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Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chinese President Xi Jinping, and Russian President Vladimir Putin in conversation at the venue of the Shanghai Cooperation Council (SCO) Summit, in Tianjin. (@narendramodi X/ANI Photo)

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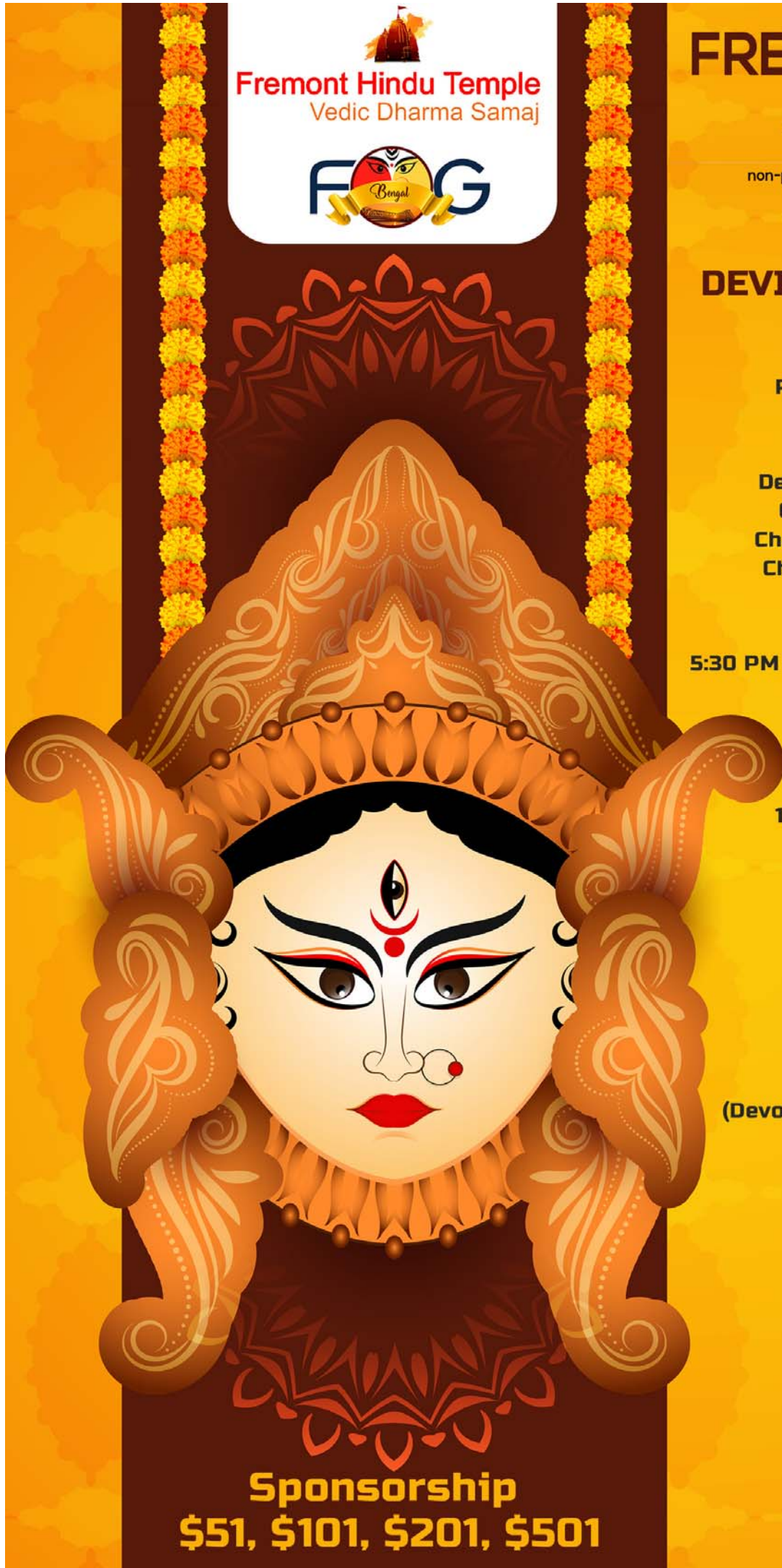
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"While US policy enters a phase of unpredictability and economic confrontation, the visible warmth and symbolism displayed among the leaders of Russia, China, and India underscore the risks of strategic complacency in Washington and the historic value of treating India as an unshakeable partner-not a bargaining chip," it added



Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chinese President Xi Jinping, and Russian President Vladimir Putin at the venue of the Shanghai Cooperation Council (SCO) Summit, in Tianjin. (ANI Photo)

The report emphasized that Modi's visit to China marked his first in seven years -- a period defined by longstanding Sino-Indian tensions, including the Ladakh border dispute, mutual restrictions on investment and technology exchange. The visible warmth between the leaders conveyed a strong message that, in an era of US protectionism and punitive tariffs, especially

targeting India, the Eurasian powers are indicating their intent to set their own rules and alliances.

According to the report, in contrast to some Western interpretations, India's participation at the summit is neither a shift eastward nor any alignment with Russia or China's agendas.

India continues to assert its strategic

autonomy, which was clearly reflected in its assertive statements on terrorism at the summit, serving as a subtle rebuke to Pakistan in the latter's presence.

The report stated that as India garners global backing for its stance on Kashmir and beyond, its decades-old non-alignment policy remains active, driven by self-interest and the aim to maximize leverage in the evolving contemporary world landscape.

"Recent years saw breakthrough agreements on cybersecurity, advanced communications (COMCASA), and export controls, as well as new joint initiatives around semiconductor supply chains and clean energy. India's demographic, economic, and technological potential is undeniable: with a population projected to surpass China's, a youthful workforce, and ambitions to be the world's next manufacturing hub, India is one of the few countries with both the scale and credibility to anchor a democratic order in the Indo-Pacific," the report noted.

"To treat India as a secondary power - or worse, to penalize it for hedging its bets amidst a more aggressive US-China rivalry - would be a costly strategic mistake," it further stressed. IANS

Give my warmest regards to Putin, Kim as you conspire against us: Trump to Xi

WASHINGTON: US President Donald Trump recently launched a blistering attack on Chinese President Xi Jinping for hosting Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un at a grand military parade in Beijing.

In a strongly worded post on Truth Social, Trump accused the trio of "conspiring against the United States" and questioned whether China would acknowledge the American soldiers who "gave their blood" to help liberate the country during World War II.

The event was held to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II.

In a post that was part condemnation and part sarcasm, Trump questioned whether China would acknowledge the role the United States played in helping liberate it from Japanese occupation during World War II.

"The big question to be answered is whether or not President Xi of China will mention the massive amount of support and 'blood' that The United States of America gave to China in order to help it to

rightfully Honored and Remembered for their Bravery and Sacrifice! May President Xi and the wonderful people of China have a great and lasting day of celebration," he added.

In a striking closing line, Trump quipped: "Please give my warmest regards to Vladimir Putin, and Kim Jong Un, as you conspire against The United States of America."

Trump's remarks come as Beijing hosts an elaborate military parade featuring some of its closest allies, including Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

Footage from the event showed Kim shaking hands with Xi, in a rare public appearance outside North Korea. Xi was also seen warmly greeting Putin, following their recent meeting at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit in Tianjin. IANS



Vladimir Putin, Xi Jinping and Kim Jong Un

secure its FREEDOM from a very unfriendly foreign invader," Trump wrote.

"Many Americans died in China's quest for Victory and Glory. I hope that they are

Deepak Mittal appointed India's new Ambassador to UAE

NEW DELHI: Deepak Mittal has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the United Arab Emirates (UAE), the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced.

A seasoned diplomat belonging to the 1998 batch of the Indian Foreign Service (IFS) who is currently serving as an Additional Secretary at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), he is expected to take up the assignment shortly.

Having also served as India's Ambassador to Qatar, Mittal played a crucial role in holding first discussions with the Taliban regime after the United States withdrew its troops from Afghanistan in 2021.

As the Indian envoy to Doha, Mittal met Sher Mohammad Abbas Stanekzai, the Head of Taliban's Political Office in Doha on August 31, 2021. IANS

"India kills us with tariffs": Donald Trump again claims New Delhi offered "no tariff" deal

WASHINGTON, DC: US President Donald Trump again claimed that New Delhi has offered him a "no tariff" deal as he justified his move to impose a 50 per cent levy on Indian goods.

In a telephonic interview on The Scott Jennings Radio Show, Trump claimed that he understands tariffs better than any human being and criticized India, which he believes is the "most tariffed nation" in the world.

"China kills us with tariffs, India kills us with tariffs, Brazil kills us with tariffs. I've understood tariffs better than they did; I understood tariffs better than any human beings in the world. India was the most highly tariffed nation in the world, and

you know what, they've offered me no tariffs in India anymore. No tariffs. If I didn't have tariffs, they would never make that offer. So you have to have tariffs," Donald Trump said.

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This is not the first time that Trump has mentioned a "no tariff deal." Earlier, he claimed the business relationship between the two countries for many decades has been "totally one-sided", "one-sided disaster" and also that "they have now offered to cut their tariffs to nothing, but it's getting late".

"What few people understand is that

now a totally one sided relationship, and it has been for many decades. The reason is that India has charged us, until now, such high Tariffs, the most of any country, that our businesses are unable to sell into India," he said.

"It has been a totally one-sided disaster! Also, India buys most of its oil and military products from Russia, very little



we do very little business with India, but they do a tremendous amount of business with us. In other words, they sell us massive amounts of goods, their biggest "client," but we sell them very little - Until

from the U.S. They have now offered to cut their Tariffs to nothing, but it's getting late. They should have done so years ago. Just some simple facts for people to ponder!!!" he added.

New Delhi is facing global uncertainties due to heightened economic tensions following the US imposition of a 50 per cent tariff on Indian imports, which was supplemented by an additional 25 percent due to its purchase of Russian crude oil.

However, Donald Trump has himself faced severe backlash from his own country's political clout after a US appeals court ruled the tariffs "illegal."

Former US National Security Advisor (NSA) Jake Sullivan has alleged that Trump has "thrown away" ties with India over Pakistan's willingness to do business with Trump's family.

"US has worked to build a relationship with India, a country that we should be aligned with on technology, talent, economics and so many issues. And align with dealing with strategic threats from China. Now. I think because of Pakistan's willingness to do business with the Trump family, Trump has thrown away India's relationship on the side. Germany or Japan will look at that (India) and say that could be us tomorrow. America's friends will think that they can't rely on us in any way." Jake Sullivan told MeidasTouch.

President and CEO of US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF), Mukesh Aghi also suggested that some claims of Donald Trump may not have any substance. ANI

Asia no longer scripted by one superpower: Report

BEIJING: Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasized peace and stability along the border with China during his meeting with the Chinese President Xi Jinping in Tianjin on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit, in a setting where every gesture was carefully measured, a recent report cited.

It said that yet sixty thousand soldiers remain deployed, disengaged but alert, underscoring the enduring lack of mutual trust between India and China.

"The Himalayan border - unsettled and disputed - has continued to cast its long shadow on this relationship of 2.8 billion people: the bitter conflict of 1962, the clashes of 1967, Tulung-La in 1975, Sumdorong Chu in 1986, Doklam in 2017, Galwan in 2020, and again in the subliminal distrust that still lingers under what is being sold as the new thaw in relations since October 2024," wrote former Indian

Foreign Secretary and distinguished Indian Foreign Service officer Nirupama Rao in India Narrative.

"Pilgrimages to Kailash-Mansarovar have resumed after a five-year hiatus. Direct flights are set to resume, and visa fac-

cilitation will be more streamlined. Meanwhile, India runs a deficit of \$100 billion in imports of Chinese goods, exposing, inter alia, the harsh reality of our manufacturing (and pharmaceutical) industry's dependence on Chinese inputs - thus defining the paradoxes of detente and dependency held in uneasy

balance," the expert added.

According to the report, in Tianjin, both China and India have committed to a partnership rather than rivalry in carefully crafted diplomacy.

The bow is drawn, the aim uncertain. More than being the elephant, as some refer to it, India is the archer standing on a thin iceberg. IANS

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Former UK official slams White House Advisor Navarro's anti-India tirade as 'shame'

WASHINGTON: Edward Price, a political economist and former head of Economic Policy in the British Consulate General in New York, has criticized the White House Senior Advisor Peter Navarro's tirade against India, calling it a "shame."

In an interview with IANS, Price asserted that Navarro's attempt to "instruct" a sovereign nation like India entirely "misses the point of diplomacy."

"It is also historically illiterate. India has always gone its own way, culturally, politically and otherwise. It is a unique country with a unique statecraft. We shouldn't be telling India what to do. We should be making it a fair and friendly offer," he added.

Navarro criticized India's foreign policy, questioning Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent engagements with the Russian and Chinese leaders at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit, and declaring that "India needs to be with us, not Russia."

Price, who is currently an Adjunct Instructor at New York University, argued that currently there is a lack of policy "coherence" in the White House.

"The administration doesn't know whether its own views on India are its own views. There is no coherence in the White House. Wherever there are glimmers of an American grand strategy, for example, reducing trade exposure to China, Trump offers up immediate contradictions," he noted.

On the perception in the West that India is improving ties with Russia and China as a direct response to US pressures, Price asserted that "India is not closing ranks with anyone" and termed its foreign policy as "smart."

"Indian statecraft is smart, and Indians do not typically reduce their options on the global stage. Instead, India is reminding the Americans that they do indeed have options and India is a rising and sovereign country. Soon enough, India will be a Great Power. Washington D.C. is not the only story and India does not make decisions solely on the basis of American foreign policy," he explained.

US President Donald Trump reiterated his stance on India, calling it a "one-sided relationship." IANS

Chips are digital diamonds, world ready to build semiconductor future with India: PM Modi

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 'Semicon India - 2025', aimed at catalyzing India's Semiconductor ecosystem and said the world trusts India and is ready to build the semiconductor future with the country.

Remarking that in the world of semiconductors, it is often said, 'Oil was black gold, but chips are digital diamonds', the Prime Minister stated that oil shaped the previous century, and the fate of the world was determined by oil wells. The global

He expressed confidence that, given the pace at which India is advancing in the semiconductor sector, India will hold a significant share in this \$1 trillion market.

PM Modi recalled that in 2021, the Semicon India program was launched, by 2023, India's first semiconductor plant had been approved, in 2024, several more plants received approval, and in 2025, five additional projects were cleared. He said ten semiconductor projects are now underway, involving an investment of over

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economy fluctuated based on how much petroleum was extracted from these wells. However, he emphasized that the power of the 21st century is now concentrated in the small chip. Though tiny in size, these chips possess the potential to accelerate global progress significantly.

PM Modi highlighted that the global semiconductor market has already reached \$600 billion, and in the coming years, it is expected to surpass \$1 trillion.

eighteen billion dollars --more than ₹1.5 lakh crore. The Prime Minister emphasized that this reflects the growing global trust in India.

