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PM MODI MEETS INDIAN DIASPORA, 'VANDE MATARAM', 'BHARAT MATA KI JAI' CHANTS IN NEW YORK



Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is on a three-day official visit to the United States, was on Friday night (local time) seen waving at a crowd outside his hotel in New York, where Indian-Americans and members of the diaspora gathered to meet him. Loud chants of "Vande Mataram" and "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" rang through the New York

neighbourhood as the Prime Minister turned to the people cheering for him and joyously waved at them, before going inside the hotel. PM Modi landed in New York moments earlier, after concluding a series of key meets in Washington—including a Quad Leaders' summit hosted by US president Joe Biden at the White House.

The warm greeting with which the Prime Minister was met out-

side his New York hotel is a signifier of his high popularity among the Indian diaspora abroad. People chanted the Prime Minister's name and waved the Indian national flag amid light showers; while Modi, in turn, was seen smiling and shaking hands with members of the community.

In a recent survey assessing the popularity index of 13 world leaders, Prime Minister Naren-

dra Modi ranked the highest, outracing US president Joe Biden and German Chancellor Angela Merkel, among others. According to the survey conducted by The Morning Consult, PM Modi is the "most popular and accepted global leader" in the entire world. He received a stellar approval rating of 70 per cent, while Biden was fifth in the list with an approval rating of 48 per cent.

FIA Welcomes Deputy Consul General - New York in a Zoom Virtual Meet & Greet program

FIA (Federation of Indian Association) Chapters of New York & New England with many other partner organizations arranged 'Meet and Greet -Virtual Welcome to the new Hon. Deputy Consul General (DCG) of India - New York' on Sunday morning, September 19, 2021. FIA and various organizations' trustees, presidents, Vice presidents, committee members attended this event along with many well-known dignitaries and community leaders with much interest and eagerness.

FIA Secretary Parveen Bansal welcomed all the participates and DCG of India Dr, Varun Jeph to the program and requested Maharaj Ujwal Kasthala from Sai

Temple to recite Lord Ganesh prayer and Ashirvachan for the new DCG of India. FIA New York President Anil Bansal welcomed the new DCG of India, NY Dr. Varun Jeph formally and expressed his willingness to work with him to strengthen Indo-US relations.

FIA Chairman Ankur Vaidya, "It is a pleasure to welcome the new Deputy Consul General to India NY. I look forward to working with Dr. Varun Jeph and his team as we continue to grow our special partnership with India and Indian diaspora here.

This was followed by brief welcome speeches and greetings by the eminent FIA and other Organizations leaders. Sudhir Parikh, Dipak Patel, Ram Gadhavi, Smita Miki Patel, Kanu Bhai Chauhan,

Ahmed Shakir, Priti Pandya Patel, Dr. Pandhi, Andy Bhatia, Dr. Avinash Gupta, Hemant Patel, Dr. Nimisha Shukla, Dev Karlekar, Alok Kumar, Dr. Saraswathi Muppana, Srujal Parikh, Rohi Singh, Niroo, Bipin Patel, Kapil Shah, Dinesh, Shashi Sinha, Ajit Jain, Rajeev Bhambri, Kirti Desai, Sudhir Vaishnav and Tushar Sukhadia spoke on the occasion. Sukhadia from VHPA not only welcomed our new DCG of India, NY but also reminded every about observing October month as 'the Vishwa Hindu Month.'

