated by Beatles musician George Harrison. The manor is dubbed a "spiritual sanctuary" spread over 78 acres of land with sprawling gardens, an organic farm, a protected herd of cows as well as a temple.

"Delighted to welcome today Rishi Sunak to Bhaktivedanta Manor temple in Hertsmere to celebrate Janmashtami, the Hindu Festival celebrating the birth of Lord Krishna. Wishing everyone in Hertsmere a very Happy Janmashtami," said Oliver Dowden, Conservative Party MP for Hertsmere who is backing Sunak in the Tory leadership race.

Sunak, the UK-born son of NHS doctor Yashveer and pharmacist Usha Sunak, is a devout Hindu who counts lighting

Diwali diyas outside No. 11 Downing Street as Britain's first Indian-origin Chancellor among one of his "proudest moments" in life.

The former finance minister is on a busy campaign trail across the UK in an effort to win over the votes of Tory members, who are in the process of casting their postal and online ballots in the election.

Sunak's rival, Foreign Secretary Liz Truss, is currently holding a firm lead in most recent surveys of the party membership. However, he has insisted that he "definitely" still has a shot at victory and is excited to keep going as he thinks his "ideas are the right ones" for the country.

The election is set to close on the evening of September 2, with the new Tory leader and British Prime Minister to succeed Boris Johnson confirmed on September 5. (PTI)



# No Tube: London subway hit by strike day after rail walkout

AUGUST 19

**LONDON (TIP):** A strike by London Underground workers brought the British capital's transit network to a grinding halt on August 19, a day after a nationwide walkout by railway staff.

Another rail strike is scheduled for Saturday as the UK endures a summer of action by workers demanding pay increases to offset soaring food and energy price hikes.

No subway trains were running on most of London's Tube lines because of the strike over jobs, pay and pensions by members of the Rail, Maritime and Transport Union, operator Transport for London said.

"It is going to be a difficult day," said Nick Dent, TFL's director of customer operations. "We're advising customers not to travel on the Tube at all." There was also continuing disruption above ground as trains started to run again following Thursday's strike by thousands of railway cleaners, signallers, maintenance workers and other staff.

Only about a fifth of trains ran during the 24-hour walkout, the latest in a series of strikes on Britain's railways.

"We're very sorry that people are inconvenienced," said RMT union General Secretary Mick Lynch.

"We're ordinary men and women that want to do our jobs and provide a service, but when you're being cut to pieces by an employer, and by the government, you've got to make a stand." Transit unions accuse Britain's Conservative government of preventing train companies — which



are privately owned but heavily regulated — from making a better offer.

The government denies meddling, but says rail companies need to cut costs and staffing after two years in which emergency government funding kept them afloat.

Transport Secretary Grant Shapps told Times Radio that "it's a kick in the teeth" to the public for unions "to turn round after we provided 16 billion pounds of support for the railways and go Right, well, the next thing we're going to do is go on strike." More public- and private-sector unions are planning strikes as Britain faces its worst cost-of-living crisis in decades.

Postal workers, lawyers, British Telecom staff, and port workers have all announced walkouts for later this

month.

Garbage collectors and recycling workers in Edinburgh, Scotland, began an 11-day strike on Thursday, warning that trash will pile up in the streets as tourists flock to the city for the Edinburgh Fringe and other arts festivals.

UK inflation hit a new 40-year high of 10.1 per cent in July, and the Bank of England says it could rise to 13 per cent amid a recession later this year.

The average UK household fuel bill has risen more than 50 per cent so far in 2022 as Russia's war in Ukraine squeezes global oil and natural gas supplies.

Another increase is due in October, when the average bill is forecast to hit 3,500 pounds (USD 4,300) a year. (AP)

# Sunken World War 2 German warships emerge amid low water levels of Danube river in Serbia

AUGUST 19

**PRAHOVO (SERBIA) (TIP):** Europe's worst drought in years has pushed the mighty river Danube to one of its lowest levels in almost a century, exposing the hulks of dozens of explosives-laden German warships sunk during World War Two near Serbia's river port town of Prahovo.

The vessels were among hundreds scuttled along the Danube by Nazi Germany's Black Sea fleet in 1944 as they retreated from advancing Soviet forces, and still hamper river traffic during low water levels.

However, this year's drought - viewed by scientists as a consequence of global warming - has exposed more than 20 hulks on a stretch of the Danube near Prahovo in eastern Serbia, many of which still contain tonnes of ammunition and explosives and pose a



danger to shipping.

"The German flotilla has left behind a big ecological disaster that threatens us, people of Prahovo," said Velimir Trajilovic, 74, a pensioner from Prahovo who wrote a book about the German ships.

Workers in the local fishing industry are also at risk, including from Romania which lies just across the river.

Months of drought and record-high temperatures have snarled river traffic

on vital arteries in other parts of Europe, including Germany, Italy and France. In Serbia, the authorities have resorted to dredging to keep navigation lanes on the Danube open.

By Prahovo, some of the hulks have narrowed the navigable section on this stretch of the Danube to just 100 metres (330 feet) from 180 metres.

Strewn across the riverbed, some of the ships still boast turrets, command bridges, broken masts and twisted hulls, while others lie mostly submerged under sand banks.

In March, the Serbian government invited a tender for the salvage of the hulks and removal of ammunition and explosives.

The cost of the operation was estimated at 29 million euros (\$30 million). (Reuters)

## KIM JONG UN'S SISTER REJECTS SOUTH KOREAN LEADER'S 'ABSURD DREAM'

AUGUST 19

**SEOUL (TIP):** The influential sister of North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un has slammed South Korea's recent offer of economic assistance to Pyongyang in exchange for denuclearisation as an "absurd dream".

South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol, who has been in office for three months, said on August 18 that South Korea was ready to help its neighbour as long as North Korea showed determination to disarm.

He added that Seoul would not require "complete denuclearisation before we do anything".

Kim Jong Un's sister Kim Yo Jong called Yoon's speech "nonsense," "ridiculous" and "pipedream-like remarks" in a press statement titled "Don't have an absurd dream" published by state media on Friday.

"The 'plan' he had laid down this time is truly absurd," said the senior official of the ruling Workers' Party in a remark on Thursday, dpa news agency reported.

"No one barter its destiny for corn cake." Kim Yo Jong also acknowledged a Wednesday missile test, though she said South Korean and US information about its location was wrong.

Seoul said North Korea launched two suspected guided missiles in the direction of the Yellow Sea as Yoon made his remarks.

UN resolutions prohibit North Korea from testing ballistic missiles, which, depending on the design, can also carry nuclear warheads.

Tests of cruise missiles, however, are not subject to sanctions against the largely isolated country.

Pyongyang is subject to tough international sanctions because of its nuclear weapons programme. (IANS)

## INDIA, CHINA PART OF MILITARY DRILL TO BE HOSTED BY RUSSIA

**VLADIVOSTOK (TIP):** At the end of this month, a military exercise in Vladivostok in far-eastern Russia will be an event watched by countries. Russia is conducting its first major war game after being locked in a conflict with Ukraine for six months now. The world will be watching not just the nature of the military exercises, but also the participating countries. India and China are among the invitees to the exercise. While China has confirmed its participation, the Indian participation has not yet been officially announced though sources indicated that a contingent was expected to go to Vladivostok for "Vostok-22". The military exercises will be held from August 30 to September 5. (TNS)

# Ways to coordinate jewelry with your outfit

What's an outfit without jewellery? The sparkle and joy of wearing precious metals and stones always ties a look together and reflects your personality as there is something beautiful and personal about it but we know, with so many jewellery options you can easily get stuck between choices.

Well now, to sort your style woes, we got a few fashion experts on board to spill the beans on some convenient tips to coordinate jewellery with your outfit, which you can easily memorise and utilise for occasions big and small and ensembles understated or grand.

In an interview with HT Lifestyle, Nishit Nanda, CEO at Youlry.com, suggested some interesting ways to coordinate jewellery with outfit and cut down on the clash, for those who are fighting their fit more than they're wearing it:

## Keeping it casual

If you feel like this is your T-shirts and bling era, fret not and pretty up with a pair of striking yet subtle drop earrings in yellow gold. The simpler the silhouette the more arresting they will look – especially on deeper skin tones. The perks - you get to feel dainty yet stylish with the lowest amount of effort.

## Business as usual

For a look that sets order in the room, complement your power suit or pencil skirt with a statement that can be read a mile away. A classic complement getter imbued with meaning -opt for a sturdy yet solid bracelet. With enough wears, it can be your go-to for taking interesting to a whole new level at work while exuding an aura that says you're in charge.

## Statement maker

As we like to say - "when in doubt, go all out" if you're in the mood to make an entry, make sure all eyes are on you with a statement piece featuring coloured stones with intricate or unusual details. You can



go maximalist with layering several stunners or keep it chic with just one theatrical piece. For a night out, go for darker colours that will be the perfect partners in crime to a formal style statement.

