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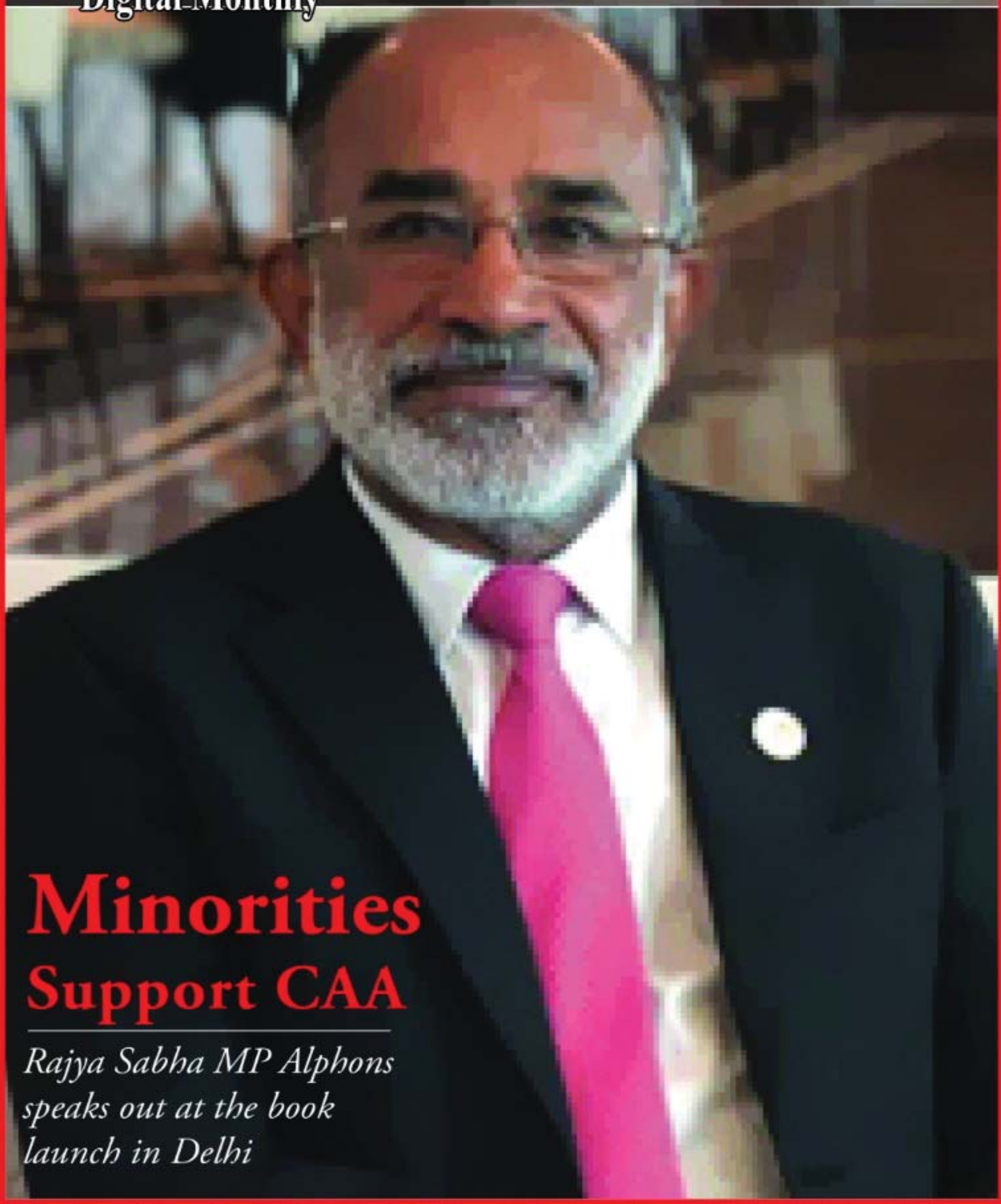

Minorities Support CAA

Rajya Sabha MP Alphons speaks out at the book launch in Delhi

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FROM THE EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Global Eye got off to a flying start for the New Year 2020.

Dr Parvez Hayat, a distinguished IPS Officer 1984 Batch from Jharkhand cadre headed the MAFS Mahatma Gandhi Sesquicentennial Birth Anniversary Celebrations Committee,India. The Global Eye is the media partner for all events organized by this MAFS MGSBA Celebrations Committee in India reaching out to 3.3 crore households throughout India.

This issue's cover story features the Commemorative Book launch ceremony of Ramesh Dixit's Lasting Legacy Of Gandhi highlighting Ma Santosh Kumar's work in Chicago among the Senior community which was held along with the curtain raiser for THE GLOBAL EYE CONCLAVE on P.M. Modi's vision of development for all at the India Habitat Center on January 6,2020. The successful event was spectacular under the Chairmanship of Dr Parvez Hayat.

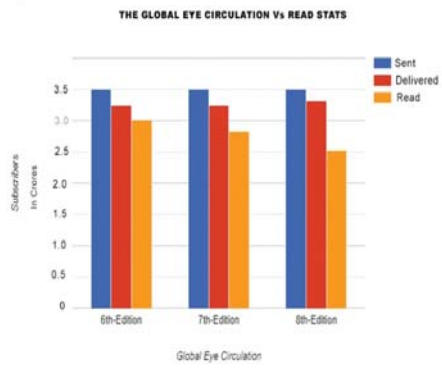
Dr Parvez Hayat holds a law Graduate from Delhi University, a PhD from Central University Delhi on sustainability and Disaster Management , an author, a google scholar and a blogger who held various sensitive assignments both in State governments and at the Center including Asst Director General ,Central Economic Intelligence Bureau's, Ministry of Finance, Chief Vigilance Officer in top Maharatna and Navratna companies and finally ADGP, Bureau of Police Research & Development ,a think tank of Ministry of Home Affairs and Director General of Police, Jharkhand State. Presently, an Independent Director Compliance in State Bank of India , IRTATC and the author of an award winning article on "Smart Cities: A Global Perspectives " published in SAGE which is globally referenced.

In the Spotlight section, the MAFS's 27th Anniversary Gala is featured extensively as it showcases Ma Santosh Kumar's pioneering work in Chicago for the Indian diaspora senior citizens.Our U.S. Correspondent, Dr Clarence Beals outlines the Challenges in Mental Health care in the health section.

In our Face To Face Section, we have featured Rajnish Kumar, Chairman of State Bank Of India (SBI) ,ranked 236th in Fortune 500 list of the world's biggest corporations of 2019. SBI is the largest bank in India with 22,000 branches worldwide. In Nostalgia Update , Clarence Beals brings back to life the world renowned ballet dancer Misty Copeland from California.Chennai's Bureau Chief

Dr Reetha Dinesh writes about how Artificial Intelligence is impacting our lives.

A Letter to the editor received on January 11,2020 from a reader in Bengaluru , reflects how THE GLOBAL EYE is effectively impacting our readers.



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor in chief Vijay Prabhakar,

I am Sateesh karanam from Bengaluru, India. Thank you for inserting my letter to you in 5th Edition of globaleye. Even though I'm not the follower of PM MODI, Your articles and Cover story push me to involve in transforming India's movement by BJPLead Govt and PM Modiji. As I'm reading your magazine from 2nd edition, I want to give you a title #ModiBakth Vijay Prabhakar as #chowkidar. I will create this hashtag and tag in twitter and instagram. "With heartful regards,

Sateesh Karanam,
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Hi Editor of The Global Eye, we as a group attended the Howdy Modi! in Houston, Texas. And the event was awesomely conducted and the diaspora of Indians shown the love towards our Dynamic Prime Minister Modi ji.

Jai Bharath.... Raghuram, Houston

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Editor in chief:

The Global Eye digital mag is very informative. Please give some more useful information with Nostalgia update with India Legends from India and the tech gadgets also would be the latest. Thanks

Shanthi Nair, Bangalore

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Dear Globaleye team,

The Global Eye gives us news, articles that are not found in any other media. Excellent Reading. I look forward to each issue and am always surprised by the amazing content and different writing styles. Welcome The Global Eye, today's Leader in Digital media

Babu Verma, Skokie, Illinois, USA

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India's outgoing Ambassador to USA Harsh Vardhan Shringla called on President Donald Trump earlier this month in The White House, Washington DC. Ambassador Shringla is appointed as India's Foreign Secretary in Delhi. Congratulations Ambassador Shringla.

India's Vice President Venkiah Naidu presents the First National Venkiah Naidu Award of Excellence to Dr M. S. Swaminathan , Chennai at Tamilnadu Raj Bhavan. Tamilnadu Governor Purohit, Telegana Governor Dr Tamilisai & Tamilnadu Ministers look on.

Tamilnadu Deputy Chief Minister O. Pannerselvam donated $10,000 from his personal funds towards the University of Houston Tamil Studies Chair to Sam Kannappan , Chair HTSC & Dr Vijay Prabhakar, Global Ambassador, HTSC in Chennai recently.

Illinois State Governor J. B. Pritzker Congratulates The Global Eye Editor in Chief Dr Vijay Prabhakar at the Annual Cook County Democratic Party Gala held at Hilton Hotel, Chicago.

India's Vice President Venkiah Naidu visiting International Tamil Institute in Chennai. Dr Arul Natarajan , Director of Translations, Tamilnadu is seen explaining the various exhibits at the Institute.

Dr Bharat Barai , the Dynamic Indo American Community Leader held a Community Rally in solidarity to recently enacted CAA in India. The Chicago rally attracted several hundreds of Indian diaspora braving freezing temperatures and high speed winds in downtown Chicago.

Telangana Governor Dr S Tamilisai celebrates Pongal in the traditional manner at Raj Bhavan , Hyderabad

Mr Subba Rao , IAS (Retd), The Secretary to Vice President of India recieving a copy of The Global Eye from Dr Vijay Prabhakar , Editor in Chief while Capt Dr Arun Chakrabortty looks on.

The Political Secretary to Karnataka Chief Minister , Shri Shankar Gowda Patil presenting Shri Shridi Baba 's special Prasadam blessings & Calendar to The Global Eye Editor in Chief in Delhi recently.

Government of Tamilnadu donates One Crore Rupees ($150,000) to The Houston Tamil Studies Chair for the establishment at the University of Houston. This was made possible by the visit of Tamilnadu Deputy Chief Minister and Tamilnadu's Finance Secretary to the University of Houston at Texas recently.

Ms Arushi Nishant, Entrepreneur, Professional Dancer, Social Activist & Poetess recievesTheGlobal Eye .Photo shows left to right Ajeet Singh, Ma Santosh Kumar, Dr VGP, Sam Kannappan , Nisha Samuel & Ankur Sharma in Delhi recently.

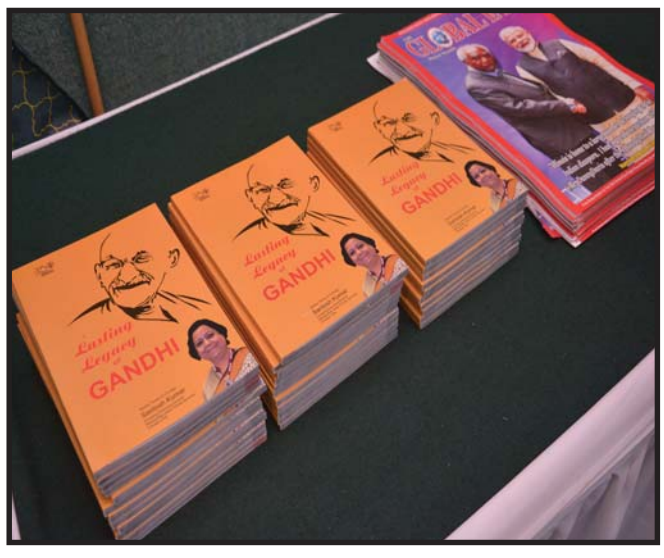
Government of Tamilnadu presented the prestigious Tamil Thai Award to Chicago Tamil Sangam which was recieved at a grand function by its President Mani & Vice President Nambi. Chicago Tamil Sangam is the first overseas Tamil organization to be honored . Congratulations Chicago Tamil Sangam for making history.

Commemorative Book Launch Ceremony

Lasting Legacy Of Gandhi: Ma Santosh Kumar showcased in Delhi

by Mahatma Gandhi 150th Birth Anniversary Celebration Committee 2019-2020

Curtain Raiser for The Global Eye Conclave to be held in New Delhi on February 2, 2020



The commemorative Book Launch Ceremony being held on January 6, 2020 at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

Ma Santosh Kumar Receiving the Chief Guest Shri K. J. Alphons, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha

Ma Santosh Kumar, Shri K. J. Alphons, M. P. and The Global Eye Editor-in-Chief Dr. Vijay Prabhakar

Naresh Boora, The Global Eye, Hyderabad introduces the commemorative Book Launch Ceremony

Dr. Vijay Prabhakar, Chairman, The Global Eye, introducing the VIPs at the Launch

Dr. Parvez Hayat, IPS (Former DGP), Ms. Lalitha Kumaramangalam, Ma Santosh Kumar, K. J. Alphons, M. P., Adarsh Shastri, Dwarka MLA & Lt. Gen. V. K. Chaturvedi on the dais

CEO Ad Infinity, Chennai M. S. Arulvel Garlanding the Chief Guest Shri K. J. Alphons M. P.

COO The Global Eye, Hyderabad Anil Pulla, presenting the Golden Shawl to Chief Guest Shri K. J. Alphons, M. P.

Gaurav Kulashethra of Noida welcoming Shri Adarsh Shashtri, Dwarka- MLA at the event

Senorita Isaac, The Global Eye, Mumbai presenting a floral Bouquet to Lt. Gen. V. K. Chaturvedi, AVSM, PVSM, Former DG-Army-HRD, Ministry of Defense

Naresh Boora, The Global Eye, Hyderabad presenting a floral bouquet to Ms. Lalitha Kumaramanglam, Director, India Foundation, New Delhi

Minorities Support CAA : Alphons, Rajya Sabha Member Of Parliament

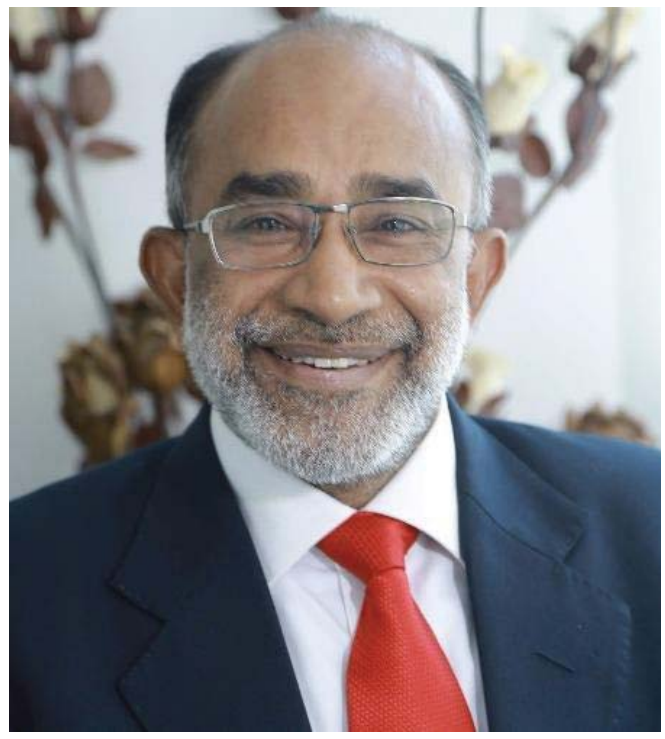
New Delhi : K.J.Alphons, M.P. speaking at the Commemorative Book Launch Ceremony of Ramesh Dixit's Lasting Legacy of Gandhi: Ma Santosh Kumar and The Curtain Raiser of The Global Eye Conclave on India's prime Minister Modi's Vision Of Development For All at India Habitat Center called upon all to stand with the Government of India in supporting the CAA. Alphons thundered that minorities in India support CAA and also fully understand that no current citizen of India will be affected by this new act. Former IAS officer and Union Minister for Tourism Alphons recalled his days at Delhi Development Authority where he strictly upheld the laws of the land and ensured that not an inch of DDA lands were enroached on and the efforts he took to get back all DDA lands. This had upset the vested interests, who then did the dastardly act of attacking him and his family physically . However even after being assaulted along with his wife and son , he did not relent and went ahead with execution of his agenda. Alphons drew a parallel to the current protests by certain vested interests whose prime aim is to disrupt the peace and law and order of Delhi. Alphons remarked that there will be always disruptive elements who strive to mislead the common man and create chaos, so that they can thrive. Alphons stated that " Things have Changed now. Prime Minister Modi has taken up the mission of solving problems that have persisted for many decades. Removal of Articles 370 and 35A (Special Status For Jammu & Kashmir), abolition of triple talaq, making GST a reality, 10% reservation for the upper caste poor, increased maternity leave up to 26 weeks, setting up of OBC Commission, listing the issues that his government has tackled within a short span of time.

Alphons furthered quoted Prime Minister Modi, "I have always believed that there two essential reasons that our great civilization has prospered-India's celebration of harmony , diversity and brotherhood, and the will and zeal of India's people." " Whenever the people of India have decided to do something , no force has been able to stop them. My last five years in government have validated this belief. We have made remarkable progress because the change has been powered by 130 crore Indians, " he added.

The people of India no longer wanted to be active spectators , but active stakeholders in taking the nation forward,he said. Congratulating the organizers for the timely release of the book on lasting legacy of Gandhi highlighting Ma Santosh Kumar's work in Chicago. Alphons said that during his visit to Chicago as Union Minister , he personally saw Ma Santosh Kumar's work and how She was fondly referred to as Mother Teresa of Chicago.

Looking at the section of students and youth at the event, Alphons said that Prime Minister Modi is laying out an amazing future for our youth and urged the students to be creative in utilizing technology for development of the country. Alphons said that the key to future success lies in the unwavering dedication to free enterprise and faith in the power of our citizen's entrepreneurial spirit.

Alphons also presented the MAFS 150th Birth Anniversary Medallion of Excellence to six individuals from different walks of life who continue the legacy of Gandhiji in this digital age.Alphons saluted these six community heroes representing the landscapes of India as beacons of hope, who inspire, motivate and guide us in this digital age to keep alive the legacy of Mahatma Gandhiji.



Alphons is an Indian Civil servant,advocate and politician. Alphons is a retired IAS officer served in Kerala State and Delhi. Alphons born in Kerala was an MLA from Kottayam from 2006-2011, after his stint with IAS. Later he became Union Minister of State For Culture and Tourism, Government of India 2017 to2019. Currently he is a Rajya Sabha Member of Parliament elected from Rajasthan.

NO PERSON OF INDIAN ORIGIN , IRRESPECTIVE OF CASTE AND FAITH WILL BE AFFECTED BY CAA : DR PARVEZ HAYAT, FORMER DGP

New Delhi : Former Director General of Police ,Dr Parvez Hayat, IPS (Retd) in his opening remarks at the book launch ceremony made an emotional appeal to his fellow muslim community members not to be misled by misinformation being spread about CAA by mischievous elements. Dr Hayat noted that certain sections of the community have sadly misunderstood CAA, and reiterated Prime Minister Modi's assurance loud and clear that no person of Indian origin, irrespective of caste and faith shall be affected. We all must stand united with our Prime Minister Narendra Modi to usher in a new era of peace, progress and prosperity that India has ever witnessed added Dr Hayat.