Emphasizing that in the semiconductor sector, speed matters, PM Modi said, "the shorter the time from file to factory, and the lesser the paperwork, the sooner wafer work can begin". He stressed that the government is working with this very approach.

As PM Modi wraps up China visit, Rubio calls US-India partnership 'defining relationship of 21st century'

NEW DELHI/WASHINGTON: Shortly after videos and images of Prime Minister Narendra Modi going into a huddle with the Presidents of Russia and China on the sidelines of the SCO Summit in Tianjin went viral on social media, the United States has termed India-US ties as a "defining relationship of the 21st century", stating that partnership between both countries continues to reach new heights.

"The partnership between the United States and India continues to reach new heights - a defining relationship of the 21st century. This month, we're spotlighting the people, progress, and possibilities driving us forward. From innovation and entrepreneurship to defense and bilateral ties, it's the enduring friendship between our two peoples that fuels this journey," the US Embassy in New Delhi quoted US Secretary of State Marco Rubio as saying in a post on X.

Analysts could not help but notice the timing of the post which coincided with shots and images of PM Modi's warm camaraderie with Vladimir Putin and Xi Jinping being beamed across international media since the three leaders met just ahead of the start of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit in China's Tianjin.

Following the summit meeting, PM Modi held crucial discussions with the Russian President before leaving for New Delhi.

The meeting took place amidst US President Donald Trump imposing a 50 percent tariff on Indian goods, blaming what he described as unfair trade practices and New Delhi's refusal to halt the import of Russian crude oil. *IANS*



US Secretary of State Marco Rubio

The National Single Window System has been implemented, enabling all approvals from both the Centre and States to be accessed on a single platform. As a result, investors have been freed from ex-

worker pool. He remarked that when such infrastructure is combined with incentives, industrial growth is inevitable.

Whether through PLI incentives or Design Linked Grants, India is offering end-to-end capabilities. This is why investment continues to flow in, he emphasized.

Affirming that India is moving beyond backend operations and progressing towards becoming a full-stack semiconductor nation, PM Modi reiterated that the day is not far when India's smallest chip will drive the world's biggest change. "Our journey began late... but nothing can stop us now."

Prime Minister informed that CG Power's pilot plant commenced operations on August 28,



Prime Minister Narendra Modi

tensive paperwork, he noted.

Prime Minister highlighted that semiconductor parks are being developed across the country under a plug-and-play infrastructure model, which offer facilities such as land, power supply, port and airport connectivity, and access to a skilled

just 4-5 days ago. He added that the pilot plant of Kaynes is also about to begin. Test chips from Micron and Tata are already in production. He reiterated that commercial chip production will begin this year, underscoring the rapid progress India is making in the semiconductor sector. *ANI*

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FOG Health Fair: Mainstream and Complementary Medicine

LAKSHMI IYER

India Post News Service

FREMONT, CA: The Festival of Globe (FOG) held its Health Fair in Fremont on Saturday, August 16th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event is part of its 33rd India Day Mela.

A few decades ago, Dr. Romesh Japra, the Founder and Convener of the Festival of Globe (FOG), a renowned cardiologist who has been practicing in Fremont for several decades, started the honored tradition of providing free checkups to the poor and uninsured. Many other doctors joined him in this noble initiative.

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Redistricting battles erupt ahead of midterm elections

VIDYA SETHURAMAN

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Redistricting normally occurs once a decade, following the US Census. Congressional district maps are redrawn to reflect changing demographics. This year, battle lines were drawn as Texas announced its intent to redraw its maps. Five other Republican states are considering similar actions.

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Krishnamoorthi visits Hindu temple targeted by burglars in CA

WASHINGTON: US Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi has condemned a break-in at a Hindu temple in Santa Clara, California, calling for strict action against the perpetrators.

He also visited the temple last week and expressed "solidarity with the broader Hindu American community."

"I condemn in the strongest terms possible the break-in and vandalism of the Bay Area Shiv Durga Temple in Santa Clara, California."

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33rd FOG India Day Parade was held with zeal, enthusiasm and patriotism. This year's theme of the parade was unity and liberty. Over 50 community organizations, dozens of elected officials with representation from congressmen, assembly members, mayors and other elected officials participated in 40 beautiful open top cars showcasing Indian community's influence and voice. This year FOG India Day Parade scaled new heights with over 95 parade entries with community groups outdoing each other in building floats that conveyed the colorful, culture rich messages and show cases unique

glimpses of their group and states to thousands watching the Parade.

Several non Indian groups participated to show case Chinese, Buddhist, Burmese, Filipino and Jewish heritage and culture in solidarity with vibrant Indian community. A large group of 50 plus motorcyclists, adorned with US and Indian flags participated in the parade to add to its glamour. One of the special participants this year was Bay Area Jewish community that built a float along with Kashmiri Hindu Foundation to give message against terrorism and showcase shared values.

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FOG Goa Toursim float success at Fog Parade



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The extravaganza FOG India day parade held on a Sunday with lakhs of spectators full of patriotism and pride led by Grand marshal Bhagyasree (Bollywood actress) with FOG Founder Dr. Romesh Japra, President Rajesh Verma and Actress Jo Sharma/FOG Chair Cultural/A4H Global Ambassador along with Goa Toursim Secretary Sanjeev Ahuja and Acting Consul General Rakesh Adlaka, Captain Krishan Sharma was sitting in an open car as delegates along with Raj Salwan Mayor of Fremont and all political dignitaries.

Captain Krishan Sharma along with FOG Chair and Indian American Actress

Jo Sharma, helped with putting together FOG Goa float with colorful beach theme and 100s of Goa volunteers dancing with goa beach music festive theme.

FOG Goa float won "first time best design" award (24 Ft truck) at FOG India Day Parade and lot of Volunteers participated in making it a grand success.

FOG Volunteers in Goa float Mayura, Jyothi, Srini Gotte, Raghu, Dr.Harsha, Priyanka M, Mangala, Priyanka G, Dimple, Sunita and Jaya, with all families' ladies and teenagers wearing traditional beach costumes and men with colorful beach shirts and hats, with garlands dancing along with men and kids walking with the float.

Festive colors feast to the eye with 100s of FOG volunteers walked the parade led by FOG Chairperson Jo Sharma.

Parade walk involves a community gathering where participants walk a specific route to celebrate nation's independence featuring festive floats, marching bands, vintage cars, dance troops, and spectators lining the streets. These parade supported by Fremont police department and volunteers to create memorable experience.

Traditional Float display held in parade

representing India's diversity with displays from different states and their culture.

Thanks to all volunteers who took part at fog parade Goa float

Mandar, Mayura, Swathi, David, Kashyap, Yugal, Mangesh, KPS, Sunil, Jitendra, Nitin, Mohit, Gajanand, Ameya, Sricheta, Deepti, Durga, Ketki, Mukta, Preeti, Jaya, Nidhi, Swati, Aarya, Anvi, Sara, Anay, Riyaan, Avyaan, Karthi, Maha, Manas, Dhaatri, Nyra, Krish, Riyansh, Kiaan, Freya, Haasini, Aahana, Hamsita, Sahasra, Sanvitha and Sristi.



FOG Health Fair 2025 brings together the best of Mainstream and Complementary Medicine

Pictures courtesy- Christine Ann Iglesias, Dr. Sheila Dobee and FOG Volunteers



FOG Health Fair volunteers with their certificates and the FOG team



Ayurveda practitioner Manju Kohli talks to a visitor



A couple of physicians from Kaiser Permanente at their booth



Anita Srivastava of Happiness Factors receiving her certificate from FIA/FOG President Rajesh Verma, while being surrounded by Health Fair and booth volunteers

LAKSHMI IYER
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FREMONT, CA: The Festival of Globe (FOG) held its Health Fair in Fremont on Saturday, August 16th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event is part of its 33rd India Day Mela.

A few decades ago, Dr. Romesh Japra, the Founder and Convener of the Festival of Globe (FOG), a renowned cardiologist who has been practicing in Fremont for several decades, started the honored tradition of providing free checkups to the poor and uninsured. Many other doctors joined him in this noble initiative.

It marked the beginning of the FIA/FOG Health Fair in the first India Day Mela, which was held in Fremont in 1993. Asha Parekh, the superstar from the Hindi film industry of the '60s and '70s, presided as the Grand Marshal for the Parade that year. (FOG is under the umbrella of the FIA - the Federation of Indo-Americans of Northern California, a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit.)

Recently, Dr. Japra has welcomed many complementary streams of healing, transforming the FOG Health Fair into a holistic wellness event.

Dr. Bhupinder Bhandari, a well-known gastroenterologist who also practices in Fremont, was the Chair of the Health Fair this year, just as in previous years.

Dr. Kavana Sanjay, a medical doctor from India, who is in the process of entering residency in the U.S., and Lakshmi Iyer (this correspondent) acted as the Co-Chairs/ coordinators for the event, along with coordinator Sujata Shrivastava.

Naresh Sodhi from Pacific Cardiology Associates, Dr. Japra's clinic, was the Sponsorship Chair.

This year's Health Fair was sponsored by Kaiser Permanente, Kiniksa, and Washington Hospital Healthcare System.

The lineup was impressive this year, with a range of mainstream allopathic specialists from cardiology, and stroke neurology to oncology, obesity/diabetes management, and dentistry. They were joined by doctors from Ayurveda, and Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM), and professionals from Yoga Therapy and Mental Wellness.

Some of the participating doctors who joined FOG for the first time included:

Dr. Meenu Vaid, MD and Dr. Shagun Bindlish, MD from the Golden State Obesity Society

Dr. Vaid specializes in Addiction Medicine, while Dr. Bindlish is a Diabetologist. The former also runs Savera, a nonprofit to help with addiction issues. This is a subject that is rarely discussed in the Indian-American community, which comprises a generally well-educated and affluent demographic that is thought to have more traditional values.

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(Left to right) Volunteer Gyanesh receiving his certificate



Kaiser Permanente team member talks to a booth visitor



The team of Five Branches University receiving their certificates from FIA/FOG President Rajesh Verma



Dr. Sophia Yen, MD, founder of Pandia Health, with her booth volunteer



Dr. Shagun Bindlish, MD, a diabetologist (third from right), and Dr. Meenu Vaid, MD, addiction medicine specialist and founder of Savera, both from Golden State Obesity Society, receiving their certificates from FIA/FOG President Rajesh Verma. Others (l-r) Dr. Kavana Sanjay, Lakshmi Iyer, volunteer Swati Bakshi and Sujata Shrivastava

FOG Health Fair 2025 brings together the best of Mainstream and Complementary Medicine

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As for diabetes, it is unfortunately extremely common among South Asians, along with other markers of metabolic syndrome.

Dr. Sophia Yen, MD - a Women's and Adolescent Health specialist



Volunteers at the Washington Hospital booth, along with booth staff



Dentist Dr. Sheila Dobee (second from left) receiving her certificate from FIA/FOG President Rajesh Verma (far left). Accompanied by Co-Chairs/Coordinators Lakshmi Iyer and Dr. Kavana Sanjay, Coordinator Sujata Shrivastava, and FIA/FOG Operations Chair Sanjeev Sharma



Ayurveda practitioner and Ayurhitam Founder Manju Kohli receiving her certificate (third from left) from FIA/FOG President Rajesh Verma (second from right). Along with them are young Ayurhitam booth volunteers and Health Fair Co-Chair/coordinator Lakshmi Iyer (far left)



Anil Surpur from Yoga Bharati (third from left) receiving his certificate from FIA/FOG President Rajesh Verma

She runs a healthcare company called Pandia Health. Women's issues, such as perimenopause and menopause, are only now gaining traction in the mainstream. In the Indian-American community, issues related to sexual health are not commonly discussed, making this field a welcome addition to the health fair.

Dr. Pankaj Bhargava, MD - Oncology, UCSF

Dr. Bhargava sent the Health Fair coordinator team numerous pamphlets related to screening for various cancers, such as colorectal and prostate, as well as early detection of others, including lung cancer.

As is generally known, catching cancer early and starting timely treatment are crucial to survival rates.

The other doctors/organizations who volunteered their time were:

Dr. Romesh Japra, MD - Cardiology, FOG Founder and Convener, Head of Pacific Cardiology Associates (Clinic staff, including Naresh Sodhi were present)

Dr. Bhupinder Bhandari, MD - Gastroenterology, Chair - FOG Health Fair

Kaiser Permanente - Stroke Prevention and Response Education and Treatment

Washington Hospital Healthcare System

Bay Area Community Health (BACH)

Ayurhitam - headed by Manju Kohli, Ayurvedic practitioner

California Association of Ayurvedic Medicine (CAAM)

Dr. Sheila Dobee - Dentist, Your Caring Dentist in Fremont

Five Branches University - Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM)

Yoga Bharati - Yoga Therapy

Happiness Factors - a Mental Wellness company, headed by Anita Srivastava

California Association of Ayurvedic Medicine (CAAM) had a booth for the first time. Manju Kohli, who runs Ayurhitam, an Ayurvedic clinic, is affiliated with CAAM. She was part of the event last year, too.

All the other organizations and practitioners were returning participants.

Bay Area Community Health had a small truck on site, and their staff offered free blood pressure and glucose screenings.

Five Branches University offered free acupuncture sessions on-site, and many people got to try this ancient healing technique.

All the booths had engaging materials to educate visitors on various aspects of health, whether it is one's oral health, stress management, understanding the warning signs of a stroke, and quickly responding to them, or turning to powerful 'yogasanas' to alleviate a range of health issues.

The event also attracted stellar volunteers - middle/high schoolers who were keenly interested in medicine, their parents, nursing school students, and some Scouts.

Attendees availed of this unique opportunity to meet doctors and other healthcare specialists. It was a great opportunity to learn about preventing life-threatening diseases, early detection, and maintaining overall mental and physical health.

All the attending professionals had a great time interacting with the public.



A visitor speaking with a Yoga Bharati member



A CAAM booth member talks to a Health Fair visitor



Founder Anita Srivastava of Happiness Factors speaking with Health Fair volunteers at her booth



A volunteer checks the blood pressure of a FOG Health Fair visitor



Stroke Education material at the Kaiser Permanente Booth

Redistricting battles erupt ahead of midterm elections

VIDYA SETHURAMAN

India Post News Service

Redistricting normally occurs once a decade, following the US Census. Congressional district maps are redrawn to reflect changing demographics. This year, battle lines were drawn as Texas announced its intent to redraw its maps. Five other Republican states are considering similar actions. California shot back, stating its intent to roll out "trigger maps" with greater representation for Democrats, if any Republican state is successful in carving out new Congressional districts. Speakers at the Aug 22 conference discussed the redistricting process, the impact of the new maps, and whether votes from minority populations may be diluted as a result.