## Final formal

Playing dress-up for formal events is one of the harder parts of the whole affair; be it weddings, cocktail events, house warmings or hosting. Add a touch of whimsy to your aura with a limited edition or unusual piece that will make for a good conversation starter. Quirky yet interesting, an heirloom, a flea-market find or any one-of-a-kind masterpiece will add a touch of charm to your fit, when paired strategically.

## Play it by colour

Who doesn't love a good colour coord? Partition your fits into the primary palette of warm, cool and neutral to understand how well they play with your skin and mood. Whether it be a striking pop of

Mediterranean sunshine or Gobi desert gold, bling it up with a blob of colour to evoke the sensuousness of colour therapy.

## The shape of you

While fashion rules are meant to be broken, sometimes, the shape of your jewellery plays a big part in elevating the outfit. A classic, minimal design goes well with almost any OOTD while drop-shaped accents evoke femininity. Abstract, asymmetrical shapes when paired with stark or solid outdoor and rectangles or squares always speak edgy.

## Experimenting is key

Once you're in your comfort zone with some signature pieces, it's time to break the flow and get bold. Why not pair vintage filigree with a punk jacket and a goth neckpiece with ethnic wear. Own your favourite gown or sunsuit with an ear cuff that stands out. Just make sure you're having fun while you're at it!

Source: HT

## FOOD

# Chicken Korma

Korma is a gravy dish that is usually made with yogurt, lots of nuts and spices. A Mughal era original, Chicken Korma is the perfect dinner party dish that is easy, quick and a no fuss recipe.

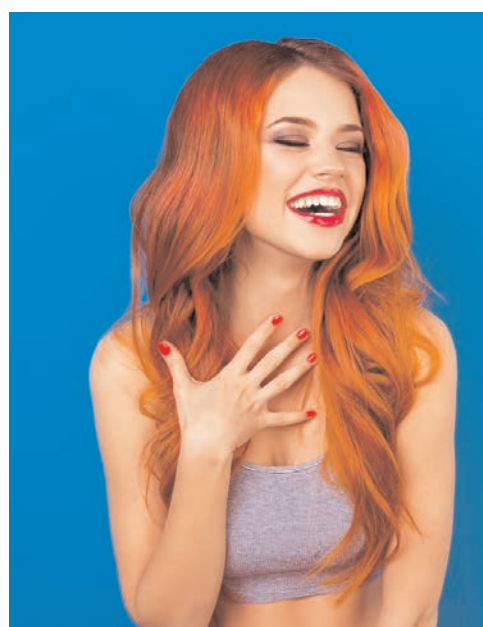
## Ingredients

- 1/2 Kg chicken
- 1 cup oil
- 2-3 tsp ghee
- 8-10 Cardamoms
- 6-7 Cloves
- 2 tbsp garlic
- 1 tbsp coriander powder
- 1 tbsp chili
- Saklt to taste
- 1 tsp ginger paste
- 1 cup yogurt
- 2 onions (fried, puree this with the yogurt), sliced
- 1 tsp garam masala
- Few strands of saffron (mixed in 3 tsp of water)
- For garnishing coriander leaves, chopped

## Method

- Heat the vegetable oil into the pan, then put a dollop of ghee.
- Put cardamom, cloves, garlic and fry the mix properly.
- Then add the chicken and let it cook for about 2-3 minutes. Keep stirring it.
- Once it becomes brown, add coriander and chili powder.
- Add salt to taste.
- Add ginger paste, mixture of fried onions and yogurt, let it cook for a minute.
- Then put garam masala and saffron for flavor.
- If the gravy is too thick add little bit of water before covering it. The masala should fuse well with the chicken.
- Cover it and give it some time to cook on slow fire. Let it simmer for about 10-15 minutes.
- Keep stirring occasionally.
- Serve hot, garnished with coriander leaves.

Source: NDTV



# Organic hair colors you can make at home

## Beet dye

Cut the beetroots into tiny pieces and combine with 1 teaspoon honey and 1 teaspoon coconut oil in a bowl for a purplish-burgundy appearance. Beetroots are renowned for their striking colour and for increasing blood flow to the scalp, which results in healthy, bouncy hair.

For a smoother texture, take a sieve and pour the mixture into a jar container.

Simply apply the mixture to your hair for 60 minutes, rinse it out with a light shampoo and conditioner, and presto!

You have smooth hair with a purple colour right in your own home.

## Food color dye

Add a few drops of whatever food colouring of your choosing to a half cup of a thick conditioner. By adding more food colouring, you can choose a lighter tint, or you can go for a soft, pastel look.

Food colouring is completely safe for your hair because it is suitable for human consumption and free of chemicals, while the conditioner will hydrate and soften your hair.

Apply this dye where you want it, wait 15 to 20 minutes, and then rinse it off.

## Coffee for grey hair

Combine 12 cup of freshly brewed espresso with 12 cup of conditioner, then

stir in 1 tablespoon of coffee grounds.

Coffee acts as a natural tonic for hair, stimulating cell growth and effortlessly transforming light grey hair into its natural colour.

It should be used as a mask for 60 minutes, then removed with water.

## Cinnamon dye

Combine 1/2 cup cinnamon and 1/2 cup conditioner for subdued reddish-brown hair.

Cinnamon gives your hair a natural reddish-brown hue while moisturising the scalp and restoring its natural lustre.

This mixture should be applied as a mask and left on for 45 to 60 minutes. Use a gentle shampoo to rinse it off.



# Smart contact lenses can diagnose cancer from tears

US scientists have developed a contact lens that can help in the early detection of cancer using tears and help in the treatment.

The novel lens, developed by the team at the Terasaki Institute for Biomedical Innovation (TIBI) in California, is able to capture and detect exosomes, the nanometer-sized vesicles found in bodily secretions that have the potential for being diagnostic cancer biomarkers.

The lens was designed with microchambers bound to antibodies that can capture exosomes found in tears. This antibody-conjugated signalling microchamber contact lens (ACSM-CL) can be stained for detection with nanoparticle-tagged specific antibodies for selective visualisation.

This offers a potential platform for cancer pre-screening and a supportive diagnostic tool that is easy, rapid, sensitive, cost-effective, and non-invasive.

Exosomes are formed within most cells and secreted into many bodily fluids, such as plasma, saliva, urine, and tears. Once thought to be the dumping grounds for unwanted materials from their cells of origin, it is now known that exosomes can transport different biomolecules between cells.

But, the TIBI team devised their ACSM-CL for capturing exosomes from tears, an optimum and cleaner source of exosomes than blood, urine, and saliva.

"Exosomes are a rich source of markers and biomolecules which can be targeted for several biomedical applications," said Ali Khademhosseini, TIBI's Director and CEO.

"The methodology that our team has developed greatly facilitates our ability to tap into this source." In an initial validation experiment, the ACSM-CL was tested against exosomes secreted into supernatants from ten different tissue and cancer cell lines. The



ability to capture and detect exosomes was validated by the spectroscopic shifts observed in all the test samples, in comparison with the negative controls.

Similar results were obtained when the ACSM-CL was tested against ten different tear samples collected from volunteers.

In final experiments, exosomes in supernatants collected from three different cell lines with different surface marker expressions were tested against the ACSM-CL, along with different combinations of marker-specific detection antibodies.

The resultant patterns of detection and non-detection of exosomes from the three different cell lines were as expected, thus validating the ACSM-CL's ability to accurately capture and detect exosomes with different surface markers. *Source: IANS*



## Lack of treatment guidelines hampering monkeypox care globally

A dearth of high quality, up to date clinical guidance on monkeypox may be hampering effective and safe treatment of the infection around the world, according to a review led by an international team of researchers.

Existing guidance, such as it is, too often lacks sufficient detail, fails to include different groups, and is contradictory, said the researchers from universities of Oxford in the UK, Bristol in Australia, and Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, among others.

They said that "the lack of clarity between guidelines creates uncertainty for clinicians treating patients with [monkeypox] which may impact patient care." The "study highlights a need for a rigorous framework for producing guidelines ahead of epidemics and a recognised platform for rapidly reviewing and updating guidance during outbreaks, as new evidence emerges."

"Human [monkeypox] is providing a challenge even in high-resource settings with well-resourced healthcare systems. The lack of guidelines may especially impact clinics with limited previous experience in managing patients with [monkeypox]," the researchers wrote in the paper published in the open access journal BMJ Global Health.

The team searched six major research databases for relevant content published up to mid October 2021, plus the "gray literature" -- policy documents, newsletters, reports, for example, published up to May 2022 -- in several languages.

They found 14 relevant guidelines. Most were of low quality according to the Appraisal of Guidelines for Research and Evaluation II (AGREE) system, scoring an average of two out of a possible seven. And most lacked detail and covered only a narrow range of topics. There was little provision for different risk groups: only five (36 per cent) provided any advice for children; and only 3 (21 per cent) provided advice for pregnant women or for people living with HIV.