Dr Hayat assured that Prime Minister Modi's new initiatives will bear fruitful results in time.Dr Hayat congratulated Dr Vijay Prabhakar, Chairman The Global Eye-Digital News Monthly to host a Conclave On Prime Minister Modi's vision of development for all. Dr Hayat , Organizing Chair of the The Global Eye Conclave said that this is a time strategic to showcase Modi's vision for all. Dr Parvez Hayat speaking at the Curtain Raiser for The Global Eye Conclave on P.M. Modi's vision said that the aim of the Conclave is to propagate and disseminate the Prime Minister's Vision to various Community Gatekeepers and ensure appropriate follow up through post conclave road shows in

USA and Europe along with social and digital media. Dr Hayat said that the conclave will feature some of the finest experts who will speak on Modi's vision to make India a superpower by 2030.

CALL TO INDIA'S DIASPORA TO STAND WITH PRIME MINISTER MODI: Santosh Kumar

Speaking at the elegant Gandhi 150th Birth Anniversary celebrations in Delhi where a commemorative book on Gandhi's legacy was launched along with a curtain raiser for The Global Eye Conclave on P.M. Modi's Vision For All, Ma Santosh Kumar called on all to stand with Prime Minister Modi to realize his vision.

Ma Santosh Kumar, Founder-Executive Director, Metropolitan Asian Family Services, Chicago stressed the need to ensure that Prime Minister Modi's vision for all is disseminated throughout India especially to those who have not had access to it yet and also to the Indian diaspora especially in North America and Europe. Santosh Kumar said that we are witnessing history in the making under Prime Minister Modi and appealed to all Indian citizens and the diaspora to be active stakeholders in realizing Modi's trailblazing vision.

Ma Santosh Kumar said that the minority communities play a vital role in development of the nation and was happy to note that Christian and Muslim leaders are in full support of the NEW INDIA envisaged by Modi.

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Supreme Court Advocate Prem Parashar of Delhi presenting a floral bouquet to Dr Parvez Hayat, Chairman , Organizing Committee of the Book launch.

Suchi Kurushethra of Delhi presenting a floral bouquet to the Chief Guest K.J. Alphons at the Commemorative Book Launch ceremony.

Nisha Samuel, Delhi Bureau Chief ,The Global Eye presenting a floral bouquet to Ma Santosh Kumar, Founder, Metropolitan Asian Family Services, Chicago on the occasion.

A section of the attentive audience at the Curtain Raiser for The Global Eye Conclave & Commemorative Book Launch at India Habitat Centre, Delhi.

Dr Parvez Hayat, Google Scholar, Author, Former DGP & Chairman , Organizing Committee speaking on support of the CAA bill that recently passed by the Parliament of India.

B.N. Nigam , Chairman, Modern International School, Dwarka speaking on the occasion congratulated The Global Eye for involving the younger generations in all its activities to promote the sustainable development goals.

Dr Prerna Kohli, Eminent Clinical Psychologist, Life Coach, Public Speaker , Intensive Research Scholar and Social worker spoke on the relevance of Mahatma Gandhi's legacy in this digital age .

Listening on former Union Minister K.J. Aphons,Rajya Sabha M.P., The Global Eye editor in Chief Dr Vijay Prabhakar and Lt. Gen.V.K. Chatruvedi, AVSM, PVSM, Former Director General of HRD, Army Ministry of Defence at the book launch ceremony.\

India Foundation's Director Lalitha Kumaramangalam, Ma Santosh Kumar, The Honoree and Chief Guest K.J. Alphons Member of Parliament listening to the speakers at the book launch ceremony.

Neh Srivastava, President, Central Secretariat Service Officers Society, Delhi & Under Secretary to Government, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India speaking at the book launch.

Vasavi Chakka, Lincoln Scholar & Director, American Multi Ethnic Coalition Inc, Chicago spoke about the work of Ma Santosh Kumar in Chicago and how Ma Kumar is carrying forward the legacy of Gandhiji by serving the elderly populations of the Indian diaspora in North America.

Dr Raj Siddiqui, President NRI Society International, Nagpur, Founder Chairman SAARC Society and Member, National Minorities Commission for Minorities Education spoke on his efforts to eradicate Thalassemia in India at the book launch .

Lt Gen V.K. Chatruvedi ,AVSM, PVSM, Former Director General of Human Manpower Planning, Indian Army, Ministry of Defence spoke about how the Indian Army won the 1971 Indo -Pak War and his work for the welfare of the Ex Service-men of India.

K.J. Alphons , IAS (Retd) , Rajya Sabha M.P.releasing the Commemorative Book :"Last-ing Legacy of Gandhi : Work Of Ma Santosh Kumar". Lalitha Kumaramangalam, Director, India Foundation receives the first copy of the book.

Chief Guest K. J. Alphons , M. P. urged all to stand united and support the CAA bill which does not discriminate against any religion or commu-nity nor does it intend to take away the Citizen-ship of any Indian .

Section of the audience listening to Chief Guest's robust address with rapt attention as Alphons M.P. highlighted the various historic achieve-ments and milestones of P.M.Modi's government during the last five years.

Lalitha Kumaramangalam, Director, India Foundation receiving the first copy of the book declared that Prime Minister Modi is the first Prime Minister to implement so many women centric schemes and applauded the P. M's Beti Bachao Beti Padhao program that reached all 640 districts in India.

K.J. Alphons M.P. honoring 93year old Kamala Das, former Nurse in Delhi with the MAFS Gandhi 150 Medallion of Excellence for continu-ing the legacy of Gandhi in this digital age. Ma Santosh Kumar Founder , MAFS presented Kamala Das with MAFS Colors on the occasion.

K.J. Alphons M.P. honoring Sam Kannappan, Chairman, Houston Tamil Studies program at University of Houston, Texas with MAFS Gandhi 150 Medallion of Excellence .Ma Santosh Kumar, Founder MAFS presented the MAFS Colors to Sam Kannappan on the occasion.

K.J. Alphons M.P. honoring Padma Shri Dr Riyaz Punjabi , Former Vice Chancellor University of Kash-mir, Srinagar with MAFS Gandhi 150 Medallion of Excellence. Ma Santosh Kumar , Founder MAFS presented the MAFS Colors to Dr Riyaz Punjabi on the occasion.

K.J. Alphons M.P Honoring Vimal Vyas, Journalist, Ujjain , Madhya Pradesh with MAFS Gandhi150 Medallion of Excellence . Ma Santosh Kumar, Founder MAFS presented the MAFS Colors to Vimal Vyas on the occasion.

K.J.Alphons M.P. honoring Captain Dr Arun Chakrabortty , Kargill War Veteran, Kolkatta with MAFS Gandhi 150 Medallion of Excellence . Ma Santosh Kumar, Founder MAFS presented the MAFS Colors to Captain Dr Arun Chakrabortty on the occasion.

K.J. Alphons, M.P. honoring Dr V. Harikumar , Plastic Surgeon & Meditation Expert , Hyderabad with MAFS Gandhi 150 Medallion of Excellence . Ma Santosh Kumar, Founder MAFS presented the MAFS Colors to Dr V. Harikumar on the occasion.

K.J. Alphons, M.P. Congratulated the media partner THE GLOBAL EYE and its bureau Chiefs on the occasion including Nisha Samuel, Delhi, Senorita Isaacs, Mumbai and Ajeet Singh,Chicago for the excellent worldwide digital news monthly being published from Hyderabad and Chicago, USA.

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As 2019 grows to a close, the real life stories of seniors finding it difficult to cope with the unprecedented severe winter cold are flooding news and information networks. Along with many other well meaning friends and colleagues, many of us try to mitigate the loneliness, depression and physical problems the aging and aged experience during these months.

India, however is still a relatively young country. However, with the advances in medical and life sciences, birth rated have fallen in most advanced countries well below replacement rates. Hence, populations are growing older. For those who have spent a lifetime working to take care of family and careers, this can be a very difficult time indeed. Governments are recognising that even elders who live with their families/relatives need to be engaged with in order to promote their well-being.

It is in this context that MA Santosh Kumar, as she is fondly called , is a beacon of care and compassion. I have personally witnessed the yeoman work Santosh Ji has carried out for over two decades in Chicago. Santosh Kumar and her team of dedicated and trained staff do a remarkable job in caring for seniors from less advantaged backgrounds, who otherwise live lonely and often depressed lives. The lucky seniors from different backgrounds who find it difficult to navigate the technical and administrative pathways to a better life in the US find a safe place at her centres'. Friends, kind, experienced and helpful staff, nutritious warm meals and a home away from home has eased the lives of hundreds of older people. MA Santosh Ji's training and work as a lawyer and her administrative acumen has helped in reaching out to a hitherto neglected community.

This is why it is both my pleasure and honour to introduce this remarkable lady, to you readers, as a beacon of hope and sacrifice. Her life stands as an example to emulate. She is to be admired and thanked for her large-heartedness and unselfish dedication to the welfare of others, without asking for anything in return.

Ms Lalitha Kumaramangalam,
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December 29, 2019

Tribute from Kargill War Veteran

A Personal tribute to a living legend of our time known as Mother Teresa of Chicago
Mrs. Santosh Kumar Illinois. U.S.A

With the passage of time we come across few rare and amazing personalities, For one such, I express my personal pride & my heartfelt admiration with reverence in remembering the statue of Universal Humanity and Compassion with unbiased and selfless Service in its very active nature with sympathy for the global destitute masses of unattended,uncalled for & unheard downtrodden population. We, who have seen her at the service of the poor and oppressed women and men around the world only could realize that there is a soul in flash and blood really exists in physical entity!

The new milestones have been erected by this Great Saintly lady of multitasking capacity with a enormous purity and divinity in the proximity of pragmatism having gleaming aura of successes, achievements and awards. **She is the new ambassador of India as we think with the beliefs of age old traditional Indian conviction "One world One Family" with a new tonal touch.**

Her life indeed, an illustratious and colourful saga without any lacuna, Whatsoever, which is humanly impossible. But her imperatives and her propounding principles, naturally, are the classical examples of a life time excellence. I, myself, have seen a divine glow in her with flavours of Masonic and monolithic structures with spell bounding innocence and simplicity like the Confluence of Vedanta and protestation on atrocities and gender discrimination in her struggles of life, day in and day out.

She a strong believer in heavenly father and reflection of lord of lords directives happen to rule over every planning and effort with masterstroke and it's filigree with fineness. She is none the less alone adventurer in her own world of service and soul searching journey, again seem as a Saintly presence with upright and steadfast manoeuvres through her rare blend of personality.

She only trusts in God with selfless duties to the uncared people irrespective of cast, creed, colour and cases of religions. She a master a Master Craftswoman of command and control in the process of her commitments, attachments and ambitions altogether in the pursuit of ultimate truth and poignancy.

At this age, her renounce as **"Mother Teresa II"** expanded across the continents with amazing range of height as the cradle of love and refuge linking an enormous dimension towards the benefit of needy and bereaved & under privileged sections of global societies. She is a diabolic existence with heart open calll for the awakening of poor helpless communities and consolidation of have-nots. A? Really, a mesmerizing personality! A class of her own, a top of the line expertise in social and socio-economic upliftment with much required Cultural awareness of the Global Communities. Her relentless work towards the needy and helpless has drawn huge accolades around the globe, But, it is not a extravaganza but a vision beyond the barriers, making her distinguished and stepping out of the lot Figure. A **synonym of compassion and endearing essence**.

I request my God to give this Saintly lady all her happiness, health and wealth to the greatest extent.

Capt. Dr. Arun Chakraborty,
President, National Human Rights Council Of India

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Message

It was a great experience when myself visited MAFS Society in Chicago USA, a non-profit earning humanitarian society, partially supported by local government and also by philanthropist donors , Ms Santosh Kumar ,a philanthropist, altruist and compassionate and conscionable woman devoted and completely surrendered to the cause of humanitarian works to bring cheers in the lives of elderly citizens who are largely Indians living in Chicago .She is generally addressed as Satoshi Maan by staff and others, MAFS running dozens of day care homes in Chicago where elderly citizens are brought in from their homes who stay for 5 days from Morning to Evening and are dropped back home by staff.

They find themselves in an environment where they rediscover a new life ,they play instruments they are versed with , sing songs of their age , even dance , a few take to cooking, even dancing , Society look after their breakfast, lunches , tea . coffee or anything they wish to eat, and provide medicines. In fact, take care complete health check-up , if anyone suffering from deprivation/or depressions due to staying away from children their children. It looks after all emotive , physical and mental health are taken care of by psychologists and other professional. Each Day Care becomes a single family.

Besides this society also maintain data of elderly Indians in 70s-80s and more, send trained staff to look after their all kinds of needs in their homes ,I guess thousands homes they cover as and when basis.

MAFS. Day Care organises activities based on psychologically proven methodology to kill / treat depression of emotion trauma of separation / or neglected by children without medical intervention , natural cure by creating an environment conducive to their social and emotional security , organising games / karaoke etc., discovering their talents , skill to make them feel they found a new energy and youthfulness, a kid in them , it does welfare works as if they are her own family irrespective of socio economic backgrounds, caste n creed , ethnicity ..

Her book is all about her humanitarian and welfare works and reflect her devotion , grandeur and sublimity of Ms Santosh Kumar. it is a monumental achievement that gives real contentment in life.

MAFS is a semblance of unfailing virtues , piety and compassion.

I wish her and her society to be the role model of humanitarian work to be replicated by rest of the world.

Dr. Parvez Hayat

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इंडिया हैबिटेट सेंटर में ''माँ संतोष कुमार जी'' के जीवन पर आधारित पुस्तक ''लास्टिंग लेगेन्सी ऑफ गाँधी'' का विमोचन हुआ

विधायक आदर्श शास्त्री एवं वरिष्ठ शिक्षाविद् भोलानाथ निगम ने 'माँ संतोष कुमार जी' की भूरि-भूरि प्रशंसा की

–हर्ष कुमार–

नई दिल्ली। महात्मा गाँधी जी की 150वीं जयंती के उपलक्ष्य में वरिष्ठ समाजसेविका एवं मदर टेरेसा ऑफ शिकागो की उपाधि से सम्मानित ''माँ संतोष कुमार जी'' के जीवन पर आधारित पुस्तक ''लास्टिंग लेगेन्सी ऑफ गाँधी'' का गत दिनों इंडिया हैबिटेट सेंटर में विमोचन किया गया।

उल्लेखनीय है कि ''माँ संतोष कुमार जी'' महानगरीय एशियाई परिवार सेवाएँ चिकागो, यूएसए की संस्थापक निदेशक भी हैं। इस पुस्तक के संपादक हैं वरिष्ठ लेखक श्री रमेश दीक्षित जी।

पुस्तक रिलीज कार्यक्रम में मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में राज्यसभा सांसद के.जे. एल्फोन्स (आईएएस) सहित डॉ. परवेज हयात (आईपीएस), कमला दास, श्रीमती ललिता कुमारमंगलम, डॉ. विजय जी. प्रभाकर, लेफ्टिनेंट जनरल वी. के. चर्तुवेदी, द्वारका विधानसभा क्षेत्र के विधायक आदर्श शास्त्री, वरिष्ठ शिक्षाविद् एवं माडर्न इंटरनेशनल स्कूल, द्वारका के चेयरमैन श्री भोलानाथ निगम, भजन सम्राट नीरज शर्मा सहित अनेक गणमान्यजन उपस्थित रहे।

सभी अतिथिजनों ने ''माँ संतोष कुमार जी'' की भूरि-भूरि प्रशंसा करते हुए उनके उज्जवल व मंगलमयी जीवन की कामना की।

Dr. Vijay G. Prabhakar

- Chairman, Global Strategic Alliance, Inc, USA
- Founder Chair, 7th Congressional District Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force, Chicago, IL
- Executive Director, American Association of Multi Ethnic Physicians
- Editor-in-Chief, The Global Eye Worldwide Digital Monthly & TV
- Vice Chancellor, Rhema University, Florida, USA
- President, Indian American Business Coalition, USA

Ma Santosh Kumar Receives U.S. Congressional Mahatma Gandhi Sesquicentennial Peace Prize 2019

Ms Santosh Kumar under and or at the poverty organization of International Excellence, Metropolitan Asian Family Services and Universal Metro Asian Services as a torch bearer of path breaking services to the community particularly seniors and youth. Her dedication over forty years made her the first Global Ambassador for Reclaim Happiness International, the only worldwide organization for senior citizens. Her pioneering efforts has transformed the landscape of elderly services and provided employment to over 5000 persons annually. Her trailblazing work has sparked real change in accelerating gender parity and provided a unified and galvanized collective action with sustained community activity reinforced and amplified over the years.

SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS:

In recognition of her pioneering leadership in providing 25,000 seniors annually, comprehensive services through 14 service centers for the past 27 years. We applaud her service, courage and fortitude for nurturing Metropolitan Asian Family Services, a not for Profit Senior Center as the largest and oldest ethnic Senior organization in the entire USA. Her contribution has been a glowing example for all to see and admire, as Ms. Santosh Kumar has set a new standard of Excellence. Ms. Kumar, through the programs have helped very many low-Income people to restore electricity and heat in their homes during the worst weather conditions. By helping the people who are program is that she has created a service line get food stamps through the SNAP program, Ms. Kumar has prevented numerous people from starvation and food insecurities in the United States. Ms. Kumar has aided several elders who were without insurance to receive insurance through the Medicare and Medicaid Program. Ms. Kumar through her trained staff has helped people fill out the needed forms line Form N400 which is used to apply for US citizenship, OCI form, I130, etc. Ms. Kumar has played a major role in obtaining Social Security checks and or Supplemental Security income for numerous low-Income people. On the other hand, Ms. Kumar is successfully ensuring that every senior enrolled in her Adult Day Centers and InHome Care Services are aging gracefully with dignity and respect they so truly deserve. Her Adult Day Care Centers, serve many seniors that are tailored individually to our participants needs regarding culture, language and food habits. Her participants are very gratified with the InHome Care Services, Ms. Kumar provides to the elderly community. Ms. Kumar's literacy program has enabled many seniors and immigrants to participate and take advantage of the program. This program has enabled the seniors to communicate fluently in English with the American born grandchildren, go to groceries and doctors office by themselves. Another feather on her cap is her Memory Cafe, Many patients with Dementia have joined this program. The speciality of this participate along with the family member who has the dementia. After receiving therapeutic exercises their condition has improved considerably. Ms. Kumar through her programs have added life to the years and created a whole new world of opportunities for the Elderly to be empowered.

IMPACT OF THE WORK DONE:

Established a proven successful multidisciplinary pathway to the empowerment of Senior Citizens over the past 28 years. Ms. Kumar has provided a broad framework for collective action for senior citizens to nurture their innate talents, enrich their ground-breaking ideas and engage in innovative experiences which has become a global model. Ms. Kumar has achieved this by providing critically needed services to multi-ethnic senior citizen population especially the Indian diaspora with employment opportunities, 5,000 jobs per year and brought homecare services to over 5,000 homebound seniors mostly Indian diaspora every year by integrating state of art technology with a human touch in this digital age. Her model of service is being replicated in several parts of the world including India.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOCIETY:

Ms. Kumar has proved that we must live by the maxim Education makes a people easy to lead but difficult to drive, easy to govern but impossible to enslave. Ms. Kumar has taught us that, Education is a profound social process for all, from out young children to the integrated the young and the old through her array of services ensuring that providing appropriate attention to seniors can significantly reduce their morbidity and their mortality rate. This has been proved by current Northwestern Feinberg School Of Medicine, Chicago, SAHELI, 2 year study of Senior Citizens at MAFS. MS. KUMAR HAS GIVEN THE WORLD A SUCCESSFUL WORKING MODEL OF SERVICE TO SENIORS, ESTABLISHING A NEW PARADIGM.

