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Donald Trump Wins Big; Democrats Suffer Their Worst Defeat in Recent Years



President-elect Donald Trump speaks at a victory rally in West Palm Beach, Florida, on November 6.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (TIP):

Republican leader Donald Trump won the US presidential election for a second term on Wednesday, November 6, in one of the greatest political comebacks in American history, four years after an election loss in 2020 that sparked a violent insurrection at the US Capitol.

The 78-year-old, convicted of felony charges and awaiting sentencing in a hush-money case in New York, defeated his Democratic rival Kamala Harris in a bitterly fought election. At 1 am (IST) on Thursday, 294 electoral votes had gone to Trump and 223 to his opponent Harris.

"Many people have told me that God spared my life for a reason," Trump said, referring to the two assassination attempts on his life during the election campaign this year. Amid cheers of his jubilant supporters and his family by

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Assured Trump of peaceful transition of power: Joe Biden in address to nation



President Joe Biden addresses the nation for the first time since Donald Trump was declared the winner in the presidential election, at the White House in Washington, Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024. -Credit: PTI

NOVEMBER 7, 2024

WASHINGTON, D.C. (TIP): US President Joe Biden on Thursday, November 7, vowed to ensure a peaceful and orderly transfer of power to President-elect Donald Trump in January and appealed to the people to accept the election results for the White House.

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"While I concede this election, I do not concede the fight that fueled this campaign": Harris

NOVEMBER 7, 2024 WASHINGTON, D.C. (TIP):

Vice President Kamala Harris formally conceded in a speech Wednesday, November 6 afternoon, at her alma mater Howard University in Washington, D.C., where she urged her followers to continue fighting for democracy.

"To everyone who is watching, do not despair," she said.

"This is not a time to throw up our hands.

This is a time to roll up our sleeves." Harris said she had called Trump to congratulate him and promised to aid his transition. But she was not prepared to embrace his vision for the country. "While I concede this election, I do not concede the fight that fueled this campaign," she said, as some supporters in the

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Democratic presidential nominee US Vice President Kamala Harris delivers remarks, conceding 2024 US presidential election to President-elect Donald Trump, at Howard University in Washington, U.S., November 6, 2024. -Credit: Reuters



Tom Suozzi speaks at the victory celebration Photo/ courtesy Tom Suozzi's office

Tom Suozzi gets Queens and Long Island support to be re-elected to NY-3 Congressional District

NOVEMBER 6, 2024

GLEN COVE, NY (TIP): U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi was re-elected to New York's 3rd Congressional District Tuesday, November 5 night, defeating Republican challenger Mike LiPetri by

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## COMMENT

# Trump has an opportunity to create a legacy of unity and peace

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Donald Trump's return to the White House has stirred intense debates and expectations across America's diverse political spectrum. His supporters view his leadership as a way to address what they see as pressing issues, from illegal immigration to foreign conflicts, while those on the left call for more compassion, equity, and diplomacy. These contrasting views reflect not only America's deep political divisions but also a broader expectation that Trump would need to balance conflicting demands across the country.

One of the most divisive issues in Trump's previous administration, and one that remains in the spotlight, is immigration. For his base, addressing illegal immigration is paramount. Many of his supporters feel that uncontrolled immigration contributes to a loss of jobs, increased crime, and burdens on public services. They believe Trump's firm stance on border security and his earlier policies, such as building the wall along the southern border, are essential steps toward tackling this issue. They expect him to continue implementing strict policies and taking decisive action to curb illegal immigration.

On the other side, however, are millions of Americans who view immigration through a more humanitarian lens. These citizens see the issue not just as a matter of law and order, but as one requiring compassion and empathy. They believe America's identity has been shaped by immigrants and that, while reform is needed, there should be pathways to citizenship for those already living in the country, especially for children and those who have contributed positively to society. Liberals call for a balanced approach that addresses security concerns without compromising the humane treatment of individuals. Navigating these polarized viewpoints will be a key test of Trump's leadership.

Another area where Trump's policy agenda will come under scrutiny is taxation. Traditionally, Republicans have favored tax cuts for corporations and the wealthy, believing that these policies stimulate economic growth by incentivizing investment and job creation. Trump's tax reform during

his presidency largely adhered to this philosophy, and his base expects him to continue with similar policies, favoring the business class and promoting wealth generation.

But there is a growing chorus within America that calls for a different approach to tax policy. Many Americans, especially those facing financial hardships, believe that the tax system should be structured to benefit middle- and lower-income families. They argue that tax relief for the poor and greater investment in welfare programs and social security could create a more equitable society. In a nation where wealth inequality continues to widen, Trump would face pressure to either stay loyal to his party's traditional tax stance or consider measures to support broader segments of the population. Balancing these contrasting expectations could determine how effectively he appeals to the wider electorate.

One area where Trump's outlook appears to align with public sentiment across the political spectrum is foreign policy. The idea of reducing U.S. involvement in overseas conflicts has gained traction among Americans who are weary of endless wars. Many want a strong U.S. military, but they would prefer it to serve primarily as a deterrent rather than engage in protracted conflicts that drain resources and often yield uncertain outcomes. Trump has previously criticized American interventions abroad, expressing a "peace through strength" philosophy that resonates with many who feel the U.S. should focus on domestic priorities rather than entangle itself in other nations' disputes.

The ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine is one arena where Trump's non-interventionist stance might play out. Trump has suggested that he could negotiate an end to the conflict, potentially capitalizing on his previous rapport with Russian President Vladimir Putin. He has stated that he would push for an end to this war, likely by using U.S. leverage to halt military aid to Ukraine if it facilitates negotiations. With the U.S. as Ukraine's principal backer, a shift in its support would likely prompt Ukraine to consider peace talks with Russia. While some view Trump's approach as pragmatic, others fear it could undermine Ukrainian sovereignty and empower Russia. Nonetheless, his stance reflects a

broader desire among Americans for a more restrained and calculated foreign policy.

Another geopolitical hotspot where Trump could exert influence is the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Currently, the Israeli government, led by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, has adopted a hardline stance, which critics argue escalates tensions and prolongs hostilities. Netanyahu's political survival is often seen as tied to the conflict's continuation, as it helps him consolidate support among right-wing factions. Trump, however, has the potential to play a mediating role. Given his established ties with Israeli leadership, he could leverage his influence to encourage a balanced approach that addresses Israel's security concerns while also creating conditions for dialogue and peace with neighboring countries.

Successfully brokering peace in both Ukraine and Israel could not only elevate Trump's legacy but also position him as a serious contender for the Nobel Peace Prize, a symbol of his impact on global diplomacy.

For Trump, however, the challenge lies in choosing his battles and approaching them with a sense of diplomacy. While he has strong convictions and an assertive style, bringing about meaningful change in such contentious areas requires more than rhetoric—it demands tact, empathy, and a willingness to listen to diverse perspectives. Many of his critics fear that he may instead focus on pursuing his perceived political adversaries, which could further divide the country and overshadow critical policy needs. However, a more measured approach could help unify Americans across the ideological spectrum and address issues that matter to all citizens, regardless of party affiliation.

Ultimately, Trump's second term will be shaped by his ability to navigate America's polarized political landscape and deliver on his promises. To truly serve as a leader for all Americans, he would need to balance his commitment to his supporters with the needs of those who oppose him. From immigration reform to tax policy and foreign diplomacy, he has an opportunity to create a legacy of unity and peace. If he focuses on these lofty goals, rather than divisive politics, Trump could achieve what many see as nearly impossible: bridging divides at home and fostering peace abroad.

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# Donald Trump, President-Elect of USA

**DONALD TRUMP REWROTE HISTORY ON WEDNESDAY, NOV 6, AS HE WAS ELECTED AMERICA'S NEXT PRESIDENT IN A SWEEPING WIN THAT GAVE HIM A COMFORTABLE MAJORITY IN AMERICA'S ELECTORAL COLLEGE AS WELL AS A MAJORITY OF THE POPULAR VOTE. TRUMP, WHO WILL TAKE OFFICE ON JANUARY 20, 2025, AND PRESIDE OVER THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF THE FOUNDING OF AMERICA IN 2026, IS ONLY THE SECOND PRESIDENT TO WIN NON-SUCCESSIVE TERMS. HE IS THE FIRST FORMER PRESIDENT WHO IS A CONVICTED FELON TO WIN THE PRESIDENCY AGAIN.**

Donald Trump, who defeated Vice President Kamala Harris in the 2024 US election, winning a second, non-consecutive term as president, is making headlines not only for his stance on the Russia-Ukraine war but also due to his ongoing legal battles and past actions.

78-year-old Trump emerged victorious in key swing states, including North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Georgia, defeating Democratic opponent Kamala Harris to become the 47th president of the US.

Known for his rise from a real estate mogul to a political figure, Trump's journey to the presidency in 2016 was marked by controversial decisions and unprecedented legal cases.

Trump's first term saw major domestic and international decisions, including the relocation of the US Embassy to Jerusalem, withdrawal from international agreements such as the Paris Climate Accord, and implementation of high tariffs on Chinese imports.

His administration was also embroiled in the aftermath of the Capitol insurrection on Jan. 6, 2021, when his supporters stormed the US Capitol, deepening political divisions in the country.

Despite losing the 2020 election to Joe Biden, Trump continued to claim widespread election fraud, a claim that fueled numerous legal challenges. Trump is now back, overcoming legal hurdles, including an attempted disqualification linked to his role in the Capitol riots.

## From real estate mogul to president

Born on June 14, 1946, in Queens, New York, Trump was the fourth child of real estate tycoon Fred Trump.

After attending the New York Military Academy, he earned a business degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

Taking over the family business from his father in 1971, Trump grew the company significantly, becoming prominent in business, entertainment, and media, even hosting his own TV show *The Apprentice*, gaining worldwide recognition.

In 2000, he briefly entered politics as a candidate for the Reform Party but withdrew quickly. It wasn't until 2016 that he made a serious run for the presidency, winning the Republican nomination and defeating Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton despite long odds.

## Controversial first term

Trump's first term was marked by a



Donald J Trump, the 45th and soon to be the 47th President of the United States.

series of contentious decisions and foreign policy moves.

He had prolonged disputes with agencies like the FBI and CIA, and some Pentagon generals. Trump declined certain aspects of Secret Service advice and announced decisions via social media without consulting his advisors.

On the international stage, Trump's policies were equally divisive, including his trade war with China, support for Israel, and calls for stricter immigration controls.

The decision to pull the US out of the Iran nuclear deal and the Paris Climate Agreement were some of his administration's most controversial moves.

While trying to curb China's market dominance through high import taxes, Trump stirred controversy with his friendly meetings with North Korean leader Kim Jong-un and his attempt to fortify the US-Mexico border with metal

barriers.

## Trump-Putin relationship

Trump also made headlines for his interactions with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

After the crash of flight MH17 in 2014 in eastern Ukraine, with Kyiv blaming Moscow, Trump said Russian President Vladimir Putin told him in 2015, when he was not yet the president of the US, that Russia was not behind this.

During his 2016 presidential campaign, Trump said he had contact with Putin, and the Russian leader called him a "genius."

In 2018, Trump and Putin held a two-hour meeting in Helsinki with only interpreters present.

In a press conference afterward, Trump expressed confidence in US intelligence reports but also described Putin's denial of Russian interference as "incredibly strong."

This stance drew criticism from the US press, with Trump being accused of conceding too much to Putin.

Moreover, it is claimed that Trump maintained contact with Putin even after losing the 2020 presidential election.

## Plans for 2nd term

In his campaigns, Trump reiterated his promise to bring an end to the ongoing war in Ukraine.

He has stated that, if reelected, he would end the war "the day after" his reelection.

Trump also continued to criticize the US government's financial support for Ukraine, calling Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy "the greatest salesman in history" for securing billions in US aid.

"Every time he (Zelenskyy) comes into the country, he walks away with 60 billion dollars," he had said.

In addition to foreign policy, Trump's domestic agenda includes tackling abortion rights and illegal immigration.

Previously advocating a nationwide ban after 15 weeks, he later expressed opposition to endorsing a national abortion ban, saying he believes abortion should be left to the states.

Regarding immigration, Trump has repeatedly criticized President Biden's handling of border security and has promised to crack down on illegal immigration, framing it as a national security threat.

## Trump's economic promises

Criticizing the Democratic administration's management of the economy, Trump announced plans to tackle inflation from day one if elected.

In his second term, he plans to impose new tariffs, reduce taxes, and increase fossil fuel production.

Known for his "America First" approach, Trump aims to protect US interests through a protectionist stance in trade.

In 2018, during his presidency, Trump imposed tariffs on products imported from China and additional customs duties on steel and aluminum from other countries, including the US allies.

Upon returning to the White House for a second term, he signaled that he would apply further tariffs.

Trump plans to impose a 60% customs tax on goods from China and a 10-20% tax on goods imported from other countries.

With his return to office, Trump faces the risk of heightened trade tensions not only with China but also with the EU. The aluminum and steel tariffs, along with the Digital Services Tax, could reignite trade disputes with Europe.



Trump also aims to make permanent provisions of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, set to expire next year, and is calling for additional tax cuts.

Under the current law, individuals receiving Social Security benefits must pay taxes on 50-85% of their benefits, with low-income retirees paying a lower rate than high-income ones. Trump seeks to eliminate taxes on Social Security benefits for all individuals.

Additionally, Trump plans to reduce the federal corporate tax rate from 21% to 15% during his new term and has pledged to allow interest on car loans to be deducted from taxes.

He believes this will stimulate domestic car production and has promised tax cuts for Americans living abroad to end double taxation.

Trump also stated he would cancel unused funds from the Biden administration's "Inflation Reduction Act," which has been called "the biggest step taken so far on climate."

Trump, who supports the fossil fuel industry, including oil, natural gas, and coal, criticized the Biden administration's climate policies as "a new green scam." He opposes many clean energy policies, believing they hinder energy production and fuel inflation.

Like during his previous presidency, Trump plans to withdraw from the Paris Climate Agreement and believes the US president should have a say in the Federal Reserve's monetary policy decisions.

Trump, who nominated Jerome Powell as Fed Chairman in 2017, criticized Powell for his monetary policy decisions.

Trump argues that inflation can be reduced without raising interest rates and advocates for lowering them instead.

During his new term, Trump is expected to allow Powell to complete his term as Fed Chairman, which runs until 2026.

During his presidential campaign, Trump was careful with his language regarding foreign policy.

Repeatedly calling Biden a bad president, Trump accused him of driving the world into chaos with his handling of Ukraine and the Middle East.

Although he moved to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel during his first term, Trump campaigned in swing states like Michigan, home to a large American Muslim and Arab population, during his reelection bid.

He also claimed that his administration would be more supportive of Israel than the Democratic Party.

At his rallies, Trump frequently voiced his support for Israel and suggested that, if elected president, Iran would not dare attack Israel.

He also subtly criticized Israel's targeting of civilians and settlements in Gaza.

#### Legal challenges and controversies

Trump has been involved in several legal battles stemming from his time in office and beyond.

In the incident known as the "Capitol



Trump took the reins of the family business in 1971. Getty Images



Trump's celebrity and media profile expanded with his business empire. Getty Images



He shares one son - Barron, 18 - with current wife Melania Trump. Getty Images

Riot," thousands of Trump supporters stormed the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, resulting in five deaths.

For the first time in US history, an assault on Congress took place, and Trump faced two impeachment trials in the House but was acquitted in the Senate.

Trump also became the first president to ever pose for a mug shot as part of Georgia's election interference case.

He also faces legal challenges related to alleged hush money payments to adult film actress Stormy Daniels and charges

of financial misconduct related to his business practices.

#### Turbulent course of Türkiye-US ties during Trump era

During Trump's presidency from 2016 to 2020, his close personal ties with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan stood out. However, despite these connections, deep fractures emerged in Turkish-American relations, influenced by the US bureaucracy and Congress.

Trump and Erdogan met several times on various platforms and held two face-

to-face meetings at the White House.

In their 2019 meeting in Japan, Trump stated that relations between both countries were improving, with the goal of quadrupling trade.

At the 72nd United Nations General Assembly in 2017, Trump expressed: "It's a great honor and privilege — because he's become a friend of mine — to introduce President Erdogan of Turkey. He's running a very difficult part of the world. He's involved very, very strongly and, frankly, he's getting very high marks. And he's also been working with the United States.

"We have a great friendship as countries. I think we're, right now, as close as we have ever been. And a lot of that has to do with the personal relationship."

The personal and direct communication between the two leaders facilitated dialogue on strategic issues.

However, one of the biggest challenges inherited from Barack Obama was US support for the YPG/PKK terrorist organization in Syria, justified by the fight against the Daesh/ISIS terror group.

Differences emerged over the close cooperation between the Pentagon, US Central Command (CENTCOM), and the YPG/PKK. Despite Trump's repeated calls to withdraw US troops from Syria, the Pentagon and CENTCOM's resistance to this plan frequently made headlines.

After a phone call between Trump and Erdogan on Oct. 6, 2019, Türkiye launched Operation Peace Spring, leading to accusations that Trump had greenlit the operation.

Moreover, a letter Trump wrote to Erdogan, seen as undiplomatic, left a negative impact on relations.

Following this, the US imposed some sanctions due to Türkiye's operations in Syria.

Additionally, when Türkiye purchased an air defense system from Russia, something the Obama administration had opposed, the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA), passed in 2017, was applied to Türkiye during the final days of Trump's presidency.

Under Congressional pressure, Türkiye was later removed from the F-35 fighter jet program.

In 2019, Trump voiced frustration with the CAATSA sanctions process, stating Türkiye was treated unfairly during the Obama administration, despite Türkiye's request.

The case of US citizen Pastor Andrew Craig Brunson was one of the points that soured bilateral relations.

The Trump administration imposed sanctions on Turkish officials and doubled tariffs on Türkiye's steel and aluminum. While the issue was later resolved and the sanctions were lifted, the tariffs remained in place.

Ankara's request for the extradition of Fethullah Terrorist Organization (FETO) ringleader Fethullah Gulen, who died last month in Pennsylvania, and senior members of the organization after the 2016 coup attempt went unaddressed during both Obama's and Trump's terms.



# 'Will continue to fight for a better future of America': Kamala Harris

**US VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS WHILE ADDRESSING SUPPORTERS AT HOWARD UNIVERSITY APPEARED EMOTIONAL AT HER LOSS, BUT EXPRESSED HOPE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COUNTRY. HARRIS EXPRESSED HOPE AND SAID THAT THE LIGHT OF THE US'S PROMISE WOULD BURN BRIGHT AS LONG AS PEOPLE KEPT FIGHTING.**

**K**amala Harris is a leading American politician and attorney, who is currently the Vice President of the United States. In her career, she has made history by being the first woman, the first African American, and the first Asian American to hold this office.

## **Kamala Harris Early Life and Education**

Kamala Devi Harris was born on October 20, 1964, in Oakland, California. She was born to immigrant parents. Her father, Donald Harris, is a Jamaican economist, and her mother, Shyamala Gopalan Harris, was an Indian cancer researcher. Harris was raised by her mother and sister, Maya, after her parents' divorce in 1971. The family went to a Baptist church and a Hindu temple, making her incredibly culturally rich, with strong roots in her African American and South Asian heritage.

Harris attended Howard University in Washington, D.C., where she graduated in 1986 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and economics. In 1989, she graduated from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, with a law degree.

## **Kamala Harris Career**

Harris began her career as a deputy district attorney between 1990 and 1998 in Alameda County, where she is said to have taken a tough stance on crime. In 2003, she became San Francisco's first female and African American District Attorney. During her tenure, she introduced progressive reforms to reduce recidivism and provide an opportunity for rehabilitation.

In 2010, Kamala Harris was elected the first woman and the first person of colour to ever serve as Attorney General of California. In 2014, she won re-election and, focusing on consumer protection, marriage equality, and environmental justice, continued to bring the change she envisioned.

## **Political Career**

Kamala Harris's political ascendancy continued as she won a seat in the U.S. Senate from California in 2016. She became the first South Asian American senator and only the second African American woman to ever serve in the Senate.

Her Senate service included fighting for immigration reform, health care improvement, and criminal justice reform. She made national headlines when she used her sharp questions to expose Trump administration officials during several high-profile hearings.



Harris declared her candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination in January 2019 but suspended her bid in December of the same year citing low survey ratings. On August 11, however, she was selected by Joe Biden as his running mate for president. The historic nomination made her the first woman of South Asian and African American descent to be nominated for the major party ticket.

## **Kamala Harris Vice Presidency**

During his campaign, Harris and Joe Biden emerged victorious in an election that took place on November 3, 2020. Harris became the U.S. history's highest-ranking official after being sworn in as vice president on January 20, 2021; her priority issues include helping to spur economic recovery stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic and advocating for

and supporting voting rights.

## **Kamala Harris Personal Life**

Kamala Harris married Doug Emhoff, an entertainment lawyer, on August 22, 2014. This marriage marked her first and Emhoff's second; he has two children from his previous marriage, Ella and Cole, who affectionately call Harris "Momala." The family dynamic is characterized by a strong co-parenting relationship with Emhoff's ex-wife, Kerstin Emhoff.

In July 2024, Harris declared her candidacy for the presidency after Biden had withdrawn from the presidential re-election race due to health issues.

Kamala Harris's journey symbolizes a commitment to public service as well as breaking the barriers within American politics. Her diverse background coupled with legal expertise has always led her to

shape approaches of governance and advocacy in matters of marginalized communities during her life.

## **'My heart is full today': Harris**

US Vice President Kamala Harris while addressing supporters at Howard University on November 6 appeared emotional at her loss, but expressed hope for the betterment of the country.

Harris expressed hope and said that the light of the US's promise would burn bright as long as people kept fighting.

"My heart is full today, full of gratitude for the trust you have placed in me, full of love for our country, and full of resolve. The outcome of this election is not what we wanted, not what we fought for, not what we voted for. But hear me when I say, the light of America's promise will always burn bright as long as we never give up and as long as we keep fighting," she said.

Harris thanked her husband, Douglas Emhoff, Second Gentleman of the United States, US President Joe Biden and his family, her running mate Tim Walz and the entire team for their support.

"To my beloved Doug and our family, I love you so very much. To President Biden and Dr Biden, thank you for your faith and support. To Governor Walz and the Walz family, I know your service to our nation will continue. And to my extraordinary team, to the volunteers who gave so much of themselves, to the poll workers and the local election officials. I thank you all," she said.

Choking back her tears, Harris said that she was proud of the way the team ran for the race over the course of the campaign period. She said that the campaign was a reminder of the fact that there was a lot more in common among them than what separated them.

"I am so proud of the race we ran and the way we ran it. Over the 107 days of this campaign, we have been intentional about building community and building coalitions, bringing people together from every walk of life and background, by the love of country, with enthusiasm and joy in our fight for America's future. And we did it with the knowledge that we all have so much more in common than what separates us. Now, I know folks are feeling and experiencing a range of emotions right now. I get it. But we must accept the results of this election," she said.

Harris added that she spoke to President-elect Donald Trump and congratulated him on his win. She added that what distinguishes a democracy from tyranny or monarchy is to accept the election result.



# Trump's U.S. election win: How world leaders reacted

World leaders congratulated Republican Donald Trump on Wednesday after he won the U.S. presidential election, capping a stunning political comeback four years after he left the White House.

## VOLODYMYR ZELENSKIY, PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE

"I appreciate President Trump's commitment to the 'peace through strength' approach in global affairs. This is exactly the principle that can practically bring just peace in Ukraine closer," Zelenskiy said on X.

## BENJAMIN NETANYAHU, PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL

"Congratulations on history's greatest comeback! Your historic return to the White House offers a new beginning for America and a powerful recommitment to the great alliance between Israel and America. This is a huge victory! In true friendship," Netanyahu wrote on X.

## ANTONIO GUTERRES, U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL

"I congratulate President-elect Donald J. Trump and I reaffirm my belief that the cooperation between the United States and the United Nations is an essential pillar of international relations. The United Nations stands ready to work constructively with the incoming administration to address the dramatic challenges our world is facing."

## NARENDRA MODI, PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA

"Heartiest congratulations my friend...on your historic election victory. As you build on the successes of your previous term, I look forward to renewing our collaboration to further strengthen the India-US Comprehensive Global and Strategic Partnership. Together, let's work for the betterment of our people and to promote global peace, stability and prosperity," Modi said on X.

## EMMANUEL MACRON, PRESIDENT OF FRANCE

"Congratulations, President Donald Trump. Ready to work together just as we knew how to do during four years. With your convictions and with mine. With respect and ambition. For more peace and prosperity," Macron wrote on X.

## SHIGERU ISHIBA, PRIME MINISTER OF JAPAN

"I would like to offer my sincere congratulations on Mr. Trump's victory, and also pay my respects to the democratic choice of the American people," he told reporters. "From now on, I would like to work closely with Mr. Trump, who will become the next president, to bring the Japan-U.S. alliance and Japan-U.S. relations to a higher level. We are going to make efforts to quickly establish a point of contact with Mr. Trump in the future."

## MAO NING, CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESPERSON

"Our policy towards the U.S. is consistent. We will continue to view and handle China-U.S. relations in accordance with the principles of mutual respect, peaceful co-existence and win-win cooperation."

## JUSTIN TRUDEAU, PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA

"Congratulations to Donald Trump on being elected President of the United States. The friendship between Canada and the U.S. is the envy of the world.

"I know President Trump and I will work together to create more opportunity, prosperity, and security for both of our nations."

## TAYYIP ERDOGAN, PRESIDENT OF TURKEY



"I congratulate my friend Donald Trump, who was elected U.S. President once again after a big fight in the presidential elections in the United States of America. In this new era that will start with the choice of the American people, I hope for Turkish-American ties to strengthen, for regional and global crises and wars, primarily the Palestine issue and the Russia-Ukraine war, to end; I believe more effort will be exerted for a fairer world."

## OLAF SCHOLZ, GERMAN CHANCELLOR

"I congratulate Donald Trump on his election as US President. Germany and the U.S. have for a long time successfully worked together to promote prosperity and freedom on both sides of the Atlantic. We will continue to do so for the benefit of our citizens," he said on X.

## SAUDI ARABIA

Saudi Arabia's King Salman and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman congratulate Mr. Donald J. Trump on his victory in the presidential elections in the United States of America, the Saudi state news agency posted on X.

## MAHMOUD ABBAS, PRESIDENT OF PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY

"We will remain steadfast over our commitment to peace, we are confident that the US under your leadership would support the legitimate aspirations of the Palestinian people."

## KEIR STARMER, BRITISH PRIME MINISTER

"Congratulations President-elect Trump on your historic election victory. I look forward to working with you in the years ahead. As the closest of allies, we stand shoulder to shoulder in defence of our shared values of freedom, democracy and enterprise."

## MARK RUTTE, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF NATO

"I just congratulated Donald Trump on his election as President of the United States. His leadership will again be key to keeping our Alliance strong. I look forward to working with him again to advance peace through strength through NATO", he said in a post on X.

## LAI CHING-TE, PRESIDENT OF TAIWAN, ON X

"Sincere congratulations to President-elect @realDonaldTrump on your victory. I'm confident that the longstanding #Taiwan-#US partnership, built on shared values & interests, will continue to serve as a cornerstone for regional stability & lead to greater prosperity for us all."

## GIORGIA MELONI, PRIME MINISTER OF ITALY

In a post on X Meloni offered her "most sincere congratulations" to Trump, and said Italy and the United States had an "unshakeable alliance". "It is a

strategic bond, which I am certain we will now strengthen even further," she said.

## PEDRO SANCHEZ, SPANISH PRIME MINISTER

"Congratulations @realDonaldTrump on your victory and your election as 47th President of the US. We will work on our strategic bilateral relations and on a strong transatlantic partnership", Sanchez said on X.

## URSULA VON DER LEYEN, EU COMMISSION PRESIDENT

"I warmly congratulate Donald J. Trump on his election as the 47th President of the United States of America. I look forward to working with President Trump again to advance a strong transatlantic agenda.

"Let us work together on a transatlantic partnership that continues to deliver for our citizens. Millions of jobs and billions in trade and investment on each side of the Atlantic depend on the dynamism and stability of our economic relationship."

## KING ABDULLAH II OF JORDAN

"Warmest congratulations to President Donald Trump on winning the US presidential election. Looking forward to working with you again to bolster Jordan's longstanding partnership with the United States, in service of regional and global peace and stability for all."

