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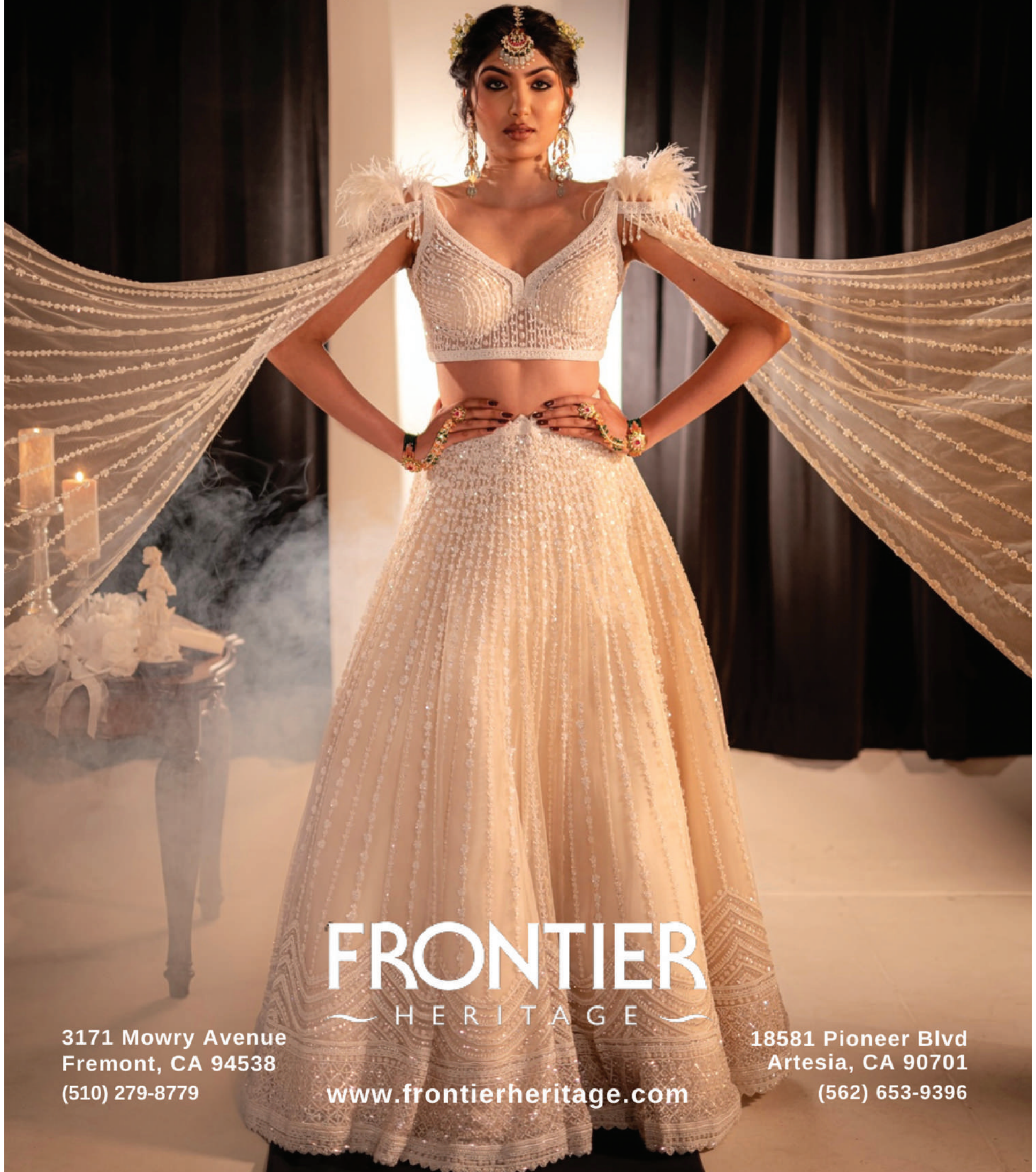
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Acts of violence will never weaken India's resolve, affirms PM Modi after Khalistani attacks on Hindus in Canada



A massive crowd gathers outside Hindu Sabha Mandir in solidarity with the temple and the community after the Khalistani attack on Nov 3, in Brampton. (ANI Photo)

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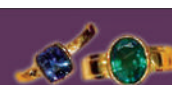
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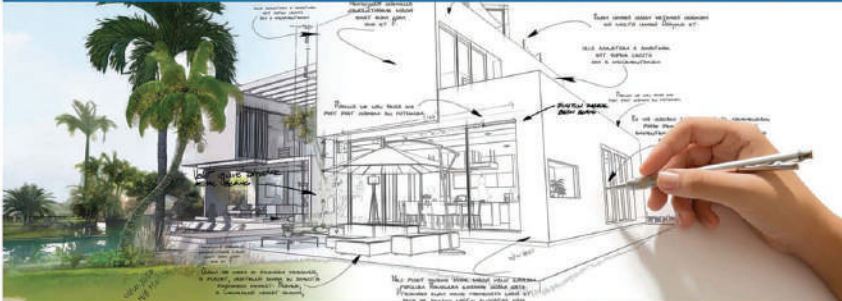
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According to the latest projections called by Fox News, Trump has won 277

electoral votes, well above the 270 threshold needed to win the presidency. Trump flipped the key battleground states of Pennsylvania and Georgia and he continues to lead Michigan.

Notably, this is going to be only the second instance of a president serving two

non-consecutive terms in the White House. This is only the second instance and the first in over 100 years of a leader winning the presidency after losing once. Grover Cleveland served as non-consecutive president in 1884 and 1892. In his address Trump expressed gratitude to the people and said he won't rest until he delivers a "strong, safe and prosperous America."

Addressing supporters in Florida, accompanied by his running mate, JD



File photo of Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Donald Trump

Vance, and family members, Trump called his projected win the "greatest political movement of all time," which will help in making "America great again."

Republicans will win at least 50 seats in the Senate of the US Congress by the end of the elections, as estimated by Fox News. As per CNN projections, candidates from the Democratic Party are winning the elections for the governors in only three of the ten states where the counting is already underway. ANI

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World leaders congratulate Donald Trump

WASHINGTON DC: Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy congratulated Donald Trump on his historic election victory in the recently held United States Presidential elections. He recalled their meeting in September earlier where they both discussed the Ukraine-US strategic partnership to end Russian aggression.

"I appreciate President Trump's commitment to the 'peace through strength' approach in global affairs. This is exactly the principle that can practically bring just peace in Ukraine closer. I am hopeful that we will put it into action together. We look forward to an era of a strong United States of America under President Trump's decisive leadership. We rely on continued strong bipartisan support for Ukraine in the United States," the Ukraine President wrote in a post on X.

Zelenskyy further said that Ukraine was interested in "developing mutually beneficial political and economic coop-

eration" that would benefit both the US and Ukraine.

"Ukraine, as one of Europe's strongest military powers, is committed to ensuring long-term peace and security in Europe and the Transatlantic community with the support of our allies. I am looking forward to personally congratulating President Trump and discussing ways to strengthen Ukraine's strategic partnership with the United States," he further said.

Prime Minister of Norway, Jonas Gahr Store also congratulated Trump on his projected victory as the President of the United States of America (USA). "Congratulations to Donald Trump on his victory in the U.S. presidential election. The US is Norway's most important partner and ally. I look forward to continuing to strengthen our relationship with the new Trump administration," he wrote on post on X. ANI

We made history, this will be golden age for America: Trump after declaring victory

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NEW YORK: "We made history", Donald Trump said on Wednesday 6 November, declaring victory in the presidential election, staging a comeback against all odds.

"This will truly be the golden age of America. That's why this is a magnificent victory for the American people that will allow us to make America great again", he said at his West Palm Beach campaign headquarters.

Fox News Decision Desk, which analyses incoming counting data, had declared Trump the winner, while the other media were waiting to formally declare the victory and their data showed him on the brink of winning.

Trump said that he would carry at least 315 electoral college votes, having won four swing states and leading in three others.

He said that he was also winning the popular votes.

The Senate had flipped back to Republican control, he said, and the party was heading to retaining the House of Representatives.

Media has given 51 seats in the 100-member Senate, with seven results due.

A beaming Trump flanked by his family and running mate JD Vance and his wife, took the stage to chants of "USA, USA" from his supporters.

Meanwhile, the venue for Vice President Kamala Harris's victory celebration at Howard University in Washington shut down by 1:30 am and her campaign announced that she had gone home and would speak later in the morning.

"America has given us an unprecedented and powerful mandate", Trump said.

After an intense election campaign, Trump said, "We're going to help our country heal".

He did not mention Harris or President Joe Biden or any Democrat, whom he had been verbally thrashing in his speech, either extending an olive branch or continuing the attacks.

Trump told his supporters, "I will fight for you, for your family, and your future. Every single day I will be fighting for you with every breath in my body"...

Listing his victories, Trump said, "We also have won the popular vote. That was great. Winning the popular vote was very nice, very nice. I will tell you a great feeling of love".

"We have taken back control of the Senate", he said. "It also looks like we'll be keeping control of the House of Representatives".

"We have a country that needs help, and it needs help very badly. We're going to fix our borders. We're going to fix everything about our country," he said.

Illegal migration was a major issue in the election and Trump threatened mass deportations of illegal migrants

when he is elected.

"We're going to have to seal up those

borders," he said, adding, "We want people to come back again... we have to

let them come back in, but they have to come in legally". IANS

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Acts of violence will never weaken India's resolve, affirms PM Modi after Khalistani attacks on Hindus in Canada

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"Such acts of violence will never weaken India's resolve. We expect the Canadian government to ensure justice and uphold the rule of law," he added while strongly batting in support of Indians in Canada.

Earlier in the day, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) also issued a statement, saying that it remains "deeply concerned" about the safety and security of its nationals in Canada after the violence unleashed by Khalistani separatists at a Hindu temple in Brampton on Sunday.

"We condemn the acts of violence perpetrated by extremists and separatists at the Hindu Sabha Temple in Brampton, Ontario yesterday," said MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal while calling on the Justin Trudeau-led Canadian government to ensure that all places of worship are protected from such attacks.

"We also expect that those indulging in violence will be prosecuted. We remain deeply concerned about the safety and security of Indian nationals in Canada. The outreach of our Consular officers to pro-

vide services to Indians and Canadian citizens alike will not be deterred by intimidation, harassment and violence," he mentioned.

Hours after Sunday's attacks, the High Commission of India in Ottawa too had condemned the violent disruptions orchestrated by anti-India elements outside the consular camp in Brampton.

"It is deeply disappointing to see such



Prime Minister Narendra Modi

adding that there were attempts made to disrupt similar camps held at Vancouver and Surrey on November 2 and 3.

On Sunday evening, Canada time,

are organised in the first place. Despite these efforts by anti-India elements, our Consulate was able to issue more than 1,000 life certificates to the Indian and Canadian applicants..." the HCI said in a statement,

The attacks on Hindus have grown at an alarming rate under the Canadian government led by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and underscore a distressing trend of religious intolerance prevailing in the country.

Following the violent attacks, the Canadian National Council of Hindus (CNCH) and Hindu Federation, along with temple leaders and several Hindu advocacy groups, issued a directive stating that Hindu temples and institutions across Canada will no longer permit politicians to use temple facilities for political purposes unless they demonstrate "concrete efforts" to address the serious issue of growing Khalistani extremism in the country.

The CNCH stated that the violent Brampton attack by pro-Khalistani protestors has raised serious concerns about the safety of Canada's Hindu community.

"The protestors reportedly gathered at the temple's main entrance, forcibly entered the premises, and physically assaulted temple members and visitors, leaving the community shaken and demanding action," it said in a statement issued on Monday, India time.

It mentioned that Hindu Canadians have faced an increasing wave of violence in recent years and, despite repeated calls from community leaders for stronger security measures to protect Hindu places of worship, political leaders have failed to take substantial steps to address the growing hostility. /ANS

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disruptions being allowed for routine consular work being organised by our Consulates with the fullest cooperation of local co-organisers.

"We also remain very concerned for the safety of applicants, including Indian nationals, on whose demand such events

Khalistani extremists attacked the Hindu-Canadian devotees inside the premises of the Hindu Sabha temple in Brampton, the videos of which have gone viral on social media and drawn worldwide condemnation, including from several leaders in Canada.

"Difference will be Indian-American votes in battleground states..." Republican Hindu Coalition founder Shalabh Kumar on US presidential contest

WASHINGTON DC/NEW DELHI: There is very tight race in the battleground states between former United States President Donald Trump and Vice President Kamala Harris in the US presidential polls and there are almost a million votes of Indian-Americans in these key states who are going to decide who will be the next US President, US Industrialist and founder of the Republican Hindu Coalition, Shalabh Shalli Kumar has said.

Shalabh Kumar expressed confidence that Donald Trump will emerge victorious.

"The race is very, very tight in the battleground states. There's no question about it. However, when we com-

pare it to 2016, at this point in time, Hillary was five to six points ahead in polls and we say so this time it's even. Unless something happens in the next 24 hours or 36 hours, President Trump is going to win," Kumar told ANI.

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bine them. Hindu and Indian Americans are going to decide who the next president of the United States will be," he added.

The United States is poised for presidential elections on November 5 (local time) and the race for the White House is

down to the wire.

Over 160 million voters are expected to cast their ballots, with the results either delivering a return to power for Republican

former President Donald Trump (78) or electing America's first woman in the White House, Vice President and Democratic candidate Kamala Harris (60).

