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## U.S.A AIDS INDIA'S COVID CRISIS



Rainbow Push Coalition Founder Rev . Jesse Jackson Sr. personally convinces President Joe Biden on June 1 at Tulsa, Oklahoma to send COVID vaccines to India urgently. This historic meeting led to V.P. Kamala Harris calling India's P.M. Modi about the donated vaccines on June 3.



U.S. President Biden addresses the 100 year Anniversary of the Tulsa Massacre of 1921 on June 1 at Tulsa, Oklahoma. The only two Indian Americans invited included Dr Vijay G. Prabhakar, Rainbow Push Coalition's Global Ambassador & The Global Eye's Editor In Chief and Dr Santosh Kumar, National Chair AMEC & Founder, MAFS, Chicago.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Original guru Govind Singh ji ka hath ka panja"- From Vimal Vyas , Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh

My name is N Swamy Rajesh from Andhra Pradesh. I read the Bureau of Outreach and Communication's magazine The Global Eye. It's very informative and very knowledgeable for every person of our country. I read this regularly. I want the hard copy of the magazine so that my entire family could read it. I want it in two languages 'Telugu and English'.

- N Swamy Rajesh, Andhra

Thanks for forwarding e-magazine of The Global Eye. I am thrilled to see so much of activities across India and USA. The magazine is compiled in a nice and interesting manner. Our wishes for the magazine to reach across more miles. We wish the entire team all the best.

- Madhurima

Too much coverage on Biden and Harris. No other articles covered this time. hope this will not repeat again. hope you understand

- K.Sravikar

want to get your esteem publication Global Eye magazine in other language. This magazine is most valuable and informative for me.

- Pavitramailto

Nice and good looking

Nice presentation

It includes all important news from top to bottom

- Shilpa

Firstly congratulations for the very useful magazine. I am very happy to read it. It is very useful in the current situation.

Patel M, Gujarat.

At the outset, let me congratulate you for your monthly magazine "global eye" I happened to get the December issue by chance and really admired the informative and valuable content presented. Please send me further issues, regularly on this mail id. If any subscription, please let me know.

- Santosh

We Salute to the Editor in Chief for giving us such an informative Digital News Monthly for free. We imagine how much effort would be required to get this wonderful monthly news.

- Chaman Lal

I wish to congratulate you for bringing out such an informative magazine.

- Sumana G,

Thanks for sending me the special version of the magazine. The representation is wonderful and wide range of news enriches us with knowledge. Please send me regularly

- Chawla, New Delhi

Please accept my congratulation for bringing out a very nice and informative magazine.

- Naveen Kumar,

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# COMMUNITY ACTIVATED DIPLOMACY TRIUMPHS IN SENDING VACCINES TO INDIA

June 1, 2021, was a historic meeting taking place on the sidelines of the 100th anniversary of the Tulsa Massacre of 1921. **President Biden was of robust health and had an in-depth understanding of all the issues surrounding the geopolitics of India.** President Biden's 50-minute address earlier at The Greenwood Cultural Center, Tulsa was truly reverberating and spoken like a Black Nationalist. In that address, President Biden referred to **Blacks and Brown** when he announced that he is increasing minority participation in all federal contracts from 10% to 15%. Another significant point that hit home for me was when President Biden emphatically referred to stopping Asian American Hate Crime with significant federal support, which has recently started rearing its ugly head in America.

Yes, I accompanied Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. along with his national field director Bishop Grant for the meeting with **President Biden after the President' address at Greenwood Cultural Center.** President Biden was very emphatic towards Rev. Jackson Sr's plea to rush vaccines to India and commended the U.S. civil rights leader, Rev. Jesse Jackson, for his relentless efforts in making a clarion call to the world to aid India at this unprecedented humanitarian crisis. President Biden made a commitment to connecting White House Staff with Reverend Jackson to ensure efficiency in communication & distribution of the U.S. donated vaccines in India. President Biden also assured us that he will look at opening up possibilities and opportunities for the State Governments of India and private entities to purchase and distribute vaccines to India. Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. introduced me to the United States President Biden, as Rainbow Push Coalition's Global Ambassador. We briefed the President about how Congressman Danny Davis initially on May 2 kick-started the coming together of Indian American and mainstream community leaders, that triggered The Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr's initiative to highlight the urgent need to help India combat the second wave of COVID 19 by hosting press Meets in Chicago, Atlanta and Washington D.C.

**It is this June 1 meeting in Tulsa that led to June 3 announcement by Vice President Kamala Harris and**



**her phone call to Prime Minister Modi. President Biden listened very carefully and responded most expressly to all our requests. We see this as a Huge positive step in US -India relations.** I would definitely say the Meeting Between President Biden and Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr was truly historic and result-driven. **We have a responsive President in President Biden who is ready to rise to the occasion and acts swiftly to immediately resolve the situation with admirable decisive leadership.**

**It is to the credit of Congressman Danny Davis who inspired me to lead the crusade for getting vaccines to India against all odds,** banding together a group of leaders from Chicago who shared the same zeal was the first step, then we had to take the same message across the country under the leadership of **Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.**

**It was clearly the Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr who broke down the man built walls by constantly engaging in dialogue with the President Biden and Vice President Harris's staff from May 7 till June 1, 2021.** I was on most of those calls where Rev. Jackson at his age with his speech difficulty, drove home his one-point agenda to get the vaccines to India

now. It was so heartbreaking to see America's tallest living leader, the Rev. Jesse Jackson fighting for India throughout the last month, with few of us Indian American leaders being there beside him. Yes, we were heckled by our own and other communities saying all our efforts are in vain and we were scoffed by many, asking us where are the vaccines?

**We had faith in Rev. Jackson's leadership and never gave up hope.** It was a real humbling experience where we had to gather support across United States for India. We used our own resources in Chicago, Atlanta and Washington D.C. to mobilize support and for all the logistics, we did not collect any funds from anyone. We also in fact donated to various India Covid relief funds including **Sewa International, USA, Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Chicago, Indiaspora, San Francisco, AAPI -USA and FIA Chicago** among others.

We had a volunteer task force crew who worked under my leadership round the clock, travelled to all cities and back-office communications including **Anil Pulla, C.E.O. Design Qubes, Hyderabad, India, Parthiban Shanmugam,** General Secretary, World

Federation of Tamil Youth, Atlanta, **Alli Dhanaraj, Deputy General Secretary, World Federation of Tamil Youth, Naperville, Shree Gurusamy, Human Services Chair, U.S. Congressman Danny Davis' Multi-Ethnic Advisory Task Force, Chicago, Dr Terrence Chiramel, Treasurer, American Association of Multi-Ethnic Physicians, AAMEP, Elmhurst, IL, Commissioner Dr Vasavi Chakka, City of Naperville Sister Cities Commission, Neelam Saboo, of Indian American Business Coalition, Illinois, Nag Jaiswal, President, Happy Minds Foundation, Naperville, Rajesh Narayan, of Indian American Cultural Association, Chicago, and Vijaykumar Janardhan, World Federation Of Tamil Youth, Indian Chapter, Bangalore.**

I would like to thank the Indian American Community leaders throughout the United States who joined me in making this a reality today : **Dr Bharat Barai, Chair US India Friendship Council, Indiana, Dr. Mrs Santosh Kumar, National Chair, AMEC & Founder, MAFS, Chicago, Neal Patel, IABC Illinois Chapter Chair & CEO, Medstar Laboratory, Hillside, IL, Neil Khot, National Chair, Indian American Business Coalition, Schaumburg, IL, Dr. Sreenivas Reddy, Trustee, Chicago Medical Society, Dr Suresh Reddy, President, American Association of Multi Ethnic Physicians, AAMEP Oakbrook, Sunil Shah, Founder, FIA-Chicago, Dr. Kalaichellam Parthiban, National Vice President of AAMEP Atlanta,, Mustafa Ajmeri, C.E.O.Global Entertainment & Media Services, Atlanta, Ramana Reddy, CEO, Ensoftek Inc. Portland, Oregon, Padmanabhan Venkatesan, Tresurer, World Federation of Tamil Youth, Phoenix, Arizona, Dr Arul Vigg, AAMEP Maryland State Chapter Chair, Ravi Puli, US INDIA Solidarity Mission, Washington D.C., S.V. Anchan, CEO SafeSea Group, New Jersey, Koshy O. Thomas, IABC Chairman Chapter, New York and M. R. Rangaswami, Founder of INDIASPORA & CEO, SandHill Group, San Francisco among others.**

**Join us in our journey to combat this worldwide COVID pandemic.**

# Black Wall Street and the Destruction of an Institution

Black Wall Street was in Greenwood, Oklahoma, a suburb of Tulsa, was the type of community that African Americans are still, today, attempting to reclaim and rebuild. Black Wall Street was modern, majestic, sophisticated and unapologetically Black. Tragically, it was also the site of one of the bloodiest and most horrendous race riots (and acts of terrorism) that the United States has ever experienced.

Today marks ninety-two years since as many as 300 African Americans lost their lives and more than 9,000 were left homeless when the small town was attacked, looted and literally burned to the ground beginning in 1921. It's impossible, however, to realize what was lost in Greenwood, which was affectionately known as "Black Wall Street."

The Greenwood community, where black wall street existed, seems almost imagined when we examine it through a historical lens. The oil booms of the early 1900's had many moving to Tulsa for a shot at quick economic gains and high life, and African Americans hoped to prosper from the new industry as well. Tulsa, like many cities and towns throughout the US, was hostilely segregated, with African Americans settling into the northern region of the city. As we often saw before integration, Blacks in the area created entrepreneurial opportunities for themselves, which housed an impressive business center that included banks, hotels, cafes, clothiers, movie theaters, and contemporary homes. Greenwood residents enjoyed many luxuries that their White neighbors did not, including indoor plumbing and a remarkable school system that superiorly educated Black children. It was pure envy, and a vow to put progressive, high achieving African Americans in their place that would cause the demise of the Black Mecca many called



"Little Africa", and its destruction began the way much terrorism, violence and dispossession against African Americans did during that era. A young White woman accused a young Black man of attempted sexual assault, which gave local mobs and White men acting as police just cause to invade the unsuspecting community. On the malevolent and horrifying attack, Linda Christenson writes the following: "The term "race riot" does not adequately describe the events of May 31—June 1, 1921 in Greenwood... In fact, the term itself implies that both blacks and whites might be equally to blame for the lawlessness and violence. The historical record documents a sustained and murderous assault on black lives and property. This assault was met by a brave but unsuccessful armed defense of their community by some black World War I veterans and others.

During the night and day of the riot, deputized whites killed more than 300 African Americans. They looted and burned to the ground 40 square blocks of 1,265 African American homes, including hospitals, schools, and churches, and destroyed 150 businesses. White deputies and members of the National Guard arrested and detained 6,000 black Tulsans who were released only upon being vouched for by a white employer or other white citizen. Nine thousand African Americans were left homeless and lived in tents well into the winter of 1921." Recently, the mother of a Palestinian activist friend of mine asked me why African Americans don't fight harder for reparations. It was a difficult question to answer, but my most immediate response centered on the historical erasure of communities like Greenwood and the state-sponsored violence against African Americans that

created its expiry. Even after slavery was abolished, any advancements towards the American dream, that Blacks paid most dearly to establish, was met with revulsion and terror, often from those whose legal obligation was to serve and protect. For that a debt is surely owed. Further, when we consider the deaths of those Black Tulsans that built black wall street and the inevitable property loss that followed, we again see one example of many that proves how wealth inequities and disparities became a part of the substance of this nation- inequities and disparities that must be considered before we go blaming Black youth for the catastrophes this nation has endorsed. And as we consider what has become the new face of terror, we should never forget that Greenwood was bombed from the sky by White local and national law enforcement organizations.

## The Greenwood Cultural Center Is More Than a Building or a Place to Gather



In the heart of Tulsa's teeming African American community, the Greenwood Cultural Center (GCC) is more than just a building or a gathering place. Our mission is its essence: promoting, preserving, and celebrating African American culture and heritage.

The Greenwood Cultural Center stands as a monument to the scores of pioneers, trailblazers, entrepreneurs, professionals, politicians, and citizens who created a renowned and respected community despite formidable odds.

The Center serves as a marker for the Tulsa community, chronicling where we have been, where we are, and



where we are going, through historical offerings, events, and youth programming.

We want to take the opportunity to say, "thank you" for showing empathy and compassion for those who are hurting as we navigate these challenging times of racial inequity. We must support each

other, even from a distance. We are committed to being diverse and inclusive, however, this journey is ever-evolving and ongoing.

We must listen to one another and act with compassion. We are all different, we come from different places,

backgrounds, families and identities; but by working together to embrace and value our differences, we create a stronger and better community.

We consider you an ally in this ongoing process and look forward to bettering our future together.



Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr. delivering an impactful address at the 100 year anniversary of Tulsa Massacre 1921 at the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame on May 31 to a distinguished African American Leaders forum.



Jonathan Jackson son of Rev Jesse Jackson Sr. speaking at the Rally thundered that racism still prevails in America and cited the example of the Native Americans. Historic that for the first time in 100 years that a U.S. President is visiting Tulsa, Oklahoma.



Photograph of the historic 1921 Black Wall Street Memorial in Greenwood, a suburb of Tulsa which has engraved the names of the 340 African American lives who were killed in the 1921 Tulsa Massacre, which left over 9,000 persons homeless.



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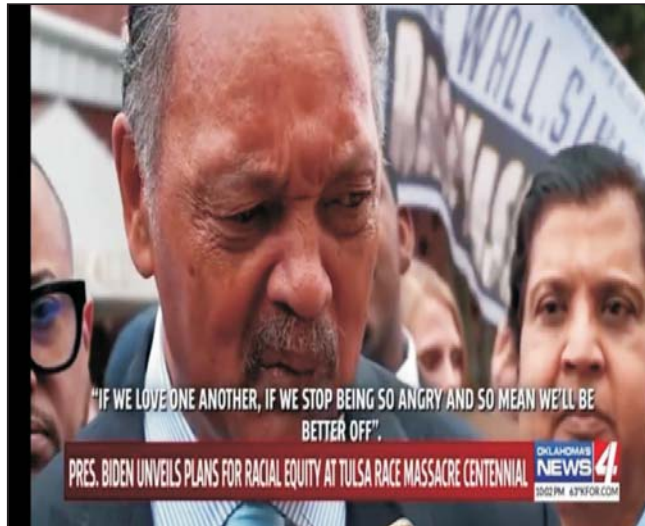
The only two Indian Americans, Dr. Vijay Prabhakar and Dr. Mrs. Santosh Kumar invited for the historic President Biden's visit to Greenwood Cultural Center, which serves as a marker for the Tulsa community, chronicling where African Americans have been, where they are, and where they are going, through historical offerings, events, and youth programming.



Ms. Lauren Usher, a descendant of one of the victims of the Tulsa massacre, introduced President Biden at this historic rally in Greenwood Cultural Center, Tulsa.



President Joe Biden giving his remarks on the 100th anniversary of the Tulsa Massacre spoke like a Black nationalist and discussed how the event and similar events in American history should be remembered.



President Biden in his address mentioned Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr.' name more than six times in his address and after his address, the U.S. Civil Rights Leader Rev. Jackson Sr. was mobbed by the TV media.



Dr. Santosh Kumar, National Chair of AMEC flanked by two powerful U.S. Congresswomen, Rep. Cori Bush (Missouri) and Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (Texas) after the President Biden address at the Tulsa event.



U.S. Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester from Delaware, the home state of President Biden flanked by Dr. Santosh Kumar and Dr. Vijay Prabhakar, the two Indian American delegates to Tulsa after the President's address.



Rev. Al Sharpton, American Civil Rights Activist & Founder, National Action Network, New York greets Dr. Santosh Kumar, AMEC National chair and Rainbow Push's Global ambassador Dr. Vijay Prabhakar at the Tulsa rally.



Angel Rich, President & CEO, Credit Rich, Washington D.C. flanked by Dr. Santosh Kumar and Dr. Vijay Prabhakar were among the select 100 Community leaders of America invited to join the 100-year anniversary of Tulsa massacre.

# Remarks by President Biden Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Tulsa Race Massacre

THE PRESIDENT: Almost five years old, coming to hear a President speak. (Laughter.) My Lord. In my faith, we call that purgatory. (Laughter.)

Lauren, thank you for that gracious introduction. And in case you were wondering, I — in Delaware — we're a small state — we have the eighth-largest Black population in America, and we have one of the most talented members of Congress. And so if I didn't walk around and pay my tribute to Lisa Blunt Rochester my congresswoman — (applause) — immediately, that was —

How are you, Rev? Good to see you. We've got a distinguished group of people here, and I want to thank Lauren for sharing the powerful story and for helping the country understand what's happening here.

And to all of the descendants here today, and to the community and civil rights leaders, and members of the Congressional Black Caucus that are here: Thank you for making sure we all remember and we never forget.

You know, there's a verse in First Corinthians that says, "For now, we see in a mirror dimly, but then, face to face, now I know in part, then I shall know fully."

It is — I just toured the Hall of Survivors here in Greenwood Cultural Center, and I want to thank the incredible staff for hosting us here. And — (applause) — I mean that sincerely. Thank you.

And if I didn't say what my father would insist on, please excuse my back. (Laughter.) I apologize.

But the tour — in the tour, I met Mother Randle, who's only 56 [107] years old. (Laughter.) God love her. And Mother Fletcher, who's 67 [106] years old. (Laughter.) And her brother — her brother, Van Ellis, who's 100 years old. (Laughter.) And he looks like he's 60. Thank you for spending so much time with me. I really mean it. It was a great honor. A genuine honor. You are the three known remaining survivors of a story seen in the mirror dimly. But no longer. Now your story will be known in full view.

The events we speak of today took place 100 years ago. And yet, I'm the first President in 100 years ever to come to Tulsa — (applause) — I say that not as a compliment about me, but to think about it — a hundred years, and the first President to be here during that entire time, and in this place, in this ground, to acknowledge the truth of what took place here.

For much too long, the history of what took place here was told in silence, cloaked in darkness. But just because history is silent, it doesn't mean that it did not take place. And while darkness can hide much, it erases nothing. It erases nothing. Some injustices are so heinous, so horrific, so grievous they can't be buried, no matter how hard people try. And so it is here. Only — only with truth can come healing and justice and repair. Only with truth, facing it. But that isn't enough.

First, we have to see, hear, and give respect to Mother Randle, Mother Fletcher, and Mr. Van Ellis. (Applause.) To all those lost so many years ago, to all the descendants of those who suffered, to this community — that's why we're here: to shine a light, to make sure America knows the story in full.

May 1921: Formerly enslaved Black people and their descendants are here in Tulsa — a boom town of oil and opportunity in a new frontier.

On the north side, across the rail tracks that divided the city already segregated by law, they built something of their own, worthy — worthy of their talent and their ambition: Greenwood — a community, a way of life. Black doctors and lawyers, pastors, teachers; running hospitals, law practices, libraries, churches, schools.



Black veterans, like a man I had the privilege to giving a Command Coin to, who fought — volunteered and fought, and came home and still faced such prejudice. (Applause.)

Veterans had been back a few years helping after winning the first World War, building a new life back home with pride and confidence, who were a mom-and — they were, at the time — mom-and-plack [sic] — mom-and-pop Black diners, grocery stores, barber shops, tailors — the things that make up a community.

At the Dreamland Theatre, a young Black couple, holding hands, falling in love. Friends gathered at music clubs and pool halls; at the Monroe family roller-skating rink. Visitors staying in hotels, like the Stradford.

All around, Black pride shared by the professional class and the working class who lived together, side by side, for blocks on end. Mother Randle was just six years old — six years old — living with her grandmom. She said she was lucky to have a home and toys, and fortunate to live without fear.

Mother Fletcher was seven years old, the second of seven children. The youngest, being Mr. Van Ellis, was just a few months old. The children of former sharecroppers, when they went to bed at night in Greenwood, Mother Fletcher says they fell asleep rich in terms of the wealth — not real wealth, but a different wealth — a wealth in culture and community and heritage. (Applause.)

But one night — one night changed everything. Everything changed. While Greenwood was a community to itself, it was not separated from the outside.

It wasn't everyone, but there was enough hate, resentment, and vengeance in the community.

Enough people who believed that America does not belong to everyone and not everyone is created equal — Native Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans, Black Americans. A belief enforced by law, by badge, by hood and by noose.

And it speaks to that — lit the fuse. It lit it by the spark that it provided — a fuse of fury — was an innocent interaction that turned into an in- — a terrible, terrible headline allegation of a Black male teenager attacking a white female teenager.

A white mob of 1,000 gathered around the courthouse where the Black teenager was being held, ready to do what still occurred: lynch that young man that night. But 75 Black men, including Black veterans, arrived to stand guard.

Words were exchanged. Then a scuffle. Then shots fired. Hell was unleashed. Literal hell was unleashed.

Through the night and into the morning, the mob terrorized Greenwood. Torches and guns. Shooting at will. A mob tied a Black man by the waist to the back of their truck with his

head banging along the pavement as they drove off. A murdered Black family draped over the fence of their home outside. An elderly couple, knelt by their bed, praying to God with their heart and their soul, when they were shot in the back of their heads.

Private planes — private planes — dropping explosives — the first and only domestic aerial assault of its kind on an American city here in Tulsa.

Eight of Greenwood's nearly two dozen churches burned, like Mt. Zion — across the street, at Vernon AME.

Mother Randle said it was like war. Mother Fletcher says, all these years later, she still sees Black bodies around.

The Greenwood newspaper publisher A.J. Smitherton [sic] — excuse me — Smitherman penned a poem of what he heard and felt that night. And here's the poem. He said, "Kill them, burn them, set the pace... teach them how to keep their place. Reign of murder, theft, and plunder was the order of the night." That's what he remembered in the poem that he wrote.

One hundred years ago at this hour, on this first day of June, smoke darkened the Tulsa sky, rising from 35 blocks of Greenwood that were left in ash and ember, razed and in rubble. Less than 24 hours — in less than 24 hours, 1,100 Black homes and businesses were lost. Insurance companies — they had insurance, many of them — rejected claims of damage. Ten thousand people were left destitute and homeless, placed in internment camps.

As I was told today, they were told, "Don't you mention you were ever in a camp or we'll come and get you." That's what survivors told me.

Yet no one — no arrests of the mob were made. None. No proper accounting of the dead. The death toll records by local officials said there were 36 people. That's all. Thirty-six people. But based on studies, records, and accounts, the likelihood — the likely number is much more, in the multiple of hundreds. Untold bodies dumped into mass graves. Families who, at the time, waited for hours and days to know the fate of their loved ones are now descendants who have gone 100 years without closure.

But, you know, as we speak, the process — the process of exhuming the unmarked graves has started. And at this moment, I'd like to pause for a moment of silence for the fathers, the mothers, the sisters, sons, and daughters, friends of God and Greenwood. They deserve dignity, and they deserve our respect. May their souls rest in peace.

[Pause for a moment of silence.]

My fellow Americans, this was not a riot. This was a massacre — (applause) — among the worst in our history, but not the only one. And for too long, forgotten by our history.

As soon as it happened, there was a clear effort to erase it from our memory — our

collective memories — from the news and everyday conversations. For a long time, schools in Tulsa didn't even teach it, let alone schools elsewhere.

And most people didn't realize that, a century ago, a second Ku Klux Klan had been founded — the second Ku Klux Klan had been founded. A friend of mine, Jon Meacham — I had written — when I said I was running to restore the soul of America, he wrote a book called "The Soul of America" — not because of what I said. And there's a picture about page 160 in his book, showing over 30,000 Ku Klux Klan members in full regalia, Reverend — pointed hats, the robes — marching down Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C. Jesse, you know all about this. Washin- — Washington, D.C. If my memory is correct, there were 37 members of the House of Representatives who were open members of the Klan. There were five, if I'm not mistaken — it could have been seven; I think it was five — members of the United States Senate — open members of the Klan. Multiple governors who were open members of the Klan.

Most people didn't realize that, a century ago, the Klan was founded just six years before the horrific destruction here in Tulsa. And one of the reasons why it was founded was because of guys like me, who were Catholic. It wasn't about African Americans, then; it was about making sure that all those Polish and Irish and Italian and Eastern European Catholics who came to the United States after World War One would not pollute Christianity.

The flames from those burning crosses torched every region — region of the country. Millions of white Americans belonged to the Klan, and they weren't even embarrassed by it; they were proud of it.

And that hate became embedded systematically and systemically in our laws and our culture. We do ourselves no favors by pretending none of this ever happened or that it doesn't impact us today, because it does still impact us today.

We can't just choose to learn what we want to know and not what we should know. (Applause.) We should know the good, the bad, everything. That's what great nations do: They come to terms with their dark sides. And we're a great nation.

The only way to build a common ground is to truly repair and to rebuild. I come here to help fill the silence, because in silence, wounds deepen. (Applause.) And only — as painful as it is, only in remembrance do wounds heal. We just have to choose to remember.

We memorialize what happened here in Tulsa so it can be — so it can't be erased. We know here, in this hallowed place, we simply can't bury pain and trauma forever.

And at some point, there will be a reckoning, an inflection point, like we're facing right now as a nation.

What many people hadn't seen before or ha- — or simply refused to see cannot be ignored any longer. You see it in so many places.

And there's greater recognition that, for too long, we've allowed a narrowed, cramped view of the promise of this nation to fester — the view that America is a zero-sum game where there is only one winner. "If you succeed, I fail. If you get ahead, I fall behind. If you get a job, I lose mine." And maybe worst of all, "If I hold you down, I lift myself up," instead of "If you do well, we all do well." (Applause.) We see that in Greenwood.

This story isn't about the loss of life, but a loss of living, of wealth and prosperity [prosperity] and possibilities that still reverberates today.

Mother Fletcher talks about how she was only able to attend school until the fourth grade and eventually found work in the shipyards, as a domestic worker.

Mr. Van Ellis has shared how, even after enlisting and serving in World War Two, he still came home to struggle with a segregated America.

Imagine all those hotels and dinners [diners] and mom-and-pop shops that could be — have been passed down this past hundred years. Imagine what could have been done for Black families in Greenwood: financial security and generational wealth.

If you come from backgrounds like my — my family — a working-class, middle-class family — the only way we were ever able to generate any wealth was in equity in our homes. Imagine what they contributed then and what they could've contributed all these years. Imagine a thriving Greenwood in North Tulsa for the last hundred years, what that would've meant for all of Tulsa, including the white community.

While the people of Greenwood rebuilt again in the years after the massacre, it didn't last. Eventually neighborhoods were redlined on maps, locking Black Tulsa out of homeownerships. (Applause.) A highway was built right through the heart of the community. Lisa, I was talking about our west side — what 95 did to it after we were occupied by the military, after Dr. King was murdered. The community — cutting off Black families and businesses from jobs and opportunity. Chronic underinvestment from state and federal governments denied Greenwood even just a chance at rebuilding. (Applause.)

We must find the courage to change the things we know we can change. That's what Vice President Harris and I are focused on, along with our entire administration, including our Housing and Urban Development Secretary, Marcia Fudge, who is here today. (Applause.) Because today, we're announcing two expanded efforts targeted toward Black wealth creation that will also help the entire community. The first is: My administration has launched an aggressive effort to combat racial discrimination in housing. That includes everything from redlining to the cruel fact that a home owned by a Black family is too often appraised at a lower value than a similar home owned by a white family. (Applause.)

And I might add — and I need help if you have an answer to this; I can't figure this one out, Congressman Horsford. But if you live in a Black community and there's another one on the other side of the highway — it's a white community; it's the — built by the same builder, and you have a better driving record than they guy with the same car in the white community, you're — can pay more for your auto insurance.

Shockingly, the percentage of Black American homeownership is lower today in America than when the Fair Housing Act was passed more than 50 years ago. Lower today. That's wrong. And we're committing to changing that.

Just imagine if instead of denying millions of Americans

the ability to own their own home and build generational wealth, we made it possible for them to buy a home and build equity into that — into that home and provide for their families. Second, small businesses are the engines of our economy and the glue of our communities.

As President, my administration oversees hundreds of billions of dollars in federal contracts for everything from refurbishing decks of aircraft carriers, to installing railings in federal buildings, to professional services.

We have a thing called — I won't go into it all because there's not enough time now. But I'm determined to use every taxpayer's dollar that is assigned to me to spend, going to American companies and American workers to build America — to build American products. And as part of that, I'm going to increase the share of the dollars the federal government spends to small, disadvantaged businesses, including Black and brown small businesses.

Right now, it calls for 10 percent; I'm going to

move that to 15 percent of every dollar spent will be spent (inaudible). (Applause.) I have the authority to do that.

Just imagine if, instead of denying millions of entrepreneurs the ability to access capital and contracting, we made it possible to take their dreams to the marketplace to create jobs and invest in our communities.

That — the data shows young Black entrepreneurs are just as capable of succeeding, given the chance, as white entrepreneurs are. But they don't have lawyers. They don't have — they — they don't have accountants, but they have great ideas.

Does anyone doubt this whole nation would be better off from the investments those people make? And I promise you, that's why I set up the — a national Small Business Administration that's much broader. Because they're going to get those loans.

Instead of consigning millions of American children to under-resourced schools, let's give each and every child, three and four years old, access to school — not daycare, school. (Applause.) In the last 10 years, studies have been done by all the great universities. It shows that, if increased by 56 percent, the possibility of a child — no matter what background they come from; no matter what — if they start school at three years old, they have a 56 percent chance of going all through all 12 years without any trouble and being able to do well, and a chance to learn and grow and thrive in a school and throughout their lives.

