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Federation of Indian Associations popularly known as FIA representing vast and vibrant Indian American community of the tri state area of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, the largest pioneering non profit umbrella organization, heartily congratulates the New President-elect Joseph Biden and New Vice President elect Kamala Harris in the tightly contested recent General Election of the United States.

This historical victory by Democrats is also a matter of pride for the global Indian community because Senator Kamala Harris, Indian American origin leader will be the first woman and the first Indian American vice president.

Indian Americans have been traditionally strong supporters of Democrats, and this historical win will bring a new era of hope, energy, and appreciation in the immigrant community in particular, as well as Obama Care recipients and climate change believers.

The FIA fraternity is indeed very proud and privileged in welcoming this historical news and wishes lots of luck and best wishes to the new Biden-Harris administration. We wish they will enhance Indo-American relations to the next higher level.

We also thank outgoing President Trump for especially gratifying India and Indian Americans by standing behind them in many arenas.

God Bless Biden-Harris Team and God Bless America.

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Diwali: The King of Indian Festivals



By Chandrakant Trivedi

Diwali, also known as Deepavali is India's most popular festival celebrated by Indians all around the globe. The festival of lights is celebrated religiously, socially, culturally and traditionally by the young and old, and the rich and the poor alike. On this occasion, the lighting of the lamps signifies and symbolizes the victory of good over evil, light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance. Diwali is celebrated to mark the return of Lord Rama after 14 years of exile, and his victory of the demon Ravana.

The festival comprises five consecutive days of celebrations, with each day having its unique tradition and significance. As per the Hindu lunar calendar, Diwali falls on the last three days of the month of Ashwin, and the first two days of the month of Kartik. (Between October and November).

This sequential celebration starts from Dhanteras (Day 1), Kali Chaudas, also known as Narak Chaturdashi (Day 2), Diwali (Day 3), New Year Day (Day 4), and Bhai Duj (Day 5).

Diwali is a public holiday in India as well as in countries such as Nepal, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Malaysia, Fiji, Suriname, Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, where large populations of Hindus have settled for many centuries and generations.

People offer prayers for health, wealth and prosperity to Goddess Lakshmi and other Gods. Traditionally, Diwali can be compared to Christmas in terms of the spirit of the celebration; exchanging gifts, arranging family reunions, visiting holy places, performing pujas, distributing sweets, wearing new clothes, and lighting diyas, fireworks, and creating

an atmosphere of love, respect and cordiality. All marketplaces are filled with shoppers buying all kinds of things including, gold, silver and sweets.

Though the festival of Diwali is widely associated with Goddess Lakshmi, there are regional connections to Lord Rama and Sita, Vishnu, Krishna, Durga, Kali, Dhanvantari, etc.

Diwali is celebrated by a vast majority of Hindus, Jains and Sikhs, throughout India and abroad.

The 5 Days of Diwali

Each of the five days have religious pujas and worship of a particular God or Goddess.

On the first day of Dhanteras, most of the Hindus perform Lakshmi Poojan, wishing for prosperity. Entire family participates in the puja.

On the second day, known as Kali Chaudas or Narak Chaturdashi, a section of the community worships Mahakali to eliminate the bad elements troubling them in their happiness and prosperity. A special puja is performed at night. This is a favorite day of the Tantriks.

The third day of Diwali, which falls on Amavasya (no moon day) in the month of Ashwin, is the zenith of the festival. On this day, people perform pujas, respect elders, visit temples, and family gatherings. Those with business perform Chopda Pujan, by keeping accounting books for the new year. In the evening, people burst fireworks and celebrate with fun, food and festivities.

The fourth day of Diwali is the New Year Day of Vikram Samvat, particularly in the Gujarati community worldwide. On this day as well people wear new clothes and visit temples with their

families. A large Annakoot is arranged at most temples. BAPS and other Swaminarayan mandirs, Vaishnav mandirs and all other Sanatan Dharma temples host Annakoot darshan and many serve maha prasad. In the U.S., many BAPS temples have Annakoot of over 1,500 varieties of food items displayed in front of the deities. After darshan the food items in the Annakoot are distributed as prasad.

The fifth day is Bhai Duj, which celebrates the selfless bond of love, sacrifice and well wishes between brothers and sisters. Normally, brothers visit sisters homes, enjoy a meal and give gifts to the sisters.

Diwali in the U.S.

The rapid growth and success of the Indian American community has added a new dimension to the significance of Diwali in this country. The New York chapter of the Associations of Indians in America (AIA), hosts an annual Diwali celebration at the South Street Seaport in New York City. The event was initiated in 1987 under AIA president Rohit Vyas. Since then, the event has evolved into a daylong

cultural, religious and social extravaganza with food, music, dance, vendors and fireworks. Many elected officials as well as prominent members of the Indian American community attend the event.

The U.S. Federal Government as well as local governments have recognized the importance of Diwali. For the past few years, U.S. presidents, whether Democrats or Republicans, have hosted Diwali gatherings at the White House with religious chanting, lamp lighting and festivities. In 2016, the U.S. Postal Service commemorated Diwali with a Forever stamp.