Rep. Gene Wu, Democratic leader in the Texas House of Representatives pointed out that, according to regulations, redistricting should only be conducted after the census. Texas completed its latest redistricting in 2021, but now it's changing the map again. He bluntly called it "changing the rules mid-game." He emphasized that Texas' African-American community has long amassed political power, but the

new map merges two African-American districts, leaving only one African-American congressman. Hispanic communities, on the other hand, have been fragmented, with votes being allocated to majority-white districts, significantly reducing their influence. He further argued that minorities already have distinct needs, such as Mexicans and Venezuelans within the Hispanic community, or different immi-

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grant groups. If they are fragmented into districts with disparate backgrounds, they will struggle to gain political support, "ultimately silencing the voices of these communities."

Sara Rohani, Assistant Counsel, NAACP Legal Defense Fund noted that smaller, more dispersed communities like Asian Americans and Native Americans may not be adequately represented

at the congressional level. "State legislatures and local districts are where the real voices are," he said. He urged the community to focus more on reforms at the local and state levels, "because while congressional districts get a lot of attention, it's often how state legislatures are drawn that truly impacts community representation."

Thomas Saenz, President and Gen-

noted that Texas's new map will give Republicans an additional five to seven seats, exceeding the "neutral gerrymander" benchmark and making it the most extreme case since 1972. He described Texas' lack of legal regulations as "the Wild West of redistricting." He explained that approximately 80% of US congressional districts are uncompetitive even under neutral gerrymandering, and that the truly influential elections are often primaries, not runoffs. While gerrymandering has decreased over the past decade thanks to independent commissions and court intervention, the Texas case still highlights the severity of the problem.

Wang specifically noted that smaller, more dispersed ethnic groups, such as Asian Americans and Native Americans, may not be adequately represented at the congressional level. "State legislatures and local districts are where they truly have a voice." He urged the community to focus more on reforms at the local and state levels, "because while congressional districts get the spotlight, it's often how state legislative lines are drawn that truly impacts community representation."

Governor Newsom re-issues statement on court decision ruling Trump's tariffs as unlawful

SACRAMENTO: Governor Gavin Newsom issued the following statement after a federal court of appeals ruled today that President Trump exceeded his use of emergency powers to enact broad-sweeping tariffs that hurt states, consumers, and businesses:

"TRUMP IS AMERICA'S BIGGEST LOSER." - Governor Gavin Newsom

And while Trump might be America's biggest loser, it's everyday Americans who are paying the price for his failed economic policies.

When Donald Trump isn't on the golf course or posting insane late-night Truth Social posts, he is turning a booming national economy into a stagnant one in record time. He knows this, which is why he fired the head of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Trump can try to hide the num-

bers, but American families are feeling the impacts of his failure. His war on affordability and small businesses through his unlawful and chaotic tariff schemes and his job- and economy-killing immigration raids are having real impacts.

In the first six months of Trump's presidency, the US economy slowed as a result of his policies. American families continue to feel the pain from the impacts of his failed tariff negotiations and increased prices. His tariffs could cost households \$25 billion and lead to a loss of over 64,000 jobs across California.

In the meantime, Trump gave massive tax cuts to his billionaire friends, while ripping healthcare and food assistance away from Americans, and putting costs on the backs of American families.

US Congressman Krishnamoorthi visits Hindu temple targeted by burglars in California

WASHINGTON: US Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi has condemned a break-in at a Hindu temple in Santa Clara, California, calling for strict action against the perpetrators.

He also visited the temple last week and expressed "solidarity with the broader Hindu American community."

"I condemn in the strongest terms possible the break-in and vandalism of the Bay Area Shiv Durga Temple in Santa Clara, California. The perpetrators of this crime must be brought to justice immediately. Together, we must pray and lend our support so that the Shiv Durga Temple of Bay Area can get back on its feet," Krishnamoorthi said in a statement.

On August 28, burglars targeted the temple in Santa Clara and stole its donation box and other ornaments. This was the second burglary at the temple after a similar incident in January 2024.

The Democratic House member from

Illinois highlighted the rise in attacks on Hindu temples across the United States, calling them "abhorrent acts of violence."

In Greenwood, Indiana, a temple was defaced in August with anti-India and anti-Hindu graffiti. In June, gunfire struck the Sri

Sri Radha Krishna Temple in Spanish Fork, Utah. And in March, a temple in Chino Hills, Southern California, was vandalized with similar anti-India messages.

On several occasions, the Indian government has voiced its protest against these attacks.

In March, Minister of State (MoS) for External

Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh, in a written response in Parliament, revealed that India was in touch with US authorities over such instances.

"All incidents of attack and desecration of temples and places of worship in the US are immediately taken up with the US Government through diplomatic channels," the MoS replied. /ANS



Congressman
Raja Krishnamoorthi

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California awards \$80 million to drive economic growth and spur job creation across the state

SACRAMENTO: Governor Newsom and the California Jobs First Council recently announced \$80 million in funding to support eleven projects across California. Projects are aligned with the state's strategic sectors and located in seven economic regions and 18 counties. The funding continues the Governor's work to create more family-supporting jobs and prioritize industry sectors for future growth.

"We're not just talking about creating jobs and growing our economy - we're putting real dollars to work right now in communities across California. These investments will build momentum and deliver measurable progress in the months and

years ahead, providing regions in every corner of the state with new tools to create good-paying jobs and strengthen local industries from the ground up." said Governor Gavin Newsom.

Today's awards are part of a two-phased approach to distribute a total of \$125 million in implementation funding to projects that advance the "Accelerate" or "Bet" sectors, as outlined in the California Jobs First Economic Blueprint.

"Today marks a major milestone for California Jobs First - the moment when years of planning and collaboration turn

Round one of this funding is being awarded to four project clusters as part of the Jobs First Regional Investment Initiative, each focused on a different sector. In total, these projects are expected to support more than 23,000 jobs across California.

Aerospace & Defense: \$16,951,467 was awarded to two projects designed to provide ecosystem support and uplift the aerospace & defense sector's infrastructure and workforce in the Central Coast.

Agtech & Farm Equipment: \$28,632,344 was awarded to four projects intended to strengthen the agtech & farm equipment sector, targeting workforce development, ecosystem support, and infrastructure for the North State, Redwood Coast, North San Joaquin Valley, Central San Joaquin Valley and Southern Border Regions.

Bioeconomy: \$10,367,000 was awarded to provide ecosystem support and bolster the bioeconomy sector's infrastructure in the North San Joaquin Valley Region.

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Consul General of India, Chicago hosts Kala Utsav

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CHICAGO: The Consulate General of India held its annual flagship event Kala Utsav 2025, held at the Yellow Box Theatre in Naperville.

The event was attended by over 500 invitees and guests. The program commenced with the lighting of a traditional lamp by CG Somnath Ghosh, accompanied by Ward 10 Alderwoman Ms. Shweta Baid and Gautam Bhatia, Naperville Township Trustee. In his opening remarks, Consul General Ghosh expressed gratitude to dignitaries, members of the diplomatic community, Indian American organizations, friends of India, and ethnic media groups.

He emphasized the Consulate's commitment to supporting and promoting Indian languages, culture, films and arts at universities and institutions where there is interest.

While acknowledging that Kala Utsav alone is not enough, he noted that it aims to spotlight emerging youth and artists and that the Consulate plans to host more events and collaborate with various organizations to strengthen Indian-American cultural ties.

Despite India's vast diversity in languages, culture, and religions, he underscored that its core strength lies in its unity in diversity. Alderwoman Ms. Shweta Baid, Gautam Bhatia, Ms. Saba Haider and Ms. Bhavini Patel also addressed the gathering at the event.

The performances included: Bharatanatyam dance by Nrithya Sangeetha School of performing arts; Odissi Classical by Aikyam ODC Chicago; Bhangra recital by Bhangra Rhymes Chicago; Mohiniyattam classical dance by Bharathanjali School of Dance; Kathak fusion dance by Team Laya from Maharashtra Mandal of Chicago; Semi-Classical / Creative dance by Bengali Association of Greater Chicago; Patriotic Dance by Shirlzar Dance Company; Haryanvi regional folk dance by Bolly Bhangra; Bharatanatyam by Soorya Dance School; Regional Folk dance by Uttarakhand Association of Chicago; Folk dances of Tamilnadu by Nalinapadam; Kathak classical dance by Taal Dance Company; Cinematic Folk by Team Ghunghuru. Ms. Anindita Anaam emceed the event.

into real projects, real jobs, and real impact. These awards reflect our shared commitment to a bottom-up, community-driven approach that builds on local strengths, drives innovation, and ensures every region across California has the opportunity to thrive." - Dee Dee Myers, Senior Advisor to the Governor and Director of GO-Biz, and Stewart Knox, Secretary of the California Labor & Workforce Development Agency.

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Bollywood star Bhagyashree was this year's Grand Marshal. She participated in the Parade by leading the Parade in the horse drawn buggy and spent a lot of time encouraging the floats as they passed by. She also made it a point to dance along with Rajasthan float and play Lezim along with Rudranaad representing the unique Maharashtra's Dhol Tasha.

FOG Chair Parade KP Maheshwari said "this year's FOG India Day Parade surpassed the expectations with over 50 community groups spending months to design, build and showcase the most colorful, culture rich and value filled messages in their floats and walking groups. This shows the unity in diversity that community brings"

Dr. Romesh Japra, Founder and Convener FOG (Festival of Globe), said, "Over the past 33 years, FOG has made great strides in including all parts of community and carrying out its mission to help communities better integrate. This represents the grass root initiative to show unity and strength our community has to be able to influence policy and decision making in USA"

Noteworthy walking groups and floats participating this year were:

Chenda: It is a majestic instrument widely used in Kerala. There is an ancient saying that Chenda tops all the 18 vadyas. It is an important percussion instrument used in 'Kathakali', 'Koodiyattam'.

NATIONAL INTEGRITY - UNITY IN DIVERSITY.

Americans4Hindus: It is the only Super Political Action committee that is aligned with supporting Hindu and Pro-Hindu candidates from federal, state, county to local government. Formed by Dr. Romesh Japra to unite the community and give it a say in policy making circles, it aims to represent all Hindu and Pro-Hindu voices to protect Sanatani values. It has over 18 chapters nationwide and has coalitions with Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Jewish, Black and Hispanic communities. It was also the force behind formation of first ever Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh and Jain caucus at the congress.

Falun Gong (Falun Dafa): It is a traditional Chinese meditation practice for mind and body based on Truthfulness, Compassion and Forbearance. It is a Buddha school meditation. Falun Dafa is taught free of charge and is open to all. We have free meditation class in Fremont. If you wish to learn please contact 510-453-0311. Also you can follow our local Facebook for more information: Falun Dafa Meditation - SF Bay Area

There are 5 sets of slow-moving exercises including a sitting meditation. Practitioners live by the principles of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance.

Dragon Dance: This group represents beautiful Dragon dance that is world famous and is a form of tradi-

tional dance and performance in Chinese culture.
FOG Idol: FOG Idol is a unique FOG initiative to connect our community through music. FOG Idol gives a platform to hundreds of music lovers from ages 5 upwards, to participate in the program and connect with other music lovers globally.

Fremont Bagpipes: Fremont Bagpipes is a talented local team playing Bagpipes. They are famous for their performances through the region. They are the Duvagen Bagpipe and Drums Band. They were established in the 1950s.

Irvington Athletics: Irvington Athletics group of energetic and mesmerizing cheerleaders performance is a sight to behold. Part of FUSD, Irvington Athletics is a strong local team supporting athletics program.

NANC: North American Nepalese Association is a long standing FOG partner and represents the beauty of their culture, clothing, music and dance.

AHS Band: AHS band is our own Fremont based band from American High School. AHS band provides an exciting avenue for students to learn, hone and perform their skills.

Filipino Group: Filipino group represents the strong thriving Filipino community in the Bay Area.

AC Transit: It is our partner in helping people reach Parade and also promote the diversity it brings to Bay Area.

Rudranaad Dhol: Rudranaad Dhol is the latest and most energetic Dhol Tasha group in the Bay Area. Closely aligned with Indian values, Rundranaad represents a beautiful bend of culture, traditions and energy.

United Hindu Council: Youth Hindu Yuva group

HSS Walking group: "Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh USA is a voluntary, non-profit, social, educational, and cultural organization. Sangh, as the organization is popularly known, aims to coordinate the Hindu American community to practice, preserve, and advance ideals and values of Hindu Dharma. HSS conducts regular values-based education programs for children, youth and adults through more than 220 branches nationwide. They also organize service activities and community outreach projects.

Through their regular educational programs based on Dharma, we instill and promote discipline, self-confidence, teamwork, and the spirit of selfless service. Through service activities and outreach projects, we foster a sense of civic duty, responsibility, and volunteerism. HSS USA endeavors to instill pride in Hindu heritage among its members and to enhance appreciation of Hindus around the world, their traditions, and civilization by the broader community in the United States."

BTS: "Bharati Tamil Sangam created a float to represent: V.O.C who strategically fought for freedom against British. O. Chidambaram Pillai, also called Kappalottiya Thamizhan, was a brave freedom fighter from Tamil Nadu. He started India's first shipping company to fight against British ships. He also helped poor workers and spoke strongly for India's freedom.

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The British punished him with jail and hard labor, but he never gave up.

He lost his wealth but not his courage or love for the country. His life teaches us to be brave, stand for truth, and love our nation."

Goa: Goa is a well known go to destination for tourists from all over the world to visit, relax and enjoy extended stays. Goa is replete with rich history, culture, heritage and beaches that beat the best in the world. This year Goa state government was represented by its Tourist minister and tourist secretary. The float represents the rich and beautiful history and sights from Goa.

BATM: Bay Area Tamil Manaram float represents rich Tamil traditions and history.

Shruti Swaralaya: "Shruthi Swara Laya, USA, is a fine arts institution dedicated to Performing Arts in Indian Music and Dance in Fremont. Shruthi Swara Laya celebrated 25 years of service in Fremont in 2022. In April of 2023 Shruthi Swara Laya conducted Carnatic music competitions and concerts in Fremont as part of California's Arts, Culture and Creativity (ACCM) month.

Shruthi Swara Laya was founded by Smt. Anuradha Suresh, an acclaimed musician and is the recipient of many prestigious awards including the 'Outstanding Service Award' by Lotus Silicon Valley in 2017, the 'Professor T. R. Subramanyam Memorial Award' by Cleveland Thyagaraja Festival, the '2019 Community Heroes Award' from Assembly-member Kansan Chu of District 25, and the '2020 Arts Leadership Award' by Alameda County Arts Commission to name a few.

Manasa Suresh, a Fulbright Scholar in Carnatic Music is the Lead Faculty of Shruthi Swara Laya, and trains next gen students in Carnatic music along with her husband Arun Mahadevan. Manasa and Arun are performing artists in Carnatic music."

FOG Telugu: FOG Telugu represent the Telugu speaking people of India. This is the new initiative from FOG to unite the community and promote its culture and traditions.

B.A.P.S.: B.A.P.S. is known for the largest and most beautiful temples world over. Their beautiful float represents their structure and values. The theme of this year's float by B.A.P.S. Shri Swaminarayan Mandir is Unity - Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam ("The World is One Family").