## LUIZ INACIO LULA DA SILVA, PRESIDENT OF BRAZIL

"My congratulations to President Donald Trump on his electoral victory and return to the presidency of the United States. "Democracy is the voice of the people and it must always be respected. The world needs dialogue and joint work to have more peace, development and prosperity. I wish the new government luck and success."

## CYRIL RAMAPHOSA, PRESIDENT OF SOUTH AFRICA

"I look forward to continuing the close and mutually beneficial partnership between our two nations across all domains of our cooperation.

"In the global arena, we look forward to our Presidency of the G20 in 2025, where we will work closely with the US who will succeed us in the G20 Presidency in 2026."

## PANAMA PRESIDENT JOSE RAUL MULINO

"I congratulate @realDonaldTrump on his victory in the US presidential election and the people of the United States for strengthening democracy. We will continue to work together on migration, security and international trade."

## ANTHONY ALBANESE, PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA

"The election of the President of the United States is always an important moment for the world, for our region and for Australia.

"The United States has long played a leadership role in the stability and security of the Indo-Pacific. Australia will strive to strengthen the co-operation between our two nations in the region."

## FERDINAND MARCOS JR, PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

"President Trump has won, and the American people triumphed, and I congratulate them for their victory in an exercise which showed the world the strength of American values.

"I have personally met President Trump as a young man, so I know that his robust leadership will result in a better future for all of us." *Source: Reuters*



# Indian Origin Priti Patel is picked as shadow foreign secretary by the new UK Opposition leader

NOVEMBER 5, 2024

**LONDON (TIP):** Former British Indian home secretary Priti Patel has been chosen by the newly elected Conservative Party leader Kemi Badenoch as her shadow foreign secretary to join her top team on the Opposition benches in the House of Commons on Tuesday.

Gujarati-origin Patel (52) was one of the early contenders who went head-to-head in the race to replace Rishi Sunak as Tory chief and Leader of the Opposition.

With two other opponents in the election, Robert Jenrick and Mel Stride appointed shadow justice secretary and shadow chancellor, respectively, Badenoch's picks for her frontbench is being seen as an attempt to unite a divided Conservative Party.

"Congratulations to Kemi Badenoch on her election as leader of our great Party," posted Patel on X over the weekend after the election result was declared.



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"Let's all unite behind her to renew and earn back the trust of the British people. I look forward to supporting her in holding this dishonest and self-serving the Labour government to account and in putting forward a Conservative vision for the future of our great county," she said.

Patel, who was conferred a Damehood in former Prime Minister Boris

Johnson's resignation honors, has been on the Tory backbenches since his exit from 10 Downing Street in 2022.

She will be taking on Labour's Foreign Secretary David Lammy as her opposite number in parliamentary face-offs.

Badenoch, meanwhile, is finalizing her shadow cabinet starting with Laura Trott as shadow education secretary to respond to the government's announcement of a rise in university tuition fees from - up GBP 285 from the frozen maximum of GBP 9,250 to hit GBP 9.535 a year.

International student fees are not as yet impacted by this change, as Education Secretary Bridget Phillipson told MPs on Monday the government was having to "take the tough decisions needed to put universities on a firmer financial footing."

In her first response as the new shadow minister, Trott called the tuition fee rise "a hike in the effective tax graduates have to pay."

## Indian American Priyanka Kulkarni launches immigration startup Casium to revolutionize work visas



The goal for Casium is to reduce the timeframe of visa applications from months to days, says Priyanka.

OCTOBER 31, 2024

**SEATTLE, WA (TIP):** After a decade of working at Microsoft, Priyanka Kulkarni was offered a spot at the AI2 incubator in Seattle to explore her entrepreneurial drive. Before she could dive into the new phase of her career, visa issues hindered her. Kulkarni was working in the U.S. first on an L-1 temporary work visa and then transitioned to a H1-B visa for workers in specialty occupations.

To join the AI2 foster and eventually launch her company, Kulkarni required an immigrant status that was more permanent - applying for an EB-1 visa, also known as the "Einstein visa," took more than three months with the assistance of a law firm.

Although painstaking, EB-1, which is granted to foreign nationals with extraordinary abilities, was a step towards becoming a resident in the United States. This problem became the premise for Kulkarni's startup, Casium.

"As someone who spends so much time building foundational AI, there's 100% an opportunity for us to truly transform this whole industry," Kulkarni told GeekWire. "I really want to fix this. I want to change this."

A portmanteau of the words "case" and "premium," Casium promises an "unparalleled immigration experience" for visa filings and legal advice. Using AI, the immigration startup gathers information for an application and prepares the required paperwork. The AI tool works alongside attorneys who guide the processes and help represent the visa applicants.

The goal for Casium is to reduce the timeframe of visa applications from months to days.

"What we're doing is beyond just a digitization of forms," Kulkarni said, adding that Casium aims to provide high quality service for those in pursuit of their immigration cases.

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

## Indian American Jay Parikh joins senior leadership team at Microsoft



Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella announced on Oct. 31, 2024, that Jay Parikh would be the latest addition to Microsoft's Senior Leadership Team (SLT)

Parikh boasts impressive knowledge about cloud infrastructure and security for DevOps. The tech leader has had a long and storied career over several verticals in the software, startup and VC ecosystems that make him a remarkable value add to the senior leadership at the software giant. His unique perspective and experience when it comes to scaling and building technical teams that serve commercial consumers, made him an appealing candidate for Microsoft's senior leadership. "Welcome to Microsoft, Jay! Your expertise as both a technology leader and builder of scale systems will be an invaluable addition to our company. Looking forward to the impact you will have here as we increase our depth and capability across our business priorities," Nadella commented on Parikh's LinkedIn post announcing his latest role.

However, Parikh is more than just an engineer, or a tech guy, Nadella addressed Microsoft employees and shared via the company's blog; Nadella said Parikh is passionate about people, specifically in developing them and building world-class talent all in an effort to take Microsoft to the next level in customer satisfaction and business growth.

Parikh said that he was excited to join the "awesome team at Microsoft" and highlighted Microsoft's commitment to leading the AI platform shift in his post.

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## Indian-origin Aravind Srinivas's cofounded AI startup Perplexity nears \$9 billion valuation amid copyright lawsuits from publishers

NOVEMBER 6, 2024

**NEW YORK (TIP):** AI-powered search engine Perplexity is due to raise \$500 million in its fourth funding round this year, The Wall Street Journal reported on Tuesday, November 5, which would value the startup at almost \$9 billion.

The latest valuation is triple the amount from a few months ago. The AI startup, which helps people search the web using a ChatGPT-style interface, is reported to receive 100 million queries every week and brings in around \$50 million in annual revenue.

Perplexity's rapid growth highlights strong investor interest in its offerings, WSJ said, and marks it as one of the most valuable AI startups amid a new wave of generative AI technology. Notable investors backing Perplexity include Nvidia, Databricks, Amazon's Jeff Bezos, Y Combinator's former Head of AI Daniel Gross and present Chief Garry Tan, Figma's Dylan Field, among others.

Perplexity joins other generative AI contenders, such as OpenAI's ChatGPT, Microsoft's Bing, and Google's Gemini AI in the search space but claims to set itself apart by using multiple large language models to deliver more accurate and richer responses. Launched in 2022, Perplexity was founded by Indian American Aravind Srinivas who previously held research-oriented roles at OpenAI, Google, and DeepMind. An IIT Madras alum with a PhD in computer science from the University of California, Berkeley, Srinivas aims "to build the world's most knowledge centric company."

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# A West Asia under Donald Trump

WITH JOE BIDEN LEAVING BEHIND A BROKEN REGION, IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER DONALD TRUMP CAN LOOK AT THE LARGER STRATEGIC PICTURE



BY STANLY JOHNY

One of the key foreign policy issues to have plagued Joe Biden's single-term presidency was Israel's war on the Palestinians in Gaza. Before the October 7, 2023 attack by Hamas in Israel, his administration seemed confident about its West Asia policy. Mr. Biden wanted to expand the Arab-Israel normalisation process, which was initiated by his predecessor, Donald Trump, through the 2020 Abraham Accords. Saudi Arabia and Israel were in an advanced stage of normalising ties. The Palestine question had been pushed to the margins of regional politics. But

the Palestinians, and his diplomatic efforts to prevent the conflict from widening in West Asia proved ineffectual. This means Donald Trump, the next President of the U.S., is going to inherit a West Asia, traditionally a backyard of American influence, on fire.

Make no mistake. Mr. Trump is not an Israel-sceptic. Pro-Israel policies defined his West Asia policy during his first term in office. It was Mr. Trump who moved America's embassy to Jerusalem. It was Mr. Trump's administration that recognised Israel's illegal annexation of Syria's Golan

disastrous multi-front wars would pose critical foreign policy challenges to Mr. Trump.

The first problem he would face is what Mr. Biden faced in October 2023. Mr. Biden was ready to overlook criticisms of genocide against Israel, but he did not want an all-out war in West Asia, which the Americans believe are not in their interests. He called for a ceasefire in Gaza but refused to exert any meaningful pressure on the Benjamin Netanyahu government. According to an analysis by Brown University, the Biden administration spent \$17.9 billion on

campaign promises was to fix the cost of living crisis. If there is a larger war with Iran, which could affect energy supplies through the Strait of Hormuz that connects the Persian Gulf to the Arabian Sea, the inflationary pressure will only get enhanced. For political, economic and strategic reasons, a wider war in West Asia would not be in the interest of a Trump administration either.

But what is to be seen is whether Mr. Trump can look at the larger strategic picture and take corrective measures to restore America's position in West Asia. Mr. Biden is leaving behind a



Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's meeting with U.S. President Donald Trump prior to the signing the Abraham Accords, at the White House in 2020

File picture / Reuters

October 7 overhauled the status quo.

Mr. Biden immediately offered his full support for Israel, which launched a retaliatory war in Gaza. The Biden administration's approach was largely two-pronged: support Israel's war in Gaza, while beginning diplomatic measures to prevent the conflict from escalating into an all-out regional war. But what Mr. Biden got after a year was a disastrous, unending war in Gaza, sullyng America's reputation, and a widening conflict in West Asia, dragging the United States deeper into it. Over the past year, more than 43,000 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza. The war also expanded to Lebanon when, on October 1, Israel launched its fourth invasion of the neighbouring country. The conflict has also triggered a shooting match between Israel and Iran. Mr. Biden was accused of being complicit in "Israel's genocide" against

Heights. And it was Mr. Trump who withdrew the U.S. unilaterally from the Iran nuclear deal, despite United Nations certification that Iran was fully compliant with the terms of the 2015 agreement. And even the Abraham Accords, which brought Israel and Arab nations, the two pillars of America's West Asia policy together, were aimed at building a combined stronger alliance against Iran, the common foe of the U.S. and Israel. Mr. Trump had unveiled a 'peace plan' for Israel-Palestine in 2020, but it had been rejected outright by the Palestinian leadership, saying it was heavily in favour of Israel.

So, Mr. Trump is unlikely to take a strong moral position against Israel's war in Gaza. During the campaign, he had also made it clear that he strongly stood for Israel's victory in the ongoing wars in West Asia. Yet, Israel's

military assistance to Israel in a year from October 2023. Mr. Biden wanted to insulate the war in Gaza from the larger conflict in West Asia, but he failed to do so. Mr. Trump, likewise, might support Israel in the war on Gaza or against Hezbollah, but he would not like the U.S. being drawn into a regional war, mainly for two reasons.

First, Mr. Trump's base is against the U.S. getting stuck in West Asia's forever wars. His Vice-President-elect J.D. Vance has repeatedly slammed America's wars in the region, particularly the 2003 Iraq invasion. Mr. Trump would like to focus on further strengthening America's conventional capabilities and bring China, its most powerful conventional rival, into the pulpit of his foreign policy. A war with Iran would not serve this purpose.

Second, one of Mr. Trump's key

broken region where Israel is going rogue with American support. Granted, America still remains the most powerful country in the region and its Arab allies are still sticking to America's leadership, despite many grievances. But Israel's unending, disproportionate wars have damaged America's reputation. Worse, it has brought the region to the brink of an all-out war. Mr. Trump has to be more assertive in bringing the wars in Gaza and Lebanon to an end at the earliest if he wants to restore stability in the region. If he continues the Biden policies, topped up by his own pro-Israeli impulses which were on display during his first presidency, West Asia will fall further into chaos.

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# The Right-Wing Surge: Analyzing the Republican Triumph Over Democrats in the U.S. Presidential Election



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**In this election, Trump's victory can be seen as not merely a political win but a cultural one. His "America First" rhetoric, promise to protect religious liberties, and stance on issues like abortion and LGBTQ rights resonate strongly with the conservative Christian base. Additionally, his direct style and willingness to challenge established norms appeal to those who feel sidelined by the mainstream political establishment.**

The recent U.S. presidential election delivered an unexpected blow to the Democratic Party, with the Republicans securing a sweeping victory. Not only did they reclaim the presidency, but they also seized the Senate majority, consolidating power across branches and sending a shockwave through Democratic ranks. Many observers and Democrats alike are asking: how did this happen? While the incumbency factor might provide a surface-level explanation, as Trump's loss to Biden previously demonstrated, the roots of this seismic shift go far deeper. Beyond simple cycles of political turnover, this victory signifies a profound shift towards right-wing ideology that is resonating globally.

## The Incumbency Cycle: An Incomplete Explanation

On the surface, it's easy to attribute this electoral result to the incumbency cycle. Since recent elections have shown a pattern where candidates challenging the incumbent party have a slight advantage, it seems plausible that the pendulum was bound to swing back to the Republicans. Trump's previous loss to Biden and Hillary Clinton's loss to Trump were often chalked up to this natural ebb and flow in American politics. However, viewing the result merely as an example of political rotation overlooks the deeper forces at play that have increasingly driven voters toward right-wing policies.

## The Rise of Right-Wing Ideologies: A Global Phenomenon

To fully understand this shift, it's essential to place it within a broader global trend. The rise of right-wing ideologies, often deeply intertwined with religious and nationalist values, has been gaining momentum across continents. This trend is not unique to the United States. Across Europe, the Middle East, and Asia, there has been a notable surge in right-wing movements, fueled by economic anxiety, a backlash against liberal values, and a growing preference for policies rooted in faith and tradition.

**EUROPE:** In countries such as Hungary, Poland, and Italy, nationalist and conservative parties have gained traction by appealing to a sense of traditional values and resisting what they perceive as the encroachment of liberal, globalist ideals. Parties advocating stricter immigration policies, emphasizing Christian heritage, and promoting traditional family structures have achieved significant victories.

**ASIA:** India's political landscape has similarly seen a strong right-wing shift, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) embracing Hindu nationalist rhetoric and policies. The appeal to Hindu fundamentalism has mobilized large portions of the population who view this as a reaffirmation of cultural identity in a rapidly globalizing world.

**THE MIDDLE EAST:** In predominantly Islamic countries, conservative movements emphasizing fundamentalist interpretations of Islam have risen to prominence, with parties and factions often drawing support from citizens who see these ideals as foundational to their national and cultural identity.

The global trend suggests that voters increasingly gravitate towards leaders and parties that promote cultural and religious heritage, sovereignty, and a promise to protect traditional values.

## The Role of Faith in U.S. Politics: The Trump Phenomenon

One of the defining characteristics of Trump's support base has been its alignment with Christian



Surrounded by family members and supporters, President-elect Donald Trump makes his acceptance speech at his Election Night Watch Party at the Palm Beach County Convention Center after being elected the 47th President of the United States.

L to R: Barron Trump, Donald Trump, Usha Vance, Melania Trump, J.D. Vance

values, particularly among evangelical Christians and rural Americans. For this demographic, Trump represented a leader who not only defended but celebrated their identity and values, positioning himself as a bulwark against what many of his supporters view as an encroaching secular, liberal agenda.

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The power of Trumpism lies in its commitment to consolidate power within the executive branch, focusing authority and decision-making with the president, and aligning policies with Christian values. Trump's approach, often aggressive and polarizing, has garnered fierce loyalty among his followers, who view him as a defender of their faith and identity.

## The Wealthy and Feudal Elements in Right-Wing Politics

Another dimension of Trumpism, and indeed of many right-wing movements globally, is the alignment with wealth and feudal or elite structures. Policies that favor the wealthy, reduce corporate taxes, and cut down on social welfare have been central to the Trump agenda. This is reflective of a broader trend within right-wing politics that favors a return to more hierarchical social structures, with limited intervention in wealth redistribution and a preference for private over public solutions.

Historically, right-wing ideologies have often championed the cause of wealthy elites, as they are viewed as the protectors of national stability, economic growth, and cultural heritage. In the U.S., the Trump administration's tax cuts for corporations, deregulation initiatives, and business-friendly policies align with this framework, positioning the wealthy and economically powerful as central to the nation's strength.

This pattern of elite-driven right-wing governance is

visible across the world. Whether it is the oligarchs in Russia, the monarchy in Saudi Arabia, or the business-friendly policies in India, the fusion of right-wing ideology with wealth and elite structures is a notable global trend.

## Religion, Identity, and Nationalism: The Heart of Right-Wing Movements

While wealth and elite influence play a significant role, the deeper driver of right-wing momentum globally is often the question of identity. Religion, for instance, serves as a powerful force in defining identity and mobilizing political support. Right-wing leaders, including Trump, Modi, and others, have tapped into a sense of national identity that is intrinsically tied to religious values, offering voters a sense of belonging and protection against perceived threats.

In the U.S., Trump has successfully channeled this by presenting himself as a champion of "real" American values, often with an overt nod to Christian beliefs. His messaging resonates particularly in rural America, where communities often feel alienated from the urban, liberal policies emanating from Washington, D.C. Trump's appeal is rooted in this idea of defending an American way of life that feels under siege, with religion and traditional values at its core.

## The Implications for American Democracy

As right-wing forces continue to gain ground in the U.S., one of the pressing questions is what this means for the future of American democracy. Trump's victory could signify a shift toward a governance style that centralizes power in the executive branch, challenging the traditional checks and balances of the American system. Additionally, the increasing sway of religious and nationalist elements could lead to policy changes that impact not only social issues but also the nature of American democracy itself.

While Trump's victory represents a triumph for his base, it also raises questions about inclusivity, tolerance, and the protection of minority rights within the American political system. Right-wing ideologies often prioritize majoritarian values, which can create tensions in a diverse democracy where inclusivity and equal representation are foundational principles.

## Looking Forward: A Global Movement with Local Consequences

The Republican victory in the U.S. presidential election, therefore, is not an isolated phenomenon. It is part of a broader global movement that sees right-wing ideology gaining strength by tapping into cultural, religious, and nationalistic sentiments. This shift suggests that American democracy, much like other democratic systems worldwide, is entering a new phase, one where right-wing policies and values hold significant sway.

As the U.S. navigates this new landscape, the world watches closely, aware that these changes reflect a global shift towards conservatism and right-wing governance. How the U.S. balances these forces with the principles of democracy, inclusivity, and tolerance will be a defining challenge in the years to come. The victory of Trumpism is not just a political win; it represents a broader ideological shift with far-reaching implications for the "greatest democracy in the world."

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# TRUMP 2.0 WON'T BE MORE OF THE SAME

THE WORLD HAS CHANGED SINCE HIS PREVIOUS TENANCY AT THE WHITE HOUSE



BY SANJAYA BARU

"India, fortunately, has had a good equation with President Trump. Both Prime Minister Narendra Modi and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar have retained links with people around Trump. However, the Indian leadership should proceed on the premise that Trump 2.0 will, in all probability, be unlike Trump 1.0. The policy areas of interest to India where Trump's transactionalism and 'America First' approach could pose challenges would be trade, immigration and climate change. I am not a great enthusiast of a liberal US visa policy, given that it has contributed to the drain of talent from India. But trade may pose a challenge if some of Trump's old advisers, especially people like former US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer, are back in office."

No election to a public office anywhere in the world attracts as much global attention as that to the office of the President of the United States of America. The US remains the world's most consequential nation. Its President is the most powerful person in the world, presiding over the biggest economy, the biggest technological and scientific base and the biggest armed forces. It is, however, not yet ready to elect a woman as its President. Donald Trump defeated Hillary Clinton and Kamala Harris despite his misogynistic personality. In politics dominated by race and class, gender took a back seat. Opinion polls once again went off on a tangent.

It is best that friends like Modi stay home for a while and allow US allies, especially the Europeans, to finish their anxious calls on the White House.

From Berlin to Tokyo, Moscow to Beijing, Tel Aviv to Tehran and, indeed, New Delhi, every government will closely watch Trump's selection of his team. This is because even though this is his second term, he has dumped many colleagues from the past and many have deserted him. The world will take a new measure of Trump both because there will be new faces around the President and because the world has changed since his previous tenancy at the White House.

At home, Trump's first charge would be to ensure stability and give hope to his less privileged supporters, especially the working class. The US economy is presently chugging along well, with economic growth at over 2 per cent; however, unemployment remains a concern for Trump's core constituents. How he will balance the greed of his own class of millionaires and billionaires and the need of his low-income and socially and economically depressed supporters remains to be seen.

Overseas, Trump's hands will be full resolving



Ground reality: Trump may be friendly towards India, but it is unlikely to be his immediate priority.

Credit: PTI

conflicts in Europe and West Asia. He has promised to break out of the 'Washington Consensus' on economic and foreign policy. He is expected to reach out to Russia's Vladimir Putin. He may stay the course getting tough with China, imposing high tariffs, but he may also seek a modus vivendi. In West Asia, he is expected to target Iran, perhaps pushing for regime change, but he may also keep Israel's Benjamin Netanyahu on a short leash.

Each of these expected actions will have long-term consequences for the US and the world, for Trump has promised to 'Make America Great Again' within the next four years. The trillion-dollar question is whether Trump will push for a change in the Constitution to seek a third term in office. At any rate, Trump 2.0 should be expected to be different from Trump 1.0 because age and time are not on his side.

While Trump could have a lasting impact on how America is governed, the US capacity to fashion a world in its vision and after its preference is increasingly limited. The US will have to work with allies and friends. Both Europe and Japan have been nervous about a Trump presidency. Last time round, Europe had Angela Merkel and Japan had Shinzo Abe. Right now, there is no European or East Asian leader capable of standing up to Trump or reining him in. They will, perhaps, fall in line.

Whether Putin secures a breather and Volodymyr Zelenskyy is asked to pipe down will depend on how much of a control Trump and his advisers secure on the US 'deep state' and the military-industrial complex, the movers and shakers behind the Joe Biden approach to Russia. One should expect, however, that both Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping will, at least initially, seek to build bridges with the Trump administration. Ironically and counter-intuitively, Trump's first year in office may be a quieter one globally than Biden's last year.

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Indian leadership should proceed on the premise that Trump 2.0 will, in all probability, be unlike Trump 1.0. The policy areas of interest to India where Trump's transactionalism and 'America First' approach could pose challenges would be trade, immigration and climate change. I am not a great enthusiast of a liberal US visa policy, given that it has contributed to the drain of talent from India. But trade may pose a challenge if some of Trump's old advisers, especially people like former US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer, are back in office.

India will continue to keep the US engaged in buying defense equipment and linking up through supply chains to the US. However, the Modi government would be well advised to tread carefully and not get caught in US political crosshairs, as it has done in these past four years. Perhaps the Gurpatwant Singh Pannun case will not go away since it is already in the courts. The ripples from that case will continue to touch Indian shores.

During Trump 1.0, Shinzo Abe was the first to knock on the doors of the White House, extending a friendly hand, flattering an egomaniac and selling ideas like Quad that benefited India. Abe was a statesman and a friend of India. His successors have been mere politicians, that too beleaguered ones and not too India-friendly. Trump may be friendly towards India, but this country is unlikely to be his immediate priority. It is best that friends like Modi stay home for a while and allow US allies, especially the Europeans, to finish their anxious calls on the White House.

Trump has declared that he is returning to the White House because God has saved him. Political leaders who view themselves as 'chosen by God and Destiny' often do more harm than good. It is best to let them calm down and get their hands dirty before being too eager to demonstrate one's friendship.

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President-elect Donald Trump

NOVEMBER 7, 2024

**WARREN, NJ (TIP):** The PAC Indian Americans for Trump that had been formed in 2016, 2020, and 2024 feels very gratified by the victory of President Donald J. Trump,

not just because he will be American President on January 20, 2025, but because he will make America great again in spite of what happened to the country in last four years.

The Indian Americans for Trumps feels fulfilled after working to promote Trump candidacy in 2016, 2020, and 2024. We also feel that the need for his ambition for the USA and talent to achieve America's greatness in the world will result in a better outcome in 2024 than it would have done by winning in 2020. We also believe that Trump will leave a far greater impression on America during the four years of 2025-2029 than the last four years. His place in history will be far brighter than for what he would have achieved during 2021-2025.

The Indian Americans for Trump 2024 has been an FEC political action committee that was open to all Americans, irrespective of their nationality, race, color, gender, or creed, etc., for supporting Donald J. Trump in his endeavor to make America great again by reelecting him to be the President of the USA. They encouraged all Americans to volunteer or become members of this all-volunteer organization. It will suspend its operations in next few days.

While the Indian Americans for Trump 2024 will cease operations, having achieved its goal, it will occasionally reach out to President Trump with suggestions on the policy and actions pertaining to making America great again, as they did during his campaign for the presidency that started in 2022.

## Americans are sick of extremism: Congressman Tom Suozzi



Congressman Tom Suozzi

NOVEMBER 6, 2024

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# Ambassador of India to Honduras Dr. Manoj Kumar Mohapatra discussed with the country's leaders strengthening cooperation across a range of sectors



Meeting with Vice Minister H.E. Mr. Tony Garcia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

**NOVEMBER 3, 2024**

GUATEMALA CITY (TIP): Dr. Manoj Kumar Mohapatra, the Ambassador of India to Guatemala and concurrently accredited to Honduras, conducted a notable visit to Honduras from October 29 to November 1, 2025. This visit underscored the deepening bond between India and Honduras, two nations with diverse histories and growing partnerships. The trip focused on strengthening cooperation across a range of sectors, including health, infrastructure, community development, and people-to-people exchanges, marking a significant milestone in India-Honduras relations.

Ambassador Dr. Manoj Kumar Mohapatra's visit to Honduras began with an important meeting with Vice Minister Tony Garcia of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in Tegucigalpa. This initial discussion set a collaborative tone for the visit, underscoring the shared interests of India and Honduras in strengthening diplomatic ties and expanding areas of cooperation. This meeting marked a significant step toward bolstering bilateral relations and advancing economic collaboration between India and Honduras. The discussions centered on enhancing trade and opening doors for Indian companies to participate in Honduras's infrastructure projects. Both dignitaries recognized the mutual benefits of fostering closer economic ties, emphasizing how Indian expertise in infrastructure, technology, and sustainable development could support Honduras's growth ambitions. Vice Minister Garcia expressed a strong interest in facilitating Indian investment, particularly in sectors like renewable energy, transportation, and digital infrastructure, which are critical to Honduras's modernization and connectivity goals. While apprising about the latest development on various important projects like introduction of 5G technology in Honduras, Ambassador Mohapatra highlighted India's commitment to sharing its expertise and innovative solutions, which could accelerate Honduras's economic development while offering Indian businesses new avenues for growth. By promoting partnerships in these areas, the dialogue laid a robust foundation for increased bilateral trade, investment, and cooperation, aligning with the strategic goals of both countries.



Meeting with Manuel Diaz-Galeas, Attorney General of Honduras

Following the meeting with Vice Minister Garcia, Ambassador Mohapatra held a significant conversation with Mr. Manuel Diaz-Galeas, the Attorney General of Honduras. The dialogue centered on enhancing bilateral collaboration in areas of law enforcement, capacity building, and mutual support in international forums. This interaction highlighted both countries' shared dedication to upholding the rule of law, ensuring public safety, and promoting a transparent legal framework. The conversations with Vice Minister Tony Garcia and Attorney General Manuel Diaz-Galeas highlighted India's commitment to supporting Honduras in its journey toward economic modernization, capacity building, and infrastructural development. Ambassador Mohapatra's discussions laid the groundwork for closer cooperation that promises mutual benefits and a deepening friendship between India and Honduras.