This year, with the limitations due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Indian American organizations are restricted in their celebrations. Many like the FIA are using innovative ways to mark the festival of lights. This year, the FIA, as part of an ambitious community outreach program, successfully distributed meals in soup kitchens to 10,000 people at seven key destinations in the tristate area of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut and in India as well.

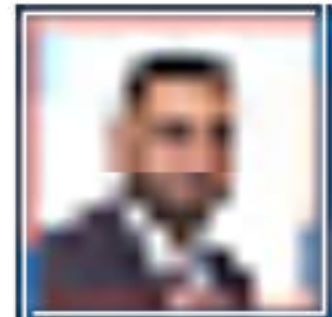


Ankur Vaidya

Chairman, FIA Board of Trustees

Wishing all of our Community and FIA family a safe, healthy, and Joyous Diwali and Nutan Varsh Abhinandan!

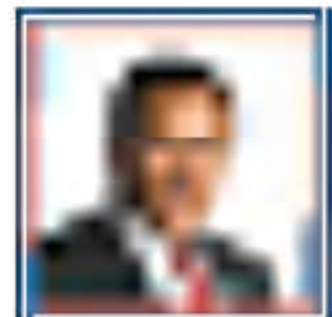
I seek your blessings and guidance to be able to learn more and improve more and may the Almighty enable all of the hardworking FIA fraternity to enhance our communities and give back more while taking our great organization to newer, better heights. I take this opportune and auspicious moment of Diwali to seek blessings from late Ramesh kaka the eternal chairman of FIA who I am sure is looking at all of us on earth and smiling while showering his blessings! Miss you Kaka - Om Namah Shivay!



Anil Bansal

FIA President

Happy Diwali! May the supreme light of Deepavali lighten up your heart and make things better. This year, our FIA family started a new tradition of feeding the needy in the tristate region of NY, NJ & CT and in India. Under the banner of "FIA's Diwali Soup Kitchen," we are serving over 10,000 meals. I am so proud of our FIA executive team, trustees and the volunteers who made this new tradition happen. I wish the world's life becomes joyful and luminous as the lights of diya.





Prabir Roy

Member,
FIA Board of Trustees

Not only Hindus, all sects of Indian people are more or less engaged with Diwali festivities. Meaning of the celebration "good over evil," end of darkness from our mind. Traditionally we Indians in America are following the rituals by inviting or sharing this festival with our friends, families and last few years with political dignitaries like president, head of the states, municipalities etc. This year, the FIA is sharing our joy along with underprivileged persons, which is really remarkable and commendable. We know that 'serving the people is serving the God'. This year I am proud that our FIA is practicing our Sanatan Dharma. I wish that along with the parade and Republic Day observations, we must continue our service like the soup kitchen.

God bless America and India.



Srujal Parikh

Member, FIA Board of Trustees

FIA started spreading happiness by organizing Diwali soup kitchens throughout tri-state and few cities in India. Kudos to Chairman Ankur Vaidya who came up with this idea and President Anil Bansal and team to execute all Diwali soup kitchens successfully. With the gleam of diyas and the echo of the chants, may happiness and contentment fill your life! Wishing you a very happy and prosperous Diwali! A festival full of sweet childhood memories, sky full of fireworks, mouth full of sweets, house full of diyas and heart full of joy.

Wishing you all a very happy Diwali



Jayesh Patel

Secretary, FIA Board of Trustees

May Deepavali brings lots of good luck and success to you! Brighten up your life, your near and dear ones as well and bring love, health, wealth and great happiness to everyone. Praying good fortune, eternal success, and numerous opportunities for us to work together as team FIA. Wish you all a very Happy and jubilant Deepavali, Bright and Religious New Year! Hope all your projects prosper and you get success in all new ventures in life. The whole world is going thru pandemic, During this difficult time, FIA took initiative in providing meal to hungry and needy people thru soup kitchen at several location in tristate area. I must thank to FIA Executive committee, Board of Trustee and all volunteers as well FIAs member organization and supporters in initiating, generate funding and helping in success of this task. On behalf of FIA, my humble request to the community to support in FIA's and over year after year to make this world a better place for all!.





Ram Gadhavi

Member, FIA Board of Trustees



Diwali is known to the western world as Festival of Lights. It is the last day of the Indian calendar.

The origin of the holiday has roots in the Hindu religion, however now it is celebrated by all Indians, not only in India but by the diaspora Indian community worldwide. Some of the celebrations include homes that are cleaned and decorated with lighted lamps. The lamps dispel darkness and illuminate the righteous path to be followed. Colorful Rangoli also adorn the entrance of homes. Children look forward to new clothes and fireworks as parents relax the rules on this auspicious occasion. Families gather together, have feast, exchange gifts and ask for forgiveness if there has been hurt in relationships. Prayers are offered at the temples. The beauty of this celebration is that it crosses all boundaries: economic, cultural and racial. It is one festival to which all Indians look forward. It is especially important to remember those who have not experienced joy and happiness. We must share what we have with others and dispel some of their sufferings. The joy in Diwali is seeing the smiles of others. This is the true spirit of Diwali which makes it great and happy. FIA soup kitchen project is perfect example of sharing the joy. Once Laximiji has been welcomed we are ready to usher in the New Year 2077. So I wish you all a Happy Diwali and a prosperous and healthy New Year. Stay safe.