True harmony in the world begins with unity at home, within our own families. The B.A.P.S. float beautifully conveys this message of unity, inspired by the words of His Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj, who often said: "A family that eats together, prays together, and plays together, stays together." Over the past six weeks, dedicated B.A.P.S. volunteers have lovingly built and deco-



rated this float with devotion and teamwork. Let us embrace these values, strengthen unity in our families, and together foster peace and harmony in our communities and the world."

FOG Odisha: FOG Odisha has made this impressive and large float depicting one of the first freedom fighters from the state.

FOG Rajasthan: "Step into a world of vibrant culture, history, and landscapes as we unveil our Rajasthan Float! Inspired by enchanting Rajasthan, our float captures the essence of this state, from lively markets to intricately designed palaces. Amidst festivities, the float honored Gangaur, celebrating love. Adorned with decorations reminiscent of this event, our presentation captures Rajasthan's heritage. Journey to Rajasthan's majestic forts. Iconic landmarks like Jaipur's Hawa Mahal and Jaisalmer's golden fort stand tall, inviting you to explore their history. It was immersive experience, complete with festivals, music, dance, and more. Embark on this captivating float, where the Thar Desert stretches and Ranthambore's sanctuary offers glimpses of tigers. Rajasthan float represented a tapestry of traditions, treasures, and forts waiting to be explored.

FOG Gujarat: FOG Gujarat float this year depicted beautiful colors of Gujarat along with the dances, traditions and dresses that enthrall everyone.

KKNC: KKNC is a non-profit organization that provides a platform for Kannadigas to celebrate and promote Kannada culture. Their float honored the Hoysala dynasty, which ruled Karnataka from the 11th to the 14th centuries. Renowned for their architectural genius, they built over 1,500 temples, including the spectacular temples of Belur and Halebeedu. This float proudly displaying the intricate and exquisite details of Hoysala temple architecture, traditional animal motifs and scrolling patterns with entrance crowned with the figures of Vishnu and Lakshmi, and the side walls adorned with various Avatars of Vishnu. At the front, the Hoysala emblem was flanked by the graceful Madanikas, or Shilabalikas, on the side pillars.

Earth Cleanse: Earth Cleanse, a proud sponsor that focuses on conserving and protecting earth with innovative products.

O2B2: Overseas Organization for Better Bihar this year again brought a fascinating aspect of Bihar history. It depicted the Mandar Mountain that was used to churn the oceans that produced many things including the nectar of life 'Amrit'.

Uttarakhand: Uttarakhand float this year was made painstakingly and beautifully represents the famous Kedarnath temple. Team worked for weeks to hand made all the props and designed the close replica of the temple.

FOG Kerala: FOG Kerala this year represents beautiful natural richness and culture from Kerala

Shasta Foods: Shasta Foods a proud sponsor made making South Indian dishes at home painless and easy for today's hectic lifestyle

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FOG Bengal: FOG Bengal promoted rich Bengali traditions in art, music, literature, cultures, performing arts, food, and spiritual and religious practices to raise awareness of Bengali cultures and heritage to the rest of India and the world. Bengal float represented vibrant culture and people of Bengal.



Kashmiri Hindu Foundation: This year KHF joined Jewish Coalition to showcase their common values and stand against hatred and persecution.

FOG Himachal: FOG Himachal showcases rich traditions of beautiful state Himachal.

FOG Madhya Pradesh: FOG MP this year brings us the focus on cleanliness, regenerative energy and protecting the earth.

FOG Punjab: The float represented Punjab, the India state known for its valor, agriculture, enterprising people and warm hearted hospitality. Punjab is a state at the forefront of contributing to India's economy, and sports. It is also the place where one of the most revered Sikh temples - Golden Temple located in Amritsar.

FOG Uttar Pradesh: FOG UP group this year brought Parade watchers beautiful depiction of Krishna Janma Bhoomi Mathura. It evokes the rich imageries of lord Krishna and the life in Mathura.

NACHA: Nacha brings to us beautiful images form Chhattisgarh culture and traditions

Haryanvi Bay Area: Haryannvi Bay Area Association this year beautifully blended the traditional agriculture, farm life that revolves around agri equipments such a tractor with the high technology represented by electronic devices.

AC Transit: AC Transit a proud sponsor was represented by the bus.

FUSD: Fremont Unified School District bus proudly represents the top rated school life in Fremont. Represented by Superintendent and Board trustees, FUSD is a strong partner with our community and FOG.

Jharkhand: It represented rich culture and tradition from Jharkhand.

PG&E: PG&E is a proud sponsor this year. We are all beneficiaries of their hardwork by enjoying electricity that drives the modern life.



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Over 100 cr people worldwide live with mental health disorder

NEW DELHI: More than 1 crore people globally live with a mental health disorder, and women account for over 53 per cent, according to new data released recently by World Health Organization (WHO).

The WHO reports World Mental Health Today and Mental Health Atlas 2024 stated that conditions such as anxiety and depression inflict immense human and economic tolls and called for greater investment and action to scale up services to protect and promote people's mental health.

"Transforming mental health services is one of the most pressing public health challenges," said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General.

"Investing in mental health means investing in people, communities, and economies -- an investment no country can afford to neglect. Every government and every leader has a responsibility to act with urgency and to ensure that mental health care is treated not as a privilege, but as a basic right for all," he added.

The reports showed that anxiety and depressive disorders are the most common types of mental health disorders among both men and women. However, women are disproportionately impacted overall. *IANS*

One can be said to be perfectly healthy in body and mind only if no part of the body or mind makes itself felt. A part makes itself felt only when there is something wrong with it. You know that you have a head only when it aches.
Sri Atmananda (1883 - 1959)

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Scientists find why ultra-processed diets make you gain fat even without extra calories: Study

WASHINGTON DC: An international team of scientists has now discovered that people gain more weight on an ultra-processed diet compared to a minimally processed diet, even when they eat the same number of calories.

The study in humans also revealed that a diet high in ultra-processed foods introduces higher levels of pollutants that are known to affect sperm quality. The findings were published in the journal *Cell Metabolism*.

"Our results prove that ultra-processed foods harm our reproductive and metabolic health, even if they're not eaten in excess. This indicates that it is the processed nature of these foods that makes them harmful," says Jessica Preston, lead author of the study, who carried out the research during her PhD at the University of Copenhagen's NNF Center for Basic Metabolic Research (CBMR).

To get the best possible data,

the scientists compared the health impact of unprocessed and ultra-processed diets on the same person. They recruited 43 men aged 20 to 35, who spent three weeks on each of the two diets, with three months 'wash-out' in between.

Half started on the ultra-pro-

cessed and ultra-processed diets had the same amount of calories, protein, carbs and fats.

Men gained around 1 kg more of fat mass while on the ultra-processed diet compared to the unprocessed diet, regardless of whether they were on the normal

saw decreases in their levels of testosterone and follicle-stimulating hormone, which are crucial for sperm production.

"We were shocked by how many body functions were disrupted by ultra-processed foods, even in healthy young men. The long-term implications are alarm-



cessed and half started on the unprocessed diet. Half of the men also received a high-calorie diet with an extra 500 daily calories, while half received the normal amount of calories for their size, age and physical activity levels.

They were not told which diet

or excess calorie diet. Several other markers of cardiovascular health were also affected.

The scientists also discovered a worrying increase in the level of the hormone-disrupting phthalate cxMINP, a substance used in plastics, in men on the ultra-processed diet. Men on this diet also

ing and highlight the need to revise nutritional guidelines to better protect against chronic disease," says the study's senior author Professor Romain Barrès from the University of Copenhagen's NNF Center for Basic Metabolic Research, and the Université Côte d'Azur. *ANI*

Zydus Lifesciences launches India's first trivalent flu vaccine

NEW DELHI: Zydus Lifesciences recently launched India's first trivalent influenza vaccine, aligning with the global recommendations of the World Health Organization (WHO).

Seasonal influenza viruses evolve rapidly, necessitating annual updates to vaccine compositions. The WHO, thus, recommended trivalent vaccines for use in the 2025-2026 Northern Hemisphere (NH) influenza season.

The new Vaxiflu-Trivalent Influenza Vaccine (TIV) is recommended for individuals aged 6

months and above. It will effectively protect strains such as an A/Victoria/4897/2022 (H1N1) pdm09-like virus; an A/Croatia/



10136RV/2023 (H3N2)-like virus; and a B/Austria/1359417/2021 (B/Victoria lineage)-like vi-

rus, stated the company.

Globally, the influenza vaccine is available as quadrivalent and trivalent formulations.

India earlier followed a quadrivalent flu vaccine regimen, which offered protection against these strains, as well as the influenza B Yamagata virus.

However, there has been no circulation of the influenza B Yamagata virus since March 2020, including in India. This indicates a very low risk of infection, rendering the inclusion of this strain in influenza vaccines no longer necessary. *IANS*

New drug shows promise for people with treatment-resistant hypertension

NEW DELHI: A new medication has been shown to significantly lower blood pressure in people whose levels stay dangerously high, despite taking several existing medicines, according to the results of a Phase III clinical trial.

Globally, around 1.3 billion people have high blood pressure (hypertension), and in around half of cases, the condition is uncontrolled or treatment-resistant. These individuals face a much greater risk of heart attack, stroke, kidney disease, and early death.

The international trial

showed that after 12 weeks, patients taking the new drug baxdrostat (1 mg or 2 mg once daily in pill form) experienced a blood pressure reduction of around 9-10 mmHg more than those taking the placebo -- a reduction large enough to cut cardiovascular risk potentially.

About 4 in 10 patients reached healthy blood pressure levels, compared with fewer than 2 in 10 on placebo, revealed the trial, led by University College London's Institute of Cardiovascular Science. *IANS*

Common heart attack drug may raise death risk in some women: Study

NEW DELHI: Beta-blockers, the standard treatment after a heart attack for the last 40 years, may offer no benefit for heart attack patients and can raise death risk in some women, according to recent study that called for a rejig into the standard treatment paradigm.

Beta blockers are drugs commonly prescribed for a range of cardiac conditions, including heart attacks. It provides no clinical benefit for patients who have had an uncomplicated myocardial infarction with preserved heart function.

The study presented at the European Society of Cardiology Congress in Madrid and simultaneously published in The New England Journal of Medicine and in the European Heart Journal, showed that women treated with beta blockers had a higher risk of death, heart attack, or hospitalization for heart failure compared to women not receiving the drug.

However, men did not have this increased risk. "The study will reshape all international clinical guidelines," said senior investigator Valentin Fuster, President of Mount Sinai Fuster Heart Hospital.

"Currently, more than 80 percent of patients with uncomplicated myocardial infarction are discharged on beta

blockers. The findings represent one of the most significant advances in heart attack treatment in decades," said principal investigator Borja Ibanez, Scientific Director at Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Cardiovasculares (CNIC) in Spain.

Although generally considered safe, beta blockers can cause side effects such as fatigue, bradycardia (low heart rate), and sexual dysfunction.

The international study enrolled 8,505 patients across 109 hospitals in Spain and Italy. Participants were randomly assigned to receive or not receive beta blockers after hospital discharge. All patients otherwise received the current standard of care and were followed for a median of nearly four years.

The results showed no significant differences between the two groups in rates of death, recurrent heart attack, or hospitalization for heart failure.

A subgroup analysis found that women treated with beta blockers experienced more adverse events. Results show women treated with beta-blockers had a 2.7 percent higher absolute risk of mortality compared to those not treated with beta-blockers during the 3.7 years of follow-up of the study. IANS



India emerging as life sciences GCC hub, to enhance drug discovery, compliance: Report

NEW DELHI: With 23 of the world's top 50 life sciences companies establishing centers in the country, India has emerged as the global hub of Global Capability Centers (GCCs) for life sciences, as per recent report.

The report by advisory firm EY India showed that a majority of the companies established their presence in the country in the last five years. This is indicative of India's growing role in driving pharmaceutical research, innovation, and end-to-end value creation.

Notably, the life sciences GCCs have rapidly evolved from traditional back-office roles into strategic innovation engines.

Far from being limited to support functions, these centers now play a critical role in global mandates such as drug discovery, digital therapeutics, and real-world evidence (RWE) analytics, increasingly leveraging artificial intelligence to accelerate pipelines and drive patient-centric innovation, the report said.

"Our analysis highlights how India has rapidly evolved from a support base to the very center of innovation for global pharma and healthcare. In just five years, GCC penetration in enabling functions like finance, HR, supply chain, and IT has crossed about 60 percent," said Arindam Sen, Partner and GCC Sector Lead - Technology, Media & Entertainment and Telecommunications, EY India. IANS



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Tesla's India sales fall short of expectations with around 600 orders

NEW DELHI: US auto giant Tesla's entry into the Indian market fell short of expectations, as the company received just over 600 orders since opening bookings in mid-July.

This figure is significantly lower compared to Tesla's global sales where it delivers the same number of vehicles every four hours, according to multiple reports.

The company now plans to ship 350 to 500 cars to India this year, with the first shipment from its Shanghai factory expected in early September, the report said.



Tesla owner Elon Musk's fallout with US President Donald Trump and changing geopolitical realities, along with Tesla cars' higher prices, weighed down on its sales numbers, according to analysts.

The trade negotiations did not reduce import tariffs, defying expectations. *IANS*

SEMICON India 2025: ASML pitches to bolster partnership with Indian firms

NEW DELHI: As Prime Minister Narendra Modi aims to develop a resilient domestic chip manufacturing ecosystem and reduce imports of the vital technology, semiconductor equipment manufacturer ASML Holding NV, a global leader in semiconductor lithography, has made a strong pitch for business in the country. ASML attended 'SEMICON India 2025' for the first time, emphasizing its commitment to supporting India's growing semiconductor industry. *IANS*



'BHARATI' to empower 100 agri-food startups, target \$50 billion exports by 2030

NEW DELHI: A new initiative called 'BHARATI' will empower 100 agri-food startups, drive innovation and boost exports towards \$50 billion target by 2030, according to Commerce Ministry.

The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has launched the initiative, which stands for Bharat's Hub for Agri-tech, Resilience, Advancement and Incubation for Export Enablement.

It has been designed to empower agri-food and agri-tech startups, accelerate their journey, promote innovation and create new export opportunities for young entrepreneurs, thus strengthening India's agricultural and processed food exports.

Starting in September, the inaugural pilot cohort will empower 100 startups, including high-value agri-food producers, technology-driven service providers

and innovators.

The BHARATI initiative is structured to complement and enhance industry and government-led incubation programs in the agriculture, food and food



processing sectors.

It seeks to drive innovation in high-value categories such as GI-tagged agri-products, organic foods, superfoods, novel pro-

cessed Indian agri-foods, livestock products and AYUSH products.

The initiative also aims to attract startups working on advanced technologies such as AI-

sustainability and sea protocols.