And let's unlock more than — an incredible creativity and innovation that will come from the nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities. (Applause.) I have a \$5 billion program giving them the resources to invest in research centers and laboratories and high-demand fields to compete for the good-paying jobs in industries like — of the future, like cybersecurity.

The reason why they don't — their — their students are equally able to learn as well, and get the good-paying job that start at 90- and 100,000 bucks. But they don't have — they don't have the back — they don't have the money to provide and build those laboratories. So, guess what? They're going to get the money to build those laboratories. (Applause.) So, instead of just talking about infrastructure, let's get about the — about the business of actually rebuilding roads and highways, filling the sidewalks and cracks, installing streetlights and high-speed Internet, creating space — space to live and work and play safely. Let's ensure access to healthcare, clean water, clean air, nearby grocery stores — stock the fresh vegetables and food that — (applause) — in fact, deal with — I mean, these are all things we can do. Does anyone doubt this whole nation would be better off with these investments? The rich will be just as well off. The middle class will do better, and everybody will do better. It's about good-paying jobs, financial stability, and being able to build some generational wealth. It's about economic growth for our country and outcompeting the rest of the world, which is now outcompeting us.

But just as fundamental as any of these investments I've discussed — this may be the most fundamental: the right to vote. (Applause.) The right to vote. (Applause.)

A lot of the members of the Black Caucus knew John Lewis better than I did, but I knew him. On his deathbed, like many, I called John, to speak to him. But all John wanted to do was talk about how I was doing. He died, I think, about 25 hours later. But you know what John said? He called the right to vote "precious," "almost sacred." He said, "The most powerful nonviolent tool we have in a democratic society." This sacred right is under assault with an incredible intensity like I've never seen — even though I got started as a public defender and a civil rights lawyer — with an intensity and an aggressiveness that we have not seen in a long, long time. It's simply un-American. It is not, however, sadly, unprecedented. The creed "We

Shall Overcome" is a longtime mainstay of the Civil Rights Movement, as Jesse Jackson can tell you better than anybody. The obstacle to progress — to progress that have to be overcome are a constant challenge. We saw it in the '60s, but with the current assault, it's not just an echo of a distant history.

In 2020, we faced a tireless assault on the right to vote: restrictive laws, lawsuits, threats of intimidation, voter purges, and more. We resolved to overcome it all, and we did. More Americans voted in the last election than any — in the midst of a pandemic — than any election in American history. (Applause.)

You got voters registered. You got voters to the polls. The rule of law held. Democracy prevailed. We overcame.

But today, let me be unequivocal: I've been engaged in this work my whole career, and we're going to be ramping up our efforts to overcome again.

I will have more to say about this at a later date — the truly unprecedented assault on our democracy, an effort to replace nonpartisan election administrators and to intimidate those charged with tallying and reporting the election results.

But today, as for the act of voting itself, I urge voting rights groups in this country to begin to redouble their efforts now to register and educate voters. (Applause.)

And in June — June should be a month of action on Capitol Hill. I hear all the folks on TV saying, "Why doesn't Biden get this done?"

Well, because Biden only has a majority of, effectively, four votes in the House and a tie in the Senate, with two members of the Senate who vote more with my Republican friends.

But we're not giving up. Earlier this year, the House of Representatives passed For the People Act to protect our democracy. The Senate will take it up later this month, and I'm going to fight like heck with every tool at my disposal for its passage.

The House is also working on the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, which is — which is critical — (applause) — to providing new legal tools to combat the new assault on the right to vote.

To signify the importance of our efforts, today I'm asking Vice President Harris to help these efforts and lead them, among her many other responsibilities.

With her leadership and your support, we're going to overcome again, I promise you. But it's going to take a hell of a lot of work. (Applause.)

And finally, we have to — and finally, we must address what remains the stain on the soul of America. What happened in Greenwood was an act of hate and domestic terrorism with a through line that exists today still.

Just close your eyes and remember what you saw in Charlottesville four years ago on television. Neo-Nazis, white supremacists, the KKK coming out of those fields at night in Virginia with lighted torches — the veins bulging on their — as they were screaming. Remember? Just close your eyes and picture what it was.

Well, Mother Fletcher said when she saw the insurrection at the Capitol on January the 9th [6th], it broke her heart — a mob of violent white extremists — thugs. Said it reminded her what happened here in Greenwood 100 years ago. Look around at the various hate crimes against Asian Americans and Jewish Americans. Hate that never goes away. Hate only hides.

Jesse, I think I mentioned this to you. I thought, after you guys pushed through, with Dr. King, the Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights Act — I thought we moved. But what I didn't realize — I thought we had made enormous progress, and I was so proud to be a little part of it.

But you know what, Rev? I didn't realize hate is never defeated; it only hides. It hides. And given a little bit of oxygen — just a little bit of oxygen — by its leaders, it comes out of there from under the rock like it was happening again, as if it never went away.

And so, folks, we can't — we must not give hate a safe harbor.

As I said in my address to the joint session of Congress: According to the intelligence community, terrorism from white supremacy is the most lethal threat to the homeland today. Not ISIS, not al Qaeda — white supremacists. (Applause.) That's not me; that's the intelligence community under both Trump and under my administration.

Two weeks ago, I signed into law the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act, which the House had passed and the Senate. My administration will soon lay out our broader strategy to counter domestic terrorism and the violence driven by the most heinous hate crimes and other forms of bigotry [sic] — of bigotry.

But I'm going to close where I started. To Mother Randle, Mother Fletcher, Mr. Van Ellis, to the descendants, and to all survivors: Thank you.

Thank you for giving me the honor of being able to spend some time with you earlier today.

Thank you for your courage. Thank you for your commitment. And thank your children, and your grandchildren, and your uncles — and your nieces and your nephews.

To see and learn from you is a gift — a genuine gift. Dr. John Hope Franklin, one of America's greatest historians — Tulsa's proud son, whose father was a Greenwood survivor — said, and I quote, "Whatever you do, it must be done in the spirit of goodwill and mutual respect and even love. How else can we overcome the past and be worthy of our forebearers and face the future with confidence and with hope?"

On this sacred and solemn day, may we find that distinctly Greenwood spirit that defines the American spirit — the spirit that gives me so much confidence and hope for the future; that helps us see, face to face; a spirit that helps us know fully who we are and who we can be as a people and as a nation.

I've never been more optimistic about the future than I am today. I mean that. And the reason is because of this new generation of young people. They're the best educated, they're the least prejudiced, the most open generation in American history.

And although I have no scientific basis of what I'm about to say, but those of you who are over 50 — how often did you ever see — how often did you ever see advertisements on television with Black and white couples? Not a joke.

I challenge you — find today, when you turn on the stations — sit on one station for two hours. And I don't know how many commercials you'll see — eight to five — two to three out of five have mixed-race couples in them. That's not by accident. They're selling soap, man. (Laughter.) Not a joke.

Remember ol' Pat Caddell? He used to say, "You want to know what's happening in American culture? Watch advertising, because they want to sell what they have."

We have hope in folks like you, honey. I really mean it. We have hope. But we've got to give them support. We have got to give them the backbone to do what we know has to be done. Because I doubt whether any of you would be here if you didn't care deeply about this. You sure in the devil didn't come to hear me speak. (Laughter.)

But I really mean it. I really mean it. Let's not give up, man. Let's not give up. As the old saying goes, "Hope springs eternal." I know we've talked a lot about famous people, but I'm — my colleagues in the Senate used to kid me because I was always quoting Irish poets. They think I did it because I'm Irish. They think I did it because we Irish — we have a little chip on our shoulder. A little bit, sometimes.

That's not why I did it; I did it because they're the best poets in the world. (Laughter.) You can smile, it's okay. It's true. There was a famous poet who wrote a poem called "The Cure at Troy" — Seamus Heaney. And there is a stanza in it that I think is the definition of what I think should be our call today for young people. It said, "History teaches us not to hope on this side of the grave, but then, once in a lifetime, the longed-for tidal wave of justice rises up, and hope and history rhyme."

Let's make it rhyme. Thank you.

# Congressman Danny K Davis and Coalition announce aid for COVID Pandemic in India



## US Rep Danny K Davis:

Let me first of all, thank MedStar. A tremendous medical equipment, company, Medical Supply, medical professionals, who give us the opportunity to make use of their facility. I am indeed proud of the fact that they headquartered here in the 7th congressional district, in the state of Illinois. In the western suburbs part of what we call Proviso Township for the really means that a group of towns and Villages come together to form a unit of government to do programmatic activities, that they would be too small to do alone. So it's kind of unique to Illinois. Some people think it's a duplication of services. But those of us who believe in this kind of operation, just reinforces the idea that service to the people in the rent that we pay for living in a democratic kind of environment. So I thank Medstar.

Let me thank the Multi-ethnic Advisory Task Force Group. And no matter who we have as officers and Chairman and Presidents, and all of that, much of the motivation comes from Dr Vijay Prabhakar, tremendous organized, a facilitator and make things happen, get things done and it's because of his Ingenuity and creativity in a real sense that we are here this morning. Today is Sunday and I don't make any bones about my relationship with faith. I am a practicing Protestant, believe in faith and force on Sundays, we worship.

Hezekiah Davis, my daddy used to say he'd much rather see a sermon than here, one any day. And so, I thought of him because what we are seeing today is a sermon We're not just seeing people talk about things that they wish were being done. Things that somebody are to do things that it would be great if they did this. That's not what this is about. This is about people. Actualization and put in into play, their faith, their belief. That notwithstanding the fact that when we read the papers to see the news, It looks as though,

what's happening in India is beyond our scope. And so individuals, the 100 and thinking, is there anything that I can do with my little thing to help? But all of us here, gone beyond that kind of thinking. The extent of saying if we can just do a little bit. And all of those little bits get added together. Our government has done is to learn.

Joe Biden is a guy who does what he say, says what he means. And I'm pleased that he and our federal government providing aid.

Corporate entities are provided not everyone has given anything yet. But we hope that everybody would give before it's over. Individuals have given money to purchase equipment, to purchase medication to facilitate movement, it takes all of that together. Deal with the pain different. Over here has the largest population of democracy in the world, largest democracy in the world, has some of the greatest challenges and some of the greatest needs. And so we're saying if we can just do our little part and you're going to hear some big parts you're also going to get a message out to the general public, letting people know that they can do their part. That they can be in the playing field. They don't have to be a money order Bank. They can be on the field. They can be where the action is, that's what we're really trying to convey. That's what we're asking, Americans to do no matter who they are final role that they can play. The role may just be if you don't do anything, but make sure you get your own vaccinations.

You make sure that you wash your hands frequently, you make sure that you don't be unnecessarily engaged in activity that helps to spread it rather than take away. Always say, I am not all people but I am one I cannot do all things but I can't do so. You should know you becomes everybody.

## Dr Vijay Prabhakar:

Thank you Congressman Danny K Davis for this great initiative

which you have initiated to United for India's Covid relief. As you all know, India is going through the world's most unprecedented humanitarian crisis today and just to be brief and shot; Friends, It's all our duty as a global citizen all over of every one of us here, And Beyond to flatten the Covid pandemic happening in India. Today, the second wave with different mutants has affected. There is a great shortage of need of oxygen, cylinders ICU hospital beds and the list goes on because as Congressman Davis rightly pointed out as the world's most populous democracy in the country with 1.3 billion people. And nobody expected and anticipated the second wave of Covid pandemic to be so disastrous and drastic. And so, just remember if the Covid pandemic and this second wave erupts out of India is going to even come here to America. And all of us, which is anyone of us, the Visionary Congressman Danny Davis, took it upon himself to educate us here in Chicago and beyond that it's important for all of us to do our best in whatever way to stir at least, to flatten the Covid pandemic, the crisis which is going on in India and after all, we have several other leaders here, present we thank all of you for doing different things for India, but I think the large appeal Congressman wants to get out there. He says, we can't keep quiet. We all have to work United together to do our best to stop this Covid Pandemic in India. Thank you.

## Dr Sreenivas Reddy:

Thank you Congressman. It's always a pleasure to be with you. We know what is happening in the world right now. With regard this pandemic it's a big humanitarian crisis, you know, these are the unprecedented Health Care Emergency that's happening in India. We see the numbers every day. The number so astonishing, if we're talking about reported cases of 400,000 with almost 4,000 deaths every day, with the projections of what their projections with

the computer models, there would be over 1 million deaths by the end of August; that would be a disaster and a humanitarian crisis that any country ever faced in the recent years. But we know the history has taught us any of these epidemics and pandemics will end if we protect the vaccinated densely populated countries and India is being one of the most densely populated country. We have to act quickly time is of the essence. It's a matter of time. What are those? These vaccines that we have an effective for this new variant still, the data is not out yet. So, as Congressman said, and Dr Vijay Prabhakar mentioned, we have the greatest strengths that we have is we need to come together. You know, your perspective of nationality race and religion and then we got to come forward and help any way that we could obviously the greatest. That we have is putting pressure on, the politicians in Washington DC and as a congressman mentioned by an Administration is so supportive, they have done a lot but think of donor or definitely they could do more, that's what we got to do. We need to come together, you know, the pressing need would be vaccines medicines, oxygen supply ventilators. All these need to be done quickly, you know, wax. It may be a little late in the game, but but medicine and oxygen supply. Has to be done at the earliest possible and that's where we come. And then I like to urge, you know, with the help of Congressman,

this pharmaceutical industry device, manufacturing companies and all the organizations here to come forward, to help India in the time of need. And I finally like to greatly appreciate Congressman for taking the initiation to do this humanitarian effort to help India in a big way. You know, I am with all of you, it

The grateful for doing this the cause thank you. Thank you Congressman. Thank you.



# The REV JESSE JACKSON, FOUNDER OF Rainbow PUSH Coalition, Chicago urges President Biden to release 60 Million Astra Zeneca Vaccine doses to India immediately.



Dr Bharat Barai

Dr Mrs Santosh Kumar

Neal Patel

Dr Sreenivas Reddy

At a Press Conference this morning at Rainbow Push Coalition Headquarters in Chicago convened by Rev Jesse Jackson, he appealed to the World to Assist India. The Rev Jesse Jackson speaking at the Press Conference said he would speak to President Biden to immediately release the 60 million vaccine doses stockpiled in Baltimore. Further Rev Jackson said he would personally speak to the Health care Industry to donate Oxygen Concentrators and Cylinders to India and follow up with the pharmaceutical giants to ensure therapeutic supplies to India. Rev Jackson said he will personally monitor these relief efforts from USA along with American Association of Multi Ethnic Physicians, USA and their associated organizations.

Dr Bharat Barai ,Oncologist & Chairman ,US India Friendship Council , Chicago asked Rev Jackson to speak to President Biden to immediately release the 60 million vaccine doses stockpiled at Baltimore to India. Dr Vijay Prabhakar ,Public Health Administrator & Chairman American Association of Multi Ethnic Physicians listed the Chicago

based organizations that are helping India including Sewa International, USA having sent \$8 million aid to India, Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Chicago sending over\$1 million worth of supplies, FIA Chicago led by Sunil Shah & Neil Khot among others. Dr Sreenivas Reddy, an Interventional Radiologist & Trustee, Chicago Medical Society emphasized the urgent need for vaccine supplies to India along with donations of Oxygen Concentrators, Oxygen Cylinders, & Ventilators /BIPAP Dr Mrs Santosh Kumar, Executive Director, Metropolitan Asian Family Services said that India is need of antiviral meds Remdisivir and Tocilizumab urgently. Neal Patel, CEO Medstar Laboratories, Hillside & Chairman , Indian American Business Coalition, USA appealed to all to send in their kind and cash contributions to Indian Red Cross Society , New Delhi <https://www.Indianredcross.org/ircs/northzone>.

Ms. Shree Gurusamy, Social Worker & Social Services Chair, American Multi Ethnic Coalition Inc. thanked the visionary Rev Jesse Jackson for



The Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. presented Dr. Vijay Prabhakar, Rainbow Push Coalition's Global Ambassador and Dr. Santosh Kumar, National Chair, AMEC to Ms. Korine Jean Price, Deputy Press Secretary to President Biden while R. P. C's National Youth Director Cameron Barnes looks on.

coming to India's aid during this global pandemic. Shree Gurusamy applauded the dynamic Community leader Dr Vijay Prabhakar for all his relentless efforts during this pandemic here in USA and in India. Dr Suresh Reddy, Immediate Past President of AAPI USA & President, American Association of Multi Ethnic Physicians Inc. , USA appealed to Rev Jackson to request President Biden to invoke the Federal Good Samaritan Act to provide immunity from malpractice for U.S. Physicians treating Covid Patients anywhere in the world . Dr Reddy said that will greatly help the American physician community to fight the Covid pandemic globally. Dr Zenobia Sowell, Dentist & Women's Chair of Congressman Danny Davis's Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force said it is

everyone's duty to help India flatten the Covid 19 surge as we live in a world that cannot be separated by borders.

Ravi Baichwal of ABC TV Channel 7 covering the press meet said it will be aired at today May 5 Wednesday 5 pm news. Bishop Travis Grant, National Field Director for the Rainbow PUSH Coalition assured the Indian American Community that they will follow through on all their requests and will continue to work with the Community leaders to ensure swift aid to India. James Gomez, Director of International Affairs of Rainbow Push Coalition, Washington DC assured that they would work closely with the Chicago Indian American Community and American Association of Multi Ethnic Physicians, USA to expedite much needed aid to India.



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Opening Remarks: Dr Vijay G Prabhakar, National Chairman,  
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Speakers:



Dr Sudhakar Jonalagada, President,  
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Closing Remarks: Ms Rina Gupta, Public Relations Director,  
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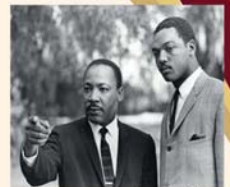
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REVEREND JESSE JACKSON  
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The Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr., Founder and President of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, is one of America's foremost civil rights, religious and political figures. Over the past forty years, he has played a pivotal role in virtually every movement for empowerment, peace, civil rights, gender equality, and economic and social justice. On August 9, 2000, President Bill Clinton awarded Reverend Jackson the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor.



Rev Jesse Jackson With Martin Luther King Jr

Reverend Jackson began his activism as a student in the summer of 1960 seeking to desegregate the local public library in Greenville and then as a leader in the sit-in movement. He was soon appointed by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to direct the Operation Breadbasket program. In December of 1971, Reverend Jackson founded Operation PUSH (People United to Serve Humanity) in Chicago, IL. The goals of Operation PUSH were economic empowerment and expanding educational, business and employment opportunities for the disadvantaged and people of color.

In January 2008, Rev. Jackson delivered the international keynote address on the life and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi at an event in New Delhi, India marking the 50th anniversary of Gandhi's martyrdom. The global event celebrated the strength of non-violent, peaceful protest that Gandhi demonstrated in his uncompromising quest for peace and justice.



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# Rev. Jackson holds a press conference in Atlanta to plea for international community to aid INDIA's dying in hundreds of thousands from coronavirus

**Indian leaders ready to buy 1 mil doses of REMDESIVIR & all 3 vaccines**

In an effort to expand his call for additional emergency vaccines and equipment for India, where more than 24 million people are now infected with the coronavirus and 262,317 have died, Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. is held a press conference with Indian leaders in Atlanta, GA, 11:30 a.m., (CT), (12:30 p.m. EST), Saturday, May 15th, at the Impact Conference Center, 5675 Jimmy Carter Blvd., Norcross, GA.

"The Coronavirus knows no racial or economic boundaries," said Rev. Jackson. "The amount of COVID-19 infections and deaths in India is astounding which is why we are expanding our call for international emergency help.

"To see reports of people on the streets, sometimes outside of hospitals that are already overwhelmed, gasping for breath is painful. To see crematoriums in full blast burning bodies and now being forced to place them in rivers and shallow graves are equally painful. We are asking for more vaccines and equipment so that Indians will have a fighting chance to survive this pandemic," Rev. Jackson stated.

Dr. Vijay Prabhakar, national chairman of the American Association of Multi Ethnic Physicians, USA (AAMEP), said the Biden administration needs to immediately supply India with the unused COVID-19 vaccines to flatten the coronavirus pandemic in India.

"Some of the state governments of India are able and willing to also purchase 1 Million doses of the antiviral medication, REMDESIVIR, immediately, and we need



the pharmaceutical giants to urgently respond to this need," said Dr. Prabhakar.

"State government agencies in India are also willing to purchase COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson and AstraZeneca," stated Dr. Prabhakar. "We need united efforts from the highest level to ensure immediate delivery of these much needed supplies to India."

Dr. Kalai Chellam Parthiban, Georgia

Chapter President, Georgia Chapter, American Association of Multi Ethnic Physicians (AAMEP), who is also clinical assistant professor at the Edward College of Osteopathic Medicine, S.C. campus, called upon hospitals, healthcare institutions across the country to rush and donate in-kind equipment like Oxygen Concentrators, Ventilators and Antiviral medications to India. "The Indian American community organizations are willing to pay for the shipping costs for

such in-kind contributions," said Dr. Parthiban.

Alli Dhanaraj of the Indian American Business Coalition said that Sewa International USA has shipped over \$20 million dollars of critically needed equipment and supplies to India. Several organizations including VISHWA HINDU PARISHAD, AAPI USA, FIA CHICAGO, are sending weekly shipments to India, but that is still not enough to cope with the relief efforts, according to Dhanaraj.



**AAMEP National Vice President Dr Kalaichellam Parthiban, Moderator & Spokesperson delivers her inaugural remarks at the Atlanta Press Meet.**



**Dr Devesh Ranjan, Acting Vice President, Georgia Tech, Atlanta assured speedy transfer of technology of his low cost ventilators invention to India.**



**Rainbow Push Coalition's Global Ambassador Dr Vijay Prabhakar giving the opening remarks.**



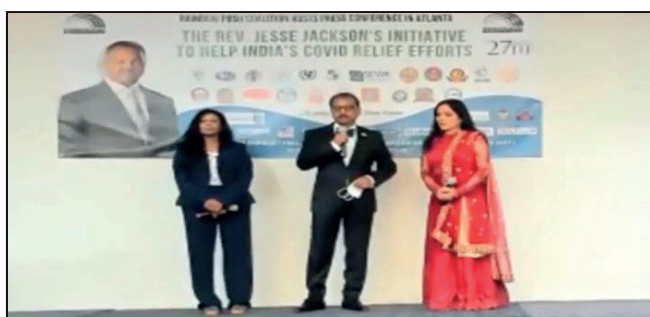
**Kiran Manchikanti, Vice President, Information Technology, UPS, Atlanta announced that UPS donated One million dollars to Sewa International USA.**



**Dr Andrea Julio, President Dekalb Medical Society expressed her solidarity with India during this Covid crisis.**



**Dr Gulshan Harjee, Global Physician & Advisory Board Member, UNICEF Campaign, USA Said that UNICEF has increased their spending for Covid by another \$23 million dollars.**



**Dr Sudhakar Jonnalagadda, President, American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin, AAPI-USA detailed the efforts of AAPI in sending Oxygen cylinders to India.**



**Dr Lizy Thaliath, Executive, Association of Kerala Medical Graduates AKMG- USA spoke about AKMG's efforts for India.**



**Dr Sreeni Gangasani, Chairman, E- Global Doctors & Director, GAPI Clinics, Atlanta outlined the work of E- Global Doctors for India.**

# Reverend Jesse Jackson meets with Atlanta community to help India's Covid relief efforts.



-By Viren Mayani

Reverend Jesse Jackson, who began his civil rights activism as a student in 1960 and rose to prominence as a leader of civil rights movement alongside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has remained committed to the causes of social justice, equality, and humanitarian aid. His organization, Operation PUSH (People United to Serve Humanity), has teamed up with Indian-American medics in the Chicago region to collectively respond to the tremendous human crisis that India is battling.

This initiative brought Reverend Jackson to Atlanta to an event that was organized with less than two days' notice by the tireless Mustafa Ajmeri, Atlanta Indian community's "go to person". Shiv Agarwal of Global Mall provided the venue and the 27th Investment Group sponsored the event.

Even on such short notice, several Atlanta organizations who have been working on Covid relief efforts in India, stepped up to the plate to attend the event. Dr. Kalai Chellam Parthiban, President of the Georgia Chapter of the American Association of Multi Ethnic Physicians (AAMEP) as well as past President of the American Tamil Medical Association (ATMA), served as the event moderator. Recognizing Reverend Jackson as the recipient of the 2000 Presidential Medal of Freedom, America's highest civilian honor, she thanked him for his initiative in helping India at the time of its need, particularly for his efforts in urging the U.S. administration to send 16 million doses of unused AstraZeneca vaccines to India which have been stockpiled in Baltimore, MD.

Dr. Vijay Prabhakar, National Chairman of AAMEP, who spoke next, highlighted Rev. Jackson's efforts that enabled President Biden to waive the intellectual property protections for Covid-19 vaccines for a free flow of the vaccines between nations. He informed Reverend Jackson that many state governments in India were willing to purchase vaccines from Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson; and requested him to urge the U.S. administration to supply to these state governments. "The Biden administration is doing a great job, but we need to do much more because the need is so huge," he said. "We are also calling on all the healthcare institutions across the country to donate in-kind equipment like oxygen concentrators, ventilators, and other much-needed PPE supplies to India. We have organizations like the Federation of Indian Associations

(FIA), Chicago, who are willing to provide the shipping costs for those items."

Mayor Craig Newton, the first black mayor of Norcross, Georgia, attended the event and offered to partner with the local community in its efforts towards Covid relief in India. Other dignitaries present at the event highlighted efforts of their respective organizations: Dr. Sudhakar Jonalagada, President, American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI), said, "We represent 100,000 doctors, and we have raised over \$200 million towards the cause of our motherland. I know it's not enough." Dr. Parthiban said, "On Mother's Day ATMA joined hands with many Tamil organizations to raise \$2 million within a span of a couple of days. This will help the state of Tamil Nadu and will be channeled through Tamil Nadu Foundation."

Dr. Sreeni Gangasani, President and Chairman of Board of trustees of Georgia Association of Physicians of Indian Heritage (GAPI), said, "eGlobal Doctors was born out of the union of doctors and IT professionals for patients anywhere in the world to gain access to telehealth. Currently, we are providing consultations for Covid patients in India through this platform." Dr. Andrea Julio, President, Dekalb Medical Society, said, "India and the U.S. have long been strategic partners in this lovely and connected world. Covid-19 crisis is not India's problem, but it's a world problem and we need to be intricately involved in removing bottlenecks for the much-needed supplies, medical prescriptions, PPE, oxygen tanks et al."

Dr. Lizzy Thaliath, Physician Executive, Association of Kerala Medical Graduates (AKMG), said, "Apart from engaging in fundraising, we have adequately assessed that testing equipment, as well as high quality PPE, is the need of the hour in India. We have seen a severe shortage of medics both here as well as in India, and therefore we need to protect the healthcare workers. We are supplying PPE and oximeters. The first shipment went to India last week, and the second one is scheduled for next week."

Dr. Gulshan Harjee, Advisory Board Member of UNICEF, Southeastern Chapter, said, "Reverend Jackson, I am awestruck to be in the same room as you. I am a global citizen as I have lived over four continents. I came from a village of 500 people that were recipients of UNICEF's vaccine program, and today I have come full circle serving on the Board

of UNICEF, a branch of the United Nations. Since I spoke 30 minutes ago, UNICEF pledge has gone up from \$200 million to \$660 million. UNICEF has also pledged 220 high-quality PCR rapid testing machines for India, but UNICEF's main signature is vaccines, so it will procure and provide those at \$3.50 apiece. We have pledged complete solidarity with India, and we will work relentlessly for its cause. I offer my deep gratitude for all your efforts in this crisis, from the very beginning."

Swadesh Katoch, VP Disaster Recovery, SEWA International USA, said, "We have partnered with many organizations. About 10 million dollars and about 2000 concentrators have already been distributed in 24 States. We have also purchased 200 plus ventilators. Since the situation is so fluid, to give you one example of how fast we are working towards relief, let me share that we heard three days back that a faculty member of the Aligarh Muslim University died due to a shortage of oxygen, and just today we have distributed our concentrators there."

Dr. Devesh Ranjan, co-inventor of low budget ventilators from Georgia Tech, said, "I'm currently the interim VP of Research at GaTech. I am here because I feel that it is a cause which is hurting a lot of students. On hearing what all UNICEF is doing, I would like to say that this is not an India crisis but a humanitarian crisis. We must have frugal innovation which brings social equality for everyone. So, I request all makers to open their intellectual property (IP) for the good of all. At GaTech we have removed the IP rights for ventilators and for Covid testing so that anyone wants to access the same, to build it in India for cheap,

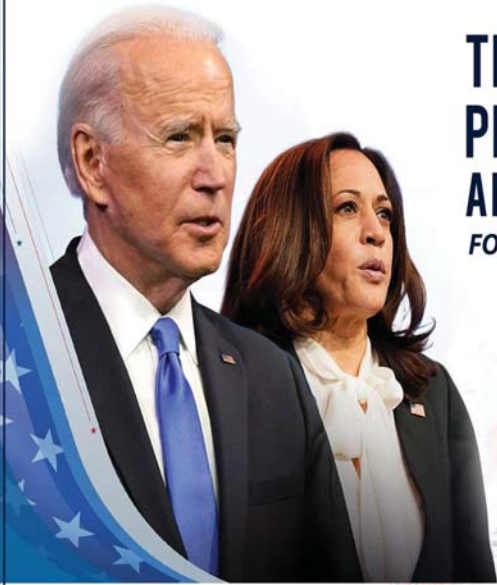
can have it." Shiv Agarwal, President Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation, Atlanta Chapter, said that, "Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation, besides contributing \$1 million in cash contribution, is providing over 50,000 volunteers to help where needed. I will recite a quote from a scholar Swami Vivekananda: Arise, awake and stop not till the goal is reached. The goal is far away right now, and we will keep working. This is a tsunami of crisis and we must all come forward, including senators, to help India."