Dipak Patel

Member, FIA Board of Trustees



Our Good Wishes for DIWALI to enjoy Happiness with Family.



Parveen Bansal

Secretary, FIA



Wishing all the community members, trustees and executive members a very happy, illumines & safe Diwali. Under the current difficult and unique times, we all have been challenged with our day to day's activities at home, at work and to celebrate personal occasions & festivities in a different way than our traditional ways. The festival of Diwali brings us the joy of winning over evil & darkness, and I am sure we can renew our commitment to overcome the current challenge together as a community. This Diwali FIA's leadership team decided to celebrate Diwali by "Spreading Lights of Happiness" by taking the "Diwali Soup Kitchen" initiative. FIA distributed over ten thousand meals to the neediest in the communities across the tri-state area soup kitchens as well as in cities in India. Humbled to be part of the initiative and thanks to everyone who made this happen. Wishing the very best to everyone for Diwali and the time ahead.





Alok Kumar

Immediate Past President, FIA

Diwali is the Festival of Lights, and is celebrated with much fervour all over the world. This year, FIA is striving to reinvigorate the festivity through its outreach and further introduce this flavor of India with the mainstream populace.



Saurin Parikh

FIA Vice President

I am honored to be part of FIA Team who throughout its 50+ years of establishment has supported the Indian community in North America and currently has extended hands to support other communities affected by the current pandemic crisis, by spreading the lights of happiness through its "Diwali Soup Kitchen" Initiative. I am proud to be an integral part of the hundreds of meals distribution in Westbury, New York. Happy Diwali to All! Wishing everyone for the healthy and bright future.



Himanshu Bhatia

FIA Executive Vice President

Wishing you all a gleam of diyas, echo of holy chants, contentment and happiness today, tomorrow and forever. Have a happy and prosperous Diwali from FIA Family to yours.



Haresh Shah

Executive Member (FIA)

I am so proud of our FIA organization for doing the largest India Day Parade outside of India for the last 50 years in New York City. I am proud to be part of FIA for the last 25 years. Under the leadership of our Chairman Ankur Vaidya and President Anil Bansal, this year we celebrated Diwali by feeding many people under the FIA Diwali Soup Kitchen initiative at different locations in the tri-state area along with Ahmedabad and Baroda, India.

We wish everybody a happy Diwali and prosperous New Year. God bless everyone and God bless the USA and India.





Natu Patel

Member (FIA)

Wishing everyone the best this Diwali and New Year. A very happy and healthy new year for all FIA members.



Raj Rana

President, Rana Samaj USA

On behalf of Rana Samaj USA (a group of 450 families), I would like to wish all Asian Americans a Happy Diwali and Prosperous New Year.



Avinash Gupta

MD, FACC

President, BJANA

BJANA wishes all community members a very happy and healthy Diwali. Diwali signifies the victory of light over darkness. We are praying to God the medical fraternity is victorious against the COVID-19 at the earliest. BJANA applauds FIA's "Diwali Soup Kitchen" initiative to spread lights of happiness in the Tri-state area as well as in India.



Smita Miki Patel

Jt Secretary, FIA

Warm wishes to each one of you and your families on the occasion of Diwali from our FIA family. Let's celebrate this festival in the true sense by spreading joy and light up the world of others the way our FIA family did with the soup kitchen. May the auspicious festival of lights, beautifully illuminate every corner of your life as well by adding sparkling moments of love, happiness, success, and joy. Stay healthy and blessed. Happy Deepawali, Saalmubarak.





Joyce Mehta

(South Brunswick Board of Education, Liaison South Brunswick Commission on Women,
SB Municipal Alliance, Lions Zone Chair, NJCEDV Task Force)



As we celebrate the meaning of Diwali this year - victory of light over darkness, good over evil, knowledge over ignorance, by lighting our lamps and performing our pujas so lovingly, please can we pray for families who are in greatest need. "A nation's culture resides in the hearts and in the soul of its people": Mahatma Gandhi.

Wishing you and your families a very Happy Diwali and a peaceful, healthy, joyous New Year!!





 Shubh
Diwali

MAY THIS FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS BRING
HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS IN YOUR LIFE



Mindy Kaling to Star in, Produce Adaptation of Jennifer Weiner's 'Good in Bed' for HBO Max



Mindy Kaling will star and produce "Good in Bed," an adaptation of Jennifer Weiner's novel of the same name for HBO Max. Liz Sarnoff, a writer-producer on HBO's "Barry," will write the script for "Good in Bed," which will be produced by Kaling under her Kaling International banner with Jessica Kumai Scott. Howard Klein of 3Arts, and Jake Weiner and Chris Bender of Good Fear Content will also serve as producers. Entertainment portals like Variety and The Hollywood Reporter say that "Good in Bed," Weiner's New York Times best-selling novel launched Weiner's book-writing career, which has seen over 11 million books in print across 36 countries. The semi-autobiographical story centers on an up-and-coming journalist in Philadelphia who deals with shaky self-esteem, a fresh-out-of-the-closet mom, an absent father and the guy who broke her heart. In the course of one eventful year, with the help of a fairy godmother/movie star best friend, the journalist weathers public humiliation, finds true love and learns to accept herself, and her life, in all of its messy, imperfect glory. Kaling recently announced the second season of "Never Have I Ever" for Netflix, a lively story of a first-generation Indian American teenager named Devi, played by Maitreyi Ramakrishnan. Other projects include "Sex Lives of College Girls" for HBO Max, "Expecting" for Peacock and an untitled wedding comedy with Priyanka Chopra at Universal.