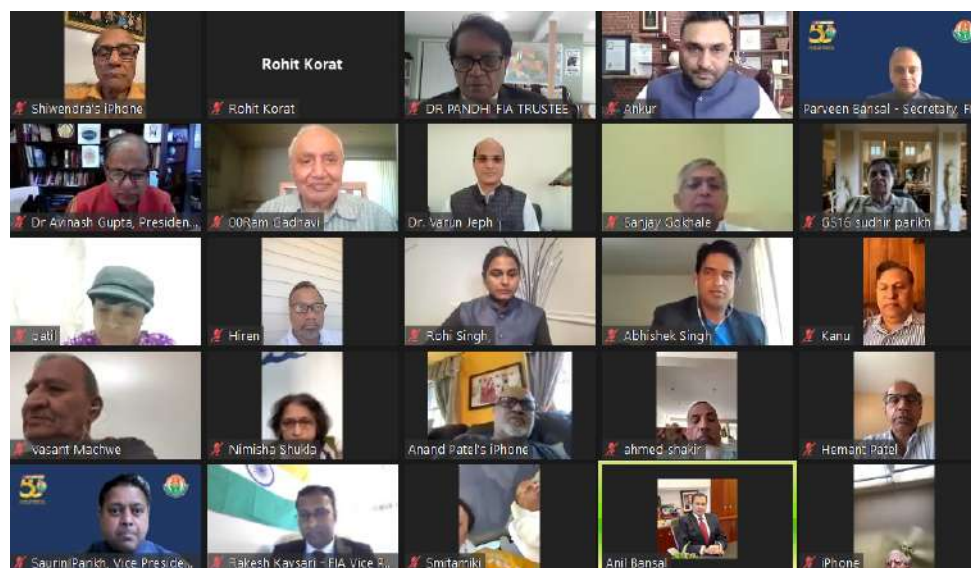
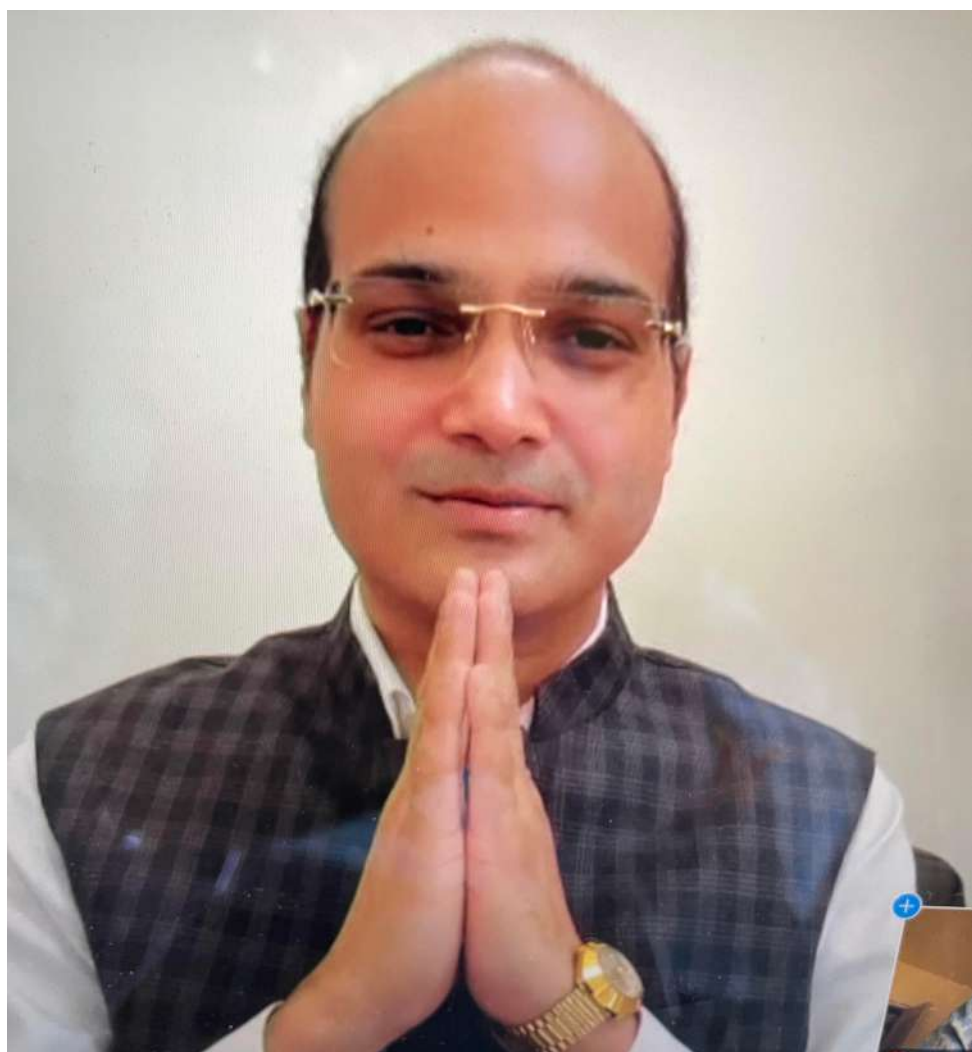
FIA New England chapter president Abhishek Singh, Geetha Patil, Rakesh Kavsari, Shiwendra and Vasant Machwe welcomed new DCG of India, NY Dr. Varun Jeph. Abhishek Singh invited him to Boston for a formal meeting and voiced complete support for keeping up with the high bench marks set by the Consulate General of India, New York office and make stronger the relationships of India and USA in the areas of economic prosperity through trade, investment, and connectivity.