Visit to the Puerto Lempira Hospital with Vice Minister H.E. Ms. Suani Montalvan, Health Ministry, Honduras

Health collaboration between India and Honduras has been a cornerstone of their bilateral relationship, with India bringing its extensive expertise and resources to support Honduras in overcoming healthcare challenges. During Ambassador Dr. Manoj Kumar Mohapatra's visit, a significant dialogue was held with the Honduran Health Minister, H.E. Dr. Carla Marina Paredes, focusing on critical aspects such as improving healthcare accessibility, advancing medical technology, and strengthening pharmaceutical cooperation. Given India's global reputation for affordable healthcare solutions and high-quality pharmaceutical production, the discussions highlighted India's potential to play a transformative role in enhancing healthcare services and expanding access in Honduras. A key highlight of Ambassador Mohapatra's visit was a trip to Puerto Lempira Hospital in the Gracias a Dios Department, accompanied by Vice Minister Ms. Suani Montalván. This visit provided an opportunity to assess the hospital's current infrastructure, resources, and immediate needs. The Ambassador and the Vice Minister engaged in discussions about ways India could offer support, whether through knowledge exchange, providing medical training programs, or possibly supplying essential medicines. The visit underscored a shared commitment to strengthening the healthcare system in Honduras, with particular emphasis on community healthcare services in underserved regions. Both sides explored how India's experience in developing accessible healthcare models could be tailored to meet the unique needs of the Honduran population, especially in rural and remote areas like Gracias a Dios. This collaboration also includes exploring the potential for telemedicine and digital health solutions to reach remote communities more effectively. Ambassador Mohapatra's visit to Puerto Lempira Hospital demonstrated India's readiness to contribute to a resilient, sustainable healthcare system in Honduras, paving the way for future

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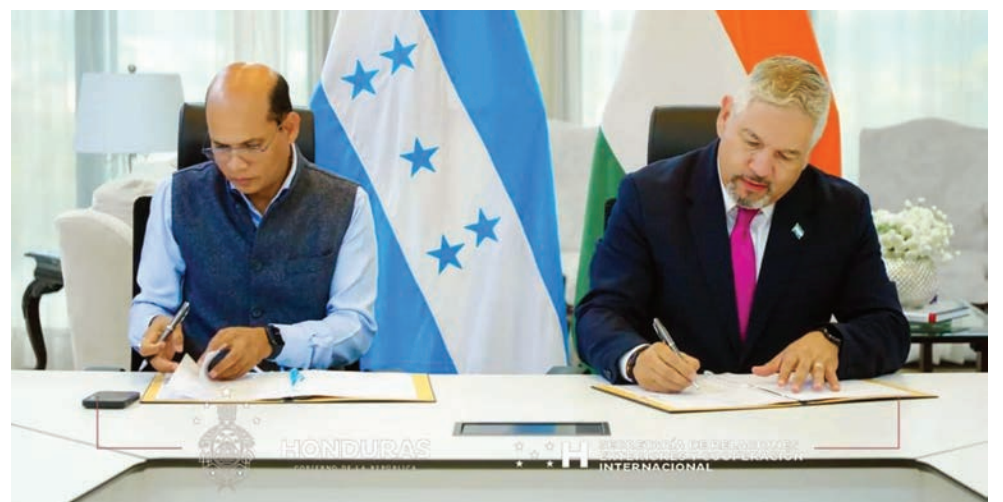


Visit to the Miskita Krata & the Miskita Tansing Communities

collaborations that would further enhance healthcare quality, access, and delivery.

Ambassador Dr. Manoj Kumar Mohapatra's visit to the Miskita Krata and Tansing communities in the Department of Gracias a Dios represented a significant step in exploring India's role in enhancing healthcare access for underserved populations. In Krata, Ambassador Mohapatra met with local leaders and community members to assess the feasibility of establishing a health facility tailored to meet the unique needs of the region. This initiative aligns with India's commitment to supporting global health initiatives, particularly in remote and underserved areas, by providing essential medical infrastructure that could transform healthcare accessibility for the local population. Ambassador Mohapatra engaged with municipal health chiefs and regional unit heads to discuss critical topics affecting the community's healthcare, including resource allocation, potential health partnerships, and sustainable approaches for facility management. The discussions underscored India's dedication to fostering strong, people-centered diplomacy by extending healthcare support to areas where it is most needed, promising lasting benefits for the residents of Gracias a Dios and reinforcing India's commitment to global health development.

The visit concluded on a highly positive note with the signing of a Quick Impact Project (QIP) between Ambassador Dr. Manoj Kumar Mohapatra and Honduran Foreign Minister Enrique Reina, marking a pivotal milestone in India-Honduras relations. This agreement signifies a step forward in bilateral cooperation, as these small-scale, high-impact QIPs are tailored to address immediate needs, deliver tangible results, and directly benefit local communities. For Honduras, the Quick Impact Project embodies a strategic partnership aimed at accelerating local development, especially in underserved areas, by improving essential infrastructure and providing targeted resources. India's role in supporting such initiatives underscores its commitment to the Global South, where collaboration is based on mutual respect and shared growth goals. As a nation with a robust history in infrastructure and sustainable development, India is well-positioned to bring technical expertise, affordable solutions, and impactful results to Honduras's development agenda. This project not only reflects India's dedication to strengthening bonds with its Latin American partners but also highlights the potential of QIPs to serve as building blocks for broader, long-term collaborations that can enhance economic resilience and improve quality of life in Honduras.



Signing of MoU on Quick Impact Project (QIP) between Ambassador Dr. Manoj Kumar Mohapatra and Honduran Foreign Minister Enrique Reina

The visit concluded on a promising note, underscoring the importance of Honduras as a valuable partner for India in the Central American region and on the international stage. Honduras's strategic role in regional forums and its commitment to addressing developmental challenges make it a pivotal ally for India in Central America. Through this visit, India has reinforced its diplomatic footprint in the region, paving the way for deeper collaboration in areas such as healthcare, infrastructure, and sustainable development. India's global recognition in the health sector, renowned for its affordable and innovative solutions, resonates strongly with Honduras's goals of expanding healthcare access, especially in remote areas. Additionally, the increasing demand for India's Quick Impact Projects highlights the appeal of India's approach-delivering high-impact, community-focused development initiatives that bring immediate benefits to local populations. The signing of the QIP during this visit reflects both nations' shared vision for sustainable growth, solidifying a foundation for long-term cooperation that promises to advance mutual prosperity and strengthen India's role as a committed partner in the Global South.

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# Dr Jagdeep Singh Bachher is a rare Sikh academician to become a Chancellor of university overseas



BY PRABHJOT SINGH

Born and raised in Nigeria, Dr Jasdeep Singh Bachher has achieved the rare distinction of becoming the Chancellor of a Canadian University, from which he obtained all three of his academic degrees-BASc, MASc, and PhD.

When officially installed as the 12th chancellor, Dr Jasdeep Singh Bachher marked a new chapter in the University's leadership. The chancellor serves as the University's ceremonial head, representing the institution at public events, presiding over convocation ceremonies and conferring degrees, diplomas and certificates.

At a ceremony held prior to the Convocation and attended by all members of his family and close friends, Dr Bachher had an interesting tale of his life journey to share with the audience.

"Thirty-six years ago, my parents, both Science teachers in a Nigerian school, decided to immigrate to Canada. The Counsellor at the Canadian High Commission asked my parents where they wanted to settle in Canada. They told him that they have no idea of Canada but wanted their son to study engineering and daughter medicine. Since the Counsellor belonged to the Kitchener-Waterloo area, he suggested Waterloo University for me and my sister and virtually filled out our admission forms also. I was 15 when I arrived in Toronto Canada. And within a few days, I was at Waterloo University. My sister after studying medicine met her life partner at the University and then moved to Sweden where she is practicing medicine. I finished all my degrees at Waterloo," he said. Engineer by training, he is now acknowledged as an investment specialist.

"I felt very special and proud when members of my family and friends occupied the front few rows at my installation ceremony just before this

convocation," he said emotionally.

Dr Bachher claims himself to be a proud Waterloo alum, who brings global experience and embodies the University's values of thinking differently, acting with purpose and working together. He says his leadership will support Waterloo's mission to advance learning and knowledge through teaching, research and scholarship, fostering innovation and collaboration on a global scale.

He says he is a Sikh of Indian origin though his parents spent their lifetime teaching Sciences - biology and chemistry - to school students in Nigeria. "I treat myself as Ambassador of Waterloo and want you all, the new graduates, to be Ambassadors of your Alma Mater."

Currently, the chief investment officer at the University of California, Dr Bachher oversees the management of more than USD 180 billion in investment pools, including pensions, endowments and total-return investment funds. His expertise in global finance and investment strategies has positioned him as a leading figure in the world of institutional investments. His tenure at the University of California has been marked by initiatives emphasizing sustainable investing and long-term economic growth.

From entrepreneur to investment leader, Dr Bachher has worked for leading companies and organizations across North America, including Manulife Financial, the Alberta Investment Management Corporation and now the University of California's system of 10 campuses, six academic health centers, and three affiliated national laboratories.

Dr Bachher has been a champion for change in the investment industry and gained an international reputation as an innovator. In his role as a chief investment officer, he created a collaborative culture known as The UC Investments Way which is embodied by 10 pillars that guide investment decision-making for the benefit of university stakeholders and the broader UC community. During his ten-year tenure at UC, the university's investment assets have doubled.

"My connection to the University dates back thirty years, and I am excited to share



Dr Jasdeep Singh Bachher

my affinity for this institution and connect with you," Dr Bachher says. "Like our graduates, I fondly recall the anticipation and excitement of convocation. I crossed this stage on three separate occasions while my family and friends proudly watched from the bleachers. Like many others, my success was directly related to the love and support I received along the way."

Dr Bachher has served on Waterloo's Board of Governors since 2018, including as its vice-chair before being appointed chancellor.

"Like our graduates, Chancellor Bachher exemplifies the type of dynamic leader that Waterloo develops: a champion of curiosity, exploration, risk-taking, entrepreneurship, global stewardship and leadership," says Vivek Goel, president and vice-chancellor of the University of Waterloo. "His connections to our institution and the community are deep, and I look forward to working with him to continue building upon Waterloo's success." Dr Bachher's return to the University as chancellor symbolizes a full-circle moment, where his personal and professional journey aligns with his alma mater's mission of teaching, innovation and research.

Dr Bachher's leadership in global investment circles is reflected in his role at the University of California and his thought leadership on institutional investments and innovation. His experience in both the public and private

sectors positions him as a dynamic leader who understands the challenges and opportunities of today's interconnected world.

As chancellor, he will serve as a key ambassador for the University, championing our global futures - societal, health, sustainable, technological and economic - while strengthening connections with the University's worldwide alumni network and fostering partnerships with industry, government and academia. Through his advocacy, Dr Bachher will help ensure Waterloo's continued impact on solving global challenges and shaping a better future.

Dr Bachher succeeds Dominic Barton, who served as the University of Waterloo's 11th chancellor. Barton, a global leader in business and governance, brought significant influence and vision to his role, aligning closely with the University's innovation and social responsibility goals. His tenure as chancellor was marked by a dedication to philanthropy, global collaboration, gender equity initiatives and economic development.

Barton's legacy will continue to inspire the University, and he will be named chancellor emeritus in recognition of his service.

"I'm delighted to welcome Dr Bachher as the new chancellor of the University of Waterloo," says Nenone Donaldson, vice-president, of Advancement. "I have had the privilege of knowing Dr Bachher for many years. He is an exemplary alum and a true champion of our University. I look forward to continuing our work together to build transformative partnerships that will advance our vision for Waterloo at 100."

With Dr Bachher's installation as the 12th chancellor, the University of Waterloo continues its legacy of innovation and impact. His deep understanding of the University's values, combined with his global experience, will ensure that Waterloo remains at the forefront of solving the world's most pressing challenges through interdisciplinary collaboration and bold leadership.

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## Indian-Origin Woman Buys House Where Matthew Perry Was Found Dead, Performs 'Puja'

NOVEMBER 7, 2024

LOS ANGELES (TIP) : Anita Lallian, a real estate developer and film producer with Indian roots, has purchased Matthew Perry's stunning Los Angeles home in Pacific Palisades for a whopping \$8.55 million. Mr Lallian shared that she isn't just excited about the property's luxurious features and breathtaking views of the Pacific Ocean, but she's also committed to honoring the legacy of its former owner. In a heartfelt Instagram post, Anita shared her vision for the property, emphasizing that her decision to buy was driven by her love for the house, not its tragic past. Before moving in, Ms Lallian and her family also performed a customary



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'puja' and prayer ceremony to honor the actor's spirit and legacy.

"We are so excited to share that we bought a home in

Los Angeles earlier this month! Our agent, Brooke Elliott-Laurinkus, said she had an amazing 'off-market' property that she really wanted us to see. The moment I walked into the home, I absolutely fell in love with the features, especially the view of the Pacific Ocean. We knew it was 'the one' and decided to write an offer on it immediately,' she wrote in an Instagram post, along with pictures of the property.

"As a real estate developer myself, I believe every property has a history that we may or may not know about, and every home carries the energy that the current owner brings to it. I am Hindu, and it's customary to do a blessing and prayer anytime you buy a new home. We were so lucky to have our Panditji from Arizona come to the house to do the blessing," she added.

The real estate developer also said she plans to keep some of the legacy the 'Friends' star left behind including the iconic Batman logo in the pool.

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



# Over 36 Indian Americans running for state legislatures, local bodies

**WITH CLOSE TO 900,000 INDIAN AMERICANS RESIDENTS, CALIFORNIA BOASTS THE LARGEST INDIAN AMERICAN POPULATION IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY**

NOVEMBER 05, 2024

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (TIP):** Over three dozen Indian Americans are running for local bodies and state legislatures across the country reflecting the growing interest among this small ethnic community to be part of political mainstream.

"If you are not at the table, you are on the menu," Indian American Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi comments at various Indian American gatherings motivating and encouraging community members to run for elections at all levels.

Probably the largest number of Indian Americans running for local offices are in the state of California, which sends two members to the House of Representatives - Ro Khanna and Dr Ami Bera - in addition to Vice President Kamala Harris whose mother was from India.

Those include Adlah Chisti who is running for County Supervisor for District 11, Aliya Chisti for City College Board San Francisco, Darshana Patel for State Assembly, Nicole Fernandez for San Mateo City Council, Nithya Raman for



Nithya Raman is running for Los Angeles City Council, Darshana Patel for State Assembly and Sukhdeep Kaur for Emeryville City Council. -Photos: X accounts

Los Angeles City Council, Richa Awasthi for Foster City Council and Sukhdeep Kaur for Emeryville City Council.

Tara Sreekrishnan is seeking to enter California's State Assembly from District 26 in Silicon Valley.

With close to 900,000 Indian Americans residents, California boasts the largest Indian American population in the entire country.

Dr Ajay Raman is running for Oakland County Commissioner for District 14; while Anil Kumar and Ranjeev Puri are

running for the Michigan State House.

Indian Americans are a crucial part of Arizona's growth and diversity. Priya Sundareshan is running for the State Senate in Arizona and Ravi Shah is running for School Board. In Pennsylvania, Anand Patek, Anna Thomas, and Arvind Venkat are running for State House, while Nikil Saval is seeking to enter the State Senate.

In Illinois, Anusha Thotakura is running for school board and Nabeel Syed for State House.

If elected Ashwin Ramaswamy would be the youngest ever elected to the Georgia State Senate. Of late he has been subject to racial and hate attacks by his opponents.

In Ohio, Chantel Raghu is running for County Commissioner and Pavan Parikh for County Clerk of Courts, while in Virginia Danny Avula is running for Mayor of Richmond.

In New York, Jeremy Cooney and Manita Sanghvi are running for State Senate while Zohran Mamdani is seeking to enter the State Assembly.

Indian Americans running for local offices in Texas are Ashika Ganguly for City Council, Karthik Soora (State Senate), Nabil Shike (County Constable), Ramesh Premkumar (City Council), Ravi Sandill (Judge), Salman Bhojani (State House), Shekhar Sinha (State House), Sherine Thomas (Judge), Suleman Lalani (State House) and Sumbel Zeb as County Appraisals Court.

Manka Dhingra is running for Attorney General of Washington State while Mona Das is running for Commissioner of Public Lands.

(Source: PTI)

## Six Indian Americans win elections of US House of Representatives

NOVEMBER 6, 2024

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (TIP):** Six Indian Americans have won the elections to the House of Representatives, increasing their number from five in the current Congress.

Indian American lawyer Suhas Subramanyam created history by becoming the first from the community to be elected from Virginia and the entire East Coast.

Subramanyam defeated Mike Clancy of the Republican Party. He is currently a Virginia State Senator.

There is a possibility that the number of Indian Americans in the House of Representatives could increase to seven as Dr Amish Shah was leading by a slender margin against his Republican incumbent in the first Congressional District of Arizona.

"I am honored and humbled that the people of Virginia's 10th District put their trust in me to take on the toughest fights and deliver results in Congress. This district is my home. I got married here, my wife Miranda and I are raising our daughters here, and the issues our community faces are personal to our family. It is an honor to continue serving this district in Washington," Subramanyam said.

Subramanyam, who previously served as a White House Advisor to President Barack Obama, is a Hindu by faith and is popular among Indian Americans nationwide. He joins the 'Samosa



The six Indian Americans to win the US House of Representatives elections are a new entrant Suhas Subramanyam, and the five who got re-elected- Shri Thanedar, Raja Krishnamoorthi, Ro Khanna, Dr Ami Bera, and Pramila Jayapal

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Caucus' in the Congress that currently comprises five Indian Americans - Ami Bera, Raja Krishnamoorthi, Ro Khanna, Pramila Jayapal and Shri Thanedar.

All the five existing Indian American members were re-elected to the House of Representatives.

Shri Thanedar was re-elected for the second consecutive term from the 13th Congressional District of Michigan. He won it for the first time in 2023.

Raja Krishnamoorthi won the seventh Congressional District of Illinois for the fifth consecutive term.

While the battles for control of the White House and Congress remain close, I am honored that the people of Illinois' 8th District have extended my contract to represent them in Congress," Krishnamoorthi said.

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

## Spotlight on Usha Chilkuri Vance, Indian-American wife of new US VP-elect

**With the Trump-Vance victory on Wednesday, Usha, 38, is set to become America's Second Lady -- the first Indian-American in that role**

NOVEMBER 7, 2024

**NEW YORK (TIP):** In July, Indian-American lawyer Usha Chilukuri Vance burst into the national spotlight after her husband JD Vance was named by Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump as his running mate.

With the Trump-Vance victory on Wednesday, November 6, Usha, 38, is set to become America's Second Lady -- the first Indian-American in that role.

Usha was standing with Vance, 39, the Ohio Senator, when Trump made the acceptance speech with enough votes polled for him to re-enter the White House.

Vance told the Megyn Kelly Show podcast in 2020: "If I maybe get a little bit too cocky or a little too proud, I just remind myself that she is way more accomplished than I am. People don't realize just how brilliant she is."

Daughter of Indian immigrants - her parents' ancestral village is Vadluru in West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh - Usha grew up in a San Diego suburb. A bright student and a bookworm, Usha showed leadership qualities, her friends told media.

A Gates Scholar, her career spans Cambridge and Yale, and then clerking for various members of the Supreme Court. Her last job was that of a civil



Usha Vance (left) with husband J.D. Vance, Vice President-elect

litigation attorney at Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP.

Usha and Vance met at Yale Law School while studying and later married in 2014 in Kentucky. The ceremony was blessed by a Hindu priest at a different event, according to a New York Times profile.

The Vances have three children: sons Ewan and Vivek, and a daughter named Mirabel. After Vance was chosen as Trump's running mate, Usha's Hindu roots soon became talk of the town. Vance has said on several occasions that his wife is not a Christian but was "very supportive" of deepening his faith.

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



## Intel warns of Naxal attacks during Jharkhand elections

With the Assembly elections in Jharkhand due to take place in two phases on November 13 and 20, intelligence inputs have been received that Left-Wing extremists (LWE) are planning attacks in West Singhbhum and Bokaro on the polling dates. Security forces have been put on alert to avert attacks.

According to intelligence sources, inputs have been received about possible attacks and Naxal violence by LWE on polling booths as well as public places in West Singhbhum and Bokaro districts on November 13 and November 20. It is learnt that the two districts have significant presence of Naxals.

They further informed that state police authorities have also been alerted about inputs received on possible Naxal violence during the polling dates, and efforts are being made to prevent untoward incidents.

Jharkhand is among the states that faces the menace of Naxal violence in the country and therefore the Assembly elections here have been kept in two phases.

In 2019, the assembly elections were held there in five phases. Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar, while announcing the schedule for assembly polls in Jharkhand and Maharashtra on October 15, had admitted that there were factors about Naxal areas that were considered for scheduling elections in two phases.

## RG KAR RAPE-MURDER CASE

# Centre's Task Force says no separate Central law needed for doctors' safety

NEW DELHI (TIP)

Set up by the Supreme Court in the aftermath of the rape and murder of a doctor at Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College, the National Task Force has reiterated the government's stance that there is no need for a separate Central law for protection of doctors.

"A separate Central law to deal with offences against healthcare professionals is, therefore, not required... It is noted that 24 states have already enacted laws to address violence against healthcare professionals... Most of the state laws cover minor offences and prescribe punishment for them. The major offences for heinous crimes are adequately covered under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita," the report submitted to the Supreme Court said.

This was among the main demands of the doctors who took to streets during the 11-day-long nationwide strike following the incident in August.

The committee also reiterated the Health ministry's suggestion that institutional FIRs be filed within six hours of an incident. The committee



went on to say that all health institutions must have a comprehensive internal incident reporting system, which can analyse the incidents and take appropriate measures to improve safety and security. The committee also said that these incident reports should be a part of the annual reports of the institutions.

The committee also suggested setting up internal complaints committee for healthcare workers on the lines of Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace. And, when it comes to sexual violence, the committee suggested increasing the awareness about government's initiatives such as She-Box — an online portal that can be used by women to register complaints of

sexual harassment at workplace.

The committee also suggested measures such as reducing or optimising the number of entries and exits to the extent that it does not affect patient care. It also said that hospitals should ensure proper boundary walls and reduce entry of vendors within premises.

To strengthen security, the committee also suggested measures such as each hospital setting up a security committee that can oversee security measures and liaise with the police. It also suggested setting up control rooms for CCTV footage, distress call system, and quick response teams. Importantly, the committee suggested ensuring mobile network connection across the hospital building, including basements.

The committee also suggested that healthcare institutions ensure separate duty rooms for men and women, with facilities such as washroom and drinking water. It also suggested providing transport for healthcare personnel on duty at night and making all hospital vehicles GPS-enabled.

# SC overrules 1967 verdict; paves way for AMU to be declared minority institution

NEW DELHI (TIP)

A seven-judge Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court overruled its 1967 decision in *S. Azeez Basha v. Union of India* which held that the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) is not a minority institution. Though the final determination on whether AMU is a minority institution was left for a separate Bench to answer, the majority verdict laid down a test for determining whether an educational institution can claim minority status under Article 30(1) of the Constitution.

The majority verdict, authored by Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud, held that the word "established" in Article 30(1) must be given a broad meaning and that the court will have to look into the details of who was the "brain" behind the establishment of an institution (to see whether that person was a member of the minority community) see what was the purpose of the establishment and what were the steps taken to implement this purpose (such as seeing how the land was obtained and who provided the funding).

It further held that the court cannot rely on the language of the Act to determine who established the university — such as the AMU Act which states that the university was incorporated and established under the Act itself. This would make Article 30(1) — a fundamental right — subservient to a statutory enactment, the majority held.

Justices Surya Kant, Dipankar Datta, and S C Sharma authored dissenting opinions.



The 7-judge Bench was hearing a plea on a reference that arose from a 2006 verdict of the Allahabad High Court which held that the AMU, established through an imperial legislation in 1920, was not a minority institution.

Without minority status, AMU will have to begin implementing reservation policies for both teachers and students in a similar manner as other public universities. If this status is granted, the university can provide up to 50% reservation for Muslim students. Currently, AMU does not follow any reservation policies of the state. However, it does have an internal reservation policy, where 50% of seats are reserved for students who have studied in its affiliated schools or colleges.

The Bench, which also included Justices Sanjiv Khanna (the incoming CJI), Surya Kant, J B Pardiwala, Dipankar Datta, Manoj Misra and S C Sharma, heard

arguments over the course of eight days between January 10 and February 1 this year.

This issue was decided once before by the Supreme Court. In 1967, in the case of *S. Azeez Basha v. Union of India*, a five-judge Constitution Bench held that AMU was not a minority institution. It referred to the Aligarh Muslim University Act, 1920, which established the university and held that AMU was neither established nor administered by the Muslim community — a requirement for minority educational institutions under Article 30 (1) of the Constitution.

An amendment to the AMU Act in 1981 stated that the university had been "established by the Muslims of India". In 2005, the university, claiming minority status, reserved 50% of seats in postgraduate medical courses for Muslim students.

The Allahabad High Court struck down the reservation policy and the 1981 amendment, holding that AMU was not a minority institution. This verdict was challenged in the Supreme Court, and in 2019 the case was referred to a seven-judge bench to decide if the verdict in *S. Azeez Basha v. Union of India* required reconsideration.

The Centre, which withdrew from the appeal in 2016 and is now arguing against AMU's minority status, stated that AMU never had the tag. It said that when AMU was established in 1920 under an imperial legislation, it relinquished its religious status and has not been administered by the Muslim minority ever since.

Source: *The Indian Express*



# Prior sanction must to try public servants on money laundering charge: SC

NEW DELHI (TIP)

The Supreme Court on Wednesday, Nov 6, held that Section 197(1) of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) that mandates prior sanction from the government to take cognizance of an offence against public servants will apply to the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) too.

A bench of Justices A S Oka and Augustine George Masih said this while upholding the Telangana High Court decision, setting aside a trial court order taking cognizance of the complaint against IAS officers Bibhu Prasad Acharya and Adityanath Das, facing money laundering charges, along with former Andhra Pradesh CM Jagan Mohan Reddy.

Section 197 (1) says, "When any person who is or was a judge or magistrate or a public servant not removable from his office save by or with the sanction of the government, is accused of any offence alleged to have been committed by him while acting or purporting to act in the discharge of his official duty, no court shall take cognizance of such offence except with the previous sanction."

The ED, which filed the appeal challenging the HC order, contended that Acharya was not a public servant within the meaning of Section 197(1) of CrPC, as it cannot be said that while holding the said position, he was not removable from the office save by or with the sanction of the government.

The ED also contended that in view of Section 71 of the PMLA, its provisions have an overriding effect over the provisions of the other statutes, including the CrPC.

But the court did not agree, holding that the first condition, as required under Section 197(1), is satisfied in the case of both the respondents as they are civil



servants. Also, the acts alleged against them are related to the discharge of the duties entrusted to them and thus the second condition for the applicability of Section 197(1) also stands satisfied.

The ruling pointed out that Section 65 of PMLA makes the provisions of the CrPC applicable to all proceedings under the PMLA, provided the same are not inconsistent with the PMLA provisions and the words 'all other proceedings' include a complaint under Section 44 (1)(b) of the PMLA.

"We have carefully perused the provisions of the PMLA. We do not find that there is any provision therein which is inconsistent with the provisions of Section 197(1) of CrPC. Considering the object of Section 197(1) of

the CrPC, its applicability cannot be excluded unless there is any provision in the PMLA which is inconsistent with Section 197(1). No such provision has been pointed out to us. Therefore, we hold that the provisions of Section 197(1) of CrPC are applicable to a complaint under Section 44(1)(b) of the PMLA," the SC ruled.

It added that "when a particular provision of CrPC applies to proceedings under the PMLA by virtue of Section 65 of the PMLA, Section 71 (1) cannot override the provision of CrPC which applies to the PMLA... A provision of Cr. P.C., made applicable to the PMLA by Section 65, will not be overridden by Section 71. Those provisions of CrPC which apply to the PMLA by virtue of Section 65 will continue to apply to the PMLA, notwithstanding Section 71. If Section 71 is held applicable to such provisions of the CrPC, which apply to the PMLA by virtue of Section 65, such interpretation will render Section 65 otiose. No law can be interpreted in a manner which will render any of its provisions redundant".

According to ED, Acharya, in conspiracy and connivance with Reddy, allotted 250 acres of land for the SEZ project to Indu Techzone Private Ltd by violating the norms. It also accused him of indirect involvement in money laundering.

The allegation against Das, who was at the relevant time Principal Secretary, I & CAD Department of the state government, is that in conspiracy with Reddy, he extended favours to India Cement Limited by allotting an additional 10 lakh litres of water from River Kagna by violating the norms. Upholding the HC order, the SC said the cognizance of the PMLA offences against, has been taken without obtaining previous sanction under Section 197(1) of CrPC.

