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# TRUMP SHOWS SPEED IN PICKING HIS TEAM

## Trump's early second-term choices fuel fears of extremist agenda

NOVEMBER 15, 2024  
WASHINGTON, D.C. (TIP): Donald Trump, the former US president set to return to the White House in January for a second term, has begun making selections for his administration, opting for those who have displayed loyalty over those with deep experience.

Trump has tasked Howard Lutnick, a longtime friend, with recruiting officials who will deliver, rather than dilute, his agenda. During his first term, several of Trump's key appointees tried to convince Trump out of his more extreme plans.

Trump's picks include Doug Burgum as Interior Secretary, Steven Cheung as Communications Director, Tulsi Gabbard as National Intelligence Director, Matt Gaetz as Attorney General, Pete Hegseth as Secretary of Defense, Tom Homan as Border Czar, Mike Huckabee as US ambassador to Israel, Robert F Kennedy Jr as Secretary of Health and Human Services, William



Trump's picks

McGinley as White House Counsel, Stephen Miller as deputy chief of staff for policy, Elon Musk and Vivek Ramaswamy as heads of department of government efficiency, Kristi Noem as homeland security secretary, John Ratcliffe as CIA director, Marco Rubio as secretary of state, Elise Stefanik as UN ambassador, Mike Waltz as national security adviser, Susie

Wiles as chief of staff, Steven Witkoff as Middle East envoy, and Lee Zeldin as Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) administrator.

There are some who are expected to be given an offer. They include Scott Bessent, Ben Carson, Richard Grenell, Robert Lighthizer, Howard Lutnick, Brooke Rollins, and Tom Cotton. (With inputs from agencies)

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## Sikhs take out an Impressive Parade in celebration of Guru Nanak Dev Ji's 555th Birth Anniversary



Guru Granth Sahib in a motorized vehicle is followed by thousands in a parade on November 9, 2024 in Richmond Hill in celebration of the forthcoming 555th Birth Anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

NOVEMBER 9, 2024  
RICHMOND HILL, NY (TIP): An impressive Parade (Nagar Kirtan) was taken out by the Sikh community of the Tri-State area of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut on November 9, 2024 in celebration of the 555th Birth anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the First Master of the Sikhs.

Thousands of devotees followed the Guru Granth Sahib, the Holy Book revered as the Living Master atop a motorized vehicle, with the priests attending and singing hymns (shabad kirtan). Ahead of the float carrying Shri Guru Granth Sahib were the Panj Piaras (the Five Beloveds- the first five

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## Let's Share A Meal celebrates Guru Nanak's Message of ONENESS in Soulful Renditions of Gurbani



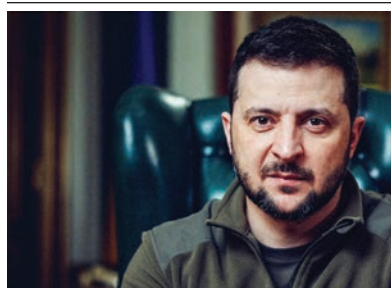
At the event, from L to R: Padma Bhushan Sant Singh Chatwal, Indian American Hotelier, Vikas Khanna Celebrity chef, Onkar Singh, Trustee and Chair of Guru Nanak 555 birth Anniversary celebrations, Arvinder Singh CFO Oneness.

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NOVEMBER 10, 2024  
NEWARK, NJ (TIP): The First Master of the Sikhs, Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji's 555th Birth Anniversary was

celebrated at NJPAC in New Jersey on November 9, 2024, under the theme "Oneness: A Light for Humanity."

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## Zelenskyy says Ukraine war will end 'sooner' with Trump in office

NOVEMBER 15, 2024  
KYIV(TIP): Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Friday, November 15, 2024, that Russia's war against his country will "end sooner" than it otherwise would have done once Donald Trump becomes U.S. president next year.

"It is certain that the war will end sooner with the policies of the team that will now lead the White House.

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Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said he had a "constructive exchange" with Donald Trump during their telephone conversation after his victory in the U.S. presidential election.

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## COMMENT

## Guru Nanak: A Timeless Beacon of Humanity and Oneness

As we commemorate the 555th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak, the founder and first Master of Sikhism, his life and teachings resonate with an unparalleled relevance in today's world. Celebrated by nearly 30 million Sikhs across the globe, Guru Nanak's philosophy transcends religious boundaries, speaking to humanity at large. His message of oneness, equality, humanism, and resistance against tyranny remains as vital today as it was over five centuries ago, especially in a world increasingly divided by intolerance, dogmatism, and extremism.

Guru Nanak (1469-1539) was born in a small village called Talwandi (now Nankana Sahib in Pakistan) at a time of profound social, political, and religious unrest in the Indian subcontinent. Caste oppression, gender inequality, and ritualistic orthodoxy dominated the socio-religious landscape. Against this backdrop, Guru Nanak emerged as a revolutionary thinker and a spiritual guide, calling for a complete transformation of how society viewed humanity and divinity.

At the heart of Guru Nanak's teachings lies the philosophy of oneness of humanity and the divine. He proclaimed, "There is no Hindu, there is no Muslim," emphasizing that all human beings are equal in the eyes of God. This radical idea was a challenge to the entrenched divisions of his time, whether they were based on caste, religion, or gender. In a modern world grappling with identity politics and sectarian conflicts, Guru Nanak's vision of universal brotherhood reminds us of the shared humanity that binds us all.

Guru Nanak's emphasis on equality was not limited to theory; he practiced and institutionalized it. One of his most enduring contributions was the concept of langar—a community kitchen where people of all backgrounds, regardless of caste, creed, or social status, sit together to share a meal. The act of eating together symbolized equality and broke down societal hierarchies, a tradition that continues in Sikh Gurdwaras around the world. In an era when the gap between the privileged and the marginalized is widening, this principle of shared community and mutual respect offers a profound solution.

Another cornerstone of Guru Nanak's teachings was his commitment to honest living and social responsibility. He emphasized the dignity of labor and earning a livelihood through ethical means, encapsulated in the principle of kirat karo (earn an honest living). This teaching challenges the modern culture of exploitation, corruption, and material greed, urging us instead to adopt integrity and compassion in all aspects of life.

Guru Nanak was also a fearless advocate for resistance against oppression and tyranny. At a time when power was wielded through fear and exploitation, he spoke truth to authority, denouncing the injustices of both religious and political leaders. His hymns criticize rulers who oppress their subjects and exhort individuals to stand against injustice. His legacy as a voice of resistance continues to inspire movements for justice and human rights in our times.

Central to Guru Nanak's philosophy is his unshakable belief in humanism and compassion. He taught that spirituality was not about ascetic withdrawal from the world but about actively engaging with it to alleviate suffering and uplift humanity. This call to action aligns with modern calls for social justice, environmental responsibility, and collective well-being.

In a world fractured by extremism, dogmatism, and intolerance, Guru Nanak's universal message of peace and inclusivity shines like a beacon. He belongs not just to Sikhs, but to all of humanity. His teachings cut across temporal and geographical boundaries, offering solutions to the moral and existential crises we face today. Nanak's philosophy reminds us that faith is not about division but about uniting in the pursuit of truth, love, and justice. Let us reflect on his timeless wisdom and strive to embody his principles in our lives. His life's work is not merely a relic of the past but a guiding light for a future where humanity can transcend divisions and live in harmony. Truly, Guru Nanak belongs to all people and to all times—his message universal and eternal.

*A Happy 555th Birth Anniversary of  
Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji!*

## Needed a humane and pragmatic approach to immigration reform, not mass deportations

In my editorial last week, I argued that Donald Trump, the 45th President of the United States, has a unique opportunity to bridge divisions both at home and abroad, carving out a legacy rooted in unity and peace. Today, I see an even brighter prospect for him to achieve these goals. With the Republican Party now in control of both the Senate and the House of Representatives, President Trump enjoys a rare political alignment that allows him to address pressing national issues with efficiency and resolve. Among the most urgent and impactful of these challenges is the fate of approximately 20 million immigrants living in the United States, many of whom remain undocumented.

BY  
INDRAJIT SALUJA



This issue, fraught with complexity and emotion, offers President Trump a chance to demonstrate statesmanship and compassion. Power, after all, is not merely the ability to

enforce policies but also the responsibility to heal wounds and build a more inclusive and harmonious society. In addressing immigration reform, Trump has the opportunity to honor America's proud tradition as a land of immigrants and leave a legacy that will be remembered not for division, but for unity.

President Trump himself is a descendant of immigrants. His grandfather, Friedrich Trump, emigrated from Germany in the late 19th century, seeking opportunities in the United States. Like millions of others, the Trumps became part of the American fabric, contributing to its growth and prosperity. This shared immigrant heritage should serve as a reminder of the enduring value that immigrants bring to the nation.

President Trump has a rare opportunity to resolve this crisis in a way that unites rather than divides. With Republican control of Congress and the Senate, he has the political capital to craft comprehensive immigration reform that balances security with humanity.

This is not just a political opportunity; it is a moral imperative. History will judge leaders not by the power they wield but by how they use it to uplift others and create a better future. In the words of President Ronald Reagan, often cited by Trump himself: "America is a shining city upon a hill whose beacon light guides freedom-loving people everywhere." That light shines brightest when America lives up to its ideals of justice, compassion, and opportunity for all.

President Trump has often spoken of his desire to "Make America Great Again." True greatness lies not in exclusion but in inclusion, not in building walls but in building bridges. By embracing a humane and pragmatic approach to immigration reform, Trump can leave a legacy that transcends partisanship and inspires generations to come.



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# Guru Nanak and the Oneness of All Humanity

AS WE CELEBRATE THE 555TH ANNIVERSARY OF GURU NANAK'S BIRTH, THE FOUNDER OF THE SIKH FAITH, HIS MESSAGE IS AS RELEVANT TODAY - IF NOT MORE SO - AS IT WAS CENTURIES AGO.



BY  
DR. SATPAL SINGH

Guru Nanak was born in a society sharply divided, based on religion, caste, and gender. Those labeled "upper caste" grossly mistreated and abused those labeled "lower caste." Interreligious oppression choked society, and women were treated as inferior, subservient to men. Religious leaders and the priestly class exploited people's devotion to God and misguided them for their own selfish reasons.

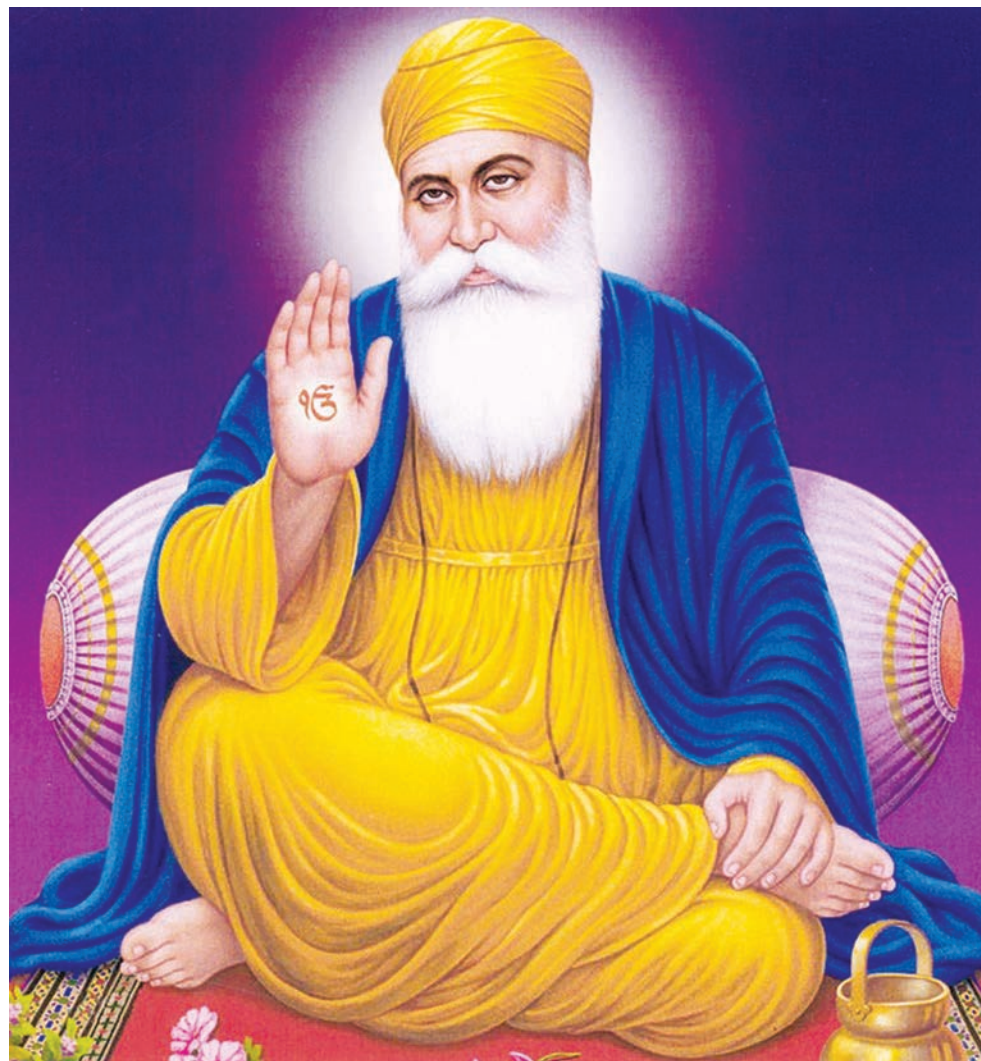
Guru Nanak received Divine revelation and founded Sikhism as a newly revealed religion - the word 'Guru' in this context relates to one being the messenger of God. Guru Nanak's message relates to many important aspects of today's society, including love and caring for one another, service to humanity and helping those in need, justice for all, taking a stand against the oppression of any segment of society, and freedom of expression and practice of one's religious beliefs.

One of Guru Nanak's fundamental messages is the oneness of all humanity. He spoke emphatically against the notion of inequality and the resulting mistreatment of one segment of society by another. He emphasized that there is only One God who has created the entire universe, including human beings. He gave us the message of Ik-Onkar, which is the very first word in the Sikh scripture, the Guru Granth Sahib (GGS), and means there is only One, universal Creator who has created all of us.

Guru Nanak emphasized that all humans, being children of the same One Creator or One Divine, are divinely interconnected. The same Divine, or God, permeates all of us, and we are all an integral part of the same Divine. As a natural consequence, no one is superior or inferior to anyone else, whether it is in the context of gender, religion, caste, or anything else. As translated from the GGS: 'First, God Created light, all humanity has been Created by the same Divine; all have been Created out of the same light, how could one be good and another bad.'

## Connecting What Has Been Divided

This concept of connectedness is critically important in today's world, when we have hopelessly divided ourselves on the basis of religion, caste,



race, language, gender, and national boundaries (to name a few). Hatred and brutalization of those we consider "others," based on such divisions, is tearing all segments of our society apart. It has already led to the displacement, torture, and killing of millions of people across the world. Since we are all

children of the same One God, when we engage in interreligious fights, thinking our religion to be better than someone else's is an affront to God. It is like two sons of the same mother attacking each other, each professing that his mother is superior to his brother's.

On the other hand, once we embrace

the concept of One Divine, it allows us to embrace diversity and practice pluralism. This does not mean that we have to give up our individual paths to reaching the Divine. It just means that while we pursue our own individual paths, we also celebrate diversity and pluralism, and the very concept of "otherness" dissolves away.

Treating others as our own brothers and sisters rises beyond being nice to them, or even striving for peace and harmony. Since diversity and plurality are an inherent theme of the Divine Creation, as we embrace all humanity as a part of the same Divine, we inherently become a part of the same Divine syncytium as everyone else. As described in Guru Granth Sahib, we reach a state where 'there is no stranger, nor an enemy, I am in harmony with everyone.'

This concept of One humanity is reflected in many Sikh traditions and historic events. Among others, these include langar, where everyone sits together and eats a meal without any distinction of religion, ethnicity, national origin, gender, social status, race, caste, or any other division; inclusion of the writings of spiritual writers from other faiths alongside the Sikh Gurus in the Guru Granth Sahib; the ninth Guru, Guru Tegh Bahadur, who sacrificed his life so that Hindus could freely practice their own faith; Bhai Ghanhaya's act of giving water and tending to the wounds of injured enemy soldiers who had been fighting to kill Sikhs; and Sikhs rising up to fight the huge armies of Ahmad Shah Abdali to save the women whom Abdali's forces had abducted, even though most of those women came from families who were intent on annihilating Sikhs.

Guru Nanak traveled far and wide, emphasizing the oneness of all humanity and bridging perceived interfaith and other gaps among society. Committing to the importance of bridging gaps among today's society, interfaith organizations like Religions for Peace and the Parliament of the World's Religions are playing an important role in promoting interfaith understanding and harmony. This is a commendable and much needed effort in today's splintered world.

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# Religious Philosophy of Guru Nanak: Literary Speculation



BY  
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India is a land of diverse culture and traditions. Culture literally means to grow, to cultivate and nurture. It also means a way of life, behavior patterns, beliefs and value system adopted by a group of people which are generally passed on from one generation to the other generation. Anthropologist Tylor rightly said, culture is "that complex whole which includes knowledge, belief, art, morals, law, custom and any other capabilities and habits acquired by man as a member of society" (Taylor, 1). Broadly speaking culture is an expression of language, social habits, food habits, music, art and religion. Of all these Religion seems to hold a unique place in our culture. Religion is an almost universal phenomenon in all human societies, whether primitive and simple or advanced and sophisticated. Naturally, it is extremely diversified in its nature. It is an indispensable part of human individual and social life. No doubt it has been a source of comfort and solace to many but at the same time it should not be forgotten that people have been fighting in the name of religion. Etymologically, 'religion' means 'to bind back' or 'bind together'. Therefore, it is that which binds human beings to each other in bonds of love and sympathy and also to God. Thus, it is human beings relation to that which they regard as holy, sacred, spiritual or divine. This relation between the human and Divine is manifested through the practice of Bhakti.

## Concept of Bhakti

Bhakti is a devotional worship of a personal God with the aim of attaining Moksha. It is an age-old concept. We find a reference to it in the Vedas, Puranas, Upanishads, The Bhagvada- Gita, The Bhagavata Purana. In the Shvetashvatara Upanishad Bhakti simply means participation, devotion and love for any endeavor. The Bhagvada-Gitastresses the importance of having unwavering faith in God. Devotion to God is treated as supreme means of attaining moksha. A reference to this occurs in the 26th verse of the 14th chapter where the Lord says, "One who develops Unadulterated devotion, one who serves ME with utmost devotion and faith in ME. He alone is qualified to merge in Brahman because he alone has crossed the limits of the three gunas." (Radhakrishnan, 324)

## Bhakti movement

The Bhakti movement is an important event in the cultural history of India. It originated in south India during the seventh to eighth century A.D. The movement was initiated by the Nayanars



(devotees of Shiva) and Alwars (devotees of Vishnu) in the south. They preached personal devotion to God as a means of attaining Salvation. They made use of local language to spread the ideology of Bhakti. Slowly and gradually the movement spread to the north. The bhakti saints emphasized the equality of all men irrespective of caste, class and religion. They disregarded formal religion and criticized the social evils like the practice of sati, female infanticide and many more existing in the society.

Some of the saints associated with the Bhakti movement are Ramdas, Mirabai, Tulsidas, Namdev, Tukaram, Ramanuja, Kabir, Nanak and many more. However, the most significant contribution was made by Kabir and Guru Nanak. They tried to bridge the gap between the Hindus and the Muslims by borrowing ideas from the Hindu and Islamic traditions.

## Guru Nanak (15 April 1469-22 September 1539)

Guru Nanak was the first Guru of the Sikhs. He propounded monotheism and combined the ideas from Hinduism and Islam. He stressed the importance of meditation on divine name to attain liberation from rebirth. His teachings are expressed through various devotional hymns. Guru Nanak had significantly contributed to the Bhakti movement of medieval India. Ever since his childhood he had witnessed the social evils prevalent in Hinduism, the inhumanity of the Hindu Caste system, the enmity between the Hindus and the Muslims and many other social problems. He was tremendously affected by all this. Also, he



observed that people were confused by the conflicting messages given by pundits, priests, mullahs, etc. So, he wanted to give them the message of God. So he tried to bring about a change in the social and religious order by putting forward his own Spiritual Philosophy.

## Monotheism

Firstly, he preached the truth of monotheism. There is only one God (ikonkar) who dwells in every creation. God is one and formless. He is Nirguna devoid of all attributes. He is Absolute. God is the creator, sustainer and destroyer of the Universe. God is both transcendental and immanent. He is imminent in every creation and also in Human spirit. He is merciful to all, even to the sinner. One can attain the grace of

God only by practicing love and devotion with a pure heart. He used various names like Govind, Gopal, Hari, Jagadish, Thakur, Ram, Rahim, Karim and many more to refer to God. So according to Guru Nanak it does not matter much by what name we call Him, God is only One. Guru Nanak says, "There is but one God. His name is truth; he is the creator. He fears none; he is without hate. He never dies; he is beyond the cycle of births and death. He is self-illuminated. He is realized by the kindness of the true guru. He was true in the beginning; he was true when the ages commenced and has ever been true. He is also true now". (Chandel, 118)

## Naam Jap

Guru Nanak emphasized that one should keep on reciting the name of God

wholeheartedly and devotedly. It should not be a mere lip service paid to God but it should be a sadhana (devotion). Reciting the name of God purifies one's soul. He says,

"By singing the Guru's hymns, I, the minstrel spread the lord glory. By praising the true name, I have obtained the perfect Lord". (Chandel, 118)

Further he says:

"In the name the Lord's Spirit abides, May the name in me be indwelling Without the Guru we walk in darkness Without the word we understand not life." (Joshi, 75)

Guru Nanak believed that by reciting the name one can conquer one's own ego which is the greatest devil. Human ego is the main obstacle on the way to attain salvation and there is NO other way to eliminate egoistic attitude without reciting the names of God. If a person can win over ego, that person can automatically win over lust, anger, greed, attachments and pride which are derived from ego. Also we see that Guru Nanak has stressed the importance of Guru. It is the Guru who will show us the right path.

#### Attitude towards other religions

Guru Nanak respected other religions and its followers too. For him, all human beings were equal and therefore one should not judge people on the basis of difference of religion.

Guru Nanak had a good understanding of the religious texts of other religions like the Vedas, Koran or the Bible and therefore equally respected them. Guru Nanak advised the Muslims and the Christians as follows "Practice within your heart the teachings of the Qur'an and the Bible; restrain the ten sensory organs for straining into evil. Tie up the demons of desire and restore faith, charity and contentment, and you shall be acceptable." (Khushwant, 4) Thus, according to him it not only enough to read the Quran and the Bible, rather they have to follow the teachings of the Quran and the Bible in their hearts and restraint all their sensory organs.

#### Idol Worship

Nanak did not believe in the idol worship because God cannot be found in any idol. When people worship the idol, they forget it is to be used only as a symbol and not God itself. He holds that a man-made idol cannot be God. God is infinite, and therefore, cannot be defined by human words, symbols or idols. He is Nirguna, Nirakara and beyond all descriptions.

#### Spiritual Journey towards salvation

Guru Nanak's Jap, the first hymn recorded in the Guru Granth, offers three precepts for the recognition of the Infinite One.

**1. Sunia** is the first step which literally signifies hearing. In the Jap it means hearkening to the divine word. It is awakening to the Transcendent Core of the universe. According to Guru Nanak, by listening to the melodious Name, one fathoms the ocean of virtue (stanza8-11, Jap). Through listening one accomplishes the knowledge of all the gods, all the continents, all the ancient



texts, one learns all the techniques of meditation, one masters the expertise of all the Hindu and Muslim Sages, and through listening all suffering and distress are annihilated. The devotee who hears the Name of the 'True One' remain in constant bliss.

**2. The second step is Mania** meaning paying heed. It is, only after something is heard that full trust and confidence can be placed in it. Through faith, mind and intellect become more conscious. It is the pathway to liberation, wide open to everybody. By believing in the divine word one not only emancipates oneself from the constant bondage of birth and death but also assist in liberating one's family and friends. As Guru Nanak believes that one's self and society are integrally related. And the Ultimate One links each and everyone together harmoniously.

**3. The third step is Mani Kita bhau** which means to be full of love. It is a state of devotion state of devotion in which one goes beyond hearing the Divine Name and having faith in it. It is being drenched in love. Love is passionate and takes lovers to those depths of richness and fullness where there is freedom from all kinds of limitations and barriers. Guru Nanak and his successors explore the power of intimacy and passion in the human relationship with the Divine through the symbol of the bride who is forever seeking union with her groom.

#### Salvation

Guru Nanak believed that the individual soul can merge with the eternal soul only by doing good deeds. Bad deeds increase the burden of the soul and prevents it from merging with the eternal and thereby attaining liberation. Meditating on the divine name is of utmost importance for attaining salvation. Salvation is understood as freedom from rebirth and also attaining union with God. All the external aids such as idols worship, visiting temples, mosques, churches, reading scriptures, are of secondary importance and rejected. Nanak emphasized the need of a Guru as a spiritual guide for attaining salvation. A guru is a medium between a devotee and God. But a guru is neither a prophet nor a savior. God reveals the divine light to human being through the Gurus. As Guru Nanak says:



The Guru is the giver, The Guru is heaven of peace. The Guru is the lamp that lights the three worlds. (Islam, 14)

Guru Nanak believed in the Unity of God or one God which is known by different names. God has created all human beings. So, all human beings are equal, irrespective of the diversity of caste, class, religion, belief, color, sex, and race. The entire humanity can be regarded as one family because we all come from the same source. He emphasized the universal brotherhood. So according to him, the best way to serve God is to serve humanity. Also, the recitation of the "naam" or name of God with utmost devotion is essential for all. In brief, Guru Nanak stated his concept of God in the following manner: "There is one God His name is truth, He is the creator He is without fear and without halt. He is beyond time immortal; His spirit pervades the universe. He is not born, Nor does He die to be born again, He is self - existent By the guru's grace shalt though worship Him" (Chandel, 118). According to him there is no escape from Karma. Everyone has to work and perform good deeds. Only then one can attain salvation and reach God. This can be best exemplified through his own life. He did not believe in any kind of asceticism. He had a family and still served humanity actively. In his teachings he incorporated ideas both from Hinduism and Islam. So, he had followers from both faiths. When Nanak

was nearing death, the Muslims said: 'We shall bury him' and the Hindus said, 'We shall cremate him'. To this Guru Nanak said: 'You place flowers on either side, Hindus on my right, Muslims on my left. Those whose flowers remain fresh tomorrow will have their way.' (Khushwant, 37) Then the people started praying for him. In the following morning, the body of Guru Nanak was missing but flowers kept on both the sides were fresh. His death also represents his long-cherished endeavor to promote communal harmony among the people. He travelled to different places which gave him a fair idea of the problems existing in the society like exploitation, poverty, superstition, caste system and the miserable conditions of the women. He felt the need to liberate people from the evils existing in society. He believed that human dignity should be upheld. He also opposed the sati system prevalent in society and tried to give equal status to the women. Thus, Guru Nanak's approach was very practical and rational. Travelling to various parts of India he spread the message of love, harmony and brotherhood. His teachings encouraged people to live a better life. In fact, he was a religious and social reformer who understood the problems of the people and tried to solve them.

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# Trump won't guarantee a US-Israel honeymoon

THE RE-ELECTION OF DONALD TRUMP DOES NOT GUARANTEE A NEW US-ISRAEL HONEYMOON



BY SHYAM BHATIA

Israelis may be delighted with the departure of the Biden administration in the United States, but the re-election of Donald Trump does not guarantee a new US-Israel honeymoon.

Despite the widely publicized pictures of Biden hugging Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in the wake of the October 7 Hamas attack on Israel, the underlying bilateral tensions were never far from the surface.

Washington's pressure on Netanyahu started to intensify as casualties mounted in Gaza and a humanitarian crisis emerged with the killings of thousands of Palestinian civilians. In the weeks leading up to the US presidential election, the crisis between Washington DC and Jerusalem reached a new climax with President Joe Biden reportedly telling Netanyahu "stop bull-shitting me."

By all accounts, the frustrated Americans additionally suspended some deliveries of bunker-busting bombs that they believed would increase civilian casualties. So, it was hardly surprising to hear the sighs of relief from the Israeli Prime Minister's office when the results of the US presidential election started rolling in.

The humiliating defeat suffered by Biden's vice-president and chosen successor Kamala Harris generated a euphoria, both within Israel's far right cabinet and among many Israeli Jewish civilians. What Israelis now hope for is a return to the golden era of the first Trump administration when the US undertook a number of measures that were seen as a full endorsement of the Israeli far right's ideology.

These measures included the relocation of the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, the recognition of Jerusalem as the undivided capital of Israel and the further recognition of the Golan Heights - previously Syrian territory - as an integral part of Israel. Contrary to UN resolutions and international law, the Americans, under Trump, also ruled that Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank were entirely legitimate. US officials even went as far as cutting off all financial aid to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), which for the past seven decades has been providing vital food, medical and educational services to millions of Palestinian families.

These policies embraced by Trump allowed him to boast how he was the most pro-Israeli US President in history. Yet, despite his pro-Israel record, which also enraged the Palestinians and other Arabs, it turns out that the vast majority



Netanyahu's office feels that Trump will no longer be the pushover he once was. -File photo

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of American Jews opted to vote for his rival Kamala Harris. Most American Jews are known to be traditionally more sympathetic to the Democrats and they expressed their support at the ballot box.

Among the reasons for their distaste of Trump were media portrayals of the incoming president as a supporter of dictators, including Adolph Hitler, and his alleged hostility towards illegal immigrants who were denounced by him and his supporters as "rapists", "murderers" and "criminals" who reveled in eating domestic pets like cats and dogs.

Back in 2020, when Trump lost the election to Joe Biden, the defeated US President was outraged by an "ungrateful" Netanyahu who rushed to congratulate his Democrat rival. Soon afterwards, in a recorded interview with Israeli journalist Barak Ravid, when asked about Netanyahu, Trump responded: "f\*\*\* him."