"Through our close working relationship with the new DCG, we will continue to cultivate and

strengthen our political, economic and cultural links with India," said Shiwendra.

Deputy Consul General of India, New York Dr. Varun Jeph thanked everyone for taking time to welcome and bless him. 'I am going to have a nice time here with all your support and enhance bilateral relations of India and USA in areas of trade, tourism, technology, health care and education. Let's work together as a family, partners and friends rather than just an official of an organization, I am accessible to everyone of you and your community members through my personal phone' said Deputy Consul General of India, New York Dr. Varun Jeph. He congratulated FIA members for growing as a titanic organization in USA. He answered all the questions of the audiences in the Q&A session.

Vice president of FIA, New York Saurin Parikh proposed vote of thanks to all the participants for their active participation in the 'meet and greet virtual meeting' and welcoming our new DCG of India, NY and his family and promising full support to him to excel during his tenure.



Indian American Activist Manjusha Kulkarni, VP Kamala Harris Top Time Magazine's List of '100 Most Influential People'

Photo: Twitter @KulkarniManju

INDIA-WEST

Indian American community activist Manjusha Kulkarni, co-founder of the Web portal Stop AAPI Hate, and Vice President Kamala Harris were named on Time Magazine's list of "100 Most Influential People," released Sept. 15.

Indians on the list included Pune-based Adar Poonawalla, chief executive officer of the Serum Institute of India, which has manufactured more than 100 million doses of the Oxford/Astra Zeneca Covid-19 vaccine each month since April; Prime Minister Narendra Modi; and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

Kulkarni and Stop AAPI Hate co-founders Cynthia Choi and Russell Jeung were named in the "Icons" section of the list, alongside Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, pop singers Britney Spears and Dolly Parton, Sherrilyn Ifill, president and director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund; and Russian opposition leader Alexie Navalny, among others.

"In a turbulent year, as the U.S. has seen a surge in racist, anti-Asian attacks—from terrifying assaults on senior citizens to the tragic mass shooting in Atlanta—no coalition has been more impactful in raising awareness of this violence than Stop AAPI Hate," wrote poet Kathy Park Hong, in Time Magazine's tribute to the founders of Stop AAPI Hate.

"Since its start, the organization has logged more than 9,000 anti-Asian acts of hate, harassment, discrimination and assault across the country," Hong said, noting that the Web portal allows Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to file firsthand accounts of racism they had experienced."

"(These) types of incidents that have long haunted our communities but gone unreported

by government agencies and the media and unnoticed by others," wrote Hong, adding: "Stop AAPI Hate has become not only an invaluable resource for the public to understand the realities of anti-Asian racism, but also a major platform for finding community-based solutions to combat hate."

"And its leaders have locked arms with other BIPOC organizations to find restorative justice measures so that civil rights—for all vulnerable groups—receive the protection they deserve," wrote Hong.

The portal allows victims of hate crimes and bias-motivated incidents to report the attack in one of several languages, including Hindi, Punjabi, and Urdu.

"The award was unexpected," Kulkarni told India-West. "I feel gratified that the hard work of so many individuals and organizations has been recognized."

"This represents the strength of our community members who bravely shared their stories with us. My hope is that we're embarking on a movement, bringing all parts of our community together," she said.

Kulkarni, who is also the director of the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council, noted that South Asian Americans have been the targets of hate crimes ever since the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, which killed almost 3,000 people. Sikh American Balbir Singh Sodhi was the first target of a post 9-11 hate crime: the gas station owner in Mesa, Arizona was fatally shot by Frank Roque, who mistook him for a Muslim and wanted to get revenge for the attacks.

In the post 9-11 years, South Asian Americans have also been the targets of racial profiling by law enforcement, and also with policies at the federal level, said Kulkarni.

"We share the experiences of



our African American and Latinx brothers and sisters. Unfortunately, we are the targets of white supremacy, which has prevented us from getting the opportunities we deserve," she told India-West.