Treatment guidance was mostly limited to advice on antivirals and wasn't consistent: seven guidelines advised cidofovir, four of which specified this only for severe infection; just four (29 per cent) advised tecovirimat, and one (seven per cent) brincidofovir. *Source: IANS*

## Daily exercise is more beneficial than lengthier workout sessions: Research

New research indicates a little bit of daily activity is more beneficial than longer periods of exercise spread out across the week and happily, it also suggests you don't have to put in a mountain of work every day. It's a dilemma faced by many health-conscious people and new research from Edith Cowan University (ECU) is answering the question. This latest research indicates a little bit of daily activity could well be the most beneficial approach, at least for muscle strength. And happily, it also suggests you don't have to put in a mountain of work every day.

In collaboration with Niigata University and Nishi Kyushu University in Japan, the four-week training study had three groups of participants performing an arm resistance exercise and changes in muscle strength and muscle thickness were measured and compared.

The exercise consisted of 'maximal voluntary eccentric bicep contractions' performed on a machine which measures muscle strength in each muscle contraction you would do at the gym.

An eccentric contraction is when the muscle is lengthening; in this case, like lowering a heavy dumbbell in a bicep curl.

Two groups performed 30 contractions per week, with one group doing six contractions a day for five days a week (6x5 group), while the other crammed all 30 into a single day, once a week (30x1 group).

Another group only performed six contractions one day a week.

After four weeks, the group doing 30 contractions in a



single day did not show any increase in muscle strength, although muscle thickness (an indicator of increase in muscle size) increased 5.8 per cent.

The group doing six contractions once a week did not show any changes in muscle strength and muscle thickness.

However, the 6x5 group saw significant increases in muscle strength -- more than 10 per cent -- with an increase in muscle thickness similar to the 30x1 group. *Source: ANI*

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## Asteroid with its own Moon found

Days after Nasa fixed the faulty solar panels on the Lucy spacecraft headed to eight different asteroids in space, the probe's team has already detected a unique system — an asteroid with its own moon. Astronomers have found that the smallest of the mission's Trojan asteroid targets, Polymele, has its own satellite.

The latest finding adds one more target to Lucy's mission, which is journeying into deep space to study the primordial remnants of the formation of our solar system, which could give deep insights into the formation of Earth and other planets around the Sun.

"Asteroids hold vital clues to deciphering the history of the solar system perhaps even the origins of life and solving these mysteries is a high priority. The Lucy team originally planned to visit one main belt asteroid and six Trojan asteroids, a previously unexplored population of asteroids that lead and follow Jupiter in its orbit around the Sun," Nasa said in a statement.

Astronomers were studying Polymele for a while when, on March 27, they discovered its own moonlet. The discovery was made when the asteroid passed in front of a star, allowing the team to observe the star blink out as the asteroid briefly blocked the light in a process known as occultation. *Source: India Today*

## Amazon testing TikTok-style feed called Inspire on its App, AI firm confirms

Amazon appears to be getting the TikTok bug, joining other companies seeking to hold consumers' attention by introducing replicas of the popular social platform.

The e-commerce giant has been testing a feed on its app that enables shoppers to scroll through TikTok-like photos and videos of products posted by other users.

Using the feature, called Inspire, customers can like, save and share posts of products, and purchase items directly from the feed, according to Watchful Technologies, an Israeli-based artificial-intelligence firm that analyzes apps and has tracked the feature.

The test doesn't mean Amazon will roll out the widget to the public in its current form — or at all. Alyssa Bronikowski, an Amazon spokesperson, declined to say if the company has plans to introduce the feature to all its customers. In a statement, Bronikowski said the company is "constantly testing new features to help make customers' lives a little easier."

The Wall Street Journal first reported on the test. Citing an anonymous source, the Journal also said the company is testing the feature among a small number of Amazon employees.

Amazon often experiments with new features, sometimes even targeting its tests to specific regions. Amid regulatory pressure about its private-label business, the company had been testing how to identify its brands in search results by tagging them with badges such as "Amazon brand" or "Exclusive to Amazon," the research firm Marketplace Pulse discovered earlier this year.

In its current form, the experimental TikTok-like feed mostly shows photos, said Daniel Buchuk, a researcher with Watchful Technologies. But if the feature is rolled out, Buchuk suspects the feed will be



video-heavy as Amazon sellers create content to make it more engaging for customers.

The corporate parents of Google and Facebook, the two biggest sellers in digital advertising, already have been pushing their own TikTok clones in bids to keep eyeballs glued to their services so they can continue to boost their revenue.

Google's YouTube video service rolled a "Shorts" feature limited to clips of a minute or less last year in the US after initially testing it in India during 2020. By June of this year, Google said YouTube Shorts was attracting more than 1.5 billion logged-in users each month, although analysts believe TikTok's popularity is undercutting ad sales at the video site.

Those concerns were elevated by Google's latest quarterly results, which revealed YouTube's year-over-year growth in ad sales had slowed to its slowest pace since public disclosures of the site's revenue began.

*Source: AP*

## Android 13 officially arrives for Google Pixels, Samsung

Android 13 has officially started rolling out on Google Pixel devices. The company has announced that the latest Android iteration will reach devices from Samsung Galaxy, Asus, HMD (Nokia phones), iQOO, Motorola, OnePlus, Oppo, Realme, Sharp, Sony, Tecno, Vivo, Xiaomi and more later this year. This year, Google is well ahead of schedule to roll out the Android 13 since the Android 12 started reaching Pixel phones in October. As you'll expect, the latest iteration comes with a variety of new features to offer users more personalisation options.

Google says that Android 13 comes with an evolved look that builds on Material You -- the company's standard design language across the Android ecosystem. Now, users will be able to customise non-Google apps to match the phone's wallpaper and theme. The latest UI basically blends the app icons with the wallpaper for a universal look. Android 13 also allows users to assign specific languages to individual apps. Earlier, the entire phone's language setting needed to be changed. Apple, on the other hand, lets users change the font size for each app.

Google is also improving a feature to help users sleep better. Android 13 brings a customised Bedtime mode with wallpaper dimming and a dark theme. These screen options will help users' eyes adjust to the dark when they are about to go to bed.

In terms of privacy, Android 13 now lets users offer only select photos instead of the entire library for an app to function. A similar feature is already available on iPhones since iOS 14. Another nifty addition is the automatic deletion of personal information on the clipboard. The company says, "If you copy sensitive data like your email address, phone number or login credentials on your device, Android will automatically clear your clipboard history after a period of time."



## Apple warns of security flaw for iPhones, iPads and Macs

Apple disclosed serious security vulnerabilities for iPhones, iPads and Macs that could potentially allow attackers to take complete control of these devices.

Apple released two security reports about the issue on Wednesday, although they didn't receive wide attention outside of tech publications.

Apple's explanation of the vulnerability means a hacker could get "full admin access" to the device. That would allow intruders to impersonate the device's owner and subsequently run any software in their name, said Rachel Tobac, CEO of SocialProof Security.

Security experts have advised users to update affected devices — the iPhone6S and later models; several models of the iPad, including the 5th generation and later, all iPad Pro models and the iPad Air 2; and Mac computers running MacOS Monterey. The flaw also affects some iPod models.

Apple did not say in the reports how, where or by whom the vulnerabilities were discovered. In all cases, it cited an anonymous researcher.

Commercial spyware companies such as Israel's NSO Group are known for identifying and taking advantage of such flaws, exploiting them in malware that surreptitiously infects targets' smartphones, siphons their contents and surveils the targets in real time. *Source: AP*





## DOT ALLOCATES SPECTRUM, TELCOS TOLD TO GEAR UP FOR 5G LAUNCH

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has allocated spectrum to telecom operators, paving the way for the launch of 5G services. The letters for spectrum assignment were issued within hours of telecom operators making payments.

"Spectrum assignment letters issued. Requesting telecom service providers to prepare for 5G launch," Communications Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said in a post on social media. The speed at which the DoT has processed the matters related to spectrum auction has drawn praise from Bharti Enterprises chairman Sunil Mittal too. In a statement, he said: "Yesterday, Airtel paid Rs 8,312.4 crore towards spectrum dues and was provided the allocation letter for the designated frequency bands within hours. E-band allocation was given along with spectrum as promised. No fuss, no follow-up, no running around the corridors and no tall claims. This is ease of doing business at work in its full glory. In my over 30 years of first-hand experience with DoT, this is a first." With the assignment of frequencies, telecom operators can start the work of rolling out 5G networks. Telcos have already placed orders for buying telecom equipment and will now start distributing radios to the identified sites for 5G. The government as well as telecom operators are rushing to launch 5G services as early as next month. The Centre netted Rs 1,50,173 crore from the sale of 51,236 MHz in the seven-day auction. In all, it had put 72,098 MHz of airwaves on sale. *Source: TNS*

## ELON MUSK TARGETS AD TECH FIRMS IN TWITTER SUIT OVER TAKEOVER DEAL

Billionaire entrepreneur Elon Musk, who is attempting to walk away from his deal to acquire Twitter Inc, is seeking documents from advertising technology firms as part of his quest to gain more information on bot and spam accounts on Twitter, according to filings in a Delaware court on Thursday. Twitter has sued the Tesla chief executive, who has accused Twitter of hiding information about how it calculates the percentage of bots on the service, for attempting to walk away from the \$44 billion agreement. A trial is scheduled for October 17. Musk's lawyers have subpoenaed both Integral Ad Science (IAS) and DoubleVerify for any documents or communications on their involvement in reviewing accounts or participation in any audit of Twitter's user base.