## Counter-terrorism policy on cards: Amit Shah

Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday, Nov 7, said the Centre will soon bring a National Counter Terrorism Policy and Strategy to combat the terror-related ecosystem across the country.

Addressing the inaugural session of the two-day anti-terror conference organised by the NIA, Shah said, "The terrorist attacks and their conspiracy are against us in a borderless and invisible manner. If we have to deal with it accurately, then our young officers will have to be equipped with the highest technology. We are taking the next step in the proactive approach that the Home Ministry has made to fight terrorism, terrorists and the terrorism ecosystem. We will come up with a National Counter Terrorism Policy and Strategy."

In a significant observation, Shah told investigative agencies fighting against terrorism, to apply the UAPA without hesitation wherever needed and seek assistance from the NIA for investigations.

"The NIA has filed 632 cases, out of which in 498 cases, chargesheet has been filed. It has 95 per cent conviction rate. If the NIA can do this then why can't state police do it? Wherever the UAPA is needed, it should be applied and wherever it is applied, the NIA as supervisory authority should ensure that it also provides assistance in such cases," Shah said.

He further pointed out that though law and order is a State subject, terrorism doesn't know any territorial limits. "When the RDX is recovered, it finds only two column space, but when bombs made of the same RDX explode, there is widespread media coverage," the Home Minister said.

## Uproar in J&K Assembly as BJP members protest over special status resolution

SRINAGAR (TIP)

Ruckus prevailed in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly for the third day on Friday, November 8, as BJP members protested over the special status resolution, leading the Speaker to marshal out 12 opposition MLAs and Langate legislator Sheikh Khurshid.

As the House met for the day, BJP MLAs raised slogans like 'Pakistani agenda nahi chalega'.

BJP MLAs also jumped into the well of the House following which Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather directed that they be marshalled out.

Soon after they were evicted, 11 other BJP MLAs walked out of the House in protest.

The House has been witnessing uproar for the last two days as BJP MLAs protested vociferously after the passage of the resolution.

Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary had moved the resolution on Tuesday that said: "This Legislative Assembly reaffirms the importance of the special status and constitutional



Chaos in the J-K Assembly. ANI video grab

guarantees, which safeguarded the identity, culture and rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir; and expresses concern over their unilateral removal."

It said the Assembly calls upon the Centre to initiate talks with elected representatives from the region for the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's special

status and constitutional guarantees, and to work out constitutional mechanisms for the same.

"This Assembly emphasises that any process for restoration must safeguard both national unity and the legitimate aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir," it added.

Source: PTI



# India in history this Week

## NOVEMBER 8 TO NOVEMBER 14

### 08 NOVEMBER



- 1661 Guru Har Rai Ji – 7th Sikh Guru, died.
- 2008 India's first unmanned space mission Chandrayaan-1 reached the lunar orbit.
- 2016 Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced demonetisation and 500,1000 notes were discontinued. After that, new 2000 notes were issued.
- 1999 Rahul Dravid and Sachin Tendulkar set a world record by sharing 331 runs in a one-day cricket match.
- 1627 The Mughal ruler Jahangir died.
- 1920 India's famous Kathak dancer Sitara Devi was born.

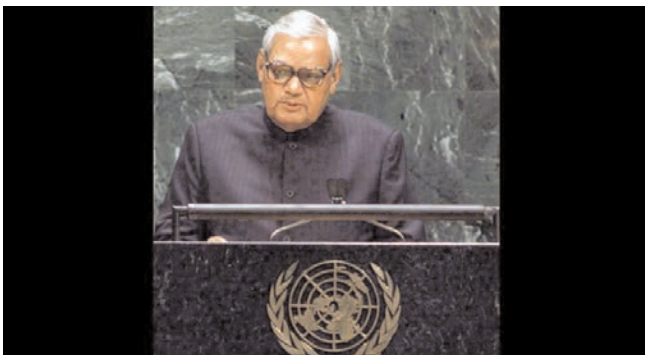
### 09 NOVEMBER

- 1236 The Mughal ruler Ruknuddin Firoz Shah was assassinated.



- 1270 The great saint Namdev was born.
- 1947 Junagadh state merged into India.
- 1960 First Indian Air Force Chief Subroto Mukherjee died.
- 2000 Uttarakhand was carved out of Uttar Pradesh and made a new state.

### 10 NOVEMBER



- 2001 Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee addressed the United Nations General Assembly.
- 2013 The famous Rajasthani language litterateur

Vijaydan Detha passed away.

- 1978 Rohini Khandilkar became the first woman to win the National Chess Championship.
- 2008 India won the Border-Gavaskar Trophy by defeating Australia 2–0.
- 2008 Giving strategic depth to India-Qatar relations, the two countries signed the Defense and Security Agreement.

### 11 NOVEMBER



- 1888 Freedom fighter Maulana Abul Kalam Azad was born in Saudi Arabia.
- 1973 The first international postage exhibition started in New Delhi.
- 1889 Freedom fighter Jammalal Bajaj was born in 1889.
- 1943 Indian nuclear scientist Anil Kakodkar was born in 1943.

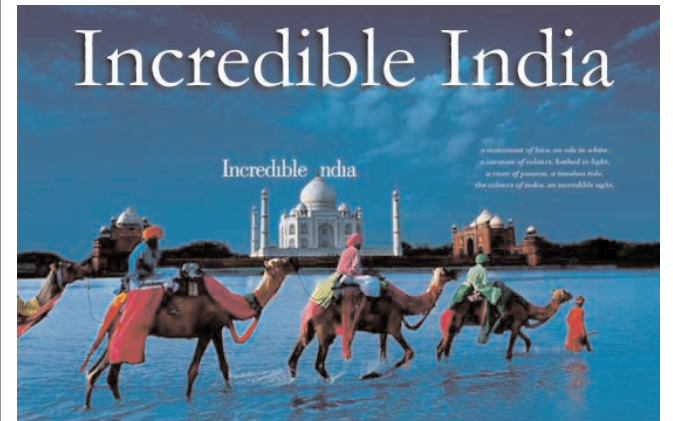
### 12 NOVEMBER



- 1946 Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya, founder of Banaras Hindu University and honored with Bharat Ratna, died in Uttar Pradesh.
- 1927 Mahatma Gandhi made his first and last visit to Ceylon.



- 2009 To promote tourism in India, the 'Incredible India' campaign of the Central Government was



awarded the World Travel Award.

### 13 NOVEMBER

- 1780 Sikh ruler Maharaja Ranjit Singh was born in Gujranwala, Pakistan.



- 2009 In Jharkhand, Naxalites have killed seven people including outgoing MLA Ramchandra Singh.
- 1892 Storyteller, prose writer Rai Krishnadas was born.

### 14 NOVEMBER

- 1681 East India Company announced to become a separate princely state of Bengal.
- 1889 India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru was born. Children's Day is celebrated on the occasion of his birthday.

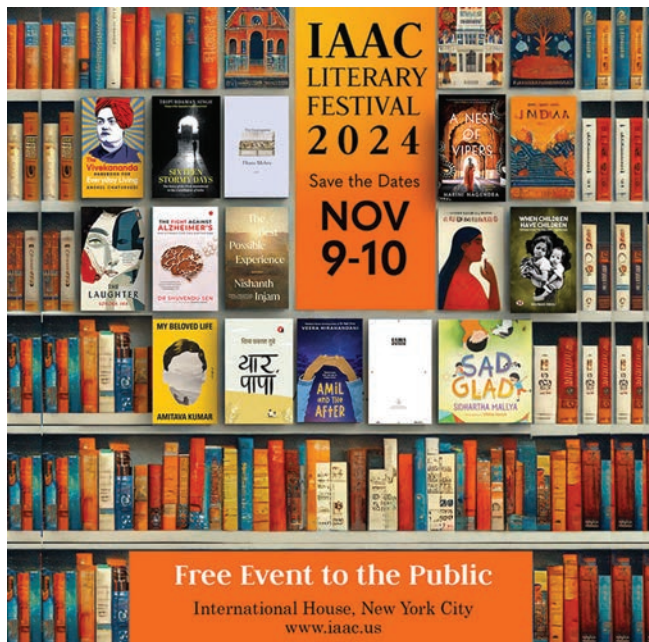


- 2006 The Foreign Secretaries of India and Pakistan agreed to create an anti-terrorism mechanism in New Delhi.
- 1955 Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) was inaugurated.
- 1958 Children's Day was officially announced on the occasion of the birthday of the first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru.
- 2009 15 coaches of the Mandore Superfast Express derailed near the Banskho gate in Jaipur, killing 6 passengers.



# LITERARY FEST CELEBRATES INDIAN & DIASPORIC VOICES IN THE BIG APPLE

BY MABEL PAIS



IAAC LITFEST 2024 Poster

Photo / Courtesy iaac.us

The Indo-American Arts Council (IAAC) presents once again its annual literary festival, bringing together acclaimed authors, poets, and literary grand masters for a weekend of engaging book talks, panel discussions, and performances. Held at the International House on November 9-10, 2024, the festival is free and open to all, offering audiences a unique opportunity to explore global Indian literature and culture.

## PARTNERS

McKinsey & Company has come onboard as a Knowledge Partner, adding a new dimension to this year's festival with their world-class insights and expertise. The Prabha Khaitan Foundation (PKF) returns for a second consecutive year as a key partner, reinforcing the festival's growing prominence as a premier celebration of Indian and global literature in New York City. Their support promises to elevate the IAAC Literary Festival to new heights!

## FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9



Author Puri in conversation with R. Unnikrishnan

Photo / Courtesy iaac.us

Lakshmi Murdeshwar Puri, author of 'Swallowing the Sun,' in conversation with Roopa Unnikrishnan

Sonora Jha, author of 'The Laughter,' in conversation with Sayu Bhojwani

Raghav Rao (author of 'Missy') and Nishanth Injam (author of 'The Best Possible Experience') in conversation with Prof. Makarand Paranjape

Beena Kamlani discusses 'The English Problem' Amitava Kumar, author of 'My Beloved Life,' in conversation with Beena Kamlani

Brook Eddy (author of 'STEEPED: Adventures of a Tea Entrepreneur') and

Chef Asma Khan (author of 'Monsoon') in conversation Shehla Rashid presents her book 'Role Models'

Prof. S. N. Sridhar (Editor) and Prof. Narayan Hegde (Translator) discuss 'The Kannada Mahabharata'

Alka Joshi, author of 'The Jaipur Trilogy,' in conversation with Shanelle Kaul

Tripurdaman Singh discusses 'Sixteen Stormy Days: Story of the First Amendment to the Constitution,' in conversation with Venkat Dhulipala

Industry panel featuring Priya Doraswamy and Lucia Macro in conversation with Prof. Makarand Paranjape

*A highlight of the festival's closing session on Saturday, November 9, will be a poetry panel featuring internationally acclaimed poets Guillermo Rodríguez Martín, Anand Thakore, Krishna Ramanujan, Kashiana Singh, and Diane Mehta moderated by Curator and poet Ravi Shankar. This session will explore powerful themes of identity, language, and culture, offering audiences an intimate look at these poets' creative journeys.*

**To end the evening on an exciting note, the festival will host a poetry slam where emerging poets and spoken word artists will compete to win a \$100 prize and a signed first edition of one of the featured authors' works. The poetry slam promises to be a vibrant showcase of contemporary voices, blending the artistry of performance with powerful storytelling.**

## SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10

Kalpna Raina, translator of 'For Now, It Is Night: Stories,' in conversation with Padma Bhushan Subhash Kak

Larry Bone (author of 'Myself Lost') and Shaun Fynn (author of 'Departures: A Journey with India') in conversation with Rakesh Kaul

Karthik Ramanna (author of 'The Age of Outrage: How to Lead in a Polarized World') and Ramesh Srinivasan (author of 'The Journey of Leadership: How CEOs Learn to Lead from the Inside Out') in conversation with Deepak Raj

Anshul Chaturvedi, author of 'The Vivekananda Handbook,' in conversation with Swami Sarvapriyananda

Veera Hiranandani, author of 'Amil and The After,' in conversation with Raakhee Mirchandani Siddhartha Mallya discusses his book 'Sad Glad,' in conversation with Ravina Aggarwal

Anu Sehgal (author of 'I am a Lotus') and Naumi Kak (author of 'Knotty Knots') in conversation with Ravina Aggarwal

**"With a diverse range of topics and literary works, the IAAC literary Festival provides a rare opportunity for readers to engage with authors, learn about their creative processes, and explore the many ways Indian culture and storytelling intersect with global conversations." added Preethi Urs, Literary Festival Director.**

*For more details and a full schedule of events, visit [iaac.us](http://iaac.us).*

## IAAC

The Indo-American Arts Council (IAAC.us) is an organization committed to promoting and showcasing the arts and artists of Indian heritage. IAAC programs include visual arts, film, dance, and literature, offering a platform for creative voices from the global Indian community.

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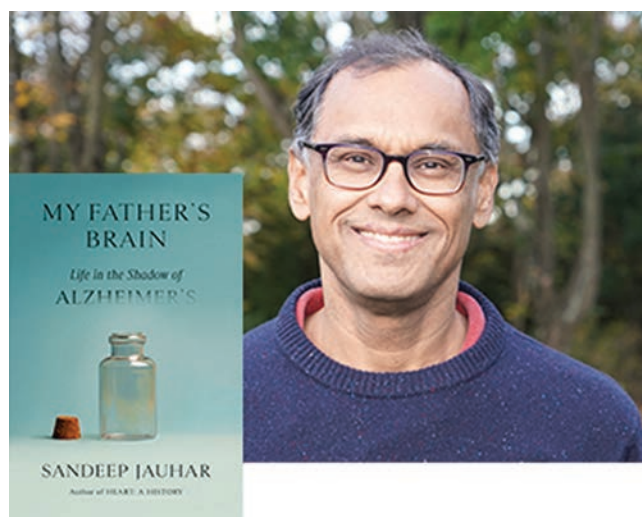


Author B. Ribhu in conversation with D. Khosla

Photo / Courtesy iaac.us

Bhuwan Ribhu, author of 'When Children Have Children: Tipping Point to End Child Marriage,' in conversation with Dinesh Khosla

Harini Nagendra, author of 'A Nest of Vipers,' in conversation with Shiv Rao



Author Sandeep Jauhar in conversation with Sanat Chattopadhyay

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Dr. Shuvendu Sen (author of 'The Fight Against Alzheimer's') and Dr. Sandeep Jauhar (author of 'My Father's Brain') in conversation with Dr. Sanat Chattopadhyay

Divya Prakash Dubey, author of 'Yaar Papa,' in conversation with Anoop Bhargava



# DOC NYC CELEBRATES FIFTEEN YEARS

BY MABEL PAIS

## Screening

Director ASIF KAPADIA's '2073'

Directors NISHTHA JAIN & AKASH BASUMATARI's 'Farming the Revolution'

And many, many more

**DOC NYC**, America's largest documentary festival - celebrating its 15th anniversary in-person, November 13-21 at IFC Center, SVA Theatre and Village East by Angelika and continuing online through December 1.

The 2024 festival presents more than 110 feature-length documentaries (including yet-to-be-announced Short List and Winner's Circle titles) among over 200 films and dozens of events, with filmmakers expected in person at most screenings.

"DOC NYC is honored to connect superb documentary art and artists with an appreciative public in New York City and across the U.S. in our virtual theater," said the festival's artistic director Jaie Laplante. "The filmmakers of this year's official selection have gifted us with engaging, vigorous work that provides us with new ways of looking at our world."

Included in the Festival lineup are 31 World Premieres and 24 U.S. premieres, with eight of those presented in the U.S. Competition, for new American-produced nonfiction films, and another eight featured in International Competition, for work from around the globe. The Kaleidoscope Competition for new essayistic and formally adventurous documentaries continues, while the festival's long-standing Metropolis Competition, showcasing New York stories and personalities, also returns. In addition, the festival includes thematically organized sections that spotlight new films on music, sports, activism, and more.

**Included in the U.S. premieres is Nishtha Jain's 'Farming the Revolution' from India.**



Farming the Revolution

Credit: docnyc.net

Domestic stories from New York City and the U.S. make up many of this year's World premieres.

Several filmmakers from DOC NYC's seventh annual 40 Under 40 cohort, spotlighting young creatives that are making an impact in the field of documentary, have featured film work in this year's festival.

Short-form content continues to be represented in the festival's Shorts Competition (94 films), DOC NYC U Competition (12 films representing student work from nine NYC schools), and an out-of-competition special presentation of the forthcoming Season 3 of Firelight Media/American Masters' acclaimed In The Making series (8 films).

Returning this year to partner with DOC NYC is Subject Matter, which will award a \$20,000 grant to support one social issue documentary's marketing and impact campaigns, alongside a \$20,000 grant to a nonprofit working on the issue featured in the film.

## DOC NYC 2024 FESTIVAL LINEUP

### Programme (by Section):

The following is a breakdown of programming by section (for screening details visit [www.docnyc.net](http://www.docnyc.net)):

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Opening Night

BLUE ROAD - THE EDNA O'BRIEN STORY (US

Premiere)

Director: Sinead O'Shea; Producers: Claire McCabe, Katie Holly, Barbara Broccoli

Feminist writer Edna O'Brien's diaries are brought to life, revealing her extraordinary writing and experiences in Ireland, London, and New York, and gifting us with her final testimony.

### Closing Night

DROP DEAD CITY - NEW YORK ON THE BRINK IN 1975 (World Premiere)

Directors/Producers: Peter Yost, Michael Rohatyn  
*Set in 1970s NYC, this gripping documentary reveals the city's fall from working-class haven to fiscal disaster, featuring firsthand accounts and vivid archival footage of a city on the brink.*

### Centerpiece Screening

ALL GOD'S CHILDREN (World Premiere)

Director: Ondi Timoner; Producers: Ondi Timoner, David Turner, Anthony Ervolino

*In Brooklyn, a rabbi and a Baptist pastor seek common ground - and mutual understanding - while working to combat conflicts they see escalating in their communities. (Also part of the U.S. Competition.)*

### SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Director/Co-Producer Asif Kapadia's '2073' makes its NYC Premiere.

Other Special presentations include

Victor Kossakovsky's 'ARCHITECTON' (NYC Premiere);

Directors Samuel Habib & Dan Habib's 'THE RIDE AHEAD' (NYC Premiere); Director Reiner Holzemer's 'THOM BROWNE: THE MAN WHO TAILORS DREAMS' (World Premiere).

### U.S. COMPETITION

Eight films are presented in this category.

#### INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Eight films are featured in this competition.

#### METROPOLIS COMPETITION

Featuring NEW YORK STORIES in this section are eight films.

#### KALEIDOSCOPE COMPETITION

Featuring NEW DOCUMENTARY VISIONS are five films.

#### AMERICAN STORIES

Featuring STATES OF BEING IN THE UNION are eight films.

#### COME AS YOU ARE

Featuring STRIVING TO FIND YOUR PLACE are eight films.

#### FIGHT THE POWER

Featuring STORIES OF ACTIVISM are seven films.

#### GAME FACE CINEMA

Featuring THE DRAMA OF SPORT are four films.

#### INVESTIGATIONS

Featuring EXPOSING THE TRUTH are seven films.

#### PORTRAITS

Featuring PROFILES OF SINGULAR INDIVIDUALS are eight films.

#### RESILIENCE

Featuring STANDING STRONG IN THE FACE OF TRAUMA are four films.

#### SONIC CINEMA

Featuring MOVIES ABOUT MUSIC are ten films.

#### VOICES OF CANADA

A showcase of the Canadian titles that are represented throughout the festival's sections.

There are four feature films and twelve short films.

#### SHORTS PROGRAMS

There are 94 shorts participating in the juried Shorts Competition, in the following 20 programs:

#### SHORTS: THE AMERICAN DREAM

Calling out the contradictions - and sometimes hypocrisies - of the American Dream.

#### SHORTS: ARTSCAPES

Glimpses into the artistic processes of brilliant

creators across disciplines.

#### SHORTS: CARETAKERS

Tenderhearted people taking care of each other.

#### SHORTS: A CHILD'S EYE

Witnessing life through the eyes of youth.

#### SHORTS: CLIMATE COUNTDOWN

The ticking clock of our climate crisis.

#### SHORTS: COLLECTIONS

Dedicated to the art of collecting toys, memorabilia, and works of art.

#### SHORTS: FAR FROM HOME

Humans on the move!

#### SHORTS: GATHERED ECHOES

The past reverberates in our present reality in these conceptual documentaries.

#### SHORTS: GENERATIONS

What binds and separates generations of families.

#### SHORTS: HIDDEN HISTORIES

Discovering the illuminating backstories of various touchstones in our culture.

#### SHORTS: INSIDE AND OUT

Identifying the borders and institutions that divide us.

#### SHORTS: LET'S EAT

Dine on these delicious food films.

#### SHORTS: LOVE FOR THE GAME

Sports stories with clear eyes and full hearts.

#### SHORTS: MAKE ME LAUGH

Three humorous shorts that will make you laugh and cry at the same time.

#### SHORTS: NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Our beloved city through the eyes of many.

#### SHORTS: OUR BODIES

A program dedicated to learning and loving our bodies.

#### SHORTS: THE PEOPLE VS.

Stories about those who fight for a better future for all.

#### SHORTS: A PLACE LIKE THIS

Capturing the magic of the places that bring us together.

#### SHORTS: PROFILES

Portraits and profiles of unique individuals with filmmaking to match.

#### SHORTS: SHE STORIES

Women share their stories from in front of, and behind, the camera.

#### DOC NYC U COMPETITION

DOC NYC U features 12 short documentaries from students across the five boroughs. These two programs showcase competition finalists from Brooklyn College, City University of New York, Fashion Institute of Technology, Hunter College, The New School, New York Film Academy, New York University, Pratt Institute, and the School of Visual Arts.

#### DOC NYC U: COMMUNITY

This collection of student shorts capture the essence of community, whether it's the sounds of a city, or the people we meet along the way.

#### DOC NYC U: FAMILY MATTERS

Students from the five boroughs document family stories across the globe.

#### SHORTS: IN THE MAKING

Screening as an out-of-competition special presentation, Season 3 of this short film series from American Masters and Firelight Media follows artists on their way to becoming masters of their disciplines.

TICKETS & PASSES : Festival tickets and passes may be purchased at [docnyc.net](http://docnyc.net).

DOC NYC : Learn more at [docnyc.net](http://docnyc.net).

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# NJPAC HOSTS 13TH JAZZ FEST

BY MABEL PAIS



Jazz Fest performers

Photo : Courtesy njpac.org

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

WHEN: November 7 - 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)

## \*\*LISTING OF PERFORMANCES:

Paquito D'Rivera with New Jersey Symphony (Nov 7, 8 & 10)  
Tribute to Funk! with Bilal, Nona Hendryx, Christian McBride, Savion Glover, Vernon Reid, George Clinton, and More (Nov 14)  
NJMEA All-State Jazz Band + Choir (Nov 15)  
Tyshawn Sorey Trio featuring Aaron Diehl and Harish Raghavan and Sandbox Percussion (Nov 15)  
WBGO Children's Concert with Davell Crawford (Nov 16)  
Madeleine Peyroux (Nov 16)  
Cindy Blackman Santana (Nov 17)  
Jazz Jams @ Clement's Place (Nov 21)  
Bethany Baptist Jazz Vespers @ 25 Honoring Rev. M. William Howard, Jr. (Nov 21)  
John Pizzarelli & Catherine Russell: BILLIE & BLUE EYES (Nov 22)  
Dorado Schmitt and Sons: Django Festival All-Stars (Nov 23)  
Kronos Quartet (Nov 23)  
Philip Bailey, Lisa Fischer, Dianne Reeves and Christian McBride Big Band (Nov 23)  
Dorthaan's Place: Brandee Younger Trio (Nov 24)  
13th Annual Sarah Vaughan International Jazz Vocal Competition (Nov 24)

## PROGRAM INFORMATION (SUBJECT TO CHANGE):

THU 11.07-SUN 11.10 Paquito D'Rivera with New Jersey Symphony  
THU 11.07 @ 1:30 p.m. @ NJPAC  
FRI 11.08 @ 8:00 p.m. @ NJPAC  
SUN 11.10 @ 3:00 p.m. @ Mayo Performing Arts Center  
Carlos Miguel Prieto - conductor  
Paquito D'Rivera - clarinet & co-curator  
Paquito D'Rivera Quintet  
Amber Monroe - soprano  
New Jersey Symphony

In this special trio of performances Nov 7, 8 and 10, he performs as a guest soloist, along with his phenomenal Quintet, with the New Jersey Symphony. D'Rivera puts his own signature jazzy swing on Mozart's Clarinet Concerto, a medley of Gershwin's unforgettable hits, and more.

Locations: NJPAC's Prudential Hall & Mayo Performing Arts Center.



Funk performers

Photo : Courtesy njpac.org

**THU 11.14 @ 7:30 p.m. Tribute to Funk! with Bilal, Nona Hendryx, Christian McBride, Savion Glover, Vernon Reid, George Clinton and Ray Chew**

It's an unmissable night with the living legends of funk. Featuring appearances by:

Bilal, the GRAMMY®-winning soul singer and songwriter. In addition to his award for "These Walls," he was nominated for his songs "Little One" and "Matter," and for his contributions to Kendrick Lamar's To Pimp a Butterfly.

Nona Hendryx of Labelle, celebrating 50 years of the hit song "Lady Marmalade." The pioneering songwriter, vocalist, activist and multimedia artist is still breaking boundaries with her ambitious fusion of technology, music, art and performance.

Christian McBride, the luminous 16x GRAMMY® nominee and 8x winner who plays everything from Monk to Funk. Bassist, composer, bandleader and NJPAC Jazz Advisor.

Savion Glover, the TONY Award-winning tap dancer extraordinaire of Bring in 'da Noise, Bring in 'da Funk; The Tap Dance Kid; Jelly's Last Jam and Shuffle Along. Tap legend Gregory Hines calls him "possibly the best tap dancer that ever lived."

Vernon Reid, the GRAMMY®-winning guitarist and founder of Living Colour. "His rampant eclecticism encompasses everything from heavy metal and punk to funk, R&B and avant-garde jazz, and his anarchic, lightning-fast solos have become something of a hallmark" (AllMusic).

George Clinton, the Godfather of Funk. The frontman of Parliament-Funkadelic is one of funk music's foremost innovators, with a career spanning five decades, three dozen albums and sweeping musical influence.

With Music Director Ray Chew (Dancing with the Stars, Showtime at the Apollo, SNL).

**Location: NJPAC's Prudential Hall.**

**FRI 11.15 @ 7:00 p.m. NJMEA / All State Jazz Band and Choir**

NJMEA Jazz Band  
NJMEA Jazz Choir

Catch the next generation of great jazz artists from New Jersey. This annual concert event, co-presented by NJPAC's Arts Education Department and the New Jersey Music Educators Association, brings together some of the very best young musicians and vocalists from across the state for a dynamic group performance. Performers include NJMEA All-State Jazz Band and NJMEA All-State Jazz Choir.

**Location: NJPAC's Chase Room.**

**FRI 11.15 @ 7:30 p.m. Tyshawn Sorey Trio (featuring Aaron Diehl and Harish Raghavan) and Sandbox Percussion East Coast premiere**

Tyshawn Sorey - percussion  
Aaron Diehl - piano  
Harish Raghavan - bass  
Sandbox Percussion - percussion

2024 marks the Centennial of the birth of jazz pioneer Max Roach (1924-2007). His legacy and music are explored in this unique concert led by breakout percussionist Tyshawn Sorey. A MacArthur Fellow, Pulitzer Prize winner, composer, and multi-instrumentalist, Sorey grew up in Newark, New Jersey, and attended Newark Arts High School. As a teenager, he participated in NJPAC's very own JAZZ FOR TEENS program. Coming full circle, this Nov 15th performance marks his NJPAC debut as a leader. He will lead his all-star Trio comprising pianist Aaron Diehl and bassist Harish Raghavan, followed by the GRAMMY-nominated chamber percussion quartet Sandbox Percussion (Ian Rosenbaum, Jonny Allen, Terry Sweeney and Victor Caccese).