Reverend Jackson then took the stage and began by requesting all present to hold a moment's silence for all the lives lost. "I am going to speak with Congress next week and later going to New York for the same advocacy. Rainbow PUSH is committed to serve India which is the second largest populated country in the world and the largest democracy. Anytime we get in trouble, India is always there with the resources of soldiers etc." Then he broke out in a chant and led the crowd to say after him, "We need respirators," "We need oxygen," "We need masks," "We need human care," "We need human rights," ending with emphasis on "NOW" after each phrase. Rina Gupta, Public Relations Director, 27th Investments, made the closing remarks. "27th Investments has been a consistent companion to India's woes, and for the Covid relief effort it has donated \$100,000. Thank you, Reverend, for your time, your compassion, and most importantly your words, which I have no doubt, will be heard loudly in Washington." She thanked all the leaders, the media and others for relaying the message.



Federation Of Indian Associations-Chicago launched their India COVID Relief Fund by sending their first shipment to Rotary Club of Mumbai. FIA Founder Sunil Shah, Founding Member & National Chair, Indian American Business Coalition, USA Neil Khot and FIA Executive Gurmeet Singh.

THE REV JESSE JACKSON'S PRESS MEET



**THANK YOU  
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FOR RELEASING 80 MILLION DOSES  
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Wednesday, May 19th, 2021  
3 PM (EST)

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Thornton Room, 11th Floor

REV. JACKSON & INDIAN LEADERS TO ASK BIDEN  
FOR 60 MIL DOSES OF VACCINES FOR INDIA



Rev. Jesse Jackson  
Founder & President  
Rainbow Push Coalition



US Rep Danny K Davis  
7th Congressional District  
Chicago, Illinois



US Rep Raja Krishnamoorthi  
8th Congressional District  
Chicago, Illinois



PROGRAM



Lead Spokesperson



Dr. Bharat Barai  
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Opening Remarks



Dr. Mrs Santosh Kumar  
Founder & Executive Director,  
Metropolitan Asian Family Services, Chicago

SPEAKERS



Mr S.V. Aanchan  
IABC, New Jersey  
CEO ,SAFESEA Group, New Jersey



Mr. Neil Khot  
Executive Vice President,  
ABC, USA & CEO RELY Services,  
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Mr. Sunil Shah  
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Commissioner  
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Mr. Sunil Singh  
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of Asian Indian Associations,  
Washington D.C. ,USA



Mr. Ravi Pulli  
Founder, US India Solidarity  
Mission, Washington D.C.



Dr. Zenobia Sowell  
Chairman, Bethel Mennonite  
Community Church, Chicago



Mr Nag Jaiswal  
President, Happy Minds  
Foundation, Illinois



Mr. Parthiban Shanmugam  
General Secretary,  
World Federation of  
Tamil Youth, Atlanta, USA.



Mr Mustafa Ajmeri  
CEO, Global Entertainment &  
Media Services, Atlanta



Mr. Koshy Thomas  
Chairman,  
New York Chapter, IABC

3.40pm : REMARKS : THE REVEREND JESSE JACKSON  
3.50pm: Media Questions & Answers



REVEREND JESSE JACKSON  
Founder & President of Rainbow PUSH Coalition

The Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr., Founder and President of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, is one of America's foremost civil rights, religious and political figures. Over the past forty years, he has played a pivotal role in virtually every movement for empowerment, peace, civil rights, gender equality, and economic and social justice. On August 9, 2000, President Bill Clinton awarded Reverend Jackson the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor.



Rev. Jesse Jackson With  
Martin Luther King Jr

Reverend Jackson began his activism as a student in the summer of 1960 seeking to desegregate the local public library in Greenville and then as a leader in the sit-in movement. He was soon appointed by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to direct the Operation Breadbasket program. In December of 1971, Reverend Jackson founded Operation PUSH (People United to Serve Humanity) in Chicago, IL. The goals of Operation PUSH were economic empowerment and expanding educational, business and employment opportunities for the disadvantaged and people of color.

In January 2008, Rev. Jackson delivered the international keynote address on the life and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi at an event in New Delhi, India marking the 50th anniversary of Gandhi's martyrdom. The global event celebrated the strength of non-violent, peaceful protest that Gandhi demonstrated in his uncompromising quest for peace and justice.



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PROGRAM



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Washington D.C. May 19 : 3 PM

3pm :MODERATOR &SPOKESPERSON: Dr Vijay Prabhakar,  
National Chairman , American Association Of Multi Ethnic Physicians-AAMEP

OPENING REMARKS : Dr. Mrs Santosh Kumar,  
Founder & Executive Director, Metropolitan Asian Family Services, Chicago

SPEAKERS :

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Mr S.V. Aanchan, Chairman, New Jersey Chapter, Indian American Business Coalition, USA  
& CEO ,SAFESEA Group, New Jersey

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

Mr. Neil Khot, Executive Vice President, Indian American Business Coalition, USA & CEO  
RELY SERVICES, Schaumburg , IL USA

U. S. Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi, U. S House Select Committee on Corona  
Virus Crisis

Mr. Sunil Shah, Founder, Federation of Indian Associations-Chicago, Illinois

Commissioner Vasavi Chakka, Naperville Sister Cities Commission, Illinois

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Mr. Sunil Singh, Chairman, National Council of Asian Indian Associations, Washington D.C.

Mr. Parthiban Shanmugam, General Secretary, World Federation of Tamil Youth, Atlanta

3.40pm :REMARKS : THE REVEREND JESSE JACKSON

3.50 pm : North America Book Release : Covid 19 Hero:Ma Santosh Kumar

# REV. JACKSON AND INDIAN LEADERS ASKS BIDEN FOR 60 MIL DOSES OF VACCINES

**Rev. Making a moral appeal, Rev. Jackson and a host of prominent Indian leaders to ask President Biden for 60 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines**  
**Rev. Jackson: "India's COVID-19 cases can infect whole world"**



**Dr Bharat Barai, Chair , US- India Friendship Council , Indiana &Lead Spokesperson thanked President Biden for allocating vaccines overseas.**

**Rev . Jesse Jackson calling for immediate supply of vaccines to India. Dr Vijay Prabhakar and Parthiban Shanmugam look on.**

Chicago, Ill – With 222,000 confirmed COVID-19 deaths, rivers filling up with bodies for lack of space in crematoriums in India, Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. is holding a press conference 3 p.m. (EST) (2 p.m. CST), Wednesday, May 19th, in Washington, D.C. to ask President Biden to give India 60 million doses of AstraZeneca vaccine. Alarmed at the 222,000 confirmed deaths in India and a second wave of the virus sweeping throughout rural India, Rev. Jackson, who will be joined by a number of prominent Indian leaders, is holding the press conference at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Ave., NW, in Washington, D.C., in the Thornton Room, 11th Floor, to appeal to President Biden for more humanitarian aid.

Yesterday, Tuesday, May 17th, India's Health Ministry reported there were 4,329 COVID-19 deaths and so far 25 million cases. With India the second highest population in the world, Rev. Jackson fears their infections could spread to the rest of the world. "COVID-19 knows no national boundaries. It does not discriminate by race, religion or ideology," he stated. Saying the virus is raging across India, Rev. Jackson warned, "The pandemic poses a threat to humanity, not to any one country. Our response must be as encompassing as the threat." Dr. Vijay Prabhakar, national chairman, American Association of Multi Ethnic Physicians, USA, thanked President

Biden for his international vaccination pledge by providing 80 million COVID-19 vaccines, but he also pleaded to Biden to give at least 60 million of those to India.

Dr. Prabhakar called on Biden to invoke the Federal International Emergency Production Act which would enable the manufacturers of the vaccine in the USA to increase their production capacity. "We need to protect India first only then can America and the rest of the world be protected," Dr. Prabhakar said. Also thanking President Biden for coming to the aid of India is Dr. Bharat Barai, chairman, U.S. India Friendship Council, Munster, Indiana, who urged the President to facilitate the supply of the "much needed antiviral medications of Remdesivir and Tocilizumab to India immediately." Neil Khot, executive vice president, Indian American Business Coalition, USA, appealed to President Biden to facilitate the purchase of vaccines and antiviral medications by the State Governments of India to flatten the COVID pandemic in India. When President Biden took office, he vowed to restore the stature of the U.S. as a leader in public health and pledged \$4 billion to an international vaccine effort. He also vowed to provide financial support to help Biological E, a vaccine manufactured in India, produce at least one billion doses of coronavirus vaccines by the end of 2022.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3gSTOtXCmAQ>



**Commissioner Dr Vasavi Chakka of Naperville City pleaded for at least 60 million vaccines for India.**

**Shipping Tycoon S. V. Anchan , CEO SafeSea Group, New Jersey explained the significance of protecting India which accounts for nearly 70 % of the Shipping crew globally .**



**FIA -Chicago Founder President Sunil Shah talks about the fundraising efforts of the Federation of Indian Associations , Chicago.**

**NCAIA Chairman Sunil Singh of Washington D. C. thanks Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr for his relentless support for India.**

# U.S. Civil Rights Leader Rev. Jesse Jackson assures Tamil Nadu's Chief Minister M.K. Stalin that help is on its way

Reverend Jesse Jackson, U.S Civil Rights Leader Spoke to Tamil Nadu's Finance Minister Palanivel Thiagarajan from Chennai, India in a zoom call today May 21, 2021.

Reverend Jesse Jackson, Founder & President, Rainbow Push Coalition, USA along with Dr. Vijay G Prabhakar, National Chairman, American Association of Multi Ethnic Physicians, USA and the Global Ambassador of Rainbow Push Coalition are camping at Washington D.C. to ensure that at least 60 Million doses of Astra Zeneca Vaccines are Shipped to India at the earliest.

The Finance Minister of Tamil Nadu, India's Southern most state Mr. P.T.R Palanivel Thiagarajan made a passionate plea at the direction of Tamil Nadu's Chief Minister Mr. M.K. Stalin to Rev. Jesse Jackson, to request the U.S. President Biden to expeditiously release a special allotment of Astra Zeneca Vaccines to the State of Tamil Nadu from the 80 Million Vaccines that U.S.A has offered to donate overseas.

P.T.R. Palanivel Thiagarajan, Finance Minister of India's Southern most State of Tamil Nadu Conveyed the People of Tamil Nadu and Chief Minister M.K. Stalin's gratitude to U.S. Civil Rights Leader Rev. Jesse Jackson and Rainbow Push Coalition's Global Ambassador Dr. Vijay G Prabhakar for their relentless crusade to assist India including Tamil Nadu State during this COVID Pandemic. Finance Minister Palanivel Thiagarajan traced the growth of the Dravidian movement in Southern Part of India and drew the parallel with U.S Civil Rights movement, while welcoming the Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr., Tamil Nadu Finance Minister Thiagarajan stressed that Covid vaccines are immediately needed for the 80 Million population of Tamil Nadu, which is an Unique State. "Tamil Nadu has the best medical



infrastructure with one medical doctor for every 300-400 People, access to primary Health Care for every village and that Tamil Nadu can ensure that mass Vaccinations of Astra Zeneca vaccine can be administered effectively in a timely manner. Further, Tamil Nadu's health care infrastructure can ably support the administration of these vaccines. Tamil Nadu has a large population, densely populated and a high rate of Covid-19 added Minister Thiagarajan. Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr., Founder & President, Rainbow Push Coalition responded to Tamil Nadu State's request that he is

personally talking to the highest level of Biden Administration to ensure that India will equitably distribute the vaccines that USA donates. Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr, also said that he will host a zoom call early next week with the C.E.O.'s of Astra Zeneca and Johnson & Johnson in this regard. Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr., said that "Help is on the way. We stand by you. Keep Hope Alive. We would do our best to facilitate that State of Tamil Nadu gets its due share of Covid vaccines soon. "Dr. Vijay Prabhakar, Rainbow Push Coalition's Global

Ambassador & President of World Federation of Tamil Nadu, informed Tamil Nadu's Minister Thiagarajan that Rev. Jesse Jackson is in contact with U.S. President Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris to facilitate State Governments of India to purchase Astra Zeneca and Johnson & Johnson vaccines from the manufacturers, which are currently approved by the Government of India.

Others who were on the zoom call included Parthiban Shanmugam, General Secretary, World Federation of Tamil Youth, Atlanta, Georgia, Padmanabhan Venkatesan, Treasurer, World Federation of Tamil Youth, Phoenix, Arizona, Alli Dhanaraj, Deputy General Secretary, World Federation of Tamil Youth, Naperville, Illinois, Vijaykumar Jaganathan, Executive Vice President, World Federation of Tamil Youth, Indian Chapter, Bangalore, India, and Shree Gurusamy, Human Services Chair, U.S Congressman Danny K. Davis's Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force.

Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr, U.S. Civil Rights Leader assured Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin:

"Chief Minister Stalin, Chief Minister Stalin You are the man. Help is coming. Chief Minister Stalin, Help is on the way. Dawn of the morning is coming. Let nothing break your Spirit. We will win this battle! We will win this battle! We will Conquer this disease, KEEP hope alive! Thank God, Bless you guys.

Tamil Nadu Finance Minister Thiagarajan thanked Rev Jesse Jackson for his assurances at this critical time and The Rainbow Push Coalition Global Ambassador Dr. Vijay Prabhakar, President, World Federation of Tamil Youth U.S.A. for facilitating this meeting.



Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Chicago - World Hindu Council was one of the first to airlift One million dollars of COVID relief materials to India. Nirav Patel, President VHP, Dr Umang Patel, Million Dollar Donor, Nimish Jani and Amitabh Mittal, VHP Secretary with the first shipment.

# US VP Harris thanks Indian Diaspora during State-Dept.-hosted a discussion with Indiaspora on COVID-19 Response

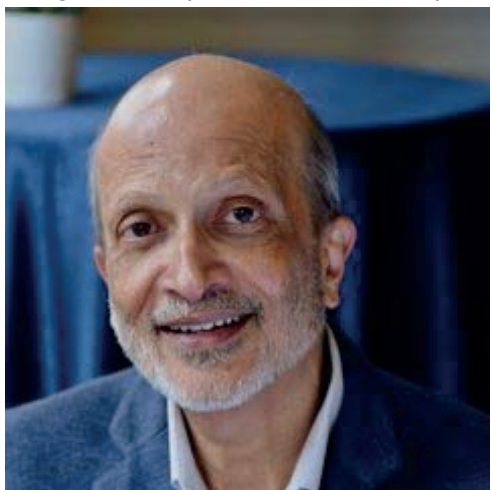
Message from Vice President Harris thanking the Indian diaspora, Indiaspora participates in a State Department-hosted discussion on the diaspora response to the COVID-19 pandemic in India

Indiaspora Founder M.R. Rangaswami discusses strong American response through giving and their ChaloGive campaign

San Francisco, CA | Washington : Following remarks from Vice President Harris on the United States' strong partnership with India, Silicon Valley angel investor and entrepreneur MR Rangaswami, who founded Indiaspora, a nonprofit community of global Indian diaspora leaders, spoke about the outpouring of support from the Indian diaspora toward India's COVID-19 relief efforts during a discussion hosted by the State Department.

"The message from the Vice President about the strong and long-standing U.S.-India partnership was a reaffirming one, and we are humbled by her acknowledgement of how Indiaspora has played a critical role," said Executive Director of Indiaspora Sanjeev Joshipura. "During a time when people are hurting, the message was clear that the United States, along with its Indian diaspora, will continue to stand with India."

Following Vice President Harris's remarks, Indiaspora Founder MR Rangaswami spoke about the diaspora



and the broader American community's unprecedented response to India's COVID-19 pandemic during a panel discussion hosted by the U.S. State Department, "Bolstering U.S. COVID Relief Efforts in India: Perspectives from the Diaspora," with fellow diaspora leaders.

"One of our biggest focus areas for Indiaspora is philanthropy. When COVID-19 first hit, we started a campaign called ChaloGive. This has hit everyone on a personal basis. I'm treating this as a personal emergency as well as a call to action," said MR Rangaswami, who lost his sister to COVID-19 a few months ago. "We are grateful to the U.S. government, to the diaspora, and to the greater American community for stepping up during this time."

Moderated by the U.S. State Department's South and Central Asia Senior Bureau Official, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Ervin Massinga, the

panel discussion also included the following speakers: Honorable State Senator Dr. Ghazala Hashmi of Virginia; Gunisha Kaur, Assistant Professor at Weill Cornell Medicine, Medical Director, Weill Cornell Center for Human Rights; and Lata Krishnan, American Indian Foundation Founder and Co-Chair of the Board. In addition to remarks from Vice President Harris, the USAID's Deputy Assistant Administrator Anjali Kaur also offered remarks about USAID's contributions to the relief efforts.

Indiaspora officially launched their giving platform ChaloGive.org May 3rd as a grassroots initiative for the public to donate to COVID-19 relief efforts in India after Indiaspora served as a \$1 million matching partner for the high-profile fundraiser, HELP INDIABREATHE, organized by author and podcast host Jay Shetty.

The ChaloGive for India campaign facilitates giving by the global diaspora toward on-the-ground NGOs working in

three areas of COVID-19 relief: the creation of urgently needed COVID care centers and makeshift hospitals through nonprofit WISH Foundation, direct cash transfer to families who have lost a primary earning member through nonprofit GiveIndia, and food relief and livelihood assistance for migrant workers and other underserved populations through EdelGive Foundation to nonprofits Goonj and Jan Sahas.

Donors from anywhere in the world can either choose one area to donate to, or make a contribution that will be evenly split between all three areas. U.S. donors also receive a tax exemption.

Visit ChaloGive.org for additional information and resources.

About ChaloGive:

Indiaspora launched its inaugural ChaloGive giving campaign in October 2019 to encourage higher levels of giving by the diaspora by partnering with more than 20 India-based NGOs, several of which are part of the India Philanthropy Alliance (IPA). Indiaspora launched its second campaign, ChaloGive for COVID-19 in April 2020 during the first wave of the COVID-19 crisis to alleviate food insecurity in both the U.S. and India by partnering with nonprofits Feeding America and Goonj, respectively.

About Indiaspora:

Indiaspora (www.indiaspora.org) is a nonprofit community of powerful global Indian leaders from diverse backgrounds and professions who are committed to inspiring the diaspora to be a force for positive impact by providing a platform to collaborate, engage, and catalyze social change.





# Sewa International to Distribute 7482 Oxygen Concentrators and 250 Ventilators in India

(Credits: IANA)

Houston: Sewa International has procured 7,482 oxygen concentrators, 20,500 pulse oximeters, 250 ventilators, 256 co-ventilators and other much need-ed medical equipment and has shipped most of these to India via UPS over the past two weeks. Working with its partners in India, Sewa International has distributed more than 4,000 medicine kits, and 5,000 essential kits. As Indian hospitals and care agencies struggle to meet this dire medical emergency, Sewa volunteers have been working across the country, in small towns and big cities to offer information about hospital bed availability, medical equipment distribu-tion, vaccinations, and testing for COVID-19. Sewa International has already spent more than \$7.5 mil-lion procuring and shipping equipment and helping distribute needed medicines, food, and other sup-plies.

Detailing some of the work done by

the Sewa International team in India, Viswanath Koppaka, National Marketing Director for Sewa International said, "Sewa International volunteers facilitated the COVID-19 testing at the Government Hospital in Hiriyyur, Karnataka on Tuesday, May 11. Sewa volun-teers went door-to-door to create awareness among people in this small town about the significance of timely testing for COVID-19." He said that "Oxygen concentrators sent from the US has also reached Lucknow, the capital city of Uttar Pradesh on Tuesday, May 11. Sewa has sent 70 concentrators to the city for immediate use as they will fulfil the urgent needs of various Covid Care Centers across the city. Uttar Pradesh reported 20,435 fresh cases on May 11 and had 216,057 active cases. The big challenge right now in India is the sheer number of people testing positive; the lack of medical equipment; and the difficulty for volunteers to work efficiently, quickly, and without hindrance

in a country that is essentially under lockdown."

Donations Pour in Sewa International has reached the 105,000-donor mark and raised over \$16 million from its 'Help India Defeat COVID-19' Facebook campaign and through their website campaign. As of May 10, Sewa International had procured 7,482 oxygen-concentrators and airlifted 5,482 of them to India.

The highlight of the fundraising the campaign was the recent \$2.5 million pledge made by Jack Dorsey, CEO of Twitter. "There are so many generous donors that we cannot name them all, but to all of them a big thank you," said Arun Kankani, President, Sewa International, mentioning that among the big donors were the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin, which donated \$535,000 and Dr Alok Agrawal, founder of the Global Pragathi (Global Progress), who has donated \$500,000.

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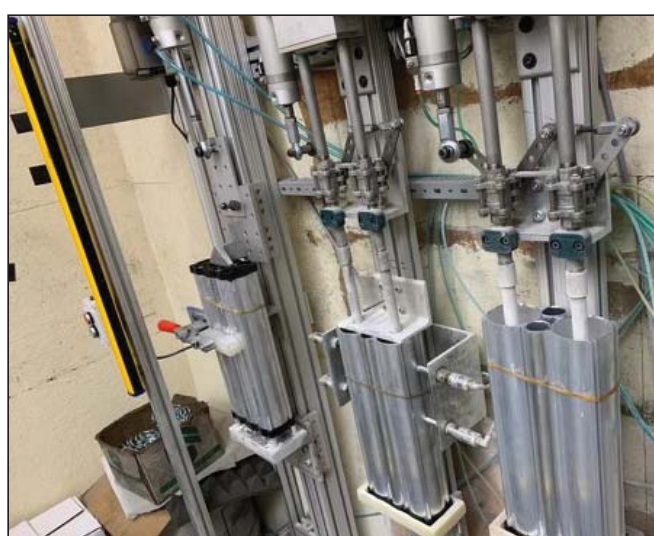
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# Coimbatore mosque turned into counselling centre for Covid patients

The centre, established at the Masjidhul Hudha mosque in Karumbukadai, will guide those who seek assistance on Covid treatment facilities.

COIMBATORE: A 40-year-old mosque in Coimbatore has been converted into a counselling-and-helpline centre for Covid patients. Jamaat-e-Islami Hind and Students Islamic Organisation hit upon the idea as prayers are not held due to lockdown. The centre started functioning on Friday. The centre, established at the Masjidhul Hudha mosque in Karumbukadai, will guide those who seek assistance on Covid treatment facilities. Speaking to Express, district secretary of Jamaat-e-Islami Hind MS Sabeer Ali said, "We offer two services — help public get required information on bed availability in the district and counsel patients on



improving their physical and mental health." He added that though the details of vacant beds are available on the government website and triage centre, many do not know how to access these portals. The centre has roped in 75 doctors to counsel people free of cost. Sabeer said 50 people called on the first day. A coordinator from the centre said, "It is normal for everyone to feel stressed, confused, scared, or angry when they are being advised to isolate themselves. They need guidance to maintain mental health and psychosocial support. We hope that the centre would be of use to many people."

# Bureaucrats, police officers who double up as doctors

They had donned the white coat of medical practitioners before clearing the civil service examinations and becoming IAS or IPS officers.



Manju Sheoran Jakhar



Dr Nilesh Deore



JAIPUR/PATNA/BHOPAL: They are qualified doctors by training, but bureaucrats or police officers by profession. They had donned the white coat of medical practitioners before clearing the civil service examinations and becoming IAS or IPS officers. Now in this hour of crisis caused by the second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic, besides doing their jobs as a chief executive or a district magistrate, they take out time to visit hospitals and double up as doctors to treat Covid patients.

Meet Manju Sheoran Jakhar, S M Thiyagrajan and Anil Kumar among others, the first two being IAS officers of the Rajasthan and Bihar cadre respectively, and the third an IPS officer in UP. All three had studied MBBS. They are now putting their medical training to good use, playing a double role with ease.

Jakhar, a 2016 batch IAS officer, is the chief executive officer of the Udaipur District Council and oversees rural development work under the MNREGA. She studied MBBS at the Lady Hardinge Medical College in New Delhi and also completed her MS in gynaecology before cracking the civil services exam. Given her medical background, she was assigned the work of ensuring oxygen supply to patients and to fill the gap in Covid testing facilities.

During her almost daily rounds of

hospitals to ensure this, she takes out time to see patients in the wards of the RNT Medical College Hospital in Udaipur, among others. Jakhar also gives phone consultation to patients. "A lot of treatment is done on the phone itself as every family has someone or other suffering from Covid. I check their reports, symptoms and track their treatment. This will continue as I am doctor," she said. To manage medical oxygen, her team collected data from hospitals requiring oxygen and then rationed it.

Never forgot that I was a doc: IAS officer on Covid duty

"Our report told us that some of the hospitals had a per capita consumption of four cylinders daily, which is now reduced to two. With the same oxygen we are able to treat 200- 300 more patients without affecting the treatment quality," said Jakhar. Nilesh Deore and Thiyagrajan are IAS officers in Bihar of the 2011 batch. While Deore is the district magistrate of Saran, Thiyagrajan is his counterpart in Darbhanga. Deore completed MBBS from the Terna Medical College and Hospital in Navi Mumbai.

"I never forgot that I am a doctor. Wherever I come across sick persons on inspection at hospitals and dedicated Covid care centres, I go through their prescription and offer advice," he said, adding doctors often consult him whenever they face confusion. Thiyagrajan

completed MBBS in 2008 from the Coimbatore Medical College and later joined the IAS. "My background has helped me in making arrangements. I advise doctors on usage of drugs, steroids and other lifesaving medicines," he said.

Anil Kumar, a 2016 batch IPS officer of the UP cadre and currently an additional deputy commissioner with the Kanpur traffic police, was made incharge of Covid-related work at the Kanpur Police Commissionerate. He was earlier a doctor at the Jhalawar Medical College in Rajasthan and the Hindu Rao Hospital in New Delhi before hanging up the white coat for the khaki uniform. When the second wave of the pandemic struck, a Covid care centre was opened at the hospital in the police lines.

Kumar used to sit at the flu OPD, screening patients along with Kanpur's CMO. "With the help of the Kanpur CMO, Covid testing also started at the same OPD. It helped in early detection of the virus followed by timely home isolation or institutional treatment," said Dr Kumar. Rajesh Sahay, SP Zonal Intelligence in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, is a 2002 batch state police service officer.

He finished MBBS from Bhopal's MGM Medical College and MD (Anaesthesia) from Indore. Along with another doctor, he is deployed at a Covid care centre with 16 oxygen beds where he treats patients. "No doctor will ever allow the doctor in him to become dormant," said Sahay. He has been living in self-isolation in a room of his residence since April 28, away from his family.

## August date for Made in India Sputnik Vaccines

NEW DELHI: In What Could Be A Significant Boost To The Manufacturing Of Covid-19 Vaccines In India, Indian Ambassador To Russia, DB Venkatesh Varma, On Saturday Said That The Russian Vaccine Sputnik V's Production In The Country Will Begin In August This Year. "The Production In India Is Expected To Start In August And 850 Million Doses Of The Sputnik V Vaccine Will Be Produced In India By About September- October. Almost 65 to 70 per cent of Sputnik V vaccines produced anywhere in the world will be from India. Russia will export the vaccine to other parts of the world once the demand is met in India," said Varma. India had already got 2,10,000 doses of Sputnik V vaccine earlier this month and by the end of May, thye country will receive another 3 million doses. By June, 5 million doses of the vaccine will be available in the country. As far as the one-dose Sputnik Lite is concerned, the Indian envoy said that once the regulatory approval is given, it would become another area of bilateral cooperation between India and Russia. On the delivery of the S400 missile system, Varma said that the equipment will be delivered on time in the last quarter of the year. There will be no delay. "Contracts that have already been concluded are proceeding according to the schedule, there is no delay in any of the contracts," the ambassador said. The S400 deal is being closely watched and followed with interest because the US has threatened sanctions against India under CAATSA if the deal goes through.

# Kindness Foundation donates two buses with oxygen concentrators to Stanley Hospital, CHENNAI.

CHENNAI: Amid the pandemic, many Good Samaritans have come forward to help the Covid-affected in their own little ways. Random and touching acts of kindness by organisations and individuals have helped many amid these challenging times.

In one such gesture of compassion, The Kindness Foundation, in association with Aranya Foundation, on Friday rolled out a facility, 'Oxygen on Wheels', for Covid patients who have to wait outside hospitals for a bed. Two buses, each fitted with 10 oxygen concentrators, were donated to the Government Stanley Medical College and Hospital here. PK Sekarbabu, Minister of Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments, Central Chennai MP Dayanidhi Maran and Chennai North MP Kalanidhi Veerasamy



flagged off the facility and handed over the buses to P Balaji, dean of Stanley Hospital. The foundations decided to help after coming across news reports of Covid patients suffering due to a shortage of

oxygen, and long queues of patients waiting in ambulances outside hospitals to get oxygen beds. To provide immediate relief to such patients who need oxygen urgently, the Kindness Foundation has equipped two luxury buses with oxygen concentrators. The buses can be used in the hospital to provide oxygen support to patients till they get admitted. The facility can also be used at screening centres. Mahima Poddar, founder and managing trustee of The Kindness Foundation, said, "On a pilot basis, the facility has been started at Stanley Hospital, and based on the response, we plan to extend it to other hospitals in the city." She added that a team of volunteers has been deputed along with the buses to help patients and their attendants. "We have appealed to the hospital authorities to provide a nurse or medical staff to guide our volunteers to better use the buses," said Mahima. Shilpam Kapur Rathore, chairperson and managing trustee of Aranya Foundation, also participated in the event.