# UK inflation hits 10.1% as cost of living continues to soar

In Britain, the cost of living soared again in July, putting further strain on under-pressure families across the UK. Consumer Prices Index inflation (CPI) reached 10.1 percent last month, beating expectations, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) revealed. The increase was largely down to food prices and staples including toilet rolls and toothbrushes, the ONS said.

The measure had been expected to reach 9.8 percent, according to an average of analysts' estimates calculated by Pantheon Macroeconomics, reports said. It is the biggest jump in the cost of living since February 1982, when CPI reached 10.4 percent, according to ONS estimates.

It is also a massive jump from the 9.4 percent inflation in June. ONS chief economist Grant Fitzner said: "A wide range of price rises drove inflation up again this month. Food prices rose notably, particularly bakery products, dairy, meat, and vegetables, which was also reflected in higher takeaway prices.

"Price rises in other staple items, such as pet food, toilet rolls, toothbrushes, and deodorants also pushed up inflation in July. "Driven by higher demand, the price for package holidays rose, after falling at the same time last year, while airfares also increased.

"The cost of both raw materials and goods leaving factories continued to rise, driven by the price of metals and food respectively." Inflation is expected to fall back a little in August; however, according to estimates, it could soar to 13.3 percent in October when the energy price cap rises again.

The Bank of England thinks this could push the UK into a recession. According to the most recent estimates by experts, the price cap will reach close to 3,640 pounds in October, up from 1,971 pounds at the moment. Then energy prices are expected to rise even further, topping well above 5,000 next year pounds, although these forecasts for further ahead are more unsure.

Chancellor Nadhim Zahawi said: "I understand that times are tough, and people are worried about increases in prices that countries around the world are facing. "Although there are no easy solutions, we are helping where we can through a £37 billion support package, with further payments for those on the lowest incomes, pensioners and the disabled, and £400 off energy bills for everyone in the coming months.

"Getting inflation under control is my top priority, and we are taking action through strong, independent monetary policy, responsible tax and spending decisions, and reforms to boost productivity and growth." Meanwhile, the official data showed that Retail Price Index (RPI) inflation reached 12.3 percent in



July. In the past, this measure has been used to cap the following year's price increases on some train tickets in England, Scotland, and Wales. With inflation running away, the UK government will keep the 2023 rises below RPI. However, it did not reveal how it plans to calculate the rises. The Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH) rose by 8.8 percent in July, up from 8.2 percent

## Indian inflation still elevated, may warrant policy response: RBI

Inflation in India may still require a monetary policy response going forward as it remains above the target range even though it has eased in recent months, the Reserve Bank of India said on Thursday, August 18.

"In India, supply conditions are improving, with the recent monsoon pick-up, strong momentum in manufacturing and a rebound in services," the central bank said in an article on the state of the economy, published in its monthly bulletin.

"Inflation has edged down, but its persistence at elevated levels warrants appropriate policy responses to anchor expectations going forward," RBI added.

India's consumer inflation dipped to 6.71% in July, easing for the third month in a row and helped by a slower increase in food and fuel prices but it remained above the RBI's 2% to 6% tolerance band for a seventh straight month.

"Imported inflation pressure points remain the overarching risk, followed by pending pass-through of input costs if producers regain pricing power, and wages," RBI wrote.

## Oil at 6-month low, petrol at breakeven

International oil prices have hit a six-month low, helping Indian fuel retailers breakeven on petrol but they continue to lose money on diesel - the most used fuel in the country, officials said.

The world's best-known crude benchmark, Brent was trading at USD 94.91 per barrel on Thursday after concerns of a global recession led to it slipping to a six-month low of USD 91.51 on the previous day.

The current rates are a relief to India, which is 85 per cent dependent on imports for meeting its oil needs.

The fall in prices has meant that fuel retailers such as Indian Oil Corporation are now breaking even on petrol but there are some losses on diesel, officials with knowledge of the matter said.

State-owned fuel retailers IOC, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd



(HPCL) have not exercised their right to adjust the retail selling price of petrol and diesel in line with the international costs for four and half months now to help the government manage runaway inflation.

At one point, they were losing ₹20-25 per litre on diesel and ₹14-18 a litre on petrol as international oil prices soared. These losses have been trimmed with the fall in oil prices.

"There are no under-recovery (losses) on petrol now. For diesel, it will take some time to reach that level," an official said.

But this is unlikely to translate into an immediate reduction in rates as oil companies will be allowed to recoup losses they had accumulated on selling fuel at below cost in the last five months, another official said.

Under-recovery on diesel is now down to Rs 4-5 a litre.

IOC, BPCL and HPCL are supposed to revise the retail price of petrol and diesel daily in line with cost. But they froze rates for a record 137 days beginning November 4, 2021, just as states like Uttar Pradesh went to polls. *Source: PTI*

Shree Ganeshaya Namah



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WEEKLY HOROSCOPE - AUGUST 22 TO AUGUST 28, 2022



**ARIES** : You'll be capable to oversee your thoughts more effectively and engage with people this week. Individuals will ask for your feedback on their organizations this week. As you are an Aries, you are skilled in real property and architecture. This week, those who are in relationships will unwittingly be greedy and will need to make amends to their relationships once the week is out. This week, you could have a monetary hardship. Make sure you avoid accruing any indebtedness this week. The contractors of this week won't have any problem obtaining employment. You'll have a challenging week this week as a result of your acid reflux. Be careful to use caution.



**TAURUS** : This week don't do something that can be accomplished more successfully in a company rather than by yourself. You will be able to work diligently this week, making it a great week for getting everything accomplished. On the commercial facets, there will be a tremendous of automated effort involving material and bureaucracy. Take a break in order to recharge. This week is a great week to make equity sector investments. This week you will do anything unique for your partner on the emotional arena. This week, single individuals will be attracted to clever brains and may develop a nice relationship as a consequence. Although you won't have any problems this week, your wellness will be superb. Keep yourself refreshed and keep drinking water more often.



**GEMINI** : This week, you'll have more energy, enabling you to complete whatever task you set your attention to. This week, you'll also make wise objectives. You'll be able to maintain attention and keep entertained this week. You'll be thrilled by the week's conclusion. Do not really expect something amorous to develop this week since your partnership isn't currently in a joyful position for you. You'll value the sage and useful counsel this week on budget-friendly employment and program management. If you've been exercising for a long, this week will bring about some very fantastic results. This week, making an attempt to make up for your lack of vitamin D and vitamin A.



**CANCER** : This week, you'll have psychological ups and downs, which will cause you to behave irrationally. On the other side, this week will be easy for you in terms of setting goals and solving issues. You will benefit from methodical multitasking as

you pursue your career goals. Those who are in partnerships will feel safe and at ease in them this week. Your mate's soul will be won over this week by your kindness and affection. Since Venus is sending out fortunate signals this week, it's a great time for job seekers to submit their applications. Businessmen should refrain from making quick economic decisions this week. Although it may be challenging for you to remain busy this week, you will be conscious of your health issues.



**LEO** : Dear Leo natives, this week, you'll discover that rehabilitation is a difficult process that requires numerous trials and tribulations. The Moon's centric energy this week will be favorable for singles. Husbands and wives will be busy this week reigniting their passion. This week, there will be a lot of worries about money. This week, you'll need to work harder to accomplish your quick goals. You'll be battling fatigue and discomfort this week, which will make your wellness a bit trickier. You will eventually regain your mental health.



**VIRGO** : Dear Virgo natives, there will be a sense of calm this week, even during the busiest times of the week. Notwithstanding the most challenging challenges you'll encounter this week, you'll have the strength to handle anything on your lonesome. You'll learn that this week is the week to just release free in terms of your romantic relationship. You must first concentrate on oneself before integrating someone else into your lifestyle. You'll need to significantly alter your financial routines this week. You'll be concentrating on significant projects this week. Ensure you're using the right medications and doing all the necessary steps to preserve your wellness right this week.



**LIBRA** : Right this week, you have the power to alter your life. Being honest and frank with myself is the first step towards understanding that this is the greatest plan of conduct for everybody. Do not delay any longer since you already understand in your spirit what is right. You can violate obligations and be less able to focus on your assignment. Place your work duties aside and spend time with your partner to show them you care. Your dating life can come to a tragic end if you don't reach an agreement. Any experiment you choose to attempt this week should be successful. You'll have access to additional income streams this week. If you trade equities this week, you'll also make a respectable profit. You've gone back to unhealthy habits therefore you must take good care this week.