TODAY MS. SANTOSH KUMAR IS A REVERED PEDAGOGUE TO ALL

On November 10, 2019 , Ma Santosh Kumar received the U.S. Congressional Mahatma Gandhi Sesquicentennial Peace Prize for continuing the legacy of Gandhiji in this digital age. It may recalled that as early ,on January 26,1972, State Government Madhya Pradesh presented the Public Service Award for her pioneering effort to establish 100 toilets for women in Adivasis & Backward Classes areas of Jahbua & Dhar to the young 22 year old Miss Santosh Kulshrestha . This State Award was presented to Miss Santosh Kulshrestha by then Chief Minister S.C. Shukla. Ma Santosh Kumar has indeed set the need for Swatch Bharat especially for preventing open defecation for women by her most noble efforts in 1971.

More recently on July 9, 2019, The American Multi Ethnic Coalition presented the Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee Award of Excellence on his birth anniversary to Ma Santosh Kumar in recognition of her exemplary leadership which is a glowing example for all to see and admire, as She has set a new standard of excellence. On August 18,2019,the FIA Choice Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Ma Santosh Kumar by U.S. Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi. On September 2,2019,DANA USA presented the Indo American Global Community Service Award to Ma Santosh Kumar. On September 14, 2019 the Hindi Lovers Club of Illinois presented the Hindi Premi Award on Hindi Divas Day in recognition of her consistent efforts to promote Hindi language in USA.

On September 19,2019, Ma Santosh Kumar received the Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri Prize 2019 from Adarsh Shastri, Dwarka MLA, Delhi , India at the GSA Second International Education Connect 2019, Malcolm X College, Chicago. On October 12, Ma Santosh Kumar hosted the First U. S. Congressional Round Table Meet on Shaping The Future Of The Seniors in Elmhurst which was chaired by U.S. Congressman Bill Foster. Ma Santosh Kumar organised a Special Tribute to Mahatma Gandhiji by an Exclusive Hands on CPR training by Chicago Medical Society. On November 2, 2019 Ma Santosh Kumar was celebrated as the Key Note Speaker at The Santiniketan Senior Community in Orlando, USA.

We salute this Global Visionary , Multi Faceted Leader of our times in this digital age.

Ma Santosh Kumar JI .....

U. S. Congressman Danny K Davis presenting the U.S. Congressional Mahatma Gandhi Sesquicentennial Peace Prize to Ma Santosh Kumar, Founder, MAFS & UMAS, Chicago at The Ninth Annual Global Community Oscars held on November 10,2019.

SPECTACULAR 27th ANNUAL MAFS GALA

Metropolitan Asian Family Services, Inc (MAFS) launches yet another star studded Yearly Global Gala Fundraiser to Digitally Shape the Future of our Seniors and to celebrate the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, with illustrious elected officials from around the world, including U S Congressman, IL State Representatives, renowned international professionals, entrepreneurs from the US and around the world!!!

This event commenced at 3:30 pm at the Waterford Banquet in Elmhurst, IL on October 12th, 2019, with its Round Table Conference. It was a symposium for delegates from all over the world to share their view to mold a better life for our seniors to lead a content and independent life in the digital future.

Ms. Santosh Kumar, Executive Director/Founder and the Board Members, greeted all the Dignitaries with warmth as they assembled in the conference room. This meeting was attended by 51 attendees from all over the world including Congressman Bill Foster, Congressional Meeting Chair. Before the meeting, SAVING HUMAN LIVES: A TRIBUTE TO MAHATMA Gandhi, an exclusive Hands-On CPR training was presented by Dr. Vemuri Murthy, Chairman – Chicago Medical Society. After this informative and well-participated session, the meeting commenced as attendees introduced themselves. They spoke about their experience to improve the living of the seniors all over the world. This discussion was very pertinent and captivating. In order to be prepared for the digital future of the seniors, two important conclusions developed out of this discussion... (one) increasing the care giver base to accommodate the growing senior population which is estimated to be more than one Billion by 2030. (Secondly) to include human touch while fulfilling their emotional need. While concluding, Congressman Bill Foster and the other leaders were honored by Ms. Santhosh Kumar with the Colors of MAFS, the Blue and white sash with the logos of MAFS and Universal Metro Asian Services (UMAS). They were also given a special miniature working replica of Gandhiji's pocket watch specially bought for this occasion, from Rashtrapati Bhavan, India.

After the successful congressional round table conference, over one thousand guests gathered to celebrate an unforgettable fun filled evening which lasted up to 11:00pm. The event started off with the auspicious Deep Lighting Ceremony by Ms Kumar, Board members and distinguished guests as a universal symbol of truth, peace and prosperity.

A fabulous invocation Dance, Ganesh Vandana was gracefully performed by Miss Gauri Yadav. Following this was, "MAFS IN ACTION", a video illuminating MAFS's history of service for the last 27 years. Next, Chief Financial Officer Sagar Kumar presented the Annual Report, where he showed the gaps in funding and the importance of fundraising to continue its services.

Entertainment started with the MAFS seniors who performed a rhythmic dance, "Down the Memory Lane". It was the most cheered dance as the energy and enthusiasm was unparalleled.

Later, Ms. Kumar and President of Cook County Board, Toni Preckwinkle took the center stage on a conversation on how MAFS was created, evolved and multiplied to the 14 well-equipped centers. Ms. Kumar shared her experience with an isolated senior couple, who were left home alone by their working children, who had no other choice. The senior couple had no idea of how to operate an oven, in order to merely make a cup of tea! Ms. Kumar helped them at that time but was grief stricken! As she explained, Ms. Kumar chocked with tears and was immediately consoled by President Preckwinkle. This incident triggered her to form the now prominent MAFS to help the isolated senior community. President Preckwinkle was moved by this explanation! This conversation clearly enlightened the audience about the formation of MAFS!

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Sesquicentennial Medallion of Excellence and the Gandhiji's Charka to the top 20 Global Icons. Representative Danny K. Davis, President of Cook County Board of Commissioners - Toni Preckwinkle, Chairman Globetrotters – Niranjan Shah, Manav SEVA Mandir Founder – Dr. Bharat Barai, Ms. Paula Basta - Director Of IDOA, Acting President – Dr. Satish Udpa, Dr. Mildred Harris – Commissioner of Chicago Housing Authority, Lalitha Kumaramangalam, Director India Foundation - Delhi, Parvez Hayat (IPS) Former Director General of Police-India, Dr. Vemuri Murthy – Chairman of Board of Trustees: Chicago Medical Society, Tel K. Ganesan – Founder/Executive Chairman KYYBA Group, Dr. Ranga Reddy – Past President - AAPI, Mr. Martino Tangkar – National President Of the Indonesian Diaspora, Ms. Neelam Dwivedi – President Raj Reality, Mr. Mohan C. Hemmadi – Sparsh Hospice Co-Founder, India, Caldwell Velnambi – President Elect – Fetna:Dallas, S. V. Anchan – CEO Safesea Group, and Dr. Preerna Kohli – Clinical Psychologist, Krish Suthanithran – CEO Team Best Group, Virginia were awarded the Gandhi Sesquicentennial Medallion of Excellence by Honorable Consul General Shri Sudhakar Dalela, and the Gandhiji Charka was presented to the Top 20 Global icons by Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi. This was a truly Historic Moment! Anita Lerche, International singer from Indianapolis stole the heart of the gathered people as she pleasantly sang Bapu's favorite Bhajan 'Vaishnave Jan to Tene Kahiye'. Her pronunciations and rendering of the song was noteworthy and melodious. Then followed the reflections of Mahatma Gandhiji by the adorable, Miss Steffana Angel Paul of the Longwood Elementary School, Naperville!

American and Indian National Anthem was sung by Miss Gauri Yadav and Ms Padma Mehta! Following this remarkable rendering, Bollywood fame Madura Sane's dance honoring Gandhiji's Journey was incomparable. Dinner was served at this time however; the audience could not take their eyes off this Poise dancer, Madura Sane. Her balletic movements were astounding and graceful. Ms. Sane danced fluently and effortlessly well portraying the simple life of Gandhiji.

Next, was Mexican dance rhythmically performed by Ballet Folkloric Quetzalcoatl. Our very own Rosa Barraza did a great job as one of the dancers. The spotlight fell on our young Executive Sagar Kumar, as he went up the stage to join the ballet. The crowd roared with applause and asked for a replay! Following this, MAFS Seniors, board member and staff played a skit named Sarhadey, a tribute to our Veterans who sacrificed their lives for the country! This characteristic and emotional skit was played several times at many occasions, by our staff and seniors at the request of the audience.

A special mention to Mr. Kamran Issac who played excellent background score on the Keyboard.

Dr. Rakesh Asthana, Secretary of MAFS Board, took the center stage and appealed to the audience to support the MAFS mission. We had many generous donors who generously contributed in order to support our Mission! Kudos to our DONORS!

Next, a meaningful skit "Gandhi Ek Yugpurush" played by Mandi Theatre was noteworthy. This was followed by MAFS raffle conducted by the event organizer, Dipti Shah!

Next, Dr. Firdaus Jafri presented the employee awards. Ms Padma Mehta was conferred with the MAFS President Award. A special salute was offered to Honorable Anna Hazare - Social Activist and Bindu Dalmia - New Delhi. Pramod Kumar Philanthropy award was granted to Dr. Ratnam Chitturi-Founder and President of North South Foundation-for his selfless service in helping the children worldwide to excel academically. Community Service Award was given to Representative Michelle Mussman, a fulltime State Representative of the 56th District for her relentless service. Partnership Award was aptly awarded to Dr. Namratha Kandula, Northwestern University. Pillar of MAFS award to Awilda Gonzalez-Project Manager, Coordinator of the Year to Shane Solanki, Employee of the Year to Shrenik Dalal, Volunteer of the Year to Anita Rawal, Outreach Award to Kiran Patel and finally Cook of the Year to Nayanaben Patel. Cheers to the Award Winners!

Lastly but not the least was the Grand Finale, by the Bollywood Fame Sufi Singer, Indira Naik in concert! This nightingale's voice was hypnotic! Vocally she had a fabulous tone and had a good control on the high notes, a great overall performance!

A special thanks to our event chairperson, Dr. Vijay Prabhakar, who spent relentless months planning this event. His handwork was obvious as the show was a huge success! Next year's organizers will have their hands full trying to equal the quality of this year's event. Kudos Dr. Prabhakar!

The event concluded with many group photos to make this fantastic event a memorable One!

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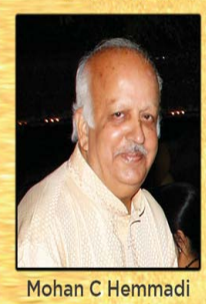

Mohan C Hemmadi
Director,
Rotary Club of Banjara,
Classical Music Aficionado
Hyderabad, India

An avid photographer, classical hindustani musical aficionado and a pioneer in providing care to the terminally ill with dignity and love in Hyderabad, India.
83 years young Mohan Hemmadi is Director of the Rotary Club of Banjara Hills, Hyderabad and a pillar of the Konkani Diaspora community of Hyderabad.
Founder of Sur Mandal Music Circle, Hyderabad and is closely associated with Lata Mangeshkar, Pandit Ravi Shankar,and M. F. Hussain. Today this Legend Mohan Hemmadi is celebrating his 83rd birthday and we are proud to honor him as one of the Top 20 Global Icons of our times.

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Mildred C Harris
Commissioner,
Chicago Housing Authority
Founder,
God First Ministries

Affectionately called as Mother Zion , is a pioneer in her own right.
Serving since 1999, as Commissioner of Chicago Housing Authority, Member of the Goodman Theater Women's Board, Member of the Task Force for Chicago Department of Seniors & Family Services .
Hosts the Annual Chicago Faith Based Prayer Breakfast for the last 30 years which attended by over 2,000 Community gatekeepers including elected officials .

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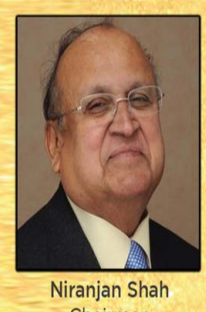

Niranjan Shah
Chairman,
Globetrotters Engineering
Corporation, Chicago

TRAILBLAZING LEADERSHIP IN UNIFYING THE ASIAN INDIAN COMMUNITY IN ILLINOIS & BEYOND.
Engineer , Businessman Community Activist and Pioneer in the political community who strengthened USA-India ties at the Federal , State, County and City levels.
Close associate & Confidant of President Clinton, U.S.Senator Paul Simon and Mayor Richard Daley

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Toni Preckwinkle
President,
Cook County Board Of
Commissioners

Dedicated & Effective Public Servant, Currently the 35th President of Cook County Board of Commissioners, the second largest county in the country.
Transformed Cook County government through increased fiscal responsibility, transparency and improved services.
Lifelong advocate for equity and equality who has improved health care access, brought increased fairness to criminal justice system and expanded employment training opportunities for some of Cook County 's most disadvantaged youth

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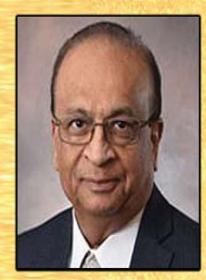

Dr Bharat Barai
Founder Trustee
Manav SEVA Mandir

Today Dr Bharat Barai is the Ambassador at large for the Indian Diaspora in USA, A MAGNETIC LEADER OF SEVERAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS NATIONALLY.
Brilliant brain having stood first academically, is an Oncologist practicing for over 40 years in Merrillville, Indiana.
A close confidant of India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi .
Dr Barai as PRESIDENT OF INDIA AMERICA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION organized the first historic Madison Square Garden reception for PM Modi in New York,2014.

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Lalitha Kumaramangalam
Director,
India Foundation, Delhi
&
Former Chair,
National Women's
Commission, India

Path breaking leadership of the National Commission for Women, Government of India 2014-2017 that led to numerous welfare measures for the women of India under Prime Minister Modi.
Hails from the illustrious family , her brother Rangarajan Kumarmangalam served as Union Minister in Prime Minister Vajpayee Ji's cabinet, her father Mohan Kumaramangalam was also a Union Cabinet Minister and her grandfather was the first Chief Minister of Madras Presidency , then comprising of Tamilnadu, Kerala & Andhra Pradesh.
Lalitha Kumaramangalam now serves as Director of India Foundation, the Think tank of India's ruling party, BJP.

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Tel K Ganesan
Founder
& Executive Chairman
Kyyba Group Of
Companies, Michigan

Flamboyant Entrepreneur, Community Activist and Motivator.
President of The Indus Entrepreneurs , Detroit Chapter, Michigan
Founder /CEO of Kyyba Group of Companies : Kyyba Films &Movie Productions, Kybba Tech, Kybba Innovations and Kybba Kidz Foundation.
Ganesan is a Celebrated Social Entrepreneur leaving his Indo American foot prints in Hollywood
Industry through his contemporary movies.

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Parvez Hayat IPS
Former Director General
Of Police
BPRD,
Ministry Of Home Affairs
Government of India

Director General of Police, India with a PhD. on Disaster Management has more than 30 years of experience in Administration,Law Enforcement, Ethics in Governance . Served as the Director of Bureau of Police Research and Development, which is a Think Tank for the Ministry of Home Affairs , Government of India.
Expert on Vigilance Compliance ,Anti Corruption , Legal Issues and Smart Cities.

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Paula Basta
Director, Dept. of Aging,
Illinois

HER DEDICATION, COMMITMENT AND LEADERSHIP TO SHAPING THE FUTURE OF OUR SENIORS IS COMMENDABLE. DEDICATED HER LIFE TO ALLEVIATE LONELINESS & POVERTY IN THE LIVES OF THE SENIORS & WOMEN.
Embraces a passion for social justice & fights for minority and LGBT rights.
Endeared herself to the Senior Community by her caring leadership and inclusive stewardship of all.

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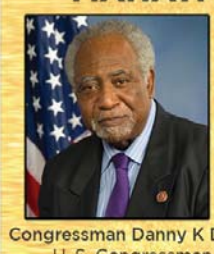

Congressman Danny K Davis
U. S. Congressman
&
Member,
House Ways and
Means Committee

Rep Danny K Davis known as Father of Community Health Care in USA is a pioneer, powerful orator. author of several congressional bills including the landmark Second Chance Bill and also co authored the S 386 Bill in the House which is currently in the Senate.
Danny Davis is a mover and shaker for the underprivileged and minority communities in USA,having served in public office for the last 40 years.
Congressman Danny K Davis was present to personally welcome India's Prime Minister Modi both in New York , 2014 and in Texas ,2019.

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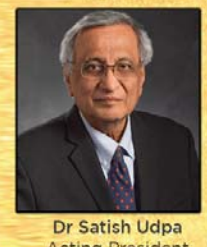

Dr Satish Udpa
Acting President
Michigan State University
Michigan

Served as Executive Vice President of Michigan State University which caters to 65,000 students annually.

Earlier as Dean of Engineering & Chairman , Electrical & Computer Programs at Michigan State significantly raised the research and academic standards to a new level for a state university.

An accomplished educationist, Community leader and a Mentor.

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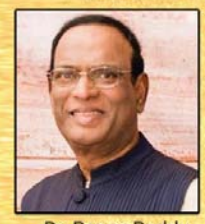

Dr. Ranga Reddy
Past President, AAPI
Springfield, Illinois

Anesthesiologist Specialist in Springfield ,Illinois . Practicing for over 40 years, Served as Past President of American Association Of Physicians from India -AAPI AAPI represents over 100,000 physicians in USA. The largest ethnic organized medicine society in USA.
Philanthropist, Community Activist & A Close Associate,
Confidant of U.S. Senator Dick Durbin for over 35 years.

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Dr Vemuri Murthy
Chairman, Board Of Trustees
Chicago Medical Society

Dr Vemuri Murthy is the Global Champion of Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation and works closely with American Heart Association.Dr Murthy has devoted his life to save Human Lives through his initiative with Chicago Medical Society"SMILES project.
Dr Murthy's unparalleled leadership skills in Organized medicine is extraordinaire, having served as President of Chicago Medical Society, President of Indian American Medical Association-Illinois, being an active member of American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin.

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Martino Tangkar
National President,
Indonesian Diaspora
Network-USA

Devoted to promotion of Human welfare and an anchor for Social reforms.
Martino Tangkar is an exemplary community activist who is actively involved with several organisations in Chicagoland. An avid collector of exotic orchids and a planter of hybrid orchids , nowadays he plants seeds of friendship and benevolence to energize communities to move forward.

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Krish Suthanithran
CEO Team Best Group
Virginia

Krish is a self made successful business tycoon , son of a grocery seller from Dindigul, Tamilnadu rose to become the CEO of Team Best Group of companies with offices in Canada, Italy, Russia &India along with offices in USA including Virginia, Rhode Island, Atlanta, & Kentucky.
Krish founded the Best Cure Foundation to reduce the death & suffering from Cancer,Cardiac ,Diabetes &other diseases by 50% by end of 2030.