Trump's profile suggests he is a man who harbors grudges against those perceived to be disloyal. So, whether he can now forgive and forget Netanyahu's past actions, remains to be seen.

Since Trump's recent victory was

confirmed, Netanyahu was among the first world leaders to offer his congratulations and he has made at least three subsequent telephone calls to the President-elect. These telephone calls reflect the deep concern in Netanyahu's office that Trump will no longer be the pushover he once was.

Statements made by Trump in the immediate aftermath of the presidential election have added to the concern of Israeli officials. His declaration that the US is committed to ending conflicts, not prolonging them, has aroused fears that the new US administration will follow the same line as the Biden administration by demanding an immediate cessation of hostilities in West Asia, including the Israeli-led wars in Gaza and Lebanon.

Israeli officials are also worried by the influence of a new member of the wider Trump family who happens to be a Lebanese Christian. Massad Boulos, father-in-law of Trump's daughter Tiffany, is believed to have convinced many Arab voters in the US to cast their lot with Trump. Inevitably, Trump now feels indebted to this new block of Arab political supporters who are extremely

critical of what they see as Washington's blind support for Israel.

In Jerusalem's multiple think tanks, the talk is all about how it would be a mistake to take Trump for granted in his second and final term in office. This argument goes that the new US administration has excellent ties with the Saudis and Gulf governments and will be more susceptible than before to pressure Israel.

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This is just the kind of policy shift that Trump's Arab allies are also demanding. First and foremost are the Saudis who say that they are ready to make peace with Israel in return for recognition of a Palestinian state. The Arabs argue that allowing a Palestinian state would undercut Iran's attempts to dominate the region and isolate the Ayatollahs in Tehran as they move closer to acquiring nuclear weapons capability.

Fear of Iran's nuclear ambitions has long been shared by Israelis of all political persuasions. They remember how Biden stopped Israel from bombing Iran's nuclear and oil facilities. Will Trump do the same?

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# Supreme Court of India puts brakes on 'bulldozer culture'



BY KRISHNADAS  
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**BENCH SAYS STATES INDULGING IN NAKED DISPLAY OF 'MIGHT IS RIGHT'; ISSUES 'BINDING DIRECTIVES' THAT INCLUDE 15 DAYS' PRIOR NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS**

The Supreme Court of India on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, lashed out that States which metamorphose into judges to punish accused persons awaiting trial by driving bulldozers into their homes indulge in a naked display of "might is right" without sparing a thought for families rendered shelterless and destitute overnight.

"The chilling sight of a bulldozer demolishing a building, when authorities have failed to follow the basic principles of natural justice and have acted without adhering to the principle of due process, reminds one of a lawless state of affairs, where might was right," a Bench of Justices B.R. Gavai and K.V. Viswanathan observed.

The 95-page judgment followed petitions representing citizens from several States, including Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, who had sought redress against the States' "bulldozer culture". They had complained that their properties were demolished by the State machinery without due process of law on the ground that they were accused of criminal offences. The petitions even claimed the demolitions had a communal tone. On September 17, 2024, the apex court had suo motu extended the ambit of the case and barred such demolitions across the country.

The top court, in its verdict, invoked extraordinary powers under Article 142 of the Constitution to issue a slew of "binding directives" to fasten accountability on public officials. They include 15 days' prior notice of demolition to the occupants; the notice must provide details of the nature of the unauthorized construction, specific violations and grounds warranting demolition; the owner or occupants who want to challenge the State action must be given a fair opportunity by the designated authority; the final order of the authority must have reasoned conclusions; the actual demolition must be videographed; etc.

Violation of the directions would lead to contempt action against the officials responsible and their prosecution. They would be personally liable for the restitution of the demolished property, the Bench said.

The directions would not be applicable in case of encroachment into public property or if the demolition was ordered by a court.

Justice Gavai said the government could not transform itself into a judge to find an accused guilty without trial and deliver a "collective punishment" to him and his family by wrecking their home and their shared memories with a bulldozer. This would be a violation of



A bulldozer in Prayagraj on June 12, 2022 demolishes a house of a Muslim man that Uttar Pradesh authorities accuse of being involved in riots that erupted following comments about Prophet Mohammed by BJP members. Authorities claimed that the house was illegally built.

File Photo / The Hindu

**The principle of 'separation of powers' gave the courts, not the State, the authority to decide if a person was guilty of a crime or not. The State cannot take excessive measures even against convicts. There should be institutional accountability if public officials violate the rights of an accused or a convict through arbitrary exercise of power, the court held.**

the 'rule of law', which was a part of the Basic Structure of the Constitution.

The judge said destroying family homes, leaving entire families homeless, was nothing short of "anarchy". The executive actions of public officials must be consistent with maintaining public trust. "The greater the power to decide, the higher is the responsibility to be just and fair," Justice Gavai observed.

"If his spouse, children, parents live in the same house or co-own the same property, can they be penalized by demolishing the property without them

even being involved in any crime? As is well known, a pious father may have a recalcitrant son and vice versa. Depriving innocent people of their right to life by removing shelter from their heads, in our considered view, would be wholly unconstitutional," Justice Gavai underscored.

An accused is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law, the court reminded the States.

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of a crime or not. The State cannot take excessive measures even against convicts. There should be institutional accountability if public officials violate the rights of an accused or a convict through arbitrary exercise of power, the court held.

The judgment said the burden was on the authorities to disprove in court the presumption that they did not demolish a structure to penalize the accused owner or occupant.

"When a particular structure is chosen all of a sudden for demolition and the rest of the similarly situated structures in the same vicinity are not even touched, mala fide may loom large," Justice Gavai observed.

The court said for an average citizen, the construction of a house was often the culmination of years of hard work.

"A house is not just a property but embodies the collective hopes of a family or individuals for stability, security, and a future... It gives a sense of dignity and a sense of belonging. If this is to be taken away, then the authority must be satisfied that this is the only option available," Justice Gavai noted.

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# The Ineffaceable Legacy of Jawahar Lal Nehru



BY GEORGE  
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A Syncretic Culture: Nehru's gift to India

**"Mr. Modi personally has invested so heavily in his unrelenting campaign to demean, erase, and destroy the legacy of Jawaharlal Nehru from the pages of history..... Undoubtedly, behind that incessant obsession and diabolic mindset is the hatred towards the Nehruvian vision, the very idea of India as a heterogenous society where people of different religions, languages, ethnicities, and castes live together in relative harmony."**



The Man of the masses

Reacting to renaming the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library to Prime Minister's Memorial and Museum, the All-India Congress Committee said the following: 'Mr. Modi possesses a huge bundle of fears, complexes, and insecurities, especially regarding our first and longest-serving Prime Minister. He has had a single-point agenda of denying, distorting, defaming, and destroying Nehru and the Nehruvian legacy.. But he can never take away Nehru's gigantic contributions to the freedom movement and his towering achievements in building the democratic, secular, scientific, and liberal foundations of the Indian nation-state, all of which are now under assault by Mr. Modi and his drumbeaters.'

Mr. Modi personally has invested so heavily in his unrelenting campaign to demean, erase, and destroy the legacy of Jawaharlal Nehru from the pages of history. It is quite astonishing that sixty years after his death, the architect of modern India still remains a target of the current Prime Minister, who would like to see a great legacy banished. Will that effort succeed, or will the people of India ever forget the visionary who brought the country from oppression into freedom, modernity, and self-reliance? Undoubtedly, behind that incessant obsession and diabolic mindset is the hatred towards the Nehruvian vision, the very idea of India as a heterogenous society where people of different religions, languages, ethnicities, and castes live together in relative harmony.

Nevertheless, as we celebrate the 135th birth anniversary of Jawaharlal Nehru on November 14th, 2024, we are in awe as we recollect his contribution to gaining India's Independence and laying a strong foundation for a pluralistic and forward-looking India. When India gained Independence, there were monumental challenges resulting from the partition and the ongoing violence between Hindus and Muslims. The urgent task facing the leadership at the time was the resettlement of 6 million refugees and arresting the spread of further violence. Nehru put together a team of dedicated patriots such as Sardar Tarlok Singh, Sarojini Naidu, and S.K. Ghosh to limit the violence, as well as rescue and recover abandoned and abducted women and children.

When the British left, the Government, headed by Nehru, faced another critical task: the national integration of 562 princely states. A newly created state department under the decisive leadership of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, along with Nehru, ensured the country's integration in a remarkably short period. Let's look back at history for a moment. We will admire how Nehru brought together exceptional people of different ideologies, such as Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, S.P. Mookerjee, John Mathai, C.H. Bhabha, and Shanmukham Chetty to be reflective of India's secular and multi-faceted character in the Constituent Assembly. The Congress party delivered on the promise that the constitution they were about to create would reflect the aspirations of the Indian people.

The Indian constitution was amongst the largest in the world, with 395 Articles and 9 Schedules. The preamble spells out the basic philosophy and the solemn resolve of the people of India to secure justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity for all its citizens. What Nehru accomplished through this document, with significant help and support from Ambedkar, is also part of his vision to empower marginalized sections of society.

Nehru was committed to ensuring social justice and the welfare of the masses as far back as 1938 by setting up the National Planning Committee under the Congress Party's banner to improve ordinary citizens' quality of life. These efforts culminated in creating a permanent planning commission to establish a just social order to ensure the equitable distribution of income and wealth. Nehru's actions in these matters paint him as a socialist. However, he firmly believed that planning was essential to the development needs of a poor country with scarce resources, which needed to be managed optimally.

He was also concerned about unequal access to land, which was a big problem in rural India. After Independence, the issue was prioritized, and by 1949, different states had passed land reform legislations to abolish the 'Zamindari' system and empower the rural peasantry while eliminating the institutionalized exploitation by the feudal lords.

Nehru was a strong proponent of self-reliance, clearly recognizing that underdevelopment resulted from a lack of technological progress. Consequently, a new Industrial policy was enacted to develop key industries. While Independent India was in its infancy, he identified power and steel production for self-sufficiency and planning. In collaboration with other countries, India built steel plants in Rourkela (Orissa), Bhilai (M.P.) and Durgapur (W. Bengal). Dam projects were undertaken in various places to produce hydroelectric power, including the flagship Dam at Bhakra Nangal, Punjab. The first oil refinery was inaugurated in Noonmati, Assam, in 1962 as another leap forward towards industrialization. Nehru called them 'the temples of modern India.'

Nehru was determined to foster a 'scientific temper' as he provided leadership in establishing many new Engineering Institutes, the most important being the premier Indian Institute of Technology, 5 of which started between 1957 and 1964. His farsightedness is also evident in his granting deemed university status to the Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore, setting up the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and the Defense Research and Development Organization, and laying the foundation stone for the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research. Nehru's own words stated that these would become 'visible symbols of

building up the new India and of providing life and sustenance to our people.'

Soon after Independence, India embarked upon a nuclear program aimed at developing its nuclear capacity for peaceful purposes. As we know by now, Dr. Homi Bhabha's pioneering work in this regard is widely acclaimed for enhancing India's capabilities in this area. Dr. Vikram Sarabhai, the father of the Indian Space Program, helped establish the Indian Space Research Organization.

Nehru recognized the importance of education as a tool for empowerment. The establishment of the University Education Commission under the Chairmanship of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan and the Secondary Education Commission under the chairmanship of Dr. A. L. Mudaliar laid the foundation of education and higher education. The Indian Council of Cultural Relations was also established under Maulana Azad to promote policies pertaining to India's external cultural relations.

Nehru also played a crucial role as a leader of the non-aligned world, shaping India's foreign policy for the post-independence period. His charismatic personality and a deep understanding of the country and the world enabled him to be an effective spokesman for the developing world and an advocate for liberation movements across the globe.

Undoubtedly, Nehru helped to build institutions that stood the test of time. The emerging nations during that period, such as Yugoslavia, Egypt, and Ghana, failed in this regard, and the results are quite evident for all of us to see. Nehru's vision and leadership were critical in shaping India as we know it today. According to 'Journey of a Nation,' edited by Anand Sharma, a senior Congress leader, Nehru laid the foundation of a self-reliant, productive, and confident India, creating many of its Institutions and leaving an indelible stamp on every aspect of the country.

However, there are regressive forces at work now to undo the Nehruvian legacy and to take us back to the age when the soul of the nation was suppressed. Regretfully, there are some in the Diaspora who are beneficiaries of Nehru's vision of education and climbed ladders of success abroad appear to be siding with the nexus of retrogressive elements defaming his legacy and downplaying his contributions. However, among reflective Indians, especially NRIs, it is time to realize that the ongoing Nehru bashing has been counterproductive. Nehru's respect for democratic procedures and inclusive vision will remain relevant, without which a modern India might cease to exist! As Shashi Tharoor, author of 'Nehru, the Invention of India' put it, "Let us be conscious that his legacy is ours, whether we agree or not. What India is today, both for good and for ill, we owe in great measure to one man" - Jawaharlal Nehru.

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There is but One God. His name is Truth;  
He is the Creator. He fears none; he is  
without hate. He never dies; He is beyond  
the cycle of births and death. He is self-  
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## HINDU TEMPLE IN BRAMPTON CANCELS EVENT AMID VIOLENT PROTEST THREATS



Brampton Triveni Mandir and Community Centre has cancelled a consular camp fearing violent protest

NOVEMBER 12, 2024

**BRAMPTON (TIP):** Amid fears of an "extremely high level of violent protests", the Brampton Triveni Mandir and Community Centre has cancelled a life certificate event.

The event, a consular camp, was scheduled to take place on November 17, where Indian-origin Hindus and Sikhs could renew essential life certificates.

The temple administration issued a statement on Monday, saying, "Please be advised that the Life Certificate Event scheduled at Brampton Triveni Mandir by the Indian Consulate on November 17, 2024, has been cancelled. This is due to official intelligence from Peel Regional Police, stating that there is an Extremely High and Imminent Threat Level of violent protests." The authorities apologize to the community members, stating, "We apologize to all community members who were dependent on the event. We are deeply saddened that Canadians now feel unsafe coming to Hindu Temples in Canada."

"We call on Peel Police to address the threats being circulated against Brampton Triveni Mandir and provide security guarantees to the Canadian Hindu Community and the general public," the temple administration added.

Brampton Triveni Mandir and Community Centre is a spiritual place for the gathering of all Hindus and like-minded people gather to participate in puja, kirtan, sewa and pravachan.

On November 3, an Indian consular camp at the Hindu Sabha Temple in Brampton, near Toronto, witnessed a "violent disruption". The incident sparked widespread criticism in and outside Canada.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi condemned the "deliberate attack" on Hindu temple in Canada and said that "cowardly attempts to intimidate" Indian diplomats were appalling and New Delhi expects Canadian authorities to ensure justice and uphold rule of law.

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

## Indian Celebrity chef Sanjeev Kapoor visits Akshaya Patra's London charity kitchen

According to the Food Foundation charity, around 4 million children in UK households are affected by food insecurity, while the Childhood Trust estimates that 426,500 children in London alone are suffering from hunger

NOVEMBER 14, 2024

**LONDON (TIP):** Celebrity chef Sanjeev Kapoor recently visited the London kitchen of Akshaya Patra, a 24-year-old Indian-origin charity that feeds nearly 2.25 million children daily in schools and places of learning across India and the UK.

During his visit to the UK last week, Kapoor, a leading Indian television personality, met with the charity's team of chefs to share a variety of recipes and tips on creating food that is simple, nutritious, cost-effective, and flavorful-appealing to the diverse tastes of children. He also prepared a colorful pasta dish with freshly made sauce and seasonal vegetables, along with a crunchy salad, demonstrating that "good food doesn't have to be expensive, and nutritious food doesn't have to taste bad."

"It is an important day in my life to visit the first international kitchen of an Indian-origin charity that feeds millions of children to support their education," said Kapoor.

He added, "Here in the UK, there is significant food poverty, and the numbers are staggering. Kudos to the dedicated Akshaya Patra UK team for



Sanjeev Kapoor

File photo

making a difference in the United Kingdom. The UK's need is very different from India's, but the team here has come up with a unique model to address the issue."

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households are affected by food insecurity, while the Childhood Trust estimates that 426,500 children in London alone are suffering from hunger.

"Akshaya Patra has a long history of delivering transformative school meal programs. It is a sad reality for a country like the UK that a charity such as Akshaya Patra needs to be involved in supporting children's nutritional needs to help them make the most of their education," said Daniel Adams, CEO of Akshaya Patra UK.

The charity provides meals in schools and after-school clubs through its 'Hot Meals and Homework' program. Adams noted that Kapoor's visit to the Akshaya Patra site in Watford, north of London, provided valuable insights for the team on how to cater to the "diverse British palate."

Akshaya Patra UK is a registered charity dedicated to providing nutritious hot meals to hungry children in the country. Until 2020, the charity operated in the UK to fundraise for its feeding programs in India. However, in response to the growing food poverty in the UK, it expanded its efforts to provide food services with the support of partners and donors. (Source: PTI)

## Brampton cops arrest SFJ Canada coordinator in temple violence case

NOVEMBER 14, 2024

**BRAMPTON (TIP):** The Canadian police have arrested a 35-year-old Brampton resident on charges of assault with a weapon during a violent demonstration at a Hindu temple in the city, authorities said.



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On November 3, a protest occurred at the Hindu Sabha Mandir in Brampton and unverified videos circulating on social media appeared to show demonstrators holding banners in support of Khalistan. The videos showed fist fights and people striking each other with poles on what appears to be the grounds surrounding the temple.

The Peel Regional Police responded to the altercation during the demonstration at the mandir. As tensions between opposing sides increased, the demonstrations became physical and assaultive, a statement said on Saturday.

Police began investigating several offences that occurred during the demonstration, many of which were captured on video, including individuals using flags and sticks to assault people, it said.

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

## Peel police give 'clean chit' to Canadian cop seen in Brampton temple attack video

NOVEMBER 15, 2024

**BRAMPTON (TIP):** Peel Regional Police responded to a trespassing complaint during a protest at the Hindu Sabha Temple on The Gore Road in Brampton on November 3 at approximately 12:00 pm.

The protest, which quickly escalated, raised public safety concerns, prompting officers to seize items that could potentially be used as weapons.

According to an official press release, officers



"The officer acted within the lawful execution of his duties," the police clarified.

attempted to de-escalate the situation, but a video posted on social media captured an altercation between an officer and a protester. The footage sparked concern within the community, leading Peel Regional Police to conduct a review of the incident. In a post on X (formerly Twitter), Peel Regional Police Tyler Bell Morena, Crime Suppression Team shared the press release with the public online.

"Peel Regional Police understands that the video caused concern in the community. We take all complaints about officer conduct seriously and have conducted a review of the incident," the release stated. Following an investigation, it was determined that the officer involved was attempting to disarm an individual who had refused to surrender their weapon and became confrontational.

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

# Indian American fundraiser of Kamala Harris receives racists messages

NOVEMBER 11, 2024

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (TIP) :** An Indian American fundraiser of Vice President Kamala Harris and the Democratic Party has been receiving racist and threatening messages on his phone asking him to leave the county and go to India.

"You claim that you are doing what's best for Americans, but you aren't doing anything for Americans, and you don't care about America. You are Indian. You only care about Indians. You do what's best for India. Why are you here? Stop being a beggar in America and become a leader in India," Ajay Jain Bhutoria was told in a text message that he received on Sunday from an unknown number.

Ajay Bhutoria is the Deputy National Finance Chair DNC and National Finance Committee, Harris-Walz campaign. He is also one of the Commissioners to the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders. In this role, he was



Ajay Jain Bhutoria disclosed to PTI : "Trump supporters asking me to go back to India to fight for green card backlog".

instrumental in addressing several issues of the legal immigrant community.

"Trump supporters asking me to go back to India to fight for green card backlog," Bhutoria told PTI.

"Stop being a beggar in America and to be a leader in India," he was told in the text message. Some of these messages were posted by Bhutoria on social media platforms.

## INDIAN AMERICAN RAMASWAMY BACKS TRUMP'S MASS DEPORTATION PLANS



Vivek Ramaswamy expressed his support for the mass deportation plan of illegal immigrants and said that the legal immigration system in the country is "broken".

NOVEMBER 14, 2024

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (TIP):** Vivek Ramaswamy, top Indian American aide to President-elect Donald Trump, expressed his support for the mass deportation plan of illegal immigrants and said that the legal immigration system in the country is "broken".

He said that those who broke the law while entering the United States have no right to stay here and they need to go.

"Do we have a broken legal immigration system? Yes, we do. But I think the first step is going to be to restore the rule of law, to do it in a very pragmatic way," entrepreneur turned politician told media in an interview.

"Those who have entered in the last couple of years, they haven't established roots in the country. Those who have committed a crime, should be out of this country. That is by the millions. That alone would be the largest mass deportation. Combine that with ending government aid for all illegals. You see self-deportations," he said.

Ramaswamy appeared on multiple Sunday talk shows, the first after the stunning win of Donald Trump in the November 5 presidential elections. He told media that he is having some "high impact" discussions on his future role in the administration, Congress of the party.

From being a rival of Trump during the Republican primaries, Ramaswamy has emerged as a staunch supporter and confidant of Trump.

"I think he cares about uniting the country. I think that is Donald Trump's number one focus. I do think we have to get back to a place after this election after that decisive victory, which I do think was a gift to the country, get back to a place where ordinary Americans who might have voted differently amongst their family members or their colleagues or their neighbors, to be able to get together at the dinner table and say, we're still Americans at the end of this, that's very much Donald Trump's headspace," he said.

(Read full story at

[www.theindianpanorama.news](http://www.theindianpanorama.news))

## Indian American executive Lavanya Chandrashekar named CFO at News Corp.

NOVEMBER 9, 2024

**NEW YORK (TIP):** Indian American executive Lavanya Chandrashekar has been named the next Chief Financial Officer at News Corp succeeding Susan Panuccio who plans to step down from the role on Jan 1.



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Chandrashekar, 52, comes to the media giant after a successful run as CFO of Diageo, a premium beverages company, and 25-plus years in global finance and investor relations. She has previously held senior positions at

blue chip consumer companies, including Procter & Gamble.

Panuccio, who has been an integral part of News Corp since joining as CFO in 2017, will serve in an advisory capacity after she steps down to ease the transition for Chandrashekar, who will be paid \$1.4 million in annual base pay as well as other incentives.

During her tenure at Diageo from 2021 to September 2024, Chandrashekar led the company through a period of profitable and accelerated growth, with the company growing at a 10.5% CAGR, according to a News Corp release.

"An innovative global executive, Chandrashekar spearheaded and launched a multi-faceted global digital transformation program for Diageo. Her passion for mission and culture enabled the development and elevation of talent across the company," it added.

"I am thrilled to welcome Lavanya to News Corp, and look forward to her joining our leadership team," said News Corp Chief Executive Robert Thomson. "Lavanya's mix of financial acumen, global experience and proven integrity were compelling characteristics of her professional personality. Lavanya has meaningful experience leading transformation initiatives, and her support will be welcome as News Corp continues its ambitious journey."

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

## Indian American executive Shailesh Prakash quits google news amid tensions with publishers

NOVEMBER 12, 2024

**SAN FRANCISCO (TIP):** Shailesh Prakash, an Indian American Google News executive picked to super charge the search giant's news efforts, has reportedly resigned amid rising tensions with publishers accusing it of siphoning critical advertising revenue.

Prakash had served as a vice president and general manager for Google News. New York Post cited an unnamed source as confirming that he is no longer with the company.

It was first reported on his resignation, citing people familiar with the matter. The circumstances behind Prakash's resignation were not immediately clear. Google declined to comment on the Post.

Prakash's job experience gave him unique insight into the news industry's gripes with Google. He joined Google in Nov. 2022 after an 11-year stint at the Washington Post, where he served as chief product and technology officer, according to his LinkedIn profile.

He was credited with guiding the newspaper's shift toward digital content during that period, including its creation of an in-house advertising technology business, the Journal said.

Prakash reportedly worked closely with billionaire Jeff Bezos after the Amazon founder bought the Washington Post for \$500 million in 2013. The outgoing Google executive previously held roles at Sun Microsystems, Motorola, Netscape, Microsoft, and Sears Holdings, showcasing a wealth of experience in both technology and corporate strategy.

Google has faced intense scrutiny in recent months over its business practices and the alleged harm they have caused to news publishers, which rely on the search giant for the site traffic that underpins ad sales, the Post noted.

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



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# Sikhs take out an Impressive Parade in celebration of Guru Nanak Dev Ji's 555th Birth Anniversary

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Priests in attendance of Shri Guru Granth Sahib

disciples of the Tenth Master, Guru Gobind Singh, when he created Khalsa in 1699).

All along the 3-mile route of the parade, a number of organizations and individuals served food and beverages, called langar (free food) to each and everyone. Langar (free food) is a unique feature of Sikhism.

Sikhism is the youngest and the fifth most followed religion of the world. The Sikhs, known for their enterprise, are present in every part of the world, and contribute richly to their nations of adoption. The U.S. Canada, UK, account for a larger percentage of the Sikh population. The annual Guru Nanak parade is organized by Gurdwara Baba Makhan Shah Lobana



Community leaders walk beside the float carrying Guru Granth Sahib, with milling crowds all around.



Young boys performed Gatka, a Sikh martial art. A former President of Gurdwara Baba Makhan Shah Lobana, Sardar Daler Singh is the trainer of the Gatka players.

Sikh Center in Richmond Hill in cooperation with the Sikh Gurdwaras and the Sikh organizations in the Tri-State area. The 2024 parade was in its 24th year.

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# BRUHUD to honor Dr. Varun Jeph at the 16th Annual Deepawali Gala on November 16



BRUHUD will honor Dr. Varun Jeph, Deputy Consul General of India in New York, for his outstanding service to the Indian diaspora across the 10 U.S. states under the jurisdiction of the Indian Consulate in New York.

NOVEMBER 12, 2024

NEW YORK (TIP): BRUHUD, one of the largest organizations for seniors in



Mohan Nannapaneni, founder of Team Aid-a prominent NGO dedicated to assisting with the repatriation of mortal remains from the U.S. to India, will be recognized.

New York, is set to celebrate its 16th Annual Deepawali Gala on November 16th at the Ganesh Temple Auditorium

in Queens, NY. This year's event will honor Dr. Varun Jeph, Deputy Consul General of India in New York, for his outstanding service to the Indian diaspora across the 10 U.S. states under the jurisdiction of the Indian Consulate in New York.

MOHAN NANNAPANENI, founder of Team Aid-a prominent NGO dedicated to assisting with the repatriation of mortal remains from the U.S. to India-will also be recognized.

The evening's Chief Guest will be PREM BHANDARI, a distinguished global advocate for the Indian diaspora and Chairman of Jaipur Foot USA.

In a statement released by BRUHUD President Ajay Patel, he highlighted that the organization was founded in 2009 by his late father, Shashikant Patel, with a mission to support and improve the well-being of senior citizens. Shashi Kant Patel pioneered health fairs, seminars, and other initiatives for seniors,



Prem Bhandari, a distinguished global advocate for the Indian diaspora and Chairman of Jaipur Foot USA will be the Chief Guest

establishing a legacy of service and care.

Ajay Patel also announced that, in memory of his father, BRUHUD will sponsor a free Jaipur Foot camp in Gujarat in the last week of January, providing artificial limb fittings to those in need.

# Emmy-nominated filmmaker Tirlok Malik's On Golden Years Receives Resounding Applause at Teaneck International Film Festival



L-R: Actor Farokh Daruwala, Snehal Batra, Esq, David H.Nachman, Esq, Actor and Filmmaker Tirlok Malik, Actor Prof Indrajit S Saluja  
Photo: Ray Turkin Photography

BY MURTAZA ALI KHAN

NOVEMBER 12, 2024

TEANECK, NJ (TIP): Emmy-nominated filmmaker Tirlok Malik's heartfelt film On Golden Years made a memorable impact at the Teaneck International Film Festival's 19th annual celebration. Held on November 10, 2024, the screening drew a warm response from the audience, ending with resounding applause and a powerful message of love and resilience.

The film resonated deeply with viewers, who praised both its storytelling and its reflection of the immigrant experience. Sanjay Modi called it a "truly good story and well portrayed on the big screen," adding he planned to see it again with his wife. Harry Shah

"Retirement was never envisioned like this" - Denise Lobelle  
"Superb and charming characters" - Rory Alexander Brown  
"Unabashed romanticism. I loved it." - Mary Lee Grant



On Golden Years Poster

remarked that it carried a "great message of love" and noted how it reflects "a reality which we immigrants have been living." Pam and Lall Kawatra also expressed

their appreciation, saying, "We loved the film; congratulations to Tirlok Malik!"

David Nachman, Esq., Managing Attorney at Nachman, Phulwani, Zimovcak (NPZ) Law Group, P.C. shared: "Thank you for giving us the opportunity to sponsor such an excellent film with such an important message at a critical time. The NPZ Law Group is pleased to support TIFF's missions and messages. Congratulations to Tirlok Malik for providing attendees with exposure to a truly timeless film."

Jeremy Lentz, Executive Director of the Teaneck International Film Festival, added, "It was an honor to present On Golden Years at the 19th Teaneck International Film Festival. The message of this film reminds us to love each day you are given and live each day you've got - leading with love and compassion. I hope this film will uplift and inspire others to be kind to each other and take care of one another."

The screening concluded with a lively Q&A, where Malik expressed his gratitude, made everyone laugh in his trademark style, and left everyone with a final, uplifting message to love oneself and live every moment of life to the fullest. This sentiment, capturing the spirit of the film, left a lasting impression on attendees and reinforced the power of cinema to bring people together and inspire a love for life.

(Murtaza Ali Khan is an award-winning film critic who has served on the jury of the 69th and the 70th National Awards. He has been covering cinema, arts, and culture for the last decade and a half. He can be reached at [murtaza.jmi@gmail.com](mailto:murtaza.jmi@gmail.com))

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# Let's Share A Meal celebrates Guru Nanak's Message of ONENESS in Soulful Renditions of Gurbani

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This event honored Guru Nanak Dev Ji's teachings of unity, equality, and love for humanity. Organized by the nonprofit Let's Share a Meal, which has been serving meals to homeless shelters, elderly homes, and soup kitchens worldwide since 2011, the celebration emphasized the spirit of Langar, the community kitchen, extending help to those in need.