The two groups will perform their own sets highlighting Roach's impact across musical worlds. Then, they'll join forces for the East Coast premiere of a new work co-commissioned by NJPAC, a through-composed multi-movement piece paying tribute to Roach's groundbreaking M'Boom ensemble. Partial support for the development of this work was provided by NJPAC with the approval of the Max Roach estate.

**Location: NJPAC's Victoria Theater.**

**\*\*JAZZ EVENTS AFTER NOVEMBER 15 will be featured in the next issue.**

## TICKETS

For tickets to each of the events, visit NJPAC.org

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## Salman Khan receives another threat

Two days after receiving a death threat allegedly from the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, actor Salman Khan received yet another threat message on Thursday, November 7. As per ANI, a case has been registered against an unknown person by Worli police in Mumbai.

ANI reports that Mumbai Police said on Friday, November 8, morning, "A threat message for actor Salman Khan from the Lawrence Bishnoi gang was received at the Mumbai Traffic Control Room last night. A case has been registered against an unknown person by Worli Police. Investigation underway." Details of the new threat are yet to be ascertained.

A Mumbai correspondent of Hindustan Times reported, "Yet another message was received by the Mumbai Traffic Police Helpline number, demanding ₹5 crore from Bollywood Star, Salman Khan. The message further threatened the star. The purported members of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang even threatened to kill a songwriter who wrote a song on Lawrence Bishnoi in one month's time and said whoever supports the actor will be eliminated. They asked the actor to save the writer if he can. The Traffic police has informed the Worli police who are in the process of registering an FIR in the matter and tracing the message sender."

Previously, on November 5, Mumbai Police had received a threatening message targeting actor Salman Khan, allegedly from the Lawrence Bishnoi gang. The threat gave the actor an ultimatum: either apologise or pay Rs 5 crore to ensure his safety.

# KJo announces Lakshya, Ananya Panday's next film Chand Mera Dil

Producer Karan Johar announced his upcoming film, Chand Mera Dil, featuring actors Lakshya Lalwani and Ananya Panday in the lead roles. Directed by Vivek Soni, the film is expected to hit theatres in 2025, with an official release date to be announced later.

Johar introduced the project through social media, sharing four posters, with the caption, "We have two chands ready to bring an intense & passionate love story like no other!!! Pyaar mein thoda paagal hona hi padta hai. (sic)"

For Ananya Panday, this new project follows her recent appearance in Vikramaditya Motwane's CTRL, where she starred alongside Vihaan Samat, earning praise for her performance.

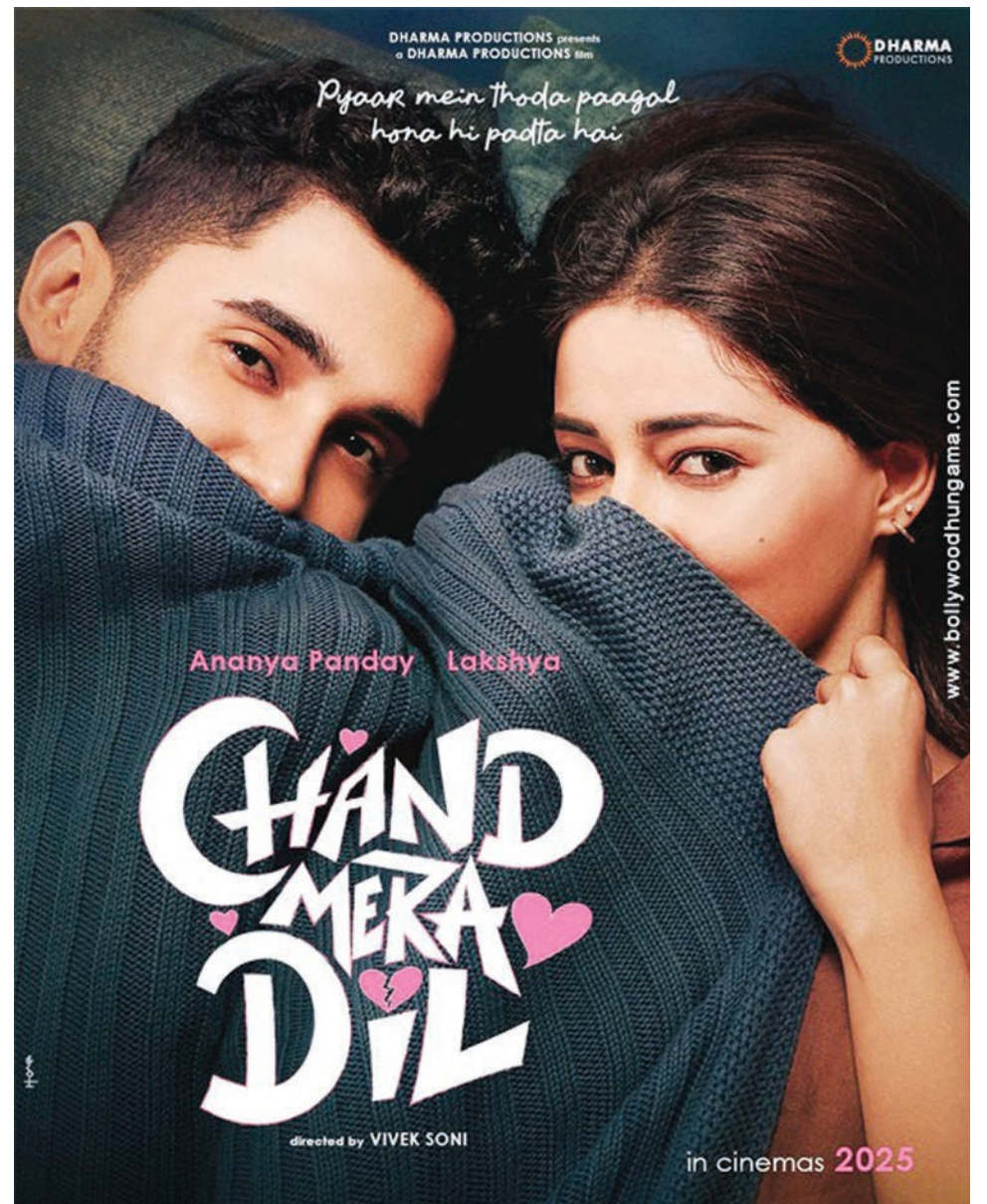
Meanwhile, Lakshya Lalwani was last seen in the action-thriller Kill, where he appeared alongside Raghav Juyal.

Other details of the project are not yet known, but it marks Ananya and Lakshya's first collaboration together.

Lakshya, last seen in Kill, has landed another project with Karan Johar's Dharma Productions, where he will star opposite Ananya Panday. Lakshya shared a post on Instagram and hinted that the film will most likely be announced today. Details of the project are not yet known, but it marks their first collaboration together.

In a complete shift from his action-packed role, Lakshya is set to take on a romantic lead in a new project starting in 2025. The film is reportedly believed to be directed by Vivek Soni, known for Meenakshi Sundareshwar, featuring Sanya Malhotra and Abhimanyu Dassani in 2021.

Lakshya's recent release, the action-packed Kill, turned out to be one of



2024's surprise hits. Co-starring Raghav Juyal and Tanya Maniktala, the film featured Lakshya as an NSG commando. Directed by Nikhil Nagesh Bhat and produced by Dharma

Productions, it garnered attention for its intense action sequences and sharp screenplay. However, some critics felt it was excessively violent for Indian audiences.

## Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 fastest film to cross Rs 150-cr mark



Kartik Aaryan's Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 had a monumental first week at the box office. The horror-comedy sustained momentum throughout the weekdays following a stellar opening weekend around Diwali. Despite facing the biggest clash with a multi-starrer, Singham Again, Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 earned Rs 158.25 crore on Day 7. As per early estimates, Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 collected Rs 9.50 crore on Thursday, Nov 7, its seventh day in theaters, reflecting only an 11 per cent drop from Wednesday's earnings. With this, the film's lifetime net collections in India have reached Rs158.25 crore, making it Kartik Aaryan's fastest movie to cross the Rs 150-crore milestone. Given its current momentum, it is expected to surpass the Rs 200-crore mark in its second week. Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 has broken several records, surpassing the lifetime collections of Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar and Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani within six days of its release. The film, which hit theatres on November 1, has

grossed an impressive Rs 158.25 crore in just a week, surpassing the Rs 149.05 crore lifetime earnings of Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar and the Rs 153.60 crore of Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani, both of which had a longer run in theatres.

Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 is the third installment of the hit horror-comedy franchise Bhool Bhulaiyaa, which released in 2007 starring Akshay Kumar and Vidya Balan. After 17 years, Vidya made her comeback to the franchise, reprising her role as Manjulika. Madhuri Dixit has made a new entry to the franchise along with Triptii.

Directed by Anees Bazmee, the film continues the story of the iconic haunted mansion, blending spine-tingling horror with doses of comedy. Kartik Aaryan's portrayal of Rooh Baba, alongside an ensemble cast including Vidya Balan, Madhuri Dixit and Triptii Dimri, along with a talented bunch of supporting cast including Vijay Raaz, Sanjay Mishra, Ashwini Kalsekar has been loved by the audiences.



## Richard Gere is leaving America, sells Connecticut home for \$11 million

Hollywood star Richard Gere is leaving the US. The actor is planning to move to Spain, according to reports. Gere has reportedly sold his Connecticut property for 11 million dollars, which he had originally bought for 10.8 million dollars.

Gere resided in the home with his wife, Alejandra Silva, and had hoped to convert it into a farm at one point, according to reports.

According to People Magazine, the 1938 home has six bedrooms, 11 bathrooms, a pool as well as gardens.

The couple, who got married in 2018, have lived together in the US for the past six years. However, Gere had shared earlier that he wanted to move to Spain in order for his wife to be closer to her relatives.

"For Alejandra, it will be wonderful to be closer to her family, her lifelong friends and her culture. She was very generous in giving me six years of living in my world, so it is only fair that I give her at least another six living in hers," the actor had said at the time to Vanity Fair. During the interview, Gere also revealed that he has property in New York, which he plans to maintain. On the work front, Richard Gere was last seen in the movie Longing.

## Robert Downey Jr threatens legal action against AI replicas of Tony Stark

Robert Downey Jr has expressed firm opposition to the possibility of his portrayal as Tony Stark being recreated through artificial intelligence, stating that he would take legal action against any future Marvel executives who attempt to use his likeness posthumously.

In a recent appearance on the On With Kara Swisher podcast, the Oscar-winning actor declared his intention to "sue all future executives" if an AI version of his Iron Man character is ever created without his consent.

Downey underscored his belief that Marvel's current decision-makers would never consider using AI to replicate his role as Iron Man.

"I am not worried about them hijacking my character's soul because there's like three or four guys and gals who make all the decisions there anyway, and they would never do that to me, with or without me," he commented.

However, when Swisher reminded him that these executives would eventually be succeeded, Downey reaffirmed his stance, adding that his law firm would continue the legal pursuit even after his passing. "You're right," Downey conceded. "I would like to here state that I intend to sue all future executives just on spec."

# New Star Wars film trilogy in the works, won't be connected with Skywalker saga



The galaxy far, far away is coming back to the big screen soon. Reuters reported on Thursday that a new Star Wars film trilogy is in the works. The trilogy will be the first since the Skywalker saga—the nine-film tale of Darth Vader and Emperor Palpatine—ended in 2019.

### The New Star Wars trilogy

Reuters quoted a source familiar with the matter saying that the new trilogy is in the early stages of development at Walt Disney Co, and is being written by X-Men producer Simon Kinberg.

Kinberg has previously worked in the

Star Wars universe. He famously co-created the critically-acclaimed and fan-favourite animated series Star Wars Rebels. As per the report, he will also produce the movies alongside Lucasfilm President Kathleen Kennedy.

Disney has not released a Star Wars film in theatres since 2019's The Rise of Skywalker, the ninth episode in the main series.

The new trilogy will begin with a fresh story and is not related to the Skywalker saga, the source said. No other details on the plot or the timeline were provided. It is unclear then if the first film will be titled Episode 10 or

something else entirely.

### About Star Wars

Star Wars, created by George Lucas, is one of the most successful film franchises of all time. The original trilogy was released from 1977-83. A new prequel trilogy was launched in the late '90s. It focused on the early years of Vader and how he transformed into the villain from the righteous Jedi knight Anakin Skywalker. A space western of sorts, the tale of good vs evil, the movies have collected more than \$5 billion in global ticket sales since the release of the first installment in 1977.

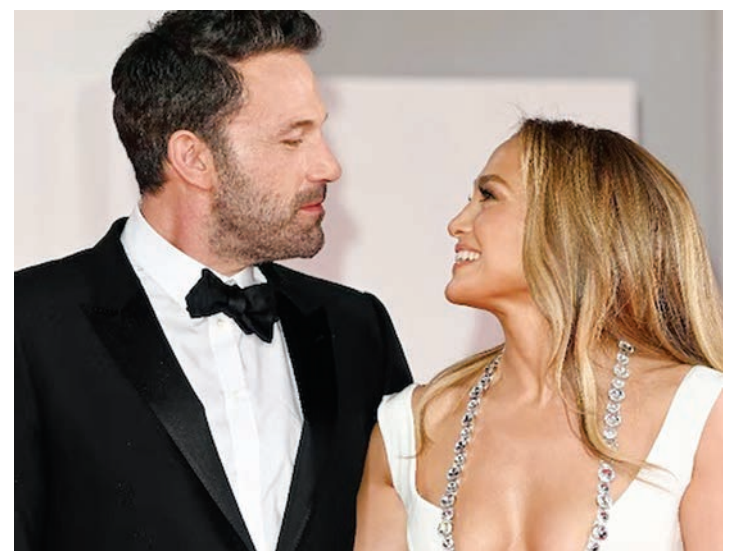
## Ben Affleck praises ex-wife Jennifer Lopez's performance in Unstoppable

Hollywood star Ben Affleck has showered praise on his former partner and artiste Jennifer Lopez for her performance in the film Unstoppable. Affleck called the actor's act in the movie "spectacular," reported Entertainment Tonight. Unstoppable has been co-produced by Affleck and his longtime friend Matt Damon.

Unstoppable tells the inspiring story of wrestler Anthony Robles, who triumphed to win the NCAA national championship despite being born with just one leg. In the film, Robles is portrayed by Jharrel Jerome, known for his role in Moonlight, while Lopez plays his mother, Judy.

Affleck said the film, which is yet to release in cinemas, has been winning the hearts of critics because it is "rooted in the passion of really talented artistes. It kind of speaks to a certain kind of thing I guess we're drawn to, which is we really believe in the power of storytelling when the people involved in it are deeply emotionally connected to the story," said the actor. Unstoppable premiered at the Toronto Film Festival and will hit cinemas on December 6.

Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez got married in August,



2022. Lopez reportedly filed for divorce a couple of months ago, on their second wedding anniversary.





## CHINA TO UNVEIL MUCH-ANTICIPATED ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE

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**BEIJING (TIP):** China is expected to announce much-anticipated steps to boost its flagging economy November 8 at the end of this week's meeting of its legislature.

Analysts say bold, multi-trillion yuan measures are needed to reinvigorate the world's second-largest economy, which has yet to bounce back fully from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The central bank loosened restrictions on borrowing in late September, sparking a stock market rally, but economists say the government needs to do more to ignite a sustained recovery.

Government officials have indicated that could come at this week's meeting of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, which must give official approval to any new spending. The economy has shown signs of life in the last two months. Purchase subsidies offered to people who trade in old cars or appliances for new ones helped auto sales rebound in September.

A survey of manufacturers turned positive in October after five straight months of decline, and exports surged 12.7% last month, the largest increase in more than two years. For most of the year, the ruling Communist Party appeared more focused on addressing long-term structural issues with the economy rather than short-term ones.

Previous steps to boost the economy were piecemeal, seemingly aimed at keeping the economy afloat rather than sparking a robust recovery.

In recent weeks, the party has signaled a growing concern about the economy's sluggishness as it tries to meet its goal of achieving growth of around 5% this year. The central bank's monetary easing was followed by government pronouncements that it still has ample funds to pump into the economy.

Still, the longer-term goals of transforming China into a high-tech and green energy economy seem likely to remain the chief aims of the Communist Party, which doesn't face election pressures like the ones that toppled the Democrats and swept Donald Trump's Republicans to power in America this week. (PTI)

# European climate agency says this will likely be the hottest year on record — again

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**CHICAGO (TIP):** For the second year in a row, Earth will almost certainly be the hottest it's ever been. And for the first time, the globe this year reached more than 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) of warming compared to the pre-industrial average, the European climate agency Copernicus said November 7.

"It's this relentless nature of the warming that I think is worrying," said Carlo Buontempo, director of Copernicus.

Buontempo said the data clearly shows the planet would not see such a long sequence of record-breaking temperatures without the constant increase of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere driving global warming.

He cited other factors that contribute to exceptionally warm years like last year and this one. They include El Nino — the temporary warming of parts of the Pacific that changes weather worldwide — as well as volcanic eruptions that spew water vapor into the air and variations in energy from the sun. But he and other scientists say the long-term increase in temperatures beyond fluctuations like El Nino is a bad sign.

"A very strong El Nino event is a sneak peek into what the new normal will be about a decade from now," said Zeke Hausfather, a research scientist with the nonprofit Berkeley Earth.

News of a likely second year of record heat comes a day after US Republican Donald Trump, who has



called climate change a "hoax" and promised to boost oil drilling and production, was reelected to the presidency. It also comes days before the next UN climate conference, called COP29, is set to begin in Azerbaijan. Talks are expected to focus on how to generate trillions of dollars to help the world transition to clean energies like wind and solar and avoid more warming.

Also on Thursday, a report released by the United Nations Environment Programme called for increased funds to adapt to global heating and its consequences. It found that the \$28 billion spent worldwide to adapt to climate change in 2022 — the latest year

the data is available — is an all time high. But it's still far short of the estimated \$187 to \$359 billion needed every year to deal with the heat, floods, droughts and storms exacerbated by climate change.

"Earth's ablaze," said UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres in a pre-recorded statement marking the report's release. "Humanity's torching the planet and paying the price" with the vulnerable most affected, he said.

"Frankly, there is no excuse for the world not to get serious about adaptation," said UNEP's director Inger Andersen. "We need well-financed and effective adaptation that incorporates fairness and equity." (AP)

## Netanyahu orders rescue planes for Israeli football fans in Amsterdam

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**JERUSALEM (TIP): PRIME** Minister Benjamin Netanyahu sent two rescue planes to the Netherlands on November 8 after Israeli football fans were reportedly injured in violence in Amsterdam.

"Prime Minister Netanyahu views the horrifying incident with utmost gravity and demands that the Dutch government and security forces take vigorous and swift action against the rioters, and ensure the safety of our citizens," his office said in a statement.

The prime minister's office did not say what led to the "very violent incident against Israeli citizens", but Dutch media AT5 reported that fights broke out Thursday night between fans at a Europa League match involving Maccabi Tel-Aviv and Ajax.

The report said numerous fights, as well as acts of vandalism, had occurred in the city centre.

"A large number of mobile unit vehicles are present and reinforcements have also been called in," it said.



The Israeli embassy in the United States said "hundreds" of Maccabi fans were "ambushed and attacked in Amsterdam tonight as they left the stadium following a game".

In its post on social media platform X, the embassy blamed the incident on a "mob who targeted innocent Israelis".

A Dutch police spokesperson told ANP news agency that 57 people had been arrested.

Israel's new foreign minister Gideon Saar said in a statement that he had requested the Dutch government's assistance in ensuring Israeli citizens' safe exit from their hotels to the airport.

Images on AT5 showed Dutch police escorting fans back to their hotels.

On Thursday, Amsterdam police said on social media that they were being particularly vigilant in the wake of several incidents, including the tearing down of a Palestinian flag from a building.

A pro-Palestinian rally demonstrating against the Israeli football club's visit was initially scheduled to take place near the stadium but was relocated by the Amsterdam city council for security reasons.

Dutch PM denounces 'anti-Semitic attacks' after football match

Dutch Prime Minister Dick Schoof denounced on Friday "unacceptable anti-Semitic attacks on Israelis", following clashes that reportedly erupted after a football match in Amsterdam overnight.

"I followed with horror the coverage from Amsterdam. Completely unacceptable anti-Semitic attacks on Israelis," he wrote on X, adding that he had spoken with his Israeli counterpart Benjamin Netanyahu to assure him that "the perpetrators will be tracked down and prosecuted". (AFP)



# Canadian cops arrest one for inciting violence during protest at Hindu Sabha Mandir in Brampton

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**TORONTO (TIP):** Canadian Police has arrested one person who was later released on bail and booked two others for inciting violence during demonstrations held at Hindu Sabha Mandir in Brampton.

As per the statement by the Peel Regional Police, investigators from 21 Division Criminal Investigations Bureau have arrested and charged an individual involved in the protests at a temple in Brampton.

On November 4, Peel Regional Police responded to a large demonstration at a mandir on The Gore Road in Brampton. As tensions between opposing sides increased, the Public Order Unit was deployed to ensure the safety of all participants.

"Police began investigating several offences that occurred during the demonstrations, many of which were captured on video. In one video, an individual is captured using a loudspeaker to incite violence, calling for groups to storm Sikh temples," read the statement.

It further added, "On November 6 Ranendra Lal Banerjee, a 57-year-old man from Toronto was arrested and charged with Public incitement of hatred contrary to section 319 (1) of the Criminal Code of Canada. He was



released with conditions and is to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton at a later date."

Arrest warrants have been issued since then for 24-year-old Armaan Gahlot of Kitchener and 22-year-old Arpit of no fixed address for the following offences: Uttering Threats to Cause Death or Bodily Harm, Conspiracy to Commit Assault with a Weapon, Conspiracy to Commit

Mischief. As investigators make attempts to locate, they are encouraged to seek legal counsel and turn themselves into the police.

"Peel Regional Police is committed to respecting an individual's right to protest, as per the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Any acts of violence, threats or vandalism will not be tolerated. We appreciate the cooperation of those who remained

peaceful during these events. Peel Regional Police has since formed a Strategic Investigative Team dedicated to investigating all incidents of criminality during the November 3 and 4 incidents," further read the statement.

Peel Regional Police officer, Tyler Bell in a video posted on X on stated, "Following the demonstrations, several videos' started to circulate online which captured several offences taking place including a video of an individual using a loudspeaker inciting violence and hatred, as the result of the ongoing investigations into the offences, peer police have arrested Ranendra Lal Banerjee."

Tyler said that the warrant was issued against the two for "uttering threats to cause death or bodily harm, conspiracy to commit- assault with a weapon, conspiracy to commit- mischief."

Over a thousand Canadian Hindus gathered at the Hindu Sabha Mandir in Brampton to express their outrage over the repeated attacks on Hindu temples in Canada. They also pressed the Justin Trudeau government to take stricter actions against the extremists attacking these religious sites.

Earlier, a Peel Regional Police officer had suspended Sergeant Harinder Sohi after being identified in the protest videos. (PTI)

# Runway fire breaks out at Sydney Airport after emergency landing

**QANTAS DID NOT SAY HOW MANY PASSENGERS WERE ON BOARD THE TWIN JET BOEING 737-800 BOUND FOR BRISBANE WHEN THE ENGINE FAILED WITH A LOUD BANG. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED.**

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**WELLINGTON (TIP):** An engine failure on a passenger plane taking off from Sydney, Australia on November 8 prompted the aircraft to circle before a safe emergency landing, the airline Qantas said.

At the same time, a grass fire broke out along one side of a runway, Sydney Airport said in a statement. It was not known if the two events were linked. The fire has been brought under control, but flight delays are expected.

Qantas did not say how many passengers were on board the twin jet Boeing 737-800 bound for Brisbane when the engine failed with a loud bang. No injuries were reported.

"We understand this would have been a distressing experience for customers and we will be contacting all customers this afternoon to provide support," Qantas Chief Pilot Captain Richard Tobiano said in a statement. "We will also be conducting an investigation into what caused the engine issue."



Sydney Airport said its main runway was still in service. The grass fire broke out along the side of a parallel runway which was being inspected before it could be used again, the airport said in a statement.

It said delays were expected and advised travelers to check their flight's

status with the airline.

Mark Willacy, an Australian Broadcasting Corp. reporter, told the news outlet that an off-duty pilot who was a passenger on the plane had helped the Qantas pilot during the emergency landing.

A flight tracking website shows the

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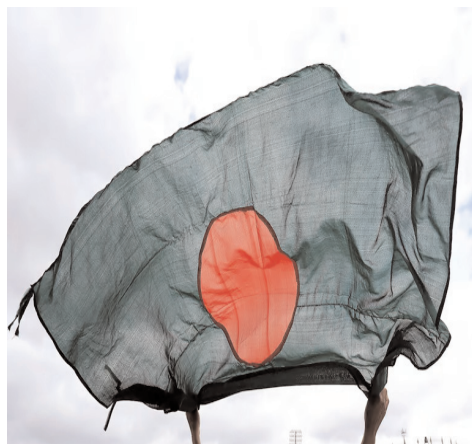
Earlier today a Brisbane bound flight made an emergency-return to Sydney Airport, landing safely just after 1pm. This departure of aircraft coincided with a grass fire along the eastern side of the airport's parallel runway, which was brought under control by teams from the Aviation Rescue Fire Fighting Service. It's not clear at this stage if the two incidents are linked and investigations are continuing.

With the safe arrival of the aircraft, Sydney Airport's priority is to conduct a full inspection of its parallel runway and to return it to service as quickly as possible. Sydney Airport's main runway is operational, however passengers should also expect some delays and we thank everyone for their patience.

Passengers who are travelling today are also encouraged to check with their airline regarding the status of their flight, or at <http://sydneyairport.com.au/flights>

aircraft was airborne for about 20 minutes, flying in circles above the airport. (Sources)





## ALL MEMBERS OF BANGLADESH HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION RESIGN

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**DHAKA (TIP):** All members of Bangladesh's National Human Rights Commission resigned on November 8, three months after the interim government took charge.

National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) chairman Kamal Uddin Ahmed and five other members submitted their resignation letters to the president on Thursday, news portal BDNews24.com said.

The resignations come days after the Commission's report highlighted a rise in mob violence in the country.

The commission's full-time members—Md Salim Reza, Aminul Islam, Kongjari Chowdhury, Biswajit Chanda, and Tania Haque—also tendered their resignations.

The commission was appointed by former president Md Abdul Hamid in December 2022.

BDNews24.com quoted the commission's spokesperson Yusha Rahman, who confirmed the resignations, but when asked to clarify the reason, he said, "I am unaware (of the reason)."

Several governmental departments underwent substantial reshuffles and saw numerous resignations following the former prime minister Sheikh Hasina's abrupt resignation on August 5.

Hasina resigned and fled to India following widespread protests against her Awami League-led government over a controversial job quota system.

Earlier, in its monthly report, the NHRC highlighted a rise in crimes such as mob beatings, rapes, and other offences in October, the news portal said.

It also documented political harassment, assaults on political leaders, and other violent acts.

Two days after the report's release, all commission members tendered their resignations," BDNews24.com said.

Communal tensions rose in the country after Hasina's resignation, with over 2,000 reported attacks against the minority Hindu community since then. (PTI)

# Lahore air quality dips to record low, forces closure of schools

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**LAHORE (TIP):** Unprecedented air pollution levels in Pakistan's second-largest city of Lahore prompted authorities to take emergency measures on November 4, including issuing work-from-home mandates and closing primary schools.

The city held the top spot on a real-time list of the world's most polluted cities on Sunday after recording its highest-ever pollution reading of 1,900 near the Pakistan-India border on Saturday, based on data released by the provincial government and Swiss group IQAir.

The government has shut primary schools for a week, advising parents to ensure children wear masks, said Senior Minister of Punjab Marriyum Aurangzeb during a press conference, as a thick blanket of smog enveloped the city.

Citizens have been urged to stay indoors, keep doors and windows shut, and avoid unnecessary travel, she said, adding that hospitals had been given smog counters.

To reduce vehicle pollution, 50 per cent of office employees would work



from home, said Aurangzeb.

The government has also imposed a ban on three-wheelers known as rickshaws and halted construction in certain areas to reduce the pollution levels. Factories and construction sites failing to comply with these regulations could be shut down, she said.

Aurangzeb described the situation as "unexpected" and attributed the deterioration in air quality to winds carrying pollution from neighbouring

India.

"This cannot be solved without talks with India," she said, adding the provincial government would initiate talks with its bigger neighbour through Pakistan's foreign ministry.