## Indian-American bodies mobilise resources for Covid relief in India



Washington, : Several Indian-American organisations have mobilised resources and raised millions for Covid-19 relief in India, which is currently battling a deadly second wave of the pandemic, according to a media report. On Monday, Indiaspora, a non-profit community of global Indian diaspora

leaders, announced the launch of the 'ChaloGive for India' campaign which began with an initial \$1 million raised through their private donor network of members, reports American Bazaar. In a tweet on Monday, the community said: "Thank you for the outpouring of support toward Covid-19 relief efforts in

India. We are launching ChaloGive to continue the momentum. "No matter where you are in the world, you can give and make an impact." Another leading community organization, the American India Foundation (AIF) announced on Monday that it has partnered with digital payments leader Paytm "to provide oxygen concentrators in India". "AIF join hands with Paytm to provide oxygen concentrators in India. To further advance their contribution, Paytm has committed to matching AIF up to \$2 million, for a total of \$4 million to purchase and deliver oxygen concentrators," it said in a tweet. On May 1, the Foundation had announced that it received a donation of \$8.9 million from Mastercard "to install 2,000 portable beds in India". "AIF as the implementation partner to work with government and local partners, to quickly construct these portable hospital units, comprising 20-100 beds each." Meanwhile, the Houston-based

Sewa International has ramped up their fundraising goal to \$10 million to fight the deadly resurgence in India. Gitesh Desai, President, Houston Chapter of Sewa International, told ABC 13 News-Houston that 400 oxygen-concentrators have been already shipped to India, and 2,184 more would be shipped shortly. Sewa which has started 'i½Help India Defeat Covid-19? campaign to ship oxygen concentrators to Indian hospitals, is also providing food and medicines to about 10,000 families and more than 1,000 orphanages, and senior citizen centers across the country. The American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (APPI), is also rushing 200 oxygen concentrators to Indian hospitals. On Tuesday, India's overall Covid-19 caseload and death toll increased to 2,02,82,833 and 2,22,408, respectively. Tuesday marked the 13th straight day when India recorded more than three lakh cases while over 3,000 casualties were registered for the past seven days.

## US-based foundation to ship oxygen concentrators to India

Washington : The Indian-American Sehgal Foundation, based in Des Moines, Iowa, announced that it will ship 200 oxygen concentrators to seven Indian states on Thursday. "Working in close coordination with local partners and government officials, the Sehgal Foundation team on the ground in India is ensuring that the equipment is directly reaching those who need it the most in public hospitals in villages across 7 states," the American Bazaar quoted the Foundation as saying in a statement. "In the coming week, more oxygen cylinders, ventilators, personal protective equipment, rapid diagnostic tests, and therapeutics will be sent." Sehgal Foundation teams are working with district administrators and local partners in Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Telangana, and Uttar Pradesh, according to the statement. "To respond

quickly during this catastrophic surge in Covid-19 cases in India, Sehgal Foundation has taken immediate action to reach the people in the greatest need." S.M. Sehgal Foundation, a Gurugram-based sister organization of the Sehgal Foundation operates in more than 1,000 villages, across 10 states, serving more than 2.5 million people. Since a devastating second wave of Covid-19 surged in India, dozens of US-based organizations have sent medical equipment to India. Last week, the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI), which represents the 80,000-strong Indian American physician community in the US, airlifted the first batch of 1,000 of oxygen concentrators. On May 3, pharmaceutical giant Pfizer announced it will donate more than \$70 million worth of medicines to India. Indiaspora, a non-profit, raised \$1 million raised through its private donor network of members.





June 1, 2021

Mr. Joe Biden  
President  
United States of America  
Washington D.C.

Dear President Biden:

Thank you for releasing 80 million vaccines overseas for the countries that are being affected by COVID19 pandemic. Thank you for your support of the waiver for COVID19 vaccine patents at the World Trade Organization. Thank you for all the assistance given to India, so far during their second wave of the COVID19 pandemic but that is just not enough.

India is experiencing an unprecedented humanitarian crisis of epic proportions caused by the COVID 19 pandemic. **I am urging you to ensure that India at the earliest receives at least 60million of those 80million vaccines allocated for overseas.** It is our bounden duty to protect India now to flatten the COVID19 pandemic there, which will in turn protect America and rest of the world.

Communities across United States have expressed their solidarity with us helping India combat this COVID19 pandemic. I personally met with Physicians and Indian American Community leaders in Chicago (May 5& May 7), Atlanta( May 15 ) and Washington D.C.(May 19 &20) during the month of May.

State Governments from India ,particularly Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu have reached out to me personally , appealing that the U.S. donated vaccines to India should be distributed equitably to the States, where there is a high incidence and sufficient healthcare manpower to administer the vaccines immediately. Additionally, these State governments of India are also willing to purchase Astra Zeneca vaccines and Johnson & Johnson vaccines from America to meet the huge demands to mass vaccinate their populations.

Rainbow Push Coalition's Global Ambassador, Dr. Vijay G Prabhakar who is also the National Chairman of American Association of Multi Ethnic Physicians along with Ms.Santosh Kumar, Executive Director of Metropolitan Asian Family Services, Chicago are spearheading a Clarion Call to America's Leaders to enhance aid to India at this time on a war footing. Both of them are joining me at Tulsa, Oklahoma to plead India's case to you.

President Biden, We urge you to invoke the Federal Emergency Production Act ( Defence Production Act ) to allow the vaccine manufacturers in USA to meet the global demands. We also request your administration to speed up the supply chains for key equipments which increase COVID vaccine production.

Thank You for your prompt attention to this issue, which needs your urgent intervention.

Sincerely Yours:

Reverend Jesse L Jackson, Sr.  
Founder-President  
Rainbow Push Coalition  
Camp : Tulsa, Oklahoma

*Rainbow PUSH Coalition is a multi-racial, multi-issue, progressive, international organization that was formed in December 1996 by the Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. through merging of two organizations he founded Operation PUSH People United to Serve Humanity (estab. 1971) and the Rainbow Coalition (estab. 1984). With headquarters in Chicago and offices in Washington, D.C., Atlanta, Detroit, Houston, Los Angeles, New York and Oakland, the organization works to make the American Dream a reality for all citizens while advocating for peace and justice around the world. RPC is dedicated to improving the lives of all people by serving as a voice for the voiceless. Its mission is to protect, defend and gain civil rights by leveling the economic and educational playing fields while promoting peace and justice around the world.*

## HISTORIC MEETING BETWEEN REV.JACKSON SR. AND PRESIDENT BIDEN ON JUNE 1 LEADS TO V.P. KAMALA HARRIS CALLING P. M. MODI TO ANNOUNCE 20 MILLION VACCINES TO INDIA IN JUNE.

Tulsa , Oklahoma: President Biden Met Rev Jackson Sr at Tulsa, Oklahoma on June 1:along with Bishop Travis Grant , National Field Director, Rainbow Push Coalition & Rainbow Push Coalition Global Ambassador Dr Vijay G. Prabhakar . Following are the highlights of the President Biden and U. S. Civil Rights Leader Rev Jesse Jackson' meeting on June 1 at Tulsa , Oklahoma regarding Vaccines to India. Rev Jackson Sr. Presented the Official request letter to President Biden calling for immediate supply of vaccines to India.

- The President commended Reverend Jackson for his humanitarian efforts in making a clarion call to send to the world Community to send aid & assistance to India
- The President made a commitment to connect White House staff with Reverend Jackson to ensure efficiency in communication & distribution of the U. S. Donated Vaccines to India . ( Letter from Rev. Jackson to President Biden calls for allocation to Tamilnadu & Maharashtra)
- The President Biden assured Rainbow

Push Coalition's Global Ambassador Dr Vijay Prabhakar that he will look at opening up opportunities for private entities to purchase and distribute vaccines & medical equipment to India.

- President Biden reassured Dr Mrs Santosh Kumar, National Chair of American Multi Ethnic Coalition that vaccines to India will be supplied in June as part of the U. S. Strategy for Global Vaccine Sharing.
- Rev . Jesse Jackson Sr . thanked President Biden for his Commitment to support India during this most unprecedented humanitarian crisis inspite of the geopolitics.
- Dr . Vijay Prabhakar informed President Biden about U. S. Congressman Danny Davis initial initiative on May 2 that kick started this process with Indian American Community leaders coming together that triggered Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr to host Country wide Press Meets in Chicago, Atlanta and Washington D.C. to highlight the urgent need to help India.



# MAFS MAHATMA GANDHI MEDALLION OF EXCELLENCE 2021 TO REV. JESSE JACKSON SR



Shree Gurusamy, Human Services & Housing Commissioner of the City of Naperville, welcomed the guests to the Award Ceremony of the Mahatma Gandhi's 150th Birth anniversary Medallion of Excellence 2021.

Dr. Mrs. Santosh Kumar, Founder-Executive Metropolitan Asian Family Services (MAFS), Chicago spoke about MAFS's services to the seniors of Chicagoland for the past 21 years. Dr. Mrs. Santosh Kumar described the various services being Provided by the organization.

Sunil Shah, Founder-President, Federation of India Chicago spoke about how Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr., carries on the Gandhi-King legacy in America in the digital age.

**THE AWARD CITATION :** Presentation/Remarks by Dr Vijay Prabhakar at the Event:

It's my privilege to announce that the Metropolitan Asian Family Services Mahatma Dr Vijay Prabhakar Speech at MAFS It's my privilege to announce that the Metropolitan Asian Family Services Mahatma Gandhi's 150th Birth Anniversary Medal of Excellence 2021 is being presented to the Reverend Jesse Jackson, the living legend, Founder and Executive Director of Rainbow Push Coalition who has touched lives over the years in human rights crisis and also across the world. Reverend Jackson is being presented this medal for his efforts in the last three weeks for getting the much-needed aid and vaccines to India. Thanks to the Rev Jackson's efforts which he started on May 6, which he had touched President Biden and Kamala Harris to release the supply of 80 million doses of vaccine overseas. We thank

you, Reverend Jackson, the world is grateful to you, The people of India is grateful to you.

Rev Jackson and his movement as you all know with King over the years have the abolishment of slavery as enable us immigrants from India and other parts of the world to be comfortably settled here. Sir if not for your efforts and King jr efforts we will not be here today. We want to salute, you and what you do at the Rainbow Push Coalition and let the world know that we immigrants and multi ethnic communities were settled here in America because of the African American black people who sacrifice their lives.

The whole world was gaping at India's crisis. It was this man and Congressman Danny Davis who made the call, who woke up our elected officials to stand up for India to disassembly, do something in U.S. Congress to release those vaccines and thanks to your efforts together congressman's enters, President Biden has announced on Monday releasing 80 million doses of vaccine. This Morning Reverend Jackson called the White House and current vice president Kamala Harris and told and requesting that 60 million doses of that vaccine, this is going to be released should be given to India first because if you protect India today, you protect us in America and all over the world. Sir, we thank you for the wisdom.

Here is the Civil Rights leader who did the press meet one in Chicago and Atlanta, the CDC, and he woke up all of us Indian-Americans and the Americans to rush the Aid to India. Sir, we thank you and salute you for this effort which nobody else would have done for us except you, we are asking you to continue your

support and dialogue with the White House and Kamala Harris to ensure that these vaccines against the first batch reach India before May 31st. Reverend Jackson after this morning's, meeting has given us information that the vaccines Astra Zeneca approval from the FDA will be received by Friday at the latest and shipments to India and other countries start next week.

Thank you, sir. I request Mrs. Santosh Kumar to present and honor with the prestigious Metropolitan Asian Family Services Gandhi Sesquicentennial Medallion of Excellence.

Neil Khot, Executive Vice President, Indian American Business Coalition, USA Spoke about the heroic efforts of Rev Jackson Sr in leading the humanitarian Crusade to aid India during this Covid pandemic. Khot urged the U.S. Civil Rights Leader Rev Jesse Jackson Sr, to ensure equitable distribution of the Astra Zeneca vaccines being donated by USA to India especially to include the States

of Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu, the two states that have a high rate of Covid cases.

Indrani Davaluri, Ms. South Asian USA 2018 expressed the gratitude of the people of India and the Indian Diaspora by performing a Paada pooja for Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. by prostrating and taking Rev. Jackson's blessings.

Prominent community leaders who were present included: Dr. Zenobia Sowell, Chairman, Bethel Mennonite Community Church, Chicago,

Vasavi Chakka, Naperville City Commissioner,

Ravi Puli, U.S India Solidarity Mission, Washington D.C.,

Alli Dhanaraj, Chief Volunteer, Universal Metro Asian Services, Roselle, IL,

Parthiban Shanmugam, General Secretary, World Federation of Tamil Youth, Atlanta, USA, Neelam Saboo, Executive Council Member, Congressional Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force (MEATF), Chicago, among others



# IAN S – INDIA’S LARGEST INDEPENDENT NEWS WIRE INTERVIEWS CHICAGO BASED INDIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY LEADER, DR VIJAY PRABHAKAR ON USA VACCINE SUPPLIES TO INDIA – JUNE 4

## US rights activist helped vaccine allotment to India: Vijay Prabhakar

Eminent American civil rights activist Reverend Jesse Jackson Seniors efforts have paved the way for US Vice President Kamala Harris calling up Prime Minister Narendra Modi and announcing to allocate Covid vaccines doses to India, said Vijay Prabhakar, a noted Public Health Expert in Chicago.

A product of Madras Medical College, Prabhakar, who is also the Global Ambassador of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, was the first person of colour to receive the US Public Health Service's IHS Director's Award of Excellence in 1992 during President Bill Clinton's administration for his pioneering work as the Health Commissioner for the native American tribe, Winnebago, from 1986-1992.

He is also the Chairman of the American Association for Multi-Ethnic Physicians and the Founder Chair of US Congressman Danny Davis' Multi-Ethnic Advisory Task Force in Chicago. Prabhakar told IANS in an exclusive interview that in a Zoom call with Tamil Nadu Finance Minister PTR Thiagarajan on May 21, Rev Jesse Jackson Sr had assured that Covid assistance is on its way to strengthen the state's fight against the pandemic.

The Higher Education Minister of Maharashtra, Uday Samant, too had requested Rev Jackson to intervene on behalf of India for vaccine allocation. Here are the excerpts from the interview:

**Q. You have said that the US government has allocated Covid vaccines to India after the meeting between US President Joe Biden and Rev Jackson. Please elaborate.**

A. Yes, it was a historic meeting Jackson had with Biden at Tulsa, Oklahoma, on June 1, which helped my motherland, India, to receive Covid vaccine jabs.

Jackson has been relentlessly pursuing with the US administration and to the world at large to aid India at this unprecedented crisis. President Biden then made a commitment to connect to the White House staff with the Reverend to ensure efficiency in communication and distribution of the US donated vaccines to India.

I myself had briefed the President about how Congressman Danny Davis had on May 2 kick-started the coming together of Indian American and mainstream community leaders that triggered Jackson's initiative to highlight the urgent need to help India combat the second Covid wave, by hosting press meets in Chicago, Washington DC and Atlanta.

This meeting had led to the announcement by Vice President Kamala Harris and her call to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. President Biden listened carefully and responded most expressively to all our requests and we see this as a huge positive step in India-US



relations.

We have a responsive President in Biden who is ready to rise to the occasion and acts swiftly to immediately resolve the situation with his admirable leadership.

**Q. Several observers and critics have opined that President Biden does not hold a good perception of India. How come you were able to convince him on the Indian requirement for vaccines?**

A. It was a very challenging experience as we had to use all our own resources and personal connections developed over the years to come up with a result-oriented strategy. The 2020 presidential elections and the Indian diaspora having their own choices along with certain sections of the community trying to continuously paint a negative image of India has made our task very difficult but it did not deter our sustained efforts to come to India's aid.

There was a stiff competition from other countries also making out their cause for the US donated vaccines. It is to the credit of the US Congressman Danny Davis who inspired me to lead the crusade for getting vaccines to India at any odds and it was the inspiring leadership of Jackson who was constantly engaged in dialogue with President Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris's office from May 7 to June 1 that resulted in the US allowing vaccines to India.

The meeting we had with the Indian Ambassador in the US, Taranjit Sandhu along with India's Deputy Chief of mission Sudhakar Dalela on May 21 at Washington DC and the constant encouragement and feedback from India's Consul General in Chicago, Amit Kumar, played a vital role in this initiative.

At the end of the day, it is the community activated diplomacy that succeeded against all odds and criticisms.

**Q. It is learned that you had mentioned to President Biden to distribute a portion of the allocated vaccine doses to the Indian states of Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu.**

**Your comments?**

A. After news reports came out that Jackson had officially thanked both the US President and Vice President for their open statement that the US would allocate 80 million vaccines overseas in his press conference, Maharashtra's Higher and Technical Education Minister Uday Samant called up Jackson to thank him for his efforts to have the Biden, Harris administration commitment to donate 80 million vaccines overseas.

Samant then requested Jackson to press for an immediate release of vaccine doses to India with an allocation for Maharashtra. This was followed by a zoom meeting initiated by Tamil Nadu Finance Minister P.T.R. Thiagarajan with Jackson on the instructions of the state's Chief minister M.K. Stalin.

He apprised Jackson of the Covid crisis situation in India and emphasised on the need for America's urgent assistance to India and also spoke about the TN government's shortfall of vaccines.

**Q. Thiagarajan has said that he had reached out to the US government for vaccines to India and allocation to Tamil Nadu through the offices of Jackson and you. Please comment on this?**

A. As I have said earlier, Thiagarajan was one of the three leaders from India to have the foresight to reach out to Jackson along with Samant and former Union Minister and Member of Parliament, K.J. Alphons.

Thiagarajan has had his higher education in prestigious institutions in the US and was following the US media closely and seized upon the opportunity to present India's case very eloquently.

He also drew a parallel to the Civil Rights movement in the US to the Dravidian Movement in South India. Jackson was emotionally moved by PTR's presentation and he immediately sent a video message to people of India, "Help is on its way. Let not your spirit be broken, Hold on, Dawn of the morning is

coming. We will conquer this disease. Keep hope alive. God bless you all. Love you all."

**Q. Taking forward this success, will you be playing a significant role in India-US relationship?**

A. I will do all that I can for my motherland to further strengthen the Indo-US relations. I take it as a bounden duty to ensure that India's name is not tarnished by any section of the community by their false propaganda funneled by vested interests.

You will be interested to note that the same team led by me along with Santhosh Kumar, Executive Director, Metropolitan Asian Family Services, Chicago, Bharat Barai, Eminent Oncologist & Chair, US-India friendship council, Munster, Indiana worked hard to defeat an India resolution introduced in the City Council of Chicago on March 24 this year.

This same Anti-India resolution funded by the Council of American Islamic Relations-CAIR, US has successfully passed anti-India resolutions in eight other cities in the USA including Seattle.

The June 1 meeting with President Biden has established a firm foundation for leveraging Indo-US relations in a fresh perspective. We have just begun and there is a lot of work to be done in reference to India's Covid relief efforts. We are working towards getting different players from India to directly purchase vaccines, medications, and equipment from manufacturers here in the USA. I will personally work towards evolving a new narrative to engage Indo-US relations that will be inclusive and result-oriented.

**Q. Indian External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar was in the US last week for scouting vaccines. What is your view on his journey to the US for the vaccine?**

A. It is really good that India's External affairs minister Jaishankar visited the US and met key officials pleading India's case. However, India must now realize that the Biden-Harris administration is very people-centric, result-oriented, and minority-driven.

India must explore informal channels and give legitimacy to community diplomacy with a formal approach to significantly strengthen Indo-US relations given the geopolitics in this new digital age. The official diplomatic channels are doing an excellent job and working beyond to pursue their agenda, but this is not enough to bridge the gap and combat India's critics.

The need of the hour is to have Indian-American community leaders effectively engage the Biden-Harris administration with a fresh narrative of meaningful purpose driven partnerships with a focus on grass root level -people's democracy.

- **Arun Lakshmanan, IANS Correspondent, TamilNadu & Puducherry**

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# US dreams set aside, this TN man returned to revive his father's school



By Lalitha Ranjani

It was where his father and elder brother studied. Having completed a graduate degree in microbiology, and PhD in biotechnology at Alagappa University, Vignesh joined Duke University Medical Centre as a postdoctoral associate in 2015. Two years later, he quit his job to help his village. "One night around 2 am in 2017, while working at the university laboratory, I asked myself, 'What am I doing?' My research would only add to the junk of countless academic journals, and the maximum impact it could create would be to be cited by another researcher. RAMANATHAPURAM: While working a lucrative job in North Carolina three years ago, B Vignesh Kumar had an epiphany that prompted him to return to his village in Ramanathapuram. Giving back to his roots was more important than his job in the US, he felt. The 35-year-old then adopted the school in his hometown, Kundathur village in Nainarkoil block. During my two years in the US, the only days I was content were when I sent my salary to my parents," he recounts. Joining hands with his wife Bhavna Krishnan, Vignesh, who now works at the National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (Chennai), adopted the Kundathur Panchayat Union Primary School last year through the KRB Educational and Social Welfare Trust. The couple started the trust in the name of Vignesh's father KR Balasubramanian, a retired forest ranger.

Until recently, the school, with a 720 sq ft classroom, wore a gloomy look. Its leaking clay-tiled roof, broken cement floor and old walls were the same as they were decades ago. The school had 20 students last year, and only 16 this year. In November 2020, Vignesh provided carrom boards and sufficient wooden benches and desks for 24 students. Amid the Covid-19 outbreak, when students were away, he and a Madurai-based group of artists renovated the school building and painted the walls in September.

"The school is now ready. We are now only waiting for the children to return, and to see their smiles," he said. Vignesh also plans to set up smart classrooms, and is contemplating setting up an internet facility on wheels that would benefit the entire village, which has 50-70 families. Besides this, he hopes to train the villagers to work in cottage industries, so they would have an alternative livelihood when drought hits the rain-fed land. "The plan is to turn Kundathur into a model village, motivate at least 10 others to adopt these strategies in 10 different villages, and turn this into a mass movement. Our journey has just begun," he explained. Strongly refusing third-party funds, Vignesh said the aim is to inspire many people to step forward. Expressing concern over youth migrating from villages he said, "It can be prevented only through direct and long-term engagement in such activities to uplift one's own village."



Vignesh and Bhavna

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# Dr S Khanna

## A successful dental surgeon



awarded her a Plaque. She studied the problems of elderly and differently abled children particularly in remote areas inhabited by under- privileged communities. She earned a PhD from Maharashtra University of Health Sciences through the Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities. She was awarded the Visionary Leadership award in 2019 by the Jackson State University for being an insightful and prescient brain trust for health issues in India. Dr S Khanna firmly believes in paying back to the community in full measure. As a climate change and Swatch Bharat campaign activist she contributed research papers in esteemed international journals and conferences. She chaired two such conferences in 2018 and 2019. After the outbreak of the Pandemic she participated in many campaigns organized by renowned organizations like the Nehru Science Centre, Mumbai, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research-National Institute of Environmental Engineering, Indian Council of Medical Research, National Academy of Sciences, Films Division of India, International Association of Dento-maxillofacial Radiology Rotary International and FICCI apart from schools and colleges. In all she has participated in 15 Webinars to spread awareness and to motivate the youth to observe the national

Dr S Khanna, though a successful dental surgeon is better known as an environmental health scholar who in addition is working with NGOs in the field of welfare of Persons with Disabilities in the last decade. Dr Sunali Khanna, is a versatile genius who displayed her talents and dedication to community service from childhood. As a

swimmer she excelled at the national level and was awarded the Sports Authority of India scholarship for five years, she attended national integration and youth leadership camps at Port Blair and in remote areas of Himachal Pradesh organized by the National Cadet Corps. Her academic worth was recognized when the International College of Dentists



guidelines and help the needy. As a professional she did not avail of vacation in the last eleven months and rendered not only online services but also carried out face to face treatment of patients

unmindful of the risk involved. Being a member of the Research Advisory Committee of the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences she is striving to promote interdisciplinary studies to combat the evil effects of the Pandemic.

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		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people	
Less Safe		Dine at an outdoor restaurant with friends from multiple households	
Least Safe		Attend a crowded, outdoor event, like a live performance, parade, or sports event	
<b>Indoor</b>			
Less Safe		Visit a barber or hair salon	
		Go to an uncrowded, indoor shopping center or museum	
		Ride public transport with limited occupancy	
		Attend a small, indoor gathering of fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people from multiple households	
Least Safe		Go to an indoor movie theater	
		Attend a full-capacity worship service	
		Sing in an indoor chorus	
		Eat at an indoor restaurant or bar	
		Participate in an indoor, high intensity exercise class	

## Get a COVID-19 vaccine



**Prevention measures not needed**



**Take prevention measures**

Fully vaccinated people: wear a mask

Unvaccinated people: wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart, and wash your hands.

- Safety levels assume the recommended prevention measures are followed, both by the individual and the venue (if applicable).

- CDC cannot provide the specific risk level for every activity in every community. It is important to consider your own personal situation and the risk to you, your family, and your community before venturing out.

# INDIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY SALUTES DR BHARAT BARAI

Dr Bharat Barai hosted a very successful meet and greet with the City of Chicago's 29 Th Ward Alderman CHRIS TALIAFERRO and his wife Melissa on Sunday, April 25 evening at Sheraton Suites, Elk Grove Village. Acharya Rohit Joshi gave the invocation. VHP Vice President Vinesh Virani welcomed the august gathering of nearly 30 Community Leaders. At the outset, Ma Santosh Kumar Global Ambassador of Reclaim Happiness International presented Alderman TALIAFERRO with a Gandhian Medalion while Commissioner Vasavi Chakka of Naperville Sister Cities Commission

presented a silk shawl to Mrs Melissa TALIAFERRO. Women Activist Hina Trivedi presented a memento to Ms TALIAFERRO. Community Leaders including Vandana Jhingan, J. D. Jitendra Diganvkar, Sohan Joshi, Neil Khot, Nirav Patil, Amar Upadhyay, Sanjay Shah, Dr Shamkanth Sheth, Ram Chakravarthy, Bihari Beti Neelam Dwivedi, Anisha Shah, Dr Sreenivas Reddy, Vijender Doma, Dr Sriram Sonty, Alli Dhanaraj, Smith Shah, Ricky Gandhi, Nag Jaishwal, Nand Garg and Ravi Govindaraj spoke passionately of the magnificence of a United India and its glorious history.

Dr Vijay Prabhakar introduced the Chicago Alderman CHRIS TALIAFERRO. 29 Th Ward of Chicago covers parts of Austin, MontClare, Belmont Cragin, bordered by Oak Park and Elmwood Park. Our Relentless Leader Dr Bharat Barai spoke eloquently about India today with facts and figures and about India - U. S. Relations. The thirty assembled Community Leaders gave a standing ovation to our Dynamic Chief Dr Bharat Barai for his exemplary leadership of our community over the last three decades, particularly during this Covid pandemic. Speaking on the occasion, Alderman CHRIS TALIAFERRO appreciated the

warm welcome and sentiments expressed by the Distinguished array of Community leaders. Alderman CHRIS was especially impressed by the Indian Americans recently being seriously involved in Civic engagement by running for elected positions. Aldermen TALIAFERRO also promised to get actively involved in the future campaigns of Indian Americans who run for office. The unanimous recommendation was the need for an Indian American Leadership Academy to nurture our community members to run for elected positions in Cities, Counties and State level positions.