**SCORPIO** : When you find what you've been seeking for Dear Scorpio, your astute perception will become clear. You feel compelled to take care of yourself and, maybe, your children and build a shelter. While attempting to expedite the process, you will put the real agenda on hold. Make sure you adhere to your objectives. You aren't mingling because of your hesitation. Get over your shyness and attempt to express your love for your mate. Nobody will be able to prevent you this week. It works well for creating advertising strategies. The time to plan a marketing function is this week if you want to attract a lot of individuals. Protracted gain will also come through investing.



**SAGITTARIUS** : The symbols indicate that you will come across anything you have been ignoring, which will cause you to reevaluate how you interact with everyone surrounding you this week dear Sagittarius. You can be whatever you want to be; don't hold it aside any longer. This week, your Venus is inflecting, which means you ought to be wary of Aries who are beautiful individuals but may not be immediately helpful to you. All of your little disagreements with your partner will be addressed this week. Continuing with what you two think will bind you altogether. Do anything charitable this week. Your doorway will be visited by opportunity. It can be your hard riches or a wonderful person who can assist you.



**CAPRICORN** : Compile a checklist of everything you want to do this week. You will have a lot of power generation this week, but you won't know how to handle it or how much you must utilize. This week, you'll be capable to complete your tasks on schedule as usual. Though individuals will be preoccupied savoring their independence this week, it will be difficult for wedded individuals to communicate effectively with their spouses. You'll have a great week economically this week. You need to be on the lookout for employment web scams this week. This week, your wellness should be fine, but if you experience any backache, you should consult a physician right away.



**AQUARIUS** : one and all things will be in viewpoint this week. This week, you'll focus on your stuff since they'll make you think of what you already since abandoned but didn't realize you had. You'll also try to engage with the surroundings this week. You'll require a lot more space for oneself this week. You

**BIRTHDAY HOROSCOPE : AUGUST 22 TO AUGUST 28, 2022  
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**AUGUST 22 :** Ganesha says you are astute in the way you navigate life on a daily basis. With your charismatic attitude and conversational skills, you will be able to win over your clientele. You can anticipate reaching higher standards of excellence in whatever new endeavor you start in the upcoming year when combined with your insightful opinions and thoughts. However, you will need to exercise some restraint when expressing your opinions. Sometimes you rush to communicate your thoughts and ideas, which could allow your adversary to steal your original concepts.

**AUGUST 23 :** Ganesha says your self-assurance and communication abilities will be the keys to your success on the professional front. Your optimistic attitude on life will not only make you and your family happy, but it will also make the people you are around pleased to be around you. People turn to you for guidance and comfort because you are a devoted friend. Financially, the upcoming year will be successful. You'll make a lot of money and have the means to enjoy life's luxuries. You find all artistic expressions fascinating. You go so far as to turn it into your own company. In the upcoming year, you will be surrounded with music, art, love, and joy.

**AUGUST 24 :** Ganesha says your high ideals and enthusiasm will be an inspiration for your friends and relatives around you. But you will have to keep a check

on your skeptical nature. You tend to become suspicious about small matters. High ideals and lofty ambitions are traits of your character. Your in-depth study of subjects and your vast knowledge will bring success to you in your professional field, in the year ahead of you. You are reserved by nature and like to spend time alone. You would rather read books, alone at home, than socialize with friends.

**AUGUST 25 :** Ganesha says today you will have plenty of energy and fresh ideas to implement new goals and objectives. But occasionally you can come out as a little arrogant. It is advised that you reign in your defining personality quirk. You won't be able to stand people that arrive at work irregularly or without being on time. You are naturally ambitious and will do everything it takes to fulfil your goals. The year ahead will see you reach higher levels of brilliance because of your meticulous approach to your work and sense of duty.

**AUGUST 26 :** Ganesha says you are a warrior at heart. At social occasions, your conversational skills will make you the focus of attention. Your natural aptitude for math and science will garner acclaim and a lot of attention from people around you. You won't allow anything to get in your way. You can be confident that thanks to your endurance and commitment, you will accomplish your ambitious goals in the upcoming year.

You will be able to thoroughly research any topic, which will help you succeed in your own tasks. But occasionally, you have a tendency to make snap judgments.

**AUGUST 27:** Ganesha says you have a lot to be thankful for. You perform well in your academic career because you are bright and intelligent. It's your passion to delve deeply into a subject. In the year ahead, as a lover of music and the arts, you will be drawn to artistic endeavors. In the year ahead, your professional career will benefit from your interest in science-related disciplines. You will achieve the pinnacle of professional achievement if you have the aptitude to study a subject with a keen interest and the additional ability to put it into practice.

**AUGUST 28 :** Ganesha says you'll take a lot of trips. This will primarily have to do with your job. You have the power to attract friends to you. They appreciate your warmth and friendliness. You have compassion for individuals that require assistance. You can distinguish between good and evil things from birth. This enables you to choose wisely and make wonderful mates. Your Bosses will look to you as a flawless plan executor to finish large projects. Your capacity to fulfill ambitious goals and initiatives to perfection will help you succeed in your linked fields in the upcoming year.

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and your household will get along well this week. This week, be careful to stay in connection with crucial people. Engaged individuals will feel as if their marriage is in peril; this week, have a genuine conversation with your mate. At employment, this week will be difficult. You will create a sound

financial plan this week. Your psychological wellness will be discussed this week as well.



**PISCES :** You will be able to feel a variety of sensations this week while choosing not to engage on them. You'll have a hard time

managing your erratic feelings this week. You'll require to be more organized at work. You may help yourself this week by relaxing and envisioning the outcomes you want. Pisces may be a provider of comfort for single individuals. Those who are currently in a partnership will act hastily while trying to resolve issues.

You'll take it leisurely this week and primarily recuperate on the business side. When it concerns your wellness this week, you must proceed with the utmost prudence. Make an effort to improve your defenses.

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# Krishna Janmashtami

**K**rishna Janmashtami also known as Krishnashtami, Srikrishna Jayanti or sometimes merely as Janmashtami, is an annual celebration of the birth of the Hindu deity Krishna, the eighth avatar of Lord Vishnu. Krishna belonged to the Vrishni clan of Yadavas from Mathura (Uttar Pradesh) and was the eighth son born to the princess Devaki and her husband Vasudeva. Lord Krishna reciprocates in unique, personal ways with every devotee who offers Him love. He is the most adorable, mischievous son, the most romantic lover, the most compassionate friend as described in ancient scriptures.

The festival is celebrated on the eighth day (Ashtami) of the Krishna Paksha (dark fortnight) of the month of Shraavana (August-September) in the Hindu calendar. The dramatic enactments of the life of Krishna, Rasa lila, are organised in different regions of Mathura, Vrindavan, and regions following Vaishnavism in Manipur and many other places across the world. The Dahi Handi event also celebrate God's playful and mischievous side, where teams of young men form human towers to reach a high-hanging pot of butter and break it.

## Legend

The legend behind Krishna's birth is as intriguing as the occurrences during his lifetime. As per Hindu mythology, when sinful and unscrupulous forces unleashed havoc over the world, Mother Earth requested Lord Brahma to put an end to the rampant conditions. Lord Brahma took this concern of Mother Earth to Lord Vishnu, who in turn reassured him of his birth on earth to purge it from all prevailing evils.

As promised, Lord Vishnu took birth as Krishna on Earth at midnight on the 8th day (Ashtami) of the month of Shravan. Krishna, the eighth avatar of Lord Vishnu, was born to Devaki and Vasudev in Mathura in a prison. Krishna was born at a time of turmoil, raging persecution, lack of freedom, and when evil forces were reigning on the earth. His own life was at risk from his uncle King Kansa due to the prophecy that proclaimed his death at the hands of his nephew, Krishna. Knowing of the dangers that hovered over the life of Krishna, his father, Vasudeva, immediately handed him over to Yashoda and Nanda in Gokul to keep him away from King Kansa. This folklore is celebrated as the festival of Janmashtami by the devotees who keep fast, sing devotional songs of Krishna, and visit Krishna temples.

## Significance

The festival of Janmashtami is celebrated with great fun and gaiety all over the world by the Hindus owing to the fact that Sri Krishna was one of the most forceful human incarnations of the Lord Vishnu. Krishna is one such God in Hindu mythology, about whose birth and death, a lot has been written. Ever since he took birth on earth in human form, he is worshipped by the people as a god-child, an adorable prankster, a charming lover, a spiritual guide, and the principal power. The prime motive of his birth on Earth is to end all the darkness prevailing at that time, eliminate all the evil forces from Earth, and restore 'Dharma' in times when his uncle, Kansa, was making the lives of the people miserable.

There is a popular saying in Bhagavad Gita- "Whenever there will be a predominance of evil and decline of religion, I will reincarnate to kill the evil and to save the good." The festival of Janmashtami encourages goodwill and dissuades malice. The day is observed as a sacred occasion that celebrates togetherness and faith.