A spokesperson of Let's Share a Meal told The Indian Panorama that the organization was launched in 2011 "with a humble dream to nourish a million souls across all 50 states in America. We've committed to feeding the homeless and hungry, believing that sharing a meal is an act of love. From the streets of Florida to the communities of California and South Dakota, our journey has touched countless lives. In California, our team mobilized during a time of great need, providing meals to over 2000 individuals who had lost their homes to wildfires. In Florida, we partnered with local organizations to set up food drives that reached over 1500 people, and helped foster a sense of community and hope. And in South Dakota, volunteers delivered hot meals to over 1500 individuals in remote areas. Connecting with shelters nationwide, we continue to inspire local volunteers to join our cause, offering simple guidance to craft meals that bring comfort and warmth and our bond. The Sikh temples also continue to blossom as our values align with the mission of giving back".

"Our vision is a seed planted in each community, growing over time, into a self-sustaining tree of generosity. Now celebrating over 50,000 lives nourished we see the power of a shared meal. Come join us in our volunteer efforts, and together, let's continue to spread love and hope across America.



Padma Bhushan Shri Sant Singh Chatwal Indian American Hotelier honoring Vikas Khanna, Celebrity chef at the celebrations to mark the 555th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak ji, held at NJPAC on November 9, 2024.

Photo / Mohammed Jaffer-Snapsindia



Young musicians gave a mesmerizing performance of instrumental music in the Ragas which Guru Nanak sang

Photo / Mohammed Jaffer-Snapsindia



Kanwar Singh Grewal, as usual, stole the show with his inimical singing.

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Satinder Satti, an Indian television anchor, actress, poet, dancer, singer, and former Punjab Arts Council chairperson proved to be an excellent Master of Ceremonies.

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Harshdeep Kaur, with her melodious singing of Gurbani, captivated the audience.

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We warmly invite you to be part of our mission, whether by offering financial support or donating your time, your contributions are vital in helping us continue to make a meaningful impact and bring hope to those in need. Together, we can transform our dream into reality. Every act of kindness, no matter how small, lights up the lives of those we serve."

Vikas Khanna, a celebrated chef known for his humanitarian service, was honored by Sant Chatwal, Indian American hotelier during the event. Sant Chatwal, along with Bangla Sahib's Head Granthi of Gurdwara, Giani Ranjit Singh, and Vikas Khanna, spoke on the occasion.

He commended Onkar Singh, the trustee and chair of Guru Nanak's 555th birth anniversary celebration, and his team for organizing this significant event to convey Guru Nanak's message

of oneness and universal brotherhood.

The event featured Gurbani singing in classical ragas, with vocalists and instrumentalists rendering Guru Nanak's Gurbani. Among the performers were renowned vocalists Kanwar Singh Grewal and Harshdeep Kaur, and a group of young instrumentalists who captivated the audience by beautifully rendering the many ragas in which Guru Nanak sang.

Held in NJPAC's auditorium with a capacity of 2,800, the event drew an enthusiastic audience from diverse communities, reflecting Guru Nanak's message of unity of all people. The soulful singing of Guru Nanak's Gurbani conveyed the theme of humanity's oneness and resonated deeply with attendees.

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Sikhism, founded by Guru Nanak Dev Ji in the 15th century, emphasizes divine harmony and equality, core beliefs articulated in the Guru Granth Sahib, the sacred scripture of the Sikhs. The universal nature of Sikhism, with approximately 27 million followers worldwide and around 500,000 Sikhs in the United States, reaches across faiths and cultures, encouraging a vision of peace and harmony for all.

Through this celebration, Let's Share a Meal touched the lives of over 100,000 individuals, continuing its mission of monthly food drives and other aid activities.

# Diwali at Times Square 9th Edition celebrated in the heart of New York City



New York City Mayor said that he was proud "to be with our Hindu brother and sisters today for the annual Diwali at Times Square celebration as we push away the darkness and welcome the light all across our city".

Seen in the picture, among others, from L to R: India's Consul General at New York Mr. Binaya Srikanta Pradhan, Mr. Bhasin, Founder of Diwali at Times Square Neeta Bhasin, Dilip Chauhan, Deputy Commissioner NYC Mayor's Office for International Affairs, Mayor Eric Adams, and New York State Assembly Member Jenifer Rajkumar.



Children are seen painting clay Diyas and creating beautiful Rangoli art at specially created Kids Zone

**NOVEMBER 10, 2024**

**NEW YORK CITY, NY (TIP:** Diwali at Times Square 2024 may be over but the memory of it will last a lifetime for those who witnessed the festival in the heart of New York City on Saturday, October 19th, 2024.

"Our objective from the beginning has been to take India to mainstream America" "and today, I'm excited to share that thanks to the support of the mainstream media and more Corporate Sponsors aligning to support us this year, we are achieving that goal" said the Founder of Diwali at Times Square, Neeta Bhasin. She also emphasized the importance of instilling Indian American youth with a sense of pride for their heritage, while also fostering cross-cultural exchange.

Diwali at Times Square was honoured to welcome the Office of Faith-Based and Community Partnerships of NYC for the first time ever as a presenting partner alongside KIA who returned as a presenting sponsor of the festival and Procter & Gamble who joined the festival as a gold sponsor.

The festival showcased the "Colors of India and America" featuring performances of different states of India and highlighted performances of other ethnic communities like Indo-Caribbean, Africa and Mexico.

One of the biggest attractions in Diwali Bazaar was 'Kids Zone,' where children were painting Diyas (clay) and creating beautiful Rangoli art thanks to the support from Professor Alka Mujerki and students from the Manhattanville University in Purchase NY. There were also interactive Diwali book reading sessions with Priya Kumari from Eternal Tree Books. Additionally, there was food sampling from some of our sponsors as well as fashion with One Minute Saree and free henna before Karva Chauth (the fast Indian women keep for their husband's long life) that attracted thousands of people to Diwali Bazaar

The Diya (lamp) lighting ceremony on

stage was synchronized with the countdown on the One Times Square tower and it was inaugurated by the Consul General of India, Binaya Srikanta Pradhan, Senator Chuck Schumer, NYC Mayor Eric Adams, Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar, NYPD Commissioner, NYC Commissioner of Immigration, NYC Commissioner of International Trade Affairs, Dilip Chauhan, Deputy Commissioner International Affairs, Justice Karen Gopee, along with our



Sukhbir Singh, 'Prince of Bhangra' gave a thrilling performance

honorees and sponsors.

The Consul General of India, Binaya Srikanta Pradhan emphasized on the deeper meaning of the festival saying, "I have realized that Diwali at Times Square is more than just a festival - it is a celebration of our shared values, culture, togetherness, love, and diversity."

Senator Chuck Schumer appreciated the contribution of South Asian community to NYC by saying "The more South Asians we have in NYC, the better NYC is" and I want to salute the fact that Diwali is now a school holiday.

NYC Mayor Eric Adams said "What better place to celebrate the festival of lights than in the crossroads of the world. I'm proud to be with our Hindu brother and sisters today for the annual Diwali at

Times Square celebration as we push away the darkness and welcome the light all across our city."

Chandrika Tandon, Grammy Award Nominee and Founder of the Krishnamurthy Tandon Foundation the recipient of the "Woman of the Year Award" expressed her gratitude and shared this honour with everyone in the audience.

Raja Rajamannar, Chief Marketing & Communications Officer, Mastercard was honoured with the "Man of the Year Award" and was humbled to accept the recognition which he shared with his wife Jyothi

House of Spices "This year, we are proud to debut our latest Diwali campaign at the event. We are confident this campaign will

Shannon K, a rising star from LA is a singer and songwriter mesmerized the audience with her performance.

Preeti and Pinky from India sang their famous songs of 90's that are viral in social media. People are still dancing on those popular songs.

Sukhbir Singh, 'Prince of Bhangra' whose music varies from pure Punjabi to fusion, shook the entire stage with his the most energetic performance forced people to dance with him on every song specially 'Oh Ho Ho Ho'

The finale performer Raghav made every age group to sing with him on his famous songs including 'Ange Eyes' that topped the charts across the world in late 90s.

Diwali at Times Square was celebrated in association with "Samman for All;" its mission is to facilitate people from the lower-economic strata to achieve their dreams by providing them with tools for sustainable living and empowerment,

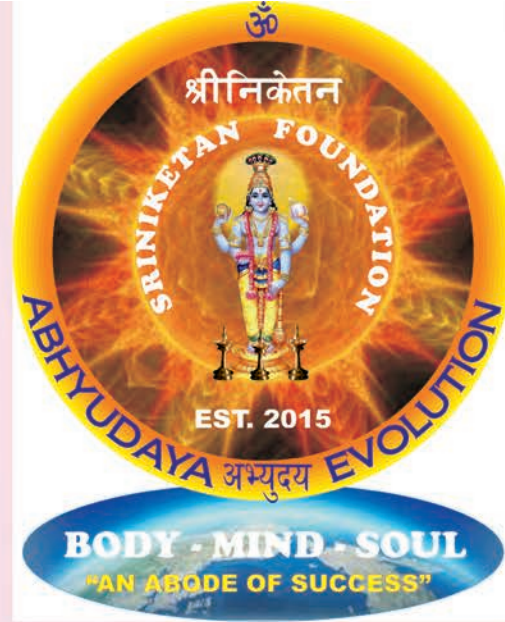
"Diwali celebration serves as a powerful symbol of unity, bridging cultural ties and fostering diversity."

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**For information on how to be part of the 10th Anniversary, and sponsorship inquiries, please contact:** - Email: [sponsorship@diwalitimesquare.com](mailto:sponsorship@diwalitimesquare.com), [media@asbcommunications.com](mailto:media@asbcommunications.com)

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# Indian Embassy in Guatemala organizes a fabulous Diwali Festival

## FASHION SHOW, DANCES, FIREWORKS CAPTIVATE ATTENDEES



The Festival began with Lighting of the Lamp

**NOVEMBER 10, 2024**

**GUATEMALA CITY (TIP):** Embassy of India in Guatemala organized a grand Diwali celebration to mark Diwali, the Festival of Lights, on 9th November 2024 in association with the Indian community & the Municipality of San Juan Sacatepéquez. The festival was attended by over 500 guests from both the Indian and Guatemalan communities. This event has grown to become one of the most significant cultural exchanges between the two countries, showcasing the vibrancy and rich traditions of Indian culture.



Guests were mesmerized by breathtaking Bollywood dance performances by various local groups

The Embassy of India in Guatemala City, with concurrent accreditation to Honduras and El Salvador, plays an instrumental role in strengthening India's cultural bonds with the region by engaging both the Indian diaspora and local communities in vibrant celebrations of Indian festivals. These events are central to the Embassy's cultural diplomacy, bridging diverse backgrounds and fostering mutual understanding and respect. Recently, the Embassy has drawn significant attention from the local public with major celebrations, including Holi, Diwali, Independence Day, Republic Day, and the International Day of Yoga. Celebrating festivals like Diwali, Holi, and India's national days has not only preserved the traditions and heritage of the Indian community but also serves as a powerful medium for cross-cultural exchange. For the Indian expatriate community, these events provide an essential connection to their cultural roots, allowing them to celebrate rituals that carry deep emotional meaning and reinforce their identity and sense of belonging, even while living far from home. For Guatemalans, Hondurans, and Salvadorans, these gatherings offer a vibrant introduction to Indian culture, allowing firsthand experiences of its customs, music, dance, attire, and cuisine. Local participation has grown significantly each year, with approximately 5,000 attendees at IDY 2024, another 5,000 for Holi in El Salvador in 2023, around 500 for Holi 2024 in Guatemala City, and close to 1,500 for Diwali 2023.

Diwali celebrations, emphasizing the themes of light, unity, and good over evil, resonating with universal values has been immensely accepted by the local public and participation in these events has received overwhelming welcome. Moreover, the Embassy's active engagement has led to an enthusiastic response from the local

community, with increasing support from local partners and officials who see value in celebrating and promoting Indian culture. Collaborations with municipalities, local businesses, and cultural institutions enhance the reach and impact of these events, making them more accessible and appealing to a diverse audience. In Guatemala, for instance, the participation of local partners such as the Municipality of San Juan Sacatepéquez and national brands has underscored the growing impact and popularity of these events, reflecting the deepening cultural ties between India and the region. Over the years, the Indian Embassy in Guatemala has organized several successful Diwali events, each year seeing an increasing number of participants.



The fashion show featuring display of elegance and style of Indian Sarees

This year's Diwali festival was particularly remarkable, marked by strong support from local partners the Municipality of San Juan Sacatepéquez. Its involvement was instrumental in expanding the event's reach and enhancing its cultural impact. The evening unfolded with a range of captivating performances that brought Indian and Guatemalan traditions to life for an enthusiastic audience. The festivities began with the traditional lighting of the lamp, symbolizing the triumph of light over darkness—a fitting opening to the vibrant celebration. Highlights included spectacular Bollywood dance performances by troupes like Bolly Sun, Satva Anand and Club de Danza UVG from both El Salvador and Guatemala, whose high-energy routines left the crowd spellbound. The Municipality of San Juan Sacatepéquez showcased its cultural heritage through a mesmerizing performance by the Mayan Marimba, along with an appearance by Elias García, the esteemed 132-year-old musical band that added a soulful resonance to the evening. A standout segment of the festival was the fashion show, which celebrated the beauty and diversity of traditional attire from both India and Guatemala. The festival truly embodied a spirit of unity, bridging cultural divides and building connections through the shared joy of celebration.



Ambassador Dr. Manoj Kumar Mohapatra shared inspiring remarks at the Diwali celebration, emphasizing the festival's spirit of unity and friendship.

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Once again, the Diwali festival received overwhelming response from the local Guatemalans and the Indian Diaspora.

In his address, Ambassador Dr. Manoj Kumar Mohapatra expressed his gratitude to all attendees, sponsors, and partners for making the event a grand success. He highlighted the significance of Diwali in promoting unity, positivity, and cultural exchange, emphasizing the importance of such events in strengthening ties between India and Guatemala. The Ambassador also praised the growing interest in Indian culture in Guatemala, noting the increasing attendance year after year, and reiterated India's commitment to deepening bilateral relations. Mayor Pellecer of San Juan Sacatepéquez, who has been a vital partner in the Embassy's cultural outreach, shared his enthusiasm for participating in the Diwali festival. He acknowledged the growing popularity of the event among the local population and expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to celebrate this important festival of lights alongside the Indian community. His remarks underscored the positive impact of Diwali in fostering understanding and goodwill between Guatemala and India, while also showcasing the municipality's commitment to continuing its support for such cultural exchanges.

One of the evening's most eagerly anticipated segments was the vibrant fashion show, which served as a stunning showcase of traditional attire from both India and



The fashion show featured models from San Juan Sacatepaques showcasing traditional Guatemalan attire

Guatemala. The event beautifully highlighted the elegance and diversity of each nation's cultural heritage through fashion. Indian participants graced the stage in a

variety of exquisite saris, each draped in a unique style that demonstrated the versatility and timeless beauty of India's iconic garment. The saris' rich colors and intricate designs captivated the audience, providing a glimpse into the artistry and craftsmanship integral to Indian textile traditions. Complementing the Indian display, Guatemalan participants, including models from San Juan Sacatepéquez, proudly presented their traditional attire, with its vibrant hues and intricate patterns symbolizing Guatemala's cultural heritage. Adding a delightful fusion element to the show, several Guatemalan models wore Indian saris, symbolizing the deepening bonds and cultural exchange between the two countries. This blending of traditions illustrated the warmth and mutual appreciation that exists between India and Guatemala, where fashion served as a bridge uniting both communities in a celebration of cultural diversity. The participation of models from San Juan Sacatepéquez in Indian saris underscored the spirit of collaboration and mutual respect, making this segment a true highlight of the evening and a memorable representation of unity in diversity.

The Embassy's Diwali festival concluded with a breathtaking fireworks display, made possible with support from the Municipality of San Juan Sacatepéquez.



The Diwali festival featured various cultural performances by the Indian Diaspora and local Guatemalans

Lighting up the night sky, the vibrant colors and dazzling lights captured the spirit of Diwali, symbolizing the victory of light over darkness. The event was secured with special arrangements by the Municipality of Guatemala City, ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for all. The spectacular fireworks drew awe and admiration from attendees, becoming a memorable highlight and perfectly closing the evening's festivities.

The Diwali festival has now become an essential part of the cultural calendar in Guatemala. The Embassy's efforts to organize such events demonstrate the importance of cultural diplomacy in strengthening India-Guatemala relations. The growing interest in Indian culture among Guatemalans, reflected in the increasing number of local attendees and the participation of local partners, shows the positive impact of these events. Such celebrations provide an invaluable platform for mutual understanding, exchange, and collaboration, contributing to the deepening of cultural and diplomatic ties between the two nations. The success of Diwali 2024 highlights the potential for furthering India-Guatemala relations, making this festival a key milestone in the ongoing cultural partnership. Through these efforts, the Embassy not only strengthens the bond with its diaspora but also contributes to the cultural fabric of Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador. This exchange of traditions and values builds goodwill and encourages collaborative relationships, providing a solid foundation for broader diplomatic and economic ties.

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# Bridging Heritage and Harmony: AAA-DC's 49th International Mushaira

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**MARYLAND (TIP):** The Aligarh Alumni Association of Metro Washington (AAA-DC) hosted its 49th annual International Mushaira on October 20, 2024, in the spacious auditorium of Gaithersburg, Maryland. This celebrated event featured the distinguished poet, lyricist, and screenwriter Javed Akhtar, recipient of the Padma Bhushan from the Government of India and a former Member of India's Parliament. Other esteemed poets who shared their work included Abdullah Abdullah, Ahmad Salman, Ashfaq Hussain, Masood Ahmad, Mohammed Jaweed, Nikhat Iftikhar, Nusrat Mehdi, Sabiha Saba, Shakeel Azmi, and Vinita Tiwari.



Nuzaira Azam and Javed Akhtar with Zafar Iqbal standing behind

Over the years, AAA-DC's Mushaira has evolved into a cherished cultural tradition for the South Asian diaspora in the Washington area, serving as a bridge to linguistic and literary heritage. The event fosters a dynamic exchange where renowned poets perform alongside emerging voices, sustaining the vibrancy of Urdu poetry. Originally conceived to celebrate Aligarh Muslim University's (AMU) legacy in Urdu literature, it now draws a global audience, inviting Urdu poetry lovers to savor the beauty of ghazals and nazms.

A hallmark of the Mushaira is its diverse lineup, featuring poets from India, Pakistan, Europe, the United States, and beyond. Legendary poets like Faiz Ahmad Faiz, Ali Sardar Jafri, Kaifi



A view of the gathering

Azmi, and Ahmad Faraz have graced the event in past years, alongside an array of accomplished poets such as Ahmad Salman, Alok Srivastava, Ambreen Haseeb Ambar, Amjad Islam Amjad, Anwar Masood, Ashok Narain, Dilwar Figar, Gulzar Dehelvi, Hasan Kamal, Iftikhar Arif, Kaleem Aajiz, Khumar Barabankvi, Khushbir Singh Shaad, Khwamkha Hyderabad, Lata Haya, Makhmoor Saeedi, Malikzada Manzoor Ahmad, Munawwar Rana, Nida Fazli, Parveen Shakir, Popular Meerathi, Razi Raziuddin, Sabiha Saba, Saghar Khayyami, Salman Akhtar, Sampat Saral, Satya Pal Anand, Shaharyar, Wali Aasi, Wasim Barelvi, Zehra Nigah, and many others. This blend of voices has cemented the Mushaira's status as one of the most prestigious South Asian cultural gatherings.

were Indian Embassy officials in Washington, Anup Srivastav and Mohammad Bilal Ahmad, along with

of connection and pride in shared roots. This year's AAA Annual Mushaira delighted attendees with its much-



Another view of the gathering

representatives from groups including the Association of Indian Muslims (AIM), Federation of Aligarh Alumni Associations (FAAA), Global Organization of People of Indian Origin-

anticipated return to an in-person format. Dr. Ishrat Husain, Mr. Kaleem Kawaja, Ambassador Islam Siddiqi, and many others expressed their appreciation for the live gathering. An



Book launching

The event typically attracts a large audience of Urdu poetry enthusiasts, including dignitaries and representatives from various cultural organizations. Among the attendees

Metro Washington (GOPIO-DC), Hyderabad Association of Metro Washington Area (HAWMA), Montgomery Nawabs, National Council of Asian Indian Associations, Inc. (NCAIA), University of Karachi Alumni Association (UKAA), and students from the University of Maryland College Park and Baltimore County. Additionally, AAA honors individuals who contribute to Urdu's promotion, such as Sanjeev Saraf of Rekhta.org, and includes a traditional rendition of AMU's anthem, Yeh Mera Chaman Hai, adding a nostalgic touch to the gathering.

enthusiastic audience of over 250 gathered in person, marking a joyful return to an in-person Mushaira after several virtual years. Attendees noted the inclusive spirit, with non-Muslim audience members comprising a substantial portion, and poets skillfully incorporating themes from Hindu epics. The significant participation of women poets further added to the event's success, reflecting the inclusive and diverse nature of the Mushaira and creating an atmosphere of cultural pride and literary richness.

Javed Akhtar presided over the Mushaira, which was skillfully moderated by A. Abdullah.

*(Based on a Press Release issued by Zafar Iqbal, Ph.D. 1509 Coat Ridge Road,*

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A highlight of the evening was Javed Akhtar's launch of Dr. Abdullah's new poetry collection, *Reyt Ki Lahrein Aur Ankahi Batein*. Akhtar commended Dr. Abdullah's dedication to preserving AMU's heritage and praised his efforts in uniting alumni from diverse backgrounds, fostering a profound sense



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# INDIA CULTURE WEEK COMMENCES AT SEATTLE UNIVERSITY

**IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SEATTLE UNIVERSITY, CONSULATE GENERAL OF INDIA IN SEATTLE, AN INAUGURAL CEREMONY TO COMMENCE THE FIRST INDIA CULTURE WEEK (ICW) CELEBRATIONS AT SEATTLE UNIVERSITY WAS HOSTED ON 12 NOVEMBER 2024.**

**NOVEMBER 12, 2024 SEATTLE (TIP):** The ICW celebrations spread over 12- 14 November, showcase to students of Seattle University an immersive experience on India, focusing through a unique photo exhibit the diversity of Indian states, a cultural dance performance bringing together dance forms from various regions of India, an Indian Food Festival, a specially curated session on Yoga, a workshop on Indian Heritage Arts : with focus on Madhubani art forms, a session on wellness and holistic wellbeing, and, the unveiling of



Participants in the India Culture Week

of students, along with eminent members of the Indian American diaspora. It also included sharing of experiences by Mr. Tim Durkan, a leading Seattle photographer, and Ms. Linda Lowry, Seattle Based Journalist, about their recent visit to India in October, wherein they had participated in a two-week familiarization program.

set of iconic images from their India visit was also put on display for viewing by the participating audiences. In addition, all participants were also witness to an enthralling opening dance performance, "NATYAM: A DANCE MOSAIC OF BHARAT" that brought together leading regional dance forms from India by Seattle based local artists.



Scenes from Yoga sessions



Ribbon Cutting for the Photo Exhibition

an "India Corner" - a selection of 100 books focusing on the arts, heritage and culture of India. These books have been gifted by the Indian Consulate to Seattle University's Library.



A Scene from Natyam

A specially curated photo exhibit, "India through Tim's Eyes" featuring a

The inaugural celebration culminated to an Indian Food Festival wherein cuisines of different states of India were provided and would be available for tasting at the Seattle University canteen.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS DURING INDIA CULTURE WEEK AT SEATTLE UNIVERSITY

### DAY 1: INAUGURAL CELEBRATION

Event 1: Photo Exhibit: India Through Tim's Eyes: A Special photo exhibit on Incredible India showcasing the following states: Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh and New Delhi

Pigott Auditorium | Tuesday, November 12, 4:30 PM

Event 2: Natyam, A Dance Mosaic of Bharat: Experience the cultural richness of India through a specially curated cultural dance sequence spanning classical to folk, from North to South,

and East to West.

Pigott Auditorium | Tuesday, November 12, 5:00 PM

Event 3: Indian Food Festival: Experience a variety of cuisines from different Indian states

Campion Ballroom | Tuesday, November 12, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

### DAY 2

Event 4: Yoga Session: Experience an hour-long holistic session with an Indian yoga guru

Eisiminger Fitness Center, Studio 1 | Wednesday, November 13, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Event 5: India Corner: Unveiling a collection of Indian books at Seattle University Library

Lemieux Library | Wednesday, November 13, 2:45 - 3:15 pm

### DAY 3

Event 6: Indian Arts Heritage Workshop with Deepti Designs: Experience the ancient art of Madhubani painting in this interactive workshop



Visitors to the Photo Exhibition

The inaugural ceremony was jointly addressed by President of Seattle University (SU), Mr. Eduardo M Penalver and the Consul General of India in Seattle, and attended by a large number



Scenes from Natyam



Food Festival

Sinegal Center for Science and Innovation | Thursday, November 14, 4:00 - 5:30 pm

( Based on a Press Release issued by the Indian Consulate at Seattle)





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# 24 ਵਾਂ ਮਹਾਨ ਨਗਰ ਕੀਰਤਨ

## 9 ਨਵੰਬਰ 2024 ਦਿਨ ਸ਼ਨੀਵਾਰ ਨੂੰ

113-10 ਪੰਜਾਬ ਐਵਨਿਊ, ਰਿਚਮੰਡ ਹਿੱਲ ਤੋਂ ਬੜੀ ਧੁਮਧਾਮ ਨਾਲ ਕੱਢਿਆ ਜਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ।

ਆਰੰਭ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਖੰਡ ਪਾਠ 7 ਨਵੰਬਰ 2024 ਦਿਨ ਵੀਰਵਾਰ ਸਵੇਰੇ 10:30 ਵਜੇ  
ਭੋਗ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਖੰਡ ਪਾਠ 9 ਨਵੰਬਰ 2024 ਦਿਨ ਸ਼ਨੀਵਾਰ ਸਵੇਰੇ 10:00 ਵਜੇ ਉਪਰੰਤ ਦੁਪਹਿਰ 12:00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਦੀਵਾਨ ਸਜਣਗੇ

ਨਗਰ ਕੀਰਤਨ ਦੀ ਅਰੰਭਤਾ ਸਵੇਰੇ 12 ਵਜੇ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਬਾਬਾ ਮੱਖਣ ਸ਼ਾਹ ਲੁਬਾਣਾ ਤੋਂ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ ਜੋ 111 ਸਟਰੀਟ ਤੋਂ  
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### ਬੰਦੀ ਫੇੜ ਦਿਵਸ

1 ਨਵੰਬਰ ਦਿਨ ਸੁਕਰਵਾਰ ਸ਼ਾਮ 5:00 ਵਜੇ  
ਤੋਂ ਦੇਰ ਰਾਤ ਤੱਕ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਦੀਵਾਨ ਸਜਣਗੇ।



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14 ਨਵੰਬਰ ਦਿਨ ਵੀਰਵਾਰ ਸ਼ਾਮ 6 ਵਜੇ ਤੋਂ  
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## Consensual sex with minor wife is also rape: Bombay high court

A man's consensual sexual intercourse with his wife, if she is below the age of 18 years, can get him booked for the offence of rape, irrespective of the wife's consent, the Bombay high court said in a major ruling on November 12.

Single-judge bench of Justice Govind Sanap was hearing a criminal appeal filed by a man challenging a September 9, 2021 verdict of a trial court in Wardha district, which convicted him under charges of rape and provisions of the Protection Of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

Upholding the conviction, Justice Sanap rejected the man's argument that the sexual intercourse with the victim was consensual and cannot amount to rape since she was his wife at the relevant time.

Stating that the age of consent is above 18, justice Sanap said, "It needs to be stated that sexual intercourse with a girl below 18 years of age is rape, regardless of whether she is married or not".

"In view of the law laid down by the Apex Court, intercourse by the appellant with the victim being his wife would not constitute rape or penetrative sexual assault, cannot be accepted. It needs to be stated that the sexual intercourse with a girl below 18 years of age is rape regardless of whether she is married or not," LiveLaw quoted the judge as saying in the order.

Justice Sanap said the defence of consensual sex with the wife is not available, when the age of the wife or the girl who is alleged to be the wife is below 18 years of age. Non-consensual intercourse with a wife, who is below 18 years of age, is a rape, the judge added.

In view of the Supreme Court ruling, the judge said that in this the defence of consensual sex with the wife cannot be accepted. "Even if it is assumed for the sake of argument that there was so called marriage between them, in view of the allegations made by the victim that it was sexual intercourse against her consent, it would constitute rape," the judge was quoted as saying.

The man whose criminal appeal was being heard by the Bombay high court was arrested on May 25, 2019 after the complainant, a minor girl, who was 31 weeks pregnant back then, lodged a case against him. The girl alleging that they were in a love affair and that man had forcible sexual intercourse with her, adding that he later on continued with the same on a false promise of marriage.

The girl then conceived and asked the man get married to her, however, he performed something that was more of a fraud. The man rented a house and, in the presence of neighbours there, exchanged garlands with the girl, making her believe that she was his wife, as per the LiveLaw report.

However, the man then started insisting the girl to terminate the pregnancy. The man assaulted her after she refused abortion. She then went to her parents' house and man assaulted her twice there as well.

## Oppn parties in Punjab slam Centre's land 'allotment' for Haryana Assembly

NEW DELHI (TIP)

Punjab's ruling AAP and opposition parties on Thursday, Nov 14, clear the allotment of 10 acres of land in Chandigarh to Haryana for the construction of its assembly building.

The AAP accused the BJP-led central government of conspiring against the state while the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) claimed any decision to allocate land to Haryana in the union territory would be unconstitutional.

The Congress said the Centre's clearance is "a calculated move to undermine Punjab's rightful share over its capital".

The Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has reportedly granted environmental clearance for the land offered by the Haryana government to the Chandigarh administration in exchange for land to build the second assembly building.