**Sohan Joshi, "Mayor" Of Devon welcoming 29th Ward alderman Chris Talliaferro at the reception hosted by Dr. Bharat Barai.**



**Dr Bharat Barai, US India Friendship Council Chair, Munster, Indiana giving the opening remarks at the reception.**



**Dr. Vijay Prabhakar, moderating the reception of the Chicagoland's Indian American Leaders hosted to meet and greet Alderman Chris Talliaferro.**



**Acharya Rohit Joshi gave the invocation at the august gathering.**



**Alderman Chris Talliaferro addressing the Indian American Community leaders.**



**A section of the guests giving a standing ovation for Dr. Bharat Barai.**



**Hina Trivedi of GOPIO, Chicago Presenting a memento to Mrs Chris Talliaferro at the event**



**Smitesh Shah of MAFS spoke about the need for Indian Community to stay united.**



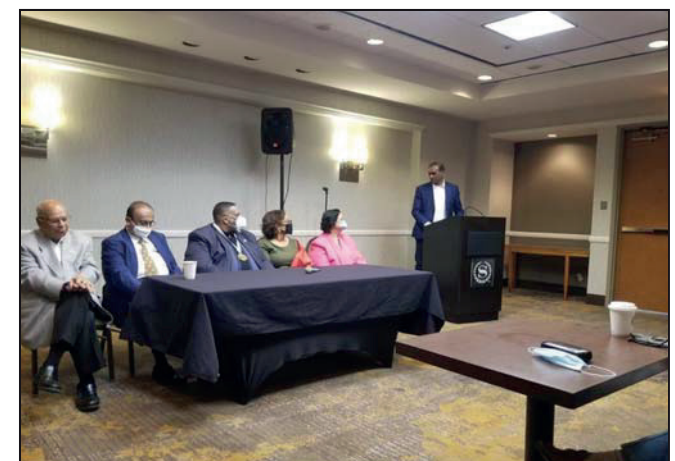
**Dr. Santosh Kumar thanking Alderman Chris Talliaferro for his support to India.**



**Ricky Gandhi, of Chicago spoke about his election for State Representative in 2020.**



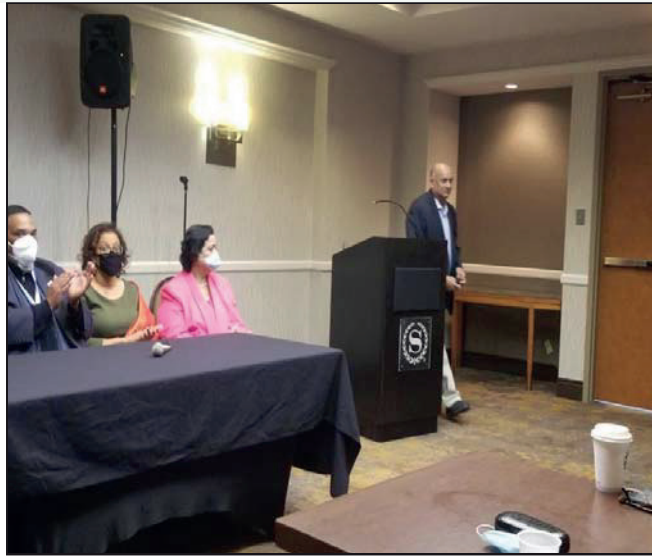
**Neil Khot, National Chair of Indian American Business Coalition spoke about the need to strengthen economic ties between India and USA.**



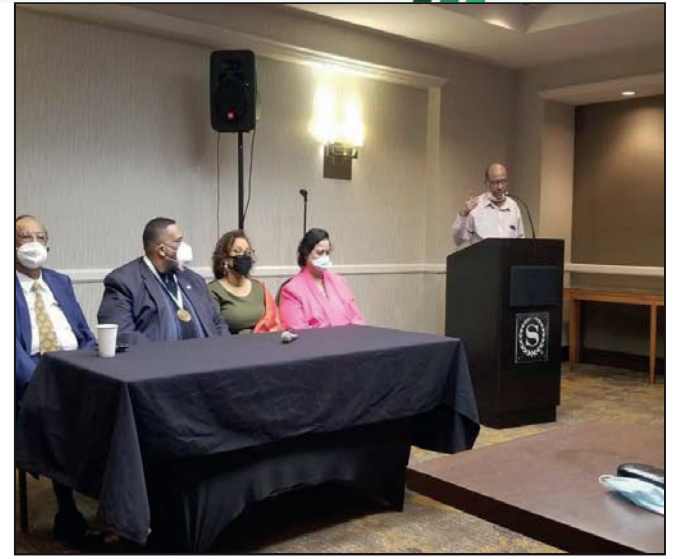
**Nand Garg, Community Leader from Naperville City stressed the need for Interfaith unity.**



**Nag Jaiswal, President, Happy Minds Foundation, Naperville stressing unity among the community**



**Sanjay Shah, CEO, Arlington Rentals thanking Alderman Tallia Ferro for his support**



**Community Activist and OFBJP leader Amar Uphadhay calling for solidarity with African Americans**



**Community Leader J.D. Digvanker from DesPlaines announced establishing an Indian American Leadership Institute**



**United Telugu Christians Community Founder Vijender Doma said that strength of India is Unity in Diversity**



**Commissioner Dr. Vasavi Chakka of Naperville City said that Hindu-Muslim Unity is the need of the hour**



**Dr. Sreenivas Reddy, Trustee of Chicago Medical Society welcomed the defeat of the Anti India Resolution in the city of Chicago in March 24**



**Dr. Sriram Sonty, founder, SAPNA, reiterated the need for the India Diaspora to adhere to Gandhian ideas**



**Dr. Seth, a prominent Dentist and member of U.S - India Friendship Council emphasised the need to strengthen US-India relations**



**Vandana Jhingan, Community Leader & women activist updated about the progressive initiatives of the Indian Government**



**Ram Chakrabarty, Business Entrepreneur commended the role of Indian Diaspora in the furthering strong economic ties**



**Real Estate Developer Neelam Dwivedi, fondly called "Bihari Beti" reflected on the secular state of India**



## Heart Disease and Sudden Cardiac Arrests, Focus Indians and Indian Immigrants **“Saving Lives”** Strategies & Collaborations for Better Outcomes



**Dr. Vemuri S. Murthy**

February is the “American Heart Month” to raise awareness of heart disease and promote “Healthy Heart” lifestyles. Heart disease is the number one Global Public Health problem. South Asians are at a four-times greater risk of heart disease than their western counterparts and have a greater chance of having a heart attack before 50 years of age. Heart attacks strike South Asian Men and Women at younger ages, and as a result, both morbidity and mortality are higher among them compared to any other ethnic group. They tend to develop heart disease ten years earlier than other groups. Almost one in three in this group may die from heart disease before 65 years of age. In India, heart disease remains the number one cause of death. Common risk factors are smoking and a diet high in sugar, salt, refined grains, and fat. A large number of South Asians appear to have “insulin resistance”, a condition in which the body does not utilize insulin efficiently, resulting in Diabetes, which leads to a significant number of heart-related problems. Lack of adequate exercise, stress, and genetic predisposition are also contributing factors. Body Mass Index (BMI), a measure that determines if a person’s weight is healthy, often falls into “skinny fat” category in South Asians, who may have an acceptable BMI, but carry more of their weight in their abdomen. The fat surrounding their internal organs (visceral fat) increases the risk of having a serious heart attack. More than one-third of South Asian men and about 17% of South Asian women have “Metabolic Syndrome”, with high blood pressure, high blood sugar levels, excess fat around the waist, and abnormal cholesterol levels that increase Heart Disease risk, Stroke, and Diabetes.

The triglyceride levels tend to be higher with

lower levels of HDL-good cholesterol. South Asians also tend to have smaller luminal diameters of the coronary (Heart) arteries and higher grade obstructions of multiple vessels that can lead to the “death” of parts of heart muscle during a “Heart Attack”. “Cardiac Arrest” is when the heart stops beating due to any underlying condition or cause. Some 350,000 cases occur each year outside of a hospital in the United States, and the survival rate is less than 12 percent.

Immediate Bystander CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) can double or triple the chances of their survival. There is insufficient data on the prevalence of Sudden Cardiac Arrest among South Asians living in the United States or Indians in India. Given the fact that South Asians tend to have more heart problems, it is presumed that the incidence of Sudden Cardiac Arrests might be higher in them compared to the general population in the United States.

It is evidence-based information that women, in general, have a different pattern of heart symptoms and seek emergency medical help less often than men, and may receive less treatment for the same condition in both primary care and secondary prevention. In an observational study of Out-of-Hospital Cardiac arrests (OHCA) reported in Indian Print Media, published recently (2020) in the Journal of Indian College of Cardiology, the important role of mass media was recognized in raising public awareness of cardiac arrests and encouraging bystander CPR help to improve outcomes. (The Author is a Co-Author of this study).

To collect available information on OHCA in India, a pilot project called WACAR (Warangal Area Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest Registry) was initiated during January-December 2018 to understand OHCA in a regional setting in the State of Telangana. (The Author is the CoInvestigator of the WACAR Study, which was published (2020) in the Indian Heart Journal). The study, which was based on an internationally accepted Utstein template, included 814 subjects of OHCA.

With the available collected data, results of the study showed that Heart disease with pre-existing conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes, and tobacco addiction led to sudden cardiac arrests in a majority of cases. The study addressed the need for a reliable Cardiac Arrest Registry with accurate and detailed data of all OHCA. The data is essential to develop a comprehensive community cardiac care

plan involving EMS(Emergency Medical Services), Bystander CPR, Public Access Defibrillators (devices to reverse dangerous heart rhythms), and faster access to emergency interventions in tertiary cardiac care hospitals. A recently completed project in India to improve outcomes after heart attacks is the “HeartRescue India” project (2015-2020) in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

The University of Illinois College of Medicine and UI Health in partnership with Ramaiah Medical College and Hospital in Bengaluru initiated this groundbreaking program in India. The project was funded by the Medtronic Foundation. The purpose of this project was to reduce deaths due to sudden cardiac arrests and improve access and quality of care for heart attack patients in Bengaluru.

The program implemented interventions with successful outcomes across the three settings of cardiac care: (1) communities, (2) pre-hospital EMS, and (3) a network of hospitals within a 10- kilometer catchment area in Bengaluru. The project is a unique, comprehensive Indian Cardiac Care Model, tailored to the local community’s needs, efficiently utilizing available resources and workforce. COVID-19 Pandemic has slowed down the progress of global health initiatives. With the administration of the COVID-19 Vaccine combined with robust international public health measures, it’s possible to regain the lost momentum of these “life-saving” programs.

The following recommendations will enhance the “Heart Health” of a community: 1. Prevention: A. Increasing awareness through Community Education about Heart Disease, Stroke, Sudden Cardiac Arrests, High Blood Pressure, and Diabetes B. Targeted CPR-training Programs for

Communities and High School Students 2. Early diagnosis: Community Health Screenings and Personal Counselings and 3. Timely interventions Mental health-promoting strategies with an individualized holistic approach need to be encouraged. In summary, it’s critical to initiate “Community Heart Health” programs with preventive strategies, retard the progression of heart disease with early diagnosis and individualized treatment plans, and implement measures to enhance neurological and other functional outcomes after sudden cardiac arrests. The latter involves providing immediate resuscitation help with high-quality bystander CPR, early defibrillation, and faster transportation to tertiary cardiac care hospitals. Needless to say, a concerted effort is needed to achieve the goals by all involved stakeholders, Governmental and non-Governmental, with individual participation! Acknowledgement: Terry Vanden Hoek, MD, Bellur S. Prabhakar, MSc, Ph.D. (University of Illinois College of Medicine, Chicago, Illinois, USA), Srinivas Ramaka, MD (Srinivasa Heart Center, Warangal, Telangana, India) and Aruna C. Ramesh, MD (Ramaiah Medical College & Hospital, Bengaluru, Karnataka, India) were actively in studies referred in the article.

**(Dr. Vemuri S. Murthy, an Adjunct Faculty in the Department of Emergency Medicine @ The University of Illinois College of Medicine, Chicago, Illinois, USA and Visiting Professor in India, is an Advocate of Resuscitation education, training and research in USA and India. His current work involves Cardiac Arrest Registries and Cardiac Health-promoting Projects with Indo-US collaborations.)**



# “JAGO! MOHAN PYARE” LEFT IN THE WEB OF DEBT & POVERTY!!!



**Prathiba Nair**

Guest Relations Manager -AUREVOIR  
In this economic climate, luck hasn't favored Praveen Menon, one of the polytechnic graduates from Kollam, Kerala, a smart youngster I met while i was travelling to Bangalore. After a discussion of almost 4-5 hours, it happened that we both ended up with no conclusion by the time we reached our destinations wishing a good luck to each other. It was very sad to hear from this youngster, "Madam, I borrowed money from friends and did a short course in programming and coding and got a job," he says. After a year, I moved to a better job. Three years ago, I married a hospital receptionist, Sandhya, a graduate again. We planned our economical whereabouts & bought a small house. Unfortunately, Last year, because of the Pandemic, I was sacked out from my current job. "My firm said, investors had pulled out and they couldn't keep a large workforce. Since then, I have been unemployed." My younger brother completed his MBA a year ago, but hasn't found a job. My wife Sandhya, is the only earning member with a salary of `16,000 which is the only income. And the scenario is like how to move on Further". This is not something new or something different. Not of course, the only story of

Praveen. But yes, if we go and analyse to the root cause, it is a major issue globally. "UNEMPLOYMENT " leading to poverty, poverty leading the way to hell

"Hua toh Hua is the mantra of many arrogant leaders at present" & so is the mantra of the new generation. This is the reason why, today, it is important to deeper examine the issues of youth unemployment, because it has high extent to the social factor. The Problems caused due to unemployment is not so easy and acceptable, Unemployment and poverty goes side by side. ...Young people after a long time of unemployment find the wrong way to earn money. To get rid from the unemployment & Family stress, they accept alcohol or drugs. Many a times, Unemployed youths accept suicide as the last option of their life. And above all, it defines a simple Lower economic growth. The personal and social costs of unemployment include severe financial hardship and poverty, debt, homelessness and housing stress, family tensions and breakdown, boredom, alienation, shame and stigma, increased social isolation, crime, erosion of confidence and selfesteem, the atrophying of work skills and ill-health leading to depression and finally "THE END OF LIFE"

Donovan Ponnann said that it is the unemployment that has led to crime not decreasing, saying: "Unemployment leads to poverty, poverty leads to crime because the people who aren't working find a way to provide for themselves through committing crime" The rich show them the way to make that CRIME & The Poverty makes them CRIMINAL.Unemployment leading to Poverty has pushed at least 10 Indians – 9 Men & 1 Women on average to kill themselves every day. While another 20 killed themselves daily due to the addiction of ALCOHOL & DRUGS. The information's was accessed from the latest data on suicides released by NCRB published in TOI, Jan-2020 edition. So, what & how do we make

a conclusion for the same. One, create proper employment and two, remove people from poverty. How is this possible? That's a very big question mark, finding an answer to it must be considered as the biggest challenge. Also, moving ahead with idea of education from 1960's & 1970's will make us to develop a system which will surely bring in a change in the upbringing of the coming generation who are the future Mentor's. Society starts from a family; a nation is made out of a good society. Having well-paid work and the absence of poverty are important chiefly because they help people to live fuller lives. This kind of living will lead to Happiness, personal satisfaction & a stress free life.

Katar bahut lambi thi, isliye subah se raat ho gayi.....

Ye do waqt ki roti aaj phir mera adhoora

khwab ho gayi.....

Fek rahe ho khaana kyunki roti thodi sukhi hain.....

Na jaane kaha, kaise, kitni hi zindagiyan bhukhi hi so gayi.....

Can we expect that we will reach a societal tipping point, whereby self-efficiency becomes the normative behaviour among all young people? By equipping young people with 21st-century work skills, providing inspiration and training for future self-employment, mentoring them to consider the possibility of becoming future job creators, we're attacking poverty and unemployment at its roots. There is nothing quite so compelling as seeing young people start to believe in themselves and understand their own power to change their circumstances. HOPE! HOPE! LET'S HOPE FOR THE BEST AGAIN & AGAIN !!!!

# MAFS Semi Annual Fundraiser Raises Over \$25,000 Dollars

Metropolitan Asian Family Services '29 Th Semi Annual Gala held virtually on Saturday May 29 evening raised more than \$25,000 in just two hours. **SENATOR DICK DURBIN PLEDGES TO FURTHER GROW & EXPAND MAFS !**

U. S. Senator Dick Durbin delivering the Key Note Address eulogized the extraordinary services rendered by MAFS through its 14 Senior Centers. Durbin singled out MAFS for their Herculean efforts during the pandemic.

**STATE COMPTROLLER PRAISES MAFS FOR BEING THE BEACON OF HOPE FOR SENIORS :** Susan Mendoza, Illinois State Comptroller praised Dr Mrs Santosh Kumar for her 29 years of service to 10,000 South Asian Seniors through 30 different programs.

**CONGRESSMAN RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHI APPLAUDS DR. SANTOSH KUMAR AS COVID 19 HERO:**

Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi saluted MAFS for its resilience in providing Continuous services to the Senior community including over 62,000 home delivered meals , 26,293 hours of wellness checks on zoom , and over 200 physical home visits during the Covid Pandemic.

**90 YEAR OLD TO 75 YEAR OLD SENIORS ROCK N'ROLL**

The different Senior centers of Niles, Schaumburg, Chicago, Naperville & Orland Park among others provided top class entertainment featuring 90 year old to 75 year old Seniors dancing, singing and acting to rhythm and in step with colorful costumes that brought instant applause.

**MAFS COVID HERO AWARDS 2021:**

Sewa International USA , and American Association of Physician of Indian Origin- AAPI USA were named the MAFS COVID HEROES Of 2021 for their valuable assistance to India .

**SWASHBUCKLING NEIL KHOT & CHARMING SHREE GURUSAMY MESMERIZED THE AUDIENCE AS HOSTS:**

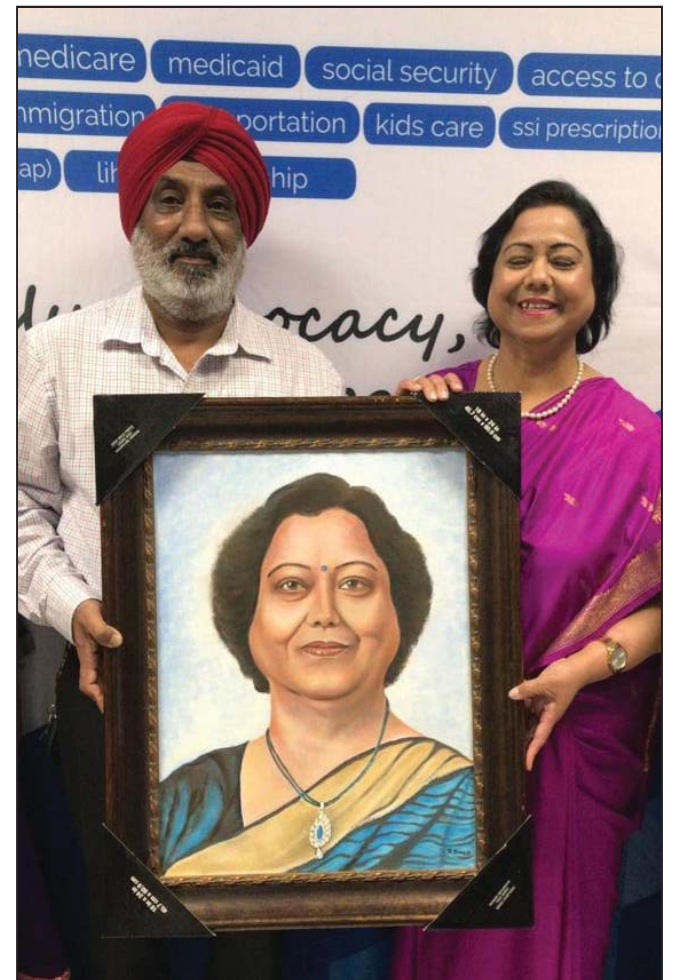
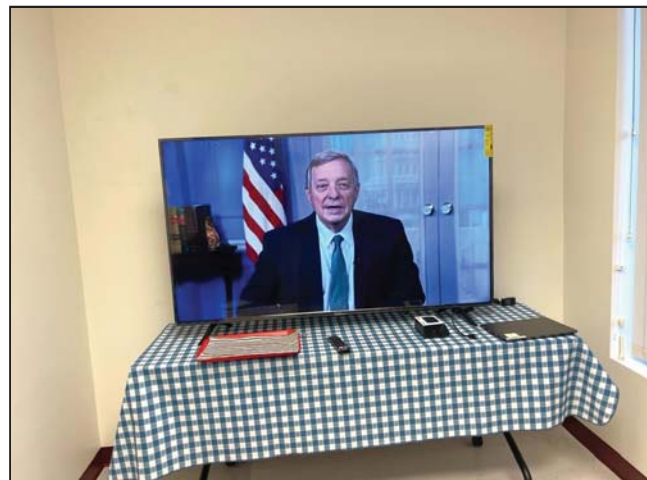
The young dashing debonair NEIL KHOT , FIA Chicago Founding Member and the eloquent co host SHREE GURUSAMY , MEATF's Human Services Chair sailed through the program with aplomb and spontaneous humor that kept the flawless transitioning of the entire proceedings .

**MAFS FOUNDER DR. SANTOSH KUMAR FETED:** Village of Hoffman Estates proclaimed May 29 as Dr Mrs Santosh Kumar Appreciation Day. Trustees

Michael Gatea, Anna Newell & Gary G Stanton presented the proclamation. FIA Chicago presented An Appreciation Award to Dr Santosh Kumar for her magnificent support for India Covid Relief Fund and helping the community by inestimable means. The Dynamic FIA Chicago Founder Sunil Shah presented the FIA Chicago Honor Plaque 2021. Rajender Singh , Staff of MAFS Chicago presented Dr Mrs Kumar an oil painting of herself and also a charcoal sketch of Dr Mrs Santosh Kumar which was auctioned off for \$2,000 dollars at the Semi Annual Gala.

**MULTI LINGUAL SINGER PAVITRA ANAND DAZZLED WITH HER HINDI SONGS:**

Singing Sensation Pavithra Anand belted out hits of Asha Bonsle and other foot tapping Bollywood numbers in her inimitable style of dancing while singing which brought the audience to their feet many a time. **AWESOME ORGANIZATION & TECHNICAL EXPERTISE** led by Prashant Kumar , CIO, MAFS, Sagar Kumar , CFO , MAFS, Dipti Shah, UMAS Schaumburg Manager, Ms. Mithen, Dharsan , Kunal & Himanshu needs to be commended. A True Evening of Entertainment , Enlightenment & Excitement.



# MAY 29, 2021 PROCLAIMED AS DR VIJAY PRABHAKAR APPRECIATION DAY IN TOWN OF HOFFMAN ESTATES, ILLINOIS

The Mayor of Hoffman Estates, Mr. William D. McLeod proclaimed Saturday May 29, 2021 as Dr Vijay Prabhakar Day in recognition of Dr. Prabhakar's public health service during this COVID-19 pandemic particularly for his relentless efforts to get the United States Government to ship the much needed AstraZeneca Vaccines to India. Dr. Prabhakar's far sighted efforts to protect India during the second wave of the Covid Pandemic, protects America and rest of the world. Dr. Vijay G Prabhakar is the National Chairman, American Association of Multi Ethnic Physicians, Founder Chair of U.S. Congressman Danny K Davis's Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force and recently has been appointed as Rainbow Push Coalition's



Global Ambassador.

Hoffman Estates has a significant and historic place in the COVID 19 pandemic.

In January 2020, the second US case of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) was confirmed in Hoffman Estates. The patient, a woman in her 60s returning from Wuhan, China, was treated at St. Alexius Medical Center. Her husband was later infected in the first case of person-to-person transmission of the SARS-CoV-2 virus in the United States.

Hoffman Estates is located in Cook County and partly in Kane County in the State of Illinois. The town now serves as the headquarters for Sears and the American headquarters for Mori Seiki. The village owns Now Arena, (formerly known as Sears Center Arena) home of the Windy City Bulls of the NBA G League. In 2009, the village hosted the Heartland International Tattoo, one of the largest music and dance festivals of its kind in the Midwest. Hoffman Estates is

adjacent to South Barrington & Inverness on the North and Schaumburg & Streamwood on the south.

Trustees of the Hoffman Estates Michael Gaeta, Anna Newell & Gary G. Stanton presented the Proclamation to Dr. Vijay G. Prabhakar at the 29th Semi Annual Gala of Metropolitan Asian Family Services, USA. (MAFS). Trustee Anna Newell read out the proclamation on the occasion. Surprised at The Hoffman estate's Proclamation Dr. Vijay G. Prabhakar appealed to all, to urge President Biden to allocate a minimum of 60 million Astra Zeneca Vaccines to India from the 80 million vaccines announced for overseas. Dr. Prabhakar while thanking the Biden Harris Administration for rushing aid to India, said that it is just not enough. India is facing an unprecedented humanitarian

crisis and required all the assistance we can get.

Dr. Mrs Santosh Kumar, Founder Executive Director, MAFS thanked Congressman Danny K Davis for his public plea on May 2nd to help India that had a ripple effect throughout the country, which was earnestly followed up by U.S. Civil Rights Leader Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr, Founder of Rainbow Push Coalition, USA, Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi and other elected officials throughout the USA. Dr. Mrs. Santosh Kumar applauded Sewa International, USA, AAPI USA and FIA Chicago for leading the Community organizations in giving to India's Covid relief efforts.

Federation of India Associations, FIA- Chicago Founder Sunil Shah spoke of Dr. Vijay Prabhakar's ongoing efforts throughout the COVID pandemic and his exemplary service to nurture multi ethnic communities in America during the last 10 years. FIA Chicago Founding Member Neil Khot called for equitable distribution of the donated vaccines in India and urged the Biden Administration to ensure the State Government of



Maharashtra gets an adequate supply of vaccines. City of Naperville Human Rights & Housing Commissioner Shree Gurusamy made a similar appeal to Dr. Prabhakar to ensure vaccine supply to the State of Tamil Nadu, India in his role as Rainbow Push Coalition's Global Ambassador.

Federation of Indian Associations, FIA Chicago also presented Dr. Vijay G Prabhakar a FIA CHICAGO HONOR plaque for " his magnificent support for India Covid Relief Fund and helping the community by inestimable means."







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**Dr. Parvez Hayat, IPS  
Former Director General**

Cyber Crime and Cyber Security cannot be either defined with so much of ease as has been done by the statutes, regulations and directives nor are these two known ingredients of the cyber world, complete cyber universe for the Police. Prevention and detection of crime and maintenance of law, the legally prime duties of Police, to perform these tasks what level of cyber navigation and analytics would be required. Add VVIP security and you can see the problem growing manifold. If you were to add an entire gamut of economic offences, terrorism and local criminal intelligence and national/international level intelligence in its all-pervasive avatar, you may be able to get

some inkling of what the Cyber Police being proposed is all about. The world of Cyber to be tackled is so humungous that it may defy any definition to start with. The unfortunate reality is that it has been restricted to a couple of cybercrime police stations and cyber cells. COVID-19 has blown off the lid from what was earlier presumed to be cyber offences both by way of intensity or spread. The spread unknown is commensurate to the spread of our ignorance. From the all physical world to the all Cyber-Physical world has been fast-paced a lack of knowledge of the police/agencies who are assigned with the task to handle it. Today we have a large number

of complainants trying to find out a working solution for themselves when caught in a legal/investigative blind. Cyber cannot be branded as one small cell/dept/station of the Police. Taking an analogy from State Police and Para Military Forces ecosystem, the Cyber Police once created and consolidated should get that amount of focus, specialized manpower and all kinds of resources inclusive of financial, as the Para Military component of Indian internal security apparatus. Needless to say, they would need an equal measure of importance and say in the regular functioning of the Police at large. Under the Cyber Police umbrella, there needs to be a

large number of specializations dictated by professional requirements. From protecting Critical Information Infrastructure to conducting a social media-enabled mob lynching investigation cannot be handled by the same competency Cyber Police. Cyber Police needs to be calculated on the similar lines, as in the case of Police Stations on the basis of crime rate/population and other relevant parameters. It is like creating a new Police force, undeniably some elements are already available in some units and jurisdictions. The nature of the task needs a very different level of planning and long-term implementation and a huge course correction that is

required given the digital immersion age in which we are in already. There is a large number of policing areas where other agencies and organizations have already declared as their turf. With every passing day, the creation of a worthwhile Cyber Police would become more and more difficult. Lots of expertise also needs to come from the private sector. CYBER POLICE CAN BE THE GAME CHANGERS, USHERING IN A NEW ERA OF CYBER-PHYSICAL POLICING.

## Kisan Mela-2021 at SKUAST-Jammu



Sh. Manoj Sinha Ji, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, UT of J&K inaugurated Five days Kisan Mela being organized at SKUAST Jammu in presence of Prof. J. P. Sharma, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST Jammu, Jenab Farooq Khan, Advisor to Lt. Governor, Sh. Navin K Choudhary, Principal Secretary, Agricultural Production Department#Hon'ble Lt. Governor also inaugurated livestock show, flower show and inspected exhibition and stalls# 5 days Kisan Mela is first of its kind in the

history of SKUAST JAMMU The five-day-long Kisan Mela which was organized physically as well as virtually for the first time by SKUAST-Jammu concludes today varsity's Chatha campus. Prof. J.P. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu and chief patron of Kisan Mela was the chief guest at the valedictory function. K. K. Sharma, Director Agriculture; Ram Sevak, Director Horticulture; Sanjeev Kumar, Director Sheep Husbandry were Guest of

Honour(s). Speaking on the occasion, Prof. J. P. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu while expressing his satisfaction and happiness on the successful completion of 5 days long Kisan Mela congratulated all the farmers, agri-preneurs, NGO's, government departments, KVK's, research stations, different Divisions of the University, private companies etc. for their active participation in Kisan Mela. He said that with the exposure of such type of melas, farmers have been immensely benefitted

directly and hopefully in future will become successful entrepreneurs who will play a key role in the national economy. Prof. Sharma informed that around seven thousand farmers attended the mela physically whereas around one lakh viewers watched the mela virtually. He said that stalls exhibited in the mela were of national standard and at par with reputed national institutes and further announced that in the future Kisan Mela will be organized twice in a year.



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# ILLINOIS GOVERNOR J.B. PRITZKER TO RECEIVE THE W.H.O. DAY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE 2021



annually on World Health Day \_ April 7, the date that the World Health Organization was originally founded..

Dr. Vijay Prabhakar, Chairman, American Association of Multi Ethnic Physicians -AAMEP said that The W.H.O. DAY Award of Excellence is given every year to an individual who has done an exceptional service to improving the health and wellness of the community . Dr. Prabhakar, Awards Jury Chair will be announcing this today April 9 at the Behavioral Health Town Hall Summit hosted by U.S. Congressman Danny K Davis and U.S. Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi at Naren Patel Auditorium, Medstar Laboratories, Hillside, Illinois. This Summit is being attended by over 33 CEO's Of Behavioral Health Organizations in Chicagoland and organized by the Citizens Action Alliance For Behavioral Health, Chicago. Dr. Vijay Prabhakar said that Illinois Governor Pritzker's passionate leadership is a role model today the world over.

American Association of Multi Ethnic Physicians (AAMEP) announced that the WORLD HEALTH DAY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE 2021 is being awarded to Illinois Governor J. B. Pritzker for his dynamic leadership during this Covid19 pandemic. The announcement is made

Dr. Tariq Butt, President, Chicago

Medical Society and Chairman of Citizens Action Alliance for Behavioral Health said that Illinois Governor Pritzker was the unanimous choice for the W.H.O. Day Award of Excellence for his inspiring leadership, commitment and continuous dedication in safeguarding the State of Illinois during this pandemic.