Shraddha Kapoor to Play Lead Role in 'Nagin' Trilogy



Shraddha Kapoor has been roped in to portray the "icchadhari nagin," a folklore character seen in film like Sridevi's "Nagina" (1986) and its sequel "Nigahen: Nagina Part 2." In a tweet announcing the development, Kapoor wrote: "It's an absolute delight for me to play Nagin on screen. I have grown up watching, admiring and idolizing Sridevi ma'am's 'Nagina' and 'Nigahen.' And have always wanted to play a similar role rooted in Indian traditional folklore." Sharing updates about Kapoor's new project,

Trade analyst Taran Adarsh said that 'Nagin' will be made as a trilogy, and will be directed by Vishal Furia and produced by Nikhil Dwivedi. Kapoor is best known for films like "Aashiqui 2," "Ek Villain," "OK Jaanu," "Half Girlfriend," "Haseena Parkar," "Batti Gul Meter Chalu," "Chhichhore" and "Street Dancer 3D," among others. She was last seen in "Baaghi 3," which released earlier this year before the pandemic outbreak.

Rapper Raja Kumari Releases 1st All Hindi Track



Grammy-nominated Indian American rapper and songwriter Raja Kumari has released her first all Hindi track, "Shanti," the Hindi version of her previous English track "Peace." The new Hindi version has been penned by Charan. Originally co-written by Kumari and her long-time collaborator Elvis Brown, "Peace" was shot during the lockdown and shelter-in-place orders were implemented due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Kumari shot the video at her parents' home in Los Angeles, between Antelope Valley and Mt Baldy. "Although I'm used to having a big crew on set to handle everything from location scouting to glam and make-up, all I had in LA was me and Shawn Thomas (long-time director and collaborator) and the help of my manager and assistant," she told Indo-American News Service. "It definitely was a challenge to start from the beginning again, doing all the styling and hair and make-up myself." In April, Kumari released "N.R.I.," which offers a look into her upbringing, highlighting the duality of her exposure to two different cultures and the irony of being made to feel alien in both. Produced by songwriter, Rob Knox, and co-written by Grammy Award winning recording artist, Sirah; "N.R.I." was penned in Los Angeles, with the video shot in India right before the country declared a national lockdown, to fight the ongoing global pandemic. A few weeks after releasing "N.R.I.," Kumari collaborated with American EDM band Krewella and Australian DJ duo NERVO on a female empowerment anthem titled "Goddess." Kumari, whose real name is Svetha Rao, was born in California to Indian parents who emigrated to the U.S. in the 1970s.

Priyanka Chopra to Star in Film Alongside Sam Heughan, Celine Dion

Priyanka Chopra will star in another Hollywood



film alongside Sam Heughan, and singing sensation Celine Dion. Making the announcement on Instagram, Chopra wrote: "So excited to kick start this amazing movie with such incredible people! Jim Strouse, Sam Heughan, Celine Dion.

It's my honor. Let's gooooo!" The film is tentatively titled "Text For You," and will be directed by Jim Strouse, best known for his film "Grace Is Gone." The film is reportedly inspired by the 2016 German film "SMS Fur Dich" - based on Sofie Cramer's popular novel about a woman who deals with the grief of losing her fiancé by sending text messages to his old cell phone. However, the number, has been assigned to another man across town, who faced a similar heartbreak. In the remake, the music and influence of Dion, known for her Oscar winning love ballad "My Heart Will Go On" from "Titanic" and other inspirational songs like "The Power of Love", gives them the courage to take a chance on love again. Chopra, who was last seen in the 2019 film "The Sky is Pink," has acted in three Hollywood films - "Baywatch," "A Kid Like Jake", and "Isn't It Romantic?." She will next be seen in "Matrix 4", "We Can Be Heroes", and "The White Tiger". She recently joined a host of Hollywood stars including Kate Winslet and Keanu Reeves as a narrator of the upcoming series, "A World Of Calm." Chopra made her U.S. debut as a voice actor in Disney's animated "Planes." In 2015, she landed the starring role in the TV series, "Quantico." Now, the actress has signed a two-year multimillion-dollar first-look television deal with Amazon.