## Celebrations across India

The birth of Krishna is celebrated with great enthusiasm, devotion, and warmth by everyone in the country. The cities across the country get overwhelmed with a feeling of exaltation. The devotees keep fast for the whole day. The folklore of Krishna's birth is narrated in temples and households. The energetic youth of the country, completely immersed in exhilaration, actively participate in the Dahi handi festival. At some places, people perform raslilas to recreate occurrences from the life of Lord Krishna. Plays and dance performances based on Krishna's life



## Important information

**Krishna Janmashtami 2022**

**Friday, 19 August 2022**

**Ashtami Start Tithi : 18 August 2022 at 09:21 pm**

**Ashtami End Tithi : 19 August 2022 at 10:59 pm**

**Did you know: It is the 5249th birth anniversary of Lord Shri Krishna. On Janmashtami, devotees usually observe fast through the day and the night.**

**Note : There is a lot of difference of opinion regarding the date of Janmashtami in the year 2022. The difference is whether Janmashtami is on 18th August or 19th August. It is believed that Lord Krishna was born on Ashtami Tithi at 12 o'clock in the night, so this yoga is being formed on 18th August. But according to Hindu date, on August 19, there will be Ashtami Tithi for the whole day and sunrise will also take place on this date. Therefore Janmashtami should be on 19th August. But from the religious point of view, Shri Krishna was born on Ashtami Tithi at 12 o'clock in the night.**

are also organized.

On this auspicious occasion, the idol of Krishna is placed in the cradle and bathed with panchamrit which is made from ghee, milk, gangajal, honey, and tulsi leaves. This panchamrit is also distributed among the devotees as prasad. Devotees joyously swing the cradle and welcome the blessings of Krishna in their lives. The chanting of the aartis, mantras, blowing of the Conch, hymns, kirtans becomes a common scenario everywhere where the celebrations are going on.

## Celebrations in Temples

The Krishna temples are beautifully decked up with lights and flowers which is an awesome scene in the

night. People wear new clothes and visit temples to pay respect and perform pujas of their beloved God. The priests in temples sing hymns and chant mantras. Some temples in India also perform readings of Bhagavad Gita. The beautiful fragrance of the flowers, soothing odor of burning camphor, and the sound of the ringing bells in the temples captures the entire atmosphere with sanctity.

## Celebrations in Mathura and Vrindavan

The Janmashtami celebrations in the Mathura and Brindavan is often praised by everyone. The festival is celebrated with great pomp and show in these places where Lord Krishna spent most of his life. The temples of Mathura and Vrindavan come to life at night with jagrans, plays, dance performances, all based on Krishna's childhood.

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The Western Ghats is home to some of the most beautiful landscapes in India and it is also an incredibly accessible region of the country. From Coonor to Yercaud, we have curated a list of the best places to visit in Western Ghats which are perfect for a weekend adventure.

## Agumbe, Shimoga

Located in the Shimoga district of Karnataka, Agumbe is a small village often referred to as the "Cherrapunji of South India". This biodiversity-rich region has the highest rainfall in south India and the second-highest annual rainfall in India. Agumbe is an enriching experience as this hill station is blessed with picturesque beauty and trekking trails. It is one of the last surviving lowland rainforests. Agumbe served as the setting for India's very famous fictional town Malgudi in the TV serial Malgudi Days.

It is home to some rare species of medicinal plants like Myristica, Listsaea, Garcinia, Diospyros, Eugenia and more, hence it got the nickname "Hasiru Honnu" which means green is gold. Being home to an extensive rainforest and the wide variety of flora and fauna, Agumbe houses the Agumbe Rainforest Research Station. This is India's oldest weather station which exclusively monitors any changes made in the rainforest areas. Interestingly, Agumbe is also called as the "Cobra Capital" because of the high number of Cobras found here. Agumbe provides great options for trekking, beckoning the adventure enthusiasts to visit this offbeat destination hidden in the lap of nature.

## Dandeli

Located on the Western Ghats of Uttara Karnataka, Dandeli is bestowed with the lush green forests and lies on the banks of the Kali river. Known for its many fantastic adventure opportunities, Dandeli is a hub for river rafting on river kali. Adventure seekers have many options such as mountain biking, trekking, cycling, kayaking and canoeing. The Dandeli Wildlife Sanctuary is another exciting element that Dandeli has to offer. This is perfect for nature lovers too as they can spot Bisons and Black Panthers here as well as be amidst beautiful flora as well.

Dandeli has famous attractions here like the Kavla Caves, Ulavi Temple, Satholi Falls and the famous Sykes Point which gives tourists a breathtaking view of Dandeli. Camping is a popular activity here and there are plenty of operators here that provide fantastic services and memorable experiences to the guests.

## Coonor

One of the three beautiful Nilgiri hill stations, Coonor is the second largest hill station of the Western Ghats. It is situated at an altitude of 1930 meters and just 19 km from Ooty. With slopes of tea plantations, dotted with many attractions and blessed with chilly weather throughout the year, this place is a perfect summer retreat.

Coonor is a delightful location to have a panoramic view of the Nilgiri Hills and



Catherine Falls. It is a dreamy destination for its rich greenery, the manicured hills, the Colonial culture and amazing sceneries. Coonor also has some heritage homes and guesthouses admits the hills that's perfect for a vacation or a staycation.

## Yercaud

Nestled in the Shivaroy Hills of Tamil Nadu, Yercaud is a hill station in the Eastern Ghats steeped in abundant greenery. Commonly called 'Ooty of the Poor', this region has a history dating back to the time of the British. Located at an altitude of 4970 feet, Yercaud is known for its vast expanses of coffee plantations and great weather.

Yercaud lake is the main point of attraction of the region. One of the many highlights is the summer festival that takes place in May. It is dedicated to Lord Servarayan, the supreme god of the ranges and gives visitors a glimpse into the rich heritage of this region.

## Kalpetta

Kalpetta is a quaint town with a backdrop of majestic hills lurking in the shadows, lush green surroundings, fresh air and picturesque beauty. Housed in the Wayanad District of Kerala, at a height of 780 m above the sea level, Kalpetta is a perfect place for nature lovers as well as honeymooners. Encompassed with a mild fragrance of coffee and rustic lanes, the town is blessed with beautiful nature with scenic landscapes. It is also one of the major trading centres in Wayanad. Dotted with ancient temples, Kalpetta has a stronghold on Jain communities with over 500 settlements in and around the region. Blessed with all the necessary elements of beauty, nature and charming romanticism, this sleepy town is a must on your Kerala itinerary.

## Idukki

Idukki, a landlocked district of Kerala, is one of the most nature-rich areas in Kerala with more than half of the area covered with forest. This rugged hill resort is known for its wildlife sanctuaries, beautiful bungalows, tea factories, rubber plantations and forests.



Idukki's speciality lies in 650 feet long and 550 feet high arch dam across the Kuravan Kurathi mountain, which is the largest in the country. Anamudi, which is the highest peak in India, south of the Himalayas, is

also located in Idukki. Idukki is one of the districts in the state that has abundant scope for promotion of eco-tourism if proper infrastructure and promotional activities are provided. *Source: Holidayfy*

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**Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish...**

Last month, Delhi Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena had recommended a CBI probe into the Arvind Kejriwal-led AAP government's Excise Policy (2021-22) over alleged violations of rules and procedural lapses.

Officials in the CBI said the deputy Chief minister and other accused in the case would soon be summoned for questioning and those who failed to cooperate in the investigation might be arrested.

In his first reaction to the raids, Sisodia took to Twitter and wrote saying that he welcomed the CBI and asserted that the truth would come out. He said these people were troubled because of the excellent work done by the Delhi Government in the health and education sectors.

"That is why ministers of both departments are targeted to stop us from the good work in the health and education sectors," he said referring to the arrest of Health Minister Satyendra Jain under criminal provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said the CBI raid at his junior colleague's house was the result of his good performance, which is being appreciated globally. "The day Delhi's education model was appreciated and Manish Sisodia's photo appeared on the front page of the New York Times, the Centre sent the CBI at the residence of Manish. The CBI is welcome. Will extend full cooperation. Earlier also there were raids and a probe. Nothing came out. Nothing will come out now also," Arvind Kejriwal said.

AAP Rajya Sabha member Raghav Chadha said, "Earlier it was 'Modi vs who', today it is 'Modi vs Kejriwal', Kejriwal is an alternative to Prime Minister Modi."

Delhi Congress leader Alka Lamba said Manish Sisodia should face the action by the probe agency instead of "running away" to the cool climes of Himachal Pradesh. She also claimed that the "corrupt face" of the self-acclaimed "truly honest" minister of AAP today stood exposed.

**Allegations against Sisodia and 14 others are:**

- Irregularities in formulation of excise policy, 2021-22
- Liquor trader paid Rs 1 cr to firm managed by Sisodia's associate
- Sisodia and public servants took decisions without approval
- Intention was to extend undue favors to licensees post tender
- Sisodia aides Amit Arora, Dinesh Arora, Arjun Pandey involved
- Collected money from licensees, also gave it to public servants
- Excise Dept gave a waiver of Rs 144 cr to licensees on Covid excuse

**Governor Hochul celebrates 75th...**

Much of this is rooted in India and we have a long tradition. Therefore, I will continue to officially proclaim August 15th, 2022 as India Independence Day", Hochul said.