The Haryana government offered 12 acres of land in Panchkula in exchange for 10 acres of land near IT Park Road in Chandigarh.

At present, Punjab and Haryana share the Vidhan Sabha complex which is next to the Punjab and Haryana Civil Secretariat in Chandigarh, the joint



capital of the two states.

Punjab AAP spokesperson Neel Garg said Chandigarh is not just a piece of land but a matter tied to the emotions of three crore Punjabis.

"The BJP-led central government is conspiring against Punjab," he charged.

Chandigarh belongs to Punjab in every sense as it was built by displacing 22 villages from Kharar and is politically, socially, economically and culturally linked to Punjab, he said.

Garg accused the BJP government of deliberately creating a dispute with its environmental clearance. "The people of Punjab will never tolerate this," he said.

When Haryana was carved out of Punjab as a separate state, there was a promise that Chandigarh would eventually be handed over to Punjab after Haryana developed its own

capital. Until then, Chandigarh would remain a union territory, the AAP spokesperson said.

He also warned the central government not to "toy" with the emotions of Punjabis and demanded that this decision be revoked immediately.

The SAD said any decision to allocate land to Haryana in Chandigarh would be unconstitutional as it would violate Article 3 whereby Parliament alone can change state boundaries.

Senior SAD leader Daljit Singh Cheema urged Union Home Minister Amit Shah to rescind the decision and asserted that it was in violation of the Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966.

He said the Centre's decision to allocate land to Haryana is a design to end Punjab's right over Chandigarh.

"It is clear that the Haryana government is colluding with the Centre against Punjab," he added.

Cheema also accused the AAP of being hand in glove with Haryana and the central government.

"The AAP did not object when Home Minister Amit Shah made this announcement at a meeting of the North Zone Council meeting (in 2022)", he claimed.

## Haryana's 1500-kg buffalo Anmol, a social media star, is worth two Rolls Royce

NEW DELHI (TIP)

Anmol, a massive 1500 kg buffalo from Haryana, has turned into a viral sensation, mostly because of his colossal size and his remarkable valuation. Anmol is currently worth Rs 23 crore, and is leading a lavish life. The buffalo also makes appearances at some of the prestigious events in the country like Pushkar Mela and the All-India Farmers' Fair in Meerut.

Anmol is known for his form and striking appearance, but the main reason for his high valuation is because the buffalo's semen is in high demand for breeding, boosting its value.

The buffalo is seen as a symbol of pride in the animal husbandry industry of India, since its worth of ₹23 crore is more than many luxury cars and high-end real estate in the country.

To put into perspective, Anmol's Rs 23 crore price tag is the same as purchasing two Rolls Royce cars, ten Mercedes Benz cars or a dozen homes in Noida.

### Anmol's luxury life

The buffalo is known to draw in massive crowds during his appearances at fairs and agricultural events due to his massive size, his sheen and physical attributes, making him a near-perfect specimen for breeding.

Anmol belongs to the Sirsa district in Haryana, weighs about 1500 kg and is eight years old. Around Rs 1500 daily is spent on Anmol's upkeep and diet, which consists of expensive dry fruits and high-calorie foods, reported the Times of India.

The animal's daily diet includes 250 grams of almonds, 4 kilograms of pomegranates, 30 bananas, 5 kilograms of



milk, and 20 eggs. Apart from this, he is also given oil cake, green fodder, ghee, soybeans, and corn to enhance his growth and significance, as well as maintain his size.

Apart from this, Anmol enjoys two baths a day with a mixture of almond and mustard oil to maintain his sheen and health. Anmol's mother was a remarkable buffalo in her own right, producing a whopping 25 liters of milk.

Anmol's semen is a major source of revenue for his owner, and is collected twice a week, with each extraction worth Rs 250. This semen can be sold to breed up to 300 to 900 cattle, bringing in a monthly income of nearly Rs 5 lakh for Anmol's owner Gill.

Despite his high maintainence cost and demanding upkeep, Gill has no plans to part with Anmol and considers the animal as close as his brother.

# Constitution 'blank' for PM because he has never read it: Rahul in Maharashtra

NEW DELHI (TIP)

Lok Sabha LoP Rahul Gandhi on Thursday, Nov 14, said the copy of the Constitution displayed by him during public meetings appeared blank to Prime Minister Narendra Modi because "he has never read it".

Addressing a rally in Maharashtra's Nandurbar, the senior Congress leader said the Constitution is the soul of India and reflects the values championed by national icons like Birsa Munda, BR Ambedkar and Mahatma Gandhi.

"The BJP has objections to the red colour of the book," Rahul said, referring to the red-covered Constitution he has been displaying at rallies. "But we don't care if it's red or blue. We are committed to safeguarding it, even if we have to lay down our lives for it. Modiji thinks the Constitution I carry is blank because he has never read it," Gandhi said.

"But Modiji, this book is not empty. It carries the soul and wisdom of India. It enshrines the values of national heroes like Birsa Munda, Buddha, Mahatma Phule, Ambedkar and Mahatma Gandhi. If you call this book empty, you insult these icons," the Lok Sabha LoP added.

Rahul said the Congress party was committed to ensuring that adivasis (tribals), Dalits and backward classes have a larger role in the nation's decision-making processes. He criticised the BJP and RSS for referring to adivasis as "vanvasis" (forest dwellers), instead of the more appropriate "adivasis" (original inhabitants), a term he said better represented their rights and heritage.

Rahul Gandhi, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent



comments about the constitution while addressing a rally in Nandurbar, saying that the real fight today is to protect India's constitution. Speaking at the 'Maharashtra Swabhiman Sabha' in the tribal district, Gandhi alleged that describing the constitution as blank pages was an insult to great leaders like Birsa Munda, Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar and Mahatma Phule.

Gandhi promised that if the Maharashtra Vikas Aghadi (MVA) forms the government, it will conduct a caste census in Maharashtra to determine the representation of tribal, scheduled caste and OBC communities in government. He also announced

plans to remove the 50% cap on reservations.

At the rally, attended by Congress Maharashtra in-charge Ramesh Chennithala and local candidates, Gandhi outlined several MVA schemes. "Women under the Mahalaxmi scheme will get Rs 3,000 Khatakhat. Women will get free bus travel. Farmers will get farm loan waivers up to Rs 3 lakh. Farmers will also get guaranteed prices for soybean, cotton and other crops. MVA will conduct a caste survey and find out the true number of ST and others. MVA will give you Rs 25 lakh health insurance," said Gandhi.

Gandhi also criticised the RSS-BJP's stance on tribal communities. "BJP calls you Vanvasi (those who stay in jungle). But constitution says you are Adivasi, meaning first residents of India, first owners of India. Whether it's Jal, Jungle and Jamin, Adivasi has first right. Birsa Munda fought with the British who deprived the Adivasis from rights. RSS-BJP has same mindset as the British," Gandhi said.

Nationalist Congress Party (Sharad Pawar) MP Supriya Sule has criticised the Bharatiya Janata Party's current leadership, stating that "BJP 2.0" lacks the cultural refinement of its predecessor, particularly targeting Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis while promising transparent administration under a future Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government.

Speaking at a campaign rally in support of MVA candidate Sandeep Naik, who recently defected from the BJP to contest the Belapur constituency, Sule expressed dismay over an alleged audio recording of BJP MLA Manda Mhatre using inappropriate language. Mhatre, a former NCP member, has denied the authenticity of the recording.

## 700 kg meth seized in massive drug haul off Gujarat coast, 8 Iranians held

In a massive drug haul, anti-narcotics agencies seized about 700 kilograms of Methamphetamine - also known as meth - and arrested eight Iranian nationals from Indian territorial waters off the Gujarat coast on Friday, November 15.

Codenamed 'Sagar Manthan - 4', the operation was launched based on intelligence inputs, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) said in a statement, adding that a vessel was identified and interdicted by the Navy by mobilising its maritime patrol assets.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah reacted to the drug-bust and said the operation stands out as a "stellar example of the government's commitment to the vision and the seamless coordination among our agencies in achieving the same."

"Pursuing PM Shri @narendramodi Ji's vision for a drug-free Bharat, our agencies today busted an international drug trafficking cartel and seized over approx. 700 kg of contraband meth in Gujarat," Shah wrote on microblogging platform 'X'.

Investigation to identify the backward and forward linkages of the drug syndicate are on for which help of foreign Drugs Law Enforcement Agencies (DLEA) is being taken, the NCB said.

The NCB launched Operation 'Sagar Manthan' was launched early this year by constituting a team of officers of its Operations Branch and officers of Operations/Intelligence Wing of the Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard and ATS Gujarat Police to counter the threat to national security emanating from maritime trafficking of illicit drugs.

## PM Modi dares Rahul Gandhi to praise Bal Thackeray

MUMBAI (TIP)

Addressing a rally at Mumbai's iconic Shivaji Park on Thursday (November 14, 2024) ahead of the Maharashtra elections, Prime Minister Narendra Modi slammed the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) for insulting Savarkar and Bal Thackeray, while seeking a clear mandate for the Mahayuti alliance.

"The Aghadi insults Veer Savarkar; talks of saffron terror; and opposes the implementation of the Constitution in Kashmir," he told a slim crowd that was tepid in its response. Apart from the candidates of the Mumbai region, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and Union Minister Ramdas Athawale were present at the rally. "The MVA have been against the Ram Mandir. But when the election comes, they dress in saffron to seek votes. They want Article 370 back in Jammu & Kashmir. They are the same party who for decades did not give Marathi its due recognition of classical language," Modi said.

The Prime Minister said that Mumbai is the city of Thackeray's



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the Mahayuti Rally at Mumbai's Shivaji Park on November 14, 2024.

principles, but in the MVA, there is "one particular party" who has "handed over the remote control" to Congress to "constantly insult Thackeray". "This is the reason I have given an open challenge to the Congress's shehjada to speak a few words of praise for Balasaheb if he dares," he said, referring to Rahul Gandhi.

Modi said that the Mahayuti is

working "tirelessly" to fulfill dreams of the people. "Modi will make all dreams come true. The BJP-led-Mahayuti is pushing Mumbai towards lakhs and crores of investment projects to build world-class infrastructure. At least 70 lakh people from the lower income group in Mumbai have received PM SVANidhi Yojana to be able to invest in their own business," he said.

# India in history this Week

## NOVEMBER 15 TO NOVEMBER 21

### 15 NOVEMBER

1949 Mahatma Gandhi's assassins Nathuram Godse and Narayan Apte were hanged on this day.

1982 Acharya Vinayak Narhari Bhave alias Vinoba Bhave died on this day.

1986 The country's female tennis player Sania Mirza was born.



1777 Confederation article adopted by Continental Congress.

1830 Social reformer Raja Ram Mohan Roy left for England.

1989 Former veteran Indian player Sachin Tendulkar made his Test debut against Pakistan. He played the last Test on 14 November 2013 against the West Indies.



2000 Jharkhand became the 28th state of India.

1875 India-born freedom fighter Birsa Munda, a tribal leader, was born.

### 16 NOVEMBER

1846 Akbar Iahbadi, the famous poet of Urdu, was born.

1973 Batminton player Pullela Gopichand was born.

1996 Mother Teresa received honorary US citizenship

1995 Vasudev Pandey Trinidad and Tobago of Indian origin became the Prime Minister.

1931 Indian cricket umpire R. Ramchandra Rao was born.

2007 The severe cyclonic storm 'Cedar' from the Bay of Bengal caused severe devastation in the country of Bangladesh.

1930 Mihir Sen, the famous long distance swimmer of India, was born.

### 17 NOVEMBER

1931 Freedom fighter and Punjabi writer Lala Lajpat Rai was martyred.



2012 The founder of Shiv Sena, Bal Thackeray, who made his strong identity in the field of politics, died.

1525 For the purpose of conquering India, Babur entered here for the fifth time through Sindh.

1966 Rita Faria of India won the title of Miss World. She was the first Asian woman to become Miss World.

2009 T. S. Thakur was appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court.

2006 The US Senate approved the Indo-US nuclear treaty.

### 18 NOVEMBER

1727 Maharaja Jai Singh II founded the city of Jaipur. The architect of the city was Vidyadhar Chakraborty of Bengal.

1772 Peshwa Madhavrao I died and his younger brother Narayan Rao succeeded him.

1901 The famous Indian film director V. Shantaram was born.

1948 500 people drowned after the steamer 'Narayani' crashed near Patna, the capital of Bihar.

1972 The tiger was chosen as the national animal.

1993 The first meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit took place in Seattle.

2017 Manushi Chhillar of India won the title of Miss World.



1910 One of the famous revolutionaries of India, Batukeshwar Dutt was born

### 19 NOVEMBER

1828 Rani Laxmibai, an example of bravery, was born.

1917 The first woman Prime Minister of the country, Indira Gandhi, was born on this day.

1975 The country's first Miss Universe Sushmita Sen was born.



1932 The third Round Table Conference on Indian Independence was opened in London.

1994 Indian film actress Aishwarya Rai won the title of Miss World.

1995 Indian weightlifter Karnam Malleswari made a world record in weightlifting. She is the first woman player of India who won the medal in the Olympics.

1997 Kalpana Chawla became the first Indian woman to go to space.

1986 Environmental Protection Act came into force.

2006 India sought Australia's support for nuclear power and uranium supplies.

### 20 NOVEMBER

1750 Tipu Sultan, the ruler of Mysore, was born.

1917 Bose Research Institute was established in Calcutta (now Kolkata).

1981 The Bhaskar satellite was dropped.

2016 PV Sindhu won the first Super Series title after defeating Sun Yu of China in a three-game match in the final of the China Open Super Series.

1989 An Indian female freestyle wrestler Babita Phogat was born.

2009 Versatile genius, scholar, thinker and poet of many disciplines Shyam Bahadur Verma died.

### 21 NOVEMBER

1517 Sultan of Delhi Alexander Shah Lodi died.

1899 The birth of Hare Krishna Mehtab, a prominent leader of the Indian National Congress and one of the makers of modern Odisha.

1872 Birth of famous Rajasthani poet and freedom fighter Kesari Singh Barhat.

1916 Birth of Yadunath Singh, the revered Indian military hero, Paramveer Chakra

1947 Post independence, postage stamps were issued for the first time in the country.

1962 During the India-China border dispute, China announced a ceasefire.

1921 The Prince of Wales (Emperor Edward VIII) arrived in Bombay (now Mumbai) and the Congress announced a nationwide strike.

1963 India's space program began with the release of rockets from the Thumba region of Kerala.

1970 Renowned Indian scientist Chandrashekhar Venkata Raman passed away.

2006 India and China decided to increase joint cooperation in the field of civil nuclear energy.

2007 PepsiCo chairman Indira Nooyi was included on the board of directors of the American Indian Business Council.



There are worlds and more worlds below them, and there are a hundred thousand skies over them. No one has been able to find the limits and boundaries of God. If there be any account of God, then alone the mortal can write the same; but God's account does not finish, and the mortal himself dies while still writing.

**GURU NANAK**

# Happy 555th Birth Anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji



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# Jawaharlal Nehru Birth Anniversary

**THE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF PANDIT JAWAHARLAL NEHRU, INDIA'S FIRST PRIME MINISTER, IS CELEBRATED AS CHILDREN'S DAY ON NOVEMBER 14. A CHAMPION OF CHILDREN'S EDUCATION AND RIGHTS, NEHRU WAS HONORED POSTHUMOUSLY IN 1964 WHEN THE GOVERNMENT PASSED A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THIS DAY AS CHILDREN'S DAY. THIS ACT AIMED TO COMMEMORATE HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN IN SOCIETY.**

Jawaharlal Nehru, the first prime minister of independent India (1947–64), was born on November 14, 1889, in Allahabad, India. He established parliamentary government and became noted for his neutralist (nonaligned) policies in foreign affairs. He was also one of the principal leaders of the Indian Independence Movement during the 1930s and '40s.

## Early years

Nehru was born to a family of Kashmiri Brahmins, noted for their administrative aptitude and scholarship, who had migrated to Delhi early in the 18th century. He was a son of Motilal Nehru, a renowned lawyer and leader of the Indian independence movement, who became one of Mohandas (Mahatma) Gandhi's prominent associates. Jawaharlal was the eldest of four children, two of whom were girls. A sister, Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, later became the first woman president of the United Nations General Assembly.

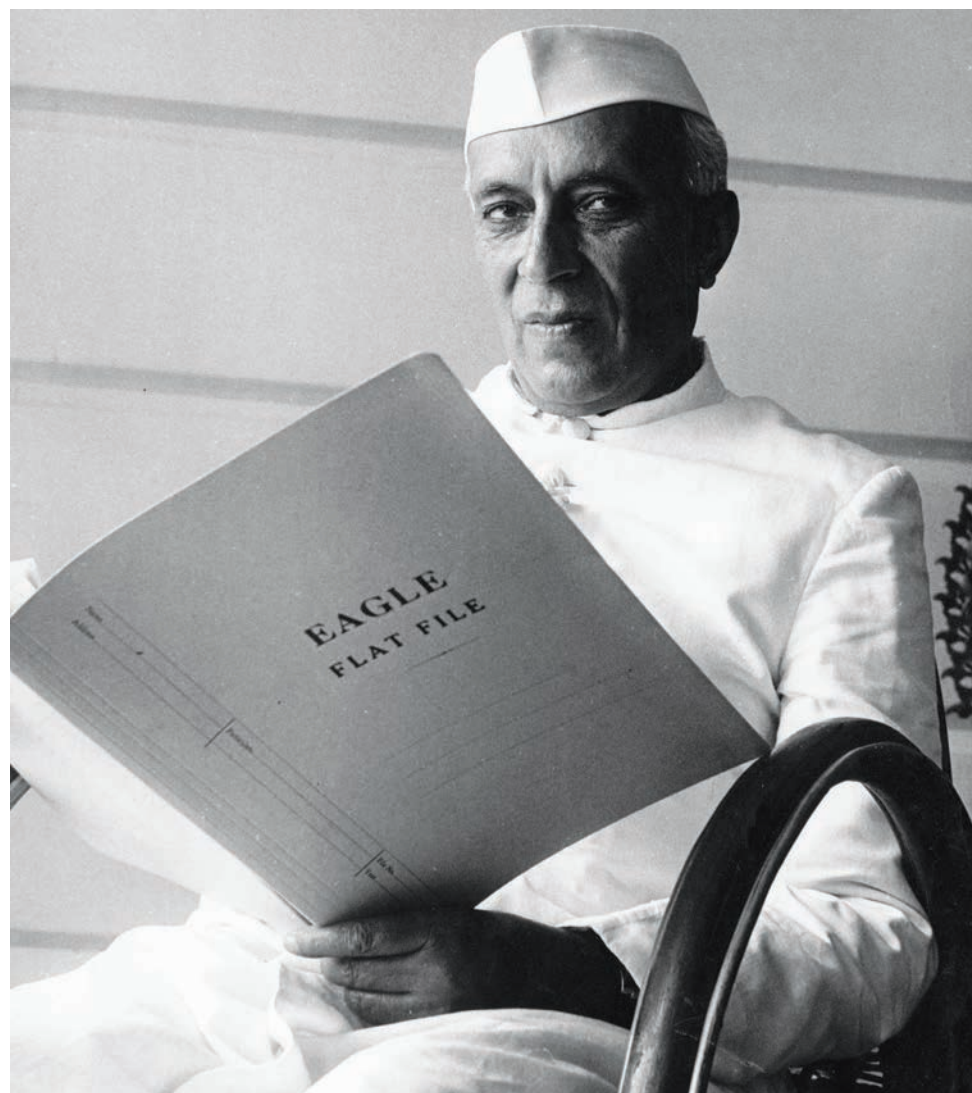
Until the age of 16, Nehru was educated at home by a series of English governesses and tutors. Only one of those—a part-Irish, part-Belgian theosophist, Ferdinand Brooks—appears to have made any impression on him. Jawaharlal also had a venerable Indian tutor who taught him Hindi and Sanskrit. In 1905 he went to Harrow, a leading English school, where he stayed for two years. Nehru's academic career was in no way outstanding. From Harrow he went to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he spent three years earning an honours degree in natural science. On leaving Cambridge he qualified as a barrister after two years at the Inner Temple, London, where in his own words he passed his examinations "with neither glory nor ignominy."

The seven years Nehru spent in England left him in a hazy half-world, at home neither in England nor in India. Some years later he wrote, "I have become a queer mixture of East and West, out of place everywhere, at home nowhere." He went back to India to discover India. The contending pulls and pressures that his experience abroad were to exert on his personality were never completely resolved.

Four years after his return to India, in March 1916, Nehru married Kamala Kaul, who also came from a Kashmiri family that had settled in Delhi. Their only child, Indira Priyadarshini, was born in 1917; she would later (under her married name of Indira Gandhi) also serve (1966–77 and 1980–84) as prime minister of India. In addition, Indira's son Rajiv Gandhi succeeded his mother as prime minister (1984–89).

## Political apprenticeship

On his return to India, Nehru at first had tried to settle down as a lawyer. Unlike his father, however, he had only a desultory interest in his profession and did not relish either the practice of law or the company of lawyers. For that time he might be described, like many of his generation, as an instinctive nationalist who yearned for his country's freedom, but, like most of his contemporaries, he had not formulated any precise ideas on



how it could be achieved.

Nehru's autobiography discloses his lively interest in Indian politics during the time he was studying abroad. His letters to his father over the same period reveal their common interest in India's freedom. But not until father and son met Mahatma Gandhi and were persuaded to follow in his political footsteps did either of them develop any definite ideas on how freedom was to be attained. The quality in Gandhi that impressed the two Nehrus was his insistence on action. A wrong, Gandhi argued, should not only be condemned but be resisted. Earlier, Nehru and his father had been contemptuous of the run of contemporary Indian politicians, whose nationalism, with a few notable exceptions, consisted of interminable speeches and long-winded resolutions. Jawaharlal was also attracted by Gandhi's insistence on fighting against British rule of India without fear or hate.

Nehru met Gandhi for the first time in 1916 at the annual meeting of the Indian National Congress (Congress Party) in Lucknow. Gandhi was 20 years his senior. Neither seems to have made any initially strong impression on the other. Gandhi

makes no mention of Nehru in an autobiography he dictated while imprisoned in the early 1920s. The omission is understandable, since Nehru's role in Indian politics was secondary until he was elected president of the Congress Party in 1929, when he presided over the historic session at Lahore (now in Pakistan) that proclaimed complete independence as India's political goal. Until then the party's objective had been dominion status.

Nehru's close association with the Congress Party dates from 1919 in the immediate aftermath of World War I. That period saw an early wave of nationalist activity and governmental repression, which culminated in the Massacre of Amritsar in April 1919; according to an official report, 379 persons were killed (though other estimates were considerably higher), and at least 1,200 were wounded when the local British military commander ordered his troops to fire on a crowd of unarmed Indians assembled in an almost completely enclosed space in the city.

When, late in 1921, the prominent leaders and workers of the Congress

Party were outlawed in some provinces, Nehru went to prison for the first time. Over the next 24 years he was to serve another eight periods of detention, the last and longest ending in June 1945, after an imprisonment of almost three years. In all, Nehru spent more than nine years in jail. Characteristically, he described his terms of incarceration as normal interludes in a life of abnormal political activity.

His political apprenticeship with the Congress Party lasted from 1919 to 1929. In 1923 he became general secretary of the party for two years, and he did so again in 1927 for another two years. His interests and duties took him on journeys over wide areas of India, particularly in his native United Provinces (now Uttar Pradesh state), where his first exposure to the overwhelming poverty and degradation of the peasantry had a profound influence on his basic ideas for solving those vital problems. Though vaguely inclined toward socialism, Nehru's radicalism had set in no definite mold. The watershed in his political and economic thinking was his tour of Europe and the Soviet Union during 1926–27. Nehru's real interest in Marxism and his socialist pattern of thought stemmed from that tour, even though it did not appreciably increase his knowledge of communist theory and practice. His subsequent sojourns in prison enabled him to study Marxism in more depth. Interested in its ideas but repelled by some of its methods—such as the regimentation and the heresy hunts of the communists—he could never bring himself to accept Karl Marx's writings as revealed scripture. Yet from then on, the yardstick of his economic thinking remained Marxist, adjusted, where necessary, to Indian conditions.

## Struggle for Indian independence

After the Lahore session of 1929, Nehru emerged as the leader of the country's intellectuals and youth. Gandhi had shrewdly elevated him to the presidency of the Congress Party over the heads of some of his seniors, hoping that Nehru would draw India's youth—who at that time were gravitating toward extreme leftist causes—into the mainstream of the Congress movement. Gandhi also correctly calculated that, with added responsibility, Nehru himself would be inclined to keep to the middle way.

After his father's death in 1931, Nehru moved into the inner councils of the Congress Party and became closer to Gandhi. Although Gandhi did not



officially designate Nehru his political heir until 1942, the Indian populace as early as the mid-1930s saw in Nehru the natural successor to Gandhi. The Gandhi-Irwin Pact of March 1931, signed between Gandhi and the British viceroy, Lord Irwin (later Lord Halifax), signaled a truce between the two principal protagonists in India. It climaxed one of Gandhi's more-effective civil disobedience movements, launched the year before as the Salt March, in the course of which Nehru had been arrested.

Hopes that the Gandhi-Irwin Pact would be the prelude to a more-relaxed period of Indo-British relations were not borne out; Lord Willingdon (who replaced Irwin as viceroy in 1931) jailed Gandhi in January 1932, shortly after Gandhi's return from the second Round Table Conference in London. He was charged with attempting to mount another civil disobedience movement; Nehru was also arrested and sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

The three Round Table Conferences in London, held to advance India's progress to self-government, eventually resulted in the Government of India Act of 1935, which gave the Indian provinces a system of popular autonomous government. Ultimately, it provided for a federal system composed of the autonomous provinces and princely states. Although federation never came into being, provincial autonomy was implemented. During the mid-1930s Nehru was much concerned with developments in Europe, which seemed to be drifting toward another world war. He was in Europe early in 1936, visiting his ailing wife, shortly before she died in a sanitarium in Lausanne, Switzerland. Even at that time he emphasized that in the event of war India's place was alongside the democracies, though he insisted that India could fight in support of Great Britain and France only as a free country.

When the elections following the introduction of provincial autonomy brought the Congress Party to power in a majority of the provinces, Nehru was faced with a dilemma. The Muslim League under Mohammed Ali Jinnah (who was to become the creator of Pakistan) had fared badly at the polls. Congress, therefore, unwisely rejected Jinnah's plea for the formation of coalition Congress-Muslim League governments in some of the provinces, a decision that Nehru had supported. The subsequent clash between the Congress and the Muslim League hardened into a conflict between Hindus and Muslims that was ultimately to lead to the partition of India and the creation of Pakistan.

#### **Jawaharlal Nehru: The Architect of Modern India**

Jawaharlal Nehru was the first Prime Minister of independent India. One of the most prominent leaders of India's Independent Movement, Pandit Nehru is known as the architect of modern India.

Pandit Nehru or Chacha Nehru as he was affectionately called was a nationalist leader, social democrat, author, and humanist.



Nehru was known for his vision, administrative aptitude, and scholastic prowess.

It was Jawaharlal Nehru who set out to realise the dream of a strong and resurgent India. He steered the nation to the path of recovery and modernisation. Nehru had neither the resources or the experience to administer the country. Yet, it was with his patriotism, dedication and commitment that he translated the values of the Congress into the Constitution of India.

It was Nehru who proposed the idea of fundamental rights and socio-economic equality irrespective of caste, creed, religion and gender. He invariably advocated the abolition of untouchability, right against exploitation, religious tolerance and secularism. He championed the idea of freedom of expression, right to form association, and was of the firm belief that statehood would ensure social and economic justice for labour and peasantry and give voting rights to all adult citizens. These propositions phrased by Jawaharlal Nehru made him the darling of India.

Here are some big decisions that nicknamed him an architect of modern India:

#### **Establishing institutions of excellence**

It was Nehru who provided the scientific base for India's space supremacy and engineering excellence. With the establishment of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and

universities, it was Nehru who put India on the path of development. Also, the foundation of the dual tack nuclear programme helped India achieve its nuclear enabled status. He also potentially set the pitch for industries, factories and the manufacturing sector paving the way for a journey of sovereign India.

#### **Beginning of the Five-Year Plan**

With his vision and deep understanding of the pulse of the nation, Nehru introduced the idea of a Five-Year Plan for effective and balanced utilisation of resources, something that India continues to benefit from. The First Five-Year Plan was introduced in 1951 when India, in the backdrop of the Partition, was faced with the influx of refugees, severe food shortage and skyrocketing inflation. The FYP put the spotlight on agriculture, irrigation and development of the primary sector. The target GDP growth of the First Five-Year Plan was 2.1%, but the country recorded a growth of 3.6% that year under the stewardship of Nehru.

#### **Institutionalising India's democratic foundation**

Nehru has always been seen as a true believer of democracy with a strong sense of institutionalisation of democracy where the concept of equal rights of citizens would take precedence over all societal divisions. India had just emerged from the shackles of a dictatorial British establishment and falling into the trappings of another

'Mai-Baap Sarkar' could have been a possibility. But Nehru laid up the foundation of a vibrant democratic establishment in India.

It was Nehru under whose regime the Election Commission of India, an autonomous constitutional body responsible for administering election processes in the country, was set up in accordance with the Constitution on January 25, 1950. The Election Commission of India conducted its first general election for the Lok Sabha which began in October 1951 and ended on till February 1952.

Making it the largest election held that time, around 173 million people cast their vote, no mean achievement as most of the voters were either uneducated or not familiar with the electoral system. Political leaders led by Nehru played pivotal roles in sensitising people and encouraging them to participate in the first Lok Sabha elections and exercise their franchise.

#### **Shaping foreign policy**

Pandit Nehru made indefatigable efforts to shape India's foreign policy. As Prime Minister, Nehru held additional charge of the Ministry of External Affairs until his death. When India became independent, the world was recuperating from the calamitous World War II. It was a big challenge for Nehru to stitch relations with other countries amicably in the face of the changing power of balance in the United Nations.