The hate violence against the community has lessened somewhat as President Joe Biden took office and declared that AAPI hate would not be tolerated. However, said Kulkarni, the Biden administration has — to a lesser extent — engaged in some finger-pointing regarding the Covid-19 pandemic, as did his predecessor Donald Trump. Specifically, Biden asked the intelligence community to look into rumors of the coronavirus being released by a lab in China.

"He gave credence to outrageous claims which could put people at harm," stated Kulkarni.

Modi, Banerjee, and Harris were listed in the Leaders section of the list, alongside Biden, Trump, journalist Tucker Carlson, Stacey Abrams, who narrowly lost her bid to become the governor of Georgia; Congresswoman Liz Cheney, a Republican from Wyoming who supported the impeachment of Trump; Centers for Disease Control director Rochelle Walensky; and White House Chief of Staff Ron Klain, among others.

House Speaker Nancy Pelo-

si wrote the tribute to Harris. "When Kamala Harris became Vice President, America took a glorious step into the future. Children in America were awakened to new possibilities. People around the world saw America in a new light. There was joy in the air, not just because Kamala Harris was the first woman and first Black person and first Asian person to become Vice President, but because the country saw what Joe Biden knew: that Kamala Harris was the best."

"I have known the Vice President for a long time. We are Californians with a common motivation: family. The Vice President's mother raised her two daughters as she worked as a scientist to cure breast cancer. Her mother's self-determination drives the Vice President's work—whether that is providing tangible relief to families, lifting up women in the workforce or defending the right to vote. The Vice President wants everyone to have the opportunity to determine their future," wrote Pelosi.

Poonawalla was listed in the Pioneers section, alongside singer Billie Eilish, attorney Ben Crump, who represented George Floyd's family in a wrongful death suit, and several others.

Vice President Kamala Harris Meets Prime Minister Modi: 'India is a Very Important Partner to the U.S.'

PTI

Termining India a very important partner, U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris said Sept. 23 that the two countries shared belief in a free and open Indo-Pacific region.

Harris made the remarks during a joint statement with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "India is a very important partner to the U.S. We had COVID-19, the kind of crisis and importance of our shared belief in a free and open Indo-Pacific region. On COVID-19, our nations have worked together. Early in the pandemic, India was a vital source of vaccines for other countries," the Indian American vice president said.

"When India experienced the surge of COVID in the country, the United States was proud to support India in its need and its responsibility to vaccinate its people," she added.

Meanwhile, Modi expressed his gratitude to the U.S. for extending a helping hand to India when it was hit by the second wave of COVID-19.

"I extend my gratitude for the warm welcome that you have extended to me and my delegation. Some months ago, we had the opportunity to talk to each other over the phone. We had a detailed discussion at that time. The way you spoke to me so warmly and naturally. I will always remember that," Modi said in a joint press conference with Harris after the two leaders met.

"It was a very difficult time when India was hit by the second wave of COVID-19. The way you expressed concern and extended a helping hand, I express my gratitude to you. I will like to thank you," he added.

Highlighting that India and America are "natural partners," Modi said India and the U.S. have similar values, geopolitical interests, and our coordination and cooperation is also increasing.

"The vibrant and strong people-to-people connections between India and the U.S. is a bridge between our two countries, their contributions are praiseworthy," he added.

"Your election as vice president of USA has been an important and historic event. You are a source of inspiration for many across the world. I am confident that under President Biden and your leadership our bilateral relations will touch new heights," he added.

Modi met with Harris a day ahead of his highly anticipated bilateral meet with U.S. President Joe Biden.

This was Modi's first in-person meeting with Harris after she made history by becoming the first Indian American to become the vice president of America.

Earlier in June this year, Modi held a telephonic conversation with Harris and discussed the United States' strategy for global vaccine sharing and Quad vaccine initiative to fight the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a statement before leaving for the U.S., Modi had said he is looking forward to meeting Harris to explore opportunities for cooperation between the two nations, particularly in the area of science and technology.

Earlier in the day, Modi met Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison and held meetings with five global CEOs for potential investment in India. These talks were part of a series of meetings that Modi undertook with select heads of corporates that have the potential to invest significantly in India.

Earlier on Sept. 23, the prime minister arrived in Washington for his much-touted U.S. visit. He had earlier addressed the Global COVID-19 Summit called by President Biden.