**HERE IS THE FULL TEXT OF GOVERNOR HOCHUL'S REMARKS.**

"In the United States, we stand firm with that same shared understanding of what it's like to reject colonial rule, to embrace democracy and to foster our shared democratic values of inclusion, pluralism equality, freedom of speech, and of course, freedom of religion. So, these are the values that bind us together. India, United States of America, it is shared, and we learned from each other."

"We're here to celebrate Indian Independence Day. I know you know that, but I also know that this is a chance for us to acknowledge the incredible diversity of our city overall. And our state, and the many, many contributions of the Indian American community here. And we're so lucky here in New York to have so many Indian Americans representing our levels of

government. There are many firsts, and to the community that was long underrepresented in our society, that those barriers have been broken. And so, they're making incredible contributions to our civic life.

"So, I want to thank again, as I mentioned, the trailblazing Indian Americans in this room. We are proud that nearly 400,000 Indian Americans call New York home. More than half of them are in New York City. New York State, they're spread all over from my hometown upstate to this borough of Queens. But most of them are right here in New York City. And these are the leaders, the doctors, the scientists, the engineers, the business people, the attorneys, the artists, the writers, the restaurateurs, the shop owners. They really do create this beautiful fabric and so many contributions. It really makes New York fabulous and so vibrant.

"And as I mentioned, we think about the pandemic, so many Indian American healthcare professionals from doctors down to those frontline nurses. They showed up, they displayed courage, they were there and we needed them and they literally saved lives. So, let's recognize those as well. And of course, you keep us well fed with amazing food. I have to admit - I'm happy to admit, I have a husband who lives far away. He lives on the other side of the state. I see him on weekends and whenever I come home, he gets Indian food takeout because he knows it makes me happy. We have wonderful food, and we just break bread together and we're always thinking of how significant this culture is.

"Also, this gives us a chance to reflect on history, a chance to talk about and celebrate the celebrations of life, but also the struggle. The journey to America had many struggles and many came back as far as the 1800s, Indian Americans discovering this world, but it really wasn't until a century later when America got rid of those national origin quotas, and we could really open up the doors. You know, the quotas in place to the sixties. So, the real opportunities came in the seventies, eighties and nineties. And that's why we're so excited to see so many new, new Americans coming here from India. And also, we are just not celebrating the American dream, people then turned to the American dream. Many came here, like my grandparents, who left great poverty in a small island called Ireland. And they had to leave. Their parents told them there's no life for you here, we cannot afford to literally feed you and they had to come to this country. So, like so many came here in search of, yes, the American dream, but it's what I call the New York dream. It's even sweeter. It's more beautiful. It's more diverse.

"And this community, the Indian community, has become such an important part of that fabric. And as your Governor, I wear that diversity with great pride. I've been to many, many Diwali celebrations and India Republic Day celebrations, but I'm very proud to be the first Governor of the State of New York to officially celebrate Indian Independence. Very first. And so, this mark 75 years since India freed itself from the colonial yolk and people were able to start on that path toward true democracy. And as I mentioned from the very beginning, it was difficult. And I don't think the history books correctly tell the story of the over a million deaths and the forced displacement of over 12 million people. It was the largest mass migration in modern history at the time. And we don't talk about that. We don't talk about the pain and the loss that was endured to create the world's largest democracy. So, I know for some, the wounds are still fresh. You know, the realization that what their parents and grandparents had to endure to have that elusive concept known as freedom and democracy, but they never stop persevering and fighting.

(Read full story at [www.theindianpanorama.news](http://www.theindianpanorama.news))

**Pak PM Shehbaz Sharif expresses...**

Sharif expressed these views during a meeting with the newly appointed Australian High Commissioner to Pakistan, Neil Hawkins, on Thursday, August 18, the Dawn Newspaper quoted the Prime Minister's Office

(PMO) as saying.

"Pakistan desires peaceful ties with India, based on the principles of equity, justice and mutual respect. In this context, a just and peaceful resolution of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute in accordance with the relevant UNSC resolutions and the wishes of the Kashmiri people, was indispensable," Sharif said.

"The international community has to play a facilitative role in this regard, as it was essential for durable peace and stability in South Asia," he said.

India has repeatedly told Pakistan that it desires normal unneighborly relations with Islamabad in an environment free of terror, hostility, and violence. India has said the onus is on Pakistan to create an environment free of terror and hostility.

Sharif's remarks came days after India decided to allow non-locals who are living ordinarily in Jammu and Kashmir to be able to register their names in the voting list and cast their ballot in the elections in the union territory.

Before the abrogation of Article 370, only the permanent residents of Jammu and Kashmir as defined by the state subject law were entitled to get voting rights.

In a related development, the Foreign Office on Friday said it categorically rejects India's announcement of permitting even temporary residents, including outside workforce and security personnel, to register as 'voters' in Jammu and Kashmir.

It is an "Indian design to influence the outcome of 'so-called' elections" in Jammu and Kashmir and deliberate attempts "of pre-poll rigging and overt manipulation", the Pakistan Foreign Office said in a statement.

It also asked the international community to take immediate cognizance of the Indian attempts at effecting "illegal demographic changes" in Kashmir.

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Electoral Officer Hirdesh Kumar on Wednesday, August 17, had announced that the Union Territory is likely to get around 25 lakh additional voters, including outsiders, after the special summary revision of electoral rolls being held for the first time after the abrogation of Article 370.

The bilateral ties between the two neighbors deteriorated further after India announced withdrawing the special powers of Jammu and Kashmir and bifurcation of the state into two union territories in August 2019.

India has repeatedly told Pakistan that Jammu and Kashmir "was, is and shall forever" remain an integral part of the country. It also advised Pakistan to accept the reality and stop all anti-India propaganda.

**Outrage over Remission for accused...**

imprisonment for the 2002 Bilkis Bano gangrape case. For one, on April 23, 2019, the court, while awarding her ₹50 lakh in compensation, described how the "brutal, diabolic, gruesome, horrific acts of violence" committed on her has left an "indelible imprint on her mind which will continue to torment and cripple her".

The apex court had noted that the then 21-year-old and pregnant Ms. Bilkis was "repeatedly gangraped". She was a "mute and helpless witness to her three-and-a-half-year-old daughter butchered to death". She had lost all the members of her family while fleeing the mayhem and violence of the 2002 riots. The court said she had lived the life of a nomad, an orphan.

The State government's decision to remit the sentence of the 11 convicts has raised a furious public outcry. Civil rights groups have urged the Supreme Court to revoke the remission. Ms. Bilkis's family has told the media that they are scared of what may happen to them in the future.

The fact that the crimes were committed on Ms. Bilkis in the background of violence which affected the entire State; the apprehensions voiced by her family following the release of the convicts, and the warm welcome reported to have been accorded to the 11 men when they came out of jail, make the Laxman Naskar judgment relevant in this case. (Read full story at [www.theindianpanorama.news](http://www.theindianpanorama.news))



**S. AFRICA GIVES ENGLAND BIG REALITY CHECK WITH INNINGS DEFEAT**

England was given a reality check in its new era under Ben Stokes as the team fell to defeat by South Africa by an innings and 12 runs inside three days in the first Test at Lord's on Friday, August 19.

After taking a lead of 161 runs into the second innings, the Proteas dismissed England for 149 in 37.4 overs before tea on Day 3 and went 1-0 ahead in the three-test series.

Under new captain Stokes and new coach Brendon McCullum, England had swept a series 3-0 against New Zealand in June and also beaten India in a test in July by taking an aggressive approach to its batting.

That didn't work against South Africa and its hostile pace attack. England lost its 20 wickets in the match in a total of 82.4 overs.

Stokes said the heavy loss hadn't dented his confidence in England's new style of play.

"Absolutely not," Stokes said. "You look at captains before me, captains after me, they're always going to get criticized at certain times about the way they want to go out and play."

"That's just part and parcel of life. We know when we perform to how we are capable of, we can go out and put some incredible performances like everybody has seen in the four games before this."

The South Africans resumed on 289-7 on Day 3 and were bowled out for 326 after an hour's play.

England didn't even make it to tea. The second test starts Thursday in Manchester, where the Proteas will look to wrap up the series.

**Skipper Rahul needs game time; team new challenge in remaining ODIs**

**HARARE (TIP)**

Skipper KL Rahul would hope to get some valuable batting time as the Indian team is expected to recalibrate its goals to create some challenge for itself in the remaining two ODIs against Zimbabwe.

The gulf between the two teams would always make these kind of bilateral contests lopsided but bigger goal for the 'Men In Blue' would be to push the limits.

The immediate target for the side would be to try and bat first in case Rahul wins the toss in Saturday's second ODI.

The early start on a bouncy track and sufficient nip in the air would pose some challenge for the batters. There won't be any Jimmy Anderson or Josh Hazlewood in operation but even then battling the conditions would be a good test for Rahul and his players.

Deepak Chahar had pointed out after the first game that there is little help for the bowlers during the second session and the only time there's some challenge for batters is the first hour of the match.