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Neelam Dwivedi
President,
Raj Realty and Investments
Bellwood, IL

Neelam Dwivedi hails from Motihari the village in Bihar where Gandhi started his Satyagraha movement in India.
Neelam Dwivedi Singh is a force to reckon with. A silent achiever popularly known as Bihari Beti, a fierce one at that ,who is a doer here in USA and in India. Neelam was trained and mentored by her father in Real estate business in Chicago , who was the first NRI MLA elected to office in Bihar State. Neelam is a mother of four beautiful kids: Rithika. Shreya, Tejasvi and Yash. Her husband Pashupati Nath - Pat encourages Neelam Dwivedi to realize her mission of 100%literacy in Bihar State

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Caldwell Velnambi
President-Elect, FETNA
Dallas, Texas

Caldwell Velnambi , CEO/Founder of ERP Logic , Irving, Texas. An Enterprise resource planning expert with over 30 years of experience.
Currently President Elect of Federation of Tamil Sangams of North America, FETNA
Formerly President of Metroplex Tamil Sangam, Dallas, Texas.
Spearheaded the 10th World Tamil Conference recently held in Chicago, July

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Congressman Bill Foster with the attendees of the First Congressional Round Table Meet on Shaping The Future of The Seniors as part of MAFS's 27th Anniversary celebrations

Dr Vemuri Murthy , Chairman, Board of Trustees of Chicago Medical Society conducted an exclusive Hands On CPR Program : Saving Human Lives .

U.S. Congressman Bill Foster and Illinois State Senator Laura Ellman performing hands on Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation on a mannequin at the training session.

Dr Vijay Prabhakar , Chair MAFS Gandhi Committee welcoming the U.S. Congressman Bill Foster, India's Consul General at Chicago Sudhakar Dallela and Ms Tumia Romero, Deputy Chief of Staff of U.S. Congressman Danny Davis at the Round Table meet which preceded the gala.

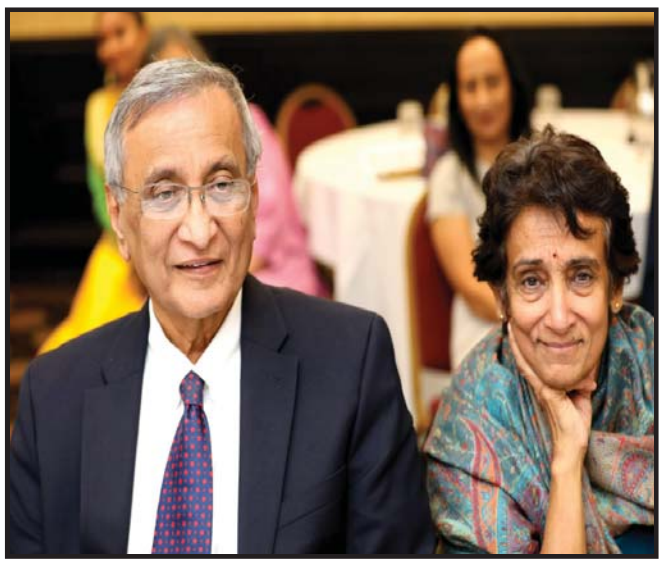
Ms Lalitha Kumaramangalam, Director, India Foundation, Delhi giving the Call to Action at the Round Table Meet on Shaping the Future of the Seniors. MAFS President Dr Firdaus Jaffri looks on.

Sudhakar Dalella, Tumia Romero, U.S. Congressman Bill Foster, Ma Santosh Kumar, Founder Executive Director, MAFS and Dr Firdaus Jaffri, President, MAFS look on.

Debonair Google Scholar & Former Director General of Police, India Dr Pervez Hayat sharing his thoughts on the Future of the Elderly in Developing countries in the digital age.

Shawn Walker of Chicago Public Schools talking about the need to educate children on the value of their grandparents and seniors.

Martino Tangkar of Indonesian American Community speaking on the cultural values of ethnic seniors and the need to preserve their heritage while utilizing their multi faceted talents.



Dr Satish Udpa , President , Michigan State University, Michigan and his wife at the MAFS Congressional Round Table Meet on Shaping the Future of the Seniors.

Krish Suthanithran, CEO , TEAMBEST Group of Companies, Virginia speaking about the corporate successes of seniors and the need for Seniors to have the access to latest health care technology.

Dr Ranga Reddy, Past President of American Association of Physicians From India -AAPI-USA spoke on the need for Seniors to be provided good nutrition and physical activities around the year.

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Moderator of the Round Table Meet, Ms Tumia Romero speaking on the highlights and recommendations of the Round Table Meet on Shaping The Future of the Seniors.

Dr Suresh Reddy, President of AAPI outlining the goals of the largest ethnic physician organization in USA and announced that the 38th Annual Meeting of AAPI USA will be held in Chicago from June 23-28,2020

U.S. Congressman Bill Foster Congratulating Ma Santosh Kumar, Founder Executive Director of Metropolitan Asian Family Services for 27 years of exceptional services to the Seniors of Illinois.

Dr Firdaus Jaffri , President of MAFS Board presenting a replica of Gandhiji's Pocket watch to U. S. Congressman Bill Foster to commemorate Gandhi's 150th Birth anniversary.

Left to Right : USA AFRICA Chamber of Commerce Chair Dr Florounsho, UTCC Convenor Doma, UTCC Co Convenor Johnson Sukka, Ma Santosh Kumar , Lincoln Fellow Vasavi Chakka, MEATF's Shree Guruswamy and Rae Yawers of Streamwood.

Dr Clarence Beals , Executive Director, American Multi Ethnic Coalition, Dr Gladys Folorunsho, President USA AFRICA Chamber of Commerce and United Telugu Christian Community Co Convenor Johnson Sukka at the event.

Dr Vijay Prabhakar MAFS Gandhi Chair presenting areplica of Gandhi's Spinning wheel- Charka to U. S. Congressman Bill Foster while Ma Santosh Kumar, Consul General Dallela and Illinois State Senator Laura Ellman.

Left to Right : Dr Vijay Prabhakar,Ms Tumia Romero, Dr Firdaus Jaffri, MA Santosh Kumar, U.S. Congressman Bill Foster,India's Consul Dallela, Senator Laura Ellman , Senator Christina Castro and Kishor Mehta.

AAPI USA President Dr Suresh Reddy, MEATF Gala Co Chair Martino Tangkar, U.S. Congressman Bill Foster and India Consul General at Chicago Sudhakar Dallela at MAFS's 27th Annual Gala.

Following the Round Table Meet a High Tea Reception was held preceding the most successful MAFS 27th Anniversary Gala celebrations held at Waterford Banquet Center in Elmhurst.

Illinois State Senator Laura Ellman congratulating Ma Santosh Kumar , Founder Executive Director , MAFS for her outstanding service to the Seniors, while Dr Parvez Hayat, IPS, Former Director General of Police looks on.

Ma Santosh Kumar, Founder Executive Director MAFS thanking all Illinois State Senators , State Representatives and elected officials form the City, County, State and Federal for actively participating in MAFS's 27th Anniversary celebrations .

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Illinois State Senator Laura Ellman congratulates Dr Clarence Beals, Member Secretary of Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force,7th Congressional district for conducting a most successful round table meet on Seniors. Ma Santosh Kumar looks on.

Ma Santosh Kumar , Founder MAFS presenting the Official Colors of MAFS to Illinois State Senator Laura Ellman and Lincoln Fellow Vasavi Chakka of Naperville at the 27th anniversary gala. Vasavi Chakka's husband looks on.

MAFS's Senior Versatile and Talented Heroes who acted in the SARHADEY SKIT , a tribute to our veterans, which was overwhelming received at the Gala. The acting prowess of MAFS Seniors from 70years to 90years was simply awesome.

Ma Santosh Kumar being greeted by a member of the Mandi theater group who performed a lively skit , "Gandhi Ek Yugpursh ".

Cook County Board of Commissioners President Toni Preckwinkle being greeted by Chicago Housing Authority Commissioner Dr Mildred Harris.

Left to Right: Illinois State Senator Ram Villivallam, President Toni Preckwinkle, India's Consul General
Dallela and Ma Santosh Kumar.

MAFS Gandhi USA Committee Chairman Dr Vijay Prabhakar presenting the replica of Gandhi's pocket watch to Dr Parvez Hayat, IPS (retd), Former Director General of Police, India at the Gala.

A group of invitees including Hina Trivedi, Dr Zenobia Sowell among others greeting Cook County Board President Preckwinkle at the Gala

Consul General Dallela honored the Global Icons with the MAFS Gandhi 150 Medallion of Excellence ; Mohan Hemmadi, Dr Vemuri Murthy, Krish Suthanithran, Neelam Dwivedi,Tel Ganesh & Dr Parvez Hayat.

Young, talented Bartlett High School Junior Gauri Yadav enthralled the over 1,200 audience with an enchanting Ganesh Vandana -Kathak dance recital.

Bollywood Fame Sufi Singer Indira Naik from Mumbai, India brought the house down with her soulful rendition of mystic musical songs.

Famous International Singer Anita Lerche from Indianapolis's rendition of Gandhi's favourite bhajan ,"'Vaishnav Jan to Tene Kahiye ' mesmerized the large gathering at the Gala.

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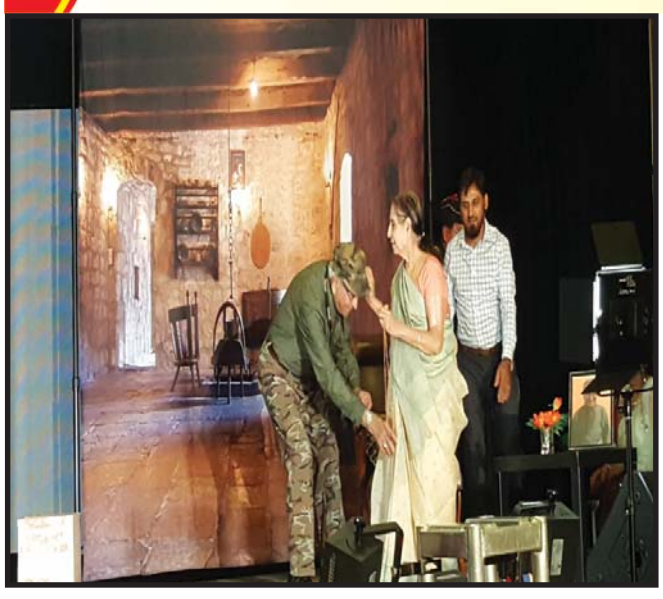


A poigant scene enacted from the MAFS Seniors Skit ,"SARHADEY " paying tribute to our veterans at the Gala.

A scintillating bollywood dance medley ,"Down Memory Lane" performed to perfection by four senior couples at the Gala.

The rhythm and choreography displayed by the "young'" seniors was astounding and need to be seen by all to be believed.

The colorful costumes and intricate footwork of the Bollywood senior dance troupe displayed a powerhouse of talent at the Gala.

The joy and happiness of the senior dancers with their emotive gestures captured the hearts of the spell bound audience.

The innate talents of the MAFS seniors came to the forefront at the Skit 'SARHADEY', when the postman delivers the sad news from the field to the mother of a soldier.

The talented Bollywood Senior MAFS dancers who dazzled in their bollywood medley," Down Memory Lane " at the curtain call.

Famous International Singer Anita Lerche from Indianapolis's rendition of Gandhi

The charming and vibrant multi talented Gauri Yadav's rendition of America's National anthem was amazing and well appreciated by all.

A section of the packed ballroom of the Waterford Conference Center where the 27th MAFS Gala was held.

History in the making , the Top 20 Global Icons receiving the prestigious MAFS Gandhi 150 Medallion of Excellence at the Gala.

Mental Health Challenges in 2020

Mental Illness is this the new Norm?
Should be do away it labels or categories in this field?
Can we use the same determining factors to get new results?
Do the parameters have to change?

By Dr Clarence Beals

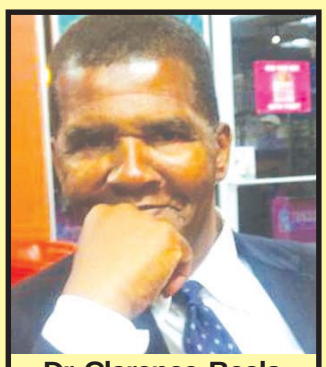
Mental Health can be defined as our emotional, psychological and social well-being, it affects how we think, feel and act, also help determine how we handle stress, relate to others and make decisions.

Factors Contributing to Mental Health Problems: Biological factors, such as genes or brain chemistry Life experiences, such as trauma or abuse Family history of mental health problems

Early Signs: Eating or sleeping to much or little Isolation from people, usual activities low or no energy Feeling numb or like nothing matters Having unexplained aches or pains Feeling helpless or hopeless Smoking, drinking or using drugs more than usual Feeling unusually confused, forgetful on edge, angry, upset, worried or scared Yelling or fighting with family and friends Experiencing severe mood swings that cause problems in relationships Hearing voices or believing thing that are not true Thinking of harming yourself or others Inability to perform daily tasks like taking care of kids, yourself, or going to work or school In order to compensate and overcome some of the aforementioned issues: An individual to create a Positive Aura must:

Realize their full potential Work Productively Make meaningful contributions to their communities Support Mechanisms: Get Professional Help Connecting with Others Staying Positive Physical Activities Help Others Get the proper amount of sleep Develop Coping Skills Cope with the stresses of Life

Jordan Dream is an social service agency, that provides transitional, permanent housing and supportive services for adult men and women, that are challenged with a variety of circumstances; homelessness, mentally illness, substance abuse, ex-offenders and individuals who may extenuating or chronic medical conditions that may incapacitate or render them to a level of disability.“ “ Incorporated in March of 2002; officially accepted clients into the residential program located at 52nd and Green in September 2002. The residential program is currently located at 5720 South Hermitage, Chicago IL 60636



Dr Clarence Beals, Founder, Jordan Dreams

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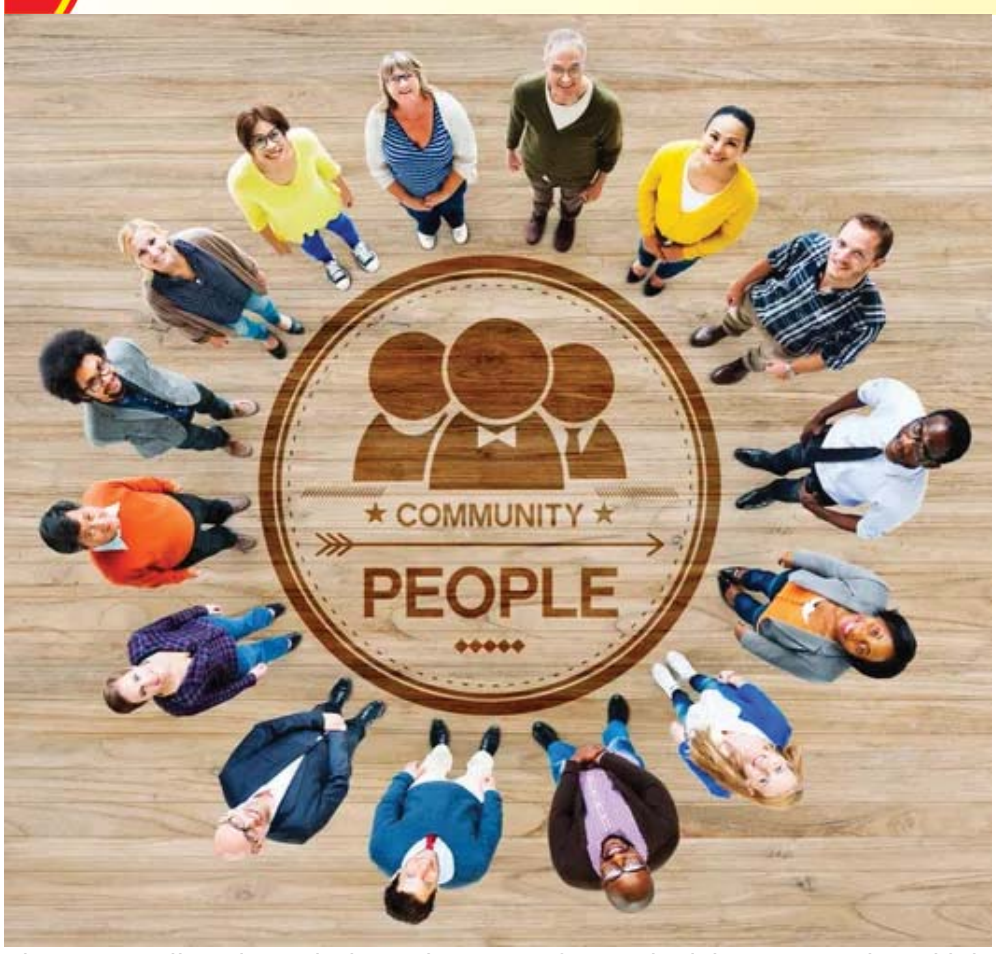

These are all tools and means that I look back during my service and training of staff to work in this field. In order to not become a client themselves, you can not look for an answer to question that becomes a bigger question. Is there a panacea, a magic wand or portion to solving a condition that the jury is still out on one particular answer. So let begin my journey of thirty-three(33) years as a Mental Health Professional & Residential Monitor: (Shelter Plus Care): The journey and dynamics are never the same. Providing supervision in a Shelter plus care facility to over 15 individuals with a (MISA) Mental Illness a history of Substance Abuse. These Diagnoses, symptoms and behaviors can be overwhelming.

An Illustration: A Brief Review of a Case

Once the client is stabilized, he is evaluated sent back to County jail for his legal matters, appears in Court, remanded to our transitional housing to meet probation mandates, once he exited county jail the client has to register at the appropriate address as a sex offender (not by a school or park - 500 feet). During the Intake and Assessment, you extrapolate from the client what is the major concerns/issues and objectives to move the ball further down the Court. Dual-diagnosed client, homeless, sex offender, (fail to register with the City, Client is non-compliance with psychotropic medications, entitlements (benefits) suspended, legal guardian addressing financial and medical issues. 1. Clients tend to be poor historians and provides selective/guarded information. 2. The client has legal issues to address, because of Mental Health Issue, found not fit to stand trial, the client sent to Mental Health Program -inpatient for Court ordered Psychiatric Evaluation,

There are medical issues, lack of identification to proceed with getting healthcare and social needs addressed. There is an apparent need for procuring psychotropic medications; once again, no psychiatrist or doctor will see the patient immediately without identification, insurance. You can not get an ID without specific documentation. There are numerous barriers to deal with the most pressing issues, stabilization, medications, identification, and entitlements.

Direct Service to this population in a residential setting is based primarily on structure, accountability, and consistency. Therefore the day starts with a schedule and ends with one. The staff has to use tools such as prompting and engaging, a hand on approach. After a comprehensive assessment of the individuals, you must map out a strategy and plan for setting goals and creating a template for success for all parties, staff, and the consumer, etc.

Our foremost pervasive issues are defining the population that we are addressing at this juncture. I would surmise to say that throughout my 33 years working directly with this population, many of the individuals that I met throughout this process see themselves foremost as "normal" human with maybe a unique propensity of needing support and a means to have someone listen to their interpretations of what are the problems.