The smog crisis in Lahore, similar to the situation in India's capital Delhi, tends to worsen during cooler months due to temperature inversion trapping pollution closer to the ground. (Reuters)

# Myanmar's conflict-torn Rakhine state could face an imminent acute famine, UN report warns

**UNITED NATIONS (TIP):** Myanmar's Rakhine state, home to the Rohingya minority and engulfed in conflict between government forces and a powerful ethnic group, could face an imminent acute famine, the United Nations development agency warned in a new report.

The UN Development Program said in the report issued November 8 that "a perfect storm is brewing" which has put western Rakhine "on the precipice of an unprecedented disaster."

It pointed to a chain of interlinked developments including restrictions on goods from elsewhere in Myanmar and neighboring Bangladesh, the absence of income for residents, hyperinflation, significantly reduced food production, and a lack of essential services and social safety net.

As a result, UNDP said, "an already highly vulnerable population may be on the brink of collapse in the coming months."

Buddhist-majority Myanmar has long considered the Rohingya Muslim minority to be "Bengalis" from Bangladesh even though their families have lived in the country for generations. Nearly all have been denied citizenship since 1982.

In August 2017, attacks by a Rohingya insurgent group on Myanmar security personnel triggered a brutal campaign by the military which drove at least 740,000 Rohingya to Bangladesh. The

military is accused of mass rape, killings and burning thousands of homes.

Since Myanmar's military seized power in 2021 from the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi, pro-democracy guerillas and ethnic minority armed forces have been attempting to oust the military from power.

Last November, the Arakan Army, which is seeking autonomy from Myanmar's central government, began an offensive against the military in Rakhine and has gained control of more than half of its townships. The Arakan Army, which is the well-armed wing of the Rakhine ethnic minority movement, is also a member of the armed ethnic group alliance trying to topple the military.

The UNDP report said that based on data the agency collected in 2023 and 2024, "Rakhine's economy has stopped functioning, with critical sectors such as trade, agriculture, and construction nearly at a standstill."

With domestic and international markets no longer accessible because of blockades, UNDP said people's incomes are collapsing because they can't export goods, and that agricultural jobs are disappearing for the same reason.

In addition, it said, imports of cement have stopped, leading to "an exorbitant price increase" and shutting down the construction industry, a major

employer.

The report, titled "Rakhine: A Famine in the Making," said, "Rakhine could face acute famine imminently."

"Predictions indicate that domestic food production will only cover 20% of its needs by March-April 2025," UNDP said.

"Internal rice production is plummeting due to a lack of seeds, fertilizers, severe weather conditions, a steep rise in the number of internally displaced people who can no longer engage in cultivation, and escalating conflict," the UN agency said. "This, along with the near-total cessation of internal and external trade, will leave over 2 million people at risk of starvation."

UNDP called for immediate action to allow goods and humanitarian aid into Rakhine, enable unimpeded access for aid workers and ensure their safety, and urgently provide financial resources to enable the agricultural sector to recover.

"Without urgent action, 95% of the population will regress into survival mode, left to fend for themselves amid a drastic reduction in domestic production, skyrocketing prices, widespread unemployment, and heightened insecurity," UNDP warned.

"With trade routes closed and severe restrictions on aid, Rakhine risks becoming a fully isolated zone of deep human suffering," the UN agency said. (AP)



# Sikh moderates, South Asian communities denounce incidents of violence, intimidation outside places of worship in Canada



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**SURREY, BC (TIP):** Leaders of various moderate Sikh bodies joined by leaders of other South Asian communities, including Hindus, denounced incidents of violence, intimidation and coercion that marred the post-Diwali celebrations in Surrey, British Columbia. Convened by Khalsa Dewan Society, the meeting was attended by representatives of more than 20 organizations, including the Surrey Hindu Sabha, Ramgarhia Society, Sri Guru Ravi Dass Sabha, and Lakshmi Narayan Temple of Surrey where most of the speakers assailed a group of "disgruntled elements" who had been trying to hold the entire South Asian community in general and the Sikhs in particular to ransom with their anti-secessionist agenda.

The organizers claimed an overwhelming response to the meeting held at a banquet hall where most of the resolutions were adopted by raising hands. Leaders of various moderate Sikh organizations held that "antisocial and anti-national elements" had been using coercive means not only to gain control of Sikh gurdwaras by threatening and intimidating their office-bearers but were also interfering in the Sikh religious affairs by pretending to be "Sikh reformists".

Joginder Singh Sunner, a spokesperson of the Khalsa Dewan Society, said that the Society had sought the court's intervention in creating a buffer zone around the Sikh temple where the Indian. The consulate in Vancouver held a pensioners camp. Nearly



They gathered to denounce incidents of violence outside places of worship, and to appeal for communal harmony.

350 old people, some of them handicapped, were issued "life certificates" to ensure that they would continue to withdraw their pension from India. He said that such camps have been held regularly for the last 20 years inside places of worship, including Sikh gurdwaras and Hindu temples, to facilitate old and infirm Indian pensioners who cannot go downtown to get Life certificates issued by the Indian Consulate.

The second camp, he said, would be held in the third week of this month.

At the meeting attended by leaders of various religious and social organizations, the Speakers assailed the action of the "disgruntled elements" who had allegedly intervened and disrupted the soliciting of inter-caste marriages, abusing and threatening old and infirm people, forcing law-abiding and peaceful members of the South Asian community to boycott the Indian Consulate, besides creating ruckus during the conduct of Nagar Kirtan processions.

Sunner said the speakers were



unanimous in their opinion to fight a united fight against these "disgruntled elements" and give a befitting reply.

Kulwant Singh Dhaliwal, Secretary of the Khalsa Dewan Society, while explaining the agenda of calling the meeting, said that activities of the "disgruntled elements" were increasingly becoming unbearable. "They are teasing me as Kashmiri Lal Dhaliwal," he said maintaining that "our patience has exhausted. We cannot take it anymore. We have to put up a united and strong fight to defeat their nefarious designs," he said.

Kuldip Singh Thandi, President of the Society, who moved a resolution to fight these elements unitedly, received an overwhelming response from the audience. Attendees raised their hands in approval. Another leader of the Society, Kuldip Singh Dhessi, endorsed the move of Kuldip Singh Thandi. A call was also given to members of the audience to become members of the Surrey Delta Gurdwara so that these elements were thrown out.

Preet Singh Sandhu recalled how in 1998

the community had joined hands to throw out such elements from the management of Surrey Delta gurdwara.

Vijay Chaturvedi of the North America Hindu Association said that as a representative of the Kashmiri Brahmin Association, he always advocated and supported the Hindu-Sikh brotherhood as the Kashmiri Hindus owe their existence to the great sacrifice made by the ninth Sikh guru, Sri Guru Teg Bahadur.

Harjit Singh Sohal of Sri Guru Ravi Dass Sabha of Vancouver also stressed the need for Punjabi and Sikh brotherhood.

Others who addressed the meeting including Parshottam Goel of Lakshmi Narayan Temple, Malkiat Singh Dhani, ex-President, Jaswinder Singh Hayer, Darshan Mahal, Gurdev Singh Brar, Gurbaksh Singh Baghi Sanghera, Giani Harkirat Singh, Bill Basra Manjit Singh Panesar and Maninder Singh Gill.

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## Violence at Hindu Temple: Brampton Mayor wants a Bill to prohibit protests outside places of worship

**BRAMPTON (TIP):** Echo of the violent incidents outside Brampton Hindu Temple and Malton Singh Sabha Gurdwara was heard in the House of Commons when it resumed its sitting on Monday, November 4, as Mayor of Brampton Patrick Brown announced to bring in a Bill in his City Council to prohibit protests outside places of worship. Liberal MP Ruby Sahota, who raised the issue in the House of Commons, expressed her deep concern at the incidents and held that "everyone in our community deserves to feel safe and respected in his or her place of worship."

She took to "X" and said: "I am troubled to hear about the recent acts of violence outside the Hindu Sabha temple in Brampton. Everyone in our community deserves to feel safe and respected in their places of worship. There is no room for such actions in our society and I strongly denounce this violence.

"I have spoken with Police Chief Nishan



Mayor of Brampton Patrick Brown announced to bring in a Bill in his City Council to prohibit protests outside places of worship.

and have confidence that Peel Regional Police will act swiftly to protect our community and hold those responsible to account."

Speaking in the House of Commons, she said that she went to Hindu temples and Sikh gurdwaras to join members of the Indo-Canadian community in celebrating Diwali. But incidents of violence, first outside the

Hindu Temple, and then outside Malton Gurdwara, had shaken her.

She also assailed the official Opposition Party, the Conservatives, for cancelling the Diwali event on Parliament Hill. She complimented the ruling Liberal party caucus for holding the Diwali celebrations on the Hill on Monday. The event, she said, was largely attended.

Chandra Arya, also of the ruling Liberal, the main organizer of the Diwali celebrations on Parliament Hill, was also on X and wrote: "I was pleased to host Diwali on Parliament Hill. We also used the opportunity to raise the flag of the Hindu sacred symbol Aum on Parliament Hill. Great turnout with participants from Ottawa, the Greater Toronto Area, Montreal and many other places. The event was supported by 67 Hindu and Indo-Canadian organizations across Canada. The added pleasure this year was Diwali is also part of the Hindu Heritage Month across Canada.

My sincere thanks to all those who attended, volunteers and artists of excellent cultural performances at the event."

Meanwhile, Mayor of Brampton Patrick Brown said that he plans to bring a bill before Brampton Council to prohibit protests at places of worship. "I would also request Mississauga Council to enact a similar law," he said.

Patrick Brown was on "X" saying "I will be bringing a motion to our Brampton City Council which would look at prohibiting protests at places of worship. Places of worship should be safe spaces that are free of violence and intimidation. I have asked our City solicitor to look into the legality of such a by-law for our next scheduled meeting of the City Council."

Meanwhile, the Hindu Maha Sabha had given a call for holding a peaceful protest outside the Brampton temple to condemn the incidents of violence that took place on Sunday, November 3.



# Ways to get flawless, glowing skin

**W**ant a glowing and flawless skin? Consume matcha, powdered green tea, which has a high amount of antioxidants and also have a lot of kiwis, which is a storehouse of Vitamin C, says an expert.

## Blueberries

Extremely tasty and convenient to eat, blueberries are the favourite fruit of many gourmet-enthusiasts around the world. Despite their sweet taste, they are low on calories and contain antioxidants that protect against premature aging. Sipping on some natural blueberry juice or adding half a cup of the fruit to your yogurt or cereal is a great way to stay healthy and look stunning.

## Spinach

Spinach is loaded with lutein, vitamins B, C, and E, potassium, calcium, iron, magnesium, and omega-3 fatty acids. It lowers your risk of prostate cancer.

## Matcha

This is packed with high amount of antioxidants and also provides small amounts of vitamins and minerals. Polyphenols, which can be found in Matcha, have been tied to protection against heart disease and cancer, in addition to helping with better blood sugar regulation and blood pressure reduction. The powder boosts metabolism and slows down the process of aging, with some experts even claiming that it halts the growth of cancer cells.

## Walnuts

Eating just one ounce of walnuts a day can work wonders for your health and beauty- giving you shiny hair, bright eyes, smooth skin and strong bones. In addition, adding walnuts to your daily diet helps with weight control and improving brain function. You can eat a handful of shelled walnuts by themselves, or add some in your salad or pasta. Walnuts are all you need for a variety of nutrients including protein, omega-3 fatty acids, vitamin E, fibre and antioxidants.



## Kiwi

This fruit is loaded with antioxidants that keep skin firm and help prevent wrinkles. Kiwis are also a storehouse of Vitamin C, which is known to boost the immune system and fight stress. They contain a rare, fat-free form of Vitamin E that lowers cholesterol. Kiwi juices are extremely delicious, and you can add the cooling fruit to your fresh salads, Greek yogurt or fruit tarts.

## Turmeric

In addition to enhancing taste in almost all Indian dishes, it also has amazing advantages for beauty and

health. Its anti-bacterial properties make it useful for both local application and ingestion. Applying it to the skin lightens pigmentation and eliminates dead skin cells. Turmeric is also great for keeping your hair healthy and controlling oily skin.

## Coconut water

Coconut water helps with weight loss. It also suppresses appetite and helps you feel full. In addition, ingesting coconut water leads to softer, more moisturised skin and reduces blemishes. Frightening acne breakouts can be controlled and indigestion can be prevented due to the reduction of acid reflux.

## Tips to keep kitchen squeaky clean

**C**ount on these easy suggestions to ensure your kitchen stays neat, clean and beautiful

### Cleaning

It is important to keep the kitchen's cleanliness and hygiene in check. Spray the area with all-purpose cleaners and wipe it dry. Regularly cleaning the countertop and the sink helps to ease down the tedious task of maintaining the kitchen.

### Waste management

Working around edible stuff can create a lot of waste (both wet and dry). It is important you have your waste management in check. The garbage can harbour alarming bacteria and offensive smells. Separate bins for dry and wet waste not only helps in disposing of the same easily but also maintain kitchen hygiene.

### Empty sinks

Make sure to keep your sinks empty and clean. That way it creates more room for rinsing off the vegetable while cooking and reduces the concern of bad odour from used utensils.

### Right cleaning tools

There's nothing more nerve-racking than going about cleaning without the right cleaning tools. Make sure you wash the napkins regularly and store them at



a place that is easily accessible. Also, do not forget to dispose of an overused napkin as the odour from it can last for days. Using kitchen napkins or rags cuts down on trash and makes you take the eco-friendly route because you can just use one rag and rinse it out when required instead of tearing off paper towels and throwing them away after one wipe.

### Floor and wall tiles

Kitchen floors get messy in no time with food crumbs, other edible particles, dust, etc. To keep germs and insects away from your kitchen, it is important to sweep or vacuum your floor daily. Along with the floor, ensure the tiles above the counter are cleaned at regular intervals. If the tiles contain dirt on them for long durations, they can come in contact with your food, and thus affect your health.

## FOOD CORNER

### Dal bafla

#### Ingredients

2 cups wheat flour, ¼ cup maize flour, ½ cup ghee, 1 tsp cumin seeds, ¼ tsp ajwain, Salt to taste. 1 ½ cups toor dal, soaked, A pinch of hing, 1 tsp red chilli powder, ½ tsp mustard seeds, 1 tsp sugar, ½ tsp turmeric powder, Salt, 1 Tbsp desi ghee, 2 Tbsp coriander leaves, chopped



#### Method

In a bowl, mix all ingredients together to make a stiff dough, adding a little water at a time. Divide the dough into smaller balls, and roll them using your palms to make them smoother. Bring water to a boil in a large pan. Add salt and turmeric, and then drop the balls and cook till they float on the surface. Place them on a kitchen towel to drain excess water. Once they are dried, bake them in the oven at 150 degree C for till crisp and golden on both the sides. Pressure cook the dal in 3 ½ cups of water for 3 whistles, by adding salt and turmeric powder. Let the steam escape and then add the hing and stir well. Add a little water if it is too thick, and bring to a boil. Meanwhile, heat ghee in a pan, add mustard seeds and let it splutter. Add red chilli powder, and quickly pour this tadka in the boiling dal. Add sugar and remove from the flame. Finish with coriander leaves.



## Poor sleep can age your brain by 3 years, reveals study

Everyone's concerned about skin ageing, avoiding excess sun exposure and slathering expensive creams to prevent early ageing. But what about brain ageing? When the brain ages faster than usual, cognitive decline begins as well. And do you know the culprit behind this? Your sleep. Consider sleep as an essential 'braincare' activity that rejuvenates and restores your brain health. The inability to sleep is a common condition that most sleep-deprived or self-proclaimed 'night owls' brush off casually in the morning with a cup of coffee. But it seems there's more to sleep problems than meets the eye.

A study from the American Academy of Neurology, published in the journal *Neurology*, identified sleep disturbances in middle-aged adults, such as poor sleep quality or an inability to fall asleep, as major warning signs for early brain ageing. The study elaborated that sleep problems may accelerate brain ageing by up to 3 years. Let's see what else the study revealed.

The study, which spanned decades, tracked the ageing of the participants. Initially, 589 people in their 40s were asked to complete a questionnaire reporting their sleep problems. The second set of questionnaire surveys was provided after 5 years. Finally, brain scans were conducted 15 years after the first survey to examine how their brains aged and whether this was associated with their reported sleeping patterns. Researchers assessed their brain age, a metric that measures the rate of brain shrinkage, which typically increases with age.

The researchers found a correlation between the number of ageing years and the number of sleep problems. They discovered that people with two to three sleep issues displayed signs of accelerated brain ageing, with their brains appearing about 1.6 years older compared to those with only one sleep-related issue. Similarly, individuals with three or more sleep issues showed brain ageing up to 2.6 years faster.

The researchers recommended developing healthy sleeping patterns for good brain health. They suggested



following a strict, consistent sleep schedule, avoiding coffee and alcohol before bed, getting plenty of exercise, and resorting to relaxation techniques when experiencing difficulty sleeping.

Dr Kristine Yaffe, a researcher at the University of California San Francisco and a member of the American Academy of Neurology, said, "Our findings highlight the importance of addressing sleep problems earlier in life to preserve brain health, including maintaining a consistent sleep schedule, exercising, avoiding caffeine and alcohol before going to bed and using relaxation techniques. Future research should focus on finding new ways to improve sleep quality and investigating the long-term impact of sleep on brain health in younger people."



## Vitamin B3 can protect skin cells from UV-induced skin cancer

A form of vitamin B3 can protect skin cells from the effects of ultraviolet (UV) exposure which is the main risk factor for non-melanoma skin cancers, reveals new research.

Researchers in Italy isolated cells (human primary keratinocytes) from the skin of patients with non-melanoma skin cancers.

These cells were treated with three different concentrations of nicotinamide (NAM)—a form of vitamin B3—for 18, 24, and 48 hours and then exposed to UVB.

Results showed that pre-treatment with 25 micron (ÅµM) of NAM 24 hours before UV irradiation protected the skin cells from the effects of UV-induced oxidative stress, including DNA damage.

NAM enhanced DNA repair, demonstrated by decreased expression of the DNA repair enzyme OGG1.

Furthermore, it decreased antioxidant expression and blocked local inflammation by showing decreased nitric oxide (NO) release and reactive oxygen species (ROS) production, and reduced iNOS protein expression.

"Our study indicates that increasing the consumption of vitamin B3, which is readily available in the daily diet, will protect the skin from some of the effects of UV exposure, potentially reducing the incidence of non-melanoma skin cancers," said Lara Camillo, a research student from the dermatological unit of AOU Maggiore della Carita, Novara, Italy.

However, the protective effect of vitamin B3 is short-acting, so it should be consumed no later than 24 to 48 hours before sun exposure, she said during the 29th European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology virtual conference.

Non-melanoma skin cancers are the most common malignancies and are increasing worldwide.

## Consuming high levels of omega-3, omega-6 may keep cancer at bay

A higher consumption of omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids may help ward off a variety of cancers, finds a study of more than 2,50,000 people on Tuesday. Cancer has become a global health concern, especially with increasing early onset.

Omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids are "healthy fats" and essential for human health. These are important to the cells and are known to reduce bad cholesterol levels, keep the brain healthy and boost mental health. Higher levels of omega-3s showed protection against colon, stomach and lung cancer, according to the study, published in the *International Journal of Cancer*.

On the other hand, high omega-6 levels protect against brain, malignant melanoma, bladder and 14 different cancers. "Higher omega-3 and omega-6 levels were associated with lower rates of cancer," said lead author Yuchen Zhang, a doctoral student at the University of Georgia's College of Public Health.

Zhang noted that with the significant rise in cancers worldwide, the study "suggests that the average person should focus on getting more of these fatty acids in their diets."

The researchers analysed data from more than 2,50,000 people, of which about 30,000 developed some form of cancer in the 10 years of follow-up.

Omega-3 and omega-6 are present in fatty fish, nuts



and even some plant oils. However, as diets may not provide the recommended amounts, people often turn to fish oil supplements — one of the most popular dietary pills on the market. However, it may not be suitable for all, said the researchers.

The study showed that elevated omega-3 levels raised a slightly higher risk of prostate cancer in men. However, the study found no such associations in women. Instead, it found women and young people to have "stronger beneficial effects of omega-6".

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Identified as TOI-6651b, the sub-Saturn class planet was discovered using a high-end spectroscope at Mount Abu in Rajasthan.

## Scientists discover new planet with rocky core, 60 times heavier than Earth

An international team of scientists led by the Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), Ahmedabad, has discovered an exoplanet outside our solar system that is five times bigger and 60 times heavier than the Earth.

Identified as TOI-6651b, the sub-Saturn class planet was discovered using the 2nd PRL Advanced Radial Velocity Abu Sky Search (PARAS-2) — a high-end spectroscope mounted on PRL's 2.5m telescope at Mount Abu in Rajasthan.

Located 690 light years away from the Sun, the newest discovered planet is the third most dense sub-Saturn class located at the edge of the Neptunian desert. Sub-Saturn class planets have a size in between that of Neptune and Saturn. The Neptune desert is a region of the known exoplanet population, where planets rotating close to the stars are rare. "TOI-6651b is located at the edge of the Neptunian desert. It is crucial for understanding the factors that shape the desert boundaries," said Sanjay Baliwal, lead author and a fifth year PhD student working with Abhijit Chakraborty, PRL scientist and the team lead.

# iOS 18.2 update to feature estimated charging time for iPhones

After launching iOS 18.1 in October, Apple has confirmed that the next wave of upgrades -- iOS 18.2-- is coming in the first week of December. This update will bring in advanced features like ChatGPT integration to Siri, Genmoji, Image Playground and more Writing tools. But there is more. According to a 9to5Mac report, the iOS 18.2 will also add a new feature to the battery health section. With other features, Apple is also working on the ability to show users how long it will take to charge an iPhone. Known as Battery Intelligence, the new framework was spotted in the code of iOS 18.2 beta 2, which was released on Monday to developers.

### Battery Intelligence: What is it?

Apple is developing a new feature -- Battery Intelligence -- designed to estimate how much time it will take to charge an iPhone based on the current energy intake. Users could choose to receive notifications with time estimates, such as the expected duration to reach 80 per cent charge.

Although this feature has been detected in the code of the latest beta release, it remains inactive and incomplete, indicating Apple is still refining it. It may appear in a later iOS 18.2 beta or another future update. Notably, a similar tool is already available for MacBooks within macOS's Battery menu.

In iOS 18, Apple has also introduced several updates focused on battery health management for iPhone 15 and later variants. Users now have the ability to cap the maximum charge at 80 per cent, 85 per cent, 90 per cent, or 95 per cent to help extend battery life. Additionally, the system identifies when a slow charger is used for charging.

### iOS 18.2: The next wave of Apple Intelligence

The iOS 18.2 update promises a range of exciting features, designed to enhance both productivity and personalisation for iPhone users. One notable addition is built-in ChatGPT, offering on-demand AI assistance directly within iOS. This feature allows users to ask questions, generate text, or get quick help, seamlessly integrated across various apps. Another unique feature, Genmoji, lets users create custom, AI-powered emojis, providing a fun way to express themselves with unique, personalised icons that go beyond standard emoji options. Read more about iOS 18.2 here.

For creatives, the new Image Playground feature is a highlight. This tool enables users to experiment with images in creative ways—whether applying filters, generating artwork, or editing with AI tools. The Image Playground is geared



toward casual and professional users alike, giving them a more dynamic approach to photo and image editing directly on their iPhones.

Another most talked about feature coming in iOS 18.2 is Visual Intelligence. Available on iPhone 16, this feature identifies objects and locations. By long-pressing the Camera Control button and pointing your phone, you can access details like hours and reviews for restaurants, copy or read text aloud, search items on Google, and ask ChatGPT about objects.

### iOS 18.2 will let you upgrade to ChatGPT Plus directly from Settings app

Apple's upcoming iOS 18.2 update is set to streamline access to premium AI services by allowing users to upgrade to ChatGPT Plus directly from the Settings app. This integration marks a major step in the tech giant's effort to make advanced artificial intelligence tools more accessible for eligible iPhone and iPad users. The rumours are that the iOS 18.2 update will be out in a stable version in the first week of December.

The addition of ChatGPT Plus to iOS is expected to enhance the user experience, providing a more seamless path to premium OpenAI services. Until now, users had to visit external websites or apps to subscribe to ChatGPT Plus, which offers a host of benefits, including faster response times, priority access to new features, and enhanced capabilities compared to the free tier. With the integration into iOS Settings, users will be able to manage their subscription with just a few taps, bypassing the need for third-party apps or browsers. The feature has not even surfaced for the beta users.

## New X update allows blocked users to see your public posts

Elon Musk-run X social media platform has started to launch an update that will allow people you've blocked to continue to see your posts and your followers' lists.

According to the company, if your posts are set to public, accounts you have blocked can see your posts.

"We're starting to launch the block function update," said X Engineering in a post.

"However, they cannot engage (like, reply, repost, etc.) with your posts," according to X guidelines.

Block is a feature that helps you control how you interact with other accounts on X. This feature helps people in restricting specific accounts from following, Direct Messaging, and engaging with them.

The tech billionaire had earlier claimed that stopping people from seeing your public posts "makes no sense."

Now, X is rolling out its controversial update to the block feature, allowing people to view your public posts



even if you have blocked them.

"Accounts you have blocked cannot follow you, and you cannot follow an account you have blocked.

Blocking an account you are currently following will cause you to unfollow that account (and them to unfollow you). If you decide to unblock that account, you will have to follow that account again," according to X.

Blocked users still can't follow the person who has blocked them, engage with their posts, or send direct messages to them.

Meanwhile, software engineer Tracy Chou has built an app that lets users automate blocking, saying that even though users can get around the block by creating other accounts, friction matters.

"Making it easy for the creeper to creep is not a good thing," she said in a post on X.

The social network has argued that the block feature can be used to share and hide harmful or private information about someone. However, people have protested this change.

Source: IANS





The AI giant's CEO Sam Altman announced this on Thursday, November 7, 2024, by simply posting the URL on X (Formerly Twitter) without any description or reasoning. (AFP)

## OpenAI buys new domain chat.com for over \$15 million, it redirects to ChatGPT

OpenAI has bought the domain chat.com. Clicking on it automatically routes you to the ChatGPT website.

The AI giant's CEO Sam Altman announced this on Thursday, November 7, 2024, by simply posting the URL on X (Formerly Twitter) without any description or reasoning.

Altman's post has already gotten over 3 million views and nearly 15k likes. The domain purchase is likely part of a rebranding effort.

The domain's previous owner turned out to be Dharmesh Shah, founder and CTO of software company HubSpot. Shah announced this in posts on X and LinkedIn.

In his post, he detailed how he had purchased the domain for \$15.5 million earlier this year and sold it later to an undisclosed (at that time) buyer.

"Well, in an 8 character tweet (talk about brevity), Sam Altman, the CEO of OpenAI revealed that they were the buyer," he wrote. "If you visit the website now, it goes to ChatGPT." Shah wrote he was not at liberty at that time to share who the acquirer was as he was "going to leave that to them, when they were ready."

He then went on to share GPT o1 prompt which reasoned the entire episode. "When he does sell a domain, it's almost never at a loss," and "Dharmesh doesn't like profiting off of people he considers friends," the prompt read, which could mean he did sell it for more than the \$15.5 million he bought it for, since it also says he doesn't like referring to himself in the third person.

However, it also indicated he got compensated in OpenAI shares since the prompt reads that he "always wanted to own OpenAI shares," that "he doesn't need the cash from a domain sale," and that "he made a non-humble brag earlier this year that he's now an investor in OpenAI."

# Global markets rally on Trump's victory

FRANKFURT/MUMBAI (TIP)

Wall Street marched to record highs on Wednesday, Nov 6, and major stock markets around the world surged, while bitcoin also hit an all-time-high and the dollar was set for its biggest one-day jump in four years after Donald Trump was elected US President.

Trump's pledges to raise tariffs, cut taxes and slash regulations encouraged investors to dive into a range of assets that looked likely to benefit from such policies.

The VIX, a measure of volatility also perceived as "Wall Street's fear gauge," dived 19 per cent as investors scooped up risky assets across the board.

Small cap US stocks in particular were boosted by expectations that a Trump presidency would offer tax cuts and support domestic companies.

The dollar index rallied 1.6 per cent and was set for its best day since September 2022. European shares gave up earlier gains and fell 0.5 per cent.