Biden is scheduled to host Modi at the White House on Sept. 24, in the first in-person meeting between the two leaders after Biden took over as the president



Photo : PTI

on Jan. 20.

Biden will host the first-ever in-person Quad Leaders' Summit, which will be joined by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga.

Modi's U.S. visit will conclude on Sept. 25 with an address at the United Nations General Assembly focusing on the pressing global challenges including the COVID-19 pandemic, the need to combat terrorism, climate change and other important issues.

This is Modi's first visit abroad beyond the neighborhood since the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak. He is accompanied by a high-level delegation comprising National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla and senior officials.

Earlier, Mukesh Aghi, president and CEO of the U.S.-India Strategic Partnership, explained why the meeting between the two leaders is crucial, saying Harris is quite powerful within the administration and the connection between the two is going to help both countries in the short and long term.

"We are proud, we are proud, I think. Are we proud because she's an American? Are we proud that she is the first woman, we would be surprised to break what I call the glass ceiling, but I think more importantly is for Prime Minister Modi to build relationships with Kamala Harris, because you have to understand she comes from the left side of the progressive wing of the party, and they are very much cautious about doing trade deals with nations itself, and they would like to see more of human rights, labor rights embedded into trade deals, so I think it's important that the relationship between the prime minister and Cabinet house is built," he said.

The Indian American community believes that the greatest import of the meeting is symbolic.

"Community members think the greatest import of the meeting is symbolic. The prime minister of India will be sitting down face-to-face with the first vice president of Indian origin," said Milan Vaishnav, Senior Fellow and director of the South Asia Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

U.S. Easing Virus Restrictions for Foreign Flights to America



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Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP)

In a major easing of pandemic travel restrictions, the U.S. said Monday it will allow foreigners to fly into the country this fall if they have vaccination proof and a negative COVID-19 test — changes replacing a hodgepodge of rules that had kept out many non-citizens and irritated allies in Europe and beyond where virus cases are lower.

The changes, to take effect in November, will allow families and others who have been separated by the travel restrictions for 18 months to plan for long-awaited reunifications and allow foreigners with work permits to get back to their jobs in the U.S.

Airlines, business groups and travelers cheered — though they also called the step long overdue.

“It’s a happy day. Big Apple, here I come!” said French entrepreneur Stephane Le Breton, 45, finally able to book a trip to New York City that had been put on hold over the virus restrictions.

The new policy will replace a patchwork of travel bans first instituted by President Donald Trump last year and tightened by President Joe Biden that restrict travel by non-citizens who have in the prior 14 days been in the United Kingdom, European Union, China, India, Iran, Republic of Ireland, Brazil or South Africa.

White House COVID-19 coordinator Jeff Zients announced the new policies, which still will require all foreign travelers flying to the U.S. to demonstrate proof of vaccination before boarding,

as well as proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken within three days of flight. Biden will also tighten testing rules for unvaccinated American citizens, who will need to be tested within a day before returning to the U.S., as well as after they arrive home.

The tougher rules for unvaccinated Americans come as the White House has moved to impose sweeping vaccination-or-testing requirements affecting as many as 100 million people in an effort to encourage holdouts to get shots.

Fully vaccinated passengers will not be required to quarantine, Zients said.

There will be no immediate change to U.S. land border policies, which restrict much cross-border travel with Mexico and Canada.

The travel bans had become the source of growing geopolitical frustration, particularly among allies in the UK and EU. The easing comes ahead of Biden meeting with some European leaders on the margins of the United Nations General Assembly this week.

“This is based on individuals rather than a country-based approach, so it’s a stronger system,” Zients said.

The EU and UK had previously moved to allow vaccinated U.S. travelers in without quarantines, in an effort to boost business and tourism. But the EU recommended last month that some travel restrictions be reimposed on U.S. travelers to the bloc because of the rampant spread of the delta variant of the coronavirus in America.

The Centers for Disease Con-

trol and Prevention will require airlines to collect contact information from international travelers to facilitate tracing, Zients said.

The U.S. will accept full vaccination of travelers with any of the vaccines approved for emergency use by the World Health Organization, the CDC said. The WHO is reviewing Russia’s Sputnik V vaccine but hasn’t yet approved it.

Monday’s announcement was met with applause by the air travel industry, which has lost significant revenue from declines in international travel.