Under Nehru's guidance, India became the first country to adopt the Policy of Non-Alignment. The Asians Relations Conference was organised in Delhi in 1947, where India's foreign policy was proclaimed. As many as 29 countries attended the conference which strengthened the solidarity of all Asian countries. India still benefits from the Nehruvian foreign policy. It is the country's robust foreign policy that allows India to keep balance in maintaining foreign relations.

Nehru's Panchsheel Agreement also served as the foundation for India-China relations. The Panchsheel Agreement was signed by Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and Premier Zhou Enlai and adopted in December 11 1957. The essence of Panchsheel: To put the emphasis on peaceful co-existence and cooperation for mutual benefit.

#### **India as welfare state**

Pandit Nehru strongly advocated a welfare state—a blend between a capitalist and socialist system of governance. Nehru had travelled across the world and closely observed the working of various forms of governments that were in existence during that time. He witnessed the exploitation by capitalists during the time when colonialism was at its peak. Having meticulously gone through the pros and cons of the capitalist and communist systems of governance, Nehru came up with the idea of a 'welfare state' that India followed. A welfare state ideally provides basic economic security for its citizens by protecting them from market risks associated with unemployment, sickness and other risks connected with old age.

# \$45,000 Raised to benefit SGML Eye Hospital near Ujjain, India for rural and underserved population to prevent blindness

NOVEMBER 12, 2024



**FORDS, NJ (TIP):** An evening of Sunday, November 10, 2024, was dedicated to benefit Shiv Gyan Moti Lal (SGML) Hospital, near Ujjain in Madhya Pradesh, India. More than 200

attended evening the at which \$45,000 was raised to benefit rural and underserved population to prevent blindness in India where basic eye care needs are very challenging.



Dr. Tushar Patel, Founder of SGML Eye Hospital, flanked by his colleagues, shares his thoughts with the gathering

SGML Hospital USA, Inc., is a registered non-profit organization under IRS tax exempt code of 501 © 3 in New Jersey, helping to support the eye care service at SGML Eye Hospital to reduce disparity of eye care in rural India.

The mission of SGML is to be a center of excellence when it comes to eye-care services and focus on extending equitable and efficient eye care services to the underprivileged population of human society. All proceeds will go toward the benefit of the eye hospital with modern technology & equipment to help people in the sacrosanct land of Ujjain in Madhya Pradesh state.

Since the opening of the eye hospital in January 2023, more than 700 eye surgeries and more than 10,000 outpatient eye consultations have been provided at a reasonable cost or in some cases at a nominal or no cost to those who are unable to afford the eye care.

The evening included delicious appetizers & dinner,



Katha Patel presenting Ganesha Vandana

presentation by the President Dr. Tushar Patel, and recognitions of main sponsors and donors with a plaque.

Dr. Tushar Patel explained why the need of eye care in rural Madhya Pradesh and more than 250,000 individuals are completely blind and one million has partial blindness. There is a need of 50-60,000 eye surgeries per year but only 20, 000-30,000 surgeries can be handled by welfare, trust and public facilities in Ujjain District which leads to a gap of approximately 20,000-30,000 surgeries per year.



The appreciative gathering

The program started with Ganesh Vandana by talented dancer Katha Patel followed by the musical program by singing sensation of North America renowned singer Rushil along with Lipika with talented musicians with Music Director Brij Joshi's live band.

A dance performance from Nisha Parikh's Nitya Rhythm Dance Academy was applauded by the



Nisha Parikh's Nitya Rhythm Dance Academy dancers giving a performance

audience.

SGML Associate Trust members Dr. Sparshil Patel, Smita (Miki) Patel, Usha Patel, Jatin Patel, Chhaya Patel, Arpita Patel, Jigna Patel, and Dharmesh Patel along with Co-Founders of the trust Mr. Ramesh Patel of California, Dr. Supen Patel of South Carolina, Kamlesh Bhatt in Ujjain, India and silent force of our trusts in the USA Gita and Sadgun Amin of South Carolina were recognized for their dedicated & selfless service in rural India.

Dr. Sunil Parikh, Harry Shah and Dr. Rajesh Thaker were appointed as Board of Advisors in the NJ Associate Trust of SGML Eye Hospital USA.

Prominent media personality Sanjiv Pandya hosted the event marvelously to keep the audience engaged and provided motivational anchoring to attract donors to contribute to this noble cause.

The SGML Eye Hospital Associate Trust sincerely appreciated all the financial supporters and media supporters for their support in this humanitarian mission to prevent blindness in rural India.

To provide support for this humanitarian initiative and activities, please contact Dr. Tushar Patel at 848-391-0499. All donations, contributions and sponsorships are tax exempt under IRS code 501 © 3 in the USA.

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(Based on a press release issued by Dr. Tushar Patel)

## AARC Congratulates Trump on his Landslide Victory

NOVEMBER 11, 2024

**EDISON, NJ (TIP):** Asian American Republican Coalition, popularly known as AARC, held a press conference on Friday, November 08, 2024 to congratulate President Donald J Trump on his historical, unprecedented and landslide victory by securing a strong mandate of American people to be the 47th President of the United State of America and to highlight the role which Asian American Republican Coalition popularly known as AARC has played to win these Elections by President Trump and Republicans.

AARC Founder and Chairman, Hemant Bhatt was excited and expressed his enthusiasm stating, "We are extremely pleased with this year's election results" and congratulated President Trump and Republicans to win these elections which would provide a direction to our great nation America for robust economy, Legal Immigration, controlling inflation, less crimes, end of wars etc. AARC worked very hard to spread the message to vote for President Trump and Republicans. AARC promotes the Republican Party agenda and to work together for growth, as we are committed to making America a greater nation in the future."

He further stated that AARC started in 2015 and formalized 2018, has been tirelessly working to educate, empower and engagement of Republican Party's conservative values, freedom of speech and freedom of



AARC Officials at the press conference. Seated, from L to R: Sanjiv Pandya, President PR & Media, Hemant Bhatt, Founder and Chairman, Sridhar Chillara, Founder and National President

Religion and beliefs for social, economic and political awareness to Asian American communities nationwide.

In light of the recently concluded 2024 Election Results in which American voters heavily favored Republican party for the majority in the Senate, close to majority in the congress, overall, more popular votes for the party to gain 312 electoral votes with a strong mandate given to President Trump for the resounding, landslide and resilience victory in overcome with all

the adversity to be the 47th President of American is a proof that voters agree with the message" Make America Great Again".

AARC National President Sridhar Chillara highlighted the significant presence of the Asian American community in the United States, estimating around 25 million members, with approximately 15 million eligible voters. He emphasized that AARC's supporters nationwide, especially in key swing states, have the potential to make a decisive impact in upcoming elections. Mr. Chillara noted that New Jersey, with a margin of less than 5% in the last elections, is showing signs of becoming a potential swing state with continuous engagement and efforts from AARC. He also outlined AARC's plans to expand its presence into more states across the country and invited like-minded individuals to join hands with AARC. He encouraged everyone to visit <https://aarcusa.org> for more information and contact at [aarcusaorg@gmail.com](mailto:aarcusaorg@gmail.com)

Sanjiv Pandya, President, PR & Media and one of founding members concluded the press conference by stating that the Chairman Hemant Bhatt's leadership, National President, Sridhar Chillara's vision and AARC's Team's efforts are ensuring AARC's impressive growth and its recognition as a leading force in Republican Party's supporters.

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# INDIAN COMEDIAN VIR DAS CONNECTS PEOPLE GLOBALLY

BY MABEL PAIS

"No artist embodies the globalization of stand-up like Vir Das." - The New York Times

"There is a mixture of audacity and humility in Das's comedy. He seems to have arrived at this stage fully formed." - Boston Globe

VIR DAS is taking over the world with his 'Mind Fool' Tour. The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) presents comedian Vir Das, India's biggest comedian. He is on the biggest tour ever attempted by an Indian comic - 33 countries, every continent except Antarctica, and dozens of iconic venues: Carnegie Hall, Dubai Opera, Singapore's Esplanade, London's Eventim Apollo, and now at NJPAC in Newark. Das' fourth Netflix comedy special, 'Landing,' recently earned an International Emmy® nomination for its witty cross-cultural insights and personal stories. The Daily Beast called it his "strongest hour of stand-up yet." This is a performance not to be missed on Sunday, November 24, 2024 @ 7 PM.

Comedian and actor Vir Das has not just hit the comedy mega-leagues, he's conquered them, thanks to his boundless



Vir Das, banner -Credit: virdas.in

comedic talent, wildly successful world tours, and four incredible Netflix specials. His global success is a testament to the power of comedy to connect people from all corners of the world.

Vir Das has hit the global comedy mega-leagues thanks to his boundless comedic talent, wildly successful world tours, and four incredible Netflix specials. Decider praised his

"refreshingly different take on our current obsession with 'punching up' and 'cancel culture,' and Paste Magazine gushed, "Even if he's sending barbs someone's way, his criticisms are packaged up so beautifully that you're simply in awe until they hit their mark."

Das taped the special in New York City after a hit run at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, where the New York Times declared, "No artist embodies the

globalization of stand-up like Vir Das." Vir's third Netflix unique, 'Vir Das: For India,' garnered an International Emmy nomination for Best Comedy in 2021.

As one of India's most prominent stand-up comedians and a Bollywood star, Vir was the second-best-selling live actor in the country in 2022. He has increasingly gained worldwide appeal through his international tours and beloved appearances in multiple fan-favorite comedy films and TV series. He starred in Judd Apatow's feature 'The Bubble' on Netflix and the ABC spy dramedy 'Whiskey Cavalier' in the role of Jai Datta opposite Scott Foley and Lauren Cohen. Vir has created, produced, and starred in multiple series, including the scripted thriller Hasmokh for Netflix and the unscripted travel show 'Jestination Unknown' for Amazon's Prime Video. He is also the lead singer for India's premiere comedy-rock band 'Alien Chutney.'

## TICKETS

To see Vir Das' 'Mind Fool' performance at NJPAC, visit [NJPAC.org](http://NJPAC.org) or the NJPAC Box Office or call 888.GO.NJPAC (888.466.5722).

# PSYCHOLOGIST-AUTHOR PETERSON OFFERS RULES FOR LIVING

BY MABEL PAIS

"When you have something to say, silence is a lie" - Jordan Peterson



Jordan Peterson -Credit: Courtesy, NJPAC

DR. JORDAN B. PETERSON-author, psychologist, educator, and Professor Emeritus at the University of Toronto-combines insights from ancient traditions with findings from modern research to offer valuable rules for living. He will share his knowledge on his 'We Who

Wrestle With God' tour at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) on Tuesday, November 19th, at 7:30 PM.

Drawing from mythology, the Bible, and psychological studies, Dr. Peterson provides practical advice that he has shared with patients, CEOs, entrepreneurs, and millions of everyday people striving to lead better lives. Join him as he explains how to merge contemporary and ancient wisdom to gain a deeper understanding of yourself and develop a vision for your future.

With his students and colleagues, Dr. Peterson has published more than a hundred scientific papers advancing the modern understanding of alcoholism, antisocial behavior, play, emotion, creativity, competence and personality. He was nominated for five consecutive years as one of Ontario's Best University Lecturers, and was one of only three professors rated as "life changing" in the UT's underground student handbook of course ratings.

In 2016, shortly before the publication of '12 Rules,' several of Dr. Peterson's online lectures, videos and interviews went viral, launching him into unprecedented international prominence as a public intellectual and educator.

## TICKETS

Tickets for Dr. Jordan D. Peterson can be purchased by visiting [NJPAC.org](http://NJPAC.org) or NJPAC Box Office or calling 888.GO.NJPAC (888.466.5722).

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# NJPAC HOSTS 13TH JAZZ FEST

BY MABEL PAIS

The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) hosts the 13th Annual TD James Moody Jazz Festival this month. Performances started on November 7, continued during the month and will culminate on November 24 at the Sarah Vaughan International Jazz Vocal Competition.

## LISTING OF PERFORMANCES

BELOW IS A LISTING OF PERFORMANCES, NOVEMBER 16-24.

**WHEN: November 16 - 24, 2024**

**WHERE:** Multiple venues across New Jersey including NJPAC (One Center Street, Newark), Mayo Performing Arts Center (1000 South Street, Morristown), Newark Symphony Hall (1020 Broad Street, Newark), Rutgers University Clement's Place (15 Washington Street, Newark)

**SAT 11.16 @ 1:00 P.M. WBGO CHILDREN'S CONCERT WITH DAVELL CRAWFORD**

Davell Crawford - piano + vocals

The WBGO Kids Jazz Concert Series brings world-renowned jazz musicians to concert halls and venues throughout New York and New Jersey. This time it presents pianist and singer Davell Crawford. "The Prince of New Orleans" has become one of the true wonders of the Crescent City music scene. He tours the world, performing sold-out concerts, as a leading representative of American roots music, specifically New Orleans piano tradition. He has worked with Dr. John, Aaron Neville, Nona Hendrix, Roberta Flack and many other artists.

These concerts give young listeners the chance to discover the enjoyment of jazz, improvisation, and musical collaboration. With a relaxed, kid-friendly atmosphere, it's the perfect way to introduce your child (or your whole family) to the art of jazz. The program is free and open to the public, but adults must be accompanied by at least one child.

Free. Advance reservation required. Location: Newark Symphony Hall.

**SAT 11.16 @ 7:30 P.M. MADELEINE PEYROUX**

Madeleine Peyroux - vocals and guitar

Andy Ezrin - keyboards

Paul Frazier - electric bass

Jazz fans will be delighted to experience Madeleine Peyroux live in this intimate performance. With her sweet-and-smoky voice, the beloved jazz vocalist breathes magic into timeless standards and self-penned originals. This program highlights a variety of songs from across Madeleine's discography, a living testament to her artistic metamorphoses and the evolutions yet to come.

Location: NJPAC's Victoria Theater.

**SUN 11.17 @ 3:00 P.M. CINDY BLACKMAN SANTANA NJPAC DEBUT**

Cindy Blackman Santana - percussion

Aurélien Budynek - guitar

Zaccai Curtis - keys

Emilio Modeste- saxophone



Cindy Blackman Santana -Photo / Courtesy njpac.org

Cindy Blackman Santana is a force of nature. A longtime drummer for Santana and Lenny Kravitz, she's known for the sheer power of her soulful playing. She's performed with dozens of artists including Pharoah Sanders, Cassandra Wilson, Bill Laswell, Joss Stone, Joe Henderson, Buckethead, Don Pullen, Hugh Masakela and Angela Bofill. And she leads her own projects, including Another Lifetime and The Cindy Blackman Santana Band. Her solo album Give the Drummer Some (2020) spans jazz, rock and funk, showcasing her versatility both behind the kit and in front of the microphone.

Location: NJPAC's Victoria Theater.

**THU 11.21 @ 7:30 P.M. JAZZ JAMS OPEN MIC AT CLEMENT'S PLACE**

Co-presented by NJPAC and Wayne Winborne, Executive Director of the Institute of Jazz Studies at Rutgers University-Newark, this marks the first in a series of Jazz Jam Sessions to be held during the 2024-25 school year. Held at Clement's Place on the campus of Rutgers-Newark, this Open Mic series is curated and directed by pianist and bandleader James Austin, Jr. in consultation with the Jazz Advisory Committee of NJPAC's Community Engagement Department.

Free. Location: Rutgers University's Clement's Place.

**THU 11.21 @ 7:30 P.M. BETHANY BAPTIST JAZZ VESPERS @ 25 HONORING REV. M. WILLIAM HOWARD, JR.**

Nat Adderly Jr. - music director/bandleader/piano

Jon Faddis - trumpet

Vanessa Rubin - vocals

Lizz Wright - vocals



Bethany Jazz Vespers -Photo / Courtesy njpac.org

Celebrate 25 years of the Bethany Baptist Jazz Vespers Concert Series with music director and bandleader Nat Adderly Jr., jazz trumpeter and conductor Jon Faddis, jazz vocalist Vanessa Rubin and jazz/gospel singer Lizz Wright. Since 2000, Newark's historic Bethany Baptist Church has hosted free concerts that combine jazz and worship. For this special event, Jazz Vespers heads to the NJPAC stage for a look back at 25 years of praiseworthy music. The program will also honor Rev. M. William Howard, Jr., who co-founded Jazz Vespers with Newark's First Lady of Jazz, NEA Jazz Master Dorthaan Kirk (WGBO Radio). Ms. Kirk described Dr. Howard as "a No. 1 jazz fan" to The New York Times, saying: "That's why he started" the now-famous series. Co-sponsored with Bethany Baptist Church Jazz Vespers.

Location: NJPAC's Victoria Theater.

**FRI 11.22 @ 7:30 P.M. JOHN PIZZARELLI & CATHERINE RUSSELL: BILLIE & BLUE EYES**

NJPAC duo debut

Catherine Russell - vocals

John Pizzarelli Trio:

John Pizzarelli - guitar + vocals

Mike Karn - bass

Isaiah J. Thompson - piano

Celebrating their NJPAC debut as a duo, GRAMMY Award-winning jazz vocalist Catherine Russell teams up with world-renowned jazz guitarist and singer John Pizzarelli in a stunning tribute to Billie Holiday and Frank Sinatra. 'BILLIE & BLUE EYES' is a musical journey featuring popular songs of Frank Sinatra and Billie Holiday. Dubbed "the essential duo," they transport audiences to the glory days of jazz with masterful ease, capturing Holiday's effortless grace and Sinatra's cool swagger. Audiences will hear the music of Lady Day and Ol' Blue Eyes like never before, with familiar favorites and surprising hidden gems.

Pizzarelli is one of our most celebrated interpreters of the Great American Songbook. He has been hailed by The Boston Globe for "reinvigorating the Great American Songbook and re-popularizing Jazz." Russell has "a voice that wails like a horn and whispers like a snake in the garden of Eden" (NPR).

Location: NJPAC's Victoria Theater.

**SAT 11.23 @ 6:00 P.M. + 8:30 P.M. DORADO SCHMITT AND SONS: DJANGO FESTIVAL ALL-STARS**

Dorado Schmitt - violin

Amati Schmitt - guitar

Samson Schmitt - guitar

Ludovic Beier - accordion and accordion

Francko Mehrstein - rhythm guitar

Gino Roman - double bass

The Django Festival Allstars honor legendary Romani-French guitarist Django Reinhardt and his unique style of 1930s gypsy jazz, also known as "hot jazz." The Django Festival Allstars have grown into a brilliantly cohesive group of star musicians who've taken America by storm, performing at top concert halls and festivals to standing ovations. Guitar, violin, double bass and accordion will get audience members' hearts pumping with swinging rhythms, fiery solos and awe-inspiring technical prowess. It's a family legacy for group leader Dorado Schmitt, who plays alongside talented sons Samson and Amati and cousins Francko Mehrstein and Gino Roman. "Sensational... Standout performance... Hardest swinging band at the Newport Jazz Festival" (DownBeat Magazine)

Location: NJPAC's Chase Room.

**SAT 11.23 @ 8:00 P.M. KRONOS QUARTET**

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Kronos Quartet -Photo / Courtesy njpac.org

- David Harrington - violin
- Gabriela Diaz - violin
- Ayane Kozasa - viola
- Paul Wiancko - cello

Two events took place during NJPAC's inaugural season (1997-98) that boldly announced what the vision of this new arts center would be. The first, a performance by the boundary-pushing chamber group Kronos Quartet. The second, a tribute to gospel singer and activist Mahalia Jackson. Now, the Kronos Quartet returns to NJPAC to explore the inspiring voice of Mahalia Jackson, refracted through works by Nina Simone, John Coltrane, Terry Riley, Laurie Anderson, and more.

Mahalia Jackson was the voice of the civil rights movement. She sang her truth across the south: at Selma, the March on Washington and the funeral of Martin Luther King, Jr. She won the first-ever GRAMMY® for gospel music, and was honored with a posthumous lifetime achievement award in 1972.

For 50 years, San Francisco's Kronos Quartet has challenged and reimagined what a string quartet can be. Kronos has been at the forefront of revolutionizing chamber music into a living art form that responds to the people and issues of our time. This marks the NJPAC debut of the latest iteration of Kronos Quartet featuring its two newest members: violinist Gabriela Diaz and cellist Paul Wiancko.

Location: NJPAC's Victoria Theater.

**SAT 11.23 @ 8:00 P.M. PHILIP BAILEY, LISA FISCHER, DIANNE REEVES AND CHRISTIAN MCBRIDE BIG BAND**

- Christian McBride - bass + bandleader
- Philip Bailey - vocals
- Lisa Fischer - vocals
- Dianne Reeves - vocals

NJPAC Jazz Advisor Christian McBride (16x GRAMMY nominee and 8x winner) and his Big Band welcome a fierce lineup of vocalists: Philip Bailey (Earth, Wind & Fire), Lisa Fischer (background singer for Luther Vandross, The Rolling Stones, Chaka Khan and Tina Turner, whose journey was featured in the Oscar-winning documentary *Twenty Feet from Stardom*) and NEA Jazz Master Dianne Reeves. It's a star-studded prelude to McBride's forthcoming album (TBR Spring 2025), which combines big voices with big band.

Location: NJPAC's Prudential Hall.

**SUN 11.24 @ 11:30 A.M. + 1:30 P.M. DORTHAAN'S PLACE: BRANDEE YOUNGER TRIO**

- Brandee Younger - harp
- Rashaan Carter - bass
- Allan Mednard - drums

NJPAC continues Dorthaan's Place, its popular Sunday jazz brunch series at NICO Kitchen + Bar curated by Newark's First Lady of Jazz, Dorthaan Kirk. The series made its debut during NJPAC's 2012-13 season and has grown ever since. "The finest in jazz is on the menu... anticipation runs high at Dorthaan's Place, whether you're

there for the music, the food, the scene, Dorthaan, or all of the above." (All About Jazz)

This edition presents contemporary harpist Brandee Younger. A leading voice of the harp, Younger recently made history at the 2022 GRAMMY Awards as the first Black female solo artist nominated in the 'Best Instrumental Composition' category for her song "Beautiful Is Black." The mesmerizing track is from her 2021 critically well-received major label debut album, 'Somewhere Different,' that also received a 2022 NAACP Image Award nomination for Outstanding Jazz Album - Instrumental. Over her career Younger has performed and recorded across countless genres with artists including John Legend, The Roots, Lauryn Hill, Common, Pharoah Sanders, Ravi Coltrane, Ron Carter, and Charlie Haden.

There are two brunch seatings: 11:00 a.m. (music begins at 11:30 a.m.) and 1:00 p.m. (music begins at 1:30 p.m.).

(does not include food/drink). Location: NJPAC's NICO Kitchen + Bar.

**SUN 11.24 @ 3:00 P.M. 13TH ANNUAL SARAH VAUGHAN INTERNATIONAL JAZZ VOCAL COMPETITION**

- Sheila Anderson - host
- Lucía - vocals
- Christian McBride - judge
- Madeleine Peyroux - judge
- Bill Charlap - judge
- Lisa Fischer - judge
- Terri Lyne Carrington - judge



Sarah Vaughan -Photo / Courtesy njpac.org

The divine Sarah Vaughan-Newark's greatest musical gift to the world-got her start as the winner of a talent contest. NJPAC honors her legacy every year with the Sarah Vaughan International Jazz Vocal Competition, the only global jazz vocal contest of its kind, open to all genders and nationalities. This event offers outstanding jazz singers a one-of-a-kind platform for embarking on a career in the music business-and offers audience members a chance to discover the jazz stars of tomorrow. For this 13th annual "The SASSY Awards" event, WBGO Radio's Sheila Anderson will host and 2022 SVVC winner Lucía will perform. A panel of all-star judges-Dee Dee Bridgewater, Christian McBride, Madeleine Peyroux, Bill Charlap, Lisa Fischer, and Terri Lyne Carrington-will select the winner.

Gifted young contestants from around the world are evaluated on vocal quality, musicality, technique, performance, individuality, artistic interpretation, and ability to swing. The winner receives a \$5,000 cash prize. Past winners include Samara Joy, Cyrille Aimée, Jazzmeia Horn, Quiana Lynell, Laurin Talese, and more. For more information or to enter the competition, visit SarahVaughanCompetition.com.

Location: NJPAC's Victoria Theater.

**TICKETS**

For tickets to each event, visit NJPAC.org

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## 'Kal Ho Na Ho' back in theatres on Nov 15

The timeless charm of *Kal Ho Naa Ho* is returning to cinemas. After 21 years, Dharma Productions announced that Nikkhil Advani's iconic film will be re-released in theatres on November 15. The film stars Shah Rukh Khan, Preity Zinta and Saif Ali Khan in key roles. The film originally released on November 28, 2003, redefined the themes of friendship, love, and life's fleeting beauty.

The film is a perfect blend of comedy and drama and gives us some unforgettable characters. In 2020, Karan Johar shared a lengthy note to celebrate 20 years of the film. He even shared a video which was a compilation of all the beautiful moments from the movie.

"This film has been such an emotional journey for me and perhaps for all of us, if I have gathered over the many years. To bring such a stellar starcast together with a story that has beating hearts it's all kudos to the entire cast and team behind the camera for making *Kal Ho Naa Ho* still beat strong and within everyone's hearts. For me, this was the last film that my father was a part of the Dharma family and it feels surreal to have his presence in every frame as I rewatch it even till today (sic)," he wrote. "Thank you, papa, for guiding us through everything and making stories that matter and for always standing by what is right. I will always miss you And thank you Nikkhil for making a directorial debut that is etched forever in all our collective hearts (sic)," he added.

# Varun spills beans about Salman's cameo in Baby John; calls Janhvi 'busiest actor'

It's the season of cameos in Bollywood where special appearances have managed to emerge as crowd-pullers for new releases. The biggest example of this was Varun Dhawan and Akshay Kumar's epic cameos in the recent blockbuster hit film *Stree 2*. So when audiences heard rumours of Bollywood's Bhaijaan Salman Khan having a special appearance in Varun's first-ever actioner *Baby John*, they were obviously intrigued. Much to the delight of fans, Varun has now confirmed the news! That's not all. During an 'ask me anything' session on social media, Varun even spilled some beans about Bhaijaan's cameo.

During this session last night, a fan asked Varun: "Bhai ka cameo #BabyJohn me Kitne minutes ka hai." Replying to the same, Varun shared, "Minutes Nahi bolunga impact bahut zyaada kaafi mahino ka milega #babyjohn #varunsays." Soon enough, the comment section flooded with messages by fans who couldn't handle their excitement. One social media user gushed, "Mass can't wait for Megastar #SalmanKhan's cameo in #BabyJohn ????" whereas another netizen guessed: "It means it's an universe movie where it will be linked with atlee + Salman collab." Well, Varun also spoke about his co-star Janhvi Kapoor during this session.

Janhvi and Varun shared the screen for the first time in *Bawaal* (2023), taking the internet by storm with their adorable chemistry. Up next, the two will reunite in Dharma Productions' upcoming film *Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari*. When asked about his experience of working with Janhvi in the rom com, Varun shared, "Janhvi is amazing im. Happy cause she's



currently the busiest actress in our business now so I'm happy for her #varunsays."

When *Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari* was first announced, many netizens guessed that this was actually *Dulhania 3*, the third installment in

Shashank Khaitan's *Dulhania* series after *Humpty Sharma Ki Dulhania* (2014) and *Badrinath Ki Dulhania* (2014). The first two films featured Alia Bhatt opposite Varun. But this fan theory was not confirmed by the makers.

## Another Blockbuster Sequel Snatched from Akshay



*Singh Is Kinng* released in 2008 and left an everlasting mark over the fans. The comedy and sentimentality combined to give an amazing treat to the fans.

Even to this day jokes, references and songs from the film keep going viral. Shailendra Singh, the filmmaker is ready to revive the magic of the film on big screen again with a new set of starcast.

His favourite choice for the role is Ranveer Singh, he feels his energy and charm is a perfect match for the lead role. Meanwhile, Diljit Dosanjh also remains a popular choice.

He wants to see a new face and this means yet another sequel went away from Akshay's bag. Kartik Aryan has already

taken over the *Bhool Bhulaiyaa* franchise.

However, fans pointed out that it was after *Singh Is Kinng* that Akshay Kumar's stars went downhill with films like *Chandini Chowk To China*, *Kambakht Ishq* and *Tees Maar Khan*. Akshay was set to gain superstardom like Shahrukh Khan but it all went wrong afterwards. Many see this as a bad omen for Ranveer's career and wish that he is cautious against it. The director of the project is also not clear, various speculations between Anees Bazmee and Priyadarshini still remain.

Bollywood is on a steady track of sequels gaining success and this might be just the right time for *Singh Is Kinng 2*.





## Jennifer Lopez can't tolerate Ben Affleck jelling with Beckhams

Ben Affleck has been spending a lot of time with Victoria and David Beckham lately, which reportedly has Jennifer Lopez feeling upset, per InStyle. Divorces often involve more than just dividing belongings; friendships can be caught in the fallout too and that's precisely what's happening now. Lopez's friendship with the Beckhams goes back several years.

J. Lo has always really liked and admired Victoria, back when she was married to Marc Anthony, they got very close," the source told InStyle.

Although their friendship waned after Lopez's divorce from Anthony, she still considers Victoria a friend. That connection makes Affleck's sudden closeness with David Beckham difficult for Lopez to overlook. "She's convinced he's only doing it to spite her, because back when they were together, he never showed any interest in hanging out with them even though J. Lo swears she suggested it multiple times," the source stated.

"Now all of a sudden, he's throwing himself around a lot of her old friends and just basically scavenging. She flat out accused Ben of trying to steal her friends to get a rise out of her."

# Gladiator 2: Paul Mescal, Denzel Washington sequel 'imitative' but 'entertaining'

The first reviews for Ridley Scott's epic historical film *Gladiator 2*, a sequel to his hit 2000 film *Gladiator*, are in. The film, starring Paul Mescal, Pedro Pascal, Denzel Washington and others, received a 76% rating on Rotten Tomatoes at the time of writing. Here's how the critics think the film fared.

*Gladiator 2* received mixed reviews from critics, with reactions ranging from calling it 'serviceable' to 'popcorn film of the year'. At the time of writing the film received a rating of 76% on Rotten Tomatoes' Tomatometer.