BHARATI seeks to resolve export challenges related to product development, value addition, quality assurance, perishability, wastage and logistics. By fostering a collaborative ecosystem, the program will connect agri-food innovators, tech-driven solution providers and SPS-TBT-focused startups to deliver scalable, cost-effective solutions that enhance India's global competitiveness, the ministry informed.

The BHARATI initiative will create globally competitive agri-products, fuel demand-driven backward integration for food innovation and boost global demand for Indian food, beverage and processed food products and services.

The initiative includes a nationwide awareness campaign to engage stakeholders and attract solution-oriented startups from across India, along with an application and selection process beginning September 2025 through the APEDA website to shortlist 100 startups for the export enablement program.

Selected startups will undergo a three-month acceleration program focusing on product development, export readiness, regulatory compliance, market access and collaborative solutions to address export challenges.

To strengthen this ecosystem, APEDA will partner with state agricultural boards, agricultural universities, premier institutions like IITs and NITs, industry bodies and existing accelerators to attract startups for agri-export enablement.

The pilot cohort will serve as a model for a scalable annual incubation program, driving continuous innovation and long-term export growth. *IANS*

Apple bets big on India market with 4 own retail stores

NEW DELHI/PUNE: Apple previewed its Koregaon Park retail store in Pune -- and its fourth in India -- as the iPhone maker doubles down on the domestic market where it is creating new records on both the domestic production and export fronts.

Located in the heart of a major center of culture and learning, the new Pune store, which opened on Thursday (September 4) for the public, invites customers to discover and shop Apple's full lineup of products, access personalized service and expert support, and learn how to get even more out of their devices with Today at Apple sessions.

"There's nothing we love

more in Apple Retail than connecting with customers, and just days after opening a new store in Bengaluru, we couldn't be more excited to unveil Apple Koregaon Park in Pune," said Deirdre



O'Brien, Apple's senior vice president of Retail.

"In a city celebrated for its history and creativity, Apple Koregaon Park introduces an incredible new destination for cus-

tomers to connect with all things Apple - whether they're shopping for a new product, looking for support for one they already own and love, or seeking inspiration to bring their next big idea to life,"

Deirdre noted.

Apple Koregaon Park brings together 68 team members from 11 Indian states, which are ready to help customers shop for a new device, including the iPhone

16 lineup, iPad Air with Apple Pencil Pro, the M4-powered MacBook Air, and more.

The store team also offers personalized setup and support, step-by-step guidance on how to easily switch to iOS, and Retail services like Apple Trade In and financing programs.

"Apple is dedicated to supporting and enhancing the lives of students as they pursue their education. At Apple Koregaon Park, this commitment extends to the entire community through Today at Apple, which offers free, daily in-store sessions designed to inspire learning and creativity for all Apple users," said the company. *IANS*

"I saw for myself, India has become innovative powerhouse": German Foreign Minister

NEW DELHI: German Foreign Minister Johann Wadephul was impressed by India's growth in the technology sector during his visit to Bengaluru and stated that Berlin and New Delhi have a lot to gain by expanding cooperation.

"Our economies, in particular, have a lot to gain if we are to expand our cooperation further. I was in Bengaluru yesterday, and I saw for myself what an innovative powerhouse and technology center India has become," Johann Wadephul said in a joint press conference with Minister of External Affairs S Jaishankar.

Johann Wadephul further emphasized India's "special and strategic" importance in the world.

"As a rising economic powerhouse and the most populous country and biggest democracy in the world, India has a special importance in a world region that is of strategic importance," he said.

Wadephul and S Jaishankar also discussed international challenges during the bilateral meeting. The German Foreign Minister stated that they expressed concern about China's increasingly aggressive behavior and aim to expand cooperation in the areas of defense, security, and armaments.

India and Germany are united by the objective to preserve the rules-based international order, and that includes the freedom of maritime trade routes in the Indo-Pacific. China's increasingly aggressive behavior in the Indo-Pacific is a cause for concern for both our countries. More generally, we aim to expand further our cooperation in the areas of defense, security and armament," he said.

"We talked about this today. Be that through the common exercise of our forces or speeding up the granting of the export license process for the Indo-Pacific engagement of last year's German frigate made a port call in India. We also talked

and claim to be in the vanguard among the frontrunners in the area of new technology too," he said.

Speaking on the bilateral trade, the German Foreign Minister said, "India and Germany are already playing in the Premier



External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and German Foreign Minister Johann Wadephul at the Hyderabad House, in New Delhi. (@AussenMinDE X/ANI Photo)

about the fact that security in the Indo-Pacific is closely linked to security in Europe. Russia's war of aggression is right now and remains right now the biggest challenge to our security policy," he added.

Speaking about India hosting the AI Summit, Wadephul said that it is a demonstration of New Delhi's "ambition" to be among the frontrunners in the area of new technology.

"India is going to host the next AI Summit is a demonstration of India's ambition

League. Germany, with little under 31 billion euros of trade, has India as its most important trading partner. We aim to double that, and I'm pleased to see that India takes a similarly positive and optimistic view of the chances for that."

Wadephul is on a two-day visit to India, during which he took a look at India's growing prowess in the technology sector in Bengaluru. He also held key delegation-level meetings with EAM S Jaishankar and Union Minister of Commerce Piyush Goyal. ANI

China can't beat India's growth, says ace investor Mark Mobius

NEW DELHI: Billionaire investor Mark Mobius has said that India remains the leading emerging market and China cannot surpass India's growth in the long run.

Mobius highlighted that despite US tariffs on Indian exports and short-term volatility, India's domestic demand, government reforms, and entrepreneurial resilience will maintain its lead over other emerging markets. The ace investor has invested nearly 20 percent of his portfolio in India.

In an interview with the Economic Times, he said that sectors like pharmaceuticals, gems, and apparel may be affected by US President Donald Trump's 50 percent tariff on exports. However, he believes Indian businesses can adapt by moving manufacturing to other markets

such as Africa.

"Indian entrepreneurs are very creative. I think they will be able to get around some of these problems," Mobius said.

The billionaire investor said that the US government should not single out India for Russian oil imports, pointing out that China is purchasing a similar amount

Regarding US tariffs, he said, "At most, exports may shave off 0.5 percent to 0.75 percent from economic growth. But India's

domestic market is enormous and still expanding rapidly. Even if the growth estimate falls from 6 percent to 5.5 percent, it's not a big issue," he added.

The billionaire investor said that the US government should not single out India for Russian oil imports, pointing out that China is purchasing a similar amount. He suggested negotiations could resolve these differences, especially as global crude prices have dropped.

He also highlighted the weaker rupee as a positive for exporters and noted that government support measures will cushion the blow. "The Indian market looks healthy. The economy is still doing very well. Eventually, India and the US will reach an agreement because this situation cannot last long," Mobius noted. IANS

ChatGPT suffers global outage; users report glitches and missing chats

NEW DELHI: Users across the world faced disruptions while using ChatGPT on September 3, as the AI chatbot developed by OpenAI went down for a brief period.

Many people reported that they were unable to fetch responses, with some even claiming that their past conversations had disappeared.

According to DOWNDetector, which tracks online service disruptions, the outage peaked around 12:44 PM, with more than 500 reports coming from India alone.

Similar complaints were registered from other countries. While the website version was hit the hardest, app users also experienced problems accessing ChatGPT.

OpenAI has not yet released an official statement about the glitch. The chatbot has faced outages before, including two incidents in July that affected both casual users and professionals who rely on the tool every day.

Users took to social media to share their frustration. One user wrote, "There is a glitch today in ChatGPT. All of its replies have disappeared from all conversations!"

Another joked, "ChatGPT is down. You won't see some people today." Some expressed concern, saying they were unable to get work done without the chatbot.

Meanwhile, OpenAI announced it will introduce parental controls for ChatGPT after reports surfaced that the system allegedly encouraged a teenager to consider suicide.

The company said parents will soon be able to link their accounts with their teen's account and apply age-appropriate rules to the chatbot's responses.

Parents will also receive notifications if the system detects that a teen is experiencing acute distress.

"Within the next month, parents will be able to control how ChatGPT responds to their teen," OpenAI said in a blog post, adding that its reasoning models are more reliable in following safety guidelines.

"For now, ChatGPT services appear to have been restored, and users can log back in and continue using the platform," an X user said. IANS

FIR against agents for duping two men with fake Russia jobs

NEW DELHI: The Crime Branch of Delhi Police registered a First Information Report (FIR) against a group of agents accused of cheating two men under the guise of providing jobs in Russia.

The victims alleged that they were lured with promises of work but were later abandoned abroad.

According to the FIR filed by victim Pramod Chauhan, a resident of village Ranipur, Purandarapur police station, Maharajganj district, Uttar Pradesh, he had been working as a mason. He stated that he had previously worked in Saudi Arabia for 18 years, where he met Nizamuddin Akram Khan and developed trust in him.

Pramod said he contacted Nizamuddin again when he was looking for a job in Russia. He alleged that Nizamuddin promised him employment and, on June 30, handed him an appointment letter from a company named Haka Moscow near the Badarpur Border. However, he never showed his office or home and only displayed documents outdoors.

Pramod alleged that the agents told him he would receive a labor visa for Russia. Instead, he later found that they had provided him only a tourist visa.

"Deceived by their assurances, I and my neighbor Gautam Sahni paid a total of Rs 4,05,000 through UPI and Rs 50,000 in cash to these agents," the victim said. ANI

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USCIS will continue to accept paper check and money order payments in addition to credit and debit payments until Oct. 28, 2025

USCIS to modernize fee payments with electronic funds

WASHINGTON: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services has implemented a new way to pay fees using electronic debit from a U.S. bank account. Effective immediately, individuals can make transactions directly to USCIS by completing and signing Form G-1650, Authorization for ACH Transactions, and filing it with their applications, petitions, or requests.

The move aligns with Executive Order 14247, Modernizing Payments to and from America's Bank Account, and is aimed at reducing the time and manpower required to process checks and money orders, as well as reducing the risks of fraud, lost payments, and theft.

"We have a responsibility to the American people to operate as efficiently and securely as possible," said USCIS Spokesman Matthew J. Tragesser. "Over 90% of our payments come from checks and money orders, causing processing delays and increasing the risk of fraud and lost payments. America deserves better, and we intend to deliver."

This new ACH debit payment

option is in addition to the existing option of paying by credit card using Form G-1450, giving individuals multiple options to pay required fees.



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USCIS will continue to accept paper check and money order payments in addition to credit and debit payments until Oct. 28, 2025. After Oct. 28, USCIS will

accept only ACH debit transactions using Form G-1650 or credit card payments using Form G-1450.

USCIS has also issued updated guidance in the Policy Manual (PDF, 495.95 KB) to include ACH debit transactions using Form G-1650 as an acceptable form of payment.

Applicants and petitioners should ensure their accounts have sufficient funds to cover all filing fees. USCIS may reject any application, petition, or request if the transaction is denied. If you do not have a U.S. bank account you cannot use Form G-1650, but you may submit Form G-1450, Authorization for Credit Card Transactions, and use prepaid credit cards to pay filing fees. USCIS/Dtd. 08/29/2025

EU ministers urge US to reconsider visa ban on Palestinian officials

OSLO: European Union (EU) foreign ministers met in Copenhagen, where they unanimously urged the United States to reconsider its recent decision to deny entry visas to Palestinian officials.

The US Department of State said in a statement last week that it is "denying and revoking visas from members of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and the Palestinian Authority (PA) ahead of the upcoming United Nations General Assembly."

The meeting also discussed the worsening humanitarian situation in Gaza, but the participants were deeply divided over whether to impose further sanctions against Israel, Xinhua news agency reported.

EU foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas told a press conference that while member states broadly agree on the gravity of the situation, consensus has not been reached on concrete measures.

Danish Foreign Minister Lars Lokke Rasmussen, who chaired

demonstrators gathered, urging Denmark and the EU to take stronger action over the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

Meanwhile, the Ministerial Committee formed by the Joint Arab-Islamic Extraordinary Summit on Gaza on September 30,

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the meeting, said an increasing number of member states believe Israel is unlikely to change course without stronger pressure.

Outside the meeting venue,

also urged the US administration to "reconsider and reverse" its decision not to grant visas to the Palestinian delegation for the upcoming UN General Assembly (UNGA). IANS

From New Delhi to Pune, Indo-German Education Conclave 2025 Inspires Teachers, Principals and Students

NEW DELHI: When 17-year-old Aarav stepped into the bustling Education Fair at the Indo-German Education Conclave in Delhi, he didn't expect to have his dream evaluated on the spot. Within minutes, a professor from Hochschule Furtwangen had gone through his academic profile and given him the green signal to apply for their International Engineering Program. "It feels like Germany is suddenly within reach," he said, clutching the brochure with a smile.

Stories like Aarav's played out in both Delhi and Pune, as the Indo-German Education Conclave 2025, co-organized by g.a.s.t. e.V. and Study Feeds, brought German Public universities, Embassy official, and Indian school leaders, together under one roof. The Conclave, hosted

certificate from g.a.s.t. e.V. but with a sense of renewed purpose. "If we strengthen our teaching, our students can dream bigger," Ms. Sharma added.

Principals on a Shared Mission

At the heart of the Delhi edition was the School Leadership Panel, which featured a thought-provoking discussion between school principals and key representatives leading the India and South Asia offices of prominent German institutions. The panel included Ms. Viktoria Apitzsch (German Embassy, New Delhi), Mr. Himanshu (RWTH Aachen), Ms. Vibhuti (FU Berlin), Dr. Amisha (University of Cologne), Dr. Weingartner (Managing Director, g.a.s.t.), and Mr. Ankur Chaudhary (Managing Director, Study Feeds).

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Teachers Recharged, Classrooms Transformed

The mornings began with a German-only teacher training seminar, immersing educators in both language and pedagogy. For many, it was a refreshing change. "Usually, we teach from books. But here, we were learning as if we were students again," said Ritu Sharma, a German teacher from Delhi.

The sessions, led by Mr. Michael Klees of g.a.s.t. e.V. and Ms. Shatabdi Ghosh Laskar of Study Feeds, covered everything from the TestDaF language exam to TestAS aptitude testing. Teachers left not just with official training

Ms. Apitzsch highlighted the opportunities awaiting future graduates, pointing to Germany's renowned 'Hidden Champions'--the mid-sized companies that form the backbone of its economy--as highly attractive employers.

Dr. Anita Mehra, principal of a leading school in Delhi, summed up concisely: introducing German language by Grades 6-8 ensures that students gain confidence by the time they apply to German universities. She emphasized that such forums should be organized annually.

A Parent's Relief: Visa Guidance in Pune

While Delhi centered on big-picture strategy, Pune resonated on a more personal level. The hall was packed with parents as Ms. Anne Kaletsch from the German Consulate in Mumbai guided them step-by-step through the

student visa process.