Here are my notes or disclaimers Mental Health is a broad area to tackle. Because as defined by the Mayo Clinic, symptoms and causes of Mental illness can have a wide range of conditions, the disorders that affect your mood, thinking, and behavior, such as depression, anxiety disorders, schizophrenia, eating disorders and addictive behaviors as well.

Let's delve into the clinical and therapeutic side of this science, psychiatry, psychology, or any study of the human anatomy whether we focus on the brain and the different hormones that are needed to provide a balanced level. This science encompasses a vast amount of information and finds many deductions, theories, and conclusions that would lead us to write many updated dissertations, synopsis, or summaries.

My passion and motivation for working in Mental Health are the environments and the people that live in communities in great need. I am fascinated by the various individuals in the city. The stories I heard from friends and some of their family members nurtured that thirst to try and figures out the correlation of people's words and did they fit their actions. It was a community cultural and social secrets in the African-American neighborhood; Mental Health issues not openly discussed; it was a taboo a curse. I knew from that moment on; I had to read more, digest as much information as possible in this area. It was compelling to understand progressive

abstracts on this subject relative to other ethnic groups,

Mental illness, emotional disturbance, and abnormal behavior. Mental Health is an applied science from the standpoint this is a methodology used to solve a specific, practical issue affecting an individual or group. This scientific method of study and research is used in various fields to find solutions that may improve health, solve scientific problems, or develop new innovative approaches means to try to solve the issues.

Therefore, this is a precursor to this article, is there one method or solution to approaching this now "new" phenomenon called Mental Illness? Succinctly "NO." I became interested in this field at the age of ten growing up in a community that had high rates of alcoholism, violence, whether domestic or gangs, a crime of many variants. What I observed during this process, people wanted to be seen and heard and not judged and labeled. People often ask me for the solution for all of the occurrences surrounding mental health issues, and purportedly individuals experiencing some episodes. "How can we address or fix this"?

There is no one-stop-shop. Foremost, the jury is still out amongst many professionals dealing with this area. I remind my colleagues always that we send clients to the hospital for a psychiatric evaluation. Upon their return, there are usually two opinions of thought as to what their presenting issues to address first. This variance could be the skew of an individual's secondary effects beginning to present themselves as well. The individual may have started with episodes of mental challenges, but because of other presenting substance abuse bout in the past, it also needs to be addressed at this point. Along with other extenuating circumstances and variables that may add to the problem.Inherently some of the challenges facing an individual with Mental Health. Some of them, depending on the Diagnosis, can run concurrently. Creating a dynamic and plan that is cumbersome but in the end once you see the progress of that individual most rewarding.

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RAJNISH KUMAR NAMED AMONG TOP 20 GLOBAL ICONS.

Metropolitan Asian Family Services, (MAFS) headquartered in Chicago, the largest ethnic not for profit Organization for Seniors in the United States Commemorated Mahatma Gandhiji's 150 Birth Anniversary at their 27th Annual Gala by honoring Top 20 GLOBAL ICONS with Mahatma Gandhi Sesquicentennial Medallion of Excellence.

Ms. Santosh Kumar, Founder & Executive Director of Metropolitan Asian Family Services stated that the Award Jury honored the Top 20 Global Icons for their work in their respective fields, carrying forward the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi Ji' in this digital age.

On October 18, 2019 evening at Hotel J.W. Marriott, Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington D.C., USA. Dr. Vijay Prabhakar, Award Jury Chairman & Founder Chair of the U.S. Congressional Multi-Ethnic Advisory Task Force, Chicago honored State Bank of India Chairman, Mr. Rajnish Kumar with Mahatma Gandhi Sesquicentennial Medallion of Excellence for being one of Top 20 Global Icons in this digital age. Dr. Prabhakar also presented a miniature working model of Gandhi Ji's Charkha to Chairman Rajnish Kumar on this occasion.

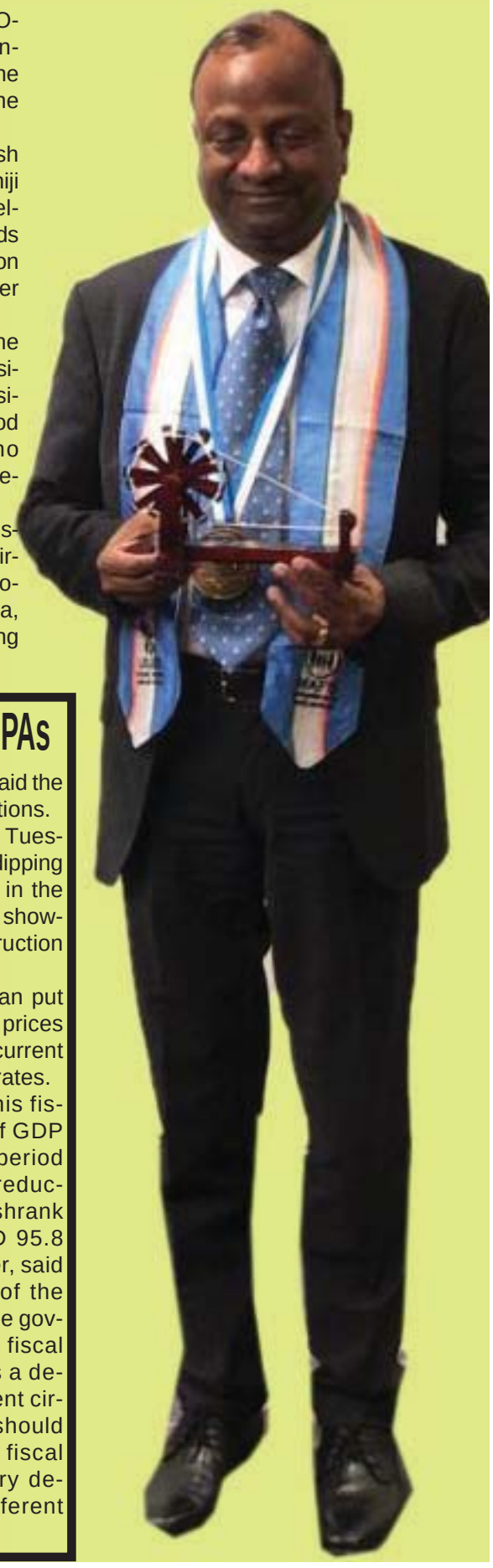
Ms. Santosh Kumar, MAFS Founder also presented the MAFS Colors to Mr. Rajnish Kumar and also a Replica of Mahatama Gandhi's pocket watch on the occasion.

Naming Rajnish Kumar as one of the Top 20 Global Icons, the citation announced that State Bank of India's role under Kumar's Chairmanship systematically focussed on sustainable development goals including plastic-free Corporate, Swatch Bharath Program and the SBI 35% of Bank inclusion part of PM GDY 2014program, which was commendable. Furthermore, the citation noted that SBI Chairman Rajnish Kumar's 5 Point Value-Based system implemented since assuming Chairmanship mirrors Gandhiji's Philosophy which included: SERVICE, TRANSPARENCY, EFFICIENCY, POLITENESS & SUSTAINABILITY, anchored State Bank of India as one of the Public institutions carrying forward the legacy of Gandhiji.

State Bank of India Chairman Rajnish Kumar accepting the Mahatma Gandhiji Sesquicentennial Medallion of Excellence said that India is marching towards becoming a 5 trillion dollar economy soon under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi.

Oncologist Dr. Bharat Barai from the State Of Indiana, Dr. Satish Udpa, President, Michigan State University President, Dr. Mildred Harris, Founder, God First Ministries, Chicago, Martino Tangkar, National President Of Indonesian Diaspora Network, USA,

Dr. Steve Munsey, Founder, Family Christian Center, USA, Niranjan Shah, Chairman, Globetrotters Engineering Corporation, USA and Mrs. Bindu Dalmia, Journalist, New Delhi, India were among the Top 20 Global Icons honored.



SBI Chairman Rajnish Kumar says banks will see good Q3, Q4 on resolution of large NPAs

The time taken for resolution of bad loans is also likely to reduce going ahead with stronger resolution mechanism, he said. The banking sector is going to see good recoveries from non-performing assets in the third and fourth quarters of the current fiscal, helped by resolution of some large stressed accounts, SBI Chairman Rajnish Kumar said.

The time taken for resolution of bad loans is also likely to reduce going ahead with stronger resolution mechanism, he said. "These two quarters (Q3 and Q4) will be very good quarters. The recoveries will be at peak because large assets would have been resolved by March or latest by June," Kumar said at a credit conclave organised by Edelweiss.

He said the waiting period for resolution of stressed assets, which used to be 5 years plus, has come down, and will reduce further. Referring to credit growth, he said SBI's year-to-date credit growth was negative for the first six months of the current fiscal but improved between October to December.

"Our year-on-year credit growth has come down to 5 per cent for domestic market and for international market, it has slowed to 7 per cent," he said. According to Kumar, credit growth is going to be muted for some time and the sector may not witness the double-digit growth which it has seen in the past. "If you are thinking that things will be back to what they were earlier, that I don't think is going to (happen) ," he said.

In the fortnight ended December 20, 2019, banks credit and deposits grew 7.10 per cent and 10.09 per cent to Rs 99.47 lakh crore and Rs 130.08 lakh crore, according to the latest Reserve Bank data. He said banks have become more cautious while lending.

"There is not going to be any dilution in scrutiny or monitoring by banks," Kumar said adding there will be no dearth of funding to deserving borrowers. Banks are seeing demand from credit project pipeline from three sectors – oil and gas, solar and road.

"However, there is no large ticket demand for credit which we have seen last year," he added.

According to Kumar, bond market can become liquid only when there are enough number of buyers.

Commenting on the National Statistical Office (NSO) GDP forecast, he said the numbers are lower than expectations.

According to NSO data released Tuesday, India's GDP growth is seen dipping to an 11-year low of 5 per cent in the current fiscal, mainly due to poor showing by manufacturing and construction sectors.

He said the US-Iran situation can put upward pressure on commodity prices and can impact the country's current account deficit (CAD) and forex rates.

The CAD in the first half the this fiscal narrowed to 1.5 per cent of GDP from 2.6 per cent in the same period of 2018-19, on the back of a reduction in the trade deficit, which shrank to USD 84.3 billion from USD 95.8 billion last year. Kumar, however, said the overall financial position of the government has been good. "The government has not budged on its fiscal deficit targets, though there is a demand for it. We feel in the current circumstances, the government should not care as much about the fiscal deficit but again, that is a very debatable point and there are different points of view," he added.

3 DAYS OF COLOURS

Colours and significance of 3-day harvest festival

By Dr Avvai N Arul

This three-day harvest festival falls in the month of 'Magha', corresponding with the solar equinox. Celebrated in the south, it is marked by the cooking of the rice from the first harvest after the long and arduous winter. The harvest festival is celebrated every year in 'Magha', from January 13 to 15.

The word 'Pongal' refers to the dish of sweet rice prepared on this occasion. The festival is celebrated widely in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. The time of the festivals is of great importance to all Hindus, as it corresponds to the solar equinox when the days begin to lengthen and the nights begin to wane. According to Hindu mythology, this is when the 'day of the gods' begins, after a sixmonth long night. The festival spread over three days and is most fervently celebrated as the harvest festival of South India.

A special 'puja' is performed on the first day of Pongal before the cutting of the paddy. Farmers worship the sun and the earth by anointing their ploughs and sickles with sandal wood paste. It is with these consecrated tools that the newly harvested rice is cut. The first day is called 'Pongal Podigai' or 'Bhogi Pongal' and is a day of family feasting and enjoyment. Since the festival celebrates the harvest of the paddy crop, the newly harvested rice is first cooked on this day.

The rice grains, along with sesame seeds, jaggery, chickpeas, groundnuts and dried coconut, are put into an earthen pot filled with milk. This is boiled until some of the milk spills over, and the preparation is called 'Pongal'. It is cooked at an auspicious hour, recommended by the priest, in the courtyard of the house. A portion of the cooked rice is offered to Ganesha, and the family, neighbours and friends share the rest as consecrated food. As people greet each other, they ask 'paal pongita' or 'has the milk boiled over?'

Another ritual observed on the same day is called 'Bhogi Mantalu', when useless household articles are thrown into a fire made of wood and cow dung cakes. Girls dance around the bon ire, singing songs in praise of the gods, the spring and the harvest. In Andhra Pradesh, in the morning the girls burn their old clothes and wear new ones after an oil massage and bath.

Then follows 'Pongal Panai', a ritual in which the newer then ware pots are painted and decorated with turmeric, flowers and mango leaves. The second day is known as 'Surya Pongal', the day for the worship of 'Pongal' The 'Pongal is allowed to boil over Surya, and the rice cooked in milk and jaggery is offered him. When the food is cooked and it boils over, people shout 'pongalo pongal' loudly and many times to rejoice.

On this festive day, a newly married couple, symbolising freshness and joy, is presented with new clothes by the bride's parents. The servants of the house are also given new clothes to wear. Bathing in the sacred rivers during Pongal is believed to be extremely beneficial. Hence, devotees flock to near Thanjavur to bathe in the waters of the Cauvery, and to Tirunelveli, to bathe in the river Tamrapani.

Bathing in the sea at Vedanaranyam in Tamil Nadu is also considered auspicious. The third day is known as Mattu Pongal or Gopuja, the day of 'Pongal' Lord Shiva cursed Basava to live on earth forever for cows. It is marked by cattle worship. In earlier times, cattle formed the chief asset of an agriculturalist and it was only proper that their services were recognised and celebrated on this day. The cattle are given a ceremonial bathing the morning; their horns are cleaned, polished and painted, and then decorated with flowers. They are then given 'Pongal' to eat. Arati is performed on them, so as to ward off the evil eye.

According to a legend, once Shiva asked his bull, Basava, to go to the earth and ask the mortals to have an oil massage and bath every day and to eat once a month. Inadvertently, Basava announced that everyone should eat daily and have an oil bath once a month. This mistake enraged Shiva who then cursed Basava, banishing him to live on the earth forever. He would have to plough the fields and help people produce more food. Hence, the association of this day with cattle.

A festival called 'Jalli Kattu' is held in Madurai, Tiruchirappalli and Thanjavur, all in Tamil Nadu, on this day. Bundles of money are tied to the horns of ferocious bulls, which the villagers try to retrieve. Everyone joins in the community meal, at which the food is made of the freshly harvested grain. This day is named and celebrated as 'Tamilian Tirunal' in a fitting manner throughout Tamil Nadu. Sisters for the welfare of their brothers also celebrate 'Muttu Pongal', also called 'Kanu Pongal'. This festival is reminiscent of 'Raksha Bandhan' and 'Bhai Duja (see Diwali)' of North India.

'Bhogali Bihu' of Assam in east India could be regarded as the matching counterpart of the Tamil 'Pongal' festival. The nightlong feast with family and friends along with the preparation of traditional Assamese goodies, and the early morning worship of the Indian god of fire Agni, are some of the major highlights of this festival.

In West Bengal, it is celebrated in the form of a festival-cum-fair called Ganga Sagar Mela. However, this fair is not confined to the Bengalis only as people from all over India come to visit the Ganga Sagar beach with the belief that a dip in the holy bank will absolve them of their sins.

In Punjab and its neighboring states, this day is celebrated, as 'Lohri'. It marks the coming of spring and the approaching end of winter. Fires are lit as dusk approaches. Arrangement for feasts among family and friends and gatherings around the sacred bonfire, and an exchange of greetings and pleasantries mark the festival celebration there.

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United Telugu Christian Community hosted 2019 Christmas Celebration

As the drapes draw unobtrusively on the year 2019, it is unavoidable for us to end up fearfully center with respect to what the new year of 2019 will bring. For some the course of the year 2019 may have been loaded with dashes of joy and for some loaded up with situation. For some the expectations of 2019 may have been gave a false representation of and for some, it might have caused an extraordinary feeling of achievement. Whatever the encounters of the year 2019 – it is consistently the expectation that triumphs the human soul. As the chilly December of 2019 gradually blurs bringing forth another day break of the year 2020, may the new yet obscure voyage of 2020 shroud with expectation and cheer. May the New Year stimulate your soul desire and trust in the best and May it forecast a progression of triumphs in the entirety of your undertakings. Happy New Year !

Lay leaders of UTCC

In staggering celebratory fervor and collective comfortable spirit, the Chicago Telugu Christian Community celebrated a grand Christmas celebrations "Carols by candle light" — an evening brimming with melodious carols and advent track hosted by the United Telugu Christian community of Chicago [UTCC] along with Indian Christian Federation of Midwest and Multi-Ethnic Christian Coalition-USA Saturday December 07, 2019 in Skokie. The special Christmas Candlelight evening cantata drew over-flowing attendance from various denominational churches, congregated commemorating the festival of Christmas. The symbolic lighting of the Candle by all the various pastors of Chicago land led by Archbishop Jaykumar celebrations, solidarity picnic, visit/ appreciation on senior's day, Pastors appreciation and other. Johnson Sukka and Ramesh Goneh earlier welcomed the visitors and entreated the households to uphold the Christian background with their existence of giving and sharing all through the Christmas season. Rev. Thomas Polepaka and Babu Varma proposed a vote of thanks to all and specially to Tariq Khan and Richard Christian at the PA System. Mahala Sukka, Joyce Doma, Ruth Varma & Gulshan Baksh served as the emcee for the celebrations. The congregation gladly sang the Christmas hymn – Silent Night, with the lights dimmed, which was followed by a grand dinner. The highlight of the evening was the annual release of the UTCC 2020 Monthly calendar filled with daily verses by Air India's Midwest Manager Mrs Malini Vaidyanathan with Dr Jaykumar Agepog, Rev. David V Sagar, Rev. Thomas Polepaka,Pastor Marcus Konda, Rev. Swaraj Perumalla, Rev. Walter Benjamin Medari, Rev. Paul Gorre, Rev. Scort Christy, Rev. Timothy Rathod, Rev. John Rathod, Rev. Dinkar Tylor(Philadelphia), Rev. Avni Christian, Rev. 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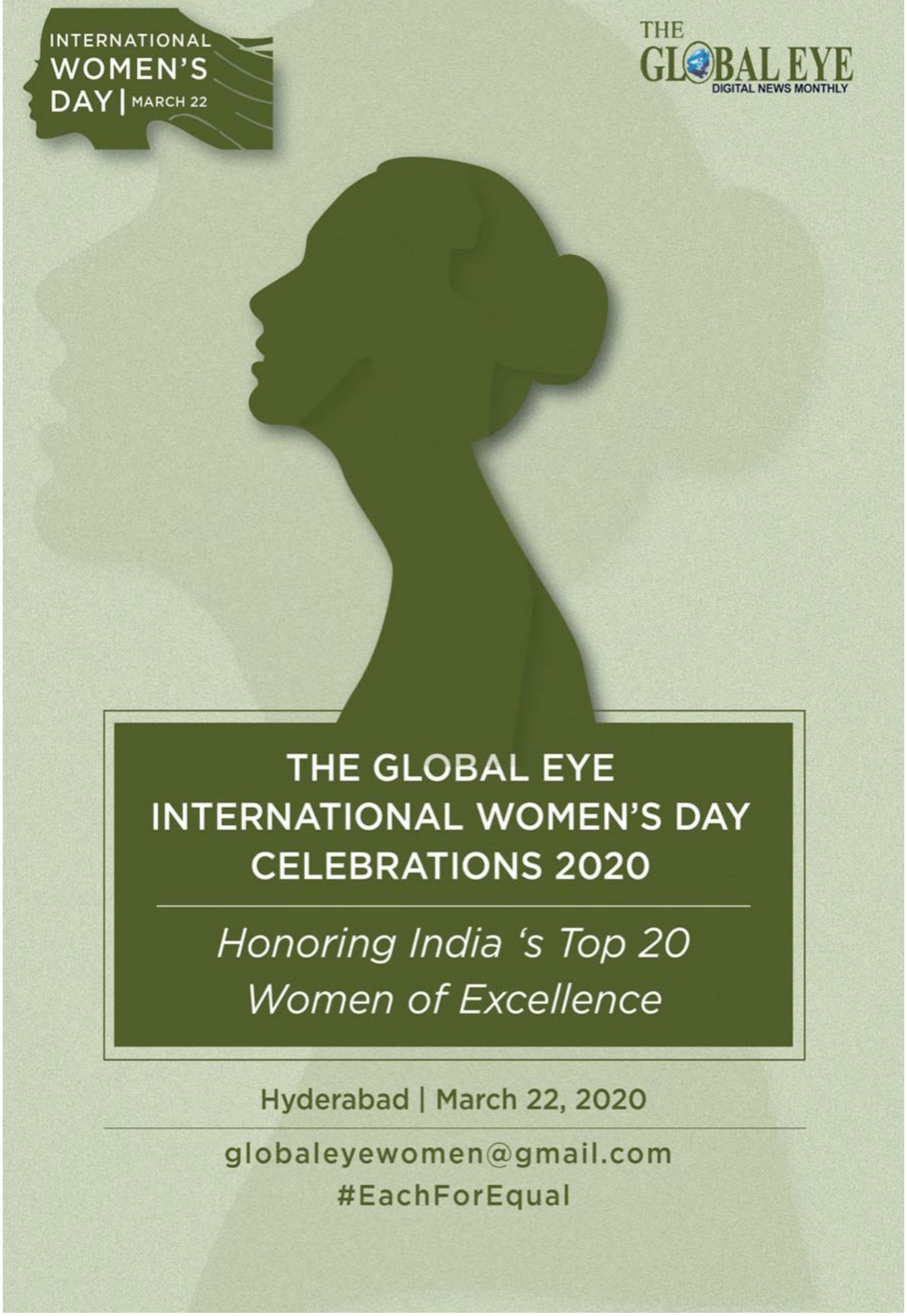
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U.S Consul General at Chennai , Robert Burgess extended a warm welcome to Sam Kannappan , Chair, Houston Tamil Studies Chair, Texas and Dr Vijay Prabhakar, The Global Eye, Editor in Chief , Chicago during their recent visit to Chennai. On the occasion Dr Prabhakar presented a replica of Gandhiji's pocket watch to Consul General Burgess.