Vulture wrote that 'it's easier to imagine audiences snickering than weeping over *Gladiator II*'. The reviewer even compared it to writer David Scarpa's last outing *Napoleon* writing that it 'tends to land in an uneasy place between inadvertent and intentional funniness. A portion of the review read, "I didn't adore *Gladiator*, but I appreciated the melodramatic conviction at its core, the way it was unabashedly emotional about grief and justice and restoring order to the world. Sure, not all of us spend a lot of time thinking about the Roman Empire, but those who do deserve better than this."

Variety wrote that 'it's not praise' but *Gladiator 2* is 'as good as we could have expected it to be.' The reviewer also called it 'a solid piece of neoclassical popcorn — a serviceable epic of brutal warfare'. A portion of the review called the sequel a 'mere shadow' of *Gladiator*, "It's a Saturday-night epic of tony escapism. But is it great? A movie to love the way that some of us love "*Gladiator*"? No and no. It's ultimately a mere shadow of that movie. But it's just diverting enough to justify its existence."

The Wrap had a similar opinion, stating that the sequel goes through the 'same motions' as the original, writing, "So we have a different gladiator and two evil emperors, but a lot of "*Gladiator II*" is familiar to the point of redundancy. David Scarpa's screenplay — with a co-story credit by Peter Craig — draws so many parallels between the new film and the old one that it seems to forget that dramatic parallels have to mean something, or else they're just two straight lines."

However, some reviewers thought *Gladiator 2* was entertaining despite its flaws. BBC thought the film 'balances emotional drama and social themes with all-out action spectacle.' They also praised the action sequences, writing,



"In the big-action arena scenes, Scott pulls out all the stops. A Roman enters riding a rhino. The editing is kinetic as tigers and baboons are unleashed against Lucius and the other gladiators, who are called barbarians." They also called it 'by far the best popcorn film of the year'.

The Guardian made a joke about *Groundhog Day*, drawing comparisons between the original and the sequel. They also praised Paul for his performance, writing, "At 28, Paul Mescal is younger than Crowe's 36 when he took the lead in *GI*, but he is massively bulked up with a new sonorous Britspeak growl: charismatic and likable in the ways Mescal always is." They also praised Denzel's performance, writing that he 'almost steals the entire picture'.

The Hollywood Reporter also acknowledged the sequel's 'déjà vu quality', calling it 'imitative'. They also wrote that the 'movie's vitality gets a boost when it steps out of the original's shadow'. Also praising Denzel's performance, they wrote, "He turns in a lip-smacking performance as Macrinus, a Machiavellian former slave now living in high style off the profits of his stable of gladiators and patiently plotting a secret agenda to acquire greater wealth and power."

## Megan Fox announces pregnancy after previous miscarriage



Megan Fox couldn't be happier! The original *Transformers* movie star announced on Monday (US time) that her family with partner Machine Gun Kelly was getting bigger. The welcoming pregnancy news was undoubtedly an immensely poignant moment for Fox, who had previously suffered a heartbreaking miscarriage.

The Jennifer's Body icon wrote on Instagram on November 11, "nothing is ever really lost. welcome back (angel emoji) (red heart emoji)." The short yet definitive message came with the IG carousel post, in which she shared a photo of herself covered in dark oil as she warmly caresses her baby bump. The following snap showed her positive pregnancy test. The 38-year-old confirmed MGK, whose real name is Colson Baker, as the father by tagging him on her bump. With her latest IG update, Fox hit her social media platform on reset as she wiped off all previous posts from public viewing, attracting 100% attention to her pregnancy reveal.

While the American actress' soon-to-arrive baby is her first with the "Bloody Valentine" singer, she already co-parents three kids, Noah (11), Bodhi (9) and Journey (7) with ex-husband Brian Austin Green. Meanwhile, her

current partner, the 34-year-old rapper, is a father to his 15-year-old daughter Cassie, whom he shares with former girlfriend Emma Cannon.

MGK and Fox didn't entirely go into the details of her previous pregnancy loss at first. However, the *Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen* ultimately confirmed it in her 2023 poetry book "*Pretty Boys are Poisonous*." She later opened up about it to WWD, saying, "This miscarriage [was] really tragic for me and left me with a lot of grief and a lot of suffering."

Earlier this year, the on-again, off-again couple sparked pregnancy speculation when Fox made a cameo in MGK's "Lonely Road" music video with an apparent baby bump. The pair started dating in 2020 after they crossed paths on the set of the indie thriller flick *Midnight in the Switchgrass*.

In the same year, Fox unforgettably also appeared as the rocker's love interest in the "Bloody Valentine" music video. Two years later, Kelly got down on his knee and proposed. In March 2024, the actress finally confirmed that they had called off their engagement at one point in their relationship. However, she didn't "have a comment on the status of the relationship per se."



## JAPANESE PRINCESS YURIKO DIES AT 101

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**TOKYO (TIP):** Japanese Princess Yuriko, the wife of wartime Emperor Hirohito's brother and the oldest member of the imperial family, has died after her health deteriorated recently, palace officials said. She was 101.

Yuriko died on November 15 at a Tokyo hospital, the Imperial Household Agency said. It did not announce the cause of death, but Japanese media said she died of pneumonia.

Born in 1923 as an aristocrat, Yuriko married Prince Mikasa at 18, the younger brother of Hirohito, months before the start of World War II.

She has recounted living in a shelter with her husband and their daughter after their residence was burned in the US fire bombings of Tokyo in the final months of the war in 1945.

Yuriko raised five children and supported Mikasa's research into ancient Near Eastern history, while also serving her official duties and taking part in philanthropic activities, including promotion of maternal and child health. She outlived her husband and all three sons. (AP)

## BRITISH WRITER WINS BOOKER FOR SPACE STORY ORBITAL

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**LONDON (TIP):** Britain's Samantha Harvey has won the 2024 Booker Prize for her novel *Orbital*, a story about a single day aboard the International Space Station, which she wrote during COVID-19 lockdowns.

The novel, Harvey's fifth, was the top selling book on the shortlist of six finalists and has sold more copies than the past three Booker Prize winners combined, as readers lapped up her depiction of earth's beauty as seen from space.

Judges of the prize, now in its 55th year, praised her writing for the "intensity of attention to the precious and precarious world". Past winners of the prestigious Booker, which is open to works of fiction written in English, include Margaret Atwood, Salman Rushdie and Yann Martel. Harvey said she wrote the novel while stuck at home during the pandemic watching footage of the earth in low orbit on her screen. (Reuters)

# Israel hits Beirut suburb as US delivers truce proposal

NOV 16, 2024

**BEIRUT (TIP):** An Israeli airstrike flattened a building near one of Beirut's busiest traffic junctions on November 15, shaking the city as Israel kept up its intensified bombardment of Hezbollah-controlled areas of the city. One of several airstrikes on Friday morning, the attack struck near the Tayouneh junction in an area where the Hezbollah-controlled southern suburbs meet other parts of the city, a more central target than most that Israel has hit.

Israel has this week stepped up airstrikes against the Hezbollah-controlled southern suburbs — an escalation that has coincided with indications of movement in US-led diplomatic contacts towards ending the conflict.

The US Ambassador to Lebanon on Thursday submitted a draft truce proposal to Lebanon's parliament speaker Nabih Berri, who is endorsed by Hezbollah to negotiate, two senior Lebanese political sources told Reuters



without providing details.

The draft was Washington's first written proposal to halt fighting between its ally Israel and the Iran-backed Hezbollah in at least several weeks, the

sources said.

Meanwhile, a top Iranian official pledged his country's unwavering support for Lebanon after talks Friday. (Agencies)

# New Zealand MP performs Haka dance in Parliament in protest over Treaty Bill

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**SYDNEY (TIP):** New Zealand's parliament was briefly suspended on November 14 after a powerful haka, performed by Maori MPs, disrupted a vote on a controversial bill seeking to reinterpret the country's 184-year-old Treaty of Waitangi.

The Treaty, signed in 1840 between the British Crown and over 500 Maori chiefs, established the terms for governance and the relationship between the two parties. Its principles continue to shape legislation and policy in New Zealand today. Over the years, court rulings and a separate Maori tribunal have progressively expanded Maori rights. However, some critics argue that these developments have resulted in discrimination against non-Indigenous citizens.

The ACT New Zealand party, a junior partner in the ruling centre-right coalition government, introduced a bill last week that seeks to enshrine a narrower interpretation of the Treaty's clauses into law.

As parliamentarians gathered for a preliminary vote on the bill, Te Pati Maori MPs rose to perform a haka—a traditional Maori war dance famously associated with New Zealand's rugby team. The dramatic protest, intended to signal opposition to the legislation, led to a brief suspension of parliamentary proceedings as the chanting and shouting from the MPs and spectators in the public gallery drowned out the proceedings.

ACT New Zealand leader David Seymour responded by accusing opponents of the bill of trying to "stir up" fear and division. "My mission is to empower every person," he said, defending the bill.

However, the legislation has been widely condemned by Maori leaders and their supporters, who view it as a threat to the rights of the country's Indigenous people, who make up around 20% of New Zealand's population of 5.3 million.

In protest, hundreds of demonstrators have set out on a nine-day hiko (march) from New Zealand's north to the capital, Wellington. The marchers have staged rallies in towns and cities along the way and are expected to arrive in Wellington on Tuesday, where tens of thousands are anticipated to join a major rally.

While the bill passed its first reading, it is unlikely to



proceed further. Coalition partners, the National Party and New Zealand First, have only supported the bill through its initial reading as part of the coalition agreement. Both parties have made it clear that they will not back the legislation in subsequent readings, making it almost certain the bill will fail. (Reuters)

# NATO, EU press China to help stop North Korea's support for war on Ukraine

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**BRUSSELS (TIP):** NATO and the European Union are intensifying efforts to persuade China to help curb North Korea's military support for Russia in its war against Ukraine. According to US, South Korean, and Ukrainian intelligence assessments, up to 12,000 North Korean troops have been deployed to Russia's Kursk border region to assist in repelling Ukrainian forces. In exchange, NATO claims that Russia is providing missile technology to North Korea.

As Russia continues to exploit its military advantage in Ukraine, the United States is urging its allies to increase political pressure on China to rein in North Korea. Pyongyang and Beijing have maintained diplomatic ties since 1949, and their relationship is often described as "as close as lips and teeth."

One potential lever of influence is the threat of increased Western involvement in China's neighboring Asia-Pacific region. Last week, the EU strengthened its position by securing new security pacts with regional powers Japan and South Korea.

In an opinion piece for Politico last week, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg stated, "China bears particular responsibility here, to use its influence in Pyongyang and Moscow to ensure they cease these actions. Beijing cannot pretend to promote peace while turning a blind eye to increasing aggression." On a visit to Latvia on Thursday, Stoltenberg warned that the exchange of missile technology poses "a direct threat, not only to Europe, but also to Japan, South Korea, and the US mainland." Japan, South Korea, Australia, and New Zealand now



regularly attend NATO meetings.

After talks with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Wednesday, Stoltenberg added, "The Euro-Atlantic and the Indo-Pacific really have to be seen as one theatre, and not as two separate ones. Our security, therefore, now more and more is global, and we have to look at this as a global issue."

While North Korea and Russia have grown closer in their cooperation, many observers note that China remains hesitant to form a three-way anti-Western alliance with them. Beijing prefers a stable security environment to address its economic challenges and maintain relationships with both Europe and its Asian neighbors.

In a blog published on Thursday, EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell discussed his recent trip to Japan and South Korea, where North Korea's troop

deployments and assistance to Russia were key topics. "This marks an escalation of the utmost seriousness, which was at the heart of our discussions with the Japanese and South Korean leaders," Borrell wrote. He also emphasized that the EU's new security and defense partnerships with Japan and South Korea—its first such agreements outside Europe—signal the EU's growing role as a global security provider.

Blinken also reaffirmed this week that the Biden administration is determined to provide Ukraine with the aid necessary to continue defending itself against Russia's invasion in the coming year. "We are committed to sending as much assistance as possible to help hold Russian forces at bay and to strengthen Ukraine's hand in any potential peace negotiations," Blinken said. (AP)

## CHINA WILLING TO BE PARTNERS, FRIENDS WITH US, CHINESE ENVOY SAYS

NOV 16, 2024

**SHANGHAI (TIP) :** China is eager to strengthen its partnership with the United States, with the country's ambassador to Washington, Xie Feng, emphasizing the importance of dialogue between the world's two largest economies.

In a speech delivered in Hong Kong on Friday, Xie sought to ease tensions, stating that China has no intention of surpassing or replacing the United States. The speech, which was addressed to Chinese officials and the U.S. ambassador to China, marked a significant moment in efforts to reset U.S.-China relations.

As the U.S. gears up for Donald Trump's potential return to the presidency in January, Beijing is looking to recalibrate its relationship with Washington. Trump has pledged to impose tariffs on Chinese imports exceeding 60%, but Chinese officials and businesses are hopeful that his protectionist policies will also alienate U.S. allies in Europe and Asia, potentially opening up opportunities for China to expand its global influence and improve trade relations.

On Friday, Chinese President Xi Jinping also weighed in, calling for a rejection of unilateralism and protectionism in favor of economic globalization. His remarks echo China's desire for a more cooperative international trade environment.

However, some analysts argue that China's appeal as a counterbalance to a Trump-led United States is not as compelling as it was in 2016, when Trump was first elected. The shifting dynamics of international relations and changing U.S. domestic politics have complicated China's efforts to position itself as a leader in global trade and diplomacy.

Xie, speaking about the broader Sino-U.S. relationship, emphasized that the partnership is not a zero-sum game. "The two nations have great potential to work together in areas such as trade, agriculture, energy, artificial intelligence, and public health," he said.

The ambassador stressed the importance of maintaining an open dialogue to address concerns on both sides. "It is entirely possible to bring issues to the table, communicate frankly, and seek solutions on equal footing," Xie added. One of the major points of contention between the U.S. and China remains Taiwan, which Xie described as the biggest "flashpoint" for potential conflict. China views Taiwan as part of its territory, despite Taiwan's rejection of this claim and its democratic governance. Xie reiterated Beijing's firm opposition to what it calls "separatists" in Taiwan, warning that this issue could lead to further tensions between the two nations. (Reuters)

## Protests erupt in Paris over pro-Israel gala organised by far-right figures

NOV 14, 2024

**PARIS (TIP):** Protests erupted in Paris on November 13 against a controversial gala organised by far-right figures in support of Israel. The event, intended to raise funds for the Israeli military, included Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich among its invited guests.

The demonstrations came on the eve of a high-stakes soccer match at France's national stadium against the Israeli national team, overshadowed by tensions around the wars in the Middle East. Authorities in Paris announced that more than 4,000 police officers and 1,600 stadium staff will be deployed for the game.

Smotrich, a vocal advocate of Israeli settlements, had been expected to attend Wednesday's gala, dubbed "Israel is Forever," which was planned by an association of the same name. The

group's stated goal is to "mobilize French-speaking Zionist forces."

After days of growing criticism of the event, Smotrich's office confirmed Wednesday that the minister would not travel to Paris to participate.

But the invitation to Smotrich drew sharp criticism from local associations, unions and left-wing political parties, prompting two protests in the French capital. The minister, a hard-line settler leader, has been accused of inflaming tensions in the West Bank and drew international condemnations this week by saying he hopes the election of Donald Trump will clear the way for Israeli annexation of the West Bank — a step that would extinguish Palestinian statehood dreams.

The French Foreign Ministry called Smotrich's remarks "contrary to international law" and counterproductive to efforts to reduce

regional tensions. "France reiterates its commitment to the implementation of the two-state solution, with Israel and Palestine living side by side in peace and security, which is the only prospect for a just and lasting settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict," the ministry said in a statement.

Critics also pointed at Nili Kupfer-Naouri, president of the "Israel is Forever" association, who sparked outrage in 2023, after the Israel-Hamas war started, when she tweeted that "no civilian in Gaza was innocent."

On Wednesday night, several hundred protesters marched through central Paris, denouncing the event as a "gala of hatred and shame."

"Imagine if an association were hosting a gala for Hezbollah or Hamas — there's no way the police would allow that," said Melkir Saib, a 30-year-old protester. (AP)



## HINDU PILGRIM ON WAY TO NANKANA SAHIB SHOT DEAD

NOV 16, 2024

**LAHORE (TIP):** A Hindu pilgrim, who was going to attend the 555th birth anniversary celebrations of Guru Nanak Dev in Nankana Sahib, was shot dead by robbers, the police said on November 15.

A native of Larkana city in Sindh province, Rajesh Kumar was going to Nankana Sahib from Lahore by a car along with his friend and brother-in-law when three robbers intercepted them on the Mananwala-Nankana Sahib Road, 60 km from Lahore.

"The gunmen snatched Rs 4.5 lakh from the trio and Rs 10,000 from the driver. After Kumar resisted, the robbers opened fire on him and fled," the police said. Kumar was rushed to hospital in a critical condition where he succumbed to his injuries. A case has been registered against unidentified men on the complaint of Kumar's brother-in-law. (PTI)

# Sri Lanka's leftist coalition wins landslide victory, eyes sweeping reforms

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**COLOMBO (TIP):** Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake's leftist coalition, the National People's Power (NPP), secured a decisive victory in November 14 snap general election, winning 137 of the 196 directly elected seats. Local media project that the total will surpass 150 seats once proportional representation is factored in, giving Dissanayake a commanding two-thirds majority in the 225-member parliament.

This victory gives Dissanayake the power to push through his reform agenda, including plans to abolish the executive presidency. In total, the NPP secured almost 62% of the vote, or around 7 million ballots, up from 42% in the presidential election held in September. Dissanayake, a political outsider, is now poised to reshape Sri Lanka's political landscape, having built strong support among minorities and the wider electorate.

While the clear mandate strengthens political stability, there is some uncertainty over Dissanayake's economic policies, especially his intention to alter the terms of Sri Lanka's \$2.9 billion IMF bailout. The IMF deal has been crucial to the country's tentative economic recovery following the 2022 crisis, which saw Sri



Lanka default on its debt and its economy contract by 7.3% in 2022 and 2.3% in 2023.

Dissanayake, who has promised to reduce taxes and prioritize welfare for the country's poor, aims to negotiate with the IMF to revise income tax targets and free up funds for social spending. However, analysts warn that revisiting the bailout terms could delay future IMF disbursements and make it

harder to meet a critical fiscal target of a 2.3% primary surplus by 2025.

Despite these challenges, the NPP's victory, with its overwhelming 62% support, signals a shift in Sri Lanka's political culture. The opposition Samagi Jana Balawegaya, led by Sajith Premadasa, won 35 seats, while the New Democratic Front, backed by former President Ranil Wickremesinghe, secured just three seats. (Reuters)

## Bangladesh AG wants 'secularism' removed from Constitution



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**DHAKA (TIP):** Bangladesh's top legal official has proposed to remove the words "secularism" and "socialism" from the Constitution apart from a provision prescribing capital punishment for regime change through extra-constitutional means.

In his statement in the High Court during a hearing on a writ petition filed by a group of citizens, Attorney General Mohammad Asazzaman on November 14 sought to remove "secularism" and

"socialism" as two of the four principles of the Constitution alongside the designation of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman as the Father of the Nation.

Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was the undisputed leader of Bangladesh but the Awami League politicised him in the party's interest, he said, referring to the founding leader of Bangladesh who is popularly known as Bangabandhu.

The writ petition challenged the validity of the Constitution's 15th amendment made by the now-ousted Awami League regime of deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina in 2011 while a two-judge High Court bench issued a rule asking the interim government to come up with its stance on the matter. "As a whole, we do not want that (HC) rule to be scrapped," the attorney general said, clarifying the government's stance on the writ petition. (PTI)

## Pakistan bans weddings, shuts schools as 15K taken ill in a day after AQI reaches 604 in Lahore

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**LAHORE (TIP):** The toxic smog, which continues to grip Lahore and other parts of Pakistan, has worsened, with the city reporting over 15,000 cases of respiratory and viral infections in just 24 hours. The majority of cases were reported at major government hospitals, including Mayo Hospital (4,000+ patients), Jinnah Hospital (3,500 patients), Gangaram Hospital (3,000 patients), and Children's Hospital (2,000+ patients). (PTI)

## 7 killed after car bomb accidentally explodes in former stronghold of Pakistani Taliban

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**PESHAWAR (TIP) :** A powerful car bomb exploded accidentally inside a house in the former stronghold of the Pakistani Taliban in northwest Pakistan, killing at least two children and five suspected militants, police said on November 15.

The explosion occurred before dawn in the city of Mir Ali, located in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, when a militant, identified as Commander Rasool Jan, was attempting to fit a bomb into a car at his home, said Irfan Khan, a local police official.

**ACCORDING TO KHAN, THE PAKISTANI TALIBAN ARRIVED QUICKLY AT THE SCENE AND REMOVED THE BODIES OF THE SLAIN MILITANTS. AUTHORITIES LATER DISCOVERED THE BODIES OF TWO CHILDREN TRAPPED IN THE RUBBLE OF THE HOUSE, WHICH COLLAPSED DUE TO THE BLAST.**

The explosion also caused significant damage to several nearby homes and injured 14 people, including women. Some of the injured are reported to be in critical condition, though further details have not been provided.

Khan speculated that the car bomb was intended for use in an attack in the



region, where the Pakistani Taliban and other insurgent groups frequently target security forces using assault rifles, rockets, grenades, and suicide car bombings.

In a separate incident on Thursday, a suicide bomber riding a motorcycle set off an explosive device prematurely on a deserted road in Charsadda district, killing himself but causing no other casualties, police said.

Masood Khan, a local police official, stated that the intended target of the suicide bomber remained unclear. Bomb disposal experts and investigators are trying to determine whether the explosives were attached to the bomber's motorcycle or if he was carrying them himself.

The Pakistani Taliban, also known as Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), is a separate group from the Afghan Taliban but has been emboldened by the latter's takeover of Afghanistan in 2021. (AP)



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# Superfoods for Glowing Skin

You know that old axiom “beauty starts from within”? Well, in the case of your skin it’s 100% true—which is one of the reasons the new goop skincare line is packed with vitamins and food-grade ingredients. What we eat has a direct effect on our skin and eating a healthy diet full of good fats, antioxidants, vitamin C, collagen, and amino acids can mean the difference between a fresh, glowing complexion and a tired, puffy, wrinkled one. Here are six superfoods packed with nutrients that directly benefit your skin and some of our favorite goop recipes that include them.

## Avocados

Avocados are famously great for skin; high in poly- and monounsaturated fatty acids (like omega 9’s), they keep skin looking firm and dewy, help regenerate damaged skin cells, and reduce redness and irritation. The omega 9’s, in particular, keep your epidermal layer (the top layer of skin) moisturized, which gives you noticeably hydrated and healthy-looking skin. Avocados are also full of antioxidant carotenoids that not only fight free radicals, which are one of the major culprits of damaged skin and aging, but also help your skin maintain water content and elasticity.

## Salmon

Oily fish in general, and salmon in particular, is packed full of omega 3’s, another good fat that does wonders for



your skin. These polyunsaturated fatty acids protect the skin from sun exposure, help repair already damaged skin, and keep cell membranes healthy and hydrated, keeping toxins out and your skin looking supple and soft.

## Blueberries

Antioxidants are one of the most important factors in maintaining beautiful skin, and eating blueberries is one of the easiest ways to get them. Antioxidants help fight and neutralize free radicals (one of skin’s worst enemies), which are known to damage

skin cells and collagen, causing wrinkles, dry skin, and a host of other aging skin factors. Blueberries are also full of vitamin A, which helps normalize oil levels in your skin, and is very helpful in naturally clearing up acne-prone skin.

## Bone broth

Bone broth is great for elasticity of skin as it’s full of collagen, minerals like calcium and magnesium, and essential amino acids. When bones are simmered for hours, the collagen inside them cooks down into gelatin, which

when ingested, keeps skin firm, smooth, and elastic. The gelatin in bone broth also helps soothe our digestive tract, which can help reduce inflammation, fighting yet another aging factor.

## Lemon

Lemon is incredible for skin, not only because it’s packed with vitamin C, which helps neutralize free radicals and helps us make collagen and elastin (which bind skin cells together, giving us firm, younger-looking skin), but it’s also one of the most alkalizing foods available. Although lemons taste incredibly acidic, once metabolized, the minerals in them help alkalize the blood and balance our bodies’ pH (which in most bodies is too acidic due to over consumption of things like coffee, alcohol, and processed foods). When our bodies’ pH levels are out of whack, our skin becomes super sensitive, dry and irritation-prone, so maintaining a good balance is key.

## Turmeric

Turmeric is great for skin due to its incredible anti-inflammatory properties. Inflammation in the body is really rough on skin, leading to wrinkles and aging in the long term and making skin look puffy and tired in the short term. Eating or drinking dried or fresh turmeric helps fight inflammation, keeping skin looking fresher and younger, while also helping relieve more serious inflammatory skin problems such as eczema and rosacea.

## Checklist for skin care during winter

Be a friend to a moisturiser, use face oils and avoid excessive exfoliation to get a natural glow despite the chill in the air. Cosmetologists share a few skin care tips that can be followed during winter season:

- Cool breeze may deprive your skin of the essential moisture that keeps it soft. Apply and then reapply the moisturiser. But make sure that it is not too heavy for your skin. Otherwise, it will make your skin look oily and dark. A gel-to-cream base moisturiser would be ideal for any skin type.
- Bio oil not only offers anti-ageing properties, but also provides nourishment to the skin. These oils add a protective layer to your skin and offer that super glow.
- Hot water takes off the natural oil from the body, it plays havoc if you already have a dry skin. A lukewarm water is ideal to suit your body temperature as it does not dilate capillaries due to excessive heat.



- Have a nutritionally rich diet or food items rich in Omega 3 for a glowing skin. Nuts and seasonal vegetables are great for your skin. Avoid starchy and sugary foods as they may cause bloating and acne.
- Since your skin is already dry

during winter season, excessive exfoliation will wash off all the natural oils from the skin and can damage it badly causing redness. Use gentle exfoliators like oatmeal and coffee powder, and seal it with a cream.

## FOOD CORNER

### Coconut Chicken Curry

#### Ingredients

- 8 Pepper corns (Kalimirchi), 6 Coriander Roots (Dhania), 3 cms thinly sliced Ginger (Adrak)
- 625 ml Coconut milk, 2 thinly sliced Green chilli (Hari mirch), 1 Lime Peel, 4 shredded Lime Leaves (Nimbu Ke Patte), 1 kg cut into 8 pieces Chicken, 1 tblsp Fish Sauce, 3 tblsp Lime Juice (Nimbu Ka Raas) , 3 tblsp chopped Coriander (Dhania), To taste Salt (Namak)

#### Method

- Beat peppercorns, coriander roots and ginger together. Heat peppercorn mixture in a wok.
- Stir in chillies, coconut milk, lime peel and leaves. Heat to simmering point.
- Mix the chicken pieces.
- Cook over medium heat till the chicken is tender and liquid is reduced, it will take about 40 to 45 minutes. Mix fish sauce, salt and lime juice.



# If you're taking magnesium, avoid these 3 supplements

If you're familiar with the world of wellness, you probably know that magnesium is a powerhouse mineral with benefits ranging from regulating blood pressure and supporting muscle and nerve function to improving sleep quality. But did you know that pairing magnesium with certain other supplements can actually reduce its effectiveness? According to a reel by digital creator Dr Janine Bowring on Instagram, taking magnesium alongside calcium, iron, and zinc can interfere with how well your body absorbs this essential mineral. To dive deeper into this topic, indianexpress.com spoke with health experts for insights.

Dr Harpalsinh Dabhi, senior pulmonologist and critical care physician, HCG Hospitals, Bhavnagar, concurred and advised against taking magnesium with calcium, iron, and zinc due to the potential interactions that can interfere with the absorption of these minerals in our body.

**Magnesium and Calcium:** These two minerals can compete for absorption in the body, particularly when taken in large doses. This competition might reduce the efficiency with which each mineral is absorbed.

**Magnesium and Iron:** Magnesium may inhibit the absorption of iron, especially non-heme iron (the type found in plant-based sources). This is particularly important for individuals who need to manage their iron levels carefully, such as those with anemia.

**Magnesium and Zinc:** Similar to calcium, zinc, and magnesium can interfere with each other's absorption when taken together in large amounts.

## Are these supplements necessary?

Dr Gaurangi Shah, general and internal medicine consultant at P D Hinduja Hospital, Mumbai, pointed out that Indian cuisine is naturally rich in minerals like magnesium, calcium, iron, and zinc, and this means supplementation may not always be necessary. "People are more focused on their protein intake these days and may overlook their mineral and vitamin



needs. A balanced diet should be the first approach before turning to supplements," she said.

**Pairing magnesium with the right nutrients**

So, what can you pair magnesium with to enhance its benefits? "You can pair magnesium with vitamin D, B6, omega-3 fatty acids, and taurine which help optimize its absorption and effectiveness without the negative interactions associated with calcium, iron, or zinc," said Dr Dabhi.

**Vitamin D:** Helps the body absorb magnesium more efficiently.

**Vitamin B6:** Aids in magnesium's cellular uptake, enhancing its benefits.

**Omega-3 fatty acids:** Anti-inflammatory properties that complement magnesium's muscle relaxation effects.

**Taurine:** Works synergistically with magnesium to support heart and muscle health.

Pairing magnesium with these nutrients can help you fully unlock its potential for improved health.

Source: *The Indian Express*



# Fatigue, unintended weight loss: Early warning signs of cancer

There is a rising burden of cancer cases in India and globally mainly because of an increase in diagnoses and lifestyle choices.

Dr Vinayak Maka, Head of Medical Oncology at Ramaiah Institute of Oncosciences, stressed that identifying symptoms early and taking timely action can make a significant difference and improve survival rates.

"Detecting cancer early can make a world of difference, and it all starts with paying attention to the small changes in how one's body usually feels," he said, encouraging people not to overlook subtle changes in their health.