According to polls, both candidates are deadlocked in the race, with an estimated 75 million voters having already voted. Neither candidate currently holds a polling lead in enough states to reach 270 electoral votes.

As of November 4, NBC News and Emerson College have projected a 49 percent-49 percent tie nationally. Ipsos has projected a three-point lead (49 percent-46 percent) to Harris and AtlasIntel has projected a two-point lead (50 percent-48 percent) to Trump. ANI

Canadian Hindus express outrage over attacks on Hindu temples, call for strict action against perpetrators

BRAMPTON: Over a thousand Canadian Hindus expressed their anger following repeated attacks on Hindu temples in the country and pressed the Canadian administration to take stricter actions against the extremists attacking the religious sites. The protestors expressed their loyalty to Canada and affirmed that they wanted good relations between India and Canada.

One of the participants of the solidarity rally, said, "One thing is clear today - Canada mein hamari jaan hai aur Hindustan mein hamari jaan basti hai. Hindu Canadians are very loyal to Canada."

"What is happening to Hindu Canadians is not right. The time has come for all politicians here to know that what is happening with Hindu Canadians is wrong...We want Canada to treat Hindus well...We want India and Canada relations to strengthen, we are against those who are against this," he added.

Another Canadian resident, Rishabh who took part in the solidarity rally said that

he had come here in support of Hindus and demanded justice.

"We are deeply hurt as Hindus, by what happened here yesterday. We have come here in support of the Hindu community. The Hindu community has contributed so much to Canada and we are progressive, we add so much economic value. We follow law and order wherever we go - be it in

"What is happening to Hindu Canadians is not right. The time has come for all politicians here to know that what is happening with Hindu Canadians is wrong...We want Canada to treat Hindus well...We want India and Canada relations to strengthen, we are against those who are against this,

Canada or anywhere else," Rishabh said.

"It is shocking to see the reaction of politicians, of police, how they have treated us...We have come here in support. All we are asking is, for justice to be served. Rule of law to be followed and perpetrators should be tried under rule

of law," he added.

Another Indian-Canadian protestor said they had gathered to showcase how they were discriminated against by the police.

"We are gathered here in anguish today to protest what happened with us yesterday. It has been happening with us for about 20 years. We have been consistently discriminated...We have gathered

here to showcase how we were discriminated against by the Police yesterday. Despite that, all Hindus have gathered and protested here peacefully," he said.

Last Sunday, an Indian consular camp at the Hindu Sabha Temple witnessed a "violent disruption" in Brampton, near

Toronto. The rise in attacks against Hindu temples has raised deep concerns among the Hindu-Canadian community.

Following the attacks, the Hindu Canadian Foundation, a non-profit organization working for the Hindu community in Canada, shared a video of the attack on the temple and said that the Khalistani terrorists attacked kids and women.

Earlier, the Coalition of Hindus of North America (CoHNA) in a post on X highlighted the multiple attacks on Hindu temples across Canada during the Diwali weekend and called on to stop the "Hinduphobia" in the country.

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

Prior to this, the Ministry of External Affairs condemned the incident and called on the Canadian government to protect the places of worship from such attacks. ANI

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Indian-American Congressman Thanedar slams Canada's handling of attacks on Hindus

MICHIGAN: Indian-American Congressman Shri Thanedar has criticized the Canadian government for what he describes as political maneuvering and failure to protect Hindu communities amid rising incidents of religious violence.

Speaking on recent attacks targeting Hindus in Canada, Thanedar stated, "The Canadian government is playing politics with this issue, they are trying to please certain minority groups in Canada. The attack against Hindus are purely terroristic acts. Canada government's protection of these terroristic activities needs to be deplored, it needs to be opposed"

countries like Bangladesh. Thanedar added, "I have done a lot including putting pressure on the Biden administration to address these atrocities."

The recent surge of anti-Hindu violence in Canada, including an attack on a Hindu Sabha temple in Brampton, has ignited widespread condemnation. The Indian High Commission in Canada denounced the "violent disruption" orchestrated by anti-India elements outside a consular camp on November 3.

managed to process over a thousand certifications. The High Commission stated, "It is deeply disappointing to see such disruptions being allowed for routine consular work."

The Hindu Canadian Foundation shared video footage of the attack, alleging that Khalistani extremists targeted women, children, and men at the temple. The foundation posted on X, formerly Twitter, "Kids, Women and Men are being attacked. This is all happening under the support of Khalistani politician sympathizers."

Canadian opposition leader Pierre Poilievre also condemned the attack, calling it "completely unacceptable."

Toronto MP Kevin Vuong went further, asserting that Canada has become a "safe harbor for radicals" and that leaders had failed to protect minority communities, including Hindus, Christians, and Jewish Canadians.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau expressed disapproval of the incident, asserting that religious freedom is a fundamental right for all Canadians. In a post on X, Trudeau wrote, "The acts of violence at the Hindu Sabha Mandir in Brampton today are unacceptable. Every

Canadian has the right to practice their faith freely and safely." He thanked Peel Regional Police for their swift response.

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Congressman Shri Thanedar

acts. Canada government's protection of these terroristic activities needs to be deplored, it needs to be opposed."

He stressed the need for Canada to uphold the human rights of Hindu minorities, comparing the situation to the rights struggles faced by Hindu communities in

The High Commission's statement noted concerns over the security of Indian nationals and criticized local authorities for not preventing such incidents during routine consular events. Despite disturbances at camps in Brampton, Vancouver, and Surrey, the Indian mission

a series of violent incidents targeting Hindu establishments in Canada, highlighting an alarming trend of religious intolerance. Congressman Thanedar's comments add to growing calls for Canadian authorities to protect minority rights amid rising tensions and concerns over security. ANI

Immigrants scapegoats in US governance dilemma

BEIJING: The United States, a country built by waves of immigrants, is now grappling with a dilemma of illegal immigration, which has become both a flashpoint and a partisan weapon in American politics.

As Republicans and Democrats turn to immigration as a defining issue in the presidential election campaign, genuine solutions appear increasingly out of reach. Instead, immigration has become a high-stakes game, with each side focusing more on how to exploit the issue than addressing its complex underlying causes.

In recent months, immigration has soared to the top of voters' concerns. A recent survey by the Pew Research Center revealed that about 60 percent of Americans now view immigration as important to their vote, up significantly from previous years.

While Republican and Democrat politicians have both responded with intensified rhetoric, they have done little to bridge their divide on how to handle the issue. Instead,

state and federal authorities are caught in conflicts that reflect the country's deepening partisan split, Xinhua news agency reported.

Last year, Republican-led states including Texas and Florida transported undocumented immigrants to Democratic strongholds like New York, Washington, DC and

In recent months, immigration has soared to the top of voters' concerns. A recent survey by the Pew Research Center revealed that about 60 percent of Americans

Chicago. Early this year, in order to deter migrant crossing, Texas deployed National Guard troops to the US-Mexico border, laid concertina wire border barriers and prevented federal agents from monitoring the border, highlighting the lack of a coordinated national approach.

As the presidential election looms,

Democrats and Republicans are doubling down on immigration as a means to rally their bases.

Democrats continue to advocate for policies that portray them as champions of immigrant rights, emphasizing humane treatment and protections. While the Democratic stance resonates with their core supporters, it also serves an electoral strategy: immigrants and their descendants represent a growing and potentially reliable base for the party. However, with an increasing number of voters in favor of stronger immigration control, Democrats have started to shift their position.

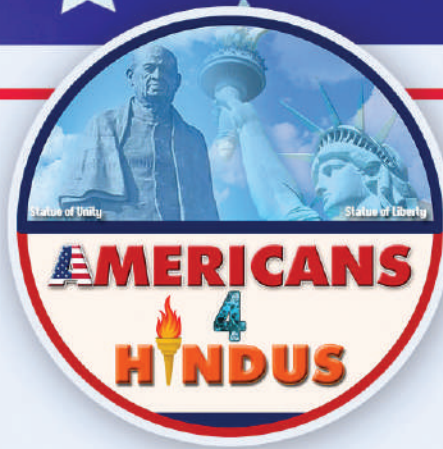
In June, President Joe Biden issued an executive order restricting asylum claims, limiting legal pathways at the US-Mexico border in a rare departure from the party's traditional stance. Vice President and Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris has echoed this shift, advocating for both legalization pathways and stronger border enforcement. IANS

Justin Trudeau never walks the talk, it's going to get worse: Canadian journalist on Brampton attack

TORONTO: Canadian journalist Daniel Bordman strongly condemned the "violent disruption" outside the Indian consular camp at the Hindu Sabha Temple in Brampton and condemned the administration's handling of the situation, accusing them of acting in favor of Khalistani groups.

Speaking to ANI, Bordman criticized Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for only 'talking' but not working towards it. He also warned that with Trudeau in office for around one more year, the situation is only going to "get worse."

"The response from the police was disgusting - they acted as the arm of the Khalistanis - they attacked the Hindus, they did not push the Khalistanis off. They attacked the Hindus in their own mandir," he said. ANI



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Gurugram: Court stays project of Anant Raj builders

GURUGRAM: In a major setback for a realtor, a Gurugram court has stayed its 12-acre housing project in Gurugram's Sector 65, citing that the developer and its three sister concerns got the construction license by defrauding the licensing authority.

The project of M/s Anant Raj Ltd, has come under scanner after around 26 to 27 land owners, including complainant Sushila Devi, came to know that the realtor, after getting DTCP license, approached the Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority (HRERA) for further approval.

"The owners found that an ex-parte land demarcation order had been issued on May 9, 2018, without serving them any notice. The proceedings had been conducted by an assistant collector in Wazirabad," Tanuj Jaglan, the petitioner's advocate told IANS.

The order was stayed by the sub-divisional magistrate (SDM) of Badshahpur on February 8, 2022, and later fully set aside on April 25, 2023, he said.

"The developer had then challenged the SDM's decision and filed an appeal before the divisional commissioner, and the appeal remains pending till date," Jaglan said. The court of Jyoti Grover, civil judge junior division, had stayed the project on October 8 and observed that one of the key requirements for such a license is the physical partitioning of the land. *IANS*

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'Residential real estate gains momentum, new markets and premium launches drive growth'

NEW DELHI: The Indian residential real estate sector has witnessed a strong surge in recent years, with the top 15 listed developers reporting a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 43 percent in pre-sales from financial year (FY) 2021 to FY24, reaching Rs 1.2 trillion, according to the Axis Capital report.

Increasing absorption rates and a focus on higher launches across major and emerging markets have propelled this growth in the sector. *ANI*

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Indian real estate sector raises Rs 13,500 crore via IPOs in 2024 to date



NEW DELHI: The real estate sector in India raised nearly Rs 13,500 crore via initial public offerings (IPOs) from the markets this year to date, almost double the amount raised in 2023, according to a recent report.

With 123 fresh issues (As of October 20) across multiple sectors, 2024 has already surpassed the total number of IPOs witnessed in 2023, according to a report by Colliers India.

Since 2021, the bourses have witnessed 21 real estate IPOs, significantly higher than the 11 listings in the previous four years, during 2017-2020.

In the post-pandemic era, 21

real estate companies have raised Rs 31,900 crore through IPOs, more than double the funds raised in the preceding four-year period (2017-2020).

Traction in IPOs in real estate is largely led by housing finance institutions, that attracted 46 percent of the capital raised during 2021-2024, followed by real estate investment trusts (REITs), at 22 percent share.

Leading real estate developers with a primary focus on residential assets too raised significant funds at Rs 5,600 crore, more than 10 times compared to the preceding four-year period, the report noted.

"The positive outlook for IPO activity in India is underpinned by higher investment in infrastructure, favorable demographics, and higher consumer spending supported by a conducive regulatory framework," said Badal Yagnik, Chief Executive Officer, Colliers India.

Driven by strong demand across residential, commercial, and retail segments, IPOs by real estate developers, HFCs, and REITs with underlying assets such as Grade A offices and malls are likely to see continued momentum in the near-mid-term.

Furthermore, the expectation of a probable reduction in the

lending rates can further boost real estate activity, said the report.

In recent years, real estate IPOs on the stock exchanges have not only grown in volume but have also diversified into newer categories as well. Leading flex space operators have been expanding their portfolios across cities and expediting their IPO plans. "At over 30 percent gains, the year-to-date performance of the BSE Realty Index has been impressive, significantly outpacing the Sensex," said Vimal Nadar, Senior Director and Head of Research, Colliers India. *IANS*

"Waqf board is real estate company, how can Owaisi compare it with Tirumala?": TTD Chairman

HYDERABAD: Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Chairman BR Naidu criticized AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi's recent statement regarding Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams, saying that the Waqf board is a real estate company and questioned how he can compare it with Tirumala.

Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) chairman BR Naidu criticized AIMIM chief

Asaduddin Owaisi's statement about the TTD and termed it baseless. Naidu said that the Waqf Board is a real estate company and questioned how Owaisi can compare it to a revered Hindu temple like Tirumala.

Speaking to ANI, TTD Chairman BR Naidu said, "This statement is baseless, the waqf board is a real estate company... how can he compare it with Tirumala? Tirumala is a Hindu temple.

There have been demands for many years that non-Hindus should not be in Tirumala. It is not my personal (opinion)... Sanatana Dharma says only Hindus should be there. We are working on that and we will decide in the first board meeting."