Adil Hussain to Star in British-Indian Film 'Footprints On Water'

Actor Adil Hussain is set to star alongside British actor Antonio Aakeel in the upcoming British-Indian film "Footprints On Water," directed by Nathalia Syam. It tells the story of an illegal immigrant father in the UK who desperately searches for his missing daughter, while trying to avoid getting noticed by the police. Hussain plays the father, and Malayalam actress Nimisha Sajayan will play the daughter. Sajayan was the lead in the 2019 Venice Film Festival title "Shadow of Water." Aakeel plays the role of an Afghani refugee. "The dreams, the hope, demolition of the dreams, the realization as to what are the most important aspects in life, are very engagingly interwoven in the narrative," Adil Hussain told Variety. The film is produced by Mohaan Nadaar's London-based outfit The Production Headquarters. "This story is written by two sisters and it feels like it's their first-hand experience that they have painted in words," Hussain told Variety. "I trust that they will be able to transform words into intense and moving visuals. I feel the truthfulness in their endeavor. The dreams, the hope, demolition of the dreams, the realization as to what are the most important aspects in life, are very engagingly interwoven in the narrative," he said. "As immigrants of Indian origin brought up in Britain, we've had a ringside view into the lives of various people, their cultures and ethnicities," Nathalia Syam told Variety. "Neetha's script will be visually approached by elements of realism. Through the plot of an illegal immigrant father's search for his missing daughter, we raise the question of what happens, when the invisibles go missing."



Elections 2020: South Asian American Winner and Losers



ARIZONA

Result	Candidate Name	Candidate Description
TRAILING	Hiral Tipirneni	U.S. Senate from Arizona's 6th Congressional District.
WON	Amish Shah	Arizona House of Representatives, representing District 24.
WON	Dr. Ravi Grivois-Shah	Running for the TUSD Governing Board

CALIFORNIA

Result	Candidate Name	Candidate Description
WON	Ami Bera	A member of the U.S. House, representing California's 7th Congressional District. He assumed office on January 3, 2013.
WON	Ro Khanna	A member of the U.S. House, representing California's 17th Congressional District. He assumed office on January 3, 2017.
WON	Ash Kalra	A member of the California State Assembly, representing District 27, Incumbent.
WON	Sridhar Verose	San Ramon City Council
WON	Farah Khan	An at-large member of the Irvine City Council in California. She assumed office in 2018. Her current term ends in 2022. Khan is running for election for Mayor of Irvine in California.
WON	Raj Salwan	Fremont City Council
WON	Nithya Raman	Running for election to the Los Angeles City Council to represent District 4 in California.
WON	Vedica Puri	Incumbent Vedica Puri was the only candidate to file for San Francisco Superior Court Seat 17 and won the position by default when the election was canceled.
WON	Ashfaq Chowdhury	(also known as Ron) is a judge of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County in California. He won re-election for judge of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County in California outright in the primary election on March 3, 2020, after the primary and general election were canceled. (UNCONTESTED)
WON	Amarjit Kaur	John Swett Unified School District
WON	Gary Singh	Union City Council District 1
WON	Ashfaq Chowdhury	(also known as Ron) is a judge of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County in California. He won re-election for judge of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County in California outright in the primary election on March 3, 2020, after the primary and general election were canceled. (UNCONTESTED)
WON	Amarjit Kaur	John Swett Unified School District
WON	Gary Singh	Union City Council District 1
LEADING	Sanjay Dave (incumbent)	Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District Board of Trustees
TRAILING	Ramesh Sharma	Running for Ohlone College Board of Trustee.
LEADING	Suds Jain	Santa Clara City Council, District 5
TRAILING	Fatima Iqbal-Zubair	Fatima Iqbal-Zubair decided to run for State Assembly in California's 64th district on a platform of education reform, environmental justice, affordable housing, healthcare for all, divestment from police and immigration justice. If elected, Iqbal-Zubair would be the first Sri Lankan, first Muslim and first woman ever to represent the district.
TRAILING	Jai Srinivasan	Berryessa Union School District
TRAILING	Aaruni Thakur	Fullerton City Council, District 4
TRAILING	Rischi Paul Sharma	Laguna Niguel City Council
TRAILING	Paurvi Trivedi	Los Alamitos Unified School Board, Area 2
LOST	Hina Siddiqui	Sunnyvale City Council, District 2
LOST	Sudha Kasamsetty	Running for Cupertino Union School District Seat
LOST	Sunita Verma	Saratoga Union Elementary School District
LOST	Madan Bellam	Evergreen Elementary School District
LOST	Gautam "Gary" Barve	Santa Clara City Council, District 6
LOST	Hina Siddiqui	Sunnyvale City Council, District 2
LOST	Rishi Kumar	Running for election to the U.S. House to represent California's 18th Congressional District.