Dr. Suresh Reddy, President, American Association of Multi Ethnic Physicians and Immediate Past President of American Association of Physicians from India -AAPI USA said that the W.H.O. Day Award of Excellence 2021 will be presented to Illinois Governor Pritzker in the near future when the entire physician community can salute our fearless and decisive Governor Pritzker.

Ambassador Twin Green of the Citizens Action Alliance for Behavioral Health , Chicago applauded Governor Pritzker's inclusive leadership that hand held and nurtures the most vulnerable populations during this pandemic.

U.S. Congressman Danny K. Davis commended the Illinois Governor Pritzker

for his unparalleled leadership and his entire team during this pandemic. Congressman Davis noted that Illinois Department Of Human Services's Mental Health Division is reaching out to the youth and senior citizens community which is the need of the hour.

W.H.O. Day Award Of Excellence 2021 Awards Jury included Dr Steve Munsey, Family Christian Center, Munster, Indiana, Dr. Zenobia Sowell, Women's Chair, American Multi Ethnic Coalition -AMEC, Dr. Gladys Folorunsho, President, USA Africa Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Mrs Santosh Kumar, Global Ambassador, Reclaim Happiness International, Dr. Tariq Butt, President, Chicago Medical Society, Neal Patel, Chairman, Indian American Business Coalition, Nicole Harvey, Chairperson , SANFOKA Safe Child Initiative, Martino Tangkar, Chairman of Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force -MEATF , 7th Congressional District-IL and Dr Kiros Tewelde , Africa Bureau Chief, The Global Eye Digital News Magazine .

# COVID-19 HERO BOOK RELEASE



**The "COVID-19 Hero" book was Released by REV. Jackson in Washington DC. This book is written by Mr Ujjain and Mr Ramesh Dixit, depicts a detailed explanation of how her organization proved that even during the toughest and grave times of the lockdown during the Pandemic, her organizations never faltered to keep the home bound seniors of the community to stay healthy and safe. It explains in detail all the measures that were taken, and the awards Dr Santhosh Kumar received for being a HERO DURING COVID-19!**





To Commemorate Black History Month and Mahatma Gandhi's 73rd Death Anniversary



# GANDHI KING LEGACY ROUNDTABLE SUMMIT



**Theme : Challenges of Behavioral Health Crisis During the Covid Pandemic**

## INDIA'S CONSUL GENERAL AT CHICAGO LAUNCHES THE FIRST GANDHI KING LEGACY ROUND- TABLE SUMMIT IN NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS



Naperville, Illinois : The First Gandhi King Legacy Roundtable Summit was organized by the U.S. Congressional Multi Advisory Task Force (MEATF ) of Congressman Danny K Davis in cooperation with Metropolitan Asian Family Services(MAFS ) on Friday February 26 from 12 noon to 4pm. Ms. Vasavi Chakka, Commissioner, Naperville Sister Cities Commission moderating the Summit stated that this Summit is being held to Commemorate the Black History Month and Mahatma Gandhi's 73rd Death Anniversary with the theme being, " Challenges of the Behavioral Health Crisis During the COVID pandemic.

Dr. Mrs Santosh Kumar, Founder Executive Director of Metropolitan Asian

Family Services welcoming the Roundtable Summit stakeholders said that this is the first time a Gandhi King Roundtable Summit is being held in Illinois State and stressed that the Summit is addressing the important issue of Behavioral Health and how to improve and increase the Behavioral Health Resources in our communities which is the most effective way to continue the legacy of the legends Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr.

Dr. Vijay Prabhakar, Founder Chairman of Congressman Danny K Davis's Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force in his opening remarks credited India's Consul General at Chicago Amit Kumar for conceiving this historic Summit to

honor Gandhi King's Legacy. Dr. Vijay Prabhakar, a public health expert said that America will face the gravest challenge from the behavioral health crisis in 2030 and hence all concerned citizens, elected officials, behavioral healthcare providers and other stakeholders should form a broad framework to work towards seriously addressing the challenges of behavioral healthcare.

Ambassador Amit Kumar, Consul General of India at Chicago inaugurating the Summit said the greatest testament of the Gandhi King Legacy is the current strong ties between India, the largest democracy and USA, the Oldest democracy, at the highest levels and recalled

the role of India under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership during the COVID pandemic . The supply of Indian made vaccines to several countries recently is yet another glowing example of India's Prime Minister Modi's global leadership, he added. CG Kumar thanked the organizers for hosting the Roundtable Summit on the Legacy of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King and to commemorate the Black History Month. He recalled that their life, message and philosophy continue to inspire us all, that life of Mahatma Gandhi was very closely followed in the US, referred to the historic visit of Dr. King to India in 1959 and efforts to spread the legacy of these two leaders. He referred



to the Gandhi-King Scholarly Initiative Act passed by the US Congress in 2020 that was initiated by late Congressman John Lewis, another iconic figure in the civil rights movement. He thanked Representative Danny K Davis, for his strong support to India-US ties, and recalled his initiative to establish the Multi-Ethnic Advisory Task Force a decade ago to empower different ethnic communities in his district. He also acknowledged the exemplary contribution of the Indian American community in helping local communities in several ways during the Covid-19 period."

U. S. Congressman Danny K. Davis's Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force saluted India's Consul General Amit Kumar for his vision in conceiving this Gandhi King Legacy Summit as a tribute to two great legends. The month of February is officially observed as BLACK HISTORY MONTH throughout United States and Gandhi's 73rd Death Anniversary (Punyathi /Shaheed Diwas) was on January 30. U.S. Congressman's Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force presented Consul General Amit Kumar with an Official plaque for his initiative in conceiving this historic epoch making event.

A brief video of Martin Luther King Jr speaking on Mahatma Gandhi was screened followed by Dr. Sriram Sonty, eminent Ophthalmologist , the Vice President of The Gandhi Memorial, Chicago eloquently describing the GANDHI-KING Connection and its relevance to the present day. Consul General of India Amit Kumar along with Consul General of Japan Kenichi Okada at Chicago jointly presented the Gandhi King Legacy Award of Excellence 2021 to Dr. Steve Munsey , Founder , Family Christian Center, Munster, Indiana for his extraordinary leadership to the underserved communities of Northwest Indiana and the City of Chicago during COVID pandemic from June 2020 to present. Dr. Steve Munsey , Author, Pastor, Creative Director, and Producer

giving the Dr. Gandhi King Legacy Oration 2021 extolled all the leaders to emulate the virtues of these two great legends by their actions in their day to day lives and implement life transforming programs with purposeful goals. Dr. Munsey spoke about the need to make Behavioral Health Care affordable and accessible to all especially the vulner- able sections of the community now.

Marvin Lindsey , CEO, Community Behavioral HealthCare Association of Illinois delivered the Key Note Address. U.S. Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi (8th-IL ) in his remarks said , " I don't need to tell you that this is Black History Month and this month , we celebrate the legacy of Dr. King And I don't need to t ell you that Dr. King was inspired by Mahatma Gandhi of India. Now today, we are coming together to celebrate this joint legacy , one of non violence, one of justice, one of making sure everyone has a seat at the table, and that no one is on the menu . That is what today's roundtable is all about.

U. S. Congressman Danny K Davis in his presidential address at the Summit commended India's Consul General at Chicago Amit Kumar for initiating this Gandhi King Legacy Roundtable Summit which is most apt and very timely for our Communities to heal. "Martin Luther King Jr. was a disciple of Gandhi. A Lot of Gandhi's teachings was put into practice by Martin Luther king Jr. . So it is important that our elected leaders and Community leaders adapt and enrich the same partnership between African and Indian communities here in Chicago and beyond. I applaud Dr. Vijay Prabhakar, the creative public health expert and founder of my Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force (MEATF ) along with Mrs Santosh Kumar, Executive Director of Metropolitan Asian Family Services of Illinois(MAFS) for recognizing the importance of the Gandhi King relationship and for continuing their legacy in this dynamic environment. We need to strengthen this

partnership among our ethnic communities. I am waiting to hear about the outcomes of this Summit and will work towards supporting the Summit's recommendations. ", added Congressman Danny Davis.

Dr. David Albert, Director, Division of Mental Health ,Illinois Department of Human Services gave the Call to Action. Dr. David Albert said that the State Of Illinois runs Seven Psychiatric hospitals and funds 207 Community Mental Health Centers in the State of Illinois. Dr. Albert said that during the COVID pandemic, the need for special attention to the Senior Population and the Youth /Students population is engaging the department.

The Gandhi King Legacy Roundtable Summit 2021 unanimously resolved to establish a Citizens Action Alliance For Behavioral Healthcare (CAABH ) to nurture, enrich and empower behavioral healthcare providers while spreading awareness of behavioral healthcare resources in our communities. The Summit further resolved to launch a monthly publication on behavioral healthcare resources that features op-ed column by elected representatives, showcase com- munity behavioral health programs, informative clinical updates and latest community behavioral health resource tools. The Summit called for monthly town hall meets of elected representatives, community leaders, behavioral healthcare providers and concerned citizens for behavioral healthcare as a constructive follow up .

Dr Vijay Prabhakar , Founder Chairman of U.S. Congressman Danny K Davis's Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force named Ms. Twin Green, CEO of THE LINK & OPTION Center, South Holland, IL as C.A.A. B.H.'s Ambassador for Southland of Illinois at the closing session of the Summit. Dr. Vijay Prabhakar thanked Dr. Terrence Chiramel of American Association of Multi Ethnic Physicians AAMEP-USA, Ms. Alli Dhanaraj of American Multi Ethnic Coalition AMEC , Charlie Dressner , Chief of

Business Development, MEDSTAR Laboratory, Hillside, IL, Ms. Neelam Desai, Manager, MAFS Naperville Office, Adam Feldman, Senior VP, Ensoftek Inc, and Anil Kumar of The Global Eye, Digital News Magazine for all their support in organizing this First Gandhi King Roundtable Summit.

Consul General Of Japan at Chicago , Kenichi Okada presented the Congressional MEATF Citations to MAFS Mahatma Gandhi Medal of Excellence 2020 recipients and Dr. Mrs Santosh Kumar, Founder of MAFS honored eight individuals with the MAFS Gandhi Medal of Excellence 2020. The 2020 MAFS Gandhi Medal of Excellence recipi- ents who were honored are Dr. Tariq Butt, President , Chicago Medical Society , Dr David Albert , Director, Division of Mental Health , Illinois Department of Human Services , Donald Dew , President, Habilitative Systems Institute, Chicago , Professor Benneth Lee, Founder National Alliance for the Empowerment of the Formerly Incarcerated, (NAEFI ) , Ms. Arloa Sutter, Founder-Executive Director, Breakthrough Ministries, Chicago , Albert Holmes, Founder CEO, Elite House of Sober Living, Chicago Heights, IL, Ms. Vinita Gulabani , President, Indian American Cultural Association, Downers Grove, IL and Luke Tharasri, President, Maximon Behavioral Health , Los Angeles. Dr. Sreenivas Reddy, Vice Chair, Illinois Physician Disciplinary Board in his Closing remarks envisaged that this Gandhi King Legacy initiative on Behavioral Healthcare should be implemented globally and thanked the organizers Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force of Congressman Davis (MEATF) , Metropolitan Asian Family Services (MAFS ) and THE GLOBAL EYE, Digital News Magazine for hosting this historic Summit. Dr Reddy further added that the presence of the Visionary Consul General of India Amit Kumar and the energetic Consul General Of Japan Kenichi Okada is the new beginnings for a global collective action on behavioral healthcare.

**OUR HONOREES : SPECIAL GUESTS**



**Mr. Kenichi Okada**  
Consul General of Japan  
in Chicago



**Mr. Marc-Yves ST-VICTOR**  
Consul General of Haiti  
in Chicago



**Rev Dr Steve Munsey**  
Founder, Family Christian Center,  
Munster, Indiana



**Twin D. Green**  
President & CEO  
The Link & Option Center, Inc.



**Adam Feldman**  
Senior Vice President  
Ensoftek



**Herb Stricklin, LCPC**  
Director of Clinical Operations,  
Breaking Free

**MAFS Mahatma Gandhi Medal of Excellence - 2020**



**DR DAVID ALBERT**  
Director, Division of Mental Health  
Illinois Department of Human Services



**DONALD DEW**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Habilitative Systems Institute



**ANDREW HOLMES**  
Trustee  
Village of Dolton, IL



**DR. TARIQ BUTT**  
Vice President of Health Affairs  
ACCESS Community Health Network



**ARLOA SUTTER**  
Founder Executive Director  
Breakthrough Ministries



**LUKE THARASRI**  
President  
Maximon Behavioral Health



**PROF. BENNETH LEE**  
Founder, NAEFI  
Chicago, Illinois



**ALBERT ELLIS**  
Founder C.E.O  
Elite Houses of Sober Living



**VINITA GULABANI**  
President  
Indian American Cultural Association






**Gandhi King Legacy Roundtable Summit**  
To Commemorate Black History Month & Mahatma Gandhi's 73rd Death Anniversary

**PROGRAM**

**MODERATOR : MS. VASAVI CHAKKA,**  
COMMISSIONER , NAPERVILLE SISTER CITIES COMMISSION , NAPERVILLE

- 12 Noon - 12.50 PM** : **OPENING SESSION**
- 12 Noon - 12.03 PM** : Self Introduction of each of the attendees at The Roundtable Summit.
- 12.03 PM - 12.06 PM** : Welcome Address : Dr. Mrs Santosh Kumar, *Founder Executive Director, MAFS*
- 12.06 PM - 12.09 PM** : Opening Remarks : Dr. Vijay G Prabhakar, *Founder Chairman, MEATF*
- 12.09 PM -12.14 PM** : Video of Martin Luther King Jr.'s Speech on Gandhi Ji
- 12.14 PM -12.18 PM** : **THE GANDHI-KING CONNECTION** : Dr. Sriram Sonty ,  
*Vice President, The Gandhi Memorial, Chicago*
- 12.18 PM - 12.23 PM** : Inaugural Address : Mr. Amit Kumar,  
*Consul General Of India at Chicago*
- 12.23 PM - 12.25 PM** : Presentation Of U.S. Congressman Davis' MEATF Colors To Consul General Of India at Chicago
- 12.26 PM - 12.28 PM** : Presentation Of Gandhi- King Legacy Award of Excellence 2021 To Dr. Steve Munsey, *Founder, Family Christian Center, Munster, Indiana.*
- 12.28 PM -12.35 PM** : The Gandhi King Legacy Oration 2021 : Dr Steve Munsey, *Founder, Family Christian center, Munster, Indiana*
- 12.35 PM -12.45 PM** : Key Note Address : Marvin Lindsey, CEO,  
*Community Behavioral Healthcare Association of Illinois.*
- 12.45 PM -12.55 PM** : Chairman's Remarks : U.S. Congressman Danny K Davis
- 1.40 PM -3.00 PM** : **LUNCH**
- 1.40 PM -1.55 PM** : **SESSION ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE IN ILLINOIS**
- 1.55 PM 2.05 PM** : **CALL TO ACTION** : Dr. David Albert , *Director, Division Of Mental Health Illinois Department of Human Services, Springfield.*
- 2.05 PM -2.15 PM** : Discussion: Comments / Questions & Answers
- 2.15 PM -2.20 PM** : Behavioral Health Provider's Perspective : Ms. Twin D. Green, *Founder, President/ CEO, The Link & Option Center, Inc. , South Holland, IL*
- 2.20 PM -2.30 PM** : Discussion: Comments / Questions & Answers
- 2.30 PM - 2.40 PM** : Using Technology To Deliver Better Access & Better Quality of Behavioral Health Care : Mr Adam Feldman , *Senior VP Ensoftek Inc.*
- 2.40 PM - 2.50 PM** : Discussion: Comments / Questions & Answers
- 2.50 PM - 2.55 PM** : Efficacy of Toxicological Testing In Behavioral HealthCare: Herbert Stricklin, *LCPC, Director of Clinical Operations, Breaking Free Inc., Naperville, IL*
- 2.55 PM -3.20 PM** : Discussion: Comments / Questions & Answers
- 3.20 PM -4.00 PM** : From Here Where Do We GO ?
- 3.20 PM -3.55 PM** : Comments/Suggestions From the Roundtable Summit Participants.
- 3.55 PM -4.00 PM** : **CLOSING SESSION**
- Honoring Our Heroes in the Behavioral Healthcare Field with the **MAFS MAHATMA GANDHI MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE 2020**
- Each Honoree will speak briefly 3-4 minutes on receiving the Medallion.
- Closing Remarks : Dr. Sreenivas Reddy ,  
*Vice Chair, Illinois State Medical Disciplinary Board*



**Commissioner Vasavi Chakka of City of Naperville moderated the First Gandhi King Legacy RoundTable Summit on February 26.**



**Dr Santosh Kumar, Executive Director, MAFS welcomed the gathering to the Summit to commemorate Black History Month and 73rd Death Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**



**Dr Vijay Prabhakar, Founder Chair, MEATF outlined the theme of the Summit, Challenges of Behavioral Health Crisis During the COVID pandemic.**



**Dr Sriram Sonty, Vice President, The Gandhi Memorial, Skokie spoke on the Gandhi-King Connection.**



**India's Consul General at Chicago Amit Kumar initiated the first Gandhi -King Legacy Round Table Summit in USA.**



**Dr Santosh Kumar presents the Congressional MEATF & AMEC COLORS to India's Consul General at Chicago, Amit Kumar at the event.**



**Dr Steve Munsey, Founder, Family Christian Center, Munster, Indiana delivered the Gandhi King Legacy Oration 2021.**



**India's Consul General Amit Kumar and Japan's Consul General Kenichi Okada jointly presented the Gandhi King Legacy Award of Excellence 201 to Dr. Steve Munsey.**



**Dr. Vijay & Cynthia Prabhakar presented an original oil painting of Dr. King to the honoree Dr. Steve Munsey at the event.**



**Vladimir Talley Jr, the Maywood Chief of Police in rapt attention at the Round table Summit.**



**The MAFS IT Team, Darshan and IT Chief Prashant Kumar ensuring the live telecast is in process.**



**Dr Sonty hosted an audio visual presentation on Dr. Martin Luther King, Junior at the Summit.**



A screen shot of the AV presentation of the Gandhi King Connection.



Sagar Kumar, Chief Financial Officer, Metropolitan Asian Family Services, MAFS at the Summit.



Dr Suresh Reddy, President, American Association of Multi Ethnic Physicians -AAMEP and Immediate Past President of AAPI-USA speaking at the Summit.



Japan's Consul General at Chicago Kenichi Okada delivering the Presidential Address.



Dr Tariq Butt, President , Chicago Medical Society and Senior Vice President ACCESS Health Care speaking at the Summit.



Dr. David Albert, Chief, Division of Mental Health, Illinois Department of Human Services delivered the Key Note address.



Twin Green , CEO, The Link & Option Center, South Holland named CAABH Ambassador at the Summit.



Adam Feldman, Senior Vice President, Ensoftek, New York spoke on Technology to drive success for Behavioral Health providers.



Luke Tharisi , COO, Maximon Behavioral Health and others at the Summit.



MAFS Gandhi Medallion Awardee Nimish Jani along with MAFS Founder Dr. Santosh Kumar and India's Consul General Amit Kumar.



MAFS Gandhi Medallion Awardees : Arloa Sutter, CEO Breakthrough Ministries, Vinita Gulabani, President, IACA, Dr. Tariq Butt, President, CMS, Dr. David Albert, Illinois Chief of Mental Health, Albert Ellis, CEO Elite House and Luke Tharasi, COO, Maximon Behavioral Health.



**Dr Mercedes Martinez , Eminent Psychiatrist and Executive Leadership Member of Congressional Multi Ethnic Advisory Task force.**



**Dr Kiros Tewolde Gabriel, Founder, Our Legacies Left Behind, NFP , Chicago at the Round Table Summit.**



**Viviane Ngwa, Corporate Vice President, National Youth Advocacy Program, Matteson.**



**Shrone Conway, C.O.O. , To Walk In My Shoes , Cicero at The Summit.**



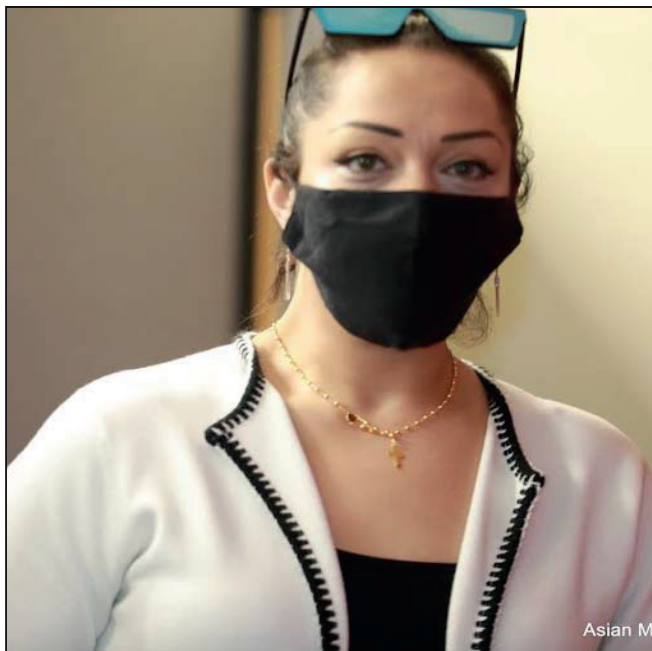
**Maywood Police Chief Talley Jr. actively participated at the Summit.**



**Ms Carmen Riverside of Maywood Police Department at the Summit**



**Tumia Rumero, Deputy Chief of Staff , Congressman Davis's Office in conversation with Dr. Zenobia Sowell, Chair Bethel Mennonite Community Church, Chicago**



**Dr. Rani Youseffzai, Executive Director, American Association Of Multi Ethnic Physicians and President of Excellent Care at the Summit.**



**Charles Dressner, Chief of Marketing, Medstar Laboratory, Inc, Hillside attentively listening to the speakers at the Summit.**



**Herb Stricklin, Director of Clinical Operations, Breaking Free Inc, Naperville spoke on the importance of toxicological testing in Behavioral Health Care.**



**Ensoftek 's Senior Vice President Adam Feldman was one of the speakers at the technical session.**



**Metroploitan Asian Family Services, Naperville Staff applauded for hosting the Summit in an outstanding manner.**



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# Pentagon celebrates life of Indian-born audiologist serving the US military

Washington, May 21 (INN): Celebrating the Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month in May, the US Department of Defense has showcased the accomplishments of Indian origin officer Lt Col Deepa Hariprasad.

The Pentagon on Thursday published an article on the life of Lt Col Hariprasad, director of the Audiology and Speech Center, at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Maryland.

The article 'Indian-Born Audiologist Says Serving in the Military is Rewarding' has been authored by David Vergun of DoD News and published on the official website of the US Department of Defence.

"Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have shaped the history of the United States and have had their lives dramatically influenced by moments in its history. In May every year, the US Defense Department joins the rest of the nation in celebrating Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month," says the author at the start of the article.

Born in Mysore, India in 1977, Deepa's parents emigrated to US when she was three years old. While her parents are Tamil and Kannada speakers, Deepa can speak neither of the two as her parents spoke with her in English.

Hariprasad is married to an Air Force Major and is a mother of two. Despite not having chosen an arranged marriage like her parents or having not embraced some of the more traditional aspects of Indian life, there are cultural norms that she does embrace, the article points out.

Deepa loves to cook vegetarian Indian food with variety and enjoys wearing Indian clothing and watching Indian movies — with English subtitles.

In 2003, Hariprasad received a direct commission into the Army, serving as an audiologist in the medical branch.

"The initial appeal was to try something new, serve my country, and have the opportunity to live in different places," she is quoted as saying in the article.

An audiologist diagnoses and treats hearing loss and also focuses on the prevention of hearing loss.

She recounts educating her patients about health and teaching service members and noise-exposed civilians about hearing loss prevention as the favourite part of the job.

"I feel I am making a difference and helping others improve their quality of life. I also enjoy learning about people's experiences and hearing their perspectives," she reasons in the article. Breaking the stereotypes of women in Indian culture of being reserved and shy, she overcame shyness while serving in leadership positions in the military.

Born in a very different belief system, she lacked confidence initially to try new things or stand up for herself or others. But her positions in the Army and Air Force helped shape her character and



personality for the better.

Calling it an honour and privilege for her to serve and provide healthcare for the veterans and their family members who sacrifice so much to serve our country, she said being an officer in the military has

helped me develop discipline and improve my physical fitness.

Incidentally, Lt. Col. Deepa Hariprasad is the first Indian-American to serve as director of the Audiology and Speech Center at Walter Reed.


The article quoted her saying that serving in the military had also resulted in lifelong friendships and given her travel opportunities she might not otherwise have had. She said she also enjoys the teamwork and camaraderie aspects of service life.

While at WRNMMC, Hariprasad has racked up many accomplishments.

Before serving at Walter Reed, Hariprasad said she provided pre- and post-deployment hearing testing and annual readiness testing for over 100,000 soldiers and noise-exposed civilians. Amidst the Covid-19 pandemic, Lt. Col. Deepa Hariprasad sustained clinical and readiness operations, serving over 12,000 patients in 2020 and assuming responsibility for hearing readiness exams during audiology clinic closures across the National Capital Region.


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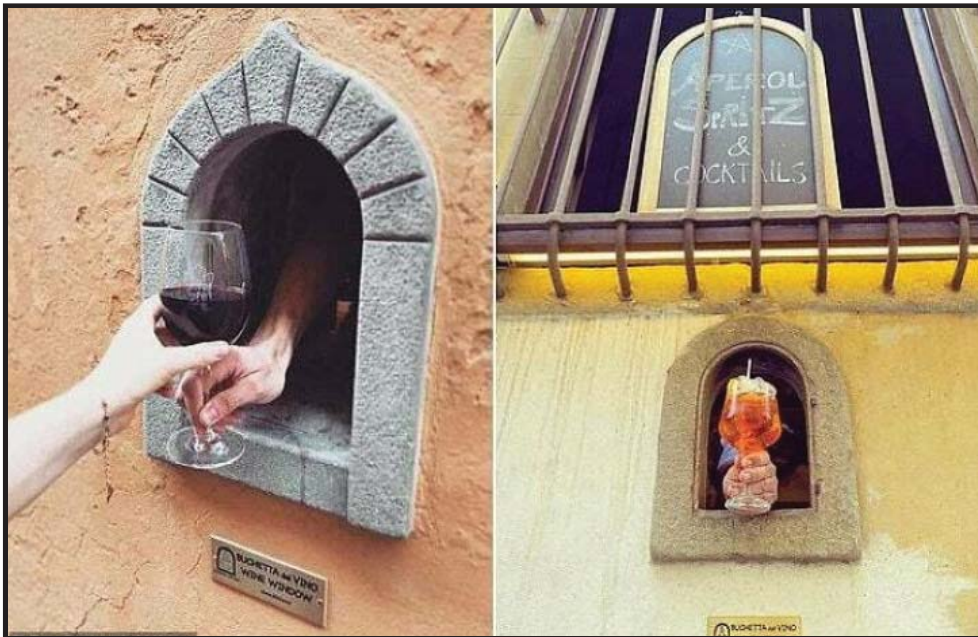
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A farewell to an entire species: this is a photo of the very last male Northern White Rhino (2018)



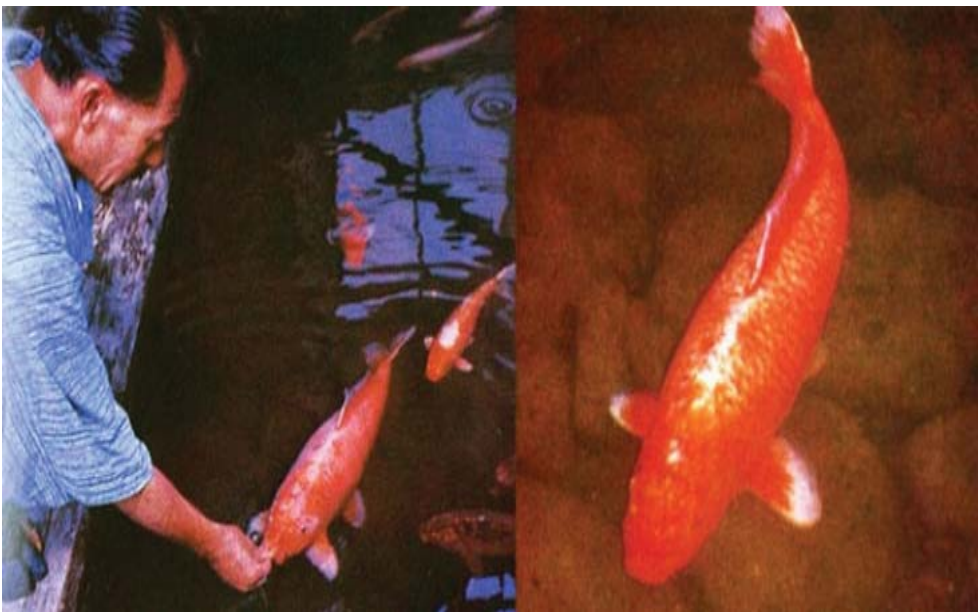
This is what a sunset looks like from space



These so-called wine windows were used by vintners in Italy to sell wine during plague pandemics in the 17th century. Now they are coming back to use due to coronavirus."