One common symptom that can signal an underlying issue is unexplained fatigue. "Think about those times when somebody is just too tired to get through the day—if this fatigue doesn't seem to go away, it's worth checking out," Dr Maka advised. Fatigue, especially when it becomes constant and affects daily activities, should be discussed with a doctor.

Unintended weight loss can also be a warning sign. If a person begins losing weight without changes to diet or exercise, it's essential to consult a doctor.

Dr Maka also warned of other physical changes, like persistent lumps or swelling. "These are signals one's body might be sending that shouldn't be ignored," he added.

Changes in bathroom habits are another early indicator. Persistent constipation, diarrhea, or unusual bleeding can point to issues that require medical evaluation.

Skin changes, like new or altered moles, should also be monitored closely. "Keep an eye on moles or new skin growths, especially if they look uneven, have irregular borders, or are larger than a pencil eraser," said Dr Maka, highlighting that sudden skin changes can indicate skin cancer.

Persistent symptoms like difficulty swallowing, a hoarse voice, or ongoing indigestion should also not be dismissed as minor.

# Limit high-fat dairy foods in diet to ward off fatty liver disease risk

Eating high-fat dairy products which include whole milk, cream, frozen yoghurt, butter and ghee, may increase the risk of fatty liver disease, according to a study.

The study, published in the *Journal of Hepatology Reports*, showed that low-medium fat dairy products such as skimmed milk, cottage cheese and low-fat cheese may be protective, and should be preferred over high-fat dairy to prevent Metabolic dysfunction-associated steatotic liver disease (MASLD).

MASLD is related to nutrition, but evidence of an association between high-fat and low-fat dairy products is lacking. To fill the gap, a team of researchers from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, in Israel, evaluated this association by performing experimental studies in mice and an observational human study.

They found that low-medium fat low-sugar dairy products are more protective than high-fat dairy. In general, high-fat diets may be harmful.

"It would be advisable to prefer low-fat low-sugar dairy products and minimise intake of high-fat dairy products; however, additional evidence is needed to allow generalisability of our findings," the researchers said. In the animal study, 6-week-old male mice were fed a high-fat diet (HFD) consisting of lard, soybean oil, and milk fat for 12 weeks. All HFDs induced similar



weight gain and steatosis and did not affect liver enzymes. Milk fat increases serum cholesterol and advanced glycation end-products (AGEs) levels more than lard or soybean oil.

Further, in 316 patients, the team found that high consumption of low-medium fat low-sugar dairy products was associated with a lower risk for MASLD incidence. "Constantly high consumption of high-fat low-sugar dairy products was associated with greater odds for new onset/persistence of MASLD". However, the team found that neither low-medium nor high-fat dairy consumption was related to fibrosis. Source: *IANS*

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## Australian-German research finds world-first cure for deadly skin disease

Researchers from Australia and Germany have for the first time cured patients suffering from toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN), a deadly skin disease, said a news release.

An international collaboration, including researchers from the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research (WEHI) in Melbourne and the Max Planck Institute of Biochemistry in Germany, has developed the first-ever cure for TEN in a breakthrough study published in *Nature*, WEHI said in a news release on Monday.

Also known as Lyell's syndrome, TEN is a rare skin disease that causes widespread blistering and detachment of the skin and can lead to dehydration, sepsis, pneumonia and organ failure, Xinhua news agency reported.

The potentially deadly condition is triggered by a severe adverse reaction to common medications and has a mortality rate of approximately 30 per cent.

The new study identified a hyperactivation of the JAK-STAT signaling pathway, a chain of interactions between proteins in a cell that is involved in processes such as immunity, cell death and tumour formation - as a driver of TEN.

By using JAK inhibitors, an existing class of drugs used to treat inflammatory diseases, they were able to treat patients with TEN.

"Finding a cure for lethal diseases like this is the holy grail of medical research. I am beyond proud of this incredible research collaboration that has already helped to save the lives of multiple patients," Holly Anderton, an author of the study from WEHI, said.

"All seven people treated with this therapy in our study experienced rapid improvement and a full recovery, in staggering results that have likely unlocked a cure for the condition."

Source: IANS

# Apple releases third beta of iOS 18.2 and iPadOS 18.2: Here is everything new

After the release of iOS 18.1, Apple is now testing the third beta versions of iOS 18.2 and iPadOS 18.2 with developers. The third developer beta of iOS 18.3 has been rolled out ahead of the anticipated public release in December. This update focuses on bug fixes and new features to enhance user experience across apps like Photos and TV, as well as expanded functionality with Apple Intelligence. According to a report by MacRumors, the most significant updates in this beta include improvements to the Photos app's video player; a customizable navigation bar in the TV app on iPadOS, and expanded control over the Camera Control button, adding functionality for newer iPhone models. Let's take a quick look at everything new Apple is testing with iOS 18.2 beta.

## iOS 18.2 features

### Update in Photos App

The Photos app received a major redesign with iOS 18, but not all users were pleased with the initial changes. In response to this user feedback, iOS 18.2's third beta is bringing a new upgrade to photos app, which will reportedly expand the video player and reduce the thick borders that previously surrounded videos.

### New Camera Control setting

The latest beta of iOS 18.2 introduces an upgraded Camera Control setting for iPhone 16 users. Located under Display & Brightness settings, users will find a "Require Screen On" toggle, which when activated, will restrict the button's use to only when the iPhone screen is on. Users can also disable this feature, allowing the button to function even when the screen is off.

### Redesigned CarPlay icons

With iOS 18.2 beta 3, Apple has also



updated the Climate and Media app icons for CarPlay. The redesigned look will also appear in future CarPlay-supported vehicles which are expected to launch by the end of 2024.

### Other iOS 18.2 Updates

The iOS 18.2 update also brings changes to the AirDrop icon, which now appears in a dark hue when Dark Mode is enabled, addressing previous inconsistencies. Additionally, the update also fixes problems with Precision Finding on AirTags and the "Play Sound" functionality for AirPods and compatible third-party accessories within Apple's Find My network.

### For features of Apple Intelligence

The latest beta also introduces new AI-driven tools like Genmoji, a custom emoji generator, and Image Playground, which enables users to create AI-generated images from prompts. Moreover, Apple is also integrating

ChatGPT into Siri that will now allow users to receive more comprehensive answers and create content without needing an external account.

### iOS 18.2 release date and compatibility

The third developer beta of iOS 18.2 is compatible with the iPhone XS and later. However, advanced Apple Intelligence features, such as Visual Intelligence and Siri's ChatGPT integration, are exclusive to the latest hardware—specifically, the iPhone 15 Pro, iPhone 16 series, and select M-series iPads and Macs. A public beta is expected soon, offering a broader audience the chance to preview these updates before the official December release. Alongside iOS 18.2 and iPadOS 18.2, Apple has also released new betas for macOS Sequoia 15.2, watchOS 11.2, tvOS 18.2, and HomePod Software 18.2. This complete suite of updates is expected to officially launch in December, delivering a robust range of new features across Apple's devices.

## Coding is still important, AI is not taking over everything

In a time when artificial intelligence (AI) is making waves across industries, Yossi Matias, Google's Head of Research, has suggested that coding remains an essential skill and that AI is far from replacing human developers. Despite the growing use of AI tools to assist in coding tasks, Matias believes that the fundamentals of programming continue to hold significant value, even as new technologies transform the way we work.

Speaking in an interview with Business Insider at Google's New York office, Matias, who also serves as a Vice President at Google, stressed that learning how to code is more relevant than ever.

"The basic notion of learning the basic disciplines remains as important as ever. Everybody should learn how to code," Matias said.

His remark comes at a time when there is a growing concern among software engineers and students about



the impact of AI on traditional coding roles.

AI technologies such as GitHub Copilot, which assist developers by generating code, have led to predictions

that coding jobs may soon be obsolete. Some experts claim that these AI tools can reduce the time spent coding by as much as 70 percent. However, Matias remains confident that AI is not a replacement for human coders. "AI may assist with certain tasks, especially at the junior level, but it is still not taking over the entire coding process," he explained. He added that while AI-generated code is now being used widely, it still requires human review and validation.

Matias acknowledged that recent trends in the tech industry have brought challenges, particularly for junior developers who may find it harder to gain the practical experience they need. He noted that AI tools, while helpful, cannot entirely replace the hands-on learning that comes with real-world coding. To support the growth of junior talent, Google has been sponsoring initiatives to help new developers bridge the gap between theory and practice.





## Air India completes merger with Vistara

**A**ir India Group has completed the operational integration and legal merger between Air India and Vistara, creating a full-service carrier of scale and marking a significant milestone in the post-privatisation transformation journey. This follows the merger of the Group's low-cost airlines Air India Express and AIX Connect (formerly Air Asia India) on October 1.

The unified Air India Group now operates over 8,300 weekly flights on 312 routes, connecting more than 100 domestic and international destinations with a fleet of 300 aircraft. The consolidation of the four Tata-owned airlines into one Group operating one full-service and one low-cost airline is part of the ongoing, five-year transformation programme, Vihaan.AI, which is focussed on establishing Air India Group as a world-class global aviation company with an Indian heart.

Besides the consolidation of the four Tata-owned airlines, the Vihaan.AI transformation programme has seen commitment to more than 500 new aircraft, delivery of which is well underway, and the commencement of a USD 400 million interior retrofit program for legacy aircraft. A new 6,00,000 square feet training facility with the capacity to train 2,000 employees per-day has been opened, and ground has been broken on a 12-bay maintenance base that will be operational in early 2026. More than 9,000 new employees have been inducted and trained, and the airlines' IT platform has been entirely modernised, amongst much else.

Campbell Wilson, MD and CEO, Air India, said, "The merger completes the consolidation and restructuring phase of the group's post-privatisation transformation journey, and is thus a significant milestone. Over the past two years, teams across the four airlines have worked closely together and with other stakeholders to ensure the transition of people, assets, operations and most importantly, customers, was as seamless as possible."

# Bitcoin nears \$90,000, becomes 8th largest asset after surpassing silver: Report

**T**he US dollar traded close to a four-month peak versus major peers while bitcoin extended its record rally as investors continued to pile into trades seen as benefiting from the incoming Donald Trump administration.

The euro languished near an almost seven-month trough reached overnight, while the yuan wallowed close to a more than three-month low with Europe and China both particular targets of potential Trump tariffs.

The US dollar index, which measures the currency against six peers including the euro, rose 0.07% to 105.49 as of 0037 GMT, after reaching 105.70 on Monday for the first time since July 3.

Leading cryptocurrency bitcoin pushed to a new all-time high of \$89,637 (approx Rs 75 lakh) on Tuesday. Trump has vowed to make the United States "the crypto capital of the planet".

"If history is any guide, Bitcoin could easily finish the year around \$100,000," said Kyle Rodda, a senior financial markets analyst at Capital.com.

Meanwhile, "the expectation of US economic outperformance and aggressive trade practices from the Trump administration continues to push the US dollar higher," Rodda said.

"Markets are dialling back expectations of Fed cuts going forward, with a cut at the December meeting being thrown into question."

Trump's Republican Party will control both houses of Congress when he takes office in January, Decision Desk HQ projected on Monday. That would enable him to push an agenda of slashing taxes and shrinking the federal government.

Potentially inflationary tariffs and immigration policies have seen market odds of a quarter point Federal Reserve interest rate cut on Dec. 18 pared to about 65% from nearly 80% a week ago, according to CME Group's FedWatch Tool.

Trump has warned the euro bloc it will "pay a big price" for not buying enough American exports, with cars a particular target of the incoming US President. He has threatened China with blanket 60% tariffs.

The offshore yuan dipped as low as 7.2337 per dollar on Monday, the weakest since August 2, before last trading at 7.2241.

The euro sank to \$1.0629 overnight for the first time since



### In Short

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- **Bitcoin hits record high as investors eye Trump's crypto-friendly stance**
- **Euro and yuan hit lows; Trump targets tariffs on Europe and China**

April 22, and last changed hands at \$1.0658.

The shared currency is feeling additional pressure from political uncertainty in the bloc's biggest economy, Germany. Chancellor Olaf Sholz's remaining coalition partner, the Greens, on Monday joined opposition calls for an earlier parliamentary vote to open the way to a snap election.

Sterling was little changed at \$1.28645.

The yen edged towards last week's three-month low of 154.715 per dollar, losing about 0.1% to 153.865, following a 0.7% slide overnight.

## India's inflation soars to 14-month high of 6.2%

### NEW DELHI (TIP)

Retail inflation breached the Reserve Bank's upper tolerance level, soaring to a 14-month high of 6.21 per cent in October mainly on account of rising food prices.

Inflation based on the consumer price index (CPI) was 5.49 per cent in September and 4.87 per cent in the year-ago month.

Retail inflation trended below the RBI's upper tolerance band of 6 per cent since September last year. It was at 6.83 per cent in August 2023. The RBI, which mainly factors in the CPI while arriving at its bi-monthly monetary policy, has been tasked by the government to ensure retail inflation remains at 4 per cent with a margin of 2 per cent on either side.

According to the data released by the National Statistics Office (NSO) on Tuesday, inflation in the food basket increased to 10.87 per cent in October, compared to 9.24 per cent in September and 6.61 per cent in October 2023.

"Year-on-year inflation rate based on All India Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the month of October 2024 is 6.21 per cent. Corresponding inflation rates for rural and urban are 6.68 per cent and 5.62 per cent, respectively," the NSO said.

The NSO data showed that during October 2024 significant decline in inflation was observed in the 'pulses and products',



eggs, 'sugar and confectionery' and spices subgroup.

"High food inflation in October 2024 is mainly due to increase in inflation of vegetables, fruits and oils and fats," the NSO said.

# Sikh History This Week

## NOVEMBER 15 TO NOVEMBER 21

### 15th November

1900 Dr. Ganda Singh was born in Hoshiarpur. GANDA SINGH was born on November 15, 1900, at Hariana, an ancient town in Hoshiarpur district of the Punjab. He started his schooling in the village mosque and then joined the local Government Middle School. After some time he transferred himself to the D.A.V. Middle School, eventually taking his matriculation from Government High School, Hoshiarpur. The inter-religious polemic which raged in the Punjab in the early part of this century, stirred young Ganda Singh's curiosity. He turned to reading Sikh literature. The stories of Sikh heroes of the eighteenth century and their brave deeds and sacrifices made a deep impression on his imagination. This was the origin of his interest in Sikh lore. The liberating impulse generated by the Singh Sabha, the Sikh renaissance movement, gave a critical bias to his study of Sikh history. A deeply embedded streak of adventure, tough physique and strong, indomitable character were the other constituents of the equipment of the future historian of the Punjab.

1920 The gathering at Akal Takhat constituted a committee of 175 members, to manage the Golden Temple and all Gurudwaras in Punjab and other parts of India. The representation was according to districts in Punjab and according to provinces outside. Members were also elected to represent Sikh states and Sikh bodies in Burma, Malaya, China, and America. This committee was proclaimed as the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabhandak Committee (SGPC). The leadership consisted of S. Sunder Singh Majithia, S. Harbans Singh Atari and S. Sunder Singh Ramgarhia.

1921 Master Mota Singh appears and delivers a fiery speech at Nankana Sahib, on the occasion of the Prakash Utsav of Guru Nanak Dev Patshah.

1921 Baba Gurdit Singh of Koma Gata Maru fame offers himself for arrest at Nanakana Sahib.

### 16th November

1675 Guru Tegh Bahadur's beheaded head was brought to kiratpur. The Sikhs in Delhi showed a daring courage in seizing both parts of Guru Sahib's beheaded body. Taking advantage of the duststorm which engulfed the city, Bhai Nnu Rai, Agya and his son Jaita, and Udha Rathaur too the Guru's head to Jaitas house. Jaita along with Bhai Nannu and Udha too it to Kirtrapur. It was cremated at Makhawal the following day. Meanwhile the severed body of the Guru was taken over by Bhai Lakhi Das also called Lakhi Shah Vanjara and his three sons Nigahia, Hema, and Harhi of Jadobansia Barhtia Kanaut, and Naik Dhooma. son of Bhai Nannu. It was taken to the house of Lakhi Das in Raisina and cremated the following night when he performed the ceremony in the process putting his house on fire, to prevent detection by the authorities.

1880 Khalsa Diwan Lahore told Maharaja Dalip Singh not to enter Punjab.

1957 11th Akali Conference was organized by Shiromani Akali Dal, under the leadership of Sardar Sewa Singh Thikriwala and held in Bathinda.

### 17th November

1922 The agitation for the restitution of Guru Ka Bagh was won. GURU KA BAGH gurudwara was under the control of Mahant Sundar Dass. He had agreed to serve under a committee of eleven members appointed by the SGPC on August 23, 1921, but the land remained under his possession. The Sikhs used to hew wood from



the land for common kitchen and Mahant, under instigation from others, lodged a complaint against the Akalis. The government was on the outlook for opportunities to retrieve its prestige, lost in the Key's affair. On Aug. 9, 1922, five Akali Sewadars were arrested for cutting wood for Guru Ka Langar from Guru Ka Bagh. Subsequently a morcha was launched to seek the release of the five GurSikhs.

### 18th November



1920 Gurudwara Punja Sahib came under control of Tat Khalsa on the death of the existing Mahant.

1949 Government of India took over administration of PEPSU.

1966 SGPC established Gurudwara Damdama Sahib, Talwandi Sabho (Bathinda), as Guru Khalsa's fifth Takhat.

1983 Four Hindu passengers were murdered near Naushara Puniya.

### 19th November

1924 Babar Amar Singh Pindori Nijara accepted shahadat in jail.

### 20th November

1693 Aurangzeb issued orders that read: "News from Sirhind, Gobind declares himself to be Guru Nanak. Faujdars ordered to prevent him from assembling his forces." When these orders did not produce much effect, "a general order was issued for their massacre."

1840 Co-regency of Chand Kaur and Sher Singh formed.

1818 Maharaja Ranjit Singh's forces conquered Peshwar.

### 21st November

1921 The "Chabia da morcha" was started. Due to some misunderstandings, the keys to Sri Harimandir Sahib's "ToshaKhana" (Panthic treasury) were seized the Deputy Commissioner on Nov. 7, 1921. The agitation



to recover the keys is known as "Chabia da morcha". This agitation resulted in the eventual return of the keys on Jan. 19, 1922. The keys were returned to Baba Kharak Singh, President of SGPC, during active diwan in front of the Akal Takhat, by District Authorities, Amritsar. Mahatma Gandhi hailed this event as the "first decisive battle for India's freedom won". Baba KHARAK SINGH, popularly known as "the Betaj Badshah" was one of the greatest Sikh leaders, a religious reformer and freedom fighter. For more than three decades, he struggled boldly against mismanagement of Gurdwaras and the British rule in India. He was tried by court in every important agitation for independence, went to prison fifteen times and suffered incarceration for an aggregate of twenty years. In the liberation of Sikh shrines from the British agents his role was decisive. Giani Partap Singh calls him the most honored Sikh leader of Indian people and founder of Gurdwara Reform Movement who had firm determination, a sense of selfless service detachment and simplicity ("Akali Lehar de Mahan Neta", p. 5, tr. mine).

Baba Kharak Singh was born on June 10, 1868 in Sialkot (now in Pakistan). He came of a wealthy family. His father, Rai Bahadur Hari Singh Rais was a big contractor. So good education was achieved easily. He matriculated from Scotch Mission High School in his home town. After passing Intermediate from Murray College, Sialkot, he joined Government College, Lahore. He was fortunate to be one of the first batch to pass B.A. from Punjab University. Then he joined the law course in Allahabad University. But he had to discontinue the studies on account of his father's death. He was married in a rich family and had one son.

1953 Sampuran Singh Raman starts fast unto death for Punjabi Suba.

1967 Master Tara Singh passed away.



1997 Singh Sahib Bhai Ranjit Singh, Jathedar, Sri Akal Takhat, formally released the Constitution of the World Sikh Council.

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when you ask of happiness  
Pain steps forward”  
**GURU NANAK**



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## WEEKLY HOROSCOPE - NOV 18, 2024 TO NOV 24, 2024

By Chirag Daruwalla - Son of Astrologer Bejan Daruwalla



BEJAN DARUWALLA AND CHIRAG DARUWALLA



**ARIES** : Ganesha says this week's horoscope for Aries is bringing new beginnings and positive changes for you. You will feel motivated to channel your energy in the right direction. New opportunities may come your way in your career, so be prepared. Your hard work is going to pay off and you will get a chance to prove your talent. In personal relationships, this is the time to connect with your close ones and strengthen your mutual relationships. Your communication will increase, which will increase mutual understanding and love. If there was any old problem going on, then that too will get an opportunity to be resolved this week. Be cautious in financial matters. Avoid wasteful expenditure and focus on your savings. This week is the time to make plans and invest for the future. From a health point of view, it is advisable to focus on regular exercise and a balanced diet. Give priority to mental health and resort to meditation or yoga to relieve stress. Overall, this week will be full of progress and new possibilities for you. Face challenging situations with confidence and take advantage of opportunities.



**TAURUS** : Ganesha says this week is a sign of prosperity and growth for Taurus. This period is a time for you to deepen relationships. It is a favorable time to resolve family issues, which will help you create a stronger bond with your loved ones. Try to work efficiently this week, as your efforts will soon be rewarded. Take time to focus on some new projects at your workplace. Your hard work and dedication can help you reach your goals. Do not forget to pay attention to health. Take some time for yourself, like yoga or meditation, so that you can stay mentally and physically refreshed. Use your communication skills properly this week. This is the time to express your feelings, whether it is in personal or professional relationships. Your financial situation also seems to be improving but try to keep a check on expenses. By staying organized, you can easily bring your plans into implementation. Finally, trust your insights this week; your inner wisdom will guide you in the right direction. Move forward with positive thinking, success will kiss your feet.



**GEMINI** : Ganesha says this week many new opportunities may come your way. Social life will be more active and you

will get a chance to meet new people. Share your thoughts and try to adopt new perspectives. This is the time for dialogue and communication for you, which will enable you to express your thoughts clearly. On the work front, your creativity and thoughtfulness can bring you success. You will establish good relations with your colleagues and associates, which will be beneficial for you. You may get a chance to work on a new project, in which you will be able to prove your abilities. In your personal life, try to spend time with your loved ones. Your support and understanding will inspire them. For health, it is important to focus on exercise and a balanced diet this week. Practice meditation and yoga for mental balance. This week will be of growth and new possibilities for you. Stay positive and believe in your abilities.



**CANCER** : Ganesha says this week you will get an opportunity to focus on your inner feelings. The time has come to understand the depth of emotions and express them. There will be increased understanding and harmony in your close relationships, making you feel more connected with your loved ones. At the workplace, your hard work and dedication will be appreciated. Your leadership skills will be recognized, and this may bring you new responsibilities. Try to communicate with colleagues, as collective efforts can yield better results. On the health front, it is important to take time to relieve stress and fatigue. Do meditation or yoga, it will bring mental peace. Spend some time in the natural environment to refresh yourself. This week, your creativity will also be at its highest. This is a good time to take up a new hobby or bring new energy to your old interests. Share your ideas without any fear; you can inspire others. Maintain balance in all aspects and pay attention to your emotions. This situation will provide you with an opportunity to bring positive results.



**LEO** : Ganesha says this week, positive changes are likely to come in your life. You will be recognized for your thoughts and ideas at your workplace. Due to your high self-confidence, relationships with colleagues will become even stronger. In your personal life, you will get an opportunity to spend some important time with your family. There will be an atmosphere of happiness and joy at home. If you are in a special relationship, then mutual understanding and communication will be promoted, which will increase the sweetness of your relationship. This week will be good for you from a health point of view. It is necessary to focus on regular exercise and proper diet. Take

measures of meditation or yoga to avoid mental stress. Some new opportunities will come in front of you, which will get recognition for your creativity. Stay focused on your goals and try to work on new projects. Experience positivity this week and use every situation to your advantage. Have faith in yourself, and you will move towards success.



**VIRGO** : Ganesha says this week is indicating some important changes for Virgo natives. Pay attention to your health, as this week can face stress and mental fatigue. Include meditation and exercise in your routine so that you can stay mentally and physically healthy. Your hard work at the workplace will pay off and you will get the fruits of your efforts. Express your thoughts clearly, as your colleagues will understand you well. This week's cooperation and dedication will pave the way for success for you. Be a little careful in personal relationships. Resolve any dispute or difference of opinion with patience and understanding. Try to stay away from negative thoughts and try to spend time with your loved ones. This will strengthen mutual relations. This week will be mixed from the financial point of view. This is the right time to make some new financial plans, but do not go into any investment without thinking. Take decisions wisely and control your expenses. Overall, this week will bring positive changes for you, you just have to maintain patience and restraint.



**LIBRA** : Ganesha says this week, Libra natives may have to face many changes. New opportunities will come to you at your workplace, which you will have to handle wisely. Your coordination with colleagues will be strong, but some differences may also emerge. Keep the communication open so that any problems can be resolved quickly. Personal relationships may also see some ups and downs this week. Try to spend time with your partner, as it will strengthen your relationship. Take time to meet new friends and attend social events; this will be beneficial for your networking. Your mental state may remain balanced but do not hesitate to express your feelings. In terms of health also, this time is ideal for exercise and meditation. Bringing a little change in your routine will give you positive energy. Focus on what new you are planning to do this week. Have faith in your abilities and move forward. Remember that the key to balance and sensitivity is in your hands.



**SCORPIO** : Ganesha says Scorpio, this week will bring new possibilities to you. It is time for you to pay attention to your deepest thoughts and feelings. This week, you

will feel a new depth in your close relationships. Keep the communication clear and honest, as it will help you understand each other better. In terms of business, it may be time to make some important decisions. Trust your insights and take timely action. Some projects that you started earlier may now bear fruit, so stay positive. In terms of health, it is necessary to take some rest. Focus on mental health and fill yourself with positive energy. Meditation and yoga will be beneficial for you. Overall, this week will allow you to become self-reliant and unleash your abilities. Maintain a positive attitude and give your best in whatever task you do.



**SAGITTARIUS** : Ganesha says Sagittarius, this week will bring new energy and enthusiasm into your life. You are moving fast towards your goals, so feel free to implement your plans. This week your social life will also improve, giving new opportunities for friendship and cooperation. You will be able to present your ideas and principles clearly, which will be beneficial for you in an important conversation. During this time, personal relationships will also deepen. Spending time with your loved ones will improve your mood and strengthen mutual relations. Health matters require a little attention; maintain your gym or walking routine. Be cautious in financial matters; be careful before making new investments. Overall, this week is a time of new possibilities and positive changes for you. Maintain your enthusiasm and keep moving forward.



**CAPRICORN** : Ganesha says this week new opportunities will knock on you. You will get a chance to work on new projects in the workplace, which will boost your creativity. Focus on building better relationships with your colleagues, as teamwork will benefit you more. The feeling of love and understanding will strengthen in personal life. Communicate to establish harmony in your relationships and respect each other's feelings. This is also the time to resolve old differences. Health aspect, include some exercise and meditation in your routine. You need to stay mentally and physically healthy. This week is indicating stability from the financial point of view but take a careful decision before making any big investment. Overall, this week symbolizes positive events for you. Move forward with confidence and positivity, and you will move towards success.



**AQUARIUS** : Ganesha says this week will be full of positive energy and new opportunities for

## BIRTHDAY HOROSCOPE : NOVEMBER 18 TO NOVEMBER 24 BY VEDIC ASTROLOGER NASTUR BEJAN DARUWALLA



**VEDIC ASTROLOGER NASTUR  
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### NOVEMBER 18

Ganesha says although you have many natural abilities to influence people and are generally positive, you may need to learn to curb your tendency to act irrationally and impatiently from time to time. Fresh graduates have promising employment prospects, and times are good for academics, scientists, writers, and athletes as well. Money is the sum of profit, but expenses can also increase in the long run.

### NOVEMBER 19

Ganesha says people respect you for your honesty and determination in fulfilling your duties, but you need to curb your sometimes vindictive and jealous behavior. Money gains are guaranteed as long as you surround yourself with smart, talented people. Some may find new love through social events and fun. In later days, you may experience religious impulses which may lead you to seek spiritual blessings.

### NOVEMBER 20

Ganesha says today you should be very careful, especially while managing money. May spiritual blessings give you

mental peace and calm during this time. Can consider long-distance travel. A proper diet is important for people with chronic conditions. Sales and marketing positions are likely to be in high demand. Matrimonial matchmaking for people looking for a life partner. Although there can be help from others and is generally a positive period, hasty or careless decisions can only cause harm.

### NOVEMBER 21

Ganesha says because the stars are in your favor today, you are likely to experience significant success and notoriety. Some of you may also get money from your ancestors. You will need to be diplomatic and delicate on the domestic front. Being stubborn can only make things worse. You will have no problem in reaching your goals and exceeding people's expectations. Children can excel in both athletics and academics. It is not impossible that the away leave could happen later in the day.

### NOVEMBER 22

Ganesha says the key to your success

today may be information. During this time, you can feel successful and motivated and you can be benefited. Later in the day for some, spiritual growth. You will be in a good position to ask for favors, raise money, and manage others. Money is the sum of profit, but do not spend extravagantly. Travel can be very exciting and enlightening.

### NOVEMBER 23

Ganesha says you need to curb your temptation to behave rashly, extravagantly, and selfishly at times. Today you will experience an increase in self-confidence. You can participate in activities that improve your quality of life and secure your future. At the workplace, you will assume a leadership role and a lot may rest on your shoulders. Making new contacts can open up great business and growth opportunities. Someone of the opposite sex who has strong feelings of love for you can add spice to your life.

### NOVEMBER 24

Ganesha says today, where there can be economic benefits, it can be difficult to

save due to an increase in expenses. Your professional advancement should be your full focus as it can give desired results faster. Businesspeople can develop useful contacts. Children and spouses can be very demanding but supportive. Minor health issues like stiff neck, back pain, or other body aches can cause problems. You can be socially successful if you travel and participate in clubs and social activities.