LOST	(REPUBLICAN) Ritesh Tandon	He is running for U.S. Congress against Ro Khanna from California's 17th Congressional District.
LOST	(REPUBLICAN) Nisha Sharma	Running for U.S. Congress from California's 11th District against Mark DeSaulnier.
LOST	Shomir Banerjee	(Republican Party) ran for election to the California State Assembly to represent District 29.
LOST	Harbir Bhatia	A candidate for Santa Clara City Council.
LOST	San Ramon Mayor	Sanat Sethy, Sabina Zafar Dr. Dinesh Govindarao, Aparna Madireddi and Susmita Nayak.
LOST	Sameera Rajwade	San Ramon City Council
LOST	Varun Kaushal	San Ramon City Council
LOST	Kumar Nallusamy	Running for election to the San Ramon Valley Unified Board of Education to represent Trustee Area 3 in California.
LOST	Habir Bhatia	Candidate for the City of Santa Clara City Council in California
LOST	Yogi Chugh	Running for election to the Fremont City Council to represent District 6 in California.
LOST	Vik Bajwa Singh	Mayor, Fremont
LOST	Nas Mahia Khan	Mayor, Fremont
LOST	Jhansi Kalapala	Running for election to the Fremont Unified Board of Education to represent Area 4 in California.
LOST	Jhansi Kalapala	Fremont City Council to represent District 6 in California.
LOST	Aarti Kaushal	Running in the general election for South Orange County Community College District District 1
LOST	Nas Mahia Khan	Aarti Kaushal
LOST	Kuljeet Kalkat	Los Altos City Council
LOST	Raj Reddy	Los Altos City Council
LOST	Jay Sutaria	Los Altos City Council
LOST	Govind Tatachari	FOOTHILL-DE ANZA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LOST	Vish Chatterji	Beach Cities Health Board of Directors
LOST	Richa Sharma	Lake Forest City Council District 1
LOST	Bhavin Patel	Santiago Geological Hazard Abatement District Director
LOST	Paurvi Trivedi	Los Alamos United School Board Area 2
LOST	Satinder Kaur Kang	Running for election to the Fowler Unified School District Board of Education to represent Trustee Area 4 in California.
LOST	Anshul Garg	Irvine City Council
LOST	Kumar Nallusamy	Area 3 San Ramon Valley Unified School District
LOST	Rischi Paul Sharma	Laguna Niguel Council
LOST	Aaruni Thakur	Fullerton District 4 council seat
LOST	Arun Bhumitra	Rolling Hills City Council
LOST	Anil Muhammad	Torrance Unified School District Board
LOST	Arun Goel	Dublin Mayor
LOST	Sri Muppid	Dublin city council
LOST	Rakesh Kumar Christian	Dublin city council
LOST	Latika Malkani	Orinda city council
LOST	Vinay Pimple	Richmond District 8 Council
LOST	Rupy Krishnan	Acalanes Union High School District
LOST	Sumiti Mehta	Natomas Unified School Board
LOST	Vish Chatterji	Beach Cities Health Board of Directors
LOST	Ajit Varma	Palo Alto City Council
LOST	Sarabjit Kaur Cheema	Union City Mayor
LOST	Druthi Ghanta	Pleasanton Mayor
LOST	Rakesh Sharma	Ohlone Community College District
LOST	Amit Patel	Ohlone Community College District
LOST	Sharan Kaur	New Haven USD Area 3
LOST	Chitra Ramanathan	Washington Township Healthcare District.
LOST	Ramesh Gopalan	Alameda County Water District
LOST	Taranjit Singh Gujral	Newark City Council

CONNECTICUT

Result	Candidate Name	Candidate Description
WON	Harry Arora	(Republican Party) is a member of the Connecticut House of Representatives, representing District 151.
WON	Saud Anwar	Connecticut State Senate, representing District 3.
WON	Raghib Allie-Brennan	Connecticut State Senate
LOST	Sujata Gadkar-Wilcox	Democratic candidate for Trumbull state representative from the 123rd District

FLORIDA

Result	Candidate Name	Candidate Description
LOST	Taymour Khan (Democrat)	Running for election to the Florida House of Representatives to represent District 7.
LOST	Dushyant Gosai	Running for election to the Florida House of Representatives to represent District 34. He is on the ballot in the general election on November 3, 2020. The Democratic primary for this office on Aug. 18 was canceled.

LOST	Imtiaz Ahmad Mohammad	Running for election to the Florida House of Representatives to represent District 119. The Democratic primary for this office on Aug. 18 was canceled.
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ILLINOIS

Result	Candidate Name	Candidate Description
WON	Raja Krishnamoorthi	A member of the U.S. House, representing Illinois' 8th Congressional District. He assumed office on January 3, 2017.
TRAILING	Paras Parekh	Lake County Board

KENTUCKY

Result	Candidate Name	Candidate Description
WON	Nima Kulkarni	She is a member of the Kentucky House of Representatives, representing District 40. Kulkarni is running unopposed after once again defeating fellow Democrat Dennis Horlander in the Democratic primary in Jefferson County's 40th District.

MAINE

Result	Candidate Name	Candidate Description
LOST	Sara Gideon (U.S. Senate)	She challenged embattled Republican Sen. Susan Collins in November in a race that could alter the balance of power in the U.S. Senate if Gideon prevails. Gideon has been maintaining a lead in the opinion polls over the 67-year-old Collins, who is seeking a fifth term in office. Gideon is the daughter of immigrants — her father is from India, while her mother is a second generation Armenian. She is serving her second term as Speaker of the House and fourth term in the Maine House of Representatives.

MARYLAND

Result	Candidate Name	Candidate Description
WON	Raaheela Ahmed	Raaheela Ahmed is a member of the Prince George's County Board of Education, representing District 5 in Maryland.
LOST	Suni Dasgupta	Montgomery County Board of Education member at-large

MICHIGAN

Result	Candidate Name	Candidate Description
WON	Padma Kuppa	Running for re-election to the Michigan House of Representatives to represent District 41.
WON	Ranjeev Puri	(Democratic Party) is running for election to the Michigan House of Representatives to represent District 21.
WON	Sri Thanedar	Michigan House of Representatives to represent District 3.