This is no ordinary flower - it's the first flower grown in space



Hanako was the oldest known koi fish. It died at the age of 226 in 1966



One of the few surviving intact pyramid capstones



These two women are biracial twin sisters. They were born to a white father and a half-Jamaican mother



A selfie of anti poachers guarding the gorillas



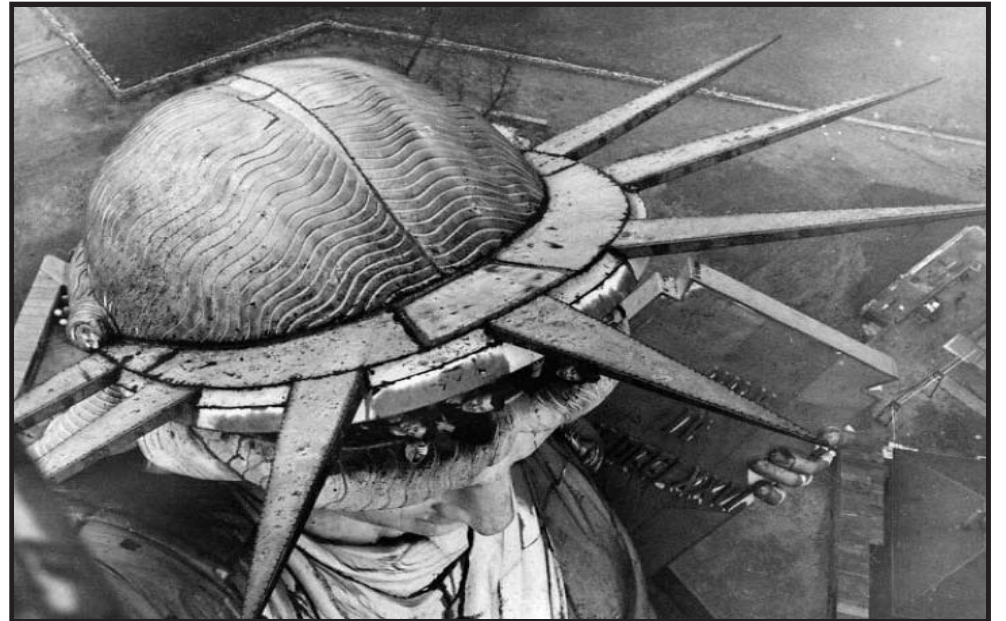
Turkish garbage collectors opened a library containing the books citizens threw in the trash



Certain fish skin can be grafted onto burns and diabetic wounds. The material recruits the body's own cells and is converted eventually into living tissue.



This Korean news program is the only one that doesn't use an artificial city backdrop



"A rare view of the Statue of Liberty from the balcony on its torch. The exit there has been closed since 1916.



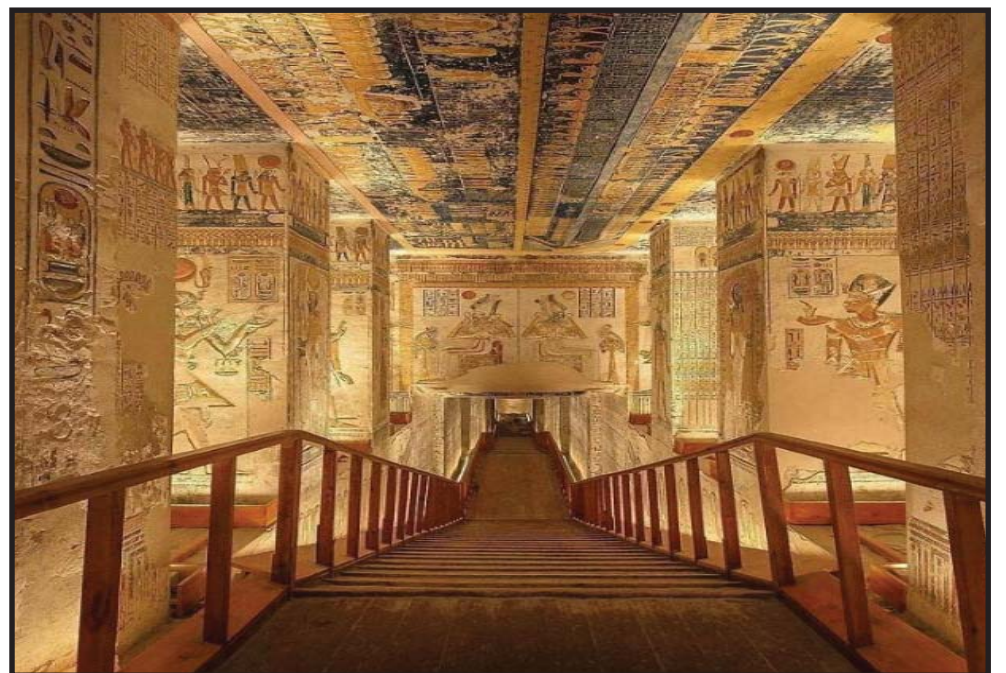
The Maldivian president signing a climate change document at the world's first underwater cabinet



A mini bonsai apple tree that grew a full-sized apple



An HD Image of a waning moon



The Tomb of Ramesses VI, The Valley of Kings, Egypt



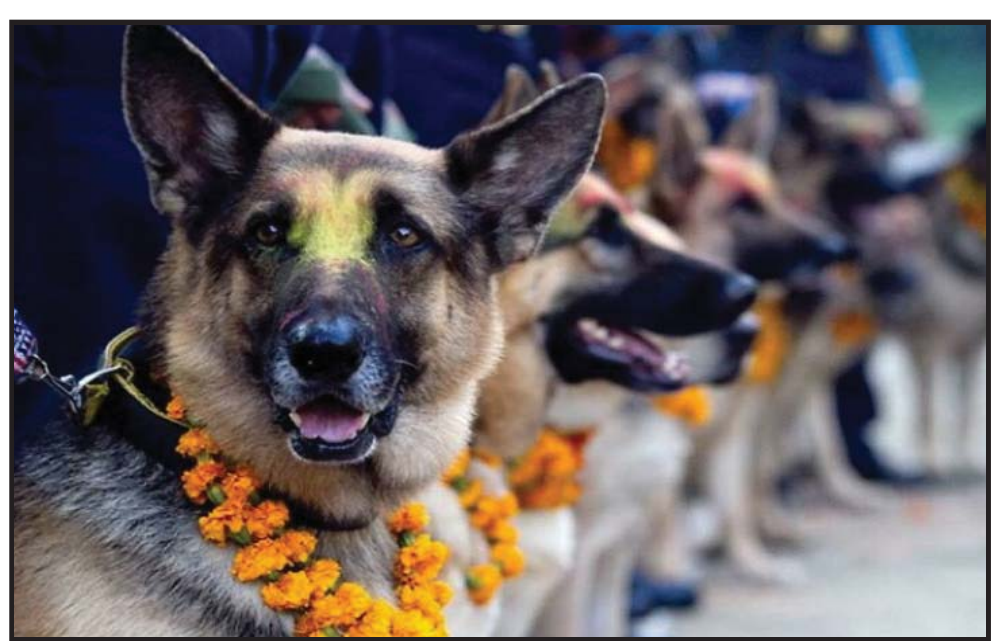
A photo of Terry Fox, a 21-year-old Canadian who lost a leg to cancer during his east to west cross-Canada run. Fox raised money for cancer research and spread awareness about cancer.



These two unlikely friends were seen traveling, hunting, and sharing food together for 10 days



This man is Daisuke Inoue, the inventor of karaoke. He refused to patent the machine because he wanted to "teach the world to sing"



This cute ceremony is called 'Kukur Tihar' in Nepal. It's the day dedicated to dogs for their loyalty



This is the only existing photo of Chernobyl taken on the morning of the nuclear accident. The heavy grain is due to the huge amount of radiation in the air that began to destroy the camera film the second it was exposed.



A macro photo of an ant raising a piece of wood



An accidental photo of a falling meteor



And last, but definitely not least: these three Jewish men arrived in Auschwitz on the same day and were tattooed 10 numbers apart. 73 years later, they were reunited for the first time



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# ARUSHI NISHANK & JUBIN NAUTIYAL DAZZLE AT MAFS' VIRTUAL CURTAIN RAISER: MAY 16



Metropolitan Asian Family Services (MAFS) proudly showcased a spectacular and most anticipated CURTIAN RAISER "Wafa Na Raas Aayee, on May 16th, 2021. It was non-stop entertainment from 11:00am to 12:30pm. This curtain raiser is a preview for the main Gala to be held on May 29th, 2021. Dr. Santosh Kumar, Executive Director of MAFS along with Prashant Kumar (IT Director) and Sagar Kumar (CFO) and staff, paid attention to all details to prepare for a stunning curtain raiser at our Schaumburg location. It was screened live on facebook while many fans fervently waited online to watch the famous Jubin Nautiyal and Arushi Nishank who joined live from Bombay.

The show began at 11:00 am as Mr. Mir Ali introduced the gorgeous and well-prepared hosts of the event, Ms. Pratibha Jairath and Ms. Richa Chand. They welcomed Jubin Nautiyal, a well-known Indian singer and Arushi Nishank, a renowned Indian Classical dancer,

actor, film producer and environmentalist.

Jubin Nautiyal was awarded the Upcoming Male Vocalist of the Year at the 8TH Mirchi Music Awards in 2016 for his song "Zindagi Kuch Toh Bata" and his other achievement is the Rising Musical Star Award received at Zee Business Awards in 2015. Ms. Arushi Nishank apart from recently seen in first debut music hit "Wafa Na Raas Aayee" is also a promoter of Sparsh Ganga Campaign. She is also the daughter of Mr. Ramesh Pokhriyal, India's Union Cabinet Minister for Education and former Chief Minister of Uttarakhand.

The show started with Jubin's famous songs like "Chitti", followed by "Wafa Na Raas Aayee", Tumhe Anna, Humnava Mere and many more, while he strummed on his guitar and mesmerized the listeners. In between the songs, Pratibha and Richa interviewed Arushi and Jubin about their journey to stardom. They both said through dedication and

love for what they do has brought them to be where they are now. The show continued with vibrant, cheery and jovial conversation with Jubin and Arushi. During the conversation, Arushi shared that her mother and dad were her role models.

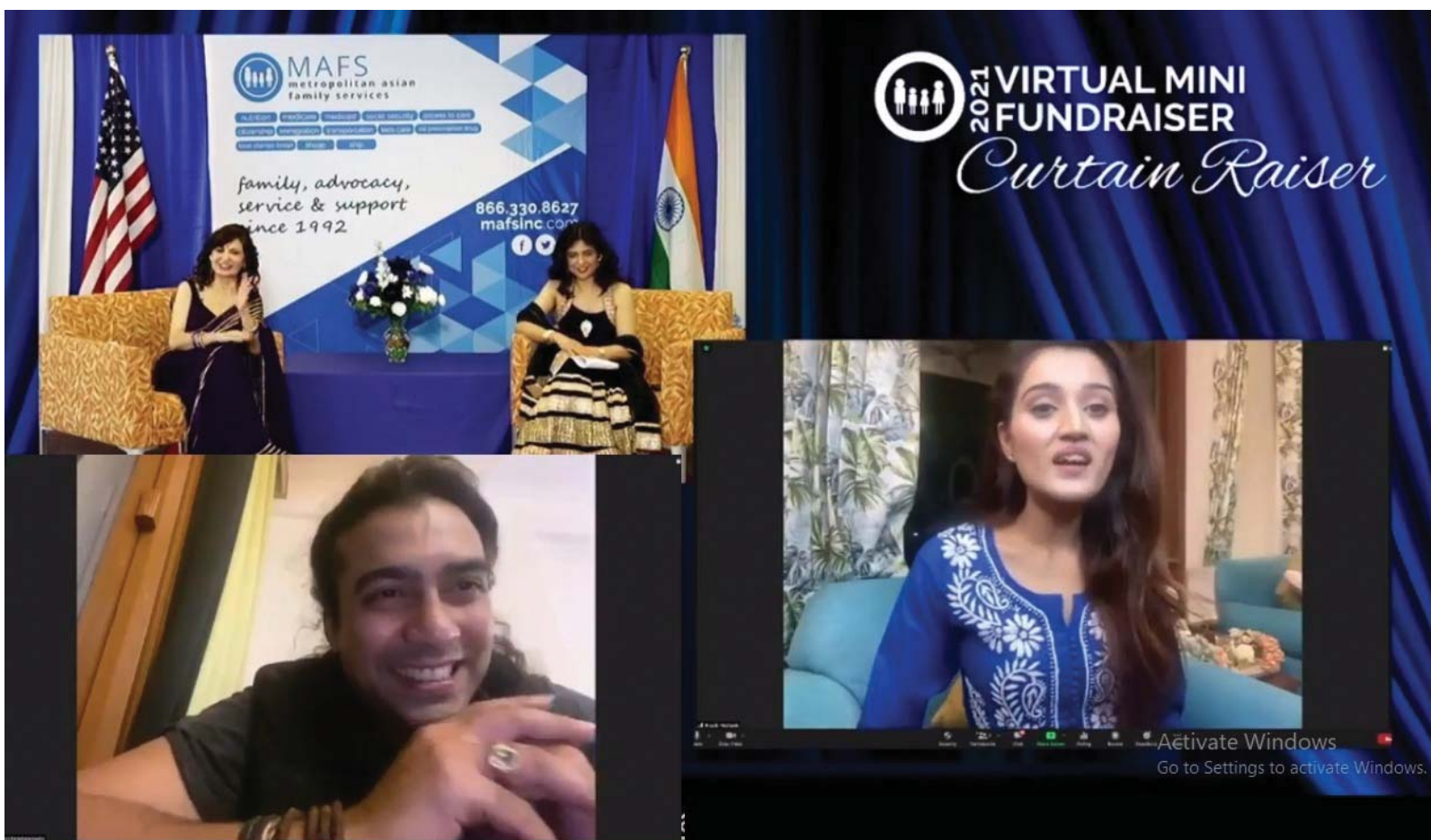
Many people from the media waited patiently to interview Jubin and Arushi. The first to interview was Ghosia Ghiasuddin, a well-known radio host She asked them about their journey in making "Wafa Na Raas Aayee". Both said that it was a Team effort. The next media person was Munir Ahmad ji from Chalta TV (Dallas). He first congratulated Prashant Kumar and his MAFS IT team for putting together a such a well-organized show comprising of people from all over the world, which is a very complex undertaking. He praised them for a JOB WELL DONE! He praised the young stars for their achievements and asked about their future endeavors. From Adbhhut Media

Gurmeet ji asked about Arushi's journey as a classical dancer, and she explained that she is happy to know that classical dance and music is becoming more prevalent with the youngsters and urged them to continue to learn classical dance and music. Vandana Jinghan interviewed both and said that she a big fan of both. Rachna Srivatava from California who writes for Hum Hindustani., was there to interview the star of the show. At this time, Arushi shared her thoughts that "Success is never a destination it is a journey" and Jubin said "Honestly paves ones path to success".

Arushi praised Dr. Mrs Santosh Kumar for being her inspiration. Mrs Kumar invited both Jubin and Arushi to join us for our grand Gala on October 17th, 2021.

Involving and perfectly coordinating such an organized show is such a difficult task especially when participants are from all over the world.

Mrs Kumar thanked the IT Team for perfectly and efficiently putting together such lovely show involving participants from all over the world. She thanked the media, Mr. Ali, Ms Richa, Ms. Pratibha and her staff for working behind the scenes and making this show a success. Dr. Kumar spoke about the part Metropolitan Asian Family Services is playing to help the community during this Pandemic, like delivering home-cooked healthy meals to the homebound seniors and many more. For more details visit us at mafsinc.com or umasinc.com. The show ended with Dr. Kumar thanking the many viewers who poured their wishes and thoughts. Requests for more songs kept coming even after the show ended.



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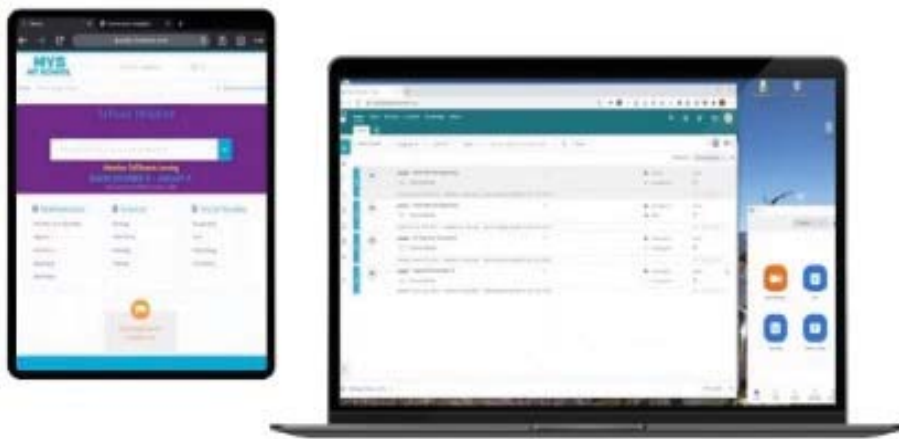
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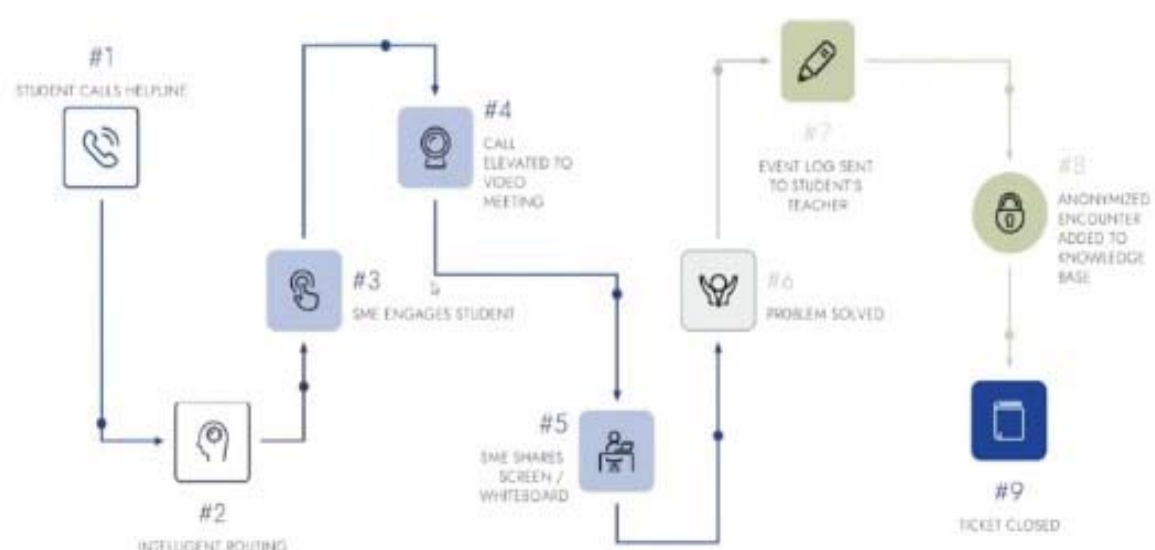
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# GANDHI MEMORIAL OBSERVES GANDHIJI PUNYATHITTI - SHAHEED DIWAS IN CHICAGOLAND

Mahatma Gandhiji 73rd death anniversary was observed by singing of Gandhiji's favorite hymns, Release of a book, Swearing in of New Gandhi Memorial Board , Powerful Tributes by Community Leaders and Floral tributes to the Mahatma Gandhi Statute in the National Heritage Park on McCormick Boulevard in Skokie, Illinois.

The homage ceremonies opened with garlanding of Gandhi's Statute followed by singing of the American national Anthem followed by the Indian national Anthem sung by Mrs Bharti Desai, renowned Gujarati singer. Suresh Bodiwala , Chairman of Gandhi Memorial Foundation, Chicago welcomed the guests and announced the new officers of the Board of Directors : Suresh Bodiwala, Chairman, Dr. Mrs. Santosh Kumar, President , Dr. Sriram Sonty & Dr. Vijay G Prabhakar Vice Presidents and Mrs. Bharti Desai, Treasurer. Chairman Suresh Bodiwala applauded the Founder of the Gandhi Memorial, Dr. Chandrakant Modi who personally donated \$150,000 dollars in 2005 to facilitate this Gandhi Statute in Skokie. Chairman Suresh Bodiwala hoped that the new Board will expand the organization's activities to be more global in outlook and involve all other communities in cherishing Gandhiji's vision. India's Consul General at Chicago Amit Kumar administered the Oath of Office to the new Board of Directors of Gandhi Memorial Foundation, Chicago headed by Dr. Mrs. Santosh Kumar.

Dr. Mrs. Santosh Kumar in her



presidential remarks said , "I am honored to be part of this noble institution, the Gandhi Memorial Foundation, Chicago . With all humility, I accept this great responsibility as your President. Mahatma Gandhiji inspired me as a teenager to choose Law as my career rather than being a physician for what I studied for. Gandhiji 's freedom struggle and the injustice done to our motherland emboldened me to become

an Attorney to fight for the oppressed. Gandhi ji's words : "Be the Change" is the words of reckoning that still guide me every step of the way and is relevant even today in this digital age. Our Consul General Amit Kumar and his wife Mrs. Surabhi Kumar are very God Fearing and Simple people called to serve with a smile. We look forward to seek his guidance as our new Board build on the legacies of our past presidents and

boards in realizing Gandhiji vision in our daily lives. I am fortunate to have three very creative, energetic and dedicated leaders : Dr. Sriram Sonty, Dr. Vijay Prabhakar, Mrs. Bharathi Desai to join me on the new Board with our Chairman Bodiwala . Today we seek Mahatma Gandhiji blessings in all our endeavors as we strive to incorporate Gandhiji ideals into our everyday lives by embarking on life transforming projects that can



make a difference in our lives and in the lives of our communities., She added".  
Dr. Vijay G. Prabhakar , The Master of Ceremonies introduced India's Consul General Amit Kumar and his wife, Mrs. Surabhi Kumar as an action couple who has endeared themselves to the community. Dr. Prabhakar recalled the key assignments held by Consul General Amit Kumar which included Deputy Chief of Mission at Washington D.C., Chief of Human Resources Management at Ministry of External Affairs, Delhi, Deputy Chief of Mission at Tokyo, who also had previously served in PMI, UN, New York, Beijing, China, Berlin, Germany, and Ankara, Turkey. Career Diplomat Amit Kumar is an alumnus of IIT Kanpur, India and had worked with the Spiritual Guru Dalai Lama, when he

as Director of Protocol, External Affairs Ministry, Delhi. Dr. Prabhakar commended the work of the Consul General Amit Kumar along with his Consuls P.K. Misra, Ranjith Singh and L.P. Gupta during this pandemic time for their effective response to the Midwest Community needs.  
Speaking on the occasion, Consul General Amit Kumar traced the different significant initiatives of Gandhiji during India's freedom struggle and extolled Gandhiji's services to the Nation. Consul General Amit Kumar congratulated the new board of the Gandhi Memorial Foundation and was pleased to note that Mrs. Santosh Kumar and Dr. Vijay Prabhakar were involved in several Gandhi initiatives in Delhi and Chicago. He also commended Dr. Sriram Sonty's efforts for a U.S.Gandhi Stamp. Consul

General Amit Kumar exhorted the Indian diaspora to translate Gandhiji's vision into action by undertaking meaningful and purposeful projects here in Chicago. Consul General Amit Kumar honored Dr. C.M. Modi and his wife Mrs. Dina Modi with a silk shawl. Mrs. Surabhi Kumar presented the MAFS Gandhi Global Icon Medallion to Dr. C.M. Modi , Founder Gandhi Memorial, Chicago for all his efforts in nurturing the Gandhi Memorial Foundation, Chicago.  
Consul General Amit Kumar released a Book : "Lasting Legacy of Gandhiji -Ma Santosh Kumar " and Dr. Sriram Sonty received the first Copy of the book. Dr. Sriram Sonty said that 7 June, 1893 , the day young Gandhi was thrown out of the Durban to Pretoria train at the Pietermaritzburg Railway station was the turning point in Gandhiji life. From that date, Gandhi took up the fight against racial oppression and Gandhi Ji's non violence movement was born, he added. Dr. Sonty said that when he personally visited that Railway station in 1983, it led him to become a staunch Gandhi follower.  
Ms. Nisha Modi daughter of the Gandhi Memorial Founder Dr. C.M. Modi acknowledged the honor bestowed on her parents at the event. Dr. Sreenivas Reddy, President, American Association of Multi Ethnic Physicians, Chicago read the message of U.S. Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthy sent for the occasion. U.S. Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthy in his message reminded us of a Gandhi quote , " It is not just words. Action expresses priorities." That defined Gandhi 's own life , as well as your work to honor him and his legacy. Americans for generations to

come can learn from Gandhi 's example as we strive to create a more perfect Union. A Union that shuns violence and promote civil rights , equality and liberty for all its people, Congressman Krishnamoorthy added.  
Community leaders Sohan Joshi, Trustee FIA-Chicago, Dr. Suresh Reddy, AAPI Past President, Chandni Divvuri, Chairperson , Nari Global Foundation, Palatine, and Smitesh Shah, UMAS Coordinator, Chicago paid glowing tributes to Mahatma Gandhi on the occasion. Gandhi's favorite songs were sung by the MAFS Senior Chorale Group led by Anthony Rathor, Urvashi Bhatt, Himali Bharucha, Promila Mehta and Pankaj Patel while floral tributes were placed at the Gandhi Statute .  
Ms. Bharti Desai, Treasurer Of Gandhi Memorial Foundation, Chicago proposing a vote of thanks appreciated the presence of all the guests who attended this event despite the chilling cold weather.  
Ms. Desai said " We the people are eternally indebted to Dr C.M. Modi and his family for generous gesture that is remembered in posterity.The presence of our Honorable Consul General Amit Kumar with us on this cold morning is a testament of Government of India's support for propagating Gandhiji 's ideals throughout the world.Sir Amit Kumar Ji , Thank you for being with us and we look forward to your continued support to our new board with all the exciting plans ahead. Your presence here is a great source of inspiration to our new board and we count on your continued support." Refreshments were served by Volunteers of Metropolitan Asian Family Services to all.



# K.J. Alphons' Remarks : Motion of Thanks on the President's Address in Rajya Sabha

I would like to touch upon the macroeconomic fundamentals of this country. Because even last year in my speech, I spoke about the macroeconomic fundamentals. The global economy Collapsed because of the pandemic. In every country, the global economy collapsed. It was worse than the 1929 depression that we cut. The global growth rate has come down by 4.4%. In the first quarter of this year, our economy is at 23.9% close to 25%. We are most probably with a negative growth rate of 7.7%. And just look at the fundamentals, even during this period, the expenditure by the government has gone up by 28%. Last year, the expenditure of us about 30.2 lakh crores and this year during the pandemic here, the expenditure was 34.5 lakh crores which is an increase of 28%. The expenditure Capital which was only 4.12 crores whatever was budgeted, but we went up to 4.49 crores. And for the next year, we have now put in 5.54 crores.

Look at the inflation may become to also the bad side because of the Supply Chain break down inflation between April and December was about 6.6%, which is only because of the breakdown of the supply chain. Now, it's come down to 4.6%. And during the six years of India, ruled by Modi, government inflation has been great below 5% against 10.1% during the UPA rule. And what was the inflation for food items, 15 to 20%. Most of the damned hovering around 17.5 to 18% per cent during the Congress rule. So inflation is well within control. We are variations in a way fundamentally. It basically says put purchasing power into the hands of the people during trouble, but one of the things which we don't do which gained at this if there is nothing else to do. He said it brings us to pay money to the people in the evening, fill it up again. We don't do that. We spend the money on infrastructure. This is what but we are not exactly definitions of money into the hands of people. We are 5 mini budgets by which 27.1 lakh crores were set aside as a package in the time of Corona.

I look at the FDI, during times of trouble way to the world, put money in the largest FDI in the world are doing in the times of Pandemic. Coming to the Stock exchange,



When we came to power, Madam the BSE index was 27,000 and of course, it had reached 49,000 earlier and if we see today it is reached 50,900 on the BSE index.

It's very easy to make speeches when people put money into stocks and people put money into the exchange, that is the confidence in that government. But when you put money, people assess who is able to govern, who is able to deliver therefore Stock Exchange in a way is an indicator of the confidence of the people.