Delta Air Lines spokesman Morgan Durrant said, “Science tells us that vaccinations coupled with testing is the safest way to re-open travel, and we are optimistic this important decision will allow for the continued economic recovery both in the U.S. and abroad and the reunification of families who have been separated for more than 18 months.”

Worldwide, air travel is still down more than half from pre-pandemic levels, and the decline is much sharper for cross-border flying. By July, domestic travel had recovered to 84% of 2019 numbers, but international travel was just 26% of the same month two years ago, according to figures this month from the airline industry’s main global trade group, the International Air Transport Association.

The numbers are similar but not quite as stark for the U.S., where international travel in August 2019, according to Airlines for America. Arrivals by non-U.S. citizens were only 36% of the 2019 level.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson tweeted that he was “delighted” by the news. He said: “It’s a fantastic boost for business and trade, and great that family and friends on both sides of the pond can be reunited once again.”

Airlines hailed the U.S. decision as a lifeline for the struggling industry. Tim Alderslade, chief executive of industry body Airlines U.K. said it was “a major breakthrough.”

Shai Weiss, chief executive of Virgin Atlantic, said it was “a major milestone. ... The U.K. will now be able to strengthen ties with our most important economic partner, the U.S., boosting trade and tourism as well as reuniting friends, families and business colleagues.”

“The travel bans were really behind the times,” said Maka Hutson, counsel specializing in immigration issues at the law firm Akin Gump. She said they were very frustrating to European executives who’d been vaccinated but still couldn’t fly to the United States to conduct business.

The changes also drew praise from business groups, who have been contending with labor shortages as the economy bounces back with unexpected strength from last year’s coronavirus recession. U.S. employers have been posting job openings — a record 10.9 million in July — faster than applicants can fill them.

Myron Brilliant, head of international affairs for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said in a statement, “Allowing vaccinated foreign nationals to travel freely to the United States will help foster a robust and durable recovery for the American economy.”

Delhi boy named one of the 'brightest students in the world', bags US National Science Bee competition award

THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BEE IS A BUZZER-BASED SCIENCE COMPETITION FOR INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS. IT HAS QUESTIONS RELATED TO MULTIPLE FIELDS OF SCIENCE, INCLUDING BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS, EARTH SCIENCE, ASTRONOMY AND MATHS.

Eight-year-old Advay Misra, who ranks among the world's brightest students according to John Hopkins University, has now secured 2nd place in the US National Science Bee.

The National Science Bee is a buzzer-based science competition for individual students, with questions ranging from biology, chemistry, physics, earth science, astronomy, mathematics, and other scientific fields. It includes a written qualifying exam and

buzzer-based regional and national championships.

Advay is a science enthusiast and avid reader of books. Being India's top contender at two geography competitions, he has qualified for the International Geography Bee World Championships and International History Bee to be held in Quebec next year. Landing in the US at the age of five due to his parents' occupation commitment in 2018, Misra has now returned home and would now continue his educa-

tion in one of Delhi's schools.

"Organic chemistry is my favourite subject. Because it is exciting to see the reactions of compounds. Mysteries and realistic fiction are my favourite as well," Misra said.

Misra has also been admitted to Johns Hopkins University's prestigious Center for Talented Youth (CTY) which counts as its alumni Mark Zuckerberg, Lady Gaga, the founders of Google, Rhodes Scholars and MacArthur Fellows, among others.

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Florida Governor Declares Oct. 2021 As Hindu Heritage Month



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GOVERNOR

HINDU HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, Florida is proud of its rich cultural history and the many people who call our state home; and

WHEREAS, Florida is home to a vibrant Hindu community; and

WHEREAS, Hindu-Americans have made significant contributions across all fields, including science, education, medicine, law, politics, business, culture, sports, and more; and

WHEREAS, Hindu heritage, culture, traditions, and values have enriched our great state; and

WHEREAS, during the month of October 2021, the Hindu community across the State of Florida and across our nation will collectively celebrate Hindu heritage; and

WHEREAS, Hindu Heritage Month provides an opportunity to focus on Hindu culture and its diverse spiritual traditions rooted in India.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing October 2021, as *Hindu Heritage Month*.