Last week, the AIMIM chief and MP, Asaduddin Owaisi criticized the Modi government's proposed Waqf amendment bill, questioning the mandatory inclusion of

two non-Muslim members in the central Waqf Council.

Owaisi questioned that if Muslims cannot be trustees of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) then how can a non-Muslim be in the Waqf board?

Addressing a press conference AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi said, "Not even a single member of the 24 members of TTD Board (Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams) is a non-

Hindu...The new Chairman of TTD says that the people working there should be Hindu...We are not against this, we just have an objection to the fact that Narendra Modi's government is saying in the proposed bill of Waqf that in the central Waqf Council, it has been made mandatory that 2 non-Muslim members should be there...Why are you bringing this provision in the Waqf bill?" *ANI*

How to price your property for sale?

DHWANI MEHARCHANDANI

Setting the right price for your property is crucial when putting it on the market, as it plays a pivotal role in attracting potential buyers. Whether you're in a major city like Mumbai or a growing market in Tier-2 cities, an appropriately priced property can generate more interest and help you sell faster. Pricing incorrectly—whether too high or too low—can lead to missed opportunities and extended listing times. This article explores strategies to help you price your home.

Importance of pricing your property correctly

Correctly pricing your property is essential for several reasons:

Attracting serious buyers: A well-priced property draws attention from genuine buyers who are ready to make offers.

Maximizing market value: Proper pricing ensures you get the best possible return without turning away potential buyers due to overpricing.

Avoiding long listing periods: Overpriced homes tend to stay on the market longer, creating the impression that something might be wrong with the property.

Smooth negotiation process: When priced accurately, there is less back-and-forth during negotiations, leading to quicker transactions.

Minimizing stress: Setting the right price from the start can reduce the stress of having to make repeated price reductions, which may discourage potential buyers.

Tips to price your house for sale
Here are some helpful tips for pricing your house for sale correctly.

1) Compare similar properties

One of the most effective ways to set the right price for your property is by comparing it with similar properties in the area. Look at recent sales data for homes that share



the same features—such as size, number of rooms, age, and amenities. This helps give you a realistic understanding of what buyers are willing to pay in the current market. Be sure to consider properties in the same locality or neighborhood since pricing can vary significantly even between nearby areas. Checking both recently sold properties and those currently listed will give you a well-

rounded view of competitive pricing.

2) Analyze market conditions

Understanding the current market conditions is essential when setting a price for your property. The real estate market can fluctuate due to factors like demand and supply, economic trends, and interest rates. For example, in a seller's market, where demand exceeds supply, you may be able to price your property higher. In a buyer's market, however, with more properties available than buyers, competitive pricing becomes critical. Keeping an eye on local real estate trends, such as price appreciation or depreciation, will help you adjust your property's price in line with market dynamics and attract the right buyers.

3) Use online property valuation tools

Online property valuation tools can provide a quick estimate of your property's worth based on current market data. These tools assess factors such as location, property size and recent sales of similar homes in your area. While the estimates from these platforms may not be perfectly accurate, they offer a valuable starting point for pricing your property. In India, platforms like Housing.com offer such tools, giving you a clearer idea of the competitive price range. However, it's important to combine this data with expert advice for a more comprehensive valuation. www.housing.com

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Govt e-marketplace launches 170 seed categories to speed up supply

NEW DELHI: The Government e-Marketplace (GeM) said it has revamped and introduced 170 seed categories on the portal to simplify access to quality agricultural and horticulture seeds for farmers.

"Created ahead of the upcoming cropping season, the newly populated categories feature nearly 8,000 seed varieties that can be procured by Central and State PSUs and other governing bodies for further dissemination across the country," according to an official statement issued recently.

Created after consultation with stakeholders including state seed corporations and research bodies, seed categories on GeM portal offer a ready framework for seed procurement, incorporating the extant rules & regulations by Government of India and necessary parameters, easing the entire process for procuring authorities.

The roll out of these new categories is a part of GeM's broader strategy to promote category-based procurement through the portal. With an emphasis on increasing efficiency, the move aims to reduce time consumed in tendering processes, stimulate transparency and accountability in government procurement, while facilitating increased participation of sellers across the country.

"We invite sellers to leverage these new seed categories and list their offerings to participate freely in government tenders. We also encourage seed corporations and state bodies to utilize these new categories for cost-effective procurement of quality seeds," said Roli Khare, Deputy CEO, GeM.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had released 109 high yielding, climate resilient and biofortified varieties of crops in August this year as part of the Centre's strategy to increase crop production and enhance farmers' incomes.

The new seeds were released at the India Agricultural Research Institute in the national capital where he also interacted with the farmers and scientists on the occasion. *IANS*

OpenAI hires former Pebble Co-founder Gabor Csele



NEW DELHI: Sam Altman-run OpenAI has hired Gabor Csele, former CEO and co-founder of X (formerly Twitter) rival Pebble, to work on a "secret project".

Csele has been working with OpenAI since October. "Excited to share that I've joined @OpenAI! The talent density here is incredible. Learning a lot already. Will share more about what I'm working on in due time," he posted on X social media platform. *IANS*

India re-elected President of 120-nation International Solar Alliance

NEW DELHI: India was re-elected as President of the 120-nation International Solar Alliance (ISA) from 2024 to 2026, while France has been elected as Co-President, at the General Assembly held at the iconic Bharat Mandapam here.

Addressing a press conference at the 7th General Assembly of the ISA, Union Minister Pralhad Joshi said India's election to the President's post is a testament to the impactful work the country, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has been doing over the years for the global good in advancing solar energy adoption across the globe and boosting investment in essential solar projects, including mini-grids and healthcare solutions.

Joshi said while India was the sole contender for the post of President, the Co-Presidency was contested between the Republic of France and Grenada, with France emerging victorious.

"India and France, along with member countries, will aim to raise their ambitions and promise to make this decade count as we usher in a fresh wave of energy, determined to bring the power of solar to improve countries around the world in a way the world has never witnessed before," the minister said.

Joshi highlighted that the ISA aims to give impetus to accelerate the journey towards the 1000 strategy, which aims to mobilize \$1,000 billion of investments in solar energy solutions by 2030.

The fresh elections to the post of President and Vice President gives both, India and France an opportunity to lead 120 countries again to build on the solid work that has already been done and more importantly leverage the

gains we have made together, to now accelerate our mission towards a sustainable path, he added.

Eight Vice Presidents of the Standing Committee, two, from

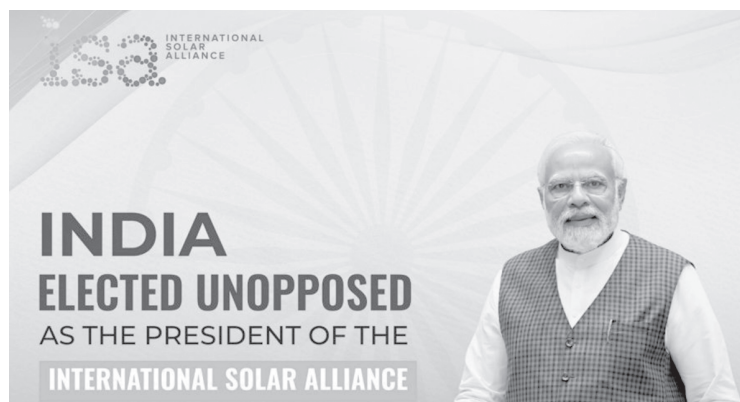
ISA initiated Demonstration Projects in 2020 to meet the needs of Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Development States (SIDS). The aim was to exhibit solar technol-

ergy projects and improve the lives of their people.

According to Minister Joshi, the ISA acknowledges that accelerating adoption of advanced technologies relies on a skilled workforce that can design, install, and maintain them effectively. For advancing capacity building in its Member Countries, the ISA had launched the STAR-C initiative for setting up Solar Technology Application Resource Centers (STAR-Centers), in collaboration with the Republic of France. These national centers are equipped with specialized training facilities, tools, and structured learning modules designed to cultivate a highly skilled solar workforce.

The minister said ISA has successfully established and operationalized STAR Centers in seven countries: Ethiopia, Somalia, Cuba, Côte d'Ivoire, Kiribati, Ghana, and Bangladesh. Since their launch, these centers have already trained thousands of professionals in various aspects of solar energy, preparing them to contribute effectively to the sector's rapid expansion.

"The Assembly will also consider other substantial matters, such as work plans for the coming year and include updates on ISA's priority areas of work and projects. An important topic of discussion will be the guidelines for the Viability Gap Funding," Joshi added. *IANS*



each of the four ISA geographical regions, were also selected by the Assembly. The include Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean regions.

ISA Member Countries have also selected the third Director

ogy applications that can be scaled up and build the capacity of Member Countries to replicate these solar-powered solutions. Today, 11 of these projects were dedicated to the people of the respective countries: Bhutan,

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General of the Alliance. Ashish Khanna is the Director General Designate and will assume office in March 2025 when the tenure of the incumbent Director General, Dr Ajay Mathur, comes to a close.

Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cuba, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Mauritius, Samoa, Senegal, The Gambia, and Tonga. ISA remains committed to supporting governments in their efforts to scale up solar en-



India's defense exports to touch Rs 50,000 crore in 2029-30: Rajnath Singh



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addresses the 65th Foundation Day celebrations of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur. (ANI Photo)

KANPUR: Defense Minister Rajnath Singh has said that India's Aatmanirbhar drive was "yielding the desired results" and the country was poised to reach Rs 50,000 crore in defense exports by 2029-30.

Addressing the 65th Foundation Day celebrations at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur, the Defense Minister called upon Indian youth to indigenously develop high-end technologies, which the country imports, to realize Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of 'Viksit Bharat'.

He stressed on the need to get a hold on high-end technology, urging the young ignited minds to realize their potential and contribute to the country's progress. He termed institutions like IIT Kanpur as academic engines, which can provide dynamism to India in the present competitive environment.

Rajnath Singh said that the government's efforts to

achieve self-reliance are turning out to be highly successful as defense exports, which were around just Rs 600 crore 10 years ago, crossed a record number of Rs 21,000 crore in Financial Year 2023-24. He exuded confidence that the progress will continue and defense exports will reach Rs 50,000 crore by 2029-30.

Highlighting the increasing role of technology in the defense ecosystem across the globe amidst ongoing conflicts, the Defense Minister said that the use of drones, laser warfare, cyber warfare, precision guided missiles and hypersonic missiles has transformed warfare into a technology-oriented one.

"The biggest hurdle in achieving 'Aatmanirbharta' in defense is that we are compelled to import some high-end technologies necessary for our items. There is a need to focus on the defense application of modern cutting-edge technologies in view of the changing nature of war-

fare," he added.

Rajnath Singh assured the government's full support in this endeavor and reiterated the commitment to take all stakeholders, including the private sector and academia, together to make India self-reliant in defense.

"India has dreamed of becoming a developed nation by 2047 on the strength of our youth. We must put in all our power to realize that dream. There is a proverb, 'If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together'. We need to walk together to achieve our target," he said.

Enumerating the steps taken by the government to promote self-reliance and innovation in defense, Rajnath Singh spoke about the Innovations for Defense Excellence (IDEX) initiative, which provides a grant of Rs 1.5 crore to innovators and start-ups.

He added that Acing Development of Innovative Technologies with IDEX (ADITI) scheme was launched to promote innovations in critical and strategic defense technologies, wherein start-ups are eligible to receive grant-in-aid of up to Rs 25 crore for their research, development, and innovation endeavors in defense technology.

The Defense Minister pointed out that manufacturing of a technology involves three major steps - ideation, application & production - and institutions like IIT Kanpur can play a big role from incubating ideas to creation of products. He underscored the importance of coming out with products and technologies, which become a necessity for the Armed Forces once they are developed.

As part of the celebrations, IIT Kanpur hosted a special event on defense innovation, aligning with the vision of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'.

Rajnath Singh visited a Defense Research, Product, and Incubation Showcase organized by the Start-up Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC) at IIT Kanpur, which highlighted pioneering solutions from 23 SIIC-incubated start-ups, presenting advancements in defense technology such as autonomous systems, AI-driven surveillance, and next-generation communication tools. IANS

India's wedding season biz expected to surge 41 pc to Rs 6 lakh crore: CAIT

NEW DELHI: The upcoming wedding season in India which will extend from November 12 till December 16 is likely to generate business worth nearly Rs 6 lakh crore from 48 lakh weddings which constitutes a 41 percent increase over the corresponding figure of Rs 4.25 lakh crore recorded for 35 lakh weddings last year, according to a study carried out by the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT).

From 11 auspicious dates the previous year, this year's season would have 18 dates which is expected to fuel the business growth, with Delhi alone expected to see Rs 1.5 lakh crore business across 4.5 lakh weddings this year, estimates compiled by CAIT show.

CAIT estimates 10 lakh weddings involving spending of Rs 3 lakh per wedding, 10 lakh weddings with Rs



6 lakh per wedding, 10 lakh weddings with Rs 10 lakh per wedding, 10 lakh weddings with Rs 15 lakh per wedding, 7 lakh weddings with Rs 25 lakh per wedding, 50,000 weddings with Rs 50 lakh per wedding, and 50,000 wed-

dings with Rs 1 crore or more per wedding.

CAIT's Veda and Spiritual Committee convenor Acharya Durgesh Tare said the auspicious wedding dates for this season are November 12, 13, 17, 18, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28, and 29 and December 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, and 16. Following this period, there will be a pause of about a month before the season resumes from mid-January to March 2025.