"It was such a relief," said Prakash Deshmukh, father of a Class 12 student. "We've heard so many conflicting things online. But here, we got clarity straight from the source." The session, peppered with questions about paperwork and timelines, ended with a round of applause from grateful families.

Universities Meet Their Future Students

At the Education Fair, rows of German public universities displayed their programs. Students crowded booths of RWTH Aachen, University of Cologne, Freie Universitat Berlin, and Hochschule Furtwangen, Hochschule Zittau Gorlitz, and Ruhr University Alliance asking questions ranging from scholarships to campus life.

The highlight of the event was the participation of 50 students from St. Froebel Senior Secondary School, Delhi. For them, it was their first time meeting German university representatives directly. "It felt like the world opened up in front of us," said Neha, a Class 11 student who dreams of studying computer science in Germany.

The World Takes Notice

On August 20, Germany's national broadcaster Deutschlandfunk (ARD) ran a five-minute radio feature about the Delhi event. The program, titled "Berlin statt Harvard: Indische Studierende an deutschen Unis" ("Berlin Instead of Harvard: Indian Students at German Universities"), highlighted why more Indian students are choosing Germany over the United States.

"For many Indian students, Germany has become the clear alternative to the U.S. -- world-class universities, no tuition fees, and strong career prospects make it the smarter choice," the broadcast observed.

A Shared Future

Reflecting on the success of the event, Mr. Ankur Chaudhary, Managing Director of Study Feeds, remarked, "This Conclave marks only the beginning of a much larger journey. We are committed to making German higher education more accessible to Indian students while also preparing them linguistically and culturally to thrive abroad."

Echoing this sentiment, Dr. Jorn Weingartner, Managing Director of g.a.s.t. e.V., noted, "German universities are becoming increasingly interested in students from India--not just for their academic talent but also for the diversity and fresh perspectives they bring. The enthusiasm we have seen here reaffirms that India will play an important role in Germany's academic future."

Together, both leaders also emphasized a crucial next step: building capacity among German language teachers in India. "It is not only about creating opportunities for students, but also about ensuring that qualified trainers are guiding them," said Mr. Chaudhary. Dr. Weingartner added, "Together, we want to support and elevate the skills of German language trainers in India, because strong teachers create strong students"

As one participant aptly summed up, "This Conclave isn't just about studying abroad -- it's about building lasting bridges between India and Germany."

(Names of participants changed to maintain anonymity)

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Indians travelling to US fall for 1st time in over 20 years, June numbers down 8 pc

NEW DELHI: For the first time since 2001, excluding the Covid-19 years, the number of Indians visiting the United States has fallen as 2.1 lakh Indians travelled there in June 2025, which is an 8 percent drop compared to 2.3 lakh in the same month last year, according to the US Commerce Department's National Travel and Tourism Office (NTTO).

The downward trend seems to be continuing in July as well, with provisional data showing a 5.5 percent decline compared to July 2024.

This slowdown is part of a broader global trend. NTTO data shows that overall international arrivals to the US also fell, with a 6.2 percent drop in June, 7 percent in May, 8 percent in March, and 1.9 percent in February.

Only January and April saw increases of 4.7 percent and 1.3 percent, respectively.

India continues to be the fourth largest source of international visitors to the US. Since Canada and Mexico share land borders with America, India ranks as the second largest overseas market after the UK, followed by Brazil in fifth place.

Together, these five countries contributed nearly 60 percent of all international arrivals to the US in June.

Traditionally, Indian travellers to the US include students, business professionals, and those visiting friends and relatives.

Leisure travel to America has always been less popular compared to destinations like Southeast Asia, the Middle East, and Europe.

The current slowdown is being seen most clearly among students, though experts believe that business and family visits could also be affected if visa delays and constraints continue. IANS

DESIGN CONCLAVE 2025

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DESIGN CONCLAVE 2025: Where Global Innovation Meets Indian Craft

MUMBAI: Design Conclave 2025 returns with a two-day celebration of architecture, interiors, design, and craftsmanship, spotlighting the evolving landscape of global and Indian creativity. Taking place on 29-30 August at Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai, the conclave will bring together visionary architects, designers, artisans, and thought leaders for an immersive exchange of ideas, culture, and innovation.

More than an event, Design Conclave is positioned as a cross-cultural platform that bridges international design innovation with India's indigenous craft traditions. Through engaging dialogues, live showcases, and installations, the Conclave fosters collaboration across disciplines while

highlighting design as both cultural expression and an agent of change.

As a special segment within Design Conclave 2025, 'Threads of Time: Sustainable Soul' by ROOH conceptualized by experiential designer Ruche Sharma, reimagines the timeless grandeur of Art Deco wall panels through the lens of sustainability. Integrating Indian textiles, traditional printing, hand embroidery, and upcycled materials the showcase presents panels that are both visually striking and ethically crafted. Designed as an immersive journey, this curation demonstrates how heritage techniques and conscious design can redefine luxury, offering a soulful dialogue between innovation and tradition.

This year, under the vision of Blubber Gandhi, Director of Design Conclave, the platform presents Transition, a showcase that bridges global innovation with India's rich craft heritage. With over a decade of experience curating exhibitions across jewelry, lifestyle, and fashion, Bulbeer has been instrumental in shaping the Conclave into a globally recognized movement, one that bridges the gap between India's artisanal legacy and contemporary design innovation.

Design Conclave has always been about building bridges between global innovation and Indian craft, between heritage and modernity, and most importantly, between people and ideas. With this year's edition, our focus is on creating an inclusive and collaborative platform where sustainability, craftsmanship, and design excellence come together to inspire the future. We want every participant to walk away not just with ideas, but with a renewed sense of purpose for how design can shape a more responsible world." - Bulbeer Gandhi, Show Director, Design Conclave

Highlights of Design Conclave 2025 Global & Indian Voices in Design

International leaders including Phillippe Fouche (SAOTA, South Africa), Palinda Kannangara (Sri Lanka), Johannes Schefelner & Shajay Bhooshan from Zaha Hadid Architects (London) will share the stage with India's foremost names such as Hafeez Contractor, Manish Kumat, Sravanya Pittie Rao, Oscar & Ponni Concessao, Shripal Munshi, Ratan Batliboi and others. Together, they will discuss themes shaping the future of design--from cultural identity to sustainability.

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Indian films 'Saali Mohabbat', 'Bun Tikki', 'Ghamasaan' to be screened at Chicago South Asian Film Festival

MUMBAI: The 16th edition of Chicago South Asian Film Festival will witness the screening of several films. A couple of Indian movies are also going to be showcased there.

Jio Studios announced, its three distinct films - Ghamasaan, Saali Mohabbat and Bun Tikki will be screened at the upcoming Chicago South Asian Film Festival.

The films will be featured in a specially curated section, from India to the World, as per a press note.

- * Opening Night (September 19): Saali Mohabbat
- * Centerpiece Film (September 20): Ghamasaan
- * Marquee Film (September 21): Bun Tikki. ANI/



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SRK's daughter Suhana's Alibaug real estate deal lands in hot water

MUMBAI: Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan's daughter Suhana Khan has landed into a legal trouble surrounding a real estate deal.

It has come to light that the actress has bought the land allotted to the farmers by the government without procuring proper permissions and paperwork. The piece of land is in the Thal village, and was given to the farmers by the government for the purpose of farming.

The piece of land reportedly costs INR 12.91 crores, which Suhana paid to the Khote family based in the Cuffe Parade, the upmarket area of Mumbai. She had paid a stamp duty of INR 77.46 lakh at the time she bought the land. The transfer happened on May 30, 2023 through Standard Chartered Bank.

The matter is under investigation and an impartial report has been sought from the Alibaug tehsildar. The order was issued by the Resident Deputy Commissioner of Police.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Suhana is gearing up for her upcoming film 'King' which also stars her father. It marks her second film after the streaming debacle 'The Archies', which was unanimously panned by the critics and the audiences alike.

Earlier, her father SRK was said to have suffered an injury to his arm while filming 'King'. The superstar sustained an injury while filming an action sequence for the film. *IANS*

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I-T raids 18 locations linked to real estate, pan masala groups in Jaipur, Kota

JAIPUR: The Income Tax Department launched a major raid, conducting simultaneous searches at 18 locations linked to real estate and pan masala businesses in Jaipur and Kota.

Nearly 150 officers and staff were deployed in this large-scale operation.

According to officials, the action was triggered by complaints of tax evasion, large cash transactions, undeclared income, and use of fake documents. *IANS*

India's top 10 listed developers may achieve booking target of Rs 1.49 lakh crore in FY26: Report



NEW DELHI: India's top 10 listed developers have achieved nearly 30 percent, or Rs 44,317 crore, of their total booking (pre-sales guidance) targets of Rs 1,49,108 crore in FY 2026 in the first quarter of the fiscal, a recent report said.

"They are on track to achieve their booking targets of over Rs 1.49 lakh crore in FY 2026," ANAROCK Research said in a report. The top 10 listed developers' booking targets in FY 2025 stood at around Rs 1,20,818 crore. In short, they are targeting a 23 percent pre-sales growth over FY25 in the current fiscal year, the report stated.

According to the report, the actual annual sales bookings in FY 2025, Godrej Properties led the pack in the last fiscal with pre-sales of nearly Rs 29,444 crore, followed by DLF, with sales bookings of around Rs 21,233 crore.

"Players like DLF Ltd and Prestige Estates are cases in point - DLF has hit nearly 52 percent of its total pre-sales target of Rs 20,000-22,000 crore for FY 2026 in Q1 FY2026," says Anuj Puri, Chairman, ANAROCK Group.

After the NBFC crisis in 2018 and the ensuing pandemic disruptions, developers faced funding crunches and declining sales.

Many, especially the large and listed ones, focused on deleveraging, improving pre-sales, monetizing assets, and raising equity capital. As a result, several top developers have brought down their net debt-to-equity ratios, with some even achieving net cash positions, a report said.

However, the real estate sector's shift from leverage-led to balance-sheet-led growth marks a pivotal shift in its investment appeal and operating model.

"With near-zero debt levels, improving buyer sentiment, and favorable monetary policy positions, FY26 sees the industry in

a stable, trust-driven, performance-led cycle that has long-term potential," the report stated.

"This deleveraging phase will positively impact real estate development in India over the long term. With D/E ratios at multi-year lows and equity capital continuing to flow in, developers can expand strategically, consolidate market share, and build consumer trust," Puri added.

The improved financial metrics also make the Indian real estate sector more attractive to institutional and foreign investors, which bodes well for capital formation in the medium term. *IANS*

108 Woods, a curated luxury offering from Siddhi Buildcon, redesigns resort homes as a world-class hospitality asset

NEW DELHI: If one were to describe 108 Woods in a single word, it would be 'antithesis' - the property has been created as a living space that stands in stark relief to a world that glorifies hustle and where time has become transactional, reduced to meetings, deadlines and productivity goals. An oasis of calm, it is nestled in a landscape woven with forest trails,

lakeside mists, and hilltop breeze, existing almost in a dimension that runs in parallel to the mayhem of big city life located just minutes away.

- The location of the property in Mulshi offers buyers and investors the luxury of convenience - it is located 30 minutes and two hours away from Pune and Mumbai, respectively

- 108 Hours operates on a

seamless leaseback model that delivers lifelong value to buyers

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- The developers have collaborated with the award-winning Ar. Khozema Chitawala to create homes that are in complete harmony with their environs

- The property is themed on a unique philosophy - Mulshi Hours, which reimagines not just space but also time

The latest offering from the reputed Pune-based developers - Siddhi Buildcon, 108 Woods was

designed around a novel concept: five restorative hours that came to be described as Mulshi Hours. A quiet philosophy that is divided into five essential hours, namely Birdsong, Bloom, Stillness, Sundown and Stardust, Mulshi Hours is envisioned as a state of being.

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India's aim to build 1 million homes in Australia can be biggest housing collaboration in history

NEW DELHI: Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal recently said that the government is engaged in "deep negotiations" with Australia regarding a proposal to construct one million homes estimated at \$500 billion. If realized, this can herald one of the largest international housing collaborations in recent history.

The minister said the scale of the project requires global partnerships, and he has reached out to the UAE to help on the financial front.

According to a report in The Australia Today, Goyal's comments place the proposal at the intersection of India's ambitions to export skilled labor, Australia's urgent need for new housing, and the UAE's appetite for global investment.

Master Builders Australia has warned that the National Housing Accord is falling further behind schedule, "with its latest forecasts showing a deepening shortfall in new home construction".

The national voice of the \$200 billion building and construction industry, Master Builders Australia represents eight state and territory Master Builders Associations and 32,000 members nationwide.

Rising costs, falling productivity, lengthy build times and workforce shortages are preventing builders from keeping pace with demand, despite strong willingness from the industry to deliver, the organization has warned.

"Australian builders are keen to get on with the job, but under current conditions, the Accord's 1.2 million home goal looks less achievable every day," said Master Builders CEO Denita Wawn in a statement.

It also revealed that 180,500 homes are expected to be



started in 2024-25, nearly 60,000 short of the Accord's annual target of 240,000. Over the full five-year period, the shortfall has now widened to 180,200 homes compared with the 160,000 projected in April.

Addressing the 'Bharat Buildcon 2026' conference in Mumbai late last month, Goyal drew attention to the acute housing shortage in Australia, where nearly 1 million homes are required.

He invited Indian businesses, workers, and experts to

seize this opportunity, stating that Australia is open to financial collaboration, technical expertise, and workforce support from India.

Training and certification opportunities are also being offered so Indian professionals can meet Australian standards. "If we miss this opportunity, we will have only ourselves to blame," he remarked, calling it a potential game-changer for India's construction and financial sectors. *IANS*

Rise in household loans gathers pace in S. Korea despite real estate curb

SEOUL: Household loans extended by South Korean banks added more than 4 trillion won (\$2.87 billion) in August, data showed on Sunday (31 August), despite aggressive restrictions implemented earlier in the year to curb rising household debt and housing prices.

Household loans extended by banks increased 4.2 trillion won this month as of 28 September, sharply up from the 2.2 trillion won on-month growth in July, which marked the smallest increase since March, reports Yonhap news agency.

In an effort to curb rising household debt and housing prices, authorities in late June imposed a 600 million-won cap on mortgage loans for property purchases in the capital region, while suspending home-backed loans for multi-homeowners.

The growth picked up in August due to a rise in unsecured and other types of household loans.

While the government believes the latest restrictions have eased the market's overheating to some extent, it is mulling additional regulations for the real estate market, including tightening the loan-to-value (LTV) ratio, according to market observers.

The LTV ratio is a key regulatory tool used to curb

household loans, as it limits the maximum amount homeowners can borrow based on the value of their collateral.

The ratio is currently set at 50 percent for anti-specu-



lation areas in Seoul, with market watchers anticipating a tighter 40 percent ceiling.

Lee Eog-weon, the nominee for chairman of the Financial Services Commission, said the government will con-

tinue to monitor the housing market and take additional measures when necessary.