Prof Dr K Selvakumar , Profesdor of Neuro Surgery & Telemedicine, Sri Ramachandra University , Chennai addressed the 197 Th Indian Science Congress onJanaury 7 in Bangalore in the Future of Medical Education.

Gerard Moorer , the Illinois 10 Th District State Representative Candidate galvanized grassroots support for his campaign with Church stops on Sundays and unveiled his education policy for tenth district which was well received.

Sam Kannappan, Founder of Meenakshiamman Temple in Houston, Texas was honored by Ma Santosh Kumar with Shirdi Sai Baba Holy Book at Hotel Ashok, New Delhi. Delhi Bureau Chief of The Global Eye Nisha Samuel looks on.

The first meeting of the MEATF & AMEC Executive Leadership Team under the new Chairman 2020 , Martino Tangkar , an Indonesian American was held on January 16,2020 at Chicago.

The Indian Book of Records presented the National Integration Award 2020 to the Telangana Tourism Department for the successful conduct of the International Kite& Sweet Festival where 13 countries and 24 States of India participated at the parade grounds, Securenderabad recently.

The Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force-7 Th CD, MEATF Illinois hosted its End of the year 2019 Thank You Party in Chicago.The 2020 Chairman Martino Tangkar was officially sworn in.

MEATF ‘s Year End Fellowship Party had a wide array of ethnic dishes and gifts galore. Chairman Martino Tangkar welcomes each guest personally at the gala.

MEATF Chairman Martino Tangkar personally ensuring that all the food is ready and the gifts for distribution. A real great getogether to celebrate a wonderful 2019.

Dr Sreenivas Reddy & Dr Lalitha Reddy hosted An Evening with the Living Legend Congressman Danny Davus at their newly remodeled Clinic in Downers Grove. Dr Zenobia Sowell joined the Congressman and the power couple at the event.

Dr Lalitha Reddy, Congressman Davis, Meatf Chair Martino Tangkar, Dr Sreenivas Reddy, Dr Zenobia Sowell & Dr Vijay Prabhakar at the Pre Thanksgiving Soirée at the Reddys .

The Elegant Community Leaders at the Memorable Evening with the Living Legend Congressman Danny Davis at the Reddys Clinic in Downers Grove which set the pace for the group’s agenda for 2020.

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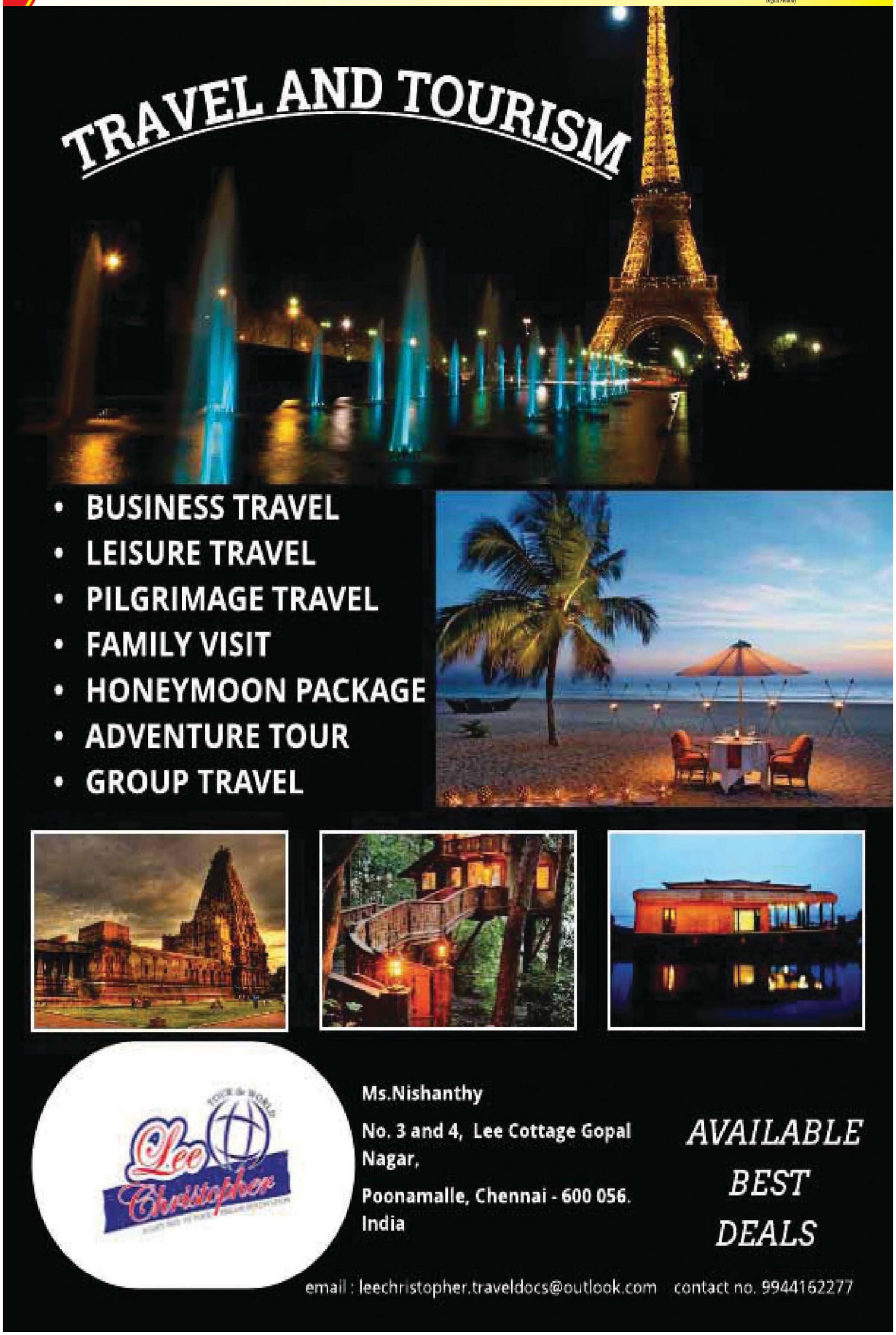
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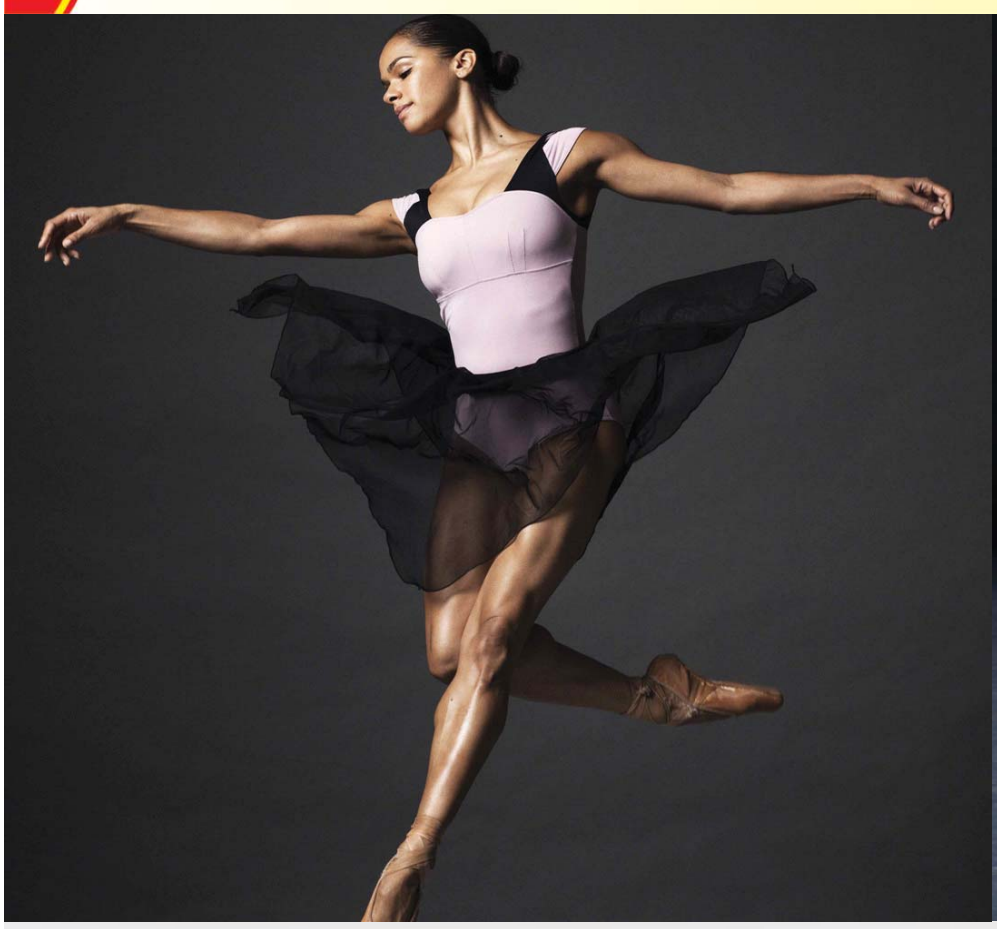

Misty Copeland

Principal Dancer American Ballet Theatre

By Dr Clarence Beals

Misty Danielle Copeland is an American ballet dancer for American Ballet Theatre, one of the three leading classical ballet companies in the United States. Misty became the first African American woman promoted to principal dancer in ABT's 75 – year history.““On par, when you think about ballet, the basis of the art is all about fantasies and illusions. It is important to have that uniformity. The Corp de ballet must have unison, oneness is keen. So Misty had to blend into the Company's creative investment and not come across as an distraction.““Misty's first formal encounter with dance was on drill team of her middle school, in San Pedro, California. The team's coach noticed her talent and recommended that she attend ballet classes taught by Cynthia Bradley at the local Boys & Girls Club. She began training at the age of 13, which in the ballet world is late. In 1998, at age 15, she won first prize in the ballet category of the Los Angeles Music Center Spotlight Awards. That summer she was accepted with a full scholarship into the intensive summer program at the San Francisco Ballet.““In 2000 Copeland another full scholarship, this time to the ABT's intensive summer program. That year she was also named the ABT's National Coca-Cola Scholar. She was invited to join the ABT studio company, a selective program for young dancers still in training. In 2001, she became a member of ABT's corps de ballet, the only African American woman in a group of 80 dancers.““Being a dancer of color has always had it challenges, not only with skin color, but body type and other concerns mainly with other dancers, sometimes teachers. But Misty was able to overall the sterotypes and non relevance issues, with her exceptional skills, drive and determination.““In addition to her dance career, Misty has become a public speaker, celebrity spokeperson and stage performer. She has written two authobiographical books and narrarted a documentary about her career challenges. ““One of the key elements of being an exceptional dancer. What stood out about Misty is the capablililty to absorb something extremely fast and then reproduce it exactly, and she gives clarity to the material.““Since his rise in ABT, Misty has performed all of the major roles, Swan Lake, Giselle, George Balanchine's Tarantella, Blossom in James Kudelka's Cinderella and Fairy of Valor in The Sleeping Beauty. ““In February 2016, Misty and President Barack Obama were interviewed in the first of a three part video with Time and Essence magazines on topics of race, gender, achievement and creating opportunties for young people.

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Sita v Draupadi: Feminist icons or victims of patriarchy?

By Janhavi Sharma
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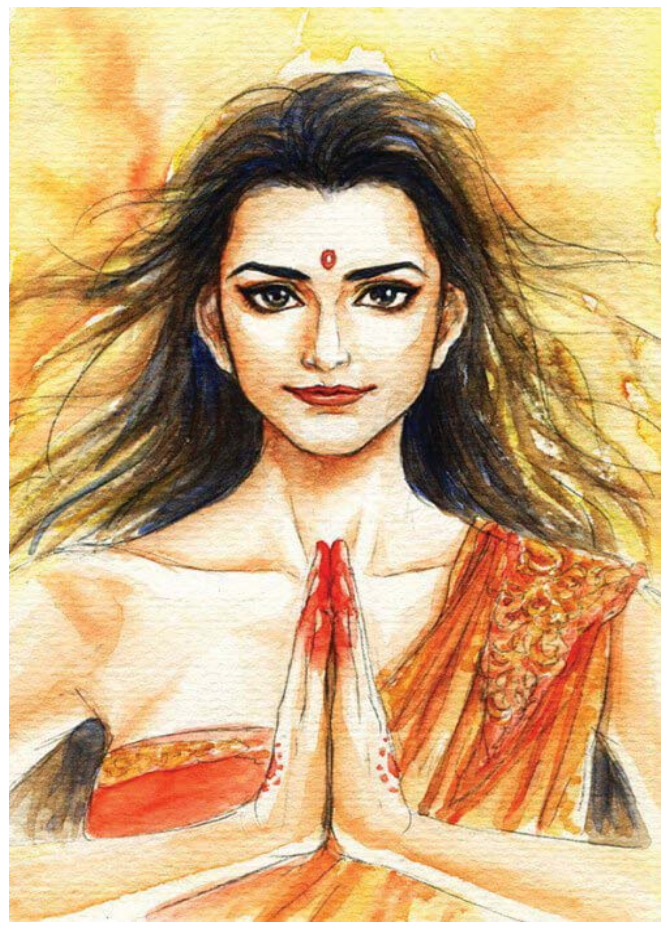
In a country where women are treated as goddesses on one hand, and are victims of assault by virtue of patriarchy on the other, it's interesting to see how two of the most popular leading ladies of the two Hindu epics Ramayana and Mahabharata are deified.

Historically, there has been significant clamour around the 'nature' and 'character' of both these women, within the epic texts and outside of them. Interestingly, Sita's identity is linked to that of Rama within the religious pantheon, and she is worshipped as his consort. Sita embodies the *pativrata* ideology and behaves in a manner that is considered to be 'ideal'. Textually, she is obedient, husband-loving, god-fearing and believes in the **"damsel in distress idea"** where she waits for Rama to come and rescue her as her 'knight in shining armour' to ensure that his virile 'manhood' is on display for all, ridding her of individual agency in a way that she herself decides that it is Rama and not Hanuman who will come to get her.



Additionally, her sexuality is incessantly policed and her character is repeatedly questioned, despite her inherent loyalty towards Rama. These ideas still form the basis of the social fabric of India, where women's bodies and their sexualities become sites for exercising control—whether its control over what they wear or where they go, or who they choose to have sexual relations with. Women in the 21st century aren't treated very differently from the way they were treated, say some 4000 years ago. A constant internalisation of these ideas that continually marginalize women, have led to Sita becoming deified in many parts of the country.

While Sita's identity and outreach as a goddess stretches across the subcontinent, predominantly among the upper castes, Draupadi's existence as a goddess finds a place for itself among the lower caste men of the Gingee region in India—namely parts of Tamil Nadu in and around Chingleput, Pondicherry etc. Historically, Draupadi is seen as a fierce, fairly independent woman, who stood up for herself and unapologetically questioned the ones who wronged her. She is a wife to five husbands and is seen as far from being the 'ideal' wife. Despite being placed at the centre of the Mahabharata, Draupadi is somewhere marginalised. She loses her due as an ideal mother, wife and deity, in the conventional sense. To some, this might construe a legitimate loss of identity, but to me, it is in fact the creation of Draupadi's identity as an individual, divorced from her derivative identity. It is liberating to place her as an independent goddess where an entire cult is named after her. It is also interesting to see how most of the people who worship her as a goddess are men. Their identities as lower caste, in a sense place them beside Draupadi, as she too was pushed to the peripheries in more ways than one. They attempt to seek legitimacy from Yajnaseni.

While both Sita and Draupadi, are victims of patriarchy, in explicit as well as veiled forms, somehow they both become feminist icons for modern Indian women. While Draupadi represents all that is fierce, unapologetic and questioning, Sita is emblematic of how imbibing and internalising ideas of patriarchy will still lead to disastrous consequences.