"The study has also highlighted a shift in consumer purchasing behavior, with people increasingly opting for Indian products over foreign goods, reflecting the success of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Vocal for Local' and 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' (Self-Reliant India) vision," said CAIT's Secretary General Praveen Khandelwal. IANS

In Brief

Survey shows inflation, abortion topmost issues for Indian-Americans

WASHINGTON: Inflation was cited as the topmost election issue by the single largest group of Indian-Americans surveyed for a recent poll, while abortion and jobs/economy were the topmost for the next largest cohorts.

US-India relations were the last among the topmost issues cited by the respondents, alongside education and national security.

Inflation/prices were cited as the top issue by 17 percent of the respondents in the 2024 Indian American Attitudes Survey by Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, while abortion and reproductive rights and jobs/economy were cited as top issues by 13 percent of the respondents each.

There was a partisan split on the top issues. The state of the economy, taking together prices and jobs, was the primary concern for 39 percent of the respondents who identified themselves as Republican; compared to 24 percent of Democratic respondents. Abortion was cited as the topmost issue by 19 percent of Democrats and 5 percent of Republicans.

This is a reflection of the national mood. Former President Donald Trump and other Republicans up and down the ticket have attacked Vice President Kamala Harris and the Democrats chiefly on the economy, especially prices, along with immigration. The Democrats have focused on abortion and then the economy. *IANs*



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"In fiscal year 2024 which just concluded at the end of September, the United States repatriated over 1100 Indian nationals"



US repatriated 1100 Indian nationals in 2024: US official

WASHINGTON: The United States repatriated over 1,100 Indian nationals in fiscal year 2024, which concluded at the end of September, marking a notable rise in deportations of Indian nationals over recent years, according to US Assistant Secretary for Border and Immigration Policy Royce Bernstein Murray.

"In fiscal year 2024 which just concluded at the end of September, the United States repatriated over 1100 Indian nationals. That has been part of a steady increase of removals from the United States of Indian nationals over the past few years, which corresponds with a general increase in encounters that we have seen of Indian nationals in the last few years as well," Murray said during a media briefing recently.

Murray highlighted the significant role of the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS), specifically its agency, US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), in coordinating deportations.

"The US Department of Homeland Security, or DHS, through our component agency

US, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, also known as ICE, conducted another large frame charter removal flight of Indian nationals who did not establish a legal basis to remain in the United States," she stated.

human smuggling operations. She noted that "the government of India is a very important partner to the US government as it tackles various homeland security issues."

Murray also underscored the

immigration law. Consequences for irregular crossings at our borders include deportation, a minimum five-year bar on re-entry to the United States, [and] possible criminal prosecution for those who are recidivists [and] make multiple attempts to enter," she explained.

Addressing a question on the origins of deported individuals, Murray commented, "We do not have a precise breakdown of the locations from which Indian nationals are originating. This flight was just deplaned in Punjab, which was designed to ensure that people, in general, may be closer to their place of origin, but that is meant to convey that individuals may or may not be from Punjab and surrounding states, but we do not have a precise breakdown of the locations from which Indian nationals who were returned have originated." *ANI*



According to Murray, the ongoing charter flights exemplify continued cooperation between the United States and the Government of India, aimed at curbing irregular migration and tackling

legal repercussions for individuals attempting to enter the United States unlawfully. "It's important to reiterate that crossing into the United States irregularly between ports of entry is a violation of US

"Strict action will be taken against illegal immigration": BJP praises Amit Shah for raising alleged infiltrators issue

NEW DELHI: Praising Union Home Minister Amit Shah for raising alleged infiltrators issue in Jharkhand, the Bharatiya Janata Party said that illegal immigration in Jharkhand has severe and serious demographic implications for the tribal population of the state, adding that strict action will be taken against illegal immigration.

BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad recently said that the Union Home Minister rightly pointed out the issue, strict action will be taken against the illegal immigration.

"Today, the whole Jharkhand is in a concerning situation, especially Santhal Pargana. The way these people (state govt) are making the Rohingyas and other

infiltrators come into the state for votes. Atal ji's govt formed Jharkhand, it was a big demand for the tribal brothers. Now, are you (JMM) trying to change the history of the state? This won't happen...Union Home Minister

BJP leader Nalin Kohli said that the party will be work to protect the identity of the tribals and other people of Jharkhand.

"The issue that Union Home Minister Amit Shah has raised in Jharkhand is one of the burn-

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rightly pointed out the issue, strict action will be taken...if you (people) don't want West Bengal like situation in Jharkhand, remove Hemant Soren's government and bring in BJP and NDA government," Prasad said.

ing and pertinent questions and concerns with regards to the illegal immigration which has severe and serious demographic implications for the tribal population of Jharkhand. *ANI*

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EAM Jaishankar inaugurates new consulate in Brisbane, strengthening India-Australia ties

BRISBANE: External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar recently inaugurated the new Consulate General of India in Brisbane, Australia, further solidifying India-Australia relations.

Jaishankar, currently on a two-nation tour, will be in Australia until November 7 and will visit Singapore on November 8. He arrived in Brisbane last Sunday.

Taking to X, Jaishankar wrote, "Delighted to formally inaugurate new Consulate General of India in Brisbane today. It will contribute to strengthening India's ties with Queensland state, promoting trade, fostering educational linkages, and serving the diaspora."

He acknowledged the presence of prominent officials, including Dr Jeannette Young, Governor of Queensland, and Ministers Ros Bates and Fiona Simpson, who attended the inauguration ceremony.

In a separate meeting, Jaishankar discussed economic, trade, and investment cooperation with Governor Young.

"Pleased to meet H.E. Dr Jeannette Young, Governor of Queensland, in Brisbane today. Discussed opportunities and ways to strengthen economic, trade, and investment cooperation with the Queensland state," he posted.

Earlier, Jaishankar paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi at Roma Street Parklands in Brisbane. The previous day, he addressed the Indian community, outlining four key factors contributing to the strengthening of India-Australia ties, emphasizing the transformation in bilateral relations under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership.

"There are four reasons - PM Modi, Australia, the world, and all of you," Jaishankar remarked, appreciating the Indian diaspora's warm welcome and contributions.

He highlighted the significance of the visit, not only to open India's fourth consulate in Brisbane but to fulfill PM Modi's commitment to the Indian community.

"Your presence, effort, and contribution have made this consulate possible. I have come to redeem Prime Minister Modi's promise, made in public, that he would open a consulate in Brisbane," he stated.

Reflecting on the Indian diaspora in Queensland, which includes 125,000 residents and approximately 15,000-16,000 students, Jaishankar stressed the state's economic importance to India, noting, "75 percent of Australia's exports to India actually come from this state."

He described India's designation of Aus-



External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar with Queensland Governor Jeannette Young inaugurates new Consulate General of India, in Brisbane. Ministers Ros Bates and Fiona Simpson and others also present. (ANI Photo)

tralia as a "comprehensive strategic partner," a term reserved for only a few nations.

"The more adjectives you add, the weightier it gets," he noted.

Jaishankar also lauded the positive impact of the Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA) on trade and emphasized the value of agreements on mobility, migration, and mutual recogni-

tion, specifically mentioning the MATES agreement.

During his visit, he will co-chair the 15th Foreign Ministers' Framework Dialogue (FMFD) with Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong and deliver the keynote address at the 2nd Raisina Down Under conference at the Australian Parliament House.

He will engage with Australian leaders, parliamentarians, and representatives from business, media, and think tanks.

After completing his visit to Australia, Jaishankar will travel to Singapore, where he will participate in the 8th ASEAN-India Network of Think Tanks Roundtable and meet with Singaporean leaders to discuss further strengthening the partnership. IANS

Sri Lanka to launch online passport appointment system amid shortages

COLOMBO: Sri Lanka's Department of Immigration and Emigration was setting up an online appointment system for passport applications, according to an announcement by the Government Information Department.

Sri Lanka has been experiencing shortages of blank passports, leading to queues outside the Department of Immigration and Emigration for several months, reports Xinhua news agency.

The Government Information Department said on Friday that the online system would be launched soon. Sri Lankan nationals can get an appoint-

ment to come to the department and submit applications.

Currently, the Department of Immigration and Emigration has around 50,000 blank passports, with an additional 100,000 expected in November. Another 150,000 blank passports are anticipated in December, according to the department. IANS



Pakistan makes biometric verification mandatory at airports

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan government has made biometric verification mandatory at airports across the country in a step to increase border security, the Interior Ministry has said.

The ministry said in a statement that it directed the country's Federal Investigation Agency last week, to take immediate action regarding the installation of the biometric machines.

The machines will be installed at international immigration counters in airports to ensure effective passenger verification, Xinhua news agency reported.

After the installation of the machines, biometric verification will be a mandatory requirement for international travelers, the statement said.

The ministry added that this measure will make it nearly impossible for fugitives and wanted criminals to travel domestically or internationally. IANS

US confirms H5N1 bird flu in swine for first time

LOS ANGELES: H5N1 bird flu has been confirmed in a pig in the United States for the first time, said the US Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The farm has been quarantined to prevent further spread of the virus. Other animals on the farm, including sheep and goats, remain under surveillance, the USDA said last week.



The Oregon Department of Agriculture said last Friday that the first H5N1 case was detected in a pig at a farm in the state, reports Xinhua news agency.

USDA's National Veterinary Services Laboratories confirmed last week that one of the farm's five pigs was infected with H5N1, the first detection of H5N1 in swine in the United States.

The farm is a non-commercial operation, and the animals were not intended for the commercial food supply. "There is no concern about the safety of the nation's pork supply as a result of this finding," said USDA in a statement. *IANS*

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Decline in TB incidence an outcome of India's dedicated, innovative efforts: PM Modi

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently highlighted the nation's achievements in reducing tuberculosis (TB) incidence.

In a significant acknowledgment of India's efforts to eradicate TB, the Prime Minister said that the decline in TB incidence is an "outcome of India's dedicated and innovative efforts".

"Commendable progress! The decline in TB incidence is an outcome of India's dedicated and innovative efforts. Through a collective spirit, we will keep working towards a TB-free India," PM Modi posted on X.

The Prime Minister responded to a post by Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda who acknowledged the recognition of India's remarkable progress by the World Health Organization (WHO) in reducing tuberculosis by 17.7 percent from 2015 to 2023.

"We remain steadfast in our

commitment to creating a TB-free India. The World Health Organization (WHO) has recognized India's remarkable progress, with a 17.7 percent decline in TB incidence from 2015



Prime Minister Narendra Modi

to 2023 - a rate more than double the global decline of 8.3 percent. This acknowledgment reflects India's transformative approach to TB care and control," Health Minister Nadda had posted.

Under the visionary leadership of PM Modi, "our government has expanded and strengthened the National TB Elimination Programme by taking key initiatives such as the Ni-Kshay

ter had posted on X.

J.P. Nadda also acknowledged the tireless efforts of the Ministry of Health Affairs' "dedicated healthcare workers, whose unwavering commitment and hard work play a crucial role in this fight against tuberculosis".

According to the WHO, India has one of the highest levels of treatment coverage for tuberculosis among the 30 high TB-burden countries.

India also achieved a significant increase in the number of people receiving preventative therapy for household contacts of TB patients and people living with HIV, a WHO report showed.

According to the report, 12.2 lakh people in India were put on preventive therapy in 2023, up from 10.2 lakh in 2022, and 4.2 lakh in 2021.

India aims to end TB by 2025, five years ahead of the global target. *IANS*

Education, occupation and wealth can influence dementia risk in people

NEW DELHI: Not just genes, a new study has found that socio-economic factors such as education, occupation and wealth can also impact the likelihood of developing cognitive impairment or dementia in later life and whether a person is likely to recover.

By estimating the time spent in each cognitive state and the likelihood of transitions to neuro-cognitive disorders such as cognitive impairment and dementia, the researchers from University College London (UCL) were able to gain a comprehensive understanding of how socioeconomic factors impact the progression of a

person's disorder, as well as the duration spent within each cognitive state over time.



Lead author Aswathikutty Gireesh from UCL Epidemiology and Health Care said that it is

possible that education and intellectually demanding jobs provide more mental stimulation

and help to build a stronger brain reserve to help protect individuals against cognitive impairment

and dementia.

The study, published in the journal Scientific Reports, highlights the critical role of wealth, education, and occupation not only in reducing the risk of transitioning from mild cognitive impairment to dementia but also in increasing the likelihood of reversing cognitive impairment to a healthy cognitive state, which is promising, said senior author Dr Dorina Cadar from UCL Department of Behavioural Science and Health and Brighton and Sussex Medical School.

The researchers tracked how people moved between various states: healthy, mild cognitive impairment and dementia. They

also considered the possibility of reversals, where individuals improved from a mild cognitive impairment state to a healthy one.

The team found that people from more socioeconomically advantaged backgrounds were less likely to move from a healthy cognitive state to mild cognitive impairment, or from mild cognitive impairment to dementia compared to those with primary education (no higher than secondary school), working in manual or routine occupations, and in the most socioeconomically disadvantaged third of the population. *IANS*

A world-first 3D cell model to boost treatments for lip injuries

NEW DELHI: In a world-first, Swiss scientists have developed 3D cell models using lip cells, an advance that can help develop new treatments for injuries and infections.

To date, models using lip cells -- which perform differently from other skin cells -- have not been available.