NEVADA

Result	Candidate Name	Candidate Description
LAST IN RACE	Sayed Zaidi (independent)	Sayed Zaidi (independent) is running for election to the Nevada State Assembly to represent District 42.
TRAILING	Radhika Kunnel	Running for election to the Nevada State Assembly to represent District 2.
TRAILING	Swadeep Nigam	Swadeep Nigam is running for election to the Nevada Board of Regents to represent District 3.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Result	Candidate Name	Candidate Description
WON	Latha Mangipudi	Running for re-election to the New Hampshire House of Representatives to represent Hillsborough 35.
LOST	Madalasa Gurung	(Democratic Party) is running for election to the New Hampshire House of Representatives to represent Merrimack 24.

NEW JERSEY

Result	Candidate Name	Candidate Description
WON	Ravi Sachdev	(REPUBLICAN): Saddle River Council
WON	Lukshmi Puttanniah	Closter Local School Board
WON	Anika Davis	(INCUMBENT): South Hackensack Local School Board
WON	LUKSHMI PUTTANNIAH	Local Board of Education Borough of Closter
WON	POOJA BHATIA-NIGAM	Local Board of Education Borough of Oradell
WON	Sonal Patel	WESTFIELD Board of Education, Ward 1, Districts 1-7
WON	Smitha Raj	South Brunswick Board of Education.
WON	Raja Krishna	South Brunswick Board of Education
WON	Mohin K. Patel	Edison BOE
WON	Parth Desai	Piscataway BOE
WON	Zeeshan Siddiqui	OLD BRIDGE Council, Ward 2
WON	Reema Kanzaria	LINWOOD
WON	Kinjal Patel	NORTHFIELD-MAINLAND

WON	Sheetal Patel	UPPER DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP
WON	Archana (Ann) Grover	South Brunswick Township Council
WON	Mohammed Hussain	Prospect Park School Board
WON	Lukshmi Puttanniah	Closter Local School Board
WON	Ravi Sachdev	(Republican): Saddle River Council
WON	Disha Gurjar	PLAINSBORO Board of Fire Commissioners
WON	Lukshmi Puttanniah	Closter Local School Board
WON	Shahin Khaliq	Paterson 2nd Ward race
WON	Balvir Singh	Burlington County Freeholder (INCUMBENT)
WON	Sanjeev Vinayak	Millburn-Short Hills Township Committee
WON	Smita Nadia Hussain	Bloomington School Board
WON	Mohammad M. Ramadan	Haledon Council
WON	Mohammed Hussain	Prospect Park School Board
WON	Sophia Chadda	BERNARDS Committee
WON	Nishita Desai	FRANKLIN Board of Education
WON	Sonal Patel	Westfield Board of Education,
WON	Feras Awwad	Clifton School Board
WON	Mohammad M. Ramadan	Haledon Council
LEADING	Rupande Mehta	She is running in a special election to the New Jersey State Senate to represent District 25.
LEADING	Smita Nadia Hussain	For Bloomington Board of Education
TRAILING	Jesal Amin	East Brunswick mayor
LOST	Rik Mehta	(REPUBLICAN): U.S. Senate against Cory Booker
LOST	Harace H Ragbir	Council City of Englewood - Ward 1
LOST	Sai Bhargavi Akiri	BERKELEY HEIGHTS Board of Education, Districts 1-10
LOST	Ramya Kasthuri	Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, Board of Education
LOST	Priti Dave	PLAINSBORO Board of Fire Commissioners
LOST	Padmaja Chinta	Edison Board of Education,
LOST	Deven Patel	South Brunswick Board of Education,
LOST	Ashish Verma	EAST BRUNSWICK Board of Education
LOST	Kapil K. Shah	Candidate for Piscataway Township Council Column B
LOST	Syed Muhammed S. Ali	Sayreville BOE
LOST	Yash Pandya	Edison BOE
LOST	Parth Desai	PISCATAWAY Board of Education
LOST	Jagruti Patel	Running for East Windsor Board of Education,
LOST	Mohammed G. Uddin	Atlantic City BoE
LOST	Farouque Talukder	"Children Taxpayers First": Atlantic City BoE
LOST	Krishna Jagannathan	PLAINSBORO Board of Fire Commissioners
LOST	Syed Muhammed S Ali	SAYREVILLE Board of Education
LOST	Gini Varghese	Pascack Valley Regional School Board (Hillsdale)
LOST	Pooja Bhatia-Nigam	Oradell Local School Board
LOST	Mohammed Akhtaruzzaman	Paterson Council Ward 2
LOST	Parul Patel	Franklin Township Board of Education
LOST	Devakumar Villuri	Franklin Township Board of Education,
LOST	Ali Batliwala	MONTGOMERY Board of Education 1
LOST	Ranjana Rao	MONTGOMERY Board of Education 1
LOST	Balaji Yegneswaran	MONTGOMERY Board of Education 1
LOST	Priti Dave	Westfield Board of Education