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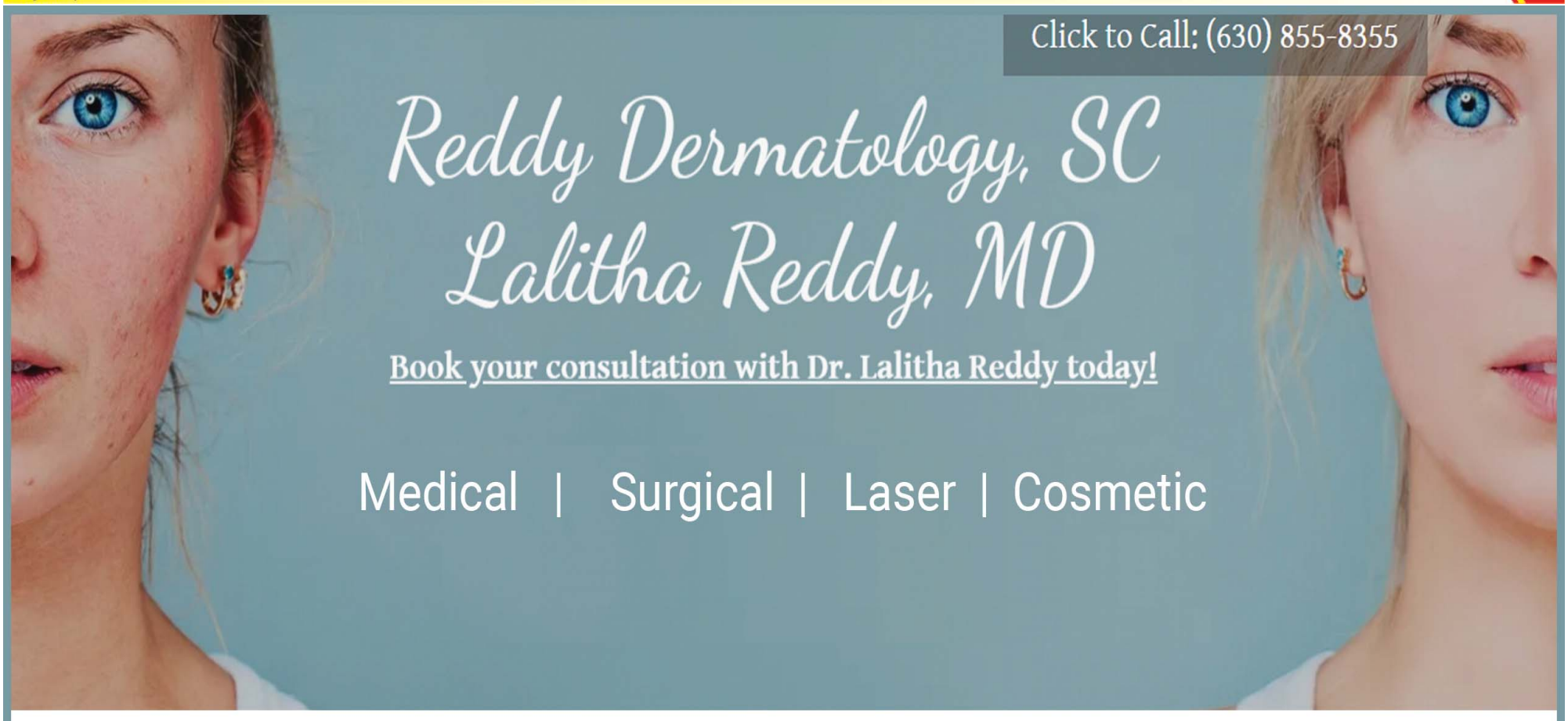

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OUR SHARED VALUES

I believe that honest and accountable government can make a positive difference in people's lives. That is why I will work to achieve policies that increase our safety and quality of life, while also standing up to the culture of corruption that has plagued our state for far too long.

Building a Strong Economy

As an economist, I know that smart economic development creates jobs for our residents and stability in our neighborhoods. I will prioritize job growth that ensures workers are paid well, investing in education and job training, and promoting small and local business development. As your Representative, I will:

Support increased funding for small business incubator programs, which support aspiring business owners by providing essential guidance, mentorship, and education that help entrepreneurs succeed.

Promote community-owned businesses and co-ops, which encourage local development and keep profits within our communities.

Improve tax and licensing laws to make it easier to start businesses while maintaining high health, safety, and environmental standards for Illinoisans.

Back public programs to rebuild our state's infrastructure while bringing jobs to Illinois and boosting the state's economy.

Creating a More Fair Tax System

Almost every day I hear residents struggling to make ends meet because our state has simply become unaffordable for working families. While working on tax issues at the Joint Economic Committee in Congress, we found that Illinois has one of the most regressive tax systems and highest property tax rates in the country. The burden is compounded when corporations use tax loopholes or are given special treatment and do not pay their fair share. I will:

Reduce property taxes by supporting the Data Modernization Bill so that homeowners on the Southside and south suburbs are not disproportionately paying property taxes that should be paid by wealthy corporations and commercial property owners.

Support a progressive income tax structure, which will be on the November 2020 general election ballot, that will lower taxes for the middle class and make the richest among us pay their fair share.

Develop a more fair sales tax system that does not overly tax essential goods like groceries, and instead generates revenue from non-essential, luxury goods and services, like portfolio management and bookkeeping services.

Advancing Public Health Initiatives

While in D.C., I helped support the fight against Republicans' plans to replace the Affordable Care Act. Our reports at the Joint Economic Committee in Congress revealed the dire economic impact of repealing the ACA. Every person deserves access to quality, affordable health care. We can't continue to wait for the federal government to act. Illinois must do what it can to keep our residents healthy and reduce medical costs. That's why I will fight for existing programs and promote new initiatives with the input of public health officials and community leaders. As your Representative, I will:

Advocate for community-based health practitioners and fight for equitable funding for their work.

Sponsor regular health events and workshops to encourage preventative vaccinations and open access to information.

Expand access to mental health and homelessness services.

Reduce prescription drug costs by working on initiatives to import vital prescription drugs from other countries.

Keeping our Neighborhoods Safe

While working at the Joint Economic Committee in Washington D.C., I developed reports that helped Democratic U.S. Senators and House members advocate for increased support and research to address gun violence prevention. One thing was clear - public safety requires tackling many issues at once: education, health care, criminal justice, and more. In addition to major structural reforms, we also need to support local initiatives aimed at reducing violence and empowering local community organizations on the ground. Supporting outreach programs for youth and smart economic development have lasting impacts in communities. I plan to engage local families, public safety officials, and neighborhood leaders to ensure everyone feels safe in our communities. I will also:

Increase funding to community programs for youth, social services, and job training programs.

Increase funding for gun violence research and prevention programs that have proven to be effective in interrupting and preventing gun violence.

Ensure there is more trauma-informed counseling and supportive services for individuals impacted by gun violence.

Support public safety reforms that restore the trust between public safety officers and the community.

Support initiatives to reform our criminal justice system to help formerly incarcerated people reintegrate into their communities.

Strengthening our Schools

Strong schools make strong communities. Every neighborhood must have fully funded, quality schools, and our educators must have the resources and support they need to provide every child an opportunity to succeed. Ensuring all public school students have equitable access to a great education is a critical priority. To do this, I will:

Advocate for support staff in our all our schools, including social workers, nurses and librarians, who ensure every student has the resources they need to excel in school.

Prioritize shifting away from standardized testing and toward building essential skills such as writing, coding, languages, and STEM.

Bolster strong and active Local School Councils and parental involvement – proven keys to the success of public schools.

Support expanding educational opportunities in correctional facilities to ensure that our returning citizens are able to enter the job force as quickly as possible upon re-entry.

Making Government Accountable

When elected officials betray the public trust, they hurt our communities and jeopardize a crucial avenue to bring people together around local solutions. Government should treat everyone fairly, not give special treatment to the very wealthy, corporations, or politically connected. Just about every day there's a new story in the paper about another corruption scandal in Springfield. That's why I will fight for new ethics laws to reduce the influence of money and special interests while upholding the highest standards of honest, accountable government. I will also:

Push for strong ethics reforms and promote transparency and accountability for all elected leaders.

Fight to prohibit state legislators from working as paid lobbyists who lobby municipal and county governments on bills that directly benefit their own financial interests and the interests of their immediate families.

Combat gerrymandering and promote a fair maps system so that voters can choose their politicians, and not the other way around.

Reduce the role of big money in politics by reforming our campaign finance system.

Refuse to accept donations from corporations or any interest group which seeks to compromise the independence of elected leaders.

Protecting Seniors

We must care for our seniors, who came before us and provided for our futures. While in D.C., I worked to help prevent cuts to Medicare and Social Security, and I will continue to advocate on behalf of the senior citizens in our district. I recognize that our senior citizen community has suffered egregious abuses in recent years, and it will be one of my top priorities to ensure that our seniors are respected, cared for, and protected from unlawful price gouging and financial manipulation. I will:

Continue to fight to reform our nursing home laws and fix a senior care system that is sadly still plagued with abuses.

Defend Medicare for all our seniors.

Crack down on scammers and fraudsters preying on vulnerable seniors.

Demanding Equal Rights and Protections

While at the Bureau of Labor Statistics, I served on the committee for Women's History Month, where we promoted events and and released data on women in the workplace. We don't need statistics, however, to know there is so much more we can do. Every resident of Illinois, regardless of class, race, gender identity or expression, or sexual orientation, should feel safe and secure in their own homes, at school, at work, and in their communities. There have been far too many cases of individuals being targeted and harassed for simply being who they are, and we've seen an increase in hate crimes over the past few years. That's why I will work to:

Improve resources to LGBTQ youth who experience mental health issues and homelessness.

Strengthen the Illinois Human Rights Act's workforce non-discrimination provision.

Better enforce hate crime laws by improving training and resources to local police departments.

Partner with community organizations and police departments to combat discriminatory practices and holding bad actors accountable.

Fund specialized programs and initiatives in communities affected by historically racist policies like redlining.

Fighting for Women

Women continue to face harassment and unfair treatment at home, in the workplace, and sadly, in Springfield. We as a state must do better to advocate for equality and safety at our jobs, in our neighborhoods, and in our state capitol. We also must protect rights and accessibility to reproductive services. Last but not least, women should have the resources they need to navigate their careers, especially in fields traditionally dominated by men. I will:

Work with the Illinois Department of Labor to enforce federal labor laws requiring equal pay for equal work.

Increase access and funding to services aimed to help victims of emotional and physical abuse.

Work with businesses and organizations to implement paid leave for families.

Support initiatives to implement universal child care.

Work with my colleagues in Springfield to address the recent scandals regarding sexism and sexual harassment in the legislature and local governments.

Protecting Our Natural Environment

Climate change increasingly threatens our planet as the days go by, and low-income areas and communities of color will be hit the hardest. Elected leaders need to take charge on this issue. As State Representative, I will advocate for clean energy policies and smart regulations that protect our air and water. I will:

Increase subsidies for clean energy projects and buildings in communities disproportionately impacted by climate change.

Continue to promote clean water infrastructure and build on the Clean Water Workforce Pipeline program passed in 2019.

Promote the use of clean energy technologies, such as electric vehicles, by making them more affordable and accessible to residents.

Improving Our Immigration System

As the son of Indian immigrants, I know firsthand the passion and dedication immigrants have in wanting to create better opportunities for their families. We should welcome and celebrate immigrants with open arms. Immigration laws should focus on providing accessible routes to citizenship, excellent economic opportunities, and fair treatment of all who work in the U.S. I will:

Partner with community organizations on ESL programs, job-training initiatives, and citizenship classes to make sure immigrants have access to well-funded services and programs. Advocate for comprehensive immigration reform focused on safe routes to citizenship and fair treatment of all immigrant workers, regardless of status. Engage a diverse coalition of neighborhood groups to fight disinformation and prejudice and bring together residents across the 32nd District.

Respecting Our Veterans

Our veterans sacrificed everything to protect our communities. We must honor their service by funding the programs facilitating their return to civilian life. Veterans returning from military service deserve comprehensive and well-funded medical services, educational scholarships, and economic opportunities. I will:

Advocate for well-funded medical and mental health services serving veterans. Partner with neighborhood organizations to reduce homelessness among veterans and engage local businesses on hiring veterans.

Advocate for continued funding for scholarships to veterans.

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5 Ways of Artificial Intelligence-Todays Buzzword

AI is likely to be either the BEST or WORST thing to Humanity – Stephen Hawking

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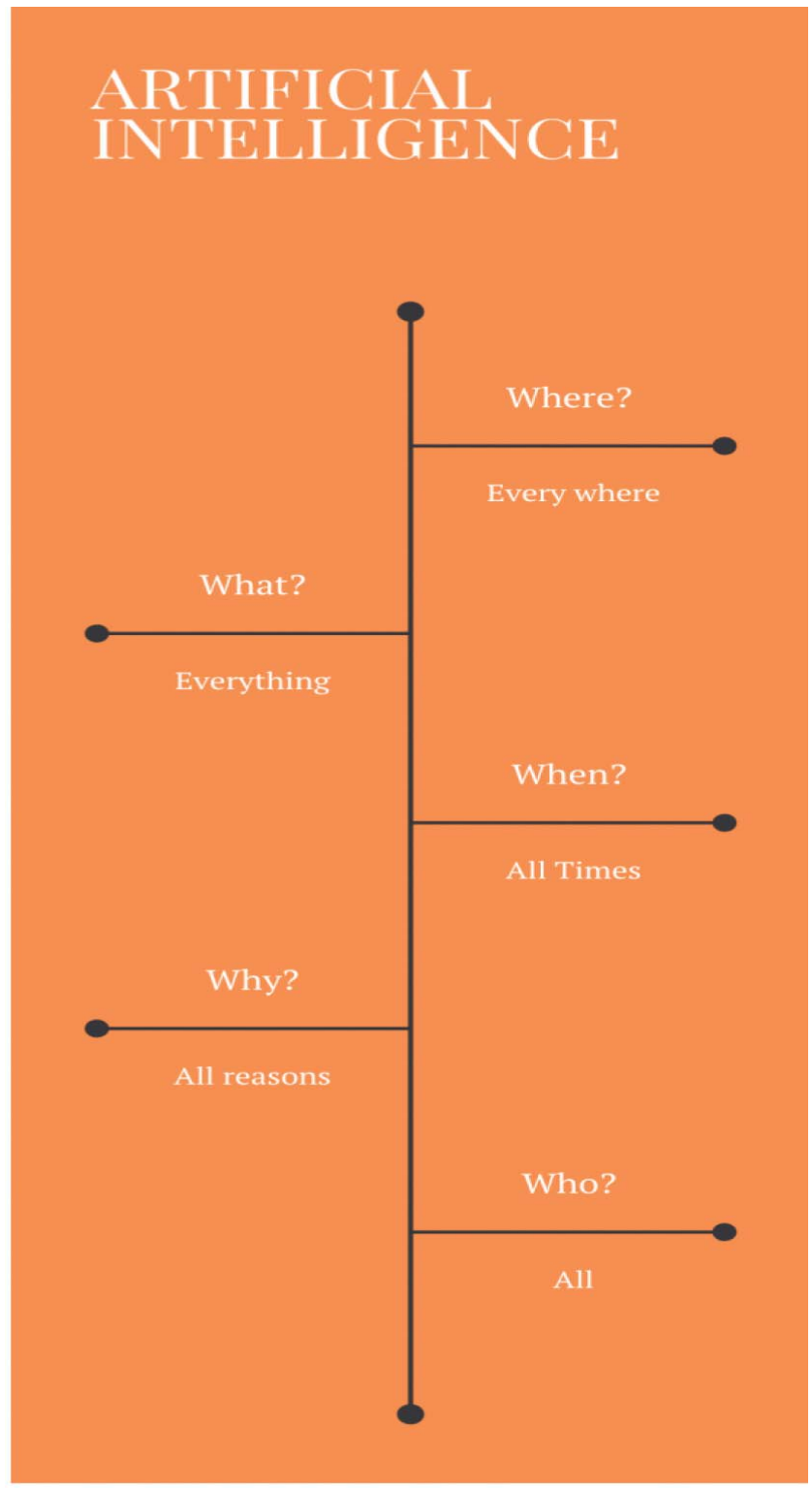
Smart watch, Smart AC, Smart Fridge, Smart …. Which technology powers all these devices to be Smart? It's the buzzword which we hear everywhere these days – Artificial intelligence.
Artificial Intelligence – Does this mean that all the devices have extra intelligence by itself?
No! These systems learn by the past experience which we offer to the system. For instance if we feel chill with the Air conditioner at 20 degrees and increase the temperature, the next time when we switch on, the same can start at a higher temperature.



Where?
Fine. Where do we see or experience this Artificial Intelligence? We can experience AI across all parts of life from fun and frolic to dangerous zones of life too. AI can power games for entertaining kids as well along with the usage of AI powered robots as bomb disposal systems. AI systems can be implemented to replace repetitive jobs as well as inaccessible jobs by the humans such as mining, bomb squads etc.

What?
AI systems can self-learn and work like humans as per the rules of the system. Speech recognition is a powerful tool which does what an AI is supposed to do. "Hey Siri, What's the weather today?" gives us an answer with the hourly prediction of weather. This self learning makes the system adaptive to respond to the questions asked after Hey Siri. Amazon go is a self-checkout shopping centre where shopping can be done by customers. Customers walk-in and chooses their products in the cart which is billed automatically and paid from Amazon Pay wallet.

When?
Today, tomorrow and ever after, AI will be with us and exceed our expectations. When you feel lonely, you will be able to BUY a FRIEND as per your interests. This sounds happy, right? Yes!! Our friend would be a robot or a device which would understand our feelings and respond with empathy so that our emotional expectations from our friends shall be taken care by our FRIENDevice.

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Who?
Who can use AI? Who is not using AI? No human as such. There is AI-enabled Toothbrush which sends analytics about the brushing pattern and efficiency of the same which can be viewed in the mobile app. All of us can have Self parking mode in our cars and also elderly care can be given with human touch by AI enabled robotics. Apart from these Five Ws, there is a whole set of ABCs which keeps the AI buzzword buzzing across our life!

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Dr Senorita Issac, Founder Chairperson, Human Achievers Foundation holds several positions. She is the Director at Human Achievers Healthcare and Research PVT, The Impact Media. Additionally, she also holds the position of the Founder and Managing Director at United Global LLC, USA and the Executive Head of Woman & Child Welfare Wing Delhi/NCR Chapter, Global Organisation of People of Indian Origin (GOPIO).

A self-made personality, versatile social worker and business woman, she works for the promotion of the female rights and child development. In the past she has actively contributed in stopping child abuse and child development with Yadhuvanshi Foundation. She has also actively worked with Ms. Usha Bajpai, Convenor, BJP for various causes such as contribution to the various needs of underprivileged and needy women as a part of an NGO. She has also worked on the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign. Further, she worked for Women's Commission for forming Self Help Groups. Additionally, she has also reached out to various banks to get the mudra loan for those women in need and helped them become entrepreneurs. She has also actively raised awareness for various yojnas such as Ujjwala, Skill India, Aayushman Bharat etc.

Her organisation, Human Achievers Foundation, believes that women are the real architects of society with children being the future of that society. Her heart felt desire is to bring a positive change in the present situation of females in the society, majority of whom live in abject deprivation of their basic human rights. In fact, the discriminatory attitude towards woman starts with female foeticide. So, under her stewardship, the organisation has undertaken number of programmes from opening vocational centres for the marginalized women, organizing awareness/sensitization programmes and trainings for various stakeholders at regional and international level. The Foundation also offers programmes for the protection and relief of poor, aged, orphans and widows among others.

Additionally, to encourage noble people in their humanitarian activities and missions, Human Achievers Foundation also organizes 'Human Achievers Awards', both at national and international level to inspire change for good of all.