"The lip is a very prominent feature of our face," said Dr Martin Degen of the University of Bern in Switzerland.

"Any defects in this tissue can be highly disfiguring. But until now, human lip cell models for developing treatments were lacking," Degen added.

To fill the gap, the scientists successfully immortalized donated lip cells. This enabled them to develop clinically relevant lip models in the lab,

The team selected skin cells from tissue donated by two patients: one undergoing treatment for a lip laceration, and one undergoing treatment for a cleft lip.

Using a retroviral vector, the team deactivated a gene that stops a cell's life

cycle. They also altered the length of the telomeres on the ends of each chromosome to improve the cells' longevity.

The new cell lines were then tested rigorously to retain the same characteristics as primary cells; and looked for any chromosomal abnormalities, revealed the scientists in the paper published in *Frontiers*

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They scratched samples of the cells to see if the cells could act as accurate proxies for wound healing,

While untreated cells closed the wound in eight hours, those treated with growth factors closed the wound more quickly. These results matched those seen in skin

serious infections in people with weak immune systems or cleft lips.

The cells performed as expected, and the pathogen rapidly invaded the model as it would infect real lip tissue.

"We are convinced that 3D models established from healthy immortalized lip cells have the potential to be very useful in



cells from other body parts.

After developing 3D models using the cells, the scientists infected them with *Candida albicans* -- yeast that can cause many other fields of medicine," said Degen, noting that the proof-of-concept, once expanded, could benefit thousands of patients. *IANS*



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FOG Diwali 2024 attended by thousands, a roaring success



VIDYA SETHURAMAN
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Festival of Globe (FOG) Diwali, the Festival of Lights was celebrated at the India Community center, Milpitas on Saturday, October 26th, 2024. Diwali is one of the most pious and joyous festivals celebrated across

India and the world. Dr. Romesh Japra, FOG Founder, said, "Diwali represents victory of Good over Evil, and this message is all the more relevant in today's society for all of us to live in harmony and thrive. FOG strives to bring the community together and give them a platform to celebrate

our Hindu values, culture and heritage". The festival has been a vibrant showcase, featuring traditional and contemporary music and dance as well as stalls offering food and crafts.

This year, the festival had many popular and well sought after segments such as Dance

competition, show stopper performances, Saree fashion showcases, Ramayana, Rangoli contest, Mithai Contest, diya competition, dance performances representing cross sections of India and a fair that features best of offers for the Indian community. The event was attended by Consul General Dr Srikar Reddy, CGISF and public representatives from Congressman Ro Khanna's office, Assemblymember Alex Lee of office, Milpitas Mayor Carmen Montano, Councilmembers and representatives from Sunnyvale, San Jose, Fremont, Dublin, Pleasanton, Santa Clara.

This year's FOG Diwali festival consisted of many exciting segments that attracted and enthralled many Festival visitors. Dance competition hosted by Jyotsna Sharma, FOG Cultural chair had over 1200 kids performing for different dance forms. She thanked all the dance schools and gurus who had sent their students to perform and enthrall the attendees. "The festival of lights celebrates not only the lights outside, but also the light within you," said Jo Sharma.

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Climate change is one of the most consequential issues facing our nation and the planet. Over the past six months, the world has seen the threat firsthand, as torrential rains battered Europe and Bangladesh. Closer to home, millions of residents are still attempting to recover from the ravages of Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Experts pointed out that this election may have a profound impact on climate change. Ethnic Media Services held a roundtable on November 1, inviting experts and community representatives to discuss the impacts of climate change and mobilize communities to address the challenges.

North Carolina resident Erik Bendix shares his experience fighting through Hurricane Helene. The hurricane made landfall on September 26. Bendix pointed out that the local community has been deeply affected, and the extent of the damage has shocked local residents. After the disaster, Bendix planned to assess the road damage, but found that the damage in the valley area was serious; the valley bridge was washed away, leaving residents facing the dilemma of cutting off water and power, and the entire town was isolated from the outside world for a time. However, the community has established medical, logistics and communication teams through meetings and spontaneous organizations to provide post-disaster support, demonstrating the community's resilience and mutual help spirit.

Sharon Lavigne, founder of the environmental protection organization Rise St. James from Louisiana, talked about how she led the community to oppose the construction of a new petrochemical plant in "Cancer Alley." The area is named for its many chemical plants and high cancer rates among its residents. In 2018, the state government announced an investment of US\$9.4 billion to build a plastics factory locally, which is very worrying. Lavigne rallied community forces to protest and file legal action. Although the courts ultimately approved construction of the plant, she and members of her organization continued their efforts and secured the support of the new governor.

Los Angeles resident Sissy Trinh shared how her impoverished community faces threats from climate change. She pointed out that the lives of community residents are extremely difficult, and poverty forces many residents to sacrifice food and clothing to pay rent. She said climate change may seem distant to many residents, but the threat of wildfires and rising air pollution are making the issue more urgent. Trinh mentioned that Los Angeles County has made climate investments over the past 15 years aimed at improving air quality and community environment. She hopes that more resources can be used to improve the quality of life of

Climate change is consequential

local residents, reduce the health risks caused by pollution, and allow residents to truly enjoy a clean environment.

Bill McKibben, founder of Third Act, an organization focused on climate action and justice, emphasized the importance of this presidential election for climate action. He pointed out that the 2030 emission reduction target is imminent, and the next presidential term will last until 2029, which means that this government will bear a heavy responsibility for the progress of emission reduction.



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Americans for Hindus condemns attack on Hindu Sabha Mandir in Brampton, urges U.S. Congressional action

India Post News Service

WASHINGTON, DC: Americans for Hindus (A4H) strongly condemns the violent attack on the Hindu Sabha Mandir in Brampton, Canada, an act that has sparked outrage and grief within the Hindu community worldwide. The organization calls on members of the U.S. Congress to denounce this act of terror and to press the Canadian government to take firm action against those responsible.

Disturbing footage from viral videos has shown misguided Sikh separatists wielding sticks and bearing Khalistani flags as they assaulted the temple, viciously targeting unarmed devotees. Witnesses report that worshippers were beaten, and sacred property was vandalized in what can only



be described as a blatant assault on religious freedom and the peaceful community within the Hindu Sabha Mandir.

India's Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, has condemned this attack in a public statement, and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has also

spoken against it, though some believe his response should have been stronger given the rising threats from extremist groups. Canada has long struggled with extremist factions, and it is more crucial than ever for the Canadian government to protect the fundamental right to religious freedom while standing unequivocally against terrorism.

"We call upon the Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh, and Jain American Congressional Caucus to denounce these attacks and to

support swift, decisive action against extremist groups in Canada," said Dr. Romesh Japra Founder and Chairman of Americans4Hindus "Your support is essential for ensuring the safety, peace, and security of all communities, and we urge

work to maintain peace and tolerance on the international stage.

About Americans for Hindus (A4H):

Americans for Hindus (A4H) is a Political organization dedicated to supporting and advocating for the rights and welfare

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Congress to join in condemning this horrific incident."

A4H stresses the importance of solidarity and vigilance to ensure that every faith community can practice its beliefs freely and peacefully. We ask all elected officials in the U.S. to stand with those affected and

of Hindu Americans. A4H works to promote religious freedom, social justice, and interfaith harmony for all communities and calls for an end to discrimination and intolerance worldwide.

For further details, please contact A4H at: contact@americans4hindus.org

IACA organizes Diwali Halloween party for children with special needs



Members of the Indian American Cultural Association organized a joint Diwali and Halloween party for children with special needs

India Post News Service

IACA (Indian American Cultural Association) celebrated Halloween and Diwali together with Ray Graham Association on the Hanson Center Campus, 15W431 E 59th St, Burr Ridge, IL. It was an astonishing event, bringing together the community in a warm, inclusive environment, led by IACA President Vinita Gulabani, its dedicated team, volunteers and folks from IACA Youth as well.

The children with special needs enthusiastically took part in various Halloween-themed activities. They decorated pumpkins with paints, stickers, and glitter, creating unique designs that showcased their creativity.

The event also featured a costume pa-

rade where each child proudly displayed their outfits, from spooky ghosts to friendly superheroes, and received cheers from the audience. IACA Treasurer Richa Paal have arranged most of

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these activities along with the executive director Ms Kamlesh Kapoor and Pallavi Wagh.

Many in the audience said that it was so inspirational to see IACA president and her team was involved so deeply ensuring the event is providing a great joy to RGA's special people.

this festive fun. Attendees enjoyed thoughtful gifts, including goodie bags and had Indian Samosa to eat.

IACA Executive team extended special thanks to RGA employees and also showed their appreciation by providing them warm shawls. Special thanks were extended to Mr. Ramesh Punntar for capturing these moments and to FIA chairman Mr. Sunil Shah for his support, making it a memorable day for all involved.

IACA secretary Shanu Sinha thanked all the IACA youth volunteers, who helped preparing Diwali & Halloween games and thoughtful greeting cards. She also extended a special thanks to RGA volunteer Neal Patel and her team for the support received from them during the event.

They made sure that everyone from RGA could participate in a meaningful way and in a friendly environment to have

Who doesn't need a laugh?

ARCHANA ASTHANA

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Masala Comedy Club's (MCC) 6.0 version exceeded expectations with its sharp wit and beguiling humor at every step. This penultimate show was their biggest with sold out seats last weekend, a testament to their soaring popularity.

The eight comedians, as is the format

he imagined! The raunchiness was very much in focus throughout his set, as he kept up the sharpness and wit in punchline after punchline. Bihar, where he was a student, featured prominently where kidnappings to wed these engineers were rampant.

Veteran comic and an electrical engi-

the good looking waitress ("host"), and the fuming wife!

Shiv Jayaraman's beguiling disclosures of his abode in "upscale Saratoga" continued the fine dining saga, to the point where the audience may have even learned a little French! The "Hinglish" component that MCC is known for was truly shown in

Snehal Pachigar's traumatic experience with family drama and its reversal on his visit back home leaves him wondering until he figures out that he is the reason for the personality change. The show ended with Ritwik Verma explaining how "contempt breeds familiarity" could be true through his relatable college shenanigans.

MCC remains unparalleled in delivering a quirky, creative take on everyday affairs and made them belly achingly funny, as was evident by the constant roars. One more show to go on Nov. 21st, so catch it if you can.



for the lineup, were all engineers, and host, Ritwik Verma quipped about how in India, it is only the failed engineers or politicians who are funny, and proceeded to impersonate some recognizable politicians for the desired effect.

Opening the sequence was comic, Ashok Vijay, who expounded on the trials and tribulations of husband improvement plans, concocted by wives, which include going to therapy for the reluctant husband. Even more galling for him was having to take responsibility for his own mediocrity, due to the lack of a father that was the opposite of abusive, controlling, manipulating etc...all the reasons that merit blaming the parent?

Next up was a comic, new to me, Ankit Bhargava, who wanted to learn to make "joints" as part of his engineering curriculum, except they turned out not to be what

neer, Neha was sparkling with wattage, even as her husband purportedly could only mutter "Om" (a pun on Ohm, the electrical unit). She deftly wove together the problems in America, such as too many forms to fill out, too many choices, and mixing in subtle doses of current politics, taking jabs at relatives...all the while relating an encounter with a pest in the house and its eventual fate.

Rajiv Nema analyzed the do's and don'ts, the why's and how's of tipping etiquette, so prevalent here, and disliked by Nema, who bases it on our Indian mentality of not appreciating, and tipping is meant to do that. In the Indian way, money exchanges hands to coax the workers to get the job done; appreciation is a far cry! Along the way, we were regaled by his fine dining experiences, and the pressure to tip, especially when trying to impress both

this segment, with puns and double entendres delighting the audience.

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A grand Deepavali program by the United India Association of New England

GEETHA PATIL

The United India Association of New England Inc., (UIANE) organized a grand program of Deepavali, the festival of lights at Newton South High School, Newton, MA on Sunday, November 3, 2024, afternoon with a gallery full of enthusiastic spectators and many talented performers.

The program started with Lord Ganesh Pujan while chanting Mantras followed by singing of a melodious Bhajan by Madhu Mathur, Dr. Prabhakar and others. Rakashi Chand, Vikas Sethi, Raghav Verma, Madhav Verma, Ishana Bali, Manya Sharma, Sarina Chand, Amisha Arora as diligent Emcees presented an entertaining cultural program coordinated by Dr. Neela Gandhi, Aanch Jain, Shobha Khetarpal, Veena Kapoor, and Hemant Sharma to the viewers. Young children to adult participants displayed their classical dances to Bollywood dances with fusion and remix trends. A special singing performance was given by Rushi Patel, Ryan Giri by using Harmonium and Table respectively under the guidance of Bhuwan Giri, the well-known choreographer in the Greater Boston area.

Many beautiful adult women in the gorgeous sarees displayed a unique presentation named 'Nari in Sari'. They walked and swirled like butterflies to the tunes of music. Manisha Chowdhary delightfully choreographed this piece. Another mind catching performance was Lavani Dance by Heena Bhatt, Ketki Tipnis, Mari Muthuswamy, Sangeeta Benjwal, and Sumana Hatwar. Mona Mitra brilliantly choreographed this dance for the song, 'Mala Jau dya na ghari.'

