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FROM THE EDITOR IN CHIEF

Democracy must deliver on people's aspirations. We have entered the new year 2022 full of hope, aspirations, and renewed vigor to be able to undo, redo and evolve.

America is facing an election season this year with elections to the U.S. Congress and some U.S. Senate seats, the outcome of which can play a critical role in shifting the balance of power. In the State of Illinois, all state-wide offices from the Governor's seat are up for reelection. In India, five states are going for elections in February-March 2022 to elect their state governments and in some southern states like TamilNadu, there are local body municipal elections after nearly a decade. It is important for every citizen to exercise their right to vote. **Napoleon** said, "The World suffers a lot. Not because of the violence of bad people, but because of the silence of good people." We must never stop working for a Better Community. Political empowerment for any community is a significant and integral foundation for a prosperous community.



The 16 edition of The Global Eye Magazine extensively covers the **10th Dr. VGP Annual Congressional Global Community Oscars Gala** held in 2021 which showcases our community heroes who have demonstrated leadership, perseverance, and innovation during 2020. **U.S. Congressman Danny K Davis** who hosts this annual celebration of 38 ethnic communities across America and beyond, emphasizes on Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity as the mantra for the progress of ethnic minorities in America. These words fill our conversations, the question remains what can we do to achieve these objectives?. **American Multi Ethnic Coalition Inc. AMEC** and 7th Congressional district of Illinois's **Multi-Ethnic Advisory Task Force, MEATF** are the two organizations in the forefront of all ethnic empowerment initiatives in the State of Illinois and across

America. **MEATF** is a think tank and advocacy group established by U.S. Congressman Danny K Davis to empower the different ethnic communities of the 7th Congressional district of Illinois by integrating them with the African American community to share resources and serve the residents of the State of Illinois. **AMEC** is a bipartisan nationwide grass-root level organization celebrating 38 ethnic communities across America.

This edition reports on several community initiatives being implemented in India and USA by different organizations during these challenging times. In the Nostalgia Update, we take a look back at **Ms. Vasavi Chakka**, the First Indian American" selection campaign for the Naperville City Council seat in March 2021. **During the last month, we lost quite a few of our loved ones and active community leaders, whom all of us at The Global Eye Magazine grieve. Death can't take away memories. Memories are the only strength that we hold on to.**

Our next edition will feature the historic first-ever celebration of India's Festival of Lights-Diwali in Capitol Hill, Washington D.C. by the U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

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Love the diversity of women featured. It includes both international and well as local women figures. Young girls can have role models and feel like this success is achievable on any level.

Dr Shireesha Carse
South Barrington, IL

Super news about global eyes. It is superior when you compare to other news sources. Photos are excellent. Keep up good work please.

Dr M. R. Singa
Westmont, IL

Congrats. This is a chronicle ! Kudos

Dr Gulshan Harjee
UNICEF Board Member
Atlanta, GA

Good morning.
Vijay Prabhakar ji.
Excellent Coverage

Bharati Desai
Skokie, IL

Thank you for sharing this magazine.
Have a blessed day

Katherine Thorat
Illinois

Great edition...! A lot of hard work!! Congratulations!!

Prachi Jaitley
Illinois

Very informative coverage
Liked it

Ajay Shah Skokie, IL

The Global Eye information in proper way. Overall this magazine will be extensively circulated. I wish for its success. Thanks

Ramana Rao
New Delhi

Excellent & Comprehensive Digital Monthly

Padma Priya, Chennai

Very nice articles with lots of information. Is there any plan to send hard copies in the future?

Shanthi Verma
Chicago

The Global Eye shares thought-provoking articles. Lovely to read.

Ashish K.M
Pune

Wonderrful awwwsome digital monthly.

Minaxhi,
Mangalore, India

The pictures, advertisements and all other are very colorful. Good work. God Bless.

Deepak

Editor, I'm Kanagaraju Natesan...Please try to include IT related also. As an IT guy from Chennai, i would like to see some best information from it.

Kanagaraju Natesan
Chennai, India

We are missing Travl Blogs.

Sai Kumar
Tirupathi, AP, India

Excellent Stuff from exxxcellent publisher. Couldn't find such informative news in any other media house.

Sona. S
Hyderabad, India

Nice to see the extended form of Globaleye with 60 full-color pages. It is containing very interesting information. Thanks for the email.

Srinath Kurra, Kottayam, India

After so much of waiting, we received the news article. I thought I have missed the issue. Hope you will give us regular updates from this news magazine.

Harpreet Kaur,
Faridabad, India

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Manoj Singh
Hardwar, India

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.

Pankaj, Odisha

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

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- 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,

Very Informative.

- Neil

My best wishes to the team of Global Eye for bringing out such an informative piece. I request you to send hard copies for readers who are interested.

- Mayadhar Mishra

I take the pleasure to inform you that from last few weeks I am a regular reader of in digital issuesof global eye. It is indeed a useful and informative.

- Sai Nath

I wanted to express my opinion for issuance of hard copy of the magazine at least in two languages i.e. in English and Hindi . But from the message of mail box, it is apparent that there are already hard copy issues of this magazine.

Mandar Dahake.

Excellent Stuff from excellnt publisher. Couldn't find such informative news in any other media house.

- Ratan

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Queen Elizabeth II set to be 1st British monarch to celebrate 70 