Before facing the might of Shaheen Shah Afridi in Asia Cup, a morning session with deliveries moving both sides, albeit with a gentle pace, would be decent enough extended net session for Rahul.

While 'Captain Rahul' showed his elder statesman like qualities by letting Shikhar Dhawan and Shubman Gill open in the first game, the 'Batter Rahul' also needs to get his priorities right before the Asia Cup.

He needs to quickly adapt to Team India's "attack at all costs from the onset" philosophy and that can't just happen overnight.



Against a side like Zimbabwe, which is not good enough to even challenge a top Indian domestic side, Rahul would get an ideal opportunity to experiment with his batting.

Similarly Deepak Hooda, if given a chance to bat up the order, can also build his confidence.

Then there is Sanju Samson, If he plays at No.4, it gives him ample scope to build an innings of significance.

For acting head coach VVS Laxman, as much as he would like to experiment, he wouldn't mind winning the series first before giving some of the reserves a chance to test themselves.

Therefore a left-right combination of Ishan Kishan and KL Rahul won't be a bad option in case Shikhar Dhawan's forearm injury sustained towards the end of the match turns out to be serious.

Winning the series is important but creating different kind of situations and testing the game awareness of the younger lot in pressure cooker scenario should be on the checklist.

Deepak Chahar bowling seven overs at one stretch is a good sign and indicator that he is gradually building up his workload.

Similarly Prasad Krishna would like to try a few more variations than his back of the length stuff while Mohammed Siraj won't mind a few more wickets.

Just like batting in morning could be a challenge for Rahul and Co. bowling in the warm afternoon conditions with no lateral movement on offer would test the character of pacers and their improvisation skills.

Source: PTI



**NEW DELHI (TIP)**

Veteran pace spearhead Jhulan Goswami made a comeback in the Indian women's ODI squad for the tour of England which also saw hard-

**England tour: Veteran pacer Jhulan Jhulan back in ODI squad; uncapped Kiran Navgire picked for T20Is**

hitting Women's T20 Challenge sensation Kiran Navgire receiving a maiden call-up in the shortest format.

India will be in England on a two-week white-ball tour that comprises six white-ball games—three WT20Is and three WODIs.

The T20I matches will be held in Hove (September 10), Derby (September 13) and Bristol (September 15) while the ODIs are scheduled at Hove (September 18), Canetrbury (September 21) and the Lord's (September 24).

Goswami, who will be 40 in three months time, had last played for India at the ODI World Cup in New Zealand in March against Bangladesh.

While her contemporary Mithali Raj had retired, the veteran seamer was nursing an injury and wasn't picked

for the Sri Lanka tour.

While there were speculations that she could retire but the 201-match seasoned campaigner is ready to add to his tally of 252 wickets, which is highest in the world in 50-over format.

The T20I squad saw the return of Richa Ghosh in the main squad after being questionably left out of the CWG team at the expense of Taniyaa Bhatia, who has once again regained her place in both squad.

While Richa is in T20I squad, Yastika Bhatia has managed to retain her place in the ODI team.

But the biggest pick was the burly Kiran Navgire, a Maharashtra native, who plays domestic cricket for Nagaland. Her 34-ball-69 which had five towering sixes for Velocity during a Women's T20 Challenge game against

Trailblazers gave a glimpse of his power-hitting and alongside Shafali and Richa would add impact to the team.

Among those who once again missed out are veteran seamer Shikha Pandey, who has been repeatedly ignored and leg-spinner Poonam Yadav, who perhaps needs to reinvent her bowling to make a comeback.

India's T20I squad: Harmanpreet Kaur (Captain), Smriti Mandhana (Vice-captain), Shafali Verma, Deepti Sharma, Pooja Vastrakar, Jemimah Rodrigues, Sneha Rana, Renuka Thakur, Meghna Singh, Radha Yadav, Sabbineni Meghana, Taniyaa Sapna Bhatia (WK), Rajeshwari Gayakwad, Dayalan Hemalatha, Simran Dil Bahadur, Richa Ghosh (WK), K.P. Navgire.

Source: PTI

# History This Week

August 19 to August 25

"HISTORY IS THE INTERPRETATION OF THE SIGNIFICANCE THAT THE PAST HAS FOR US." - JOHAN HUIZINGA

**AUGUST 19**

August 19, 1934 - In Germany, a plebiscite was held in which 89.9 percent of German voters approved granting Chancellor Adolf Hitler additional powers, including the office of president.

August 19, 1991 - Soviet hardline Communists staged a coup, temporarily removing Mikhail Gorbachev from power. The coup failed within 72 hours as democratic reformer Boris Yeltsin rallied the Russian people. Yeltsin then became the leading power in the country. The Communist Party was soon banned and by December the Soviet Union itself disintegrated.



Orville Wright

Birthdays - Aviation pioneer Orville Wright (1871-1948) was born in Dayton, Ohio. In 1903, Orville and his brother Wilbur achieved the world's first successful sustained and controlled flight of a motor-driven aircraft, following years of experimentation with kites and gliders.



Bill Clinton

Birthdays - Bill Clinton, the 42nd U.S. President was born in Hope, Arkansas, August 19, 1946. He was the first President elected who was not alive during World War II.

**AUGUST 20**



Benjamin Harrison

Birthdays - Benjamin Harrison (1833-1901) the 23rd U.S. President was born in North Bend, Ohio. He was the grandson of William Henry Harrison, the 9th President.

**AUGUST 21**

August 21, 1863 - During the American Civil War, William Quantrill led 450 irregular Confederate raiders on a pre-dawn terrorist raid of Lawrence, Kansas, leaving 150 civilians dead, 30 wounded and much of the town a smoking ruin. In 1862, Quantrill had been denied a Confederate commission by the Confederate Secretary of War, who labeled Quantrill's notions of war as 'barbarism.'



Dwight D. Eisenhower

August 21, 1959 - President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a proclamation admitting Hawaii to the Union as the 50th state.

August 21, 1983 - Filipino opposition leader Benigno S. Aquino, Jr., was assassinated at the Manila airport while leaving his plane. Public outcry over the killing ultimately led to the collapse of the government of Ferdinand E. Marcos and the inauguration of Corazon C.



Benigno S. Aquino, Jr.

Aquino, widow of the slain man, as president.

**AUGUST 22**

August 22, 1986 - Deadly fumes from a volcanic eruption under Lake Nios in Cameroon killed more than 1,500 persons.



Claude Debussy

Birthdays - French composer Claude Debussy (1862-1918) was born in St. Germain-en-Laye, France. His unusual chords, based on the whole-tone scale, laid the groundwork for a new style of music called impressionism.

**AUGUST 23**

August 23, 1927 - Italian immigrants Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were electrocuted inside a prison at Charlestown, Massachusetts. They had been convicted of a shoe factory payroll robbery during which the paymaster and a guard had been killed. Following their convictions, all appeals for a new trial had failed, despite the lack of hard evidence and a later admission by a known criminal that he had participated in the robbery with an organized criminal gang. The days and weeks leading up to their execution aroused worldwide protests amid accusations of unfair treatment because they had radical political views and were Italian.

**AUGUST 24**



Vesuvius

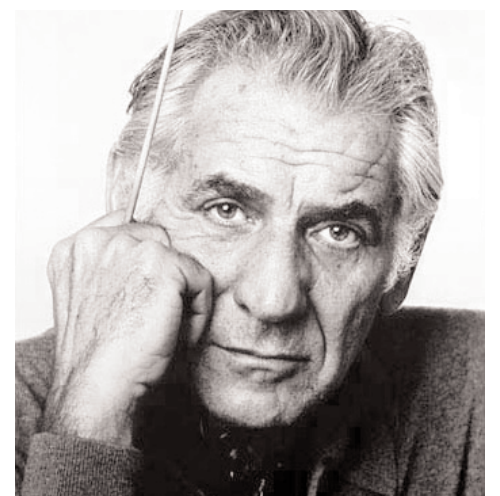
August 24, 79 A.D. - Vesuvius, an active volcano in southern Italy, erupted and destroyed the cities of Pompeii, Stabiae and Herculaneum.

August 24, 1572 - Thousands of Protestant Huguenots were massacred in Paris and throughout France by Catholics, in what became known as the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre.

August 24-25, 1814 - During the War of 1812, Washington, D.C., was invaded by British forces that burned the Capitol, the White House and most other public buildings along with a number of private homes. The burning was in retaliation for the earlier American burning of York (Toronto).

**AUGUST 25**

August 25, 1985 - Samantha Smith died in an airplane crash in Maine. In 1982, the 11-year-old American schoolgirl had written a letter to Soviet Russia's leader Yuri Andropov asking, "Why do you want to conquer the whole world, or at least our country?" To her surprise, Andropov replied personally to her and offered an all-expense paid trip to the U.S.S.R.



Leonard Bernstein

Birthdays - American conductor and composer Leonard Bernstein (1918-1990) was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Considered one of the finest conductors in American music history, his works included West Side Story, On the Town, and the opera Candide.



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