UIANE's president, Neela Gandhi introduced the executive committee officers, Board members, Advisory Board members, Organizing team members and volunteers to the audiences and thanked



UIANE team

them for their exemplary works. She thanked the cultural team members namely Aanch Jain, Shobha Khetarpal, Veena Kapoor for putting the show together. She humbly acknowledged the ef-

Khetarpal for consulting vendors and sponsors. She took few minutes for praising different small-scale business and service vendors who set up tables with their marketing and informational materials and

namely McDonald's, British International School of Boston, Platinum Insurance Agency and Russian School of Mathematics, and Ahluwalia Law Group. Many other sponsors were also received great recognition by the UIANE team.

Food vendors - Veenita Srivatsav, Grand India, and Boston Chai served delicious snacks and tasty masala chai to the participants. All the children and every participant of the event enjoyed the joyous and prosperous Diwali filled with love, laughter, and light.

"We find that Diwali holds our Dharmic significance and a reason for celebration of hope and the victory of goodness over evil" one of the participants said.



Nari in Saree participants

forts of Manisha Chowdhary in organizing the Children's Parade. She also thanked Amit Dutta, Vikas Sethi, and Parvin

educated people about their services. UIANE's team members also honored some primary sponsor of the event



Young children dancing



Young girls dancing for a Krishna Bhajan

Diwali Delight: Aurora, IL comes alive at IACOAB's 10th annual celebration

India Post News Service

CHICAGO: The Indian American Community Outreach Advisory Board (IACOAB) hosted its 10th annual Diwali festival at Metea Valley High School last week in Aurora, drawing an impressive crowd of over 3,000 attendees. This vibrant celebration of the Festival of Lights not only showcased the rich cultural heritage of the Indian community but also highlighted the spirit of unity and joy that Diwali represents.

Diwali, known as the "Festival of Lights," symbolizes the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness. The festival is marked with lighting lamps, sharing sweets, and engaging in festive activities that bring families and communities together.

This year's event featured more than 25 vendors offering a diverse array of merchandise, from traditional clothing to unique handicrafts. Attendees had the opportunity to explore these offerings while enjoying delicious food from local eateries. Over 12 non-profit organizations participated as well, providing valuable information about their services and initiatives aimed at supporting the community.

The festival was graced by several



distinguished guests, including Mayor Richard Irvin, Congressman Bill Foster, and Indian Consulate General, Somnath Ghosh. Elected officials from



Aurora also joined the celebrations, underscoring the importance of community engagement and support for cultural events in the city. The event was supported wholeheartedly by the Mayor's office and local volunteers further enhancing its success.

IACOAB Chair Nitin Fuldeore expressed his pride in the event's success, stating, "This year's celebration was a true highlight for our vendors and local community."

The festival featured captivating performances that celebrated Indian culture, including traditional dances and music that kept attendees entertained throughout the

evening. The atmosphere was filled with laughter, joy, and a sense of belonging as families and friends gathered to celebrate this important occasion.

The IACOAB plays a vital role in embracing, preserving, and promoting the heritage and contributions of Indian Americans while encouraging civic engage-

ment. By fostering connections among community members.



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As the community celebrated its 10th

a cherished tradition that continues to bring people together to share in the joy and spirit of this important festival.



Q1 Why is this fall's Medicare Open Enrollment Period especially important?

Positive changes to Medicare make it especially important to check your plan.

Starting in 2025, the annual out-of-pocket limit for all Medicare-covered prescription drugs will drop significantly from \$8,000 to \$2,000. This means that no matter how many medications you need, you won't pay more than \$2,000 for your prescriptions in a year. The \$2,000 cap coupled with the ability to spread out payments means that high out-of-pocket costs many refer to "Donut Hole" are gone in 2025.

Next, make sure to check if you can receive full Extra Help assistance. Beginning in 2024, if you are single with monthly income up to \$1,883, or a couple with monthly income up to \$2,555, you could qualify for Extra Help which covers most of your prescription drug costs such as deductibles and copayments as well as premiums.

Take a close look at your current plan's coverage, costs, the medications it covers, the doctors and hospitals in its network, and your personal health needs to see if your plan is still the best fit for you. By comparing other available options during the OEP, you might find one that offers better coverage, saves you money, or both. Please call us if you need any help.

Q2 If I am under 65 and uninsured, but not yet eligible for Medicare, can I still enroll in a health plan?

Yes, anyone who is uninsured and not

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The annual Medicare Open Enrollment Period runs from October 15, 2024, to December 7, 2024. Additionally, the State Health Insurance Marketplace Open Enrollment Period takes place from November 1, 2024, to December 15, 2024, with some states extending it to January 15, 2025.



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yet eligible for Medicare can sign up for health insurance during the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Open Enrollment Period (OEP). This period is also a great chance for people who missed signing up during their Special Enrollment Period (SEP), which may have been offered to them after reporting specific life events such as marriage, childbirth, or job loss.

For 2025, OEP runs from November 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024 (or January 15, 2025, depending on your state). If you apply for a health plan and select your plan within this time window, your new plan will begin on January 1, 2025 (or February 1, 2025).

During this period, you can explore various health plan options through the state's Health Insurance Marketplace. If you are

single with an annual income under \$60,240, or if you're a married couple earning less than \$81,760 per year, you may be eligible to lower your premiums or out-of-pocket costs based on a sliding scale. If your income is low enough, you might also qualify for Medicaid.

It's important to check your STATE's specific dates and enrollment guidelines to ensure you don't miss the opportunity.

Q3 I haven't heard much news about COVID-19 these days, but do I still need to get vaccinated?

COVID-19 is still a serious health risk, causing thousands of hospitalizations and deaths each year. According to the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), from October 1, 2023, through June 1, 2024, approximately 44,000 people died

from COVID-19 in the US.

Immunity acquired from vaccination or prior infection may decrease over time, and new variants of the virus can make earlier vaccines less effective. This is why it's recommended to get the COVID-19 vaccine each year, like flu shot, to protect yourself and your loved ones.

This is especially important for older adults, as they often have chronic health issues and weaker immune systems, which makes them more vulnerable to severe illness and slower recovery.

Also, keep in mind that Medicare and most private health insurance plans cover the COVID-19 vaccine at no cost. It is still a good idea to check with your specific insurance plan for any exceptions or provider network rules.

If you have questions about public benefits, there are 3 ways you can reach us today:

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Nara Lokesh, Minister in the Government of Andhra Pradesh lays out his vision for a new resurgent India

India Post News Service

CHICAGO: A rising star in Indian Politics, Nara Lokesh, Minister of Information Technology, Electronics and Communications, and the Human Resources Development Departments in the Government of Andhra Pradesh and the General Secretary of the Telugu Desam Party, was the Chief Guest at Synergy 2024, the flagship annual conference organized by ITServe Alliance, the largest association of IT Services organizations.

Delivering the keynote address at Synergy by ITServe, the voice of all prestigious IT companies functioning with similar interests across the United States, Nara Lokesh, lauded ITServe as it has evolved as a resourceful and respected platform to collaborate and initiate measures in the direction of protecting common interests and ensuring collective success.

A true visionary with forward-thinking, Nara Lokesh, a rising star in Indian politics

told the over 2,500 CEOs of small and medium-sized companies in the United States, who had come to be part of the historic Synergy 2024 that he believes the data revolution is here, and Andhra



Pradesh is well-poised in terms of harnessing that revolution.

Earlier in his welcome address, Jagadeesh Mosali, President of ITServe

Alliance said, "ITServe Alliance originated in response to the unfair practices of The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services imposed on small and medium businesses, which are the economic engines of the country. We

were the first in the nation to come up with an idea of an organization representing Information Technology professional Services of like-minded business entrepreneurs.

Through our PAC, ITServe has come a long way, vis-a-vis espousing our visibility and cause in the US Congress, introducing our very own HIRE ACT, talking to important key MOCs and Senators regarding our Bill, taking them into confidence and discussing a path to consolidate it with the EAGLE

ACT."

During his address to the ITServe delegates, Lokesh said that globally, close to \$300 billion is being invested in data centers, and his government's agenda is that we should bring over 100 billion of that to the state of Andhra Pradesh.

Vishakhapatnam, he said, stands out with AI education, and particularly with focus on an AI University. "They were really excited about figuring out the interactions of AI in governance, AI in politics, AI in healthcare, AI in entertainment. And like how the erstwhile Indian School of Business Model was, it was completely branching as to how you would love to do the same magic in the AI University and really create next-generation thought leaders and engineers, not only for Andhra Pradesh, but for the world."

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OneMind lights up Diwali 2024: Empowering youth through culture, inclusion, and community engagement

India Post News Service

CHICAGO: OneMind, a community-driven organization celebrated Diwali 2024 with a heartwarming event that highlighted the creativity, cultural awareness, and community spirit of young participants.

The event, themed "Journey of Empowerment," featured a range of activities designed to empower children, encourage their creative talents, and celebrate the essence of Diwali.

The Diwali celebration was graced by the Chief Guests, Congressman Bill Foster and, Consulate General of India Somnath Ghosh. Both leaders commended OneMind's commitment to empowering young talents and preserving cultural heritage.

Congressman Foster praised the organization's dedication to youth empowerment and encouraged OneMind to continue creating opportunities that allow young voices to shine. Consulate General



Ghosh shared his appreciation for OneMind's mission, applauding the children's enthusiasm for embracing and celebrating their heritage.

As part of the festivities, OneMind organized an Essay Competition that inspired elementary, middle, and high school students to reflect on Diwali's significance. Congressman Foster and CG Somnath Ghosh honored the winners and participants, recognizing their efforts and creativity. Their presence added a touch of inspiration and pride, reinforcing the importance of cultural preservation and community empowerment.

OneMind's commitment to inclusion was beautifully showcased by a group of young musicians, who

performed for an audience of nearly 200 attendees. In a powerful gesture of respect and unity, the children played both the American and Indian national anthems, followed by a stirring rendition of "Vande Mataram." Their performance underscored OneMind's mission to foster

The event also featured "Journey of

helped to grow, become more confident, and find a purpose.

An interactive segment saw the children collaboratively expanding the acronym "O.N.E. M.I.N.D." to reflect their values: Optimistic, Nurture, Enlighten, Mindful, Inspire, Noble, and Dedicated. This activity was a meaningful representation of their shared vision and commitment to these principles.

One of the most impactful parts of the celebration was a 20-minute Ramleela skit, performed by children aged 5 to 15. This enactment brought to life the mythological story of Lord Ram, including key moments such as his exile and the final battle with Ravana.

Though challenging, the young performers embraced their roles, connecting with Hindu values like respect for elders and equality. Their dedication and growth were evident, moving the audience and showcasing how OneMind fosters cultural connection and moral values

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Empowerment," a program where children shared their personal experiences within OneMind. Through stories of community service, cultural involvement, and creative projects like the OneMind Band, each child illustrated how OneMind has

OneMind's Diwali celebration was filled with dynamic cultural performances, including Bollywood-style dances, traditional Bhangra, and joyful singing. Both kids and adults took part in group dances, musical performances, and even fun skits that brought smiles to everyone's faces.

This colorful display offered an immersive experience, celebrating India's cultural heritage in a way that resonated with the audience. Attendees also learned more about OneMind's year-round initiatives, which emphasize personal development, cultural awareness, and community support.

As the event concluded, children were gifted for their participation, closing the night on a high note and leaving attendees with a renewed sense of community and cultural pride.

OneMind is a community-focused organization committed to empowering children through opportunities for personal growth, cultural connection, and community involvement.

For more information about OneMind, please contact: Navin Chandra (President, OneMind)

Sweet Poha Prasadam for Tulsi Vivah

MADHUMATI TYAGI

The main sweet we prepare on Tulsi Vivah day is Sweet Poha prepared with Jaggery(Gud)/ Molasses, which is generally called as "Pattal Gud"(liquid Jaggery) is used for this dish. So the actual Sweet Poha is almost black in color (takes the color of molasses).

Ingredients:

- Thin Poha 1 cup
- Molasses (or Jaggery) 1 table spoon
- Grated coconut (fresh or frozen) 1/2 cup
- Ghee 1 tea spoon
- Cardamom powder 1/4 tea spoon
- Roasted sesame seeds (optional) 1 tea spoon

Method:

Mix molasses, coconut and ghee with your hand. Now add Poha and mix well. Sprinkle some water to make the Poha a bit wet. Add cardamom, roasted sesame seeds (optional), and mix well.



FOG Diwali 2024...

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"Community is the most important part of Diwali; being with your friends and family to celebrate."

Deepotsava, special segments choreographed by Ryan Nathan, Shanmukha theaters were a huge hit. The dance ensemble had over 120 performers deepam dance, odissi, silambam, bharatanatyam, kolattam, kathak and other classical dance forms. Shanmukha Theaters is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that operates exclusively for dance and theater education and charitable purposes. It encourages innovation and supports both established and emerging choreographers as it continues to build an exciting repertoire of dynamic contemporary dance and dance ballets.





FOG Diwali 2024...



Philosophy

SWAMI RAMA TIRTHA

You know, children sometimes take a fancy to a particular kind of plate and do not want to eat anything except when it is served to them in the plates which have their fancy. They will say, "I will eat in my plate, I will eat in my dish, I won't have anything in any other plate."

O children! see, it is not this particular plate alone which is yours; all the plates in the house are yours; all the golden dishes are yours. This is a mistake.

If the people in this world know themselves, they will find the true Self to be God Almighty, to be the Infinite Power, but they have taken a fancy for this particular plate, this head, this brain.

"What is done through this brain only, that is done by me. What is done through this mind or intellect, that is mine, and all else I won't have; all else I disclaim. I will have only that which is served to me in this particular plate."