Markets that could suffer under tougher tariffs, including those in some of major US trading partners, bore the brunt of the sell-off. The Mexican Peso slumped to its lowest in over two years while the Euro was set for its largest daily drop since 2020.

Meanwhile, Indian stock markets rallied more than 1 per cent on Wednesday with benchmark Sensex soaring 901 points on heavy buying in IT and pharma shares amid Donald Trump's victory in the US presidential polls. Extending its gains to the second day, the BSE Sensex jumped 901.50 points or 1.13 per cent to settle at 80,378.13. During the day, it soared 1,093.1 points or 1.37 per cent to 80,569.73.

The NSE Nifty soared 270.75 points or 1.12 per cent to close at 24,484.05.

From the 30-share Sensex pack, Tata Consultancy Services and Infosys jumped over 4 per cent each.

"Global markets experienced a relief rally following the US election results, reducing political uncertainty with Trump securing a strong mandate. This has led to strong risk-on sentiments, driven by expectations of tax cuts and increased government spending," Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services said.

All sectoral indices ended higher. Meanwhile, the rupee



A trader wears a hat in support of Donald Trump at the New York Stock Exchange. REUTERS

depreciated 22 paise to close at an all-time low of 84.31 against the US Dollar on Wednesday.

### Tesla shares soar

**NEW YORK:** Elon Musk's Tesla, banks and bitcoin stormed higher as investors bet on what Donald Trump's return to the White House would mean for the economy and world.

Among the losers the market sees: the Mexican peso, renewable energy companies and potentially anyone worried about higher inflation.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average jumped 1,200 points, or 2.8% early Wednesday. The S&P 500 rose 2%, and the Nasdaq composite rose 1.9%. Investors expect Trump's victory to lead to faster economic growth and more market-friendly policies. Trump Media & Technology Group, the company behind the Truth Social platform, soared. *Source: Agencies*

## Hyundai Motor pips Volkswagen to become world's 2nd-largest automaker

SEOUL (TIP)

Hyundai Motor Group has outperformed Volkswagen Group to become the world's second-largest automaker in terms of operating profit, industry data showed on Thursday, Nov 7. According to automotive industry data, Hyundai Motor Group achieved sales of 69.4 trillion won (\$49.6 billion) and an operating profit of 6.5 trillion won during the third quarter.

For the period from January to September, the South Korean automaker's cumulative sales reached 208.9 trillion won, while operating profit was recorded at 21.4 trillion won, reports Yonhap news agency.

In terms of operating profit alone, Hyundai Motor Group ranked second among global competitors after Toyota Group.

The Japanese automaker reported an



operating profit of 1.15 trillion yen (\$7.4 billion) for the third quarter, and an operating profit of 32.4 trillion won for the January-September period.

For the third quarter, Volkswagen Group has reported an operating profit of 4.3 trillion won. For the first nine-month period, Volkswagen's operating profit stood at 19.36 trillion won.

With Volkswagen Group facing challenges in the Chinese market, many industry watchers see Hyundai Motor

Group as being poised to secure the No. 2 position in terms of operating profit after Toyota Group for the entirety of 2024.

Hyundai Motor Group, however, is likely to take some time before surpassing Volkswagen Group in global sales volume.

From January to September this year, Hyundai Motor Group sold 5.4 million units worldwide, maintaining its position as the third-largest automaker, following Toyota Group at 7.18 million units and Volkswagen Group at 6.5 million units.

"Operating profit, in addition to sales volume, is a crucial performance indicator in the auto industry," Kim Pil-soo, an automotive professor at Daelim University, said. "Hyundai Motor Group is performing well despite an overall decline in vehicle demand affected by the so-called EV chasm affecting the industry." *Source: IANS*





**BEJAN DARUWALLA AND CHIRAG DARUWALLA**



### ARIES

Ganesha says your weekly horoscope suggests that this can be a normal day for you.

Different thoughts may come to your mind, giving you some ups and downs. You may need clarification on some subjects with your family. So instead of getting unnecessarily upset, you should try to understand that subject and talk to others to solve it. Employed people will remain dedicated to their work and you may also get benefits in money matters. This week you will be able to spend as per your wish and will get satisfaction by spending your earnings.



### TAURUS

Ganesha says Taurus natives, this week can be a bit difficult for you. You may face some difficulties

in your work. You may need to improve your working style. You may need to pay more attention to your work to impress your seniors. You should try to improve relations with your boss. This week can be a time of personal relationships for you. You will get a chance to spend time with your family and friends. Your interaction with people will increase and your friendship can have a beautiful beginning of love. There will be no major problems regarding your health. You may need to implement new plans in business. This will help in taking your work forward. Your bank balance may increase due to an increase in your sources of income. This week you may need to focus on your work.



### GEMINI

Ganesha says your horoscope will be very encouraging from the beginning of the week.

You will be successful in your work and you will have a great day. You should be ready for new and exciting things in your life. You have to take care of your health and pay attention to your diet. It would help if you exercised regularly to stay healthy and happy. You have to pay attention to your financial matters and keep your expenses planned. You also have to keep your family life stable. You have to take time to strengthen your family relationships. This week you should spend more time with your friends and family. You should entertain your friends more and take advice from them to make your life happy. This week you should be active to fulfill your dreams and be able to achieve your goals.



### CANCER

Ganesha says this week will be average for Cancer. Your day will be normal. You have to take care of your health. You will need to pay attention to yourself. You may face some problems in your personal life. You have to be careful to deal with these problems. You will need to awaken your inner strength. This week you may get a chance to learn something new. You should not let yourself get disappointed with yourself. You have to make efforts to keep your life positive. This week you may face some financial issues. You will need to keep your expenses controlled. You have to take care of spending time with your family and your colleagues. This week you may face some difficulties in your business. You have to do your work carefully.



### LEO

Ganesha says your Horoscope The beginning of the week will be very good. You will be successful in your work and your day will be very encouraging. You may have good conversations with people and you may get support from them. You should not worry about your family. If there is any issue, try to resolve it. Employed people will take care of their work and will be successful in completing their work. You may get rid of money-related problems. You will get a chance to spend as per your wish and you will be able to fulfill your happiness. By the end of the week, you will be satisfied with spending your earnings and experience happiness in your life.



### VIRGO

Ganesha says this week's horoscope for Virgo will bring average results. You will get a chance to impress your seniors with your working style for your work today. Your boss may praise your work. This day will also be very auspicious for your relationships. Your interaction will increase and you will have a perfect time with your friends. There can be a beautiful beginning of love in your friendship. There will be no major problem regarding your health and you will take care of your health. In business, you will take your work forward by adopting new plans. Your income will also increase and your bank account will grow. This week you should focus on your work and clear your thoughts. This week will be good for you and you will be successful in achieving your goals.



### LIBRA

Ganesha says this week brings a wonderful horoscope for you, which promises to take you to new and great places. Your day will be

extremely encouraging and you will get a lot of success in your work. You will get time to start a new project or work in your life. You will get involved in your work with zeal and enthusiasm and will be fully prepared to achieve your goals. You will also get good profits from your investments. This week will be very auspicious for businessmen as well, and you will be able to find many ways to earn money in your business. This week will also be very romantic in your love life. You will get a chance to enjoy beautiful and memorable moments with your partner. You will spend a day full of happiness with each other and can also think about your future.



### SCORPIO

Ganesha says this week is going to start for Scorpio people and you may have to face challenges related to your business and job. You may need to compromise on your work and you will need to keep your thoughts clear. Therefore, you will need to control your speech. This week, you will need to be more cautious about your work and try to avoid arguments with your relatives. If you are employed, you are advised to stay away from politics in your office. If you do not follow this advice, you may have to face some unfair situations in your office. Therefore, you have to be cautious about your work. This week you may spend money. You will need to keep an eye on your expenses and try to handle your expenses.



### SAGITTARIUS

Ganesha says this week will be average for Sagittarius. You may get a chance to experience something new in life. You may get time to start some new work and you can get success in these works. You will get a chance to work with passion and enthusiasm in your work. Those who invest in the stock market can get good profits. You will also get many ways to earn money in business. You may get the excitement of new ideas in your business and you can use these ideas to your advantage. This week will be very good for love. You may get a chance to spend romantic time with your partner. You can go on a romantic dinner date and this can bring new freshness in your relationship. You will enjoy relaxing moments with your partner and can also plan together for the future.



### CAPRICORN

Ganesha says this week's horoscope for Capricorn can be a little difficult but useful for you. You have to be a little careful in your work because you have to be careful of your opponents. You should not trust anyone too much. You have to control your anger and avoid reacting to everything. You should remain calm

with your family so that no dispute arises. You should stay away from anger in your work as it can spoil your work. You have to pay attention to your expenses as it can make you feel short of money. Mentally you have to stay strong and spend some time in your favorite hobby. Students may get some relief from their studies today.



### AQUARIUS

Ganesha says this week will be very good for Aquarius. You will get success in different areas of your life. You will get monetary benefits in your job and business and you will get support for your success. You may have arguments with your relatives, so you must control your speech. Employed people will have to stay away from office politics today, otherwise you may have to face trouble. You will be eager to spend your evening with your loved ones. You may need to spend money on your means of entertainment. This week, marriageable people may get a good proposal for marriage. You can buy a new vehicle or some household items and make your life more pleasant. This week you will need to take care according to your zodiac sign and try to keep yourself healthy and positive continuously.



### PISCES

Ganesha says this week will be average for Pisces people. You should be a little careful in your work this week. You have to focus on your personal and business work. You have to invest wisely. You may have to spend some extra money on your children's education. You have to pay some attention to your family life. You have to show cooperation with your partner. You also have to take care of your health. You should eat good food and do regular exercise to keep your health healthy. You have to complete your responsibilities on time. You should spend time with your colleagues to keep yourself healthy and happy. You should have a good time with your friends and family. You have to promote your business and work. You have to pay full attention to your work to be successful in your business.

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## BIRTHDAY HOROSCOPE : NOVEMBER 11 TO NOVEMBER 17 BY VEDIC ASTROLOGER NASTUR BEJAN DARUWALLA



**VEDIC ASTROLOGER NASTUR  
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**NOVEMBER 11 :** Ganesha says you will notice that you're overly excited today. Your extrovert behavior and your cheerful disposition are highly appreciated in the social circle. Your strong leadership qualities will make you confident enough that you will be able to do all the work very well. Success will come your way if you work hard. Today will bring in some good fortune as the planets align in your favor.

**NOVEMBER 12 :** Ganesha says today your day will be very kind. Today you will be able to complete the remaining tasks in projects. You may complete your work early, due to which you will be able to enjoy your time with your family. You may plan for a trip with your partner. Your business will go great today. Today things will turn out the way you want as you have a lot of luck. One new opportunity will arise which will come immediately today itself and make you a lot of profits. Stars are in your favor which will help you navigate through any problems easily regarding this new opportunity.

**NOVEMBER 13 :** Ganesha says you

will notice that things are working out for you without much effort. Little good things will keep happening throughout the day. It is great that everything will work out for you today but do not get lazy and focus on the things you need to get done today. You are very lucky today because you will get what you wish for, make sure you use the luck you have today to benefit yourself and not others because only then it will remain a positive thing for you.

**NOVEMBER 14 :** Ganesha says to wake up and meditate the first thing in the morning; it will be beneficial for your personal as well as professional life. You will make great profits in your business hence you will have a good day today. You will lean more towards altruism today considering the spiritual awakening in your sign. Ensure that you do not drift away from your dreams & ambitions as you might come across a few distractions today. Ensure that you're ethical both in your personal & professional life.

**NOVEMBER 15 :** Ganesha says you will feel a lot of love and care coming towards you from family friends as well

as your partner. Your day will be a tough one today but you will feel supported and cared for in all ways, at the end of the day you will feel very satisfied with where you are in your life currently. Your partner's loving and caring nature will make you fall in love with your partner a lot today. You will experience firsthand how beautiful it is to be loved and cared for by someone you trust and love with all your heart.

**NOVEMBER 16 :** Ganesha says your love life has been on a roller coaster, but you will experience stability for today. Try to say what you have been thinking. Expressing your feelings will help you better your love life. Venus will bring love and the moon will bring fortune in your face today. You are entering a new phase that marks the start of a lane named success. Along with your old commitments, you will be taking on additional responsibilities today, but it won't seem like hard work as you will enjoy doing it thoroughly.

**NOVEMBER 17 :** Ganesha says you are very lucky today because you will get what you wish for; make sure you use the

luck you have today to benefit yourself and not others because only then it will remain a positive thing for you. You will tend to focus more on your financial issues hence your love life will be on a back seat. Immense support from your partner might surprise you a little bit. Try to have patience and understanding. You are extremely close to finding that person who will support you in everything, do not annoy that person.

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# Sikh History This Week

NOVEMBER 8 TO NOVEMBER 14

## 8th November



1665 Guru Tegh Bahadur was arrested and taken to Delhi. The acceptance of Guruship by Guru Tegh Bahadur without obtaining the approval of the imperial government at Delhi was considered an affront to Aurangzeb. He deputed Alam Khan Rohilla to take the Guru into custody, and bring him to his presence. Alam Khan and his escort showed themselves up in Dhamdhan when Guru Sahib was in the deep forest on a hunting expedition. Guru Tegh Bahadur and his entourage were rounded up and taken to Delhi. This is the only time Guru Sahib met Aurangzeb. Aurangzeb asked Guru Sahib to show miracles or be ready to be put to death. Guru Sahib refused the first option as display of miracles is discouraged in Sikhism and considered arrogance while competing with God. As a result Aurangzeb ordered the execution of Guru Sahib. But the intervention of Raja Ram Singh, son of Raja Jai Singh, made Aurangzeb to relent, and order instead the detention of Guru Sahib and his entourage under his care. They were released on December 16, 1665.

1899 "Khalsa Samachar", a weekly punjabi newsletter, was started by Vir Singh.

## 9th November

1821 Maharaja Ranjit Singh invaded Mankera, territory annexed and Nawab Haji Ahmad Khan given some jagir elsewhere. All his territories of Bannu, Tonk, Liya and Kundian came under Sikh occupation.

1840 Sher Singh proclaimed the successor.



1840 Rani Chand Kaur, mother of Nau Nihal Singh.

announced the pregnancy of Gilwani, wife of prince Nau Nihal Singh.

## 10th November

1880 First ever Punjabi weekly, "Gurumukhi Akhbar," was started by Singh Sabha, to popularise the Sikh ideals.

1955 Sri Bhim Saen, then Chief Minister, visited Sri Darbar Sahib and sought forgiveness of Sikh Sangats for the July 4, 1955 incident.

## 11th November



1534 Bhai Mardana passed away at Kurram in Afghanistan. Bhai Mardana was born at Talwandhi to mother Lakho and father Badro in Sanmat 1516. After becoming a Sikh of Guru Nanak, he righteously earned the status of "Bhai". He accompanied Guru Nanak Dev Ji on his world trip and served as a key participant in Kirtan. He dies in 1591 in Karam Nagar on the banks of Karam river in Afghanistan. Guru Nanak, personally conducted the last rights for Mardana. As per his wishes no monument was erected in his remembrance. Since Mardana was a "Rabab" player, hence all his descendants came to be known as Rababis. Mardana's writings are included in Guru Granth Sahib. He is recalled in two Saloks by Guru Nanak Dev Ji in Rag Bihagda, see Paudhi 12. His role during Guru Nanak's travels is well illustrated by the popular phrase "Mardana, Jagat Nu Taran Da Bahana" - Mardana, a reason to save this world.

1675 Patshahi ninth, Guru Teg Bahadur Ji was beheaded in public at Chandni Chowk, Delhi by orders of the Mughal Emperor. He was brought into the open place of execution in Chandni Chowk, Delhi and beheaded around 11am. Guru Ji's dead body was cremated by Lakhi at Rakab Ganj around 8pm. While Guru's severed head was smuggled to Anandput Sahib by Bhai Jaita, a distance of 350 kilometers that was covered in 5 days. Today is the actual date of Guru Sahib's martyrdom, although it is observed on a different date by Guru Khalsa Panth. Kashmiri Pandits, led by Kirpa Das of Mattan (Martand), reached Chak Nanki, Kahlur (old name of Anandpur Sahib). He appealed to Guru Teg Bahadur for his help in against the prosecution of Kashmiri Pandits by Aurangzeb's forces and resulting extinction of Hindu Dharma. After appointing Gobind Rai as the next Guru, Guru Teg Bahadur left for Delhi on July 11, 1675. After Guruji's martyrdom, Pandit Kirpa Das stayed back and became Kirpa Singh after taking Amrit in 1699 and died fighting at Chamkaur along with the two elder Sahibjadas of Guru Gobind Singh Ji.

When Guru Teg Bahadur sacrificed himself to save the Kashmiri Pandits from extinction in 1675, Guru Gobind Singh put his stamp on this truth by

proclaiming "The Lord (Guru Teg Bahadur) protected the sacred thread and the frontal mark of the Hindus: He performed a great deed in the age of Kalyug." However, it is strange that the Kashmiri Pandits did not build any memorial in honour of Guruji. On the other hand the present generation had started doubting the veracity of this event.



1675 Guru Gadhi was bestowed on Tenth Patshah, Guru Gobind Singh Ji. He became Guru at the age of 9 when his father was tortured to death by the ruling Mughals. From the age of 9 to 42 when he breathed his last, his life had been occupied fighting the Mughals against injustice and tyranny. Today is the actual date when Guru Sahib was bestowed Guruship, though Guru Khalsa Panth observes it on a different date.

1710 Fort of Rahon was conquered by Baba Gurbakhsh Singh (Banda Bahadur).

1757 Bada Deep Singh Ji accepted Shahadat in Amritsar. The Sikh's attack on returning Afghan forces from Ahmad Shah's 4th invasion infuriated Ahmed Shah. He sent an expedition against the Sikhs that resulted in the destruction of Sri Harimandir Sahib. Subsequently, the Sikhs collected at Amritsar in Oct. 1757 to celebrate Diwali. They were attacked repeatedly by Jaham Khan, Governor of Punjab. It is during these battles Baba Deep Singh Ji accepted Shahdat reclaiming and preserving the sanctity of Sri Harimandir Sahib.

## 12th November

1675 A day after the martyrdom of Guru Teg Bahadur, the bodies of Bhai Mati Das, Sati Das, and Dayal Das were handed over to the Sikhs who cremated the bodies by the site of Jammu. This is the same site where Guru Har Krishan's body was cremated earlier.

1708 Guru Gadhi was bestowed upon Sri Guru Granth Sahib. This is the actual date of this event, though it is observed on a different date by Guru Khalsa Panth.

## 13th November

1862 Maharaja Narinder Singh of Patiala passed away. He was noted for his zeal in establishing and propagating the Punjabi language as well as his respect for the Punjabi writers.

1923 Jawala Singh of Kotli Bawa Dass was murdered by the Babbaras.

## 14th November

1908 Dr. Charan Singh passed away in Amritsar.

1915 Sardar Kartar Singh of Sarabha was hanged to death.



# Amla Navami



The Navami of the Shukla Paksha in the month of Kartik, after Diwali, is considered very special for the worship of Lord Vishnu, as it leads to the attainment of wealth and prosperity. It is known as Amla Navami and Akshay Navami.

On this day, women sit under the Amla tree to pray for the blessings of children, health, peace in the home, financial gain, and protection for their children. The Amla tree is regarded as a sacred tree, believed to be the abode of Lord Vishnu.

## Amla Navami Significance

As the name 'Akshay' suggests, any charitable or devotional acts performed on this day yield everlasting rewards; the merit gained not only benefits the individual in this life but also in future lives. On Amla Navami, Lord Vishnu defeated the demon named Kushmandak. It is also believed that Lord Krishna circumambulated three forests before killing Kansa on Amla Navami.

## Auspicious Activities

While the entire month of Kartik holds significance for bathing in sacred rivers, taking a dip on Navami is said to confer eternal merit.

On this day, cooking and consuming food under the Amla tree is particularly meaningful, as it promotes excellent health and radiates positive energy.

During the auspicious occasion of Akshay Navami, circumambulating Mathura-Vrindavan is also performed, which is believed to grant the individual a place in Vaikunth Dham.

## Satya Yugadi

It is believed that the day of Akshaya Navami was the beginning of Satya Yuga. Hence Akshaya Navami is also known as 'Satya Yugadi'. This day is considered an important day for all kinds of charity and charitable activities. As the name Akshay suggests, doing any charitable or devotional work on this day never diminishes and benefits the person not only in this life but also in the next life.

## Amla Navami

Akshaya Navami is also celebrated as 'Aonla Navami' in different parts of the country. On this day, the Amla tree is worshipped as it is believed to be the abode of all Gods and Goddesses. In the Indian state of West Bengal, this day is celebrated as 'Jagdhatri Puja', in which the Goddess of Satta 'Jagadhatri' is worshipped with full devotion.

## Kushmanda Navami

Akshaya Navami is also celebrated as 'Kushmanda Navami' because according to Hindu legends, on this day Lord Vishnu defeated the demon named 'Kushmanda' and obstructed the spread of adharma.

## How to worship Amla Navami

After taking bath in the morning, with a pure soul, sitting under the Amla tree in the east direction should be worshipped. After worship, water or raw milk should be given in its root. After this a raw thread should be tied around the tree. Performing aarti with camphor wick or pure ghee wick should be circumambulated seven times. After this, the Brahmin should be given food and donated dakshina under the tree.

## Spiritual Embrace of Amla

The Amla tree holds a special place in Hindu mythology and traditions. It's considered sacred, associated with divine entities like Lord Vishnu and Goddess Lakshmi, symbolizing longevity, prosperity, and good health. This revered tree embodies purity and spiritual potency.

## Rituals and Observances

Devotees observe Amla Navami with various rituals and practices. Temples become vibrant centers of prayer and devotion, where devotees offer special prayers to Lord Vishnu and Goddess Lakshmi, seeking blessings for health, wealth, and prosperity.

## Importance of Amla Fruit

## Important information

**Amla Navami, Akshaya Navami 2024**

**Sunday, 10 November 2024**

**Navami Start - 09 November 2024 at 10:45 pm**

**Navami End - 10 November 2024 at 09:01 pm**

The Amla fruit itself is renowned for its medicinal properties. Rich in vitamin C and other nutrients, it's not just a religious symbol but also a significant component in Ayurvedic medicine. Some people consume Amla fruits on this day, believing it brings blessings and auspiciousness.

## Gratitude to Nature

Amla Navami isn't just a religious event; it's also a celebration of nature's gifts. It's a reminder of the harmony between mankind and the environment, emphasizing the sacredness of trees and their invaluable role in our lives.

## Cultural Significance

The festival isn't limited to prayers and rituals; it's an occasion for cultural activities, with communities coming together to celebrate. Folklore, music, and dance performances often mark the festivities, adding vibrancy and joy to the occasion.

## Symbol of Well-Being

Amla Navami encapsulates the essence of holistic well-being. It symbolizes spiritual wellness, physical health, and the harmony between nature and mankind. The reverence shown towards the Amla tree represents the deep-rooted cultural traditions that honor nature and its abundance.

## Amla Navami Katha

**“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**

A childless virtuous and charitable merchant lived in the city of Kashi. One day, a neighbor said to the merchant's wife, if you sacrifice a foreign boy in the name of Bhairav, then you can get a son.

When the merchant came to know about this, he refused. But his wife kept looking for the spot.

One day he dropped a girl in a well and sacrificed her in the name of Bhairon Devta. The result of this murder was the opposite. Instead of profit, there was leprosy in his body. The girl's spirit started haunting her. On asking the merchant, his wife told the whole thing. On this the merchant started saying that there is no place in this world for cow slaughter, Brahmin slaughter and child slaughter. That is why you can go to the banks of the Ganges and worship God and take a bath in the Ganges, then only you can get rid of this trouble.

The merchant's wife started living on the banks of the Ganges. After a few days Ganga Mata came to him disguised as an old lady and said that you should go to Mathura and fast on the Navami of Kartik month by circumambulating the Amla tree and worshipping it. By observing this fast, your leprosy will go away.

Listening to the old lady, she went to Mathura after taking permission from the merchant and started fasting on Amla methodically. By doing this she became divine body by the grace of God and she also got the son.

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**“If Hindus don't maintain Hinduism, who shall save itRs ”**

**“If India's own children don't cling to their faith, who shall guard itRs ”**

**“Indians alone can save India, and India and Hinduism are one.”**



# Backwater destinations in Kerala



Placed in the South-Eastern part of India on the Malabar Coast, the state of Kerala lies in between the Arabian Sea in the West, the Western Ghats in the East. Backwater destinations in Kerala are one of the prime attractions of 'god's own country'.

Peaceful ride along these palm-fringed backwater destinations in Kerala with thrilling view of the sunset, lush paddy fields, the moonlight and the gentle lapping of water as you meander along on a kettuvallams (the traditional rice barges which have now been tastefully converted into houseboats in Kerala) make it an experience of a lifetime.

The backwaters are uninterrupted through the entire length of Kerala, initially used as a mode of transferring goods like coconut, rubber, spices, and others. However, now it serves for the activity of backwater tourism. The cruise ride will open up to a different world of backwater villagers, fishing operation and take you through other scenery.

## Alleppey

Alleppey also known as Alappuzha or the 'Venice of the East' is an attractive town in Kerala. It is one of the most significant tourist centers in the state because of the large network of inland canals. Many of the Kerala backwater cruises either start or end at this point and is known as the center of the coir industry.

Alleppey used to be the busiest centers of trade in the past, till now the canals are the source of livelihood among the villagers. Alleppey presents a scenic view of the intertwined backwaters, beaches, and lagoons.

A houseboat cruise in these backwaters is a pleasurable experience. You will also get to witness a lighthouse once used for uploading goods.

## Kumarakom

The view offered from Kumarakom is like no other; the green paddy fields and the Mangrove forests fight for the attention; along with the canals which are bedded by white lilies draw tourists to this spot from all over the world.

Kumarakom is situated about 16 km from Kottayam along the Vembanad Lake. A journey through the vast canals and streams in the country boats will take you across the lovely villages of Kerala. The soothing surroundings, placid lakes, lush greenery bestow Kumarakom with a physically and spiritually uplifting ambiance. It is no wonder Kumarakom is one of the best places in Kerala for Ayurveda.

Another attractive feature of this place is the Bird Sanctuary that extends a long way; it is home to many migratory birds. Some of the exotic birds leave the tourists fascinated. The area is also famous for handicrafts which are made in a traditional way.

## Kasaragod

Kasaragod is far from the tourist hubs but is a beautiful village that offers backwater facilities and is more secluded and free of commercialism. This place is perfect for peaceful boat rides and sightseeing. Kasaragod is placed in the Northernmost District of Kerala, at Padanna and holds its own essence.

This area has kept up to the traditional ways and can be seen in their hospitality system as well, the locals play host during your stay at the retreat. They have not embraced the modern lifestyle in any form and visiting this part will make you come close to the original lifestyle of the locals.

## Kollam

One of the finest backwater destinations in Kerala to start your houseboat ride is Kollam. Kollam is one of the oldest ports on the Malabar Coast and is renowned for its Cashew industry. 30 percent of the backwaters of this town is occupied by the famous Ashtamudi Lake.

The sight that the ride offers across Kollam is spectacular; blooming water lilies, canals and the songs from the birds leave you content. Kollam houseboat cruises serve the longest backwater ride in Kerala, lasting for 8 hours from Kollam to Alleppey. The traditionally designed houseboats come



along with the authentic cooks, who serve you freshly cooked meals along the way.

## Kuttanad

The appealing geographical feature of Kuttanad is that it is the lowest place in India and lies below the sea level. Rice is grown in abundance in this area, hence holding the name "The Rice Bowl of Kerala". Kuttanad is a part of the

Alapuzha District and covers the very heart of the backwaters.

Besides the stretches of paddy fields, it has a rich growth of banana, yam, and cassava, making agriculture the main source of income for the locals. Owing to the variety of crops that grow in Kuttanad, with the added milieu of blue water bodies, green paddy fields and numerous birds it automatically makes this place vibrant and beautiful.



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## Donald Trump Wins Big; Democrats...

his side, Trump declared that this will be the "golden age" of America.

"This is a magnificent victory for the American people. This was a movement like nobody's ever seen before... this was, I believe, the greatest political movement of all time," Trump said. "And now it's going to reach a new level of importance because we're going to help our country heal... we have a country that needs help, and it needs help very badly," he said.