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Pratik Gandhi starrer 'Bhavai' gets new release date

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Actor Pratik Gandhi's film 'Bhavai', which was scheduled to hit the screens on October 1, has got a new release date. The movie will now be released on October 22.

The move comes after Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray announced that all cinema halls and drama theatres in the state will reopen from October 22.

Director-producer Hardik Gajjar said: "We are a renowned and law-abiding production house and are interested in creat-

ing and showcasing good cinema for the audience and our stakeholders, we will never flout any rules and guidelines. We have submitted all the required documents to the board and have acknowledged all the procedures.

"Our movie has also been given a 'U' censor certificate under the name of 'Bhavai' on 12-11-2020. Therefore, we would like to go ahead and proceed with the release of our film on the new release date, 22nd October."

Elated about the reopening of theatres, Jayantilal Gada said: "We welcome the decision given by the Maharashtra Government and Shri Uddhav Thackeray. The-

atres are the soul of the entertainment business and the mode of income for thousands of families in Maharashtra. We are extremely delighted with this decision and therefore have decided to postpone the release of our movie 'Bhavai' to 22nd of October."

The movie stars Pratik as Raja Ram Joshi and actress Aindrita Ray as Rani as lead characters.

The movie narrative revolves around the love tale of two actors working in a drama company and how their reel life affects their real life off stage.

The film is presented by Jayantilal Gada, produced by Dhaval Jayantilal Gada, Aksshay Jayanti-

lal Gada, Parth Gajjar, and Hardik Gajjar films.

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Lata Mangeshkar's unheard song with Vishal Bhardwaj- Gulzar to release today

PTI

Filmmaker composer Vishal Bhardwaj and veteran lyricist Gulzar have announced that a song the duo had recorded with legendary singer Lata Mangeshkar more than two decades ago will be launched on Tuesday.

The track, "Theek Nahi Lagta", was recorded for a film 26 years ago that eventually got shelved.

The song will now be released in collaboration with Bhardwaj's label VB Music and short video app platform Moj, on Mangeshkar's 92nd birthday.

Also an acclaimed filmmaker behind films like "Maqbool", "Om-kara" and "Kaminey", Bhardwaj got his major Bollywood break as a music composer in 1996 with the Gulzar helmed political thriller "Maachis".

The soundtrack of "Maachis" kickstarted his long association with the veteran lyricist who

have collaborated on nine films also including "7 Khoon Maaf" and "Pataakha". "Maachis" was also the first time he collaborated with Mangeshkar, who lent her voice to five songs including the memorably melancholic "Paani Paani Re".

During a virtual press conference on Monday, Bhardwaj said he recorded the song "Theek Nahi Lagta" with Mangeshkar even before "Maachis". It was for some other film that never saw the light of the day.

Bhardwaj said the tape on which Mangeshkar's song was recorded got misplaced and the recording studio also shut down.

But around two years ago, Bhardwaj got a call from another recording studio, where "somehow this tape landed" with his name on it.

In an audio message, Mangeshkar lauded both Gulzar and Bhardwaj for their talent and determination to unearth this song.

"Vishal Bhardwaj was, back

then, a new composer. But the songs he made were extraordinary. In 'Maachis', I recorded two songs, 'Ae Hawa' and 'Pani Pani Re'. While the latter stayed, the former didn't make the cut because there was no situation.

"Later, we collaborated again for this song, but the film never got made. After many years, they are releasing the song and I am hopeful that the listeners will love the song, it's lyrics," the melody queen said.

Calling Bhardwaj "Columbus who discovered the song", Gulzar said the track remains relevant even after 30 years because it talks about the dynamics of a relationship.

"The relationship that the boy and the girl shared in the film was uncommitted. It's often found in today's generation, where you're not very certain on how far to go. In that situation, you feel, 'Sab theek toh hai, lekin, kuch theek nahi lagta (All is well, but something is not ok)'.

"The lines are all the more relevant. Somewhere Vishal's observation of the society, environment, the people he lives with... He's aware of everything that is happening socially, politically," he added.

Bhardwaj has also directed the music video of the song, which will feature 12 Moj creators Pan-kaj Joshi, Divya Upadhyay, Apoorva Aroora, Chetan Sharma, Karan Panjwani, Khushi Maheshwari, Manasi Chaurasia, Priyanka Sharma, Rishabh Saini, Ruthvi Deev, Sunny Kalra and Surbhi Sikhr.



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