Herein comes selfishness. They want to get everything done through

caught; he cannot come out. Queerly, strangely he is caught.

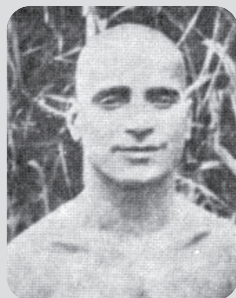
We ask what it is that binds you first. You yourself have brought you under thralldom and bondage. Here is the whole wide world, a grand magnificent forest; and in this grand magnificent wood of the whole universe, there is a narrow-necked vessel found.

What is that narrow-necked vessel? It is your brain; this little brain, narrow-necked. Herein are some nuts and people have got hold of these nuts and all what is done through the agency of this brain or through the medium of this intellect, is owned as one's own.

"I am the mind," is what everybody says; everybody has practically identified himself with the mind, "I am the mind," "I am the intellect," and he takes a strong grip of these nuts of this narrow-necked vessel.

That is what makes you slave to anxiety, fear, temptations. That is the cause of all the sufferings in this world. If you want salvation, if you

*Folly to confine yourself
to this brain only
Identification with mind
makes you slave to anxiety,
fear, temptations*



Swami Rama Tirtha

this plate and to take credit for this plate, they want to have everything accumulated around this little plate, which they call particularly theirs, that with which they have identified themselves.

This is the cause of all selfishness, all anxiety and misery. Get rid of this false notion; realize your true Self to be the All; rise above this selfish egoism, you are happy this moment, one with the whole universe.

You ought to know what is the cause of your bondage. It is just like a monkey in the fable. A monkey is caught in India in a very queer manner.

A narrow-necked basin is fixed in the ground, and in that basin are put some nuts and other eatables which the monkeys like. The monkeys come up and thrust their hands into the narrow-necked basin and fill their hands with the nuts.

The fist becomes thick, and it cannot be taken out. There the monkey is

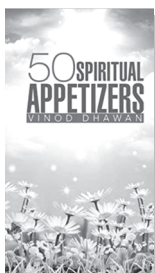
want freedom only let go the hold, free your hand.

The whole forest is yours; you can jump from tree to tree and eat all the nuts and eat all the walnuts and all the fruits in the wood, all being yours. The whole world is yours; just get rid of this selfish ignorance and you are free, you are your own saviour.

Excerpted from 'In Woods of God Realization'. The 151st birth anniversary of Swami Rama Tirtha was observed on October 22

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Spanish PM's visit will enhance regional security cooperation between Europe and India

IBRAHIM KHALIL AHASAN

The first official visit to India by a Spanish leader in 18 years made by President Pedro Sanchez of Spain marks a significant turning point in the relationship between Spain and India. President Sanchez's visit - who was accompanied by his wife Begona Gomez - was intended to further the two countries' ties with an emphasis on defense cooperation, trade, and technology. During his first term in 2017, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had traveled to Spain, an important European Union member.

President Sanchez and PM Modi had high-level talks during this visit, and the two leaders officially opened the C295 aircraft's Final Assembly Line Plant in Vadodara, Gujarat, Modi's home state, a significant project under India's "Make in India" campaign.

This assembly factory is a major advancement for India's aviation and defense industries and is a part of a \$2.5 billion deal between Airbus Spain and Tata Advanced

investment and culture. Since Prime Minister Modi's 2017 trip to Spain, India and Spain, who have had a strong connection for decades, have become closer.

The trip - coming as it does on the heels of German Chancellor Olaf Scholz's visit to New Delhi with a large delegation - is a reflection of Europe's increasing desire for greater collaboration with India. And growing Indo-Spanish trade and economic ties may expand further cooperation in commerce, investment, research, technology, education, defense, and security between Europe and India.

The two nations already have strong trading relations; in 2023, bilateral commerce was \$9.9 billion, with India purchasing \$2.74 billion and sending \$7.17 billion worth of commodities. With \$4.2 billion in total foreign direct investment (FDI) stock between April 2000 and June 2024, Spain is also the 16th largest investor in India. Additionally, there are about 80 Indian businesses operating in Spain and

about 230 Spanish businesses operating in India. People to people and cultural ties are also expanding. There are 75,000 Indians living in Spain, mostly in the Canary Islands,

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Systems Ltd. By 2026, the first of the 56 C295 aircraft that will be produced at the site will be operational. Unquestionably, the Tata-Airbus agreement will improve the India Air Force's defense capabilities, promote Made in India, and give India's relations with Europe a new dimension. This event represented four major triumphs: one for India's defense industry, one for the civilian aerospace sector, one for Indian diplomacy in Europe, and one for the Indian Air Force (IAF).

India-Spain ties growing closer

In an effort to promote closer cooperation between the Spanish and Indian entertainment and economic sectors, Sanchez met with officials from Mumbai's thriving film industry, business executives, and entrepreneurs. Numerous agreements and Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) were made, strengthening bilateral cooperation in areas like defense, renewable energy, infrastructure, trade,

Valencia, Madrid, and Catalonia. Spain intends to have a consulate in Bengaluru soon, while India currently has a consulate general in Barcelona.

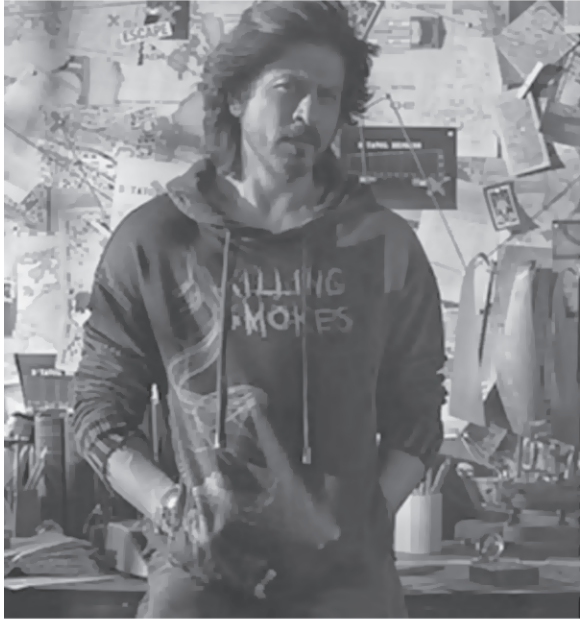
Europe warming up to India

India and Europe acknowledge the necessity of increased regional security cooperation in their shared neighborhood in the light of potential American isolationism, especially if Donald Trump returns to the White House. In the meanwhile, more Indian students are enrolling in European colleges, and Indian tourism in Europe is growing. Indian engineering and technology experts are being welcomed in Europe due to its own shortage of skilled manpower.

(The author is a Dhaka-based independent columnist specializing in South Asian affairs) South Asia Monitor

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LUXURY CLOTHING BRAND MAISON TTL BY THE TRILLIONAIRE LIFE DEBUTS AT NYFW WITH SHAH RUKH KHAN'S BRAND DYAVOL X

NEW DELHI: New York City is the beating heart of the fashion world, and New York Fashion Week (NYFW) is the ultimate stage where global brands showcase their latest designs to the world. With an audience of high-profile celebrities, influencers, and fashion enthusiasts, the city becomes an unparalleled platform for luxury, exclusivity, and innovation. NYFW has seen iconic brands make history, and this year, Maison TTL, the newest luxury-clothing brand by The Trillionaire Life, made its mark with a spectacular debut event at the legendary Pierre Hotel on Fifth Avenue in New York.

New York City, often regarded as a beacon of creativity and style, represents the epitome of global fashion. With countless high-end brands launching their collections here, there is no better place for Maison TTL to introduce itself to the world. As fashion industry data suggests, over 230,000 people attend NYFW every year, making it a key moment for brands to capture global attention and cement

their place in the history of fashion. Maison TTL's debut during this iconic week proves that the brand is poised to become a force in luxury fashion.

Maison TTL is not just another clothing line; it's set to become a name that will go down in the fashion history books. The brand's philosophy is centered on limited drops, ensuring that each collection is an exclusive, high-end experience for its customers. This debut featured a stunning 50-piece collection that cap-

Koenigsegg owners, Maison TTL will release special edition pieces exclusively for Trillion Circle members. These limited drops will be a fusion of cutting-edge design and exclusivity, offering unparalleled access to members of one of the world's most elite clubs.

The energy at Maison TTL's debut was electrifying, with American rapper CJ setting the stage on fire with his performance of Whopty, a viral hit that has racked up over 475 million views on YouTube and 1 billion across social media platforms. His powerful performance elevated the event, making it an unforgettable night for everyone in attendance. The room was filled with high-net-worth individuals, private car collectors, and some of New York City's top influencers, creating a perfect blend of luxury, fashion, and exclusivity.

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YFW HAS SEEN ICONIC BRANDS MAKE HISTORY, AND THIS YEAR, MAISON TTL, THE NEWEST LUXURY-CLOTHING BRAND BY THE TRILLIONAIRE LIFE, MADE ITS MARK WITH A SPECTACULAR DEBUT EVENT AT THE LEGENDARY PIERRE HOTEL ON FIFTH AVENUE IN NEW YORK

tured the essence of timeless luxury, drawing inspiration from the world's elite.

What makes Maison TTL truly unique is its deep connection to the hyper-luxury world. As the parent brand The Trillionaire Life runs Trillion Circle, a hypercar owners' club for Bugatti, Pagani, and

Rohit Bal's demise: A look at his iconic legacy as the fashion world bids farewell to their "favorite Gudda"

NEW DELHI: The Indian fashion world is mourning the death of one of its ace designers, Rohit Bal. The celebrated designer passed away last Friday after suffering from a prolonged illness.

The Fashion Design Council of India (FDCI) took to its official Instagram account to announce his demise.

"We mourn the passing of Legendary designer Rohit Bal. He was a founding member of the Fashion Design Council of India (FDCI). Known for his unique blend of traditional patterns with modern sensibilities, Bal's work redefined Indian fashion, and inspired generations. His legacy of artistry, and innovation along with forward-thinking will live on in the fashion world. Rest in peace GUDDA, you are a legend," read the post.

Bal, fondly known as "Gudda" in the industry, was a trailblazer whose work left an indelible mark on Indian fashion.

Born into a Kashmiri Pandit family in Srinagar on May 8, 1961, Bal's journey into the world of fashion began in the late 1980s. After completing his bachelor's degree in History from St. Stephen's College, Delhi, Bal pursued a course in fashion at the National Institute of



Rohit Bal

Fashion Technology (NIFT). Later, he co-founded Orchid Overseas Pvt. Ltd. with his brother, marking the beginning of his illustrious career. Four years later, in 1990, Bal launched his independent collection, a debut that would soon catapult him into the lime-light as one of India's most innovative designers.

Over the years, Rohit Bal's creations graced the runways of fashion capitals around the world. He worked with some of the biggest names in the entertainment industry, including Bollywood stars like Amitabh Bachchan, Priyanka Chopra, Deepika Padukone and Sonam Kapoor.

His designs also gained international recognition, with global icons like Cindy Crawford and Naomi Campbell donning his exquisite outfits.

Bal's contribution to the world of fashion did not go unnoticed. He was the recipient of several awards throughout his career. In 2001, he won the 'Designer of the Year' award at the Kingfisher Fashion Achievement Awards. Five years later, in 2006, he was again recognized as the 'Designer of the Year' at the Indian Fashion Awards. In 2012, he was awarded as the 'Lakme Grand Finale Designer'. ANI

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US-India ties: Trump has established track record on India ties, but Harris record is sparse

ARUL LOUIS

Regardless of who takes the White House, relations between the United States and India will fundamentally be governed by the ironclad realities of geopolitics. While Republican candidate Donald Trump has an established track record of interactions before and during his presidency with India, Democratic candidate Kamala Harris's sparse record includes a threat of intervention in Kashmir, which she toned down after she became vice president.

Trump and Modi built a personal connection, and the former president continues to be effusive in praising Modi, saying "he's fantastic" and wanted to meet him last month, although scheduling conflicts prevented it. In a Diwali post on X recently, Trump wrote, "Under my administration, we will also strengthen our great partnership with India and my good

India's salience in Indo Pacific geopolitics

Relations with Harris started off icy as she lectured Modi on human rights during his 2021 visit for a summit of the Quad - the group that also includes Australia and Japan. Modi snubbed her with a boycott of her meeting with the Quad leaders. But last year during Modi's visit she hosted a luncheon for him, and both exuded friendliness.

At the policy level, Trump turned the focus to the Indo-Pacific region where China is emerging as a threat to the US and its allies and reinforced the emerging Washington view of India as a counterweight to China and a strategic partner. Trump resurrected the Quad and Biden picked that up and elevated the Quad to the level of a summit of national leaders.

His administration also tried to extend India's role by floating a similar group with Israel and

Trump's unpredictability could impact ties

Like manufacturing, trade will be an area of conflict for India and the US under Trump. He has threatened stiff tariffs on imports, especially as retribution for high tariffs imposed by other countries.

During his term, he singled out the customs duties on Harley motorcycles and whiskey from Kentucky, and canceled the Generalized Scheme of Preferences concessions for some imports from India.

In his recent campaign speech praising Modi, he called India a "very big abuser" in the trade realm and he can be expected to continue the confrontation in trade. In foreign policy, Trump's backing for India in regard to China was strengthened under Biden, and Harris will likely be locked into it.