Ms. Senorita Issac is also Chairperson of Dubai based Hartley Street Consultancy- an institution dedicated to the improvement in standards of health through better management of health care and related programmes. It seeks to accomplish this through management research, training, placements, consultation and institutional networking in a national and global perspective. She is a PhD holder in Child Psychology from London.

Meeting and Greeting Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi

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Human Achievers Foundation supports a subsidiary NGO for deaf and dumb at Pune

Exchange of Thoughts with Shri. Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President of India

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A meet with His Highness Prince of Wales, Prince Charles and his wife at the British High Commission's House over a Hi-Tea at his home in India

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Her Excellency Samira Bawumia along with her husband His Excellency Mahamudu Bawumia, Vice President of Ghana for an event at Embassy of Ghana under the CII EXIM Conclave India Africa Partnership held in March 2019. Samira Bawumia is the founder and CEO of the Samira Empowerment & Humanitarian Projects (SEHP), not-for-profit organisation established with the purpose of empowering the underprivileged in Ghana through diverse social intervention projects to improve lives

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Sixth World Tamils Economic Conference and Chennai Global Economic Summit 2019

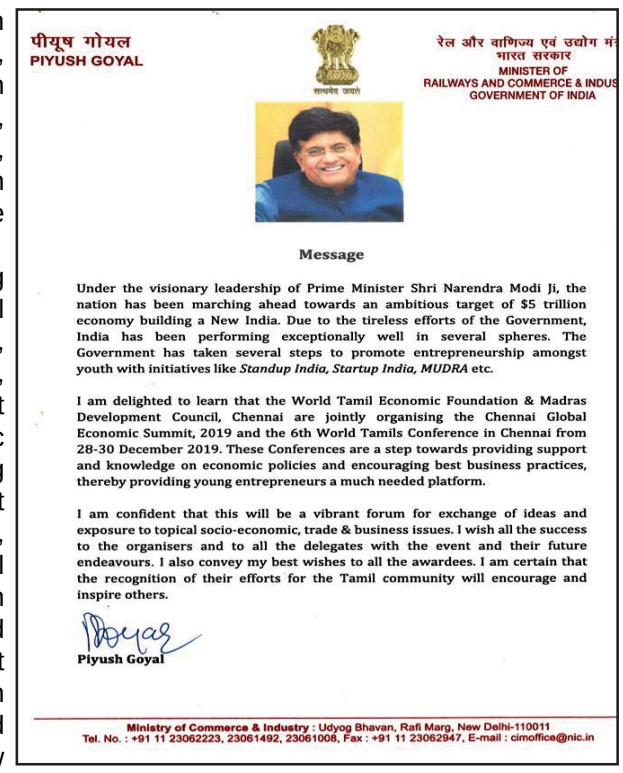
Sixth World Tamils Economic Conference and Chennai Global Economic Summit 2019 was organized from 28th to 30th December 2019 at Hotel Le Royal Meridien, Chennai. This event was organized by the Madras Development Society and the World Tamil Economic Foundation which are spearheaded by Dr. VRS Sampath.

The high-profile event was attended by many high level dignitaries from India and the global Indian diaspora. The successfully organized event was graced and addressed by the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, Mr.BanwarilalPurohit at the Award Conferring Ceremony and also the Hon'ble Governor of Telengana, ThirumathiTamizhisaiSoundararajan delivered a special address. In addition, Hon'ble Minister of Industries, Government of Tamil Nadu, Mr. M.C. Sampath and Hon'ble Minister of Revenue, Industries and Commerce, Government of Puducherry, Pondicherry, Mr M.O.H.F. Shahjahan and Dr. S. Jagathrakshakan, Member of Parliament and Former Minister, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, also participated and delivered their address in the Conference. Hon'ble Speaker of Puducherry Assembly Mr V.P. Sivakolundu graced the concluding ceremony and addressed the participants. Many Members of Parliament of India, Diplomats accredited to India, Retired Justices of High Courts, Senior Government Officials of Government of India and Government of Tamil Nadu , Business Leaders from various Industries, Chancellors and Vice Chancellors of leading Universities in India, Senior Advocates, Film and Press, Mass Media personalities actively took part in the Conference. Many dignitaries from the global Indian diaspora graced the Conference by their active participation. Participation of Former President of Mauritius. His Excellency Dr.ParamasivumPillayVyapoory, Hon'ble Minister of Finance,

Province of Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa, Mr MEC Ravi Pillay, Former Minister of Mauritius and Former Director of World Bank, Dr.ArumugamParasuraman, Justice DuraiKarunakaran, Former Chief Justice of Supreme Court of Seychelles, Mr. Oleg Avdeev, Consul General of the Russian Federation, Chennai, Chief Secretary of Reunion Island Mr M. Dreinaza and, Mr. T.S. Tirumurti IFS, Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi, was particularly noteworthy.

Apart from the above dignitaries, Chief Executives of companies and banks, Chiefs of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Business Consultants and Professionals such as Chartered Accountants, Software Professionals, etc from across the globe from Mauritius, South Africa, Malaysia, Singapore, Reunion Islands, USA, UK, Canada, Australia, Austria, Sri Lanka, Qatar, UAE, etc participated in the various sessions of the Conference.

In the Conference wide ranging topics and issues namely Global Economic Situation, Opportunities and Challenges, World Peace and Conflict Resolutions through Economic Development, Emerging Business Opportunities – start up and Innovative Projects, Funding and Financial Assistance for Projects through Banks, Financial Institutions and Venture Capitals, Investment and Business Opportunities in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry and also in India and Worldwide, Law



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Message

Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, the nation has been marching ahead towards an ambitious target of $5 trillion economy building a New India. Due to the tireless efforts of the Government, India has been performing exceptionally well in several spheres. The Government has taken several steps to promote entrepreneurship amongst youth with initiatives like *Standup India, Startup India, MUDRA* etc.

I am delighted to learn that the World Tamil Economic Foundation & Madras Development Council, Chennai are jointly organising the Chennai Global Economic Summit, 2019 and the 6th World Tamils Conference in Chennai from 28-30 December 2019. These Conferences are a step towards providing support and knowledge on economic policies and encouraging best business practices, thereby providing young entrepreneurs a much needed platform.

I am confident that this will be a vibrant forum for exchange of ideas and exposure to topical socio-economic, trade & business issues. I wish all the success to the organisers and to all the delegates with the event and their future endeavours. I also convey my best wishes to all the awardees. I am certain that the recognition of their efforts for the Tamil community will encourage and inspire others.

Piyush Goyal

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Sixth World Tamils Economic Conference and Chennai Global Economic Summit 2019

and Economic Development, Opportunities in Health care Projects, Indian Medicines, Medical Tourism, Information Technology, Mass Media and Films, Business Communications and Professional Ethics through Tamil Language and Classical Literature, Networking through Professional Bodies such as Chambers of Commerce and Tamil Diaspora Organizations, Tax System including GST and Accounting Procedures, Empowerment of Women, Employment Opportunities in Higher Education, Research and Training, and poverty alleviation through Corporate Social Responsibility.

The primary aim of the Conference was to bring together the global Tamil Diaspora Community leaders and professionals particularly from the business, trade and industry and other leading personalities from various walks of life including political, judiciary, education, media, Tamil language and Cultural fields under one roof to discuss various contemporary issues and challengesas stated above, to conceive ideas and formulate and develop strategies for a better and organized future of the Tamil Community around the globe and economic growth and achievement of the 17 noble sustained development goals prescribed by the United Nations for the entire society. The recently concluded Sixth World Tamils Economic Conference and the Chennai Global Economic Summit 2019 provided an excellent opportunity to discuss contemporary economic, financial, social and community issues, and chalk out ideas and formulate strategies for upliftment of the Tamil Community and the entire global society particularly in the key areas such as investment, trade, education and outreach through better connectivity. The conference was an immensely successful event in achieving the above stated objectives.

In this regard, many resolutions have been formulated at the close of the conference such as: 1) Requesting the Government of Tamil Nadu for creating a separate "Department for Overseas Tamils welfare" 2) Requesting the Government of Tamil Nadu, Government of Pondicherry and Government of India for creating an international Tamil Bank and also Tamil venture capital 3) Requesting the Department of Tamil development, Government of Tamil Nadu to take necessary steps to create Tamil Chairs in the Universities of various countries preferably Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Mauritius, South Africa, Guyana, PG Islands, France, Reunion, U.K. U.S.A, Canada, Thailand, Myanmar, Hong Kong, Australia and New Zealand 4) Emphasizing usage of Tamil as a Commercial Language by Commercial Enterprises and the Software used in Tamil Nadu to be enforced with Tamil Literature 5) Appealing to the participants to collaborate and also strengthen professional networking more closely with Indian and International communities for furthering their business interests in trade and investment 6) Requesting the Civil Aviation Ministry, Government of India to enhance outreach and connectivity between large Tamil communities by starting direct flightservices from Durban to Chennai , Johannesburg to Mumbai, Cape Town to New Delhi, Penang to Chennai, and Myanmar to Chennai and 7) Calling for creation of an enabling environment in terms of policy space, institutional technical assistance and business support services under the auspices of a special organization for the cause of fostering business opportunities through open innovation and value creation network particularly through the virtual world. The Conference also conferred the award of "Crown Jewel of World Tamils" to the following prominent members who have substantially contributed to the cause of Tamil welfare. Some of the awardees include Hon'bleMr.MEC Ravi Pillay, Minister for Finance, Province of Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa, Justice DuraiKarunakaran, Former Chief Justice of Supreme Court, Seychelles, Ambassador V. Mahalingam IFS, Former High Commissioner of India to Guyana, Mr.Thiruvengadam Arumugam, President, Australian Tamil Chamber of Commerce, Australia, Mr. R. Dinakaran, Ex. M.P. President of Singapore Retailers' Association, Singapore, Dr.SelvamChanemougame, President, Tamil Sangam, Reunion Island, Mr. John Joseph, President, America Tamil Sangam, New York, U.S.A, Mr. G. Jagadeesan, Tamil Association, Nairobi, Kenya, Mr. P. Venkatachalapathy, Businessman, Kuwait and Ms.KarpanaSomasundaram, Risk Management Expert, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Earlier five World Tamils Economic Conferences had been successfully held in Chennai (twice) in India , Dubai, Durban in South Africa and Pondicherry (India). A resolution has been passed in this recently concluded Conference to organize the next Conference in Dubai in the last quarter of 2020. PS: For any clarification and additional information, please contact at +91 44 24953915. Email: mds_1981@yahoo.com

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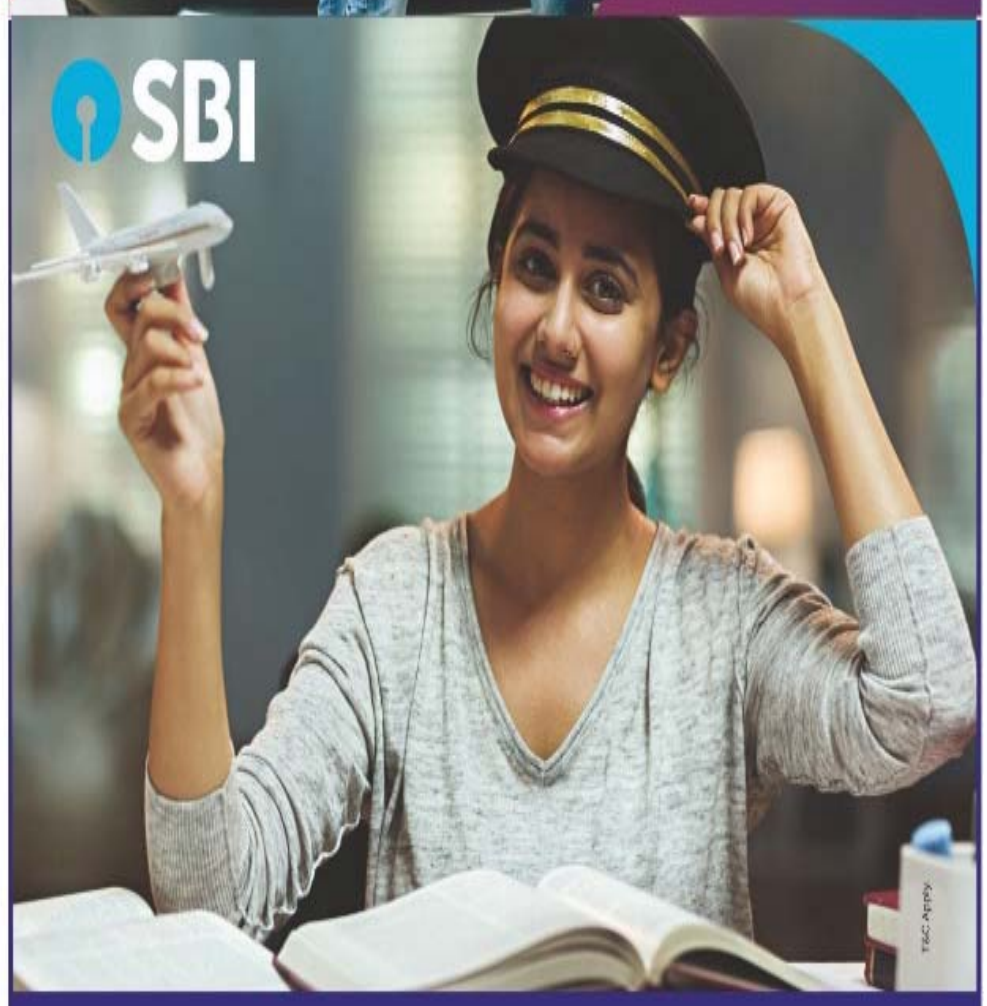

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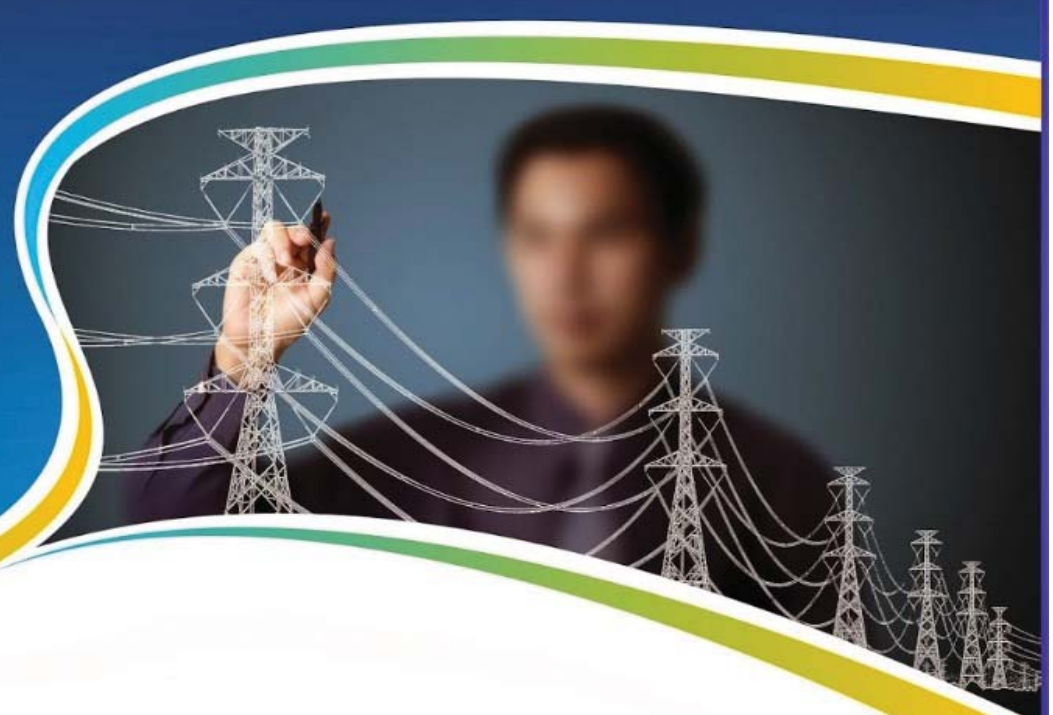

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In recent times, Bollywood celebrities have come even more under the radar than before, thanks to social media and paparazzi culture making it's way to India. And now celebrities are under more scrutiny and surveillance than ever before. Since celebrities are always being photographed, whether they're going for an award show or even just the salon, they try their best to always look on fleek.

This is most definitely the reason why gym looks, casual looks and airport looks of celebrities have become so hyped. It may surprise some of you to know that some celebrities even get their gym and airport looks professionally curated by their stylists. And while all the efforts put in by celebrities are usually fruitful, sometimes celebrities and/or their stylists either try too hard or too little, and fail to impress. Here are the celebrities who couldn't make it out from the bottom of the fashion barrel.

Urvashi Rautela has had quite a year with her songs, dance performances and back-to-back movie releases, and it seems she's made some great choices, unfortunately, the same can't be said about her fashion choices. The Pagalpanti actor has time and again worn seriously unflattering clothes that the fashion police couldn't help but call out. In fact, during a show when Neha Dhupia asked Taapsee Pannu who needs a new stylist in Bollywood, Taapsee answered in a heartbeat, "Urvashi Rautela. I think she has got a great body, I would love to see better clothes (on her) and not just the kind that only show the body." We agree Taapsee.

Bhumi has delivered some power-packed performances this year including Saand Ki Aankh and Bala, and while the actor is a total stunner and has been experimenting a lot with her style, somehow all the looks seem very played out and repetitive. And the choice of clothes seems very haywire, at times we see her in the exact same saree (Manish Malhotra sequin number) but in a different colour, and at times we see her in an ill-fitted mini. Hopefully, Bhumi will find her style in 2020. Parineeti somehow always looks the same, whether she's in jeans or in a couture gown, yeah we see the smokey eye and hairdo, but there is no stark difference. More defined looks, better make-up and outfits that are better suited to her personality will help for sure. Nushrat Bharucha is an incredibly talented actor, but we truly wish the Soni ki Titu ki Sweety actor would revamp her wardrobe, stylist and all. From the most-un-Manish Malhotra-like maroon lehenga choli, to the most unflattering cutout dress, she's worn all the big fashion no-nos. Shraddha's style has evolved tremendously over the past year, and while we are glad she is headed in the right direction, she wore quite a few sartorial disasters that couldn't be ignored and landed her here.

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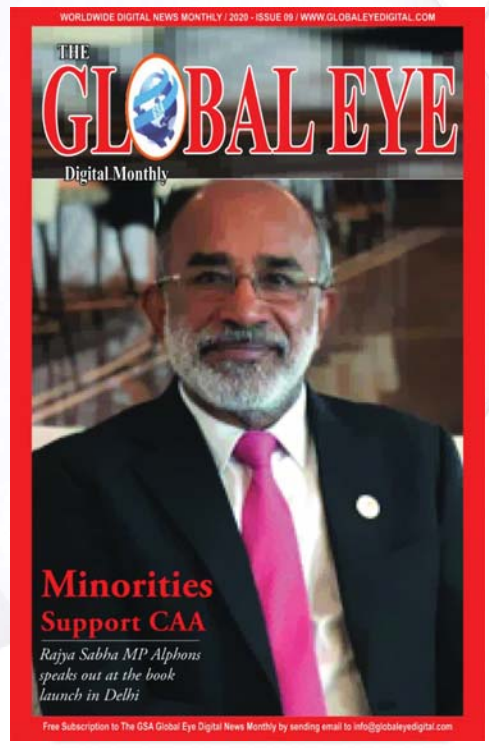

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