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Aquarius natives. It is time for you to unleash your creativity. The results of your hard work and smart work will now come to the fore in the field of work. You may get appreciation as a result of your dedication and hard work towards an old project. Good changes can also come in personal life. Spending time with family members will make you happy and strengthen mutual relations. This week you may also get help from friends, who will fill you with new ideas and inspirations. It is important to maintain balance in the financial situation. Control expenses and focus on a savings plan. A little attention is required in terms of health; yoga and meditation will be beneficial for your mind and body. This week, positive thinking and confidence will prove to be your biggest weapon. Welcome new experiences with surrender and an open mind.



**PISCES :** Ganesha says this week is a time for self-development and to go deeper into your emotions. You will feel that your thoughts and feelings are more active. Try to identify and understand your emotions. These experiences will give you mental clarity. Social life may also increase. There will be opportunities to meet old friends or make new relationships. Share your feelings with others, this will make you feel supported and affectionate. Your sensitivity will be your strength this week. In the field of work, it is important to express your ideas clearly. Focus on working together with colleagues. Your creativity will make you stand out this week, so focus on new plans and move forward with

enthusiasm. In terms of health, focus on mental and emotional health. Doing yoga or meditation can prove beneficial for you. Give yourself time and restore your inner energy. This week your focus should be on maintaining peace and balance within yourself. Transmit positive energy and believe in yourself.

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# Kartik Purnima

Also known as 'Tripuri Purnima' or 'Tripurari Purnima', the festival is a celebration of Lord Shiva's victory over the demon, Tripurasara. This festival is also celebrated in honour of Lord Vishnu. On this day, he had incarnated as Matsya, which is his very first avatar.

Lord Shiva's son Kartikeya was also born on this day. Kartikeya is also called the god of war.

## Significance of Kartik Purnima

The importance of Kartik Purnima is stated in many Sacred Scriptures in Hinduism. For Hindus, the day of Kartik Purnima is extremely religious and cultural. Devotees who worship Lord Vishnu on this day are said to gain immense fortune. The birthday of Vrinda (Tulsi Plant) is also held in Kartik Purnima, and on this day, the ceremonious Tulsi Vivaah is also held. The Kartik Snan, which is similar to performing 100 Ashvamedha Yagyas, is an important part of Kartik month. This day is so beneficial that any religious activity carried out on this day will gain many advantages.

## Kartik Purnima Story

On this day, devotees of Lord Vishnu and Lord Shiva read the story about Kartik Purnima. According to Kartik Purnima Katha, three demons named Vidyunmali, Tarakaksha and Viryavana had conquered the whole world, defeated the Devas and were collectively referred to as Tripurasur. Tripurasur created three Tripura cities in space after defeating the gods. Lord Shiva killed Tripurasur with a single arrow on Kartik Purnima to put an end to his rule. As Devas heard this, they became happy and marked the day as a festival of enlightenment that is also called Dev Deepavali or Diwali for the gods.

Vrinda's (Holy Tulsi Plant) birthday is also celebrated on Kartik Purnima. Matsya, Lord Vishnu's incarnation as the fish, was also born on this day. Kartik Purnima is also thought to be the birthday of Lord Shiva's son, Kartikey. Fasting and rituals on Kartik Purnima pave the way to Dharma, Artha, Kama, and Moksha, according to Hindu mythology.

## Kartik Purnima Puja Vidhi and Rituals

On this day, worshippers take a holy bath by visiting pilgrimage sites during sunrise and moonrise. It is believed that this Kartik Snan is a vastly sacred bath.

One can also take bath at home by adding Ganga Jal in the bathwater. Then, in front of Lord Vishnu, light ghee or mustard oil Diya and worship him in a ceremonial manner.

This day, devotees are worshipping Lord Vishnu with great dedication. The Lord's idol is worshipped with flowers, incense sticks and lamps. Offering prayers to Lord Vishnu on this day can help devotees overcome their worries and live a peaceful and happy life.

On the Kartik Purnima festival, devotees also observe a fast. The fast is called Satyanarayana Vrat and reads the Satyanarayana Katha.

In their homes, worshippers also perform 'Rudrabhishek.' Lord Shiva's temples are brightly lighted on this day.

It is said that donating Diya is very beneficial. The day is also considered a blessing for reciting Vedic mantras and bhajans.

Mela, or fair, is held in Pushkar during this month to celebrate the wedding of Vrinda and Lord Vishnu. On this day, the fair comes to an end, and worshippers take a holy dip in the Pushkar Lake in order to gain salvation.

On Kartik Purnima, try to feed any brahmins who are poor or in need.

In various parts of the country, the holy month of Kartik is celebrated with great zeal and dedication. Hindus consider performing a bathing ritual and worshipping their Gods and Goddesses to be auspicious. As per Hindu mythology, on this day the Hindu Gods have come down to the earth in the sacred rivers and, consequently, by taking a holy bath in a river, worshippers receive the blessings of all gods.



## Important information

**Kartik Purnima 2024**

**Friday, 15 November 2024**

**Purnima Tithi Begins : 15 November 2024 at 06:18 AM**

**Purnima Tithi ends : 16 November 2024 at 02:58 AM**

Here's how this auspicious day is celebrated in different communities:

Kartik Purnima is celebrated for five days, because Ekadashi is the 11th day, and Purnima is the 15th day of Kartika month during Shukla Paksha. Tulsi Vivah, Bhisma Panchaka, Vaikunth Chaturdashi, and Dev Deepawali are some of the festivals that take place during this time.

Tulsi Vivah is a Hindu festival that begins on Prabodhini Ekadashi and ends on Kartika Purnima. It can be observed on any day between Ekadashi and Kartika Purnima, according to Hindu scriptures. During this time, a large number of people participate in the wedding rituals of Tulasi Mata and Lord Shaligram.

From Prabodhini Ekadashi to Kartik Purnima, Bhisma Panchak is observed. The Bhisma Panchak fast, which takes place during the last five days of this month, is considered extremely important by Vaishnav culture.

One day before Kartik Purnima, Vaikuntha

**“Everyone thinks how to become a better son or daughter, mother or father, brother or sister, husband or wife, and man or woman. But no one puts actual thoughts on that they are all HUMAN and how to become a better HUMAN. What can we do to learn how to be a better humanRs ”**

**-- Arish K Sahani**

Chaturdashi is celebrated. To please Lord Vishnu, devotees fast and perform a special Puja ceremony. Lord Vishnu prayed Lord Shiva and offered a thousand Lotus Flowers on the day of Kartik Chaturdashi during Shukla Paksha. In many Hindu temples, Lord Vishnu and Lord Shiva are both worshipped.

Dev Diwali is also celebrated on the day of Kartik Purnima. The killing of Tripurasur by Lord Shiva brought great happiness to the Gods. As a result, this day is observed in a similar manner to Diwali. Worshippers light earthen lamps and 'Diyas' to erase sorrow over hope and darkness over the light on the banks of the rivers.

This day is known as the 'Jain Festival of Light' by those who follow Jainism.

The day of Kartik Purnima is known among Sikhism devotees as Guru Nanak Jayanti or Gurburab, as it represents Guru Nanak Dev's birth anniversary.

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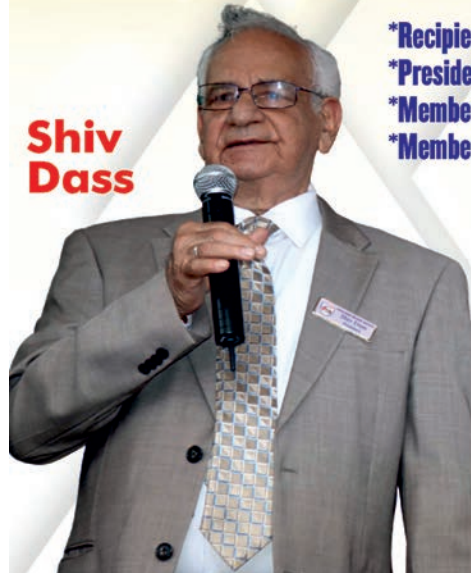
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# Screening of Michelangelo Antonioni's La Notte at India Habitat Centre Marks the Start of Marcello Mastroianni's Centenary Celebrations



BY MURTAZA ALI KHAN

The Italian Embassy Culture Centre is thrilled to announce the centenary celebrations of Marcello Mastroianni, one of Italian cinema's most beloved icons, with a series of events in New Delhi. Launching the celebrations is a special screening of the restored 4K copy of *La Notte* at the India Habitat Centre, a film that remains one of the most iconic in Mastroianni's storied career and a defining work of Italian cinema.

This special screening of *La Notte*, directed by Michelangelo Antonioni, also commemorates the "Week of Italian Language," a symbolic gesture that underscores Mastroianni's contribution not only to cinema but also to Italian cultural heritage. In honor of this milestone, Iaia Forte, a celebrated Italian actress known internationally for *The Great Beauty*, will perform a recitation of the famous letter that Jeanne Moreau's character reads to Mastroianni in the film—a scene lauded for its deep emotional resonance and literary brilliance.

Andrea Anastasio, Director of the Italian Embassy Cultural Centre, emphasized the significance of choosing *La Notte* for the opening event. "La Notte, filmed during the economic boom of Italy in the early 1960s, explores the complexities of modern life and the existential crises it brings, focusing on the dissolution of relationships against a backdrop of societal change," he explained. "Antonioni and Mastroianni, as a pairing, brought unparalleled depth to these themes. This film addresses timeless issues—life, death, change—and remains a profound reflection of both personal and societal struggles."

The retrospective honoring Mastroianni will unfold in two phases, beginning in January next year and continuing through March 2025. The Italian Embassy Cultural Centre will host an intimate screening of non-restored classics, offering cinephiles a rare chance



Marcello Mastroianni and Jeanne Moreau in a still from *La Notte*



Marcello Mastroianni in a still from *La Notte*

to experience Mastroianni's works as originally intended. In March, the Habitat International Film Festival will showcase restored masterpieces from the Italian National Film Archive, Cineteca di Bologna, offering a grand tribute to Mastroianni's legacy. This carefully curated retrospective will feature at least 20 films, including eight restored titles, spanning the actor's dynamic career in Italian cinema.

Mastroianni, hailed as the "King of Italian cinema," had a remarkable career that spanned over five decades and 147

films from 1939 to 1996. Known worldwide for his ability to move effortlessly between comedy, drama, and period films, Mastroianni collaborated with the greatest directors of his time, including Luchino Visconti, Ettore Scola, and his most renowned collaborators, Federico Fellini and Michelangelo Antonioni. He achieved international fame with Fellini's *La Dolce Vita* (1960) and *8½* (1963), which established him as a global cinematic icon. In *La Notte*, as in these masterpieces, Mastroianni captured the complexities of modern existence,

cementing his status as a versatile and profound actor.

Mastroianni's talent earned him multiple prestigious honors, including two BAFTA Awards, two Golden Globes, and dual Best Actor accolades at the Cannes and Venice Film Festivals. As the first actor to receive an Academy Award nomination for a non-English-language role, with three nominations in total (*Divorce Italian Style*, *A Special Day*, and *Dark Eyes*), he carved an indelible mark on the global stage. Mastroianni also forged a celebrated on-screen partnership with Sophia Loren, with whom he starred in eight films across four decades. Their enduring cinematic chemistry remains one of Italian cinema's most cherished legacies.

Andrea Anastasio added, "Mastroianni's unique ability to embody both comedy and drama, to traverse the eras from historical pieces to modern reflections, reflects the multi-faceted nature of Italian culture. His legacy is an enduring testament to Italy's cinematic brilliance."

Although he achieved widespread fame, Mastroianni largely resisted Hollywood's allure, staying firmly rooted in Italian cinema. His choice to remain an Italian thespian throughout his career contributed significantly to his status as a cultural ambassador for Italy. Recognized not only for his artistry but also for his service to Italian culture, he was awarded several civil honors, including the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic, Italy's highest-ranking knighthood.

Mastroianni's centenary celebrations, beginning with *La Notte* serve as a reminder of his profound influence on world cinema. Revered for his ability to bring both charisma and subtlety to his roles, he represents a bridge between the Italian neorealist tradition and the international art cinema movement, making his legacy invaluable not just to Italy but to the global film community.

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### Zelenskyy says Ukraine war will end 'sooner' with Trump in office

This is their approach, their promise to their citizens," Mr. Zelenskyy said in an interview with Ukrainian media outlet Suspilne.

Trump promises to end wars with a

'strong military'

"The war will end, but we don't know the exact date," he added.

Mr. Zelenskyy said he had a "constructive exchange" with Mr. Trump during their telephone conversation after his victory in the U.S. presidential election.

"I didn't hear anything that goes against our position," he added.

Throughout the election campaign, Mr. Trump criticized the tens of billions of dollars in aid provided for Ukraine since the start of the Russian invasion in February 2022, and he promised he would resolve the conflict "in 24 hours", without ever explaining how.

Russia is open to hearing Trump's proposals for ending the war, an official says

Speaking at his Mar-a-Lago resort in Palm Beach, Florida on Friday, November 15, 2024, Mr. Trump said "we're going to work very hard on Russia and Ukraine. It's got to stop."

Ukraine fears U.S. support will flag just as its troops are struggling on the front, or that it will be forced to make territorial concessions to Russia.

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# Bikaner: The camel country



**B**ikaner is home to one of the only two models of the biplane used by the British during World War I. They were presented by the British to Maharaja Ganga Singh, then ruler of the city. Another unique aspect about Bikaner are the sand dunes that are scattered throughout the district, especially from the north-east down to the southern area. Bikaner is situated in the northern region of Rajasthan. One of the earlier established cities, Bikaner still displays its ancient opulence through palaces and forts, built of red sandstone, that have withstood the passage of time. The city boasts of some of the world's best riding camels and is aptly nicknamed 'camel country'. It is also home to one of the world's largest camel research and breeding farms; as well as being known for having its own unique temple dedicated to Karni Mata at Deshnok, called the Rats Temple.

The origins of Bikaner can be traced back to 1488 when a Rathore prince, Rao Bikaji, founded the kingdom. Legend has it that Bikaji, one of Rao Jodhaji's five sons, left his father's Durbar in annoyance after an insensitive remark from his father, the illustrious founder of Jodhpur. Bikaji travelled far and when he came upon the wilderness called Jangladesh, he decided to set up his own kingdom and transformed it into an impressive city.

## JUNAGARH FORT

Junagarh is an impregnable bastion that holds the distinction of having never been captured. It was constructed in 1588 AD by Raja Rai Singh, one of Emperor Akbar's most distinguished generals. The fort complex houses some magnificent palaces constructed in red sandstone and marble and visitors can feast their eyes on an attractive assortment of courtyards, balconies, kiosks and windows.

## NATIONAL RESEARCH CENTRE ON CAMEL

The National Research Centre on Camel is 8 kilometres from the city. This camel research and breeding centre is the only one of its kind in Asia. The centre is spread out over 2000 acres of

semi-arid land and is managed by the Government of India. The Centre offers camel ride facility along with selfi points to tourists. Tourists can also enjoy here various camel milk products i.e. flavored milk, camel milk coffee, kulfi, cheese etc.

## LALGARH PALACE AND MUSEUM

Maharaja Ganga Singh commissioned the construction of this majestic palace. This architectural marvel is made entirely of red sandstone and was built in 1902 to commemorate his father, Maharaja Lal Singh. The design was conceptualised by Sir Swinton Jacob, who created this oriental fantasy by blending Rajputana, Islamic and European architecture.

## RAMPURIA HAVELI

Bikaner has several havelis (aristocratic homes), the most famous cluster being the Rampuria Group of Havelis. Built of dulmera (red) stone, every aspect of the havelis – jharokhas (casements), entrances, latticed windows, divankhanas, gumaharias or basements – is simply exotic. Leaves and flowers decorate every jharokha, lending it a pleasant touch. These massive havelis are decorated with golden work of the highest quality. Their dankhanas (drawing room) take one back to the Mughal and Rajput era. One can notice an abundance of Victorian influence in their design as well. The wood carvings in Rampuria Havelies are extremely exquisite. Spaced close to each other, the havelis are truly a sight to behold.

## GANGA GOVERNMENT MUSEUM

Described as the best museum in the State, the museum contains a rich display of archaeological artefacts from Harappa and the early Gupta periods. There are separate sections for paintings, arts and craft, woven carpets, clay pottery, ancient coins and Rajput weaponry.

## LAXMI NIWAS PALACE

Laxmi Niwas Palace was the residence of the king of Bikaner, Maharaja Ganga Singh. Built between 1898 and 1902 by British architect Sir Samuel Swinton



Jacob, this structure displays an Indo-Saracenic architectural style. It is now a luxury hotel.

## PRACHINA MUSEUM

Located in the great Junagarh Fort, this museum hosts royal costumes, textiles and accessories of Rajasthani royalty. The 'Poshaks' (garments worn by ladies) are a reminder of the now lost craft of traditional designs, styles and workmanship. The family portraits on display narrate a story about how changing cultural settings influenced the

style of immortalising the former rulers.

## JAIN TEMPLE BHANDASAR

Jain Temple Bhandasar is a 15th century temple dedicated to the 5th Tirthankar (a person that has conquered the cycle of life, death and rebirth and paved the path for others to attain nirvana), Sumatinathji, and is one of the oldest monuments of Bikaner. The temple design includes intricate mirror work, murals and gold leaf paintings. Devotees throng to the temple from all corners of the country.

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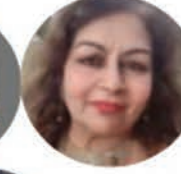
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# History This Week NOV 15 - NOV 21

## NOVEMBER 15

November 15, 1943 - During the Holocaust, Heinrich Himmler ordered Gypsies and part-Gypsies to be sent to concentration camps. The number of Gypsies killed by Nazis is estimated up to 500,000.

November 15, 1969 - The largest antiwar rally in U.S. History occurred as 250,000 persons gathered in Washington, D.C., to protest the Vietnam War.



November 15, 1980 - Pope John Paul II visited West Germany, the first papal visit to Germany in 200 years.

Birthday - American artist Georgia O'Keeffe (1887-1986) was born in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. She painted desert landscapes and flower studies and was the subject of more than 500 photographs taken by her husband, photographer Alfred Stieglitz.

Birthday - German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel (1891-1944) was born at Heidenheim, in Württemberg, Germany. During World War II, he led the 7th Panzer Division to victory in the Battle of France. His early victories in North Africa earned him the nickname, "Desert Fox." However, in 1943, he was defeated at El Alamein by the British under General Montgomery. Rommel was implicated in the July 1944 failed assassination of Hitler. He was then forced to commit suicide and died at age 52 on October 14, 1944, near Ulm, Germany.

## NOVEMBER 16

November 16, 1918 - Hungary was proclaimed an independent republic following the break up of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.



November 16, 1933 - President Franklin D. Roosevelt announced the U.S. and Soviet Russia had resumed diplomatic relations, suspended since 1919.

November 16, 1989 - South African President F.W. de Klerk announced the abandonment of the Separate Amenities Act, thus opening the country's beaches to all races.

November 16, 1995 - The United Nations charged Bosnian Serb leader, Radovan Karadzic, and his military commander, Ratko Mladic, with genocide.

## NOVEMBER 17



November 17, 1954 - General Gamal Abdel Nasser became Egyptian head of state after forcing out General Mohammed Naguib.

November 17, 1989 - Thousands of protesters marched through the streets of Prague demanding an end to Communist rule in Czechoslovakia. Riot police and army paratroopers then moved in to crush the revolt.

November 17, 1993 - The United Nations opened its first war crimes tribunal since the Nuremberg and Tokyo trials following World War II. Judges from 11 nations were sworn in to examine recent mass murders in Yugoslavia characterized as ethnic cleansing.

November 17, 1993 - NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement was approved by the U.S. House of Representatives by a vote of 234 to 200.

Birthday - German mathematician August Mobius (1790-1868) was born in Schulpforte, Germany. He worked in the area of analytic geometry and was a pioneer in topology, the study of geometric figures that remain constant even when twisted or distorted.

Birthday - British General Bernard L. Montgomery (1887-1976) was born in St. Mark's Vicarage, Kennington Oval, London. He led the British Eighth Army to a major victory over the Germans at El Alamein in North Africa in 1943. He then led the Eighth Army in the Sicilian and Italian campaigns and commanded all ground forces during D-Day.

## NOVEMBER 18

November 18, 1916 - During World War I, Allied General Douglas Haig called off the First Battle of the Somme after five months. The Allies had advanced 125 square miles at a cost of 420,000 British and 195,000 French soldiers. German losses were over 650,000 men.

November 18, 1993 - South Africa adopted a new constitution after more than 300 years of white majority rule. The constitution provided basic civil rights to blacks and was approved by representatives of the ruling party, as well as members of 20 other political parties.



Birthday - Polish pianist Ignacy Jan Paderewski (1860-1941) was born in

Kurylowka in southwestern Russia. He achieved world fame for his interpretations of Schubert and Chopin. After World War I, he served briefly as the first premier of the Republic of Poland.

## NOVEMBER 19

November 19, 1939 - Construction of the first presidential library began as President Franklin D. Roosevelt laid the cornerstone next to his home in Hyde Park, New York. Roosevelt donated the land, but public donations funded the library building which was dedicated on June 30, 1941.

November 19, 1942 - The Russian Army began a massive counter-offensive against the Germans at Stalingrad during World War II.

November 19, 1969 - The first news reports emerged that American troops in Vietnam had massacred civilians in My Lai Village back in March of 1968.



November 19, 1977 - Egyptian President Anwar Sadat became the first Arab leader to visit Israel.

November 19, 1978 - The biggest mass suicide in history occurred as Reverend Jim Jones led over 900 followers to their deaths at Jonestown, Guyana. Members of his "Peoples Temple" religious cult were ordered to drink a cyanide-laced fruit drink. Those who refused were forcibly injected. Precipitating the tragedy a day earlier, California Congressman Leo J. Ryan, along with four associates and several reporters, had been shot to death during an ambush at a nearby airstrip. They were attempting to return home after investigating the cult's remote jungle location. Jones and his mistress killed themselves after watching his entire membership die. Only a few cult members managed to escape.

November 19-20, 1990 - The Cold War came to an end during a summit in Paris as leaders of NATO and the Warsaw Pact signed a Treaty on Conventional Forces in Europe, vastly reducing their military arsenals.

November 19, 1996 - Pope John Paul II and Cuban leader Fidel Castro held their historic first meeting in the Vatican.

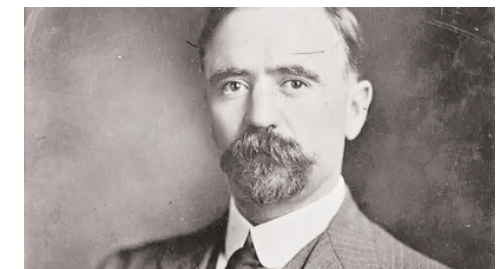
November 19, 1998 - The U.S. House of Representatives began an impeachment inquiry of President Bill Clinton, only the third presidential impeachment inquiry in U.S. History - the other two being of President Andrew Johnson in 1868 and President Richard Nixon in 1974.

Birthday - Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi (1917-1984) was born in Allahabad, India. She served from 1966-75 and later from 1980 to 1984, when she was assassinated by her own bodyguards as she walked to her office. Her only surviving son, Rajiv, became the next prime minister. In 1991, he was

assassinated while campaigning for re-election.

Birthday - Baseball player Roy Campanella (1921-1993) was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was one of the first African American major league players and was one of the Brooklyn Dodgers' "Boys of Summer." His career ended when an automobile accident left him paralyzed in 1958. He then became an inspirational spokesman for the paralyzed.

## NOVEMBER 20



November 20, 1910 - Francisco Madero launched the social revolution in Mexico, exposing Mexico's political dictatorship and called for honest elections. Dubbed the "Apostle of Democracy," he was elected president in 1911, but was hampered by a lack of practical political experience. He was ousted by a military revolt in 1913, and was then assassinated while in police custody.

November 20, 1980 - In China, Jiang Qing, the widow of Mao Zedong, went on trial with nine others on charges of treason.

November 20, 1992 - Fire erupted inside Queen Elizabeth's residence at Windsor Castle causing extensive damage.

Birthday - Robert F. Kennedy (1925-1968) was born in Brookline, Massachusetts. He was the younger brother of President John F. Kennedy and served as his attorney general. Following the assassination of President Kennedy, Robert Kennedy became a U.S. Senator from New York. In 1968, he sought the Democratic nomination for president and appeared headed for victory, but was shot and killed by an assassin in Los Angeles, just after winning the California primary.

## NOVEMBER 21

November 21, 1992 - The Anglican Church of Australia voted to allow women to become priests. The largest of the dioceses voted against the bill, however, it still received the required two-thirds approval.



Birthday - French author and philosopher Voltaire (1694-1778) was born in Paris (as Francois-Marie Arouet). He was an advocate of human rights who published the landmark Philosophical Letters in 1734. Other writings include; Zadig, The Century of Louis XIV, The Russian Empire under Peter the Great, The Philosophical Dictionary, and Essay on Morals.

## No back-channel diplomacy with India on Champions Trophy: Pakistan Foreign Office

Pakistan on Thursday, November 14, said that no back-channel diplomacy was going on with India after the neighbouring country refused to send its cricket team for the Champions Trophy to be held in February-March next year.

The spokesperson of Foreign Office, Mumtaz Zahra Baloch, was asked questions at the weekly press briefing regarding the status of the cricket tournament scheduled to be held in Pakistan early next year.

"There is no back channel with India to specifically discuss the Champions Trophy and bilateral cricket between Pakistan and India," she said.

She said further details with regards to the holding of Champions Trophy in Pakistan and the participation of the various teams was available with the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), which can share any further details.

Baloch went on to say that sports events should not be mixed with politics.

"Pakistan has always said that sports should not be politicised," she said.

Asked whether Pakistan plans to go ahead with the Champions Trophy if India persisted with its refusal to send its team, she said that the PCB was in contact with the International Cricket Council (ICC) to discuss the arrangements, including participation of different teams in the tournament.

"We would refer you to the Pakistan Cricket Board for any comments or clarification with regard to this issue," she said.

The BCCI has informed the ICC about its inability to travel to Pakistan for the Champions Trophy. The world body, in turn, has sought a response from the PCB on hosting the tournament in a hybrid model.

A hybrid model was followed during the Asia Cup last year, when India's matches were held in Sri Lanka while other matches were played in Pakistan. *Source: PTI*

# Mohammed Shami to play Border-Gavaskar Trophy after dream comeback?

MUMBAI (TIP)

Indian pacer Mohammed Shami made a dream comeback to competitive cricket after a gap of 360 days with a 4-wicket haul in Ranji cricket. However, more than the wickets themselves, what impressed the most was the kind of rhythm Shami displayed during the match.

While there were speculations about Shami getting fit in time for the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, the Indian cricket board chose not to take any chances for the competitive bilateral series and instead opted for the pace-bowling combination of Jasprit Bumrah, Akash Deep, and Harshit Rana. However, a new report by news agency PTI says that the BCCI is considering the possibility of flying in the pacer for the upcoming Border-Gavaskar Trophy after the recent Ranji performance.

Reportedly, the national selection committee, headed by Ajit Agarkar, is closely monitoring how Shami's body holds up in the second innings of the ongoing Test match against Madhya Pradesh, particularly if there is no swelling or pain at the end of the match. The Ranji Trophy match between Bengal and Madhya Pradesh is being played at the Holkar Stadium in Indore and will conclude on November 16.

The PTI report states that the BCCI is looking to send in Shami after the end of the Ranji match and before the start of the first Border-Gavaskar Trophy match in Perth on November 22. While this timeline could be cutting it close, if Shami manages to



reach Australia in time, he might get a chance to play in a two-day/night practice match against the Prime Minister's XI.

### Who decides if Shami will play?

BCCI selection committee member Ajay Ratra along with NCA Medical team head Nitin Patel are said to play major roles in Shami's comeback. Reportedly, Ratra had travelled with Patel to watch Shami bowl during Ranji trophy match and the duo's feedback would be sent to Indian captain Rohit Sharma, coach Gautam Gambhir and chairman of selectors Ajit Agarkar.

A BCCI source quoted by PTI stated, "So, the selectors had only one match to check his fitness. He has bowled 19 overs in multiple spells and fielded for most part of the 57 overs. He bowled 90 dot balls. But he will again have to bowl and field (in the second innings). Suppose he bowls another 15 to 18 overs in the second innings, that's a very decent amount of overs bowled.

"But the biggest test would be whether he again feels any pain after four days. If the NCA medical team green-lights his fitness, obviously he will join before the second Test," the source added.

## India thrash Thailand 13-0 to make it three wins in a row



Indian Women's Hockey Team after the win against Thailand.

RAJGIR (TIP)

This was always going to be the match where the floodgates opened for India as the Salima Tete-led side was playing Thailand, the lowest-ranked team at the Women's Asian Champions Trophy in Rajgir. India had never lost to Thailand and the latter had already been handed a 15-0 thrashing by a second-string Chinese side earlier this week.

Hence, there were few surprises as Deepika led the way with five goals, while three players scored twice each as India produced a relentless performance to win 13-0 on Thursday, Nov 14.

With the obvious caveat that India had their easiest match on paper, it was still an attacking display that pleased head coach Harendra Singh. He has been stressing on a few aspects over the past couple of weeks – first touch inside the circle, creating 1v1 situations across the field, and penalty corner conversion – and they clicked into place. "I especially liked the connection between the defenders and attacking midfielders,"

Harendra said after the match. "Most of the time, we tried to create the 1v1 situations, that's our superiority and I feel that's the essence of Indian hockey. When you have so many fast midfielders – Salima (Tete), Sharmila (Devi), Sunelita (Toppo), Lalremsiami – we should not hold that strength back."

Deepika started the scoring in the third minute when she expertly controlled a drilled long pass into the circle by Jyoti from the right flank, took a couple of touches with her back to the goal, made space, and rifled a backhanded strike through Thailand goalkeeper Siraya Yimkrajang.

Preeti Dubey, on her return to the national side after last playing in 2017, swept home India's second after a sharp combination of passes between Sunelita and Sangita. Then it was Siami's turn to lift one from close range off a rebound as India scored three in the opening quarter to set the pace. Deepika made it 4-0 early in Q2 with a fine back-to-the-goal strike. India's first four strikes were all field goals.



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