Soon after projections indicated Trump's victory, congratulatory messages started pouring in from world leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, British Prime Minister Keir Starmer and French President Emmanuel Macron, for his "historic return to the White House".

Later, Harris conceded defeat and called up President-elect Trump and congratulated him on his victory.

After President Grover Cleveland (1885-1889 and 1893-1897), Trump is the only person to return to the White House for another term after a gap of four years. Trump served as President from January 2017 to January 2021.

"We made history for a reason tonight, and the reason is going to be just that we overcame obstacles that nobody thought possible, and it is now clear that we've achieved the most incredible political thing," Trump said in his speech. "I want to thank the American people for the extraordinary honor of being elected your 47th President and your 45th President," he said.

"I will fight for you, for your family and your future. Every single day, I will be fighting for you and with every breath in my body, I will not rest until we have delivered the strong, safe and prosperous America that our children deserve and that you deserve. This will truly be the golden age of America," said Trump, who wrapped up his speech with a playful dance to the song YMCA by the band Village People.

The victory by Trump is being seen as a remarkable comeback after he lost the 2020 presidential election to Joe Biden, which seemed then to be the end of his political career.

Trump challenged the election results and even indirectly urged his supporters to march on the US Capitol that reportedly triggered the violent attacks and clashes inside the seat of American democracy, sending shockwaves across the globe.

In the following months, Trump unsuccessfully challenged the results in court. A grand jury found him guilty on 34 counts of falsifying business records. The Biden-Harris campaign said at the time that no one is above the law while Trump called the verdict the result of a "rigged" political system. In effect, he became the first former President to get the nomination for the top office on the planet after being convicted of a felony.

Trump won the battleground states of Pennsylvania, Georgia, North Carolina and Wisconsin. Counting of votes was still underway in a few states. Earlier, Harris cancelled an election watch party in her alma mater Howard University after a clear trend in the counting of votes emerged.

The results are a big disappointment for Harris. She joined the race after President Biden dropped out from his re-election campaign in July, weeks after he came under severe scrutiny following his incoherent performance at a televised debate with Trump.

The nomination itself was historic as she became the first woman of color in the US to be fielded by a major party in the presidential race. The US has 50 states and most of them vote for the same party in every election, except the swing states.

Here are some excerpts from Trump's victory speech.

This is a magnificent victory that will also help us to make America great again... we are going to help our country heal.

We are going to fix our borders. I want a lot of people to come into our country, but I want them to come in legally.

I'm not going to start wars, I'm going to stop wars. We

had no wars for four years in our last regime.... Except we defeated ISIS.

It's time to put the divisions of the past four years behind us. It's time to unite. And we're going to try. We're going to try. And it's going to happen. (With inputs from agencies)

## Assured Trump of peaceful transition...

Biden made the comments during an address to the nation, a day after Trump, 78, won the presidential elections. In his remarks, which lasted about six minutes, Biden affirmed his commitment to a peaceful transition of power, lauded the election as one that was free and fair, and praised poll workers for overseeing the voting process. Addressing his cabinet, as well as Harris' supporters following her defeat, Biden insisted: "setbacks are unavoidable, but giving up is unforgivable."

"I assured President-elect Trump of a peaceful and orderly transition of power," Biden said.

"You can't love your neighbor only when you agree. Something I think you can do no matter who you voted for is see each other not as adversaries but as fellow Americans," he said.

Biden's remarks are seen as an attempt to heal a country that appeared divided into two groups after the results were out for the bitterly contested presidential election.

In the statement, Biden said selecting Harris as his running mate in 2020 "was the very best decision I made" and said "her story represents the best of America's story." "Under extraordinary circumstances, she stepped up and led a historic campaign that embodied what's possible when guided by a strong moral compass and a clear vision for a nation that is more free, more just, and full of more opportunities for all Americans," Biden said. "She will continue the fight with purpose, determination, and joy."

## "While I concede this election, I do not.."

crowd shed tears. "The fight for freedom, for opportunity, for fairness and the dignity of all people."

### Excerpts from the speech of Harris

Look, I am so proud of the race we ran. And the way we ran it. Over the 107 days of this campaign, we have been intentional about building community and building coalitions, bringing people together from every walk of life and background, united by love of country with enthusiasm and joy in our fight for America's future. And we did it with the knowledge that we all have so much more in common than what separates us. Now, I know folks are feeling and experiencing a range of emotions right now. I get it, but we must accept the results of this election. Earlier today, I spoke with President-elect Trump and congratulated him on his victory. I also told him that we will help him and his team with their transition and that we will engage in a peaceful transfer of power.

A fundamental principle of American democracy is that when we lose an election, we accept the results. That principle, as much as any other, distinguishes democracy from monarchy or tyranny. And anyone who seeks public trust must honor it. At the same time, in our nation, we owe loyalty not to a president or a party, but to the Constitution of the United States, and loyalty to our conscience and to our God. My allegiance to all three is why I am here to say, while I concede this election, I do not concede the fight that fueled this campaign-the fight: the fight for freedom, for opportunity, for fairness, and the dignity of all people. A fight for the ideals at the heart of our nation, the ideals that reflect America at our best. That is a fight I will never give up.

I will never give up the fight for a future where Americans can pursue their dreams, ambitions, and aspirations. Where the women of America have the freedom to make decisions about their own body and not have their government telling them what to do. We will never give up the fight to protect our schools and our streets from gun violence. And America, we will never give up the fight for our democracy, for the rule of law, for equal justice, and for the sacred idea that every one of us, no matter who we are or where we start out, has certain fundamental rights and freedoms that must

be respected and upheld.

And we will continue to wage this fight in the voting booth, in the courts and in the public square. And we will also wage it in quieter ways: in how we live our lives by treating one another with kindness and respect, by looking in the face of a stranger and seeing a neighbor, by always using our strength to lift people up, to fight for the dignity that all people deserve. The fight for our freedom will take hard work. But, like I always say, we like hard work. Hard work is good work. Hard work can be joyful work. And the fight for our country is always worth it. It is always worth it. To the young people who are watching, it is okay to feel sad and disappointed. But please know it's going to be okay.

On the campaign, I would often say when we fight, we win. But here's the thing, here's the thing, sometimes the fight takes a while. That doesn't mean we won't win. That doesn't mean we won't win. The important thing is don't ever give up. Don't ever give up. Don't ever stop trying to make the world a better place. You have power. You have power. And don't you ever listen when anyone tells you something is impossible because it has never been done before.

You have the capacity to do extraordinary good in the world. And so to everyone who is watching, do not despair. This is not a time to throw up our hands. This is a time to roll up our sleeves. This is a time to organize, to mobilize, and to stay engaged for the sake of freedom and justice and the future that we all know we can build together. Look, many of you know I started out as a prosecutor and throughout my career I saw people at some of the worst times in their lives. People who had suffered great harm and great pain, and yet found within themselves the strength and the courage and the resolve to take the stand, to take a stand, to fight for justice, to fight for themselves, to fight for others. So let their courage be our inspiration. Let their determination be our charge. And I'll close with this. There's an adage a historian once called a law of history, true of every society across the ages. The adage is, only when it is dark enough can you see the stars. I know many people feel like we are entering a dark time, but for the benefit of us all, I hope that is not the case. But here's the thing, America, if it is, let us fill the sky with the light of a brilliant, brilliant billion of stars.

The light, the light of optimism, of faith, of truth and service.

And may that work guide us even in the face of setbacks toward the extraordinary promise of the United States of America. I thank you all. Make God bless you. And may God bless the United States of America. I thank you all.

## Tom Suozzi gets Queens and Long...

2.5% in the face of a red wave led by Donald Trump across the country, who won Nassau County by nearly 5 percentage points.

National attention was drawn to Long Island as its congressional races were determined to be key in deciding which party would assume control over the House of Representatives. This included New York District 3.

In Nassau County, both Democratic candidates - Suozzi and 4th District candidate Laura Gillen - were elected to the House.

"We're pretty confident at the margins that we have, that we have elected two Democrats for the Congress," New York State Democratic Party Chairman Jay Jacobs said. Suozzi secured his win in a sweep of all three counties the congressional district encompasses, according to state Board of Elections data with all districts reported.

In Nassau County, Suozzi received 129,130 votes, 47.71%, while LiPetri got 127,719 votes, 47.19%.

In Queens, Suozzi received 35,461 votes, 51.82%, and LiPetri got 29,893 votes, 43.69%.

In Suffolk County, Suozzi received 12,597 votes, 52.15%, and LiPetri received 10,553 votes, 43.69%.

Overall, Suozzi received 177,188 votes while LiPetri fell behind with 168,165.

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



# History This Week NOV 08 - NOV 14

## NOVEMBER 8



November 8, 1923 - Hitler's Beer Hall Putsch took place in the Buergerbraukeller in Munich. Hitler, Goering and armed Nazis attempted, but ultimately failed, to forcibly seize power and overthrow democracy in Germany.

November 8, 1939 - An assassination attempt on Hitler failed at the Buergerbraukeller in Munich. A bomb exploded soon after Hitler had exited following a speech commemorating the 1923 Beer Hall Putsch. Seven others were killed.

November 8, 1942 - Operation Torch, the Allied landings in North Africa, began as 400,000 soldiers under the command of General Dwight D. Eisenhower landed at Morocco and Algeria.

Birthdays - Astronomer and mathematician Edmund Halley (1656-1742) was born in London. He sighted the Great Comet of 1682 (now named Halley's Comet) and foretold its reappearance in 1758. Halley's Comet appears once each generation with the average time between appearances being 76 years. It is expected to be visible again in 2061.

Birthdays - Dracula author Bram Stoker (1847-1912) was born in Dublin, Ireland.

Birthdays - Gone with the Wind author Margaret Mitchell (1900-1949) was born in Atlanta, Georgia. Her romantic novel about the American Civil War sold over 10 million copies, was translated into 30 languages, and was made into one of the most popular movies of all time. She won a Pulitzer Prize in 1937 for the novel, her only book. She died after being struck by an automobile in Atlanta.

Birthdays - Pioneering heart surgeon Christiaan Barnard (1922-2001) was born in Beaufort West, Cape of Good Hope Province, South Africa. He headed the surgical team that achieved the first-ever human heart transplant in 1967.

## NOVEMBER 9



November 9, 1918 - German Kaiser Wilhelm II abdicated his throne in the closing days of World War I and fled to Holland. In Germany, Philip Scheidemann, a Socialist leader, then proclaimed a democratic Republic and

became its first Chancellor.

November 9-10, 1938 - Kristallnacht (the night of broken glass) occurred in Germany as Nazi mobs burned synagogues and vandalized Jewish shops and homes.

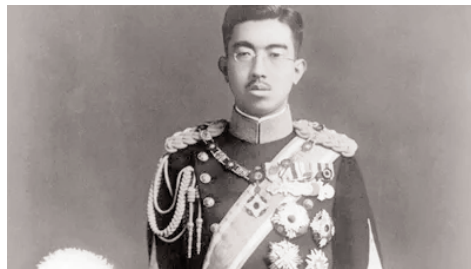
November 9, 1965 - At 5:16 p.m., the Great Blackout of the Northeast began as a tripped circuit breaker at a power plant on the Niagara River caused a chain reaction sending power surges knocking out interconnected power companies down the East Coast. The blackout affected over 30 million persons, one-sixth of the entire U.S. population. Electricity also failed in Ontario and Quebec.

November 9, 1989 - The Berlin Wall was opened up after standing for 28 years as a symbol of the Cold War. The 27.9 mile wall had been constructed in 1961.

Birthdays - Architect Stanford White (1853-1906) was born in New York City. He designed New York's old Madison Square Garden, the Washington Arch, and the Players, Century and Metropolitan Clubs. White was shot to death on the roof of the Madison Square Garden by an acquaintance on June 25, 1906.

Birthdays - Spiro Agnew (1918-1996) was born in Baltimore, Maryland. He served as Richard Nixon's vice-president from 1969-73. He resigned amid charges of income tax evasion on kickbacks received while he was governor of Maryland and after he became vice-president. As Nixon's vice-president, Agnew was known as an outspoken critic of the counter-culture and anti-war movements of the late 1960s and early 70s.

## NOVEMBER 10



November 10, 1928 - Hirohito was crowned Emperor of Japan. He was Imperial Japan's Emperor during World War II. Following Japan's defeat, he was allowed to stay and remained Emperor until his death in 1989.

November 10, 1942 - Following the British victory at El Alamein in North Africa during World War II, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill stated, "This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."

Birthdays - Reformation founder Martin Luther (1483-1546) was born in Eisleben, Saxony. In 1517, Luther tacked his 95 Theses on the door of Wittenberg's castle church asserting the Bible should be the sole authority of the church, and calling for reformation of the Roman Catholic Church.

Birthdays - Actor Richard Burton (1925-1984) was born in Pontrhydyfen, South Wales (as Richard Jenkins). The son of a coal miner, he came to be regarded as one

of the greatest acting talents of his day, although he never received an Oscar and was never knighted. He led a tempestuous personal life, highlighted by twice marrying actress Elizabeth Taylor. He died at age 58 of a cerebral hemorrhage.

## NOVEMBER 11

November 11, 1918 - At 5 a.m., in Marshal Foch's railway car in the Forest of Compiègne, the Armistice between the Allied and Central Powers was signed, silencing the guns of World War I effective at 11 a.m. - the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. In many places in Europe, a moment of silence in memory of the millions of fallen soldiers is still observed.



November 11, 1938 - Irving Berlin's God Bless America was first performed. He had written the song especially for radio entertainer Kate Smith who sang it during her regular radio broadcast. It soon became a patriotic favorite of Americans and was one of Smith's most requested songs.

November 11, 1972 - The U.S. turned over its military base at Long Binh to the South Vietnamese, symbolizing the end of direct American military participation in the Vietnam War.

November 11, 1973 - Egypt and Israel signed a cease-fire agreement sponsored by the U.S.

November 11, 1987 - In Russia, Boris Yeltsin was removed as Moscow Communist Party chief for criticizing the slow pace of Soviet reform.

November 11, 1992 - The Church of England voted to allow women to become priests.

Birthdays - Abigail Adams (1744-1818) was born in Weymouth, Massachusetts. She was the wife of John Adams, the 2nd U.S. President.

Birthdays - World War II General George S. Patton (1885-1945) was born in San Gabriel, California. In 1942, he led the Allied task force that landed at Casablanca in North Africa. He commanded the U.S. 7th Army during the invasion of Sicily, then received worldwide attention and an official reprimand for slapping a hospitalized soldier suffering from battle fatigue. After D-Day, he led the U.S. 3rd Army across France and into Germany. He died at Heidelberg, Germany on December 21, 1945, of injuries from an automobile accident.

## NOVEMBER 12

November 12, 1923 - Adolf Hitler was arrested in Germany after the failed Beer Hall Putsch.

November 12, 1942 - During World War II in North Africa, The city of Tobruk

was captured by the British Eighth Army under General Bernard Montgomery.



November 12, 1948 - Japanese General Hideki Tojo and six others were sentenced to death by an Allied war crimes tribunal.

November 12, 1974 - The U.N. General Assembly suspended South Africa over its policy of apartheid.

November 12, 1982 - In Russia, Yuri Andropov was elected First Secretary of the Soviet Communist party following the death of Leonid Brezhnev.

Birthdays - French sculptor Auguste Rodin (1840-1917) was born in Paris. Best known for his statues St. John the Baptist Preaching, Eve, The Age of Bronze and The Thinker.

## NOVEMBER 13



November 13, 1945 - General Charles De Gaulle was appointed president of the French provisional government.

November 13, 1956 - The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that racial segregation on public buses was unconstitutional.

November 13, 1973 - A state of emergency was declared in Britain after power workers and coal miners began work slowdowns.

November 13, 1995 - Israel began pulling its troops out of the West Bank city of Jenin, ending 28 years of occupation.

## NOVEMBER 14

November 14, 1994 - The first paying passengers traveled on the new rail service through the Channel Tunnel linking England and France.



Birthdays - Steamboat developer Robert Fulton (1765-1815) was born in rural Pennsylvania.

Birthdays - French painter Claude Monet (1840-1926) was born in Paris. He pioneered the impressionist style in his landscapes including the Haystacks, Poplars, and Rouen Cathedral series.



# Cricket: USA stays at the top in ICC ODI Series as Nepal-Scotland game abandoned after rain



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**GRAND PRAIRIE , TX (TIP):** Two North American teams - the USA and Canada - share the top position with 16 points each in the ICC Men's World Cup League 2 after completion of their 12 matches each. On the better run quotient, the USA was placed at the number one position with its NRR reading of 0.428 while Canada with a similar number of wins - eight - was at the number two position with an NRR of 0.292.

The US leg of the ICC ODI series or World Cup League 2 ended with the last game between Nepal and Scotland getting abandoned because of rain. Put to bat first, Nepal was 26 for one from six overs when rain prevented any further play in the game at Grand Prairie Stadium in Texas. In the first game between the two teams, Nepal recorded a convincing five-wicket win over Scotland with 20.1 overs to spare. Scotland



Photo: Courtesy of CAN

could muster only 154 in its innings and Nepal responded with 157 for five from 29.5 overs for its only win in the series played at Grand Prairie Stadium.

The US team proved that its successes in the last T20 World Cup that it jointly hosted with West Indies in June this year were no fluke as it beat Nepal in both its games. Though the USA was convincingly beaten by Scotland in both

the games, its wins against Nepal helped it to climb back to the top of the table with a total of eight wins from 12 games.

Its immediate neighbor and traditional rival Canada too has eight wins from its 12 games but is now placed at the number two position because of a little lower run quotient.

Of eight teams in League 2, Scotland was now placed third with 15 points from its 12

games. Its last game against Nepal was abandoned.

The Netherlands is the only team that has the potential to upset the apple cart of both the USA and Canada. The European Orange Jerseys have three games in hand as they have 12 points from nine games. They have two games against Oman and one against UAE in hand. In case they win all three, they will climb to the top of the table. Even with two wins from two games, they will join USA and Canada at the top. In such a case the run quotient will become decisive.

At the end of the US leg of League 2, the home team captain Monank Patel was the top batter with 502 runs from 11 innings he played. He is followed by Harsh Thaker of Canada with 489 runs from 12 innings while Michael van Lingen of Namibia was the third top batter with 445 runs.

Pargat Singh of Canada was placed fourth with 432 runs made from 11 innings.

Canada's Dilan Heyliger was on the top of the list among bowlers having claimed 25 wickets in 12 matches. Nosthush Kenjige (USA) was the second best with 20 wickets from 12 matches and Kaleem Sana (Canada) was the third on the list having claimed 19 wickets in 11 matches.

## IPL auction: Stokes out, Jimmy makes debut

England Test skipper Ben Stokes is missing from the list of 1,574 players while his former teammate James Anderson, Italian quick Thomas Draca and India-born US medium pacer Saurabh Netravalkar have all registered for the IPL mega auction to be held in Jeddah on November 24 and 25.

The list, which will be shortened after the franchises provide their inputs, has all the marquee Indian players who were released from their teams including Rishabh Pant, Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul, R Ashwin and Yuzvendra Chahal.

India quick Mohammed Shami, who has been sidelined from action due to various injuries since last November, was also released by his former team Gujarat Titans and has listed himself at Rs 2 crore and so has left-arm pacer Arshdeep Singh.

Among the other Indian players in the list with the maximum base price of Rs 2 crore are Khaleel Ahmed, Mukesh Kumar, Venkatesh Iyer, Avesh Khan, Deepak Chahar, Ishan Kishan and Bhuvneshwar Kumar.

This list also includes Shardul Thakur, Mohammed Siraj, Devdutt Padikkal, Krunal Pandya, Harshal Patel, Prasidh Krishna, T Natarajan, Washington Sundar and Umesh Yadav.

India batters Sarfaraz Khan and Prithvi Shaw, who were unsold in the last IPL auction, have registered themselves at the base price of Rs 75 lakh each.

Stokes, who had decided to give the last season of the IPL a miss in order to manage his workload and focus on his fitness, has opted out for the 2025 edition as well.

Netravalkar, who rose to prominence due to his stupendous performance for USA during the T20 World Cup earlier this year, has also lined up to go under the hammer in Jeddah. The software engineer in Oracle has a base price of Rs 30 lakh.

### Draca becomes first Italian player to register

Medium pacer Thomas Draca has become the first player from Italy to register for the IPL. The 24-year has



James  
Anderson and  
Ben Stokes

played four T20 Internationals since making his debut for Italy in June this year.

He impressed with his recent performance at the Global T20 Canada in August. Draca was the joint second-highest wicket-taker of the tournament with 11 wickets to his name from six innings at an average of 10.63 and an economy of 6.88.

The Italian pacer was recently signed by the Mumbai Indians owned MI Emirates for the upcoming season of the ILT20 in the UAE. Draca has registered himself at abse prices of Rs 30 lakh in the all-rounders' category.

### Anderson's 'first' IPL

The 42-year-Anderson, who retired from Test cricket earlier this year, has registered for the IPL for the first time. The veteran pacer last played a T20 10 years ago in 2014. He has never competed in a global franchise T20 league. He has a base price of Rs 1.25 crore.

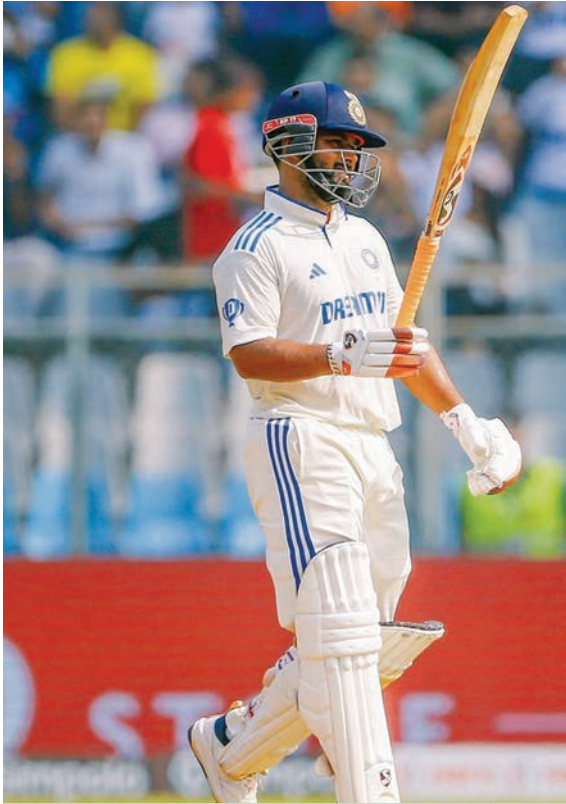
Ace Australian off-spinner Nathan Lyon, who has gone unsold in previous auctions, has also entered the fray with the a base price of Rs 2 crore. Australian pacer Mitchell Starc, who was the most expensive buy in the IPL's last auction at a price of Rs 24.50 crore, is back in the pool for this year's auction with a base price of Rs 2 crore.

### 25 players for each team

With up to six players permitted to be retained ahead of the mega auction, IPL teams can build a squad of 25 players each and there will be 204 slots available after 46 players were retained by 10 teams put together. Each team will have a total purse of Rs 120 crore as Punjab Kings have Rs 110.5 crore available with them, followed by Royal ChallengeRs Bengaluru with Rs 83 crore, Delhi Capitals with Rs 73 crore and Gujarat Titans with Rs 69 crore.

Source: PTI





# Suryakumar sends 'Test comeback' message to Rohit Sharma after NZ whitewash

**DURBAN (TIP)**

Suryakumar Yadav will be leading India in their upcoming four-match T20I series vs South Africa. India will also be hoping for good results after their 0-3 whitewash by New Zealand in a three-match Test series at home.

During the Test series vs New Zealand, Suryakumar wasn't part of the squad, having only once appeared for India in that format.

Speaking ahead of the South Africa series, Suryakumar hoped for a Test comeback, and revealed that he was participating in all red-ball, white-ball domestic tournaments.

"When the time comes, I will make a Test comeback. I am playing in all domestic tournaments, be it red-ball or white-ball. I don't miss any games. If a Test comeback is meant to happen, it will," he said.

His sole Test match was vs Australia in 2023, where he scored eight runs in his sole innings. In the same year, he was selected as a reserve player in the WTC final. Commenting on Rohit's recent form, he said, "Whether Rohit is performing well or not, his character remains unchanged. That is a quality I believe every sportsman should have."

Suryakumar has appeared in 84 first class matches, registering 5656 runs at an average of 42.84, with 14 tons and 29 half-centuries across 140 innings, with 200 being his highscore.

Suryakumar captained the Mumbai team for a brief period



during the 2014-15 Ranji Trophy season, before getting replaced midway through the campaign. He registered 690 runs in ten matches in the tournament. He was also part of the Mumbai squad which won the 2015-16 Ranji Trophy title.

He was amongst the top-five run-scorers in the season, with 788 runs and got three tons, including a knock of 115 runs in the second innings of the semi-final vs Madhya Pradesh. He also reached the 2016-17 Ranji final, but Mumbai lost to Gujarat in the final.

**'Make place for Cheteshwar Pujara as soon as possible': Gambhir, Rohit get 'need an anchor' advice from Uthappa**

India's batting has landed into immense scrutiny in recent weeks,

with that being a focus of the struggle as New Zealand whitewashed the team at home 3-0 in the recently-concluded series.

It is now the focus of question-marks as India prepare for the always-tricky Border-Gavaskar Trophy, where batting technique and temperament both will be tested thoroughly on difficult tracks by Australia's world class bowling attack.

India will also be without Cheteshwar Pujara for the first time in Australia following his removal from the squad, with that being a matter of concern given Pujara was arguably the most important player with bat for India as they won the 2018-19 and 2020-21 series down under.

## Pant at 6th spot in ICC Test ranking

India wicket-keeper batter Rishabh Pant rose five places to sixth spot in the latest ICC Men's Test Batter Rankings following his strong performance in a losing cause in third Test against New Zealand in Mumbai last week.

Pant made the jump on the back of a pair of half-centuries during the Mumbai Test, in a sure sign that he is back to his best following a serious car accident, with the attacking left-hander now just one spot behind the career-best fifth position he first occupied in July 2022.

The other Indian batter in top Test batter's chart is young left-handed opener Yashasvi Jaiswal, who dropped a rung to fourth. New Zealand secured a narrow 25-run victory in Mumbai to claim an unprecedented 3-0 series whitewash over India, with Pant and visiting side's Daryl Mitchell the main beneficiaries in the top 10 Test batter rankings. *Source: PTI*

## Champions league: Barcelona, Inter win again



Barcelona's Robert Lewandowski scores their third goal against Red Star. REUTERS

**PARIS (TIP)**

Barcelona and Inter Milan won again in the Champions League though both former title holders are looking up in the standings toward upstart newcomers Brest.

Aston Villa started the week atop the 36-team table but their winning run ended after a bizarre penalty was awarded when defender Tyrone Mings picked up the ball in the area at Club Brugge, resulting in a 1-0 loss that sent the English club plummeting to eighth place.

Paris Saint-Germain, in their first season without Kylian Mbappe, trail far behind in 25th after Atletico Madrid scored in stoppage time to seal a 2-1 win for the Spanish team at Parc des Princes.

Barcelona's blistering scoring form

continued in a 5-2 win at Red Star Belgrade — a seventh straight win since the start of October at a rate of four goals per game. Robert Lewandowski scored twice and has 21 this season.

Inter Milan stifled Arsenal in a 1-0 win at San Siro sealed by Hakan Calhanoglu's penalty in first-half stoppage time. Inter are unbeaten on 10 points and in fifth place, one below Brest who won 2-1 at Sparta Prague. The French debutants look sure to advance to the knockout phase starting in February. Atalanta won 2-0 at Stuttgart to stay unbeaten on eight points and Salzburg got their first goals and points in a 3-1 win at Feyenoord.

Bayern Munich won 1-0 at home to Benfica in a game that was delayed 15 minutes by crowd congestion and then was played in a muted atmosphere because of a medical incident for a fan.





## An Eye Institute in Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh combatting avoidable blindness in children.

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**Peter J McDonnell, MD Director Wilmer Eye Institute, Johns Hopkins**



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In 2018 Prasanth, Sushanth and Nisanth were diagnosed and treated for Prematurity Retinopathy. An illness in premature babies which can cause blindness.

Luckily through GEMROP an initiative funded by EFA to screen premature babies throughout hospitals in India, the triplets were able to receive an expensive surgery free of charge. The boys are now the age of 4 with perfect vision.