"There are many analyses the measures implemented on June 27 were successful in the short term amid rising household debt driven by mortgages in the greater Seoul area," Lee said in a written statement submitted to parliament for his confirmation hearing.

"However, there are also opinions that only regulating loans can limit the policy's effectiveness," Lee said. "When I take office, I will pay special attention to the matter and carry out my duties."

Lee added that the government needs to take "comprehensive consideration" amid the outlook that Seoul may seek to apply tightened curbs on loans for "jeonse."

Jeonse refers to a unique Korean system in which renters give landlords a large returnable deposit instead of paying monthly rent.

"We will monitor trends in the housing market and household loans and immediately implement measures currently under preparation when necessary," Lee added, noting that nothing has been decided on additional regulations.

Meanwhile, net interest margins of South Korea's top five banks, the difference between interest received and paid, approached the highest levels since 2022, when financial regulators made public disclosure mandatory. *IANS*

Philosophy

SADHGURU JAGGI VASUDEV

The essence of what I have been trying to do is to get millions of people to really pay attention without intention. If people can do this one thing, multi-dimensional creativity is very much possible. It is not that they have to practice. What is lacking in human beings is attention.

What is taking away human attention is simply their own cerebral activity. People do not know how to handle their memory and their attention separately. Their memory always floods into their attention and clouds it all the time.

People may call this clouding of the memory as thought or emotion, but it is essentially the accumulated memory which interferes with one's attention. Otherwise, it is very natural for you to be attentive. When you are awake, you are attentive, how else can you be? It is only because memory seeps into every aspect.

This is the fundamental work that I

The source of creation did not pay any less attention to creating an ant than creating a human being. When this is the nature of creation, who are you to decide what is worth paying attention to and what is not?

I would separate art coming from deep levels of frustration from art coming from joy. This art coming from deep levels of suffering and frustration became the style of European art at a certain period of time, and the whole world is trying to imitate that now, which is a very negative thing, because when such things are always on your walls, slowly it will have an impact on you. If it cannot have any impact on you, it cannot be called art. It is capable of impacting you in many ways, not just visually.

Unfortunately, the religions in the world have eulogized suffering. In the Yogic culture, we have always valued ananda, blissfulness, and ecstasy as the highest value. Suffering is not valued because we always saw suffering as



Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev

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have always been trying to do that people should be able to separate their memory, attention, and imagination. Imagination is not a problem, because imagination is an extrapolation of one's memory in many different ways. All the animals have very keen attention, but they do not have a vivid sense of memory like us.

But instead of using this memory as a phenomenal capability, most people use this to cause misery to themselves. Most of the time human beings are suffering what happened ten years ago, and they may be also suffering what may happen day after tomorrow.

We know life only to the extent we are attentive to it. What is the depth of your attention, only to that extent do you experience life. If your attention is very profound, your experience of life is very profound. When your experience of life is very profound, it may find some expression in just the simple work that you are doing, or it may find expression in poetry, music, or whatever else.

What is worth your attention and what is not- this is a wrong way to look at life.

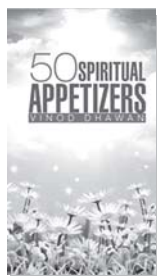
self-created, whereas joy is not self-created.

When you are connected with life, you are naturally blissful; when you are unconnected with life and become a mental mess, and then you have suffering and frustration. So I would like to categorize art in these two ways - art which comes from that deep level of frustration and suffering, and art which comes from a joyful expression of life.

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What we're seeing is really an India-Trump discord, not a breakdown of India-U.S. relations. Trump is temporary and his presidency is bound by term limits and domestic U.S. politics. Midterms and the next election cycle could change the policy mood in Washington. India-U.S. relations are deeper and they rest on long-term strategic, economic, and people-to-people ties

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tegitic, economic, and people-to-people ties (IT, diaspora, defense cooperation, Indo-Pacific strategy). These won't vanish because of one leader's negotiating style. India is pushing back against Trump's specific demands on farm, dairy, and trade imbalances, but that doesn't mean it is turning away from America. It simply means India won't compromise on its red lines.

It is best to see this phase in India-US relations as a temporary friction with a current transient phase of transactional relations not based on principles of equality and fairness.

Not Anyone's Pawn

India is framing its policies from India's interests, not from US/EU perspectives. While highlighting the multipolar dynamics (India, BRICS, Global South, Africa, Latin America) as equally important players shaping the world order, India is not sugarcoating US arm-twisting while avoiding unnecessary rhetoric in retaliation.

India is placing its actions in a global

context (e.g., how EU, China, ASEAN respond to similar US demands) so it's clearer that India is not "out of line" but part of a broader balancing trend.

India has made it clear that it will not be anyone's pawn. If the West wants India to play the role of a balancer in the emerging world order, then it must engage with India in terms of equality, not condescension. That means respecting India's sovereignty, not dictating whom it can trade with or what weapons it can buy. It means offering fair market access instead of pushing one-sided concessions that endanger Indian farmers and workers. It means sharing advanced technologies through real partnerships, not guarded licenses. It means consulting India on global rules - from climate change to digital governance - as a rule-setter, not just an invitee.

A confident, autonomous India strengthens multipolarity, ensures stability in Asia, and prevents the world from tilting into any one country's hegemony - American, Chinese, or otherwise. If the West truly values India as a balancer, then it must treat India with respect due to a pole of power in its own right.

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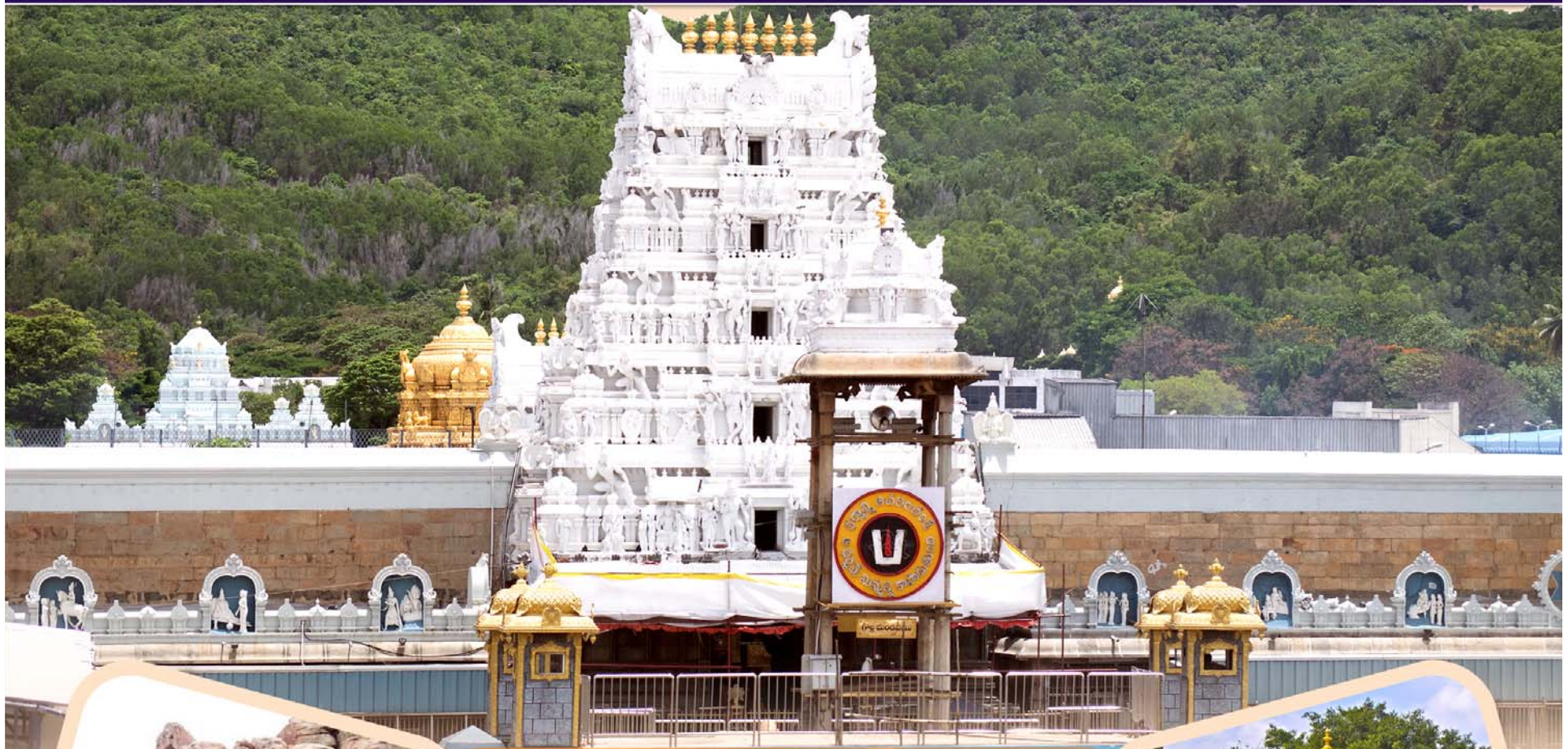
the West. This leverage is being used with clarity and confidence. India is ready to cooperate where it gains - in technology transfers, defense co-production, green energy, and access to Western markets. But India must draw uncompromising red lines on agriculture, dairy, pharmaceuticals, and strategic autonomy in foreign policy.

India, by its action, is messaging to be treated as an equal pole in the global order, not as a counterweight or client. That means demanding fair trade terms, pushing for permanent UN Security Council reform, and ensuring the Global South's voice is heard in global financial and climate negotiations. At the same time, India is deepening ties with Russia, the Middle East, Africa, and ASEAN, so no bloc can ever hold it hostage.

(The author is an Indian Army veteran and a contemporary affairs commentator) South Asia Monitor

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Tirupati is the main town, while Tirumala Hills is where Tirupati Balaji Temple is situated. Also called Sri Venkateshwara Swami Vaari Temple, it is dedicated to Lord Venkateswara, believed to be a form of Lord Vishnu, who appeared on earth to save mankind from kali yuga. The famous Tirupati Laddoo, given as a prasad

at the temple, has the Geographical indication tag, which means it can only be made and sold at the temple. It is hugely loved by the pilgrims and is generally included in the paid darshan tickets or can be bought from the laddoo counters inside the temple complex. Many devotees also tonsure their heads as an offering to Lord Venkateswara Swamy once their wish is fulfilled or to get rid of their sins and ego. It is done free of cost at Kalyanakatta buildings. Another popular ritual at Tirupati Temple is Thulabaram, wherein a devotee sits on one side of the weighing balance scale. In contrast, the other side is filled with materials (like sugar, jaggery, tulsi

leaves, banana, gold, and coins) more than the weight of the devotee. This ritual is mostly performed with children and infants.

The non-stop chanting of 'Om Namo Venkatesaya,' the mad pilgrim rush, and the 8-feet tall idol of Lord Venkateshwara - everything about the Sri Venkateshwara Temple is majestic. Spread over

an area of 26 kilometers and is visited by nearly 50,000 pilgrims daily. The Padmavathi Temple, dedicated to Goddess Padmavati, consort of Lord Venkateswara, is situated at Tiruchanoor in Tirupati town. Many devotees believe they should visit Goddess Padmavati and seek her blessings before visiting Lord Venkateswara Swamy at Tirumala.

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Bangladesh's justice on trial: When victims become criminals

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When it comes to democratic dysfunction, the fiasco of the 'Mancha 1971' meeting in Dhaka on August 28, 2025 deserves a place among the most ruinous acts of self-sabotage. The facts are as troubling as they are revealing: a group of self-styled "July Fighters" stormed a discussion commemorating the Liberation War, heckled the speakers, confined participants, and vandalized banners. Their targets were not radicals plotting insurrection in secret but freedom fighters, intellectuals, and even a former Awami League minister, Latif Siddique.

One would expect the state to

other mob—that their violence will be tolerated, even rewarded, if it serves political convenience. It legitimizes the heckler's veto: shout loudly enough, disrupt forcefully enough, and the state will not only look the other way but hand over your opponents to the police.

This, in turn, creates a vicious cycle. Each disruption emboldens the next, each mob grows bolder than the last, and the line between dissent and disorder collapses. A fragile democracy cannot survive when its police force acts less like guardians of law and more like errand boys for whichever group shouts the loudest.

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act as an arbiter of law, restraining the aggressors and protecting the right to free assembly. Instead, the opposite occurred. The police, far from dispersing the disruptors, detained the victims. Sixteen participants, including Siddique, now face charges under the Anti-Terrorism Act, with allegations that they sought to destabilize the state and launch an armed struggle against the interim government. Courts have compounded the absurdity by denying bail, treating a peaceful discussion on the Constitution and the Liberation War as if it were a jihadist cell plotting insurrection.

This is not justice. It is a parody of justice.

Mob Rule, Institutionalized

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The Lie of "Terrorism"

The charges filed against the detainees deserve not only dismissal but outright ridicule. To allege that Latif Siddique—an aging politician with a record of blunt speech but no credible history of militancy—was plotting armed insurrection is to stretch the imagination into the realm of farce. It is a state-sponsored lie, reminiscent of the discredited practices under the Awami League government, when opposition rallies were broken up with fabricated cases and dissenters were labeled enemies of the state.

The Anti-Terrorism Act, designed to confront real threats to national security, is being wielded as a cudgel against political expression. By doing so, the government devalues the law itself. When everything becomes "terrorism," nothing is. This is not only an affront to due process but also a strategic

blunder. It blurs the distinction between genuine extremists, who deserve the full weight of the law, and political critics, who deserve protection. The result: the state weakens its own credibility and erodes public trust.

Echoes of the Past

Bangladesh has been here before. Under the ousted regime, fraudulent cases were the norm; the magistrates were pliant, the police complicit, and dissent criminalized. The current government, by repeating the same tactics, undermines its claim to represent a break from the past. What, after all, is the substantive difference between yesterday's suppression of BNP gatherings and today's crackdown on the 'Mancha 1971'? The uniforms may be the same, the rhetoric recycled, the targets shifted, but the underlying principle (political convenience over constitutional rights) remains depressingly identical.

And therein lies the danger. When interim governments mimic the abuses of elected ones, they forfeit legitimacy faster than they accumulate it.

Against Spirit of 1971

The irony, of course, is painful. The 'Mancha 1971' discussion was centered on the very spirit of the Liberation War—on freedom, constitutional integrity, and national identity. By allowing mobs to disrupt the event and then punishing the victims, the government has created the impression that it is not only indifferent to the spirit of 1971 but actively hostile to it. The Awami League, predictably, has seized on this narrative, painting the interim administration as "anti-liberation." What better gift could the government have handed its most determined political rival?

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BEGINNING OF POWER SHIFT

The recent meeting of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi; Chinese president, Xi Jinping; and Russian president, Vladimir Putin could be the turning point of global power shifts, and end up with Washington losing its leadership of last century.