NEW YORK

Result	Candidate Name	Candidate Description
WON	Jeremy Cooney	(Democratic Party, Working Families Party) is running for election to the New York State Senate to represent District 56.
WON	Jennifer Rajkumar	New York State Assembly. Rajkumar, who won 52 percent of the votes in District 38, defeated incumbent Assembly member Michael Miller.
WON	Kevin Thomas	(Democratic Party, Working Families Party): Running for re-election to the New York State Senate to represent District 6.
WON	Ragini SRIVASTAVA	Member of Assembly 16th District
LEADING	Ragini Srivastava	Republican Party, Conservative Party, Independence Party) is running for election to the New York State Assembly to represent District 16.
LOST	Sarita Bhandarkar	(Democratic Party, Working Families Party) is running for election to the New York State Assembly to represent District 99.
WON	Zohran Kwame Mamdani	(Democratic Party) is running for election to the New York State Assembly to represent District 38. (HE IS MIRA NAIR'S SON)
LOST	Khorshed Chowdhury	(Republican Party) is running for election to the New York State Assembly to represent District 54. Chowdhury also ran in the 2018 election as a Conservative Party candidate. Chowdhury was a 2016 Republican candidate for the same seat.
LOST	Mohammad Rahman	Council 24th district

NORTH CAROLINA

Result	Candidate Name	Candidate Description
WON	Jay Chaudhuri	Running for re-election to the North Carolina State Senate to represent District 15.
WON	Anjali Boyd	Anjali Boyd is running in the general election for Durham Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor.
LOST	Abdul Rashid Siddiqui	(Republican Party) is running for election for Guilford County Register of Deeds in North Carolina.
LOST	Ronnie Chatterji	Running for election for North Carolina Treasurer.

OHIO

Result	Candidate Name	Candidate Description
WON	Aftab Pureval	Hamilton County Clerk of Courts
LOST	Pavan Parikh	Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas
WON	Niraj Antani	State Representative (R-42) in the Ohio House of Representatives
WON	Lakshmi Kode Sammarco	She is running for re-election for Hamilton County Coroner in Ohio

PENNSYLVANIA

Result	Candidate Name	Candidate Description
TRAILING	Nina Ahmad	The Bangladeshi American woman has won the Democratic primary for Pennsylvania auditor general. Ahmad, a former Philadelphia deputy mayor, prevailed over five other contenders in the elections held on June 11. If elected in November, she becomes the first woman of color to serve as a state-wide executive.
WON	Nikil Saval	Running for election to the Pennsylvania State Senate to represent District 1

TENNESSEE

Result	Candidate Name	Candidate Description
WON	Sabi Kumar	(Republican Party) (also known as Doc) is running for re-election to the Tennessee House of Representatives to represent District 86.

TEXAS

Result	Candidate Name	Candidate Description
WON	Dimple Malhotra	Running in the general election for Travis County Court at Law No. 4 (UNCONTESTED)
WON	R.K. Sandill	R.K. Sandill is running for re-election for judge of the Texas 127th District Court.
WON	Vatsa Ramanathan	Running for re-election to the Allen Independent School District school board to represent Place 7 in Texas. Ramanathan assumed office in 2017.
WON	Sabi Kumar	(Republican Party) (also known as Doc) is a member of the Tennessee House of Representatives, representing District 86
LOST	Donna Imam	The Bangladeshi American is seeking to create history by unseating longtime Republican Congressman John Carter in Texas' 31st District. If elected, she will become the first South Asian woman from Texas in the U.S. Congress.
LOST	Pooja Sethi	Pooja Sethi for Austin City Council District 10.
LOST	Sri Preston Kulkarni	Running for election to the U.S. House to represent Texas' 22nd Congressional District
LOST	Seishashishekar	Krishnarajanagar, Council Place 6 in Frisco
LOST	Sathya Sastry	Allen Independent School District.
LOST	Mohammed Akbar	Irving City Council Place 3
LOST	Abdul Khabeer	Irving City Council Place 3

VERMONT

Result	Candidate Name	Candidate Description
WON	Kesha Ram	Is running for election to the Vermont State Senate to represent Chittenden District. Ram was a member of the Vermont House of Representatives, representing Chittenden-6-4 District. She assumed office in 2009. She left office in 2017. She was a candidate for lieutenant governor of Vermont in 2016. She was defeated in the Democratic primary on August 9, 2016.
LOST	Meg Hansen	Vermont State Senate to represent Bennington District.

VIRGINIA

Result	Candidate Name	Candidate Description
LOST	Manga Anantatmula	Running for election to the U.S. House to represent Virginia's 11th Congressional District. Manga was a former federal government contractor in defense acquisitions program management, and in the 2020 November, Congressional elections seek to defeat the six-term incumbent Congressman Gerry Connolly.
LOST	Qasim Rashid	(Democratic Party) is running for election to the U.S. House to represent Virginia's 1st Congressional District.

WASHINGTON

Result	Candidate Name	Candidate Description
WON	Pramila Jayapal	First Indian American woman elected to U.S. Congress in 2016. She is running for re-election to the U.S. House to represent Washington's 7th Congressional District. Jayapal is a former Democratic member of the Washington State Senate, representing District 37 from 2014 to 2016.
WON	Vandana Slatter	Running for re-election to the Washington House of Representatives to represent District 48-Position 1.



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