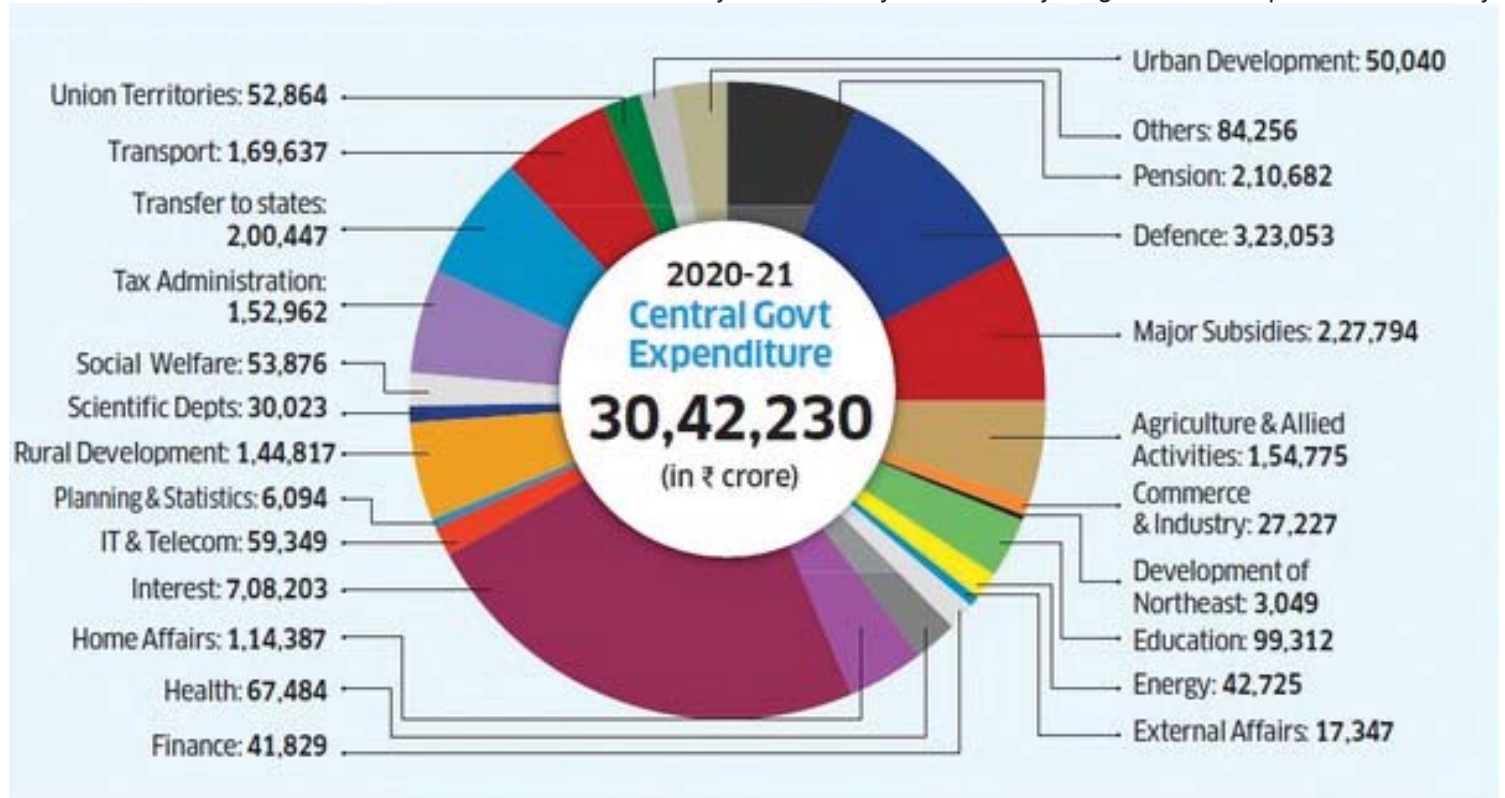
Now coming to the Foreign investments in the Stock exchange, In November 9.8 billion dollars came into the stock market. This is the highest ever in the world, the highest anywhere in the world and of course, the World Bank says, sorry I'm not saying the more International monitoring chief economist says India is going to grow at 11% this year 2021-22 and 2022-23 and China is going to grow only at 8.1%.

So Once again, in the coming year, India is going to be the fastest-growing economy in the world this year and the year after

that, we are going to go at 6.87%, which again is going to be the highest fastest growing economy in the world. And look at the way we handle the pandemic. I'm very happy. That there are some people in the opposition sitting out there who are magnanimous, who are realistic are extremely thankful to MR Anand Sharma for those very kind words, he said he's been very bipartisan in the subject committee, but today I saw a sense of fear when he stood up. However, I participated in over 50 debates on the agriculture bill. We keep saying "Jai Jawan Jai Kisan". My father was for the second world war and he quit in 1946 from the British army because they did not give us independence and he came back home to be a teacher, the British came after him, he ran away to Pura to a place before Sahara that is where I was conceived. And, he became a school teacher back.


In my family, we are nine children before my father went to school, all of us, nine children use be lined up and made to work on the ground in the field. We produce everything that was required in the family.

Today, I have 34 people staying in my government, I have 34 people staying that were unemployed. We produce every vegetable that is required in my family. You covered the Haryana for how many years, your family and you are coming here and talking that the farmers are not well off. Madam, I do not understand the logic, even after participating in 50 debates, as to what is wrong with the Aggregates, I can't find out one point at all. Put your money where your mouth is. But 1344 rupees we have increased the price of wheat to 1925 rupees. I'm talking about reality and numbers, you tell me one fraction of the number, which I'm telling you is wrong? Please tell me. Let's talk numbers. Please, let's talk numbers and you paid 326 crores in your entire 5 years. We paid 10,500 crores for pulses alone. And when we pay 1,30,000 crores to the farmers under PM's Kisan Nidhi, is it not the money that is gone to the farmer? Let me come to the health sector, 137% is fantastic, but let me tell you some other dramatic things which the Modi government is done. You know child mortality, It is come down from 89 in 1990. It is come down to 28 in 2020. Actually, the child mortality in 1990 is 3.4 million children die before the age of five. You know how many children died in 2020 is 8 lakh 24 thousand. These are the dramatic achievements of the Modi government. Let me compile this entire agitation Please, it's very easy to be disruptive for us in peace, the most powerful weapon these five buttons on this here. When we want to say, something rather says something Revolution, still, take place, bombs are not made because of anything because we sow the seeds of dissent against the government. My dear people and my dear parliamentarians, you are sowing the seeds of extremism here are people who try to make it smaller, whatever happened to the Redfort. Let's build the county, let us support the government and support our Prime Minister, here is the government which is done miracles. Let us support them. Thank you.



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PM AatmaNirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana (1/2)




**The main elements of the scheme are:**

- Support for 17,788 rural and 11,024 urban Health and Wellness Centers
- Setting up integrated public health labs in all districts and 3,382 block public health units in 11 states
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- Strengthening of the National Centre for Disease Control

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PM AatmaNirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana (2/2)



**The main elements of the scheme are:**

- Expansion of the Integrated Health Information Portal to all States/UTs to connect all public health labs
- Operationalisation of 17 new Public Health Units (PHUs) and strengthening of 33 existing PHUs at Points of Entry
- Setting up of 15 Health Emergency Operation Centers and two mobile hospitals
- Setting up of a National Institution for One Health, a Regional Research Platform for WHO South East Asia Region, 9 Bio-Safety Level III laboratories and 4 regional National Institutes for Virology

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Building World Class Urban Infrastructure



**New scheme of Rs 18,000 crore to be launched to support augmentation of public bus transport service**

Two new technologies- 'MetroLite' and 'MetroNeo'- to be deployed to provide metro rail systems at much lesser cost with in Tier-2 cities and peripheral areas of Tier-1 cities

Central counterpart funding for the upcoming phases of Metro Railways in Kochi, Chennai, Bengaluru, Nashik and Nagpur

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Enhancing Railway Infrastructure- Engine of Growth



Indian Railways has prepared a National Rail Plan for India - 2030. The Plan is to create a 'future ready' railway system by 2030

Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) and Eastern DFC expected to be commissioned by June 2022

Future dedicated freight corridor projects namely East Coast corridor from Kharagpur to Vijayawada, East-West Corridor from Bhusaval to Kharagpur to Dankuni and North-South corridor from Itarsi to Vijayawada

Indian railways to be provided with an indigenously developed automatic train protection system that eliminates train collision due to human error

A record sum of Rs 1,10,055 crore is provided for Railways of which Rs.1,07,100 crore is for capital expenditure.

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Committed to the Welfare of Farmers (1/2)



The SWAMITVA Scheme that provides a record of rights to property owners in villages will now cover all states/UTs

Scope of the Operation Green scheme to be extended to 22 perishable products

Agriculture Infrastructure Funds to be made available to APMCs for augmenting infrastructure facilities

1,000 more mandis to be integrated with e-NAM

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Committed to the Welfare of Farmers (2/2)



Agricultural credit target to be enhanced to Rs 16.5 lakh crore with focus on increasing credit flows to animal husbandry, dairy, and fisheries

Rural Infrastructure Development Fund to be enhanced to Rs 40,000 crore

Micro Irrigation Fund to be doubled to Rs 10,000 crore

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### Financial Sector Reforms (1/2)

- SEBI Act, 1992, Depositories Act, 1996, Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 and Government Securities Act, 2007 to be consolidated into a rationalised Securities Markets Code
- Permanent institutional framework to purchase investment grade debt securities both in stressed and normal times and help in the development of the bond market
- Investor Charter to be developed for the rights of all financial investors

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### Financial Sector Reforms (2/2)

- Insurance Act, 1938 be amended to increase the permissible FDI limit from 49% to 74% and allow foreign ownership and control with safeguards
- Amend the DICGC Act, 1961 so that if a bank is temporarily unable to fulfil its obligations, the depositors can get easy and time-bound access to their deposits to the extent of the deposit insurance cover
- To improve credit discipline while protecting the interest of small borrowers, for NBFCs with minimum asset size of Rs 100 crore, the minimum loan size eligible for debt recovery under the SARFAESI Act, 2002 to be reduced from the existing level of Rs 50 lakh to Rs 20 lakh

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### Fast Tracking the Growth of Fisheries Sector

- 5 major modern fishing harbours – Kochi, Chennai, Visakhapatnam, Paradip, and Petuaghat – to be developed as hubs of economic activity
- Inland fishing harbours and fish-landing centres to be developed along the banks of rivers and waterways
- A multipurpose Seaweed Park to be established in Tamil Nadu to promote seaweed cultivation as an emerging sector

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### Fuelling Growth through Power Sector Initiatives

- Framework to let consumers have the freedom to choose their Power Distribution Company
- A comprehensive Hydrogen Energy Mission 2021-22 to be launched for generating hydrogen from green power sources
- Additional capital infusion of Rs 1,000 crore to be provided to Solar Energy Corporation of India and Rs 1,500 crore to Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency
- Revamped reforms-based result-linked power distribution sector scheme to be launched
  - To provide assistance to DISCOMS for infrastructure creation
  - Outlay of Rs 3,05,984 crore over 5 years

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### Tax incentives to IFSC- A Global Financial Hub

- Tax holiday for capital gains from incomes of aircraft leasing companies
- Tax exemptions for aircraft lease rentals paid to foreign lessors
- Tax incentive for relocating foreign funds in the IFSC
- Tax exemption to the investment division of foreign banks located in IFSC
- Support for development of a world class FIN-Tech hub at GIFT-IFSC

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### Infrastructure Financing & Asset Monetisation (1/2)

- Bill to set up a Development Financial Institution (DFI) for infrastructure financing
- Provision of Rs 20,000 crore to capitalise DFI with aim to have a lending portfolio of at least Rs 5 lakh crore in three years
- Amendments to enable debt financing by FPIs



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**Infrastructure Financing & Asset Monetisation (2/2)**



-  Launch of a "National Monetisation Pipeline"
-  Railways to monetise Dedicated Freight Corridor assets for operations and maintenance
-  The next lot of airports to be monetised for operations and management concession



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**Making Natural Gas Available and Accessible to All**



-  Ujjwala Scheme to be extended to cover 1 crore more beneficiaries
-  100 more districts to be added in next 3 years to the City Gas Distribution network
-  A gas pipeline project to be taken up in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir
-  An independent Gas Transport System Operator to be set up for facilitation and coordination of booking of common carrier capacity in all-natural gas pipelines on a non-discriminatory open access basis



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**Skilling India for a Bright Future**



-  Apprenticeship Act to be amended with a view to enhance apprenticeship opportunities for youth
-  Realign the existing scheme of National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS) with an outlay of Rs 3,000 crore for post-education apprenticeship, training of graduates and diploma holders in Engineering
-  Partnerships like what India has with UAE and Japan for skilling and training to be extended to include other countries




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**Strategic Disinvestment**









-  Strategic disinvestment of BPCL, Air India, Shipping Corporation of India, Container Corporation of India, IDBI Bank, BEML, Pawan Hans, Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited to be completed in 2021-22
-  Other than IDBI Bank, two Public Sector Banks and one General Insurance Company will be privatised
-  IPO of LIC in 2021-22
-  Proposed to relax the condition regarding carry forward of loss for disinvested PSU in amalgamation
-  To promote strategic disinvestment, it is proposed to deem the transfer of assets by the PSU to the resulting company as tax neutral




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**Propelling Higher Education to New Heights (1/2)**







-  Higher Education Commission of India for standard-setting, accreditation, regulation, and funding
-  Glue grant in 9 cities for umbrella structure for better synergy amongst various research institutions, universities, and colleges of a city supported by Govt
-  Central University in Leh to be set up for accessible higher education in Ladakh
-  National Professional Standards for Teachers to be implemented
-  Unique indigenous toy-based pedagogy for all levels of school education



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**Propelling Higher Education to New Heights (2/2)**



-  Standardisation of Indian Sign language across the country & development of National and State Curriculum materials for children with hearing impairments
-  Holistic progress card is envisaged to provide students with valuable information on their strengths, areas of interest, needed areas of focus, helping them in make optimal career choices
-  CBSE Board exam to be reformed in a phased manner so that exams move away from rote-learning



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### Swachh Bharat, Swasth Bharat



- The Urban Swachh Bharat Mission will be implemented with a total financial allocation of Rs 1,41,678 crore over a period of 5 years from 2021-2026
- To tackle air pollution, Rs 2,217 crore allocated for 42 cities with a million-plus population
- Voluntary vehicle scrapping policy, to phase out old and unfit vehicles. This is to help in encouraging fuel-efficient, environment friendly vehicles, thereby reducing vehicular pollution and oil import bill

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### Making Textile Industry Globally Competitive



- Mega Investment Textiles Parks (MITRA) to be launched
- Seven Textile Parks will be established over 3 years
- This will enable the textile industry to become globally competitive, attract large investments and boost employment generation & exports
- The Basic Customs Duty on caprolactam, nylon chips and nylon fiber & yarn uniformly reduced to 5% to help the textile industry, MSMEs, and exports

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### Removing Restrictions on Doing Business (1/2)



- Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) Act, 2008 to be decriminalised
- Definition of Small Companies amended by increasing thresholds:
  - For paid-up capital from "not exceeding Rs 50 Lakh" to "not exceeding Rs 2 crore"
  - For turnover from "not exceeding Rs 2 crore" to "not exceeding Rs 20 crore"
- Removing restrictions on One Person Companies relating to paid up capital and turnover

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### Removing Restrictions on Doing Business (2/2)



- Launch of MCA21 Version 3.0 with additional modules
- For faster resolution of cases:
  - NCLT framework will be strengthened
  - e-courts system to be implemented
  - Alternate methods of debt resolution
  - Special framework for MSMEs shall be introduced
- Conciliation Mechanism for quick resolution of disputes with Govt or CPSEs

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### Empowering the Weaker Sections



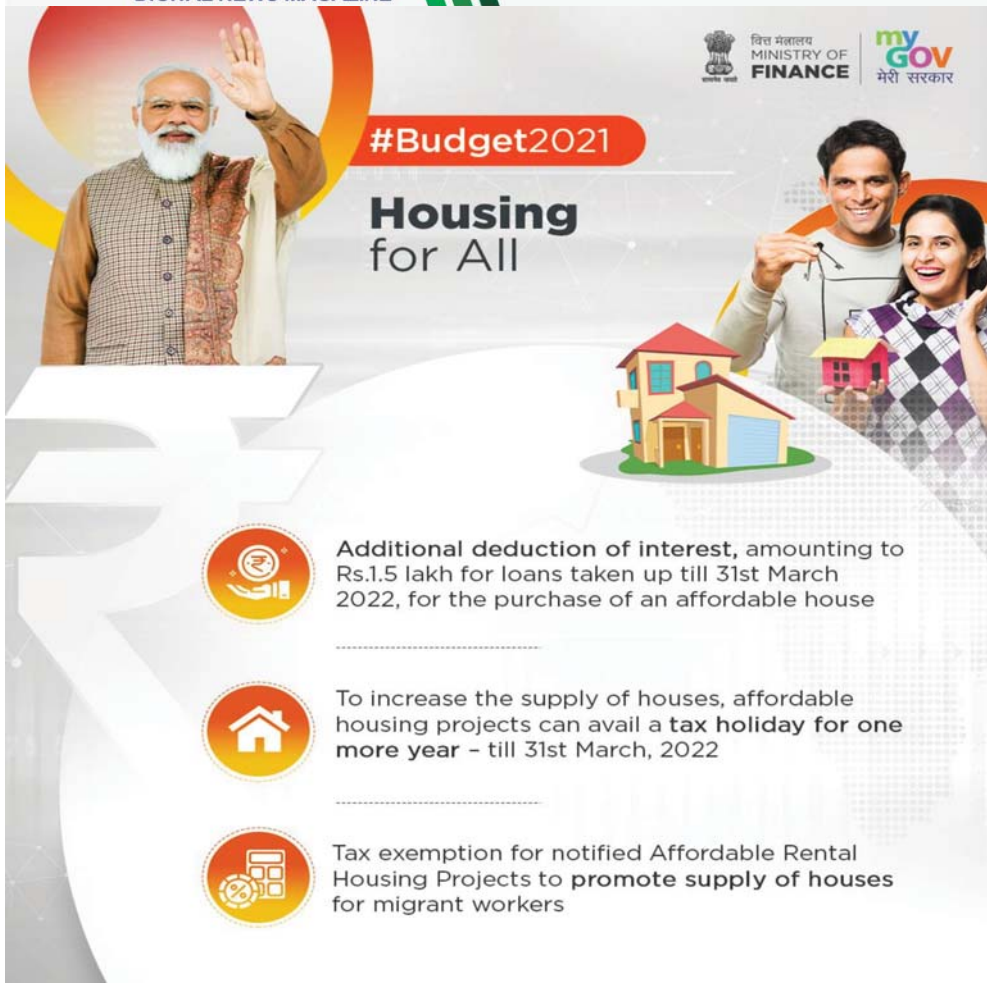
- Margin money requirement under Stand Up India to be reduced to 15%. To include loans for agriculture-allied activities as well
- Unit cost of each of the 750 Eklavya model residential schools being established in tribal areas to be increased to Rs 38 crore, and for hilly and difficult areas, to Rs 48 crore
- Post Matric Scholarship Scheme to be revamped with an outlay of Rs 35,219 crore till 2025-2026, benefitting 4 crore Scheduled Caste students

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### Encouraging R&D and Innovation



- National Research Foundation with an outlay of Rs 50,000 crore over 5 years to strengthen overall research ecosystem
- Rs 1,500 crore financial incentives to promote digital modes of payment
- National Language Translation Mission (NTLM) to make available wealth of governance-and-policy related knowledge on the internet in major Indian languages
- Deep Ocean Mission with a budget outlay of more than Rs 4,000 crore over five years to be launched for exploration and conservation
- First unmanned space launch slated for December 2021 as part of the Gaganyaan mission



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## Housing for All

Additional deduction of interest, amounting to Rs.1.5 lakh for loans taken up till 31st March 2022, for the purchase of an affordable house

To increase the supply of houses, affordable housing projects can avail a tax holiday for one more year - till 31st March, 2022

Tax exemption for notified Affordable Rental Housing Projects to promote supply of houses for migrant workers



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## Augmenting Road Infrastructure Pathways to growth

Enhanced outlay of Rs 1,18,101 crore for Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, of which Rs 1,08,230 crore is for capital, the highest ever

3,500 km of national highway works in Tamil Nadu at an investment of Rs 1.03 lakh crore

1,100 km of national highway works in Kerala at an investment of Rs 65,000 crore

675 km of highway works in West Bengal at a cost of Rs 25,000 crore

Further works of more than Rs 34,000 crore covering more than 1,300 kms of National Highways will be undertaken in Assam in the coming 3 years



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## Public Sector Enterprises Policy

Various sectors will be classified as strategic and non-strategic

Strategic sectors include:

- Atomic energy, Space and Defence
- Transport and Telecommunications
- Power, Petroleum, Coal and other minerals
- Banking, Insurance and financial services

In strategic sectors, there will be bare minimum presence of the public sector enterprises

The remaining CPSEs in the strategic sector will be privatised or merged or subsidised with other CPSEs or closed

In non-strategic sectors, CPSEs will be privatised, otherwise shall be closed



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## Holistic Approach to Health care

Budget outlay for Health and Wellbeing increased to Rs 2,23,846 crore in BE 2021-22 as against this year's BE of Rs 94,452 crore

The Pneumococcal Vaccine, a Made in India product, currently limited to only 5 states, to be rolled out across the country. This will avert more than 50,000 child deaths annually

Rs 35,000 crore has been provided for Covid-19 vaccine in BE 2021-22. Further funds if required

National Nursing and Midwifery Commission Bill to be introduced to bring about transparency, efficiency and governance reforms in the nursing profession



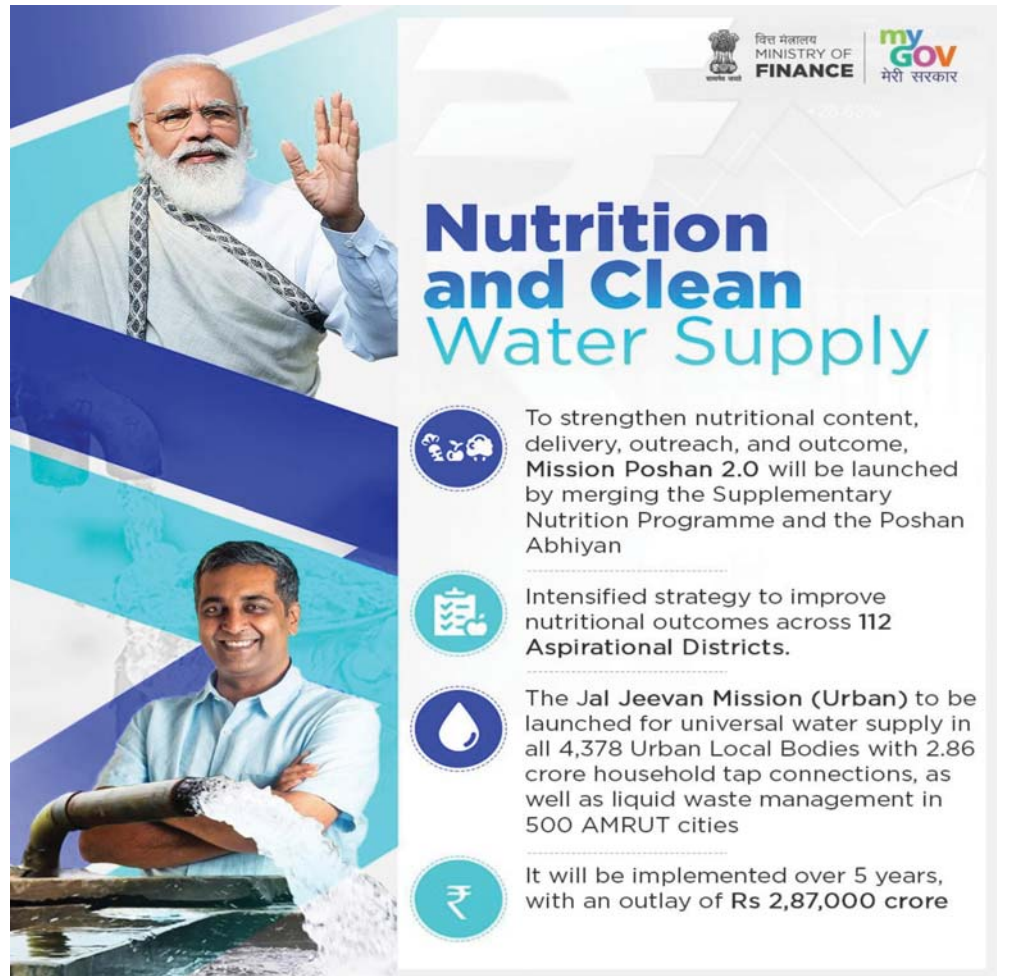
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## Governance Reforms

The Treasury Single Account (TSA) System will be extended for universal application from 2021-22 enabling autonomous bodies to directly draw funds from the Government's account, saving interest costs

On the recommendation of the 15th Finance Commission, Govt has undertaken a detailed exercise to rationalise and bring down the number of Centrally Sponsored Schemes to consolidate outlays for better impact

To further streamline the 'Ease of Doing Business' for cooperatives, Govt will set up a separate administrative structure for them



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## Nutrition and Clean Water Supply

To strengthen nutritional content, delivery, outreach, and outcome, Mission Poshan 2.0 will be launched by merging the Supplementary Nutrition Programme and the Poshan Abhiyan

Intensified strategy to improve nutritional outcomes across 112 Aspirational Districts.

The Jal Jeevan Mission (Urban) to be launched for universal water supply in all 4,378 Urban Local Bodies with 2.86 crore household tap connections, as well as liquid waste management in 500 AMRUT cities

It will be implemented over 5 years, with an outlay of Rs 2,87,000 crore

# Kangana Ranaut says Covid-19 gives a 'fake sense of recovery



Actor Kangana Ranaut has shared her journey of recovery from coronavirus with her fans in her latest video that she shared on Instagram. Kangana contracted the virus early last month and later tested negative for it. Kangana said in the new video, "I am here to talk about my experience of recovery from coronavirus. I experienced shocking things during this time. I have always seen that when you are ill, once you start recovering, it is a perpetual journey forward. But, in the case of coronavirus, it is a fake recovery. Just a day after I tested negative, I felt I could do everything

- workout and shoot schedules - as earlier. However, when I stepped out and started doing these things, I relapsed, I was not really well. I was again bed-ridden." She also revealed that she had had a bad case of jaundice and even broke a leg once. Kangana added that she also felt feverish when she faced the relapse. "It was not just once but I faced the relapse at least four or five times. It will be 14 days tomorrow since I tested negative for coronavirus." She then requested people to take care of themselves and ensure they rest enough during the recovery period.

## Yami Gautam ties the knot with Uri director Aditya Dhar in 'intimate wedding'



Actor Yami Gautam has tied the knot with her Uri: The Surgical Strike director Aditya Dhar. The actor took to social media on Friday to make the announcement. She shared a picture of her and Aditya at their

wedding ceremony, and quoted the poet Rumi in her caption. She wrote, "In your light, I learn to love - Rumi. With the blessings of our family, we have tied the knot in an intimate wedding ceremony today. Being very

private people, we celebrated this joyous occasion with our immediate family." She continued, "As we embark on the journey of love and friendship, we seek all your blessings and good wishes. Love, Yami and Aditya." The couple's friends and colleagues wished them well in the comments section. Actor Sobhita Dhulipala wrote, "This is so heartening. Many many congratulations!" Vaani Kapoor commented, "Congratulations," and added a heart emoji. Actor Dia Mirza, who recently tied the knot herself, wrote, "Congratulations Yami and Aditya. Lots of love and best wishes to a wonderful journey ahead!" Aditya made his directorial debut with the blockbuster Uri, which starred Vicky Kaushal in the lead role. "Aditya's passion about the film is infectious and the amount of extensive research he has done is amazing. I am really thrilled to be part of this film," Yami had said in a statement at the time. The filmmaker is currently working on his follow-up, The Immortal Ashwatthama, also starring Vicky. Yami, meanwhile, made her debut opposite Ayushmann Khurrana in Vicky Donor. She has also appeared in films such as Kaabil and Bala. She was last seen in Ginny Weds Sunny.

## Ankita Lokhande goes on a social media break



Ankita Lokhande, who recently celebrated the 12th anniversary of TV show Pavitra Rishta, has decided to take a break from social media. She posted a goodbye emoji as her caption and the note in her post read, "It's not a goodbye, it's a see you later."

On June 1, Ankita had also posted a story on her social media account and wrote 'June' with a broken heart emoji. Given her decision came a few days before Sushant Singh Rajput's death anniversary, fans started connecting her break to the same.

While a few fans supported her absence from social media, calling it a 'much needed break', others slammed her for taking a break around Sushant's first death anniversary. One user wrote, "Ankita knows that SSR death anniversary is round the corner, bahut publicity pa liya SSR ke naame pe! So let's go underground and come back later. #hypocrite @lokhandeankita." Meanwhile, a few fans also remembered how Sushant had shared his last post on the same day, June 3 last year.

## Tiger Shroff's mom Ayesha defends him after police files FIR

Tiger Shroff and Disha Patani were booked for flouting Covid-19 lockdown rules in Mumbai on Wednesday. According to the police, the actors were found roaming in Bandra without any reason. Confirming the news, a police officer said, "The case was registered under Section 188 (disobeying the order of public servant) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). No arrest was made because it is a bailable section." Reacting on reports of the FIR, Tiger's

mom Ayesha commented on one of the posts and wrote, "You got your facts wrong, my dear. They were heading home..." She further wrote, "No one is interested in roaming at a time like this. For your information, it is permitted to go out for essentials." She also said that no one writes about the free meals her son is providing to frontline workers. "That's because he himself doesn't talk about it! So don't judge till you know," said Ayesha.

Meanwhile, the Mumbai police, known for their creative Twitter posts, took a dig on the two actors and tweeted, "In the ongoing 'War' against the virus, going 'Malang' on the streets of Bandra cost dearly to two actors who have been booked under sections 188, 34 IPC by Bandra PStn. We request all Mumbaikars to avoid unnecessary 'Heropanti' which can compromise on safety against #COVID19?."



## X-Men star James McAvoy urges fans to donate to India for fight against Covid

India has been battling the second wave of the novel coronavirus pandemic. The crisis has received global attention. Recently, James McAvoy made an appeal to his fans on social media to contribute to India's fight against Covid-19. The actor is best known for X-Men series. James McAvoy asked his fans and followers to make donations to India's fight against Covid as the country is struggling with "massive" shortage of oxygen amid the second wave of the coronavirus pandemic. He is heard saying, "I think everyone is aware of the situation in India right

now. It is really bad. There is a massive crisis and there is a lack of oxygen." He then asked his fans to donate or spread the message so that others can. James captioned the video, "India needs help. You can help donate what you can if you can. Link to just giving page in my Bio. @daivikfoundation (sic)." Before James, many international celebrities such as Camila Cabello, Shawn Mendes, Reese Witherspoon, Jada Smith and more have made donations to Covid fundraisers and urged fans to help out the people in need.



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