Modi's visit to Tianjin for a regional security summit comes days after the US doubled tariffs on Indian exports to 50%, citing New Delhi's refusal to stop buying Russian oil.

Washington has pointed to India's continuing purchase of Russian crude oil and defense hardware, as reason for the tariff increase, arguing that Delhi is helping fund Moscow's war on Ukraine. Modi maintains a balance over the Ukraine war, refusing to criticize Moscow directly while urging peace.

The row has upended years of deepening cooperation between India and the US, built on technology and a shared determination to counter Beijing's global ambitions. It has also forced India to aggressively look elsewhere to diversify its trade.

"Indian trust in the US is shattered," the South Asia analyst Michael Kugelman said. "I'm not sure whether US officials fully realize how much trust they have squandered in such a short time."

India has consistently defended its Russian oil purchase, saying they are vital to keep energy costs stable in the vast developing economy, help steady prices globally and comply with international law.

The economic blow of the tariffs is immense. The US is India's biggest export market at \$86.5bn a year, and two-thirds of that - about \$60.2bn in goods - is subject to the new duties, hitting labor-intensive sectors from textiles to jewelry.

There is a historical mistrust between both China and India with occasional border clashes. However, Beijing may see a golden opportunity to warm up ties with India and work out issues, which will strengthen their common differences with Washington on tariff issues.

Russia, too, stands to benefit from India's rift with the US, with Delhi seeing the relationship as more vital than ever for balancing ties with the west, diversifying military hardware purchases and ensuring energy security.

Indian officials assert Delhi wishes to continue its ties with the US, but also needs to "diversify its partnerships". India cannot "afford to appear as though it is giving in to US pressure on oil imports, or anything else that could be construed as a capitulation - and public anger is high," said one official who could not be named.

To offset the US tariffs, India has already stated rolling out an export drive across 40 countries from the UK to South Korea to boost its textile trade. According to sources, Japanese companies are also set to invest up to \$68bn in India in the next decade.

India is believed to hold substantial deposits of rare earths used in everything from smartphones to solar panels but lacks technology to mine and process them extensively. Trump's tightening of H1-B holders may also be another shift, which will reinforce tech support that India lacks.

In short term Trump's policy on tariff may gain billions as claimed but in long term America will lose its economic power to the Eastern block. India and China, both have the largest human resource in labor and robust domestic markets.

Kareena Kapoor Khan urges for help to flood victims in north India

Bollywood actress Kareena Kapoor Khan, who was last seen in 'Singham Again', is expressing concern for the victims of flash floods in North India. She is also requesting her followers to help the victims of the flood start a new life given their homes have been washed away in the northern India flash floods.

The actress took to the Stories section of her Instagram, and shared a note and hoped for better days for the victims.

She wrote, "My prayers are with everyone affected by the floods up North. May relief and strength reach you at the earliest".

She further mentioned, "The floods have claimed lives, uprooted homes and shattered livelihoods to say the least. For those who can, please support trusted relief funds and join local aid efforts".

Northern India is struggling with submerged roads, flooding in residential areas. Many rivers have broken into uncharted territories after flooding in cities like Varanasi, Manali, Delhi and other towns.

The rains have also triggered massive hillslides and landslides across the Himalayas. Several people have died, and many others remain missing in Jammu and Kashmir and Uttarakhand, which have been witnessing serial flash floods triggered by cloudbursts over the past few days. Meanwhile, as many as 29 people have died in Punjab and thousands displaced as the state faces the "worst flood in recent history".

Earlier, flashfloods in Jammu-Kashmir reportedly claimed 30 lives in Vaishno Devi landslide with the network coverage being cut off. **IANS**



DIANA PENTTY: SHWETA TIWARI IS 'ABSOLUTELY BOMB' IN 'DO YOU WANNA PARTNER'

Actress Diana Pentty, who is making her OTT debut with 'Do You Wanna Partner', told actress Palak Tiwari that her "mumma" is "absolutely bomb" in the upcoming series.

Palak had shared the trailer of the 'Do You Wanna Partner' on her Instagram stories and wrote: "How exciting is this!! Absolutely cannot wait. @shweta.tiwari mumma."

She went on to tag the lead stars Tamannaah Bhatia and Diana Pentty in the post.

Diana re-shared the post on her Instagram stories and wrote: "Your mumma is absolutely Bomb in the show! Can't wait for everyone to see her."

"Do You Wanna Partner", which is set to premiere from September 12, is a quirky, new-age comedy-drama. **IANS**



TOP TEN HINDI FILM SONGS

- 1 Saiyaara: **Saiyaara**
- 2 Barbaad: **Saiyaara**
- 3 Dhun: **Saiyaara**
- 4 Qayde Se: **Metro ... In Dino**
- 5 Zamaana Lage: **Metro ... In Dino**
- 6 Aur Mohabbat Kitni Karoon: **Metro ... In Dino**
- 7 Laal Pari: **Housefull 5**
- 8 Tum Ho Toh: **Saiyaara**
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- 10 Pardesiya: **Param Sundari**

'Bigg Boss 19': Natalia Janoszek on choosing bad boys

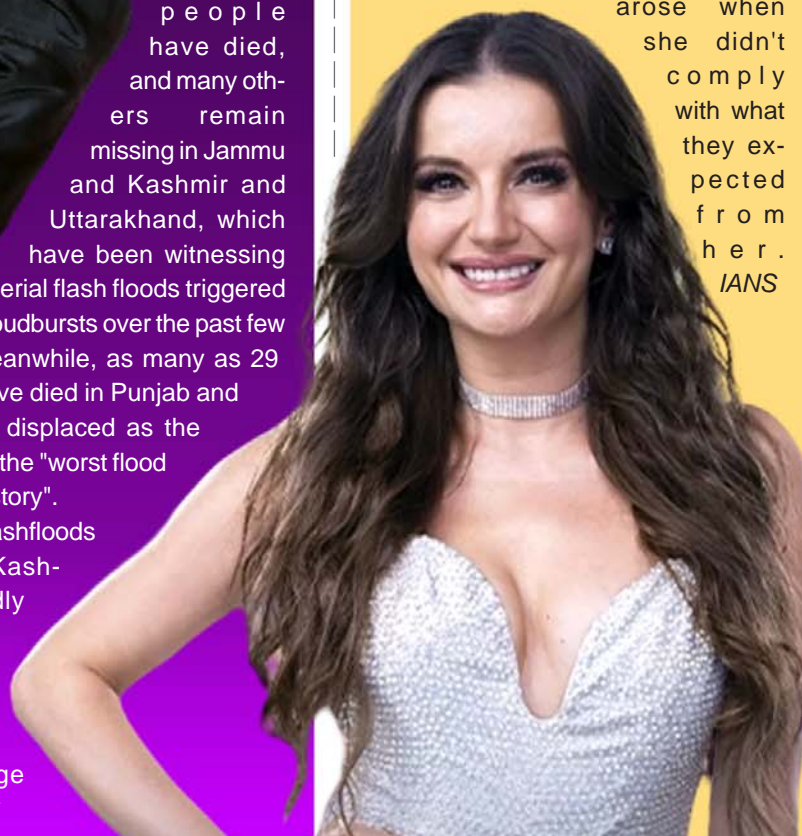
Bigg Boss 19' contestant Natalia Janoszek has spoken about her personal journey in life and how she chose "bad boys".

Natalia was speaking to co-housemate Baseer Ali, who said: "I always make the bad choices when it comes to dating."

Replying to him, Natalia said: "Even I always go for bad boys. I love the extreme because I get that adrenaline, but I'm changing now because I need to make better choices."

The exchange took a playful turn when Baseer called bad boys toxic, adding that Natalia too might have a "toxic side."

Sharing her perspective, Natalia revealed that while she has never fought with any of her partners, challenges arose when she didn't comply with what they expected from her. **IANS**





GULKI JOSHI SAYS
'RISHTON KA CHAKRAVYUH'
WILL SURPRISE ADMIRERS

Actress Gulki Joshi is all set to leave her admirers pleasantly surprised with her new and stylish avatar in Hungama OTT's forthcoming web series "Rishton Ka Chakravayuh".

Talking about her role as Malti in the show, Gulki shared: "Playing Malti, who evolves into Mallika, has been both challenging and exciting. Malti starts off as a small-town housewife, timid and vulnerable, but circumstances push her into becoming Mallika, who is bold, glamorous, and unapologetically manipulative."

She added that "Rishton Ka Chakravayuh" will show a side of her to the audience that they have not witnessed before.

"It's a side of me the audience hasn't seen before and exploring that transition from innocence to seduction was truly refreshing. My character is layered; she's not just about glamour, but about survival, revenge, and power," Gulki added.

'Rishton Ka Chakravayuh' promises to be a thrilling emotional rollercoaster, where trust is tested, and betrayal lurks at every turn.

The show shared a gripping tale of love, betrayal, and vengeance. It follows the journey of a timid housewife whose desperate attempt to save her imprisoned husband transforms her into a glamorous seductress with a dangerous plan of her own.

What commences as an act of sacrifice soon spirals into a dark game of manipulation, betrayal, and power, leaving behind broken relationships and shattered trust.

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EISHA SINGH, SAMARTH JUREL STARRER
"DOORIYAN"
PROMO RELEASED

The news of actress Eisha Singh and actor Samarth Jurel starring together in an upcoming series had excited their fans. Titled "Dooriyan", the character promo of the show has been officially released by the makers today, and it has made fans thrilled.

Eisha Singh and Samarth Jurel bring a tale of love and longing in this series that is set to premiere on September 5. The official character promo of "Dooriyan" offers a heart-felt glimpse into a tale filled with love, longing, and life-altering choices. The series also features Kaveri Priyam and Randeep Rai in pivotal roles.

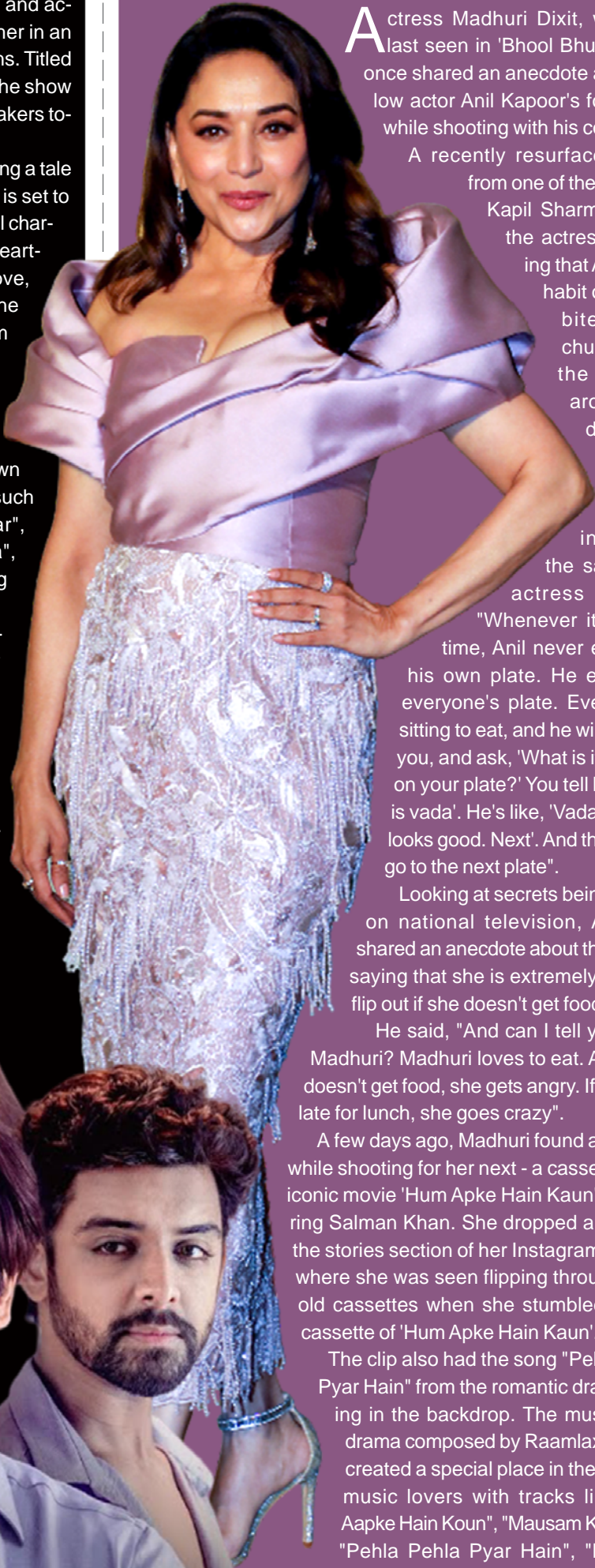
Set to premiere on OTT platform, "Dooriyan" is the series of the newly launched digital episodic platform of JAR Pictures that is known for critically acclaimed productions such as 'Gangs of Wasseyapur', "Tabbar", "Grahan", "Kanneda", "Kankhajura", "Rangbaaz", and the upcoming "Nishanchi".

The story centers on Varsha, portrayed by Eisha Singh, who is deeply in love with Megh, played by Randeep Rai. However, as fate intervenes, two more individuals enter their lives.

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When Madhuri Dixit
exposed the food
habit of Anil Kapoor



Actress Madhuri Dixit, who was last seen in 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3', once shared an anecdote about fellow actor Anil Kapoor's food habit while shooting with his co-stars.

A recently resurfaced video from one of the shows of Kapil Sharma shows the actress revealing that Anil has a habit of picking bite sized chunks from the people around him during lunch time.

Talking about the same, the actress said, "Whenever it's lunch-time, Anil never eats from his own plate. He eats from everyone's plate. Everyone is sitting to eat, and he will come to you, and ask, 'What is it? What's on your plate?' You tell him, 'This is vada'. He's like, 'Vada? yeah, it looks good. Next'. And then he will go to the next plate".

Looking at secrets being shared on national television, Anil also shared an anecdote about the actress saying that she is extremely prone to flip out if she doesn't get food on time.

He said, "And can I tell you about Madhuri? Madhuri loves to eat. And if she doesn't get food, she gets angry. If it's a little late for lunch, she goes crazy".

A few days ago, Madhuri found a treasure while shooting for her next - a cassette of her iconic movie 'Hum Apke Hain Kaun', co-starring Salman Khan. She dropped a video on the stories section of her Instagram account where she was seen flipping through some old cassettes when she stumbled upon a cassette of 'Hum Apke Hain Kaun'.

The clip also had the song "Pehla Pehla Pyar Hain" from the romantic drama playing in the backdrop. The music of the drama composed by Raamlaxman has created a special place in the hearts of music lovers with tracks like "Hum Aapke Hain Koun", "Mausam Ka Jaadu", "Pehla Pehla Pyar Hain", "Didi Tera Devar Deewana", "Maye Ni Maye", "Joote De Do Paise Lo", "Mujhse Juda Hokar", "Wah Wah Ramji", "Babul Jo Tum Ne Sikhaya". IANS



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