India's close relations with Russia has been a thorn in relations with the US under Biden as New Delhi makes a tight-rope walk on Ukraine and continues to buy oil from Moscow. The Biden administration has taken a tolerant attitude because of the China factor, amid criticism of India's Russia ties.

At least from what he has said so far, Trump's policy could be less binary on Ukraine, giving India more breathing room. Trump is less of a multilateralist, adopting a transactional approach freeing him to try to develop relations outside the web of alliances, as he tried unsuccessfully with North Korea.

To an extent his approach matches India's of developing ties independent of each other.

Trump maintained relations with Pakistan at the highest level, meeting with former Prime Minister Imran Khan, but Biden froze out Islamabad's top leadership.

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AMERICA ELECTS PRESIDENT

Donald Trump stands elected as the new President of USA in 2024. Four days in a row last week, Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump, visited the same State, on the same day, highlighting how votes from a few key states would decide the outcome of the polls in the so-called Blue Wall States, which typically tilt Democrats but considered to be swing states this year.

Trump was slightly ahead at 47.9 percent to Harris's 47.6 percent in Pennsylvania, while Harris was 1 percent ahead in Michigan and Wisconsin. According to polls, Trump was ahead of Harris by 1 percent in Nevada, 2 percent in Georgia and North Carolina, and 3 percent in Arizona. But in a potentially major political shift in Iowa, a state that Trump won in 2016 and 2020, a highly respected pollster showed that Harris was 3 percentage points ahead of Trump at 47-44. The poll, jointly published by Des Moines Register newspaper and Mediacom, showed Harris picking up support from women, particularly in older demographics and among independent voters who were not aligned with a political party.

Across the United States, tens of millions of voters had availed the early ballot. According to data from the University of Florida's Election Lab tracker, more than 68-million Americans had voted early this time. Voters took advantage of the flexibility offered by early voting options, through mail-in ballots or in-person polling sites. This trend allows voters to avoid potential issues such as inclement weather, long queues, or unforeseen scheduling conflicts on Election Day.

Whatever may have been the predictions or surveys by several mediums, one candidate now stands elected as President of the United States of America. What will happen now is reality? What was promised during their campaigns to American people and what will be delivered will now be awaited.

The world today is in chaos and the main issues for the newly elected President will be - ongoing war in the Middle East, American economy, immigration, dealing with aggressive China in the South China Sea, etc.

What holds for India with the newly elected President is yet to be seen? No country in the world can now take India for granted due to several reasons, namely, the sheer buying power domestically, respected and skilled high tech individuals leading several multi-nationals globally, a young population below the age of 35 and, one of the fastest growing economies in the world.

Indo-US relations have never been so strong and stable, and have been reinforced since 9/11. In the area of defense India has become one of the largest buyers of American armaments. In the aviation space India has become one of the largest customers with an exponential growth.

With all of the above comes responsibility and commitment to democracy and freedom shared mutually. Unlike Canada where India's relations stand over powered by self-interest of few politicians like Trudeau.

In the past many countries never supported India on terrorism until they themselves faced the same. That goes for America too. One hopes and prays it should not happen to Canada, which shelters such elements on their land.

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friend, Prime Minister Modi".

During the Trump presidency, Modi showed off their friendship at a Houston rally and a cricket stadium in Ahmedabad during the 2020 election cycle that had a whiff of electoral bias

But given the reality of geopolitics, this had no impact on President Joe Biden's administration, and the ties at national and personal levels continued, given India's salient position in the emerging geopolitical matrix where China has emerged as a challenge to the US.

Last year, Biden hosted a lavish state visit by Modi with pomp and circumstance at the White House.

the United Arab Emirates. The cooperation in defense has also been enhanced with joint manufacturing initiatives like the one for making GE Aerospace's F414 engines in India and can be expected to continue under Harris.

While Trump can be expected to be invested in military cooperation, defense manufacturing in India would put Modi's Make in India policy on a collision course with his Make in America.

That will also be a factor in other areas like silicon chips and solar panels where the Biden administration has committed to helping India, and with Modi's plans to make India a global manufacturing hub.

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Chitrangda Singh: 'HAZAARON KHWASHEIN AISI' AN 'INTENSE YET BEAUTIFUL JOURNEY'

Actress Chitrangda Singh, who was recently seen in a cameo appearance in 'Khel Khel Mein', is taking a stroll down the memory lane.

The actress recently spoke with IANS, and rekindled her memories of working in 'Hazaaron Khwaishein Aisi'. She called the film an intense yet beautiful journey that shaped her as an artiste.

The actress told IANS, "'Hazaaron Khwaishein Aisi' will always be special. It was an intense yet beautiful journey, and I think it shaped a part of me forever. I remember the long discussions we'd have on set about the characters and their layers. Sudhir was incredible at challenging our perceptions, and that camaraderie with the cast and crew made the experience so enriching.

'Hazaaron Khwaishein Aisi' is set against the backdrop of the Indian Emergency, and tells the story of three young people in the 1970s, when India was undergoing massive social and political changes. It follows three characters from different ideological and social spectrum and how life throws a curveball at them.

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Sunny Leone, Daniel Weber renew wedding vows

Actress Sunny Leone, who last hosted the dating reality show 'MTV Splitsvilla X5', has renewed her wedding vows with her husband Daniel Weber after 13 years of their marriage.

The couple renewed their vows in an intimate ceremony in the Maldives on October 31, and was joined by their children Nisha, Noah, and Asher. A source close to the couple shared that the couple had wanted to renew their vows for quite some time but waited until their children were old enough to understand the significance of the occasion.

The source said, "They believe that when you first marry, you know each other but haven't yet faced life's

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- 10 Taras: **Munjya**

challenges together. Now, after weathering hardships and celebrating beautiful moments as a couple, renewing their promises to each other held a much deeper meaning".

The source further mentioned, "They chose the Maldives because it's one of their favorite family destinations. They also timed the ceremony with their children's school break so they could all be together. Sunny and Daniel wanted the kids to understand the values of family, love, and togetherness. They shared vows they had written themselves, and each child spoke about what family means to them.

Daniel surprised Sunny with a new engagement ring".

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DILJIT DOSANJH SAYS 'YEH PAGDI HAMARI SHAAN HAI'

Punjabi sensation Diljit Dosanjh during his Dil-Luminati Tour expressed his love for the country and added "yeh pagdi hamari shaan hai."

The singer-actor took to his Instagram stories, where he shared a reel from his team's profile. In the video, Diljit was joined by a fan on stage, who was sporting a traditional Rajasthani turban. Diljit was heard saying "Inki pagdi ke liye zor daar taaliya. Yeh pagdi hamari shaan hai. Yeh humari desh ki khoobsurati hai... (Please clap for his turban. The turban is our pride. This is the beauty of our country.)" IANS





NARGIS FAKHRI READY TO SLAY IN A RED-HOT SAREE!

Actress Nargis Fakhri took to social media to drop her alluring photos in a vibrant red saree.

The 'Rockstar' actor recently shared a series of her gorgeous photos where she is seen slaying in sparkling red saree that she paired with stylish heels. Alongside the images, Fakhri wrote, "Red hot & Ready to slay. Celebrating Diwali, yay!."

Nargis opted for a natural, dewy makeup and subtle glow that accentuated her features. She complimented her look with nude lip color, mascara and kohl-rimmed eyes. Soon after she posted her photos, fans flooded the comments section with compliments. One wrote, "Hottest celebrity ever." Another user wrote, "prettiest girl on the planet." A third user said, "you look so pretty."

The 'Banjo' actress had earlier shared her stunning photos in shimmery off beat white lehenga-choli as she extended her Diwali greeting to fans. She captioned the post, "Happy Diwali May Diwali bring new hope, dreams and a brighter tomorrow for you and your loved ones." On the professional front, Fakhri, who started her career as a model at the age of 16, made her debut in 2011 with Imtiaz Ali's musical drama "Rockstar" alongside Ranbir Kapoor.

She rose to prominence with her very first film where she played the role of Heer Kaul, who was diagnosed with bone marrow apnesia. Nargis later portrayed a war correspondent in the political thriller "Madras Café". She also starred in the commercially successful comedies, "Main Tera Hero Spy" and "Housefull 3".

The actress also made her Hollywood debut with Paul Feig's action-comedy "Spy", where she featured alongside Melissa McCarthy, Jason Statham, and Jude Law. Fakhri took on her first antagonist role, playing Lia, a secret agent. She was last seen in the TV series "Tatlubaaz" which also stars Divya Agarwal and Dheeraj Dhoopar. The show, set against the vibrant backdrop of Benaras, marked Fakhri's OTT debut.

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ABHISHEK BACHCHAN: common sense the answer to natural stupidity

Bollywood actor Abhishek Bachchan, who finds himself in the midst of divorce rumors from Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, has something to say on artificial intelligence and natural stupidity.

The actor took to the Stories section of his Instagram, and shared a video in which he shared his opinion on the rising use of artificial intelligence, and how it will never be at par with natural stupidity.

However, he said that the greatest weapon to combat natural stupidity is common sense.

He wrote in the video, "While AI is in trend, remember common sense was and will always be your best comeback to natural stupidity! Presenting #Blabberhead, he 'talks' sense".

He then went on to say in the video, "Common sense is like deodorant, the people who need it the most, never use it".

The video is a part of promotions for his upcoming movie 'I Want To Talk' which is helmed by ace director Shoojit Sircar. It marks Abhishek's first collaboration with Shoojit Sircar who has earlier worked with his father, veteran Bollywood icon Amitabh Bachchan in three films including 'Piku', 'Gulabo Sitabo' and 'Shoe Bite'.

Meanwhile, on the personal front, Abhishek Bachchan has been in the center of a storm pertaining to his marriage with Aishwarya Rai Bachchan as there have been rumors of him being involved romantically with his 'Dasvi' actress Nimrat Kaur. While the rumors are yet to be validated, Abhishek and Aishwarya have maintained a total silence on their parts. *IANS*

Madhuri Dixit's secret to HAPPY, SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE

Bollywood star Madhuri Dixit Nene has been married for 25 years. The actress has now shared her thoughts on what makes a happy and successful partnership, which she agrees is not "easy peasy."

The dancing diva tied-the-knot to Shriram Nene, a cardiovascular surgeon from Los Angeles, California in October 1999, in a traditional ceremony held at the residence of the actress' elder brother in Southern California. The couple welcomed their first son Arin in 2003 and their second boy Ryan was born in 2005.

"It's a lot of things. You have to give and you have to take. It's like, it's a give and take. And you have to realize that, you know, these are two human beings under one roof.

So, there will be positives and there will be negatives and you just understand that," Madhuri told *IANS*.

"And understand the fact that you will always be working towards a goal that's, you know, equal to both of you, right? You both have dreams and you have equal goals. And you're always working towards that," she added. The actress, whose latest release is "Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3" with Kartik Aaryan, Vidya Balan and Triptii Dimri, said that one has to work towards their marriage everyday. *IANS*



SALMAN KHAN TO SHOOT FOR 'SIKANDAR' AT TAJ FALAKNUMA PALACE

Bollywood superstar Salman Khan, whose security has been beefed up in the light of death threats from the Lawrence Bishnoi gangs, is currently in Hyderabad to shoot for his upcoming movie 'Sikandar'.

The film's team will reportedly shoot a grand scene at Taj Falaknuma Palace. Notably, Salman Khan's sister, Arpita Khan held her wedding at the opulent palace in 2014. 'Sikandar' marks the 1st collaboration between Salman and Rashmika, and is directed by AR Murugadoss, who is known for films like 'Ghajini' and 'Holiday: A Soldier Is Never Off Duty'. The film is being produced by Sajid Nadiadwala of Nadiadwala Grandson Entertainment.

It marks the reunion of Salman with Sajid after 'Kick' which was released in 2014. The makers of the film have booked its release for Eid 2025. *IANS*





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Gir provides you with the unique experience of visiting a place that almost singularly plays a crucial and defining role in the preservation and sustaining of a certain species. The preservation of these lions was initiated by the Nawab of Junagadh

when these were just about to enter the phase of extinction due to hunting.

The official count said that there were 411 lions in 2010. Also, there are roughly different 2375 species of fauna here with 38 species of mammals, over 300 species of birds, 37 species of reptiles and over 2000 species of insects. Other important wildlife forms found here are leopard, chausingha, spotted deer, hyena, sambar deer and chinkara.

ATTRactions IN GIR NATIONAL PARK

Apart from the famous Gir jungle trail at the national park, Gir has many other attractions to offer to tourists. The

Kamleshwar dam, which is the largest dam in Gir, is one such attraction, and it is often referred to as the 'lifeline of Gir'. It is built over the Hiran river. The beautiful Tulsi Shyam temple located within the national park is also a must-visit. The crocodile-breeding farm, located near the Sasan Gir reserve, is also a popular tourist destination.

Water Reserve

The Gir region has seven major rivers, and 4 reservoirs at 4 dams - one each on the Hiran, Machhundri, Raval and Shingoda rivers. The biggest reservoir is the Kamleshwar Dam, which is called as the lifeline of Gir. Droughts and water scarcity are a major challenge in the region, especially during peak summers.

Biodiversity of Gir

The dry deciduous forests of Gir are believed to house over 500 species of flora, with teak trees being the most populous. Other prominent species include jamun, babul and the flame of the forest. Casuarinas and Prosopis were planted along the coastal borders of Gir for under the affor-

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