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Community Meet & Greet



**His Excellency
Shri Taranjit Singh Sandhu
Ambassador of India to the United States**

Sat, July 1st, 2023. 1530 Hrs

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PM Modi's US State Visit resulted in key agreements to boost Indian-American ties

From the United States' reaffirmation to a permanent member of NSG, Amazon's announcement to invest \$15 Billion in India by the end of 2030 to the "Hi-Tech Handshake" mega event at the White House.

The United States reiterated its support to India for inclusion in the Nuclear Suppliers Group. The Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) is a group of nuclear supplier countries that seeks to contribute to the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons through the implementation of two sets of Guidelines for nuclear exports and nuclear-related exports.

The joint statement released by the Indian PM and the US President reads, "The United States reaffirms its support for India's membership in the Nuclear Suppliers Group and commits to continue engagement with like-minded partners to advance this goal."

"They also noted the ongoing discussion on developing next-generation small modular reactor technologies in a collaborative mode for the domestic market as well as for export. The United States reaffirms its support for India's membership in the Nuclear Suppliers Group and commits to continue engagement with like-minded partners to advance this goal," the statement read.

Indian professionals will be given the lion's share for the renewal of H-1B visas every year. The address was made at the Ronald Regan building in Washington by PM himself, "It has now been decided that the H-1B visa renewal can be done in the US itself," and the United States will also open two consulates in India; Bengaluru and Ahmedabad.

"The United States Department of State is going to launch a pilot program to adjudicate domestic renewals of certain petition-based temporary work visas later this year, including for Indian nationals, with the intent to implement this for an expanded pool of H-1 and L visa holders," a senior Biden administration official was quoted in the PTI report as saying.

According to the fiscal report Indian are highest in no. of holding H-1b visas which is nearly 73%; 4.42 lakh H-1B visas in 2022.

Google CEO Sundar Pichai announced that Google will open a Global Fintech operation in GIFT City, western India, Gujarat. Pichai said,



PC: Tweeted @sundarpichai

"We shared that Google is investing \$10 billion (roughly Rs. 81,980 crores) in the India digitization fund, and we are continuing to invest through that."



PC: Tweeted @satyanadella

Microsoft Chairman and CEO Satya Nadella announced during his meeting with PM Modi discussed enhancing the fields of power and technology in Artificial Intelligence to improve the lives of Indians.

A Microsoft statement said after the meeting reads, "India is home to one of the most vibrant developer and start-up ecosystems in the world, and Microsoft remains deeply committed to the growth of Indian technology - that will impact both India and markets across the globe."



PC: PTI

Amazon has announced to invest \$15 Billion in the upcoming seven years for supporting Indian start-ups, creating jobs, digitization, and

empowering individuals and small businesses to compete globally. "Amazon has pledged to digitize 10 million small businesses, enable \$20 billion in exports, and create 2 million jobs in India by 2025. Currently, Amazon India is on track to deliver on them, having already digitized over 6.2 million small businesses, enabled over \$7 billion in exports, and created over 1.3 million direct and indirect jobs," the company statement said.



PC: @NewsMantraa

PM Modi met with heads of various industries which includes semiconductors, space, and start-ups at the "Hi-Tech Handshake" mega event at the White House. "In his remarks, the Prime Minister underlined the immense potential of harnessing India-US tech cooperation for socio-economic growth. He also applauded the contribution of India's talented youth in fostering a culture of innovation. President Biden called on CEOs to help expand India-US tech partnership to new fields including biotechnology and quantum," a government release on the event said.

Another major agreement during PM Modi's State Visit was Micron Technology, along with India Semiconductor Mission, saying it will build a semiconductor assembly and test facility in Gujarat at a cost of \$2.75 billion.

PM Modi also met SpaceX CEO Elon Musk in New York. Musk mentioned a significant investment in India and



PC: @twitter

Announcement on Passport Seva Programme (Version 2.0) by EAM of India, S. Jaishankar

On the occasion of the Passport Seva Divas, an announcement was made about PSP Version 2.0 for new and upgraded e-passports by the External Affairs Minister of India, S. Jaishankar.

"We will soon be embarking on Passport Seva Programme (PSP) Version 2.0, including new and upgraded e-passports," Jaishankar said in his message on Passport Seva Kendra.

S. Jaishankar, on the renewal services of passports stated, "I would like to call on all our passport issuing authorities in India and abroad to join me in renewing our pledge to provide passport and related services to citizens in a timely, reliable, accessible, transparent and efficient manner."

He further stated, "In line with the

Prime Minister's vision of enhancing the 'Ease of Living' for citizens, these initiatives will usher in a new paradigm of 'EASE': E: Enhanced passport services to citizens, using a digital ecosystem A: Artificial Intelligence-powered service delivery S: Smoother overseas travel using chip-enabled e-passports E: Enhanced data security."

EAM Jaishankar said that after the COVID-19 pandemic, the demand for issuing passports surged in India by an increase in the daily number of appointments and other passport-related services, which led to a 63% rise from 2021. Due to this, special drives over the weekends were



PC: TOI

organized and led to 13.32 million passports and miscellaneous services in 2022.

Jaishankar said it was a matter of pleasure to felicitate all passport-issuing authorities in India and abroad and their colleagues from the Central Passport Organization on the occasion of the Passport Seva Divas 2023.

INDUS-X launched to strengthen the India-US Defense ties

Indian-United State Defense Acceleration Ecosystem, launched at a two-day event in Washington on June 20-21. The innovation by startups in India and the US is invited by the government for developing advanced technologies with co-development and co-production. The bridge for innovation in defense between the United States Department of Defence (DOD) and India's Ministry of Defence (MOD) is to "expand the strategic technology partnership and defense industrial cooperation."

The event was held at the US-India business council, a bilateral cooperation mechanism to be maintained with a senior advisory that will look upon collaboration and will make suggestions for an easy working regime for both sides.

The INDUS-X event was addressed by US Ambassador to India, Eric Garcetti. The joint secretary of the defense industries promotion, Anurag Bajpai said to develop mechanisms for future collaborations across industries, academia, and investors. He also gave an overview of the "Make in India" initiative, focussing on "Atma



PC: BW Businessworld

Nirbhar Bharat" (self-reliant India) and the philosophy of "Make in India, for the world", the ministry said in a statement.

Bajpai led the delegation of the two-day event and the event was co-organized by Innovations for Defense Excellence (iDEX), the Ministry of Defense, and the US Department of

Defense (DoD), and hosted by the US-India Business Council (USIBC) on June 20-21.

A factsheet of INDUS-X was released at the event. According to the US Chamber of Commerce, INDUS-X has the potential to catalyze India in reaching a \$5 Billion economy in defense exports by 2025.



INDO-US JOINT STATEMENT - BRIEF SYNOPSIS

The Indo-American Joint Statement outlines India's and the United States' mutual aspirations and principles. It represents the two countries' strategic relationship in security, defense, trade, energy, technology, education, and people-to-people ties.

The Joint Statement addresses a wide range of issues, including India's membership in the Nuclear Suppliers Group, space exploration

collaboration, regional security, and counter-terrorism measures.

The declaration emphasizes the two countries' ongoing partnership in the development of renewable energy resources, cybersecurity, climate change, and efforts to counter-terrorism.

The declaration also underlines the importance of the rule of law and democratic institutions, as well as civil society's role in supporting these

principles. The two countries share a dedication to promoting liberty, diversity, and inclusion.

Overall, the Indo-American Joint Statement demonstrates both countries' commitment to building stronger collaboration based on shared values and aims. It shows a shared vision for the future as well as a commitment to supporting regional and global peace, security, and prosperity.

India, not China, is better to resolve Ukraine crisis: Indian American US Congressman

Ami Bera is the longest serving Indian American in the United States House of Representatives.

Ami Bera said that India is better suited to resolve the Ukraine crisis than China due to the country's old relationship with Moscow. India should lead the role in managing the Ukraine crisis through its administrative and diplomatic strategies. He also said that he is not sure if PM Modi and Joe Biden will discuss this in the upcoming meeting.

"I am not sure (talks on this issue) will happen, but I certainly think India can play a leading role in helping us resolve the Russia-Ukraine crisis. India obviously has an old relationship with Russia," Bera told PTI on Thursday.

Bera said that there will be

discussions based on the economic partnership between both nations at the upcoming meeting at the White House, "There'll be some conversations around trade relations. I think they'll talk about supply chains. India can be a critical supplier of raw ingredients," he said.

Ami Bera expressed, "The Prime Minister can have conversations with Russian President Vladimir Putin that we're not going to be able to have. I think it's in everyone's interest to see some resolution to this conflict. So, you see (Chinese President) Xi Jinping trying to negotiate some sort of ceasefire or resolution. I think India is much better suited for this role, because of the relationship that they have with Vladimir Putin."



PC: Wikipedia

"LIFT the BAR" Act introduced to benefit the Immigrants

The legislation is enacted by Indian American Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal, Tony Cárdenas, and U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono for the benefit of Medicaid.

The "LIFT the BAR" Act (Lifting Immigrant Families Through Benefits Access Restoration Act) for the benefit of Immigrants by removing barriers to accessing federal public benefits.

The act is introduced for immigrants who are Green Card holders, DACA recipients, individuals granted Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS), and other lawfully present immigrants.

"As an immigrant who came to this country alone at the age of 16, I'm proud to be leading this legislation to finally eliminate cruel, xenophobic, and unreasonable barriers to health care, nutrition assistance, and other life-changing public benefits,"

said Indian American Congresswoman Jayapal. "Immigrants and families should not have to wait to access these basic services. The "LIFT the BAR" Act is an urgent, necessary, and just step towards ensuring we treat immigrants with the respect they deserve."

Congressman Cárdenas, also being an immigrant, said, "Growing up in an immigrant family, I saw firsthand how

important access to public benefits was, families that are working toward a better life here in America should not have to wait five years to access resources they need to survive and thrive. Our legislation will eliminate the unnecessary waiting period for lifesaving aid and ensure our immigrant communities have the financial stability for a better future."

According to the press release, the legislation is passed to remove the current five-year barrier to immigrants accessing medical aid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. In 1996, the legislation of a five-year waiting period was introduced by Congress.



PC: BW Businessworld

US Eases Norms on Eligibility Criteria for Those Waiting for Green Card

The guidance to ease the norms is issued by the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

Ahead of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's state visit, starting from June 21-24, the norm for guidance in issuing green cards for thousands of Indians who are waiting for years is issued by USCIS.

A green card is the Permanent Residence Card issued by the US government, as proof that the card bearer is legally granted the privilege to reside permanently.

The guidance issued by USCIS regarding the eligibility criteria for the applicants based on the EAD (Employment Authorization Document) for the initial issue and renewal of the green cards in compelling circumstances will relieve thousands of Indians working in the

technology sectors.

Ajay Bhutoria, a prominent community leader and advocate for immigrant rights said, "These measures are a significant step towards supporting individuals facing challenging situations and ensuring their ability to work lawfully in the United States."

According to the law of Immigration, 140,000 green cards will be issued this year, but only seven percent of them can be from a single country, annually.

Further, the USCIS will exercise discretion to determine whether an applicant demonstrates compelling circumstances justifying the issuance of employment authorization. In that regards, Bhutoria

said, "For instance, individuals with approved immigrant visa petitions in oversubscribed categories or chargeability areas may submit evidence like school or higher education enrollment records, mortgage records, or long-term lease records to demonstrate compelling circumstances."



PC: Pond5

16-Year-Old Singing Prodigy Sings U.S. National Anthem in Front of Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Riya Pawar, a 16-year-old Indian-American girl with a beautiful singing voice, sings the American national anthem in front of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Teenage singing prodigy Riya Pawar performed during the Indian Diaspora event at the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington D.C. on June 23.

Prime Minister Modi visited the US from June 21-24 at the invitation of US President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden. They hosted Modi at a state dinner on June 22. The visit also included an address to the Joint Session of the Congress on June 22.

He addressed an invitation-only gathering of diaspora leaders from across the country at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington on June 23.

This visit celebrates the U.S.-India relationship, the most important relationship in the world today between the world's largest democracies. As an Indian-origin American, Riya said that she "could not be happier to see both aspects of [her] identity coming

together for this celebration."

Riya, who is from New Jersey, has been singing since she was five years old. She is a trained Hindustani Classical, Bollywood, and Western singer. She has won several competitions in all three genres. In addition to her singing, Riya is also a multi-talented individual.

Riya won the title of Miss India Teen New Jersey 2021 and has been dubbed "Beauty with Brains" due to her stellar academic achievements. She uses her pageant platform to speak on her passion for science and technology, and she hopes to one day motivate more women to explore careers in STEM.

Riya was very excited to sing the national anthem in front of PM Modi and meet the Prime Minister and she learned more about his vision for India.

Riya has shown that it is possible to achieve great things, even at a young age. Riya has done various performances in the tri-state area. Her beautiful voice and her passion for music touch the hearts of everyone who heard her sing.



THE FORTNIGHT THAT WAS

Indian-origin Uma V. Mysorekar honored with Interfaith Awards 2023

Uma V. Mysorekar is a successful gynaecologist and oncologist since 1970. The Interfaith Centre of New York has named medical professional and cultural activist Uma V. Mysorekar as the recipient of the James Parks Morton Interfaith Award 2023 for her remarkable contribution through varying community services.

Mysorekar has been earlier honored with the Ellis Medal of Honor in 2009 for her esteemed publication "The Women who made New York" authored by New York Times columnist Julie Scelfo, in recognition of her community service and also invited to the interfaith conference in the White House by Presidents Clinton and Bush.

According to a release, she was one of the six representatives of various faiths chosen to participate in the National Prayer Service in Washington on November 22, 2008, following the inauguration of Barack Obama as the 44th president of the United States of America.

Uma V. Mysorekar is a successful gynaecologist and oncologist since 1970, she is from Bengaluru and completed her medical graduation from Bombay University.

Uma is constantly working for impoverished, disabled and orphan women in India by taking necessary initiatives for their welfare. In America, she is raising awareness about psychological and emotional concerns emerging due to the dual cultures of Indian youth through the Hindu Temple Society of North America.



"Life of Pi" Play bags Three Tony Awards in NY

"Life of Pi" is the first Broadway play to feature the cast of South Asia at United Palace Theatre, NY

The play received extraordinary recognition and bagged three awards: Best Lighting Design in a Play (Tim Lutkin), Best Sound Design of a Play (Carolyn Downing), and Best Scenic Design in a Play (Tim Hatley and Andrzej Goulding), in total the play was nominated into five different design categories.

The play "Life of Pi" is based on the best-selling book by Yann Martel and written by British Asian Playwright Lolita Chakrabarti.

The play revolves around a teenage boy who gets lost alone after a shipwreck in the Pacific Ocean with the most dreadful and unlikely company one can have; Bengali Tiger. They both are left alone in a boat, and nature and odds against them made their pair likely.



PC: Youtube

Nano-Yield signs a technology transfer Agreement with Shriram Farm Solutions

The collaboration is for sharing the transfer of nano-liquid technology in India. The announcement was made by Shriram Farms, which signed an agreement with Nano-Yield to share the latter's technology of nano-liquid with the former. "Our collaboration gives us the opportunity to bring the critical nanotechnology to a vast array of Agri-inputs, eventually helping in broad-basing nano-tech products for Indian farmers," Shriram Farm Solutions Executive Director and Business Head Sanjay Chhabra said in a statement.

Shriram will manage all the sharing of technology, its purchase, and its supply. Before use, the technology will go through trials to prove that it will be viable in the Indian organic atmosphere.

Nano-Yield CEO and co-founder Clark Bell said this is a "landmark agreement" and "we are happy to collaborate with Shriram Farm Solutions as we will transfer our liquid nano-technology to them, which will further be used to enhance the efficiency of Shriram's products."

The nanotechnology transfer is introduced to increase the sustainability of plants and add more nutrition, the liquid application will improve overall plant health and its effectiveness. This technology is initially focused on crops like rice and wheat, according to Marco Guirado, Nano-Yield Vice President of International Sales.



PC: New India Abroad

Nidhi Shukla's appointment as the First President of "Girl Rising"

The non-profit organization in NY- Girl Rising, for the first time, appoints Nidhi Shukla as the President. Indian American Nidhi Shukla was Head of Global Programming based in Delhi, and now Girl Rising has appointed her effective immediately as President for the first time in the last ten years. Nidhi will work with the CEO of Girl Rising, Christina Lowery, to increase and develop their drive to improve the way of storytelling so that the world will value more girls and the importance of getting them educated.

About Shukla's appointment, CEO Christina Lowery said, "I am excited about our next decade of impact with Nidhi as our new President. She brings a powerful combination of empathetic leadership, expertise, and passion to our organization, under her guidance, we stand ready to deepen our work, amplify the voices of girls, and drive lasting change in communities worldwide."

Nidhi Shukla will work closely with many activists and grassroots organizations to increase equality for girls and try to clear the path towards their rights to education and recognition by dismantling gender-based barriers.

"I am honored to take on the role of President at Girl Rising and work alongside a talented team of passionate individuals who are committed to transforming the lives of girls and their communities through education," said Shukla after being elevated by such an honor.



PC: citybiz

Community News

G Pulla Reddy Engineering College (GPREC) Hosts Memorable North America Alumni Meet in New Jersey

Plainsboro, NJ - This past weekend, the tranquil town of Plainsboro, New Jersey, echoed with camaraderie and nostalgia as over 150 G. Pulla Reddy Engineering College (GPREC) alums convened for a memorable reunion. The GPREC North America Alumni Meet 2023 saw alums from as early as the pioneering batch of 1984-88 to the recent graduates of 2017-21 join hands in celebrating their shared history.

The event started with a traditional inauguration ceremony as the young progeny of the alum families filled the air with melodious prayer songs. In a touching tribute to the college's founders, Late Smt. and Sri Narayanamma and Pulla Reddy Garu, the torchbearers of the first batch lit a lamp, symbolizing the enduring light of knowledge and wisdom that GPREC has been propagating for decades. The founders of the GPREC North America Alumni Organization took this opportunity to provide an update on the vision and plans of the association. Representatives from the college management traveled to the US to join the event, and the administration staff joined virtually via Zoom, further bridging the distance between the college and its North America-based alumni.

Throughout the two-day event, the GPREC alums delved into many activities, with the scenic surroundings of Plainsboro and the neighboring Princeton campus as their backdrop. The New Jersey chapter of the Alumni Association left no stone unturned in their warm hospitality, triggering fond reminiscences of their cherished college days in Kurnool among the attendees. One of the event's highlights was the cultural performances by the children of the alumni, a testament to the continuous encouragement for the arts and artistic endeavors within the GPREC community. Adding to the cultural extravaganza, a film titled "Gurthukosthunnaayi," produced by an alumnus, was premiered, furthering the essence of celebration and creativity.

Through several informative sessions, the event underscored the profound contributions of GPREC alums to sports, the arts, culture, society, and their communities. Attendees got a glimpse into numerous non-profit initiatives and social engagements led by their fellow alumni. These sessions offered an impressive display of the broader societal impact GPREC alums are making beyond their professional domains, echoing the enduring values the college instills in its students.

A forum focused on women's empowerment featured inspiring messages and guidance, amplifying the critical role of women in the GPREC community and beyond. In a significant development, alumni from the 1987-91 batch announced a generous \$60,000 seed endowment to establish a modern technology lab at GPREC. This lab aims to provide students with hands-on practical exposure to the latest industry trends in AI, Robotics, and UAV (drone) applications, keeping them at the forefront of technological innovation. The reunion culminated in a vibrant business forum, contributing to professional development. The meeting started on an inspirational note by sharing Sri G. Pulla Reddy's six simple rules for a successful business. A panel discussion featuring business and technology leaders among the GPREC alums ensued, where they shared invaluable insights from their professional journeys. This forum offered a unique platform for alum entrepreneurs and business owners to showcase their ventures and explore opportunities for collaboration and mutual growth. Furthermore, the panel included a career guidance session for recent graduates, reflecting the GPREC community's commitment to mentoring and supporting its newest members.

From the heartwarming opening rituals to the engaging business forum conclusion, the GPREC North America Alumni Meet 2023 was a treasure trove of old and new memories. It strengthened the bond within the alum community and set the stage for the GPREC family to reconnect, inspire, and be inspired.



150 G. Pulla Reddy Engineering College (GPREC) alums convened for a memorable reunion



Community News

Shri Sanatan Mandir NJ builds Community Hall

A week-long Bhagwat Saptah was also organized to commemorate the community hall.

A grand ceremony was held for the community hall by Shri Sanatan Mandir, the hall is built on 3500 sq. Ft and will have the capacity to accommodate around 170 people.

The project for Community Hall is \$1.25 million. The President of the Temple, Ajit Kothari, expressed his vision that the hall will not only work towards enhancing the temple as the place of worship but will also help in increasing the activities available for children attending the temple's Sunday School.

The temple conducts Sunday Schools to teach students Indian languages, music, culture, and philosophy. SAT scores will be used to initiate a scholarship program at the school. A senior center is also established for senior citizens to gather and attend devotional programs, lectures, etc. Mayor James Barberio of Parsippany stated in regards to the event, "We are all Americans, but we also celebrate our diverse cultures and religions."

According to a press release, a week-long Bhagwat Saptah was also organized to commemorate the community hall from May 28 to June 3. The Saptah was led by the spiritual leader, Pujya Acharya Mridul Krishna Goswamiji. Everyone present at the saptah felt spiritual joy with Guruji's narration of Hindu Scriptures and devotional Bhajans, which created a divine atmosphere.



PC: Parsippany Focus

The India-US Forum of Monroe Township (IFM) celebrated International Yoga Day in NJ

The India-US Forum of Monroe Township is a non-profit organization. On the occasion of International Yoga Day on June 21, 2023, the organization put together a community program where they briefly explained the significance of yoga and the spiritual reason behind celebrating this day as Yoga Day around the world.

At the Monroe Township Senior Center, with the support of community partners, over 30 people of all ages and from across New Jersey came together for a two-hour-long yoga session led by a certified instructor and left feeling lighter after a long day. From students to corporate employees to local active adults, everyone participated in the yoga flow to the best of their ability and provided positive remarks on the benefits of ending the day on a positive note, surrounded by community, according to the press release.

IFM President Hemant Patel and IFM Vice President Andy Paluri were present at the event. They opened and closed the event with their speech of gratitude and the togetherness of the community and participants, whose support made this event possible.



The IFM, NJ celebrated International Yoga Day at Monroe Township Senior Center

International Year of Millet 2023

The information that we gathered from the previous edition, clearly states that the millets are the powerhouse of nutrition hence we should incorporate millets in our daily meals.

You must be wondering why you should switch your meals from regular cereals to this. Let us tell you why.

The world's population, which is heavily dependent on cereal-based diets that are lacking in micronutrients, faces a serious danger from nutritional insecurity. Since a large number of proteins and other nutrients like vitamins, minerals, and amino acids are present they are more nutrient-dense. Millets are nutritionally equivalent to main cereals in terms of carbs and calories. 7-12% protein, 2% fat, 65-75% carbs, and 15-20% dietary fiber are all included in millet.

Iron, zinc, calcium, and other elements that are crucial for reducing malnutrition issues may be found naturally in millets. Niacin, B6, folic acid, calcium, iron, potassium, magnesium, and zinc are all present in increased concentrations. The greatest source of calcium (300-350 mg/100 g) is finger millet, whereas other tiny millets are also significant sources of phosphorus and iron.

Millets are great for boosting the neurological system since they are simple to digest, rich in lecithin, and easy to digest.

Adding millet to your meals can be healthy as well as delicious. Millets go perfectly with a variety of foods, including salads, sides, and desserts. FAO is urging individuals all around the globe to upload videos of their preparation and consumption of millet as a way to demonstrate this. The International Year of Millet's recipe book will contain a few of the entries from the worldwide chef's competition. These tiny grains can increase the variety of the world's food supply.

Let's go through the journey of how you can incorporate these grains into your meals.

There are several forms of recipes/ food items by which millets can be included in day-to-day meals.

1. Millet porridge
2. Millet fried rice
3. Millet bread
4. Millet pancakes
5. Millet crepes

When compared to other grains, millet is a little sweeter and has a flavor that faintly resembles maize. If toasted before cooking, it maintains a delectably delicate nutty flavor. Like rice, millet has a delicate flavor on its own but is excellent at absorbing flavors from other meals.

Try to make your own kind of millet recipes and enjoy flavorsome and flourishing food. Moving on to another interesting fact about millet is that it's considered an 'Eco- friendly crop'.

These crops are known as eco-friendly crops as they require less water, pesticides, and managerial interventions to grow. Additionally, certain millets can grow in unfavorable climates and marginal sites where no other crops can. Millets are the most potent sources of food under climate change because they have physiological mechanisms for quick recovery from abiotic challenges like heat and drought, as these grains can withstand extreme weather, providing answers to the food shortage. Millets may be a crucial food supply for people at risk of food insecurity since they are sometimes the only crops that can be harvested during dry seasons.

Aren't all these things about the golden grain appealing, but do we know what all are the types of millet?

Wait up for the next edition and you'll know everything about the types. Till then stay tuned!

#IndiaDayParadeNYC
#IYM2023 #YearofMillets

Did you know?

Sorghum is a significant cereal crop since it is employed in practically all planned renewable energy and green technology plans.

(<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/30652297/>)



NEWSMAKERS

Indian American becomes World's youngest teenage PhD holder

Tanishq is from California to Indian American parents. He started his journey toward Doctorate at the age of 14. His doctoral dissertation, titled "Virtual Staining of Slide-Free Microscopy Images with Deep Learning." His study is based on revolutionizing the method of diagnosing several diseases.

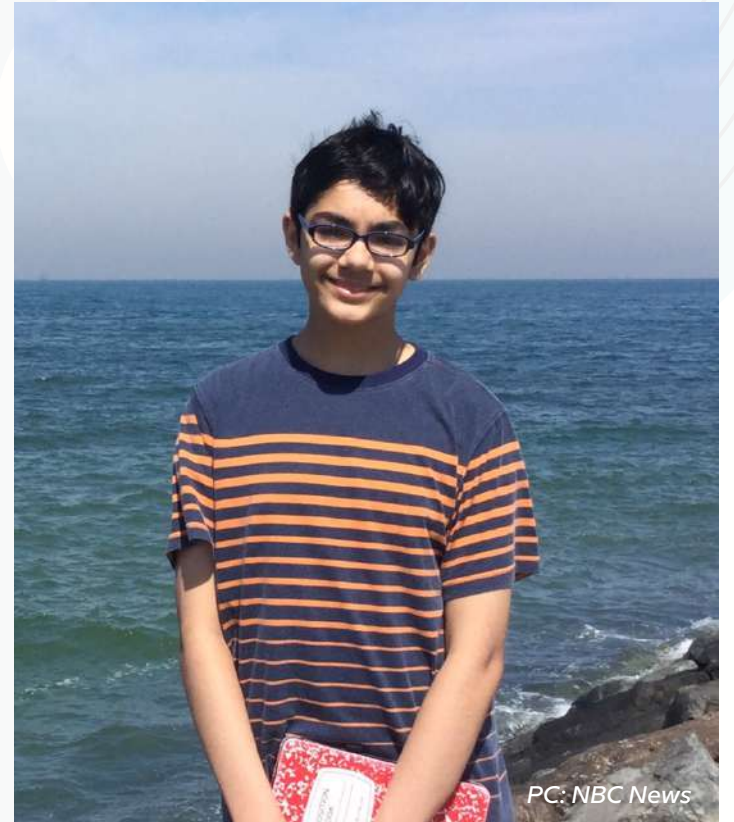
Tanishq, the youngest prodigy to hold a PhD has also founded a Medical Research Center to advance AI-based technology, "MedARC". He was provided with abundant support from his parents, who recognized his capability and intelligence from a very young age.

Tanishq started his trailblazing journey by joining the college at the age of seven and graduated at the age of 10. He started studying Artificial

intelligence-based research in the field of pathology and did his PhD in Biomedical Engineering at the University of California under the guidance of Dr Richard Levenson.

Tanishq Abraham was also the youngest prodigy to attend and speak at the NASA conference in 2012. He did homeschool until he was 5, and after that, he took math courses and other courses in the fields of chemistry, palaeontology, biology, and geology.

Dr. Tanishq Mathew Abraham, in the future, wants to research in the field of artificial intelligence for cancer treatments, aspires to win the Nobel Prize, and wants to go for US presidential seat too.



PC: NBC News

Indian American Natasha Subhash wins Arthur Ashe Award

Natasha Subhash, for her exceptional sportsmanship, is recognized for the Arthur Ashe Award 2023. Natasha, a student at the University of Virginia, is an Indian American tennis player who is awarded by the ITA (Intercollegiate Tennis Association) for her exceptional sportsmanship and leadership.

According to the ITA statement, "Natasha has been a team captain for two seasons but has been a leader on and off the court for all four years she has been at Virginia. She leads by example, but she is also empathetic enough to know what others need from her, and she is willing to give it. She has been the ultimate teammate." In 2020, Natasha was also named the Rookie of the Year by ITA, which made a big impact taking into consideration the



PC: twitter @UVAWomensTennis

time of COVID-19. She has been the ultimate teammate and was captain for two seasons. Commending Subhash's achievements, head coach Sara O'Leary said, "Natasha leads through her compassion, reliability, and determination to make a difference. The impact she's had and will continue to have in Charlottesville will be her legacy as a Cavalier. I'm so proud of Natasha and can't wait to see what her future holds because I know it will be great." Natasha astoundingly won the title of ITA Singles All-American for three seasons. Apart from sports, Natasha graduated from McIntire School of Commerce with a 3.93 GPA and further planned to pursue a master's in the field of accounting. She is also a volunteer tutor at Madison House's Athletes Committed to Education (ACE) program for students in elementary school.

Indian-American Businesswoman Sneha Shah to Head New Business Ventures at SEI

SEI Investments announced Sneha Shah as an Executive vice president and new head of business ventures. SEI (Simulated Environments Inc.) is a technology and solution group that has offices in Europe, Asia, and the US. Sneha Shah is appointed to the newly created role of Head of Business Ventures, and she will be reporting to the CEO, Ryan Hicke.

"Her knowledge of industry trends and emerging technologies, as well as her leadership and relationships within the startup, private equity, and venture capital communities, will add tremendous value as we execute our growth strategies," Hicke said. "As a critical member of the executive team, Sneha will bring fresh perspectives that will challenge our thinking and push us forward. We're excited to welcome her to SEI."

In this newly appointed role, Shah will lead new business and platform identification and incubation,

engage clients, accelerators, and the entrepreneurial community to invest in and accelerate new ideas and solutions, and cultivate innovation that drives top-line growth. Shah has



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more than 25 years of experience in business leadership, strategy, and execution.

Sneha, on her appointment, expressed, "I'm thrilled to join the team and help build a strategic function that can create and capitalize on market opportunities and contribute to SEI's next chapter of transformation and growth."

"SEI has a strong history and culture of working with clients and communities to solve problems that matter. As the pace of change in the world continues to accelerate, SEI's unique position in the financial services ecosystem offers opportunities to explore new possibilities that can drive growth and value for the company, our clients, and the industry," she added.

Recently, Sneha Shah served as the Managing Director and group leader of the London Stock Exchange Group's (LSEG) Business Accelerator.

Two Indian-origin Doctors at AMA Board of Trustees

The two Indian-origin doctors appointed at AMA were Bobby Mukkamala, M.D., and Pratistha Koirala, M.D., and Ph.D. The American Medical Association appointed two Indian-origin doctors among 21 members of its Board of Trustees for 2023-24. Bobby Mukkamala, M.D., an otolaryngologist from Michigan, and Pratistha Koirala, M.D., and Ph.D., an obstetrician-gynecologist, are residents of Connecticut.

Dr. Mukkamala is a graduate of the University of Michigan and practices in Flint, Michigan. He has been the past recipient of the AMA "Excellence in Medicine" leadership award. He served as a member of the AMA House of Delegates for 13 years. In 2009, he was elected to the AMA Council on Science and Public Health and served as its chair from 2016 to 2017.

Dr. Pratistha Koirala began her journey from Nepal and is a surgeon

in Connecticut at Norwalk Health Centre and a health equity fellow at Boston Medical Center and Danbury Hospital.

Dr. Koirala has served in multiple leadership roles in organized medicine, including on the Executive Council of the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) and, most recently, as a member of the AMA Political Action Committee Board of Directors.

The AMA Board of Trustees is elected at the annual meeting of the House of

Delegates by physicians and medical students representing more than 190 states. Their mission is the promotion of the art and science of medicine and the betterment of public health, said a release.



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Genezen announces Susan D'Costa as Chief Technology Officer

Susan D'Costa is the CTO of Genezen, a gene and cell therapy contract development and manufacturing organization (CDMO). On June 13, Susan D'Costa was announced as the CTO, the Chief Technology Officer, and the thought leader of the organization. She has over 25 years of experience in the field of molecular virology. She will manage the AAV (Adeno-associated Viruses) manufacturing and business unit. In the past, Susan has held leadership roles in several companies like CDMO, which includes Florida Biologix, Brammer Bio, Thermo Fisher Scientific, and Alcyone Therapeutics. Susan, expressing her enthusiasm for her new leadership role at Genezen, stated, "My passion lies in building gene therapy CMC capabilities from the ground up, so I am thrilled to have the opportunity to do so here. Genezen is well positioned to develop new AAV vector production

capabilities to supplement its deep expertise in LV and RV vectors."



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Steve Favaloro, President and CEO of Genezen, said, "Adding world-renowned gene and cell therapy manufacturing experts like Drs. D'Costa and O'Brien to our team at this point in Genezen's growth trajectory is very exciting. The range and breadth of their collective experience is unmatched, so the entire Genezen team and I are delighted to welcome these tremendous industry experts to our team and look forward to their contribution to the continued growth of our business." D'Costa has a BS in microbiology and biochemistry from Mumbai University's St. Xavier's College and an MS in biochemistry from Mumbai University's Grant Medical College. She completed her PhD in biology with a specialization in molecular biology. With the appointment of Susan by Genezen, they will accelerate their vision to be a leader in development and manufacturing services for retroviral, AAV, and lentiviral vectors.

Indian-American Cardiologist as Chair of Allegheny Health Network

Akshay Khandelwal, an exceptional cardiologist and physician leader, will lead the Department of Cardiovascular Medicine.

Dr. Akshay Khandelwal is an MD, MBA, FACC, and FSCAI, and with Henry Ford Health System, he is appointed as the chair of the Cardiovascular Department of Medicine at Allegheny Health Network. He will be leading the department and managing 67 employed physicians, 40 affiliated physicians, and 23 fellows.

Khandelwal will closely work with the thoracic surgery department, which will create a multidisciplinary system among the cardiologists, cardiovascular surgeons, and thoracic surgeons, according to the official statement by AHN.

"Dr. Khandelwal is an exceptional clinician and physician leader who has served his cardiac patients with great skill, compassion, and innovation for more than two decades," said Stephen Bailey, chair of the AHN Cardiovascular Institute. "We are thrilled that he will soon help

lead our world-class heart program."

As an interventional cardiologist, Dr. Khandelwal specializes in treating heart disease with catheter-based techniques. His areas of expertise include complex coronary interventions, such as angioplasty and stent procedures, and diagnostic cardiology, and his research has been widely published in professional and academic journals.

"It's an incredible honor to join a forward-thinking, blended health organization like AHN and Highmark Health that is truly committed to transforming medicine," Khandelwal said. "I'm also thrilled at the opportunity to work alongside Dr. Bailey and so many other talented and innovative heart specialists at AHN who have helped build a stellar legacy of cardiovascular care excellence."

Dr. Khandelwal completed his medical studies at Sri Devaraj Urs Medical College from Bangalore University, India, and after that, he excelled in the field of cardiology by doing his medical residency, fellowship, and interventional

cardiology fellowship at Henry Ford Hospital, where he later joined as clinical staff at Henry Ford Hospital only.



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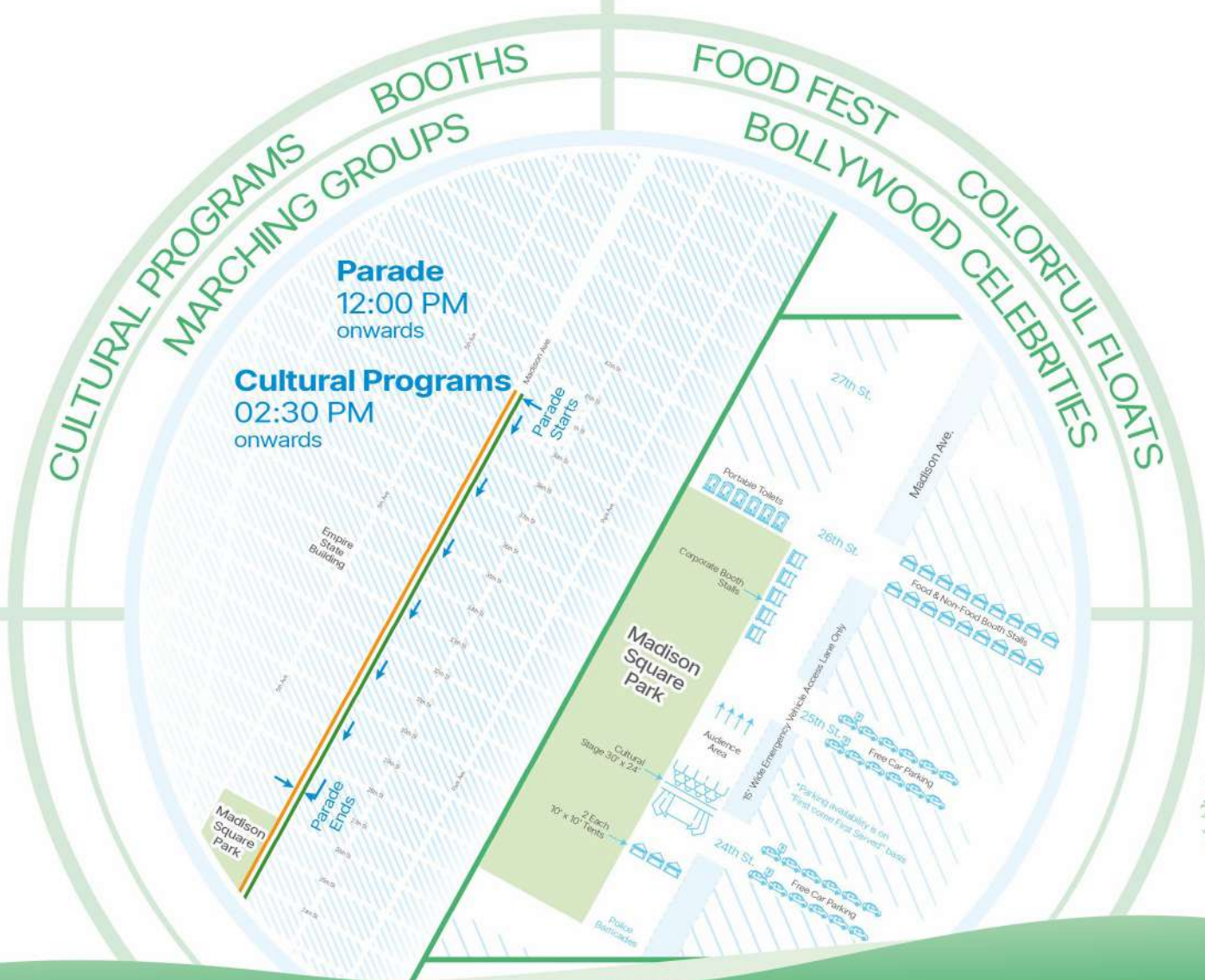
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"Agent Jayne: A Woman with a Mission"

Get ready for a heart-touching experience as we announce the release of the action thriller "Agent Jayne: A Woman with a Mission." Produced by Dr. Neeraj Verma and Baltimore Fest Independent Pictures, this film dives into the world of a notorious drug lord selling dangerous substances to vulnerable youth. Brace yourself for the story of a determined agent on a mission to bring a criminal mastermind to justice.

"Agent Jayne: A Woman with a Mission" introduces audiences to the unfortunate reality of the youth drug trade, exposing the harrowing consequences of addiction and exploitation. As the story unfolds, viewers are plunged into a world of greed, danger, and moral ambiguity.

Written and directed by Waqar Peter Gill, the concept of Agent Jayne is based on real events and personal visual experiences. The film aims to emphasize the prudent issue of substance abuse among teens and portrays the use of candy-like opioids. The film is a blend of social awareness among the youth and women's empowerment.

Shalini Sood—former Mrs. United Nations International 2017 and Mrs. India 2016—takes on the lead role of Agent Jayne, a driven and unyielding operative aiming for vengeance against a drug lord. Her performance showcases a perfect blend of fragility and tenacity, making her an unbeatable force to be reckoned with. With her background in humanitarian work and motivational speaking, Shalini delivers an impressive turn in the title role.

As Agent Jayne delves deeper into the operations, the stakes escalate, and the line between right and wrong becomes blurred. The film explores themes of morality, sacrifice, and the price of justice, leaving viewers questioning the limits one should go to in the pursuit of a noble cause.

The film aims to shed light on the devastating impact of drug trafficking on vulnerable youth and society at large. It serves as a reminder of the urgent need for action and highlights the valiant efforts of law enforcement to address this widespread problem. This film is not a commercial-based film but an effort to highlight the opioid pandemic to bring awareness and make changes to individual lives.

Agent Jayne presented a

platform, offered by Baltimore Fest Independent Pictures, that facilitates the showcasing of local talent, giving them an opportunity to demonstrate their acting capabilities and explore a potential career in the acting or film industry through this movie.

Additional principal cast members include Mr. Kishore Varieth, an underworld investor and producer of the recently released worldwide Bollywood feature film Shiv Shastri Balboa; Mr. Ashutosh Bajpai, a renowned Bollywood actor, and producer, portraying the influential

role of County Executive; Uriel Massey portraying Trapani, the mastermind and primary antagonist; and Julius John as Chief Collins, who also served as the film cinematographer. Additionally, sound mixing and mastering were done by the well-renowned Adnan Gill.

Let's support and join Agent Jayne in this social mission to spread awareness about smashing drugs and restoring youth in desperate need—not just in this movie but in everyday life.



“Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning Part One” Premiered in Rome, Italy

The Mission Impossible 7th part premiered in the Italian Capital, Rome on June 19.

Tom Cruise is back with another action-drama sequel. The movie was given a fantastic response by those who were present during the premiere.

Cruise got very emotional while giving his speech at the premiere, he

said, “I’m very grateful to be here. And to be part of this, this whole time period, had we not had the community here to say we will support in making what we want to do.”

The Mission Impossible 7th part premiered in the Italian Capital, Rome on June 19. There are a total of 7 films in 27 years and still, the charm of all the movies is ever shining. Dead

Reckoning Part One follows the events of Mission: Impossible – Fallout (2018) and also stars Ving Rhames, Simon Pegg, Rebecca Ferguson, Henry Czerny, Vanessa Kirby, Hayley Atwell, Pom Klementieff, Cary Elwes, Rob Delaney, Indira Varma, Shea Whigham, Mark Gatiss, Esai Morales and Charles Parnell alongside Cruise.



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Titanic director James Cameron reveals the reason behind the Titan submarine explosion

Titanic film director James Cameron opens up that he already guessed about the explosion of the Titan submarine.

Titan was the deep submarine in an expedition to explore about Titanic shipwreck imploded and five people were killed. James Cameron, the 1997 Titanic director and himself a deep-sea explorer, guessed about the Titan submarine. He revealed that it was no surprise to him as OceanGate did not follow the safety procedures and all the searching of the submarine was futile and there was no hope.

Cameron in an interview with BBC revealed how he connected with “the deep submergence community” and talked about the incident. They told Cameron that communication and tracking was lost and there he guessed that the submarine might have exploded.

Cameron explained, “I got on the horn again with some other people, tracked down some intel that was

probably of a military origin, although it could have been researched—because there are hydrophones all over the Atlantic—and got confirmation that there was some kind of loud noise consistent with an implosion event,” and this where he knew that the submarine is lost.

Cameron also compares the sinking of Titan with the Titanic shipwreck

where 1500 people were killed. Cameron compared this tragedy to the sinking of the Titanic, “I’m struck by the similarity of the Titanic disaster itself, where the captain was repeatedly warned about ice ahead of his ship, and yet he steamed at full speed into an ice field on a moonless night, and many people died as a result.”



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Alia Bhatt's debut in Hollywood: "Heart of Stone"

Alia Bhatt will be seen performing the action-packed role of a nemesis in the film. The film "Heart of Stone" released its trailer and will be released on August 11 on Netflix. The clip of the trailer shows Gal Gadot as Agent Rachel Stone, an agent of the charter and Alia Bhatt as Keya Dhawan.

Alia Bhatt will be seen performing the action-packed role of a nemesis in the film. In the film, Keya will parade on Rachel's peace-keeping organization where she is protecting a valuable and dangerous asset: codenamed.

The film was launched at Netflix Film Festival in Brazil, where Alia Bhatt along with Gal Gadot and Jamie Dornon

attended the screening and walked the red carpet together. Since it was Bhatt's debut on Global Hollywood screen she took it to Instagram and posted the pictures with Gal and Jamie at the red-carpet. The film will have a worldwide OTT release.



The Gadar: Ek Prem Katha sequel is to be released on August 11

The sequel "Gadar: The Katha Continues" will be released after 22 years of its first part released in 2001. The film will be starring Tara Singh (Sunny Deol) and Sakeena (Amisha Patel) and directed by Anil Sharma. "Gadar: The Katha Continues" premiered on June 9 and will be released on August 11, 2023.

The plot of the sequel to the classic film continues some years after the marriage of Tara Singh and Sakeena where Sakeena somehow reconnects with her father. Her father wants to start a new life in Pakistan and attempts to force her by taking away their son Charanjeet (Utkarsh Sharma) from Pakistan.

Tara Singh will travel to Pakistan again to bring back his loved one but this time his son. The mission will be a thriller to watch if it will mirror the Gadar: Ek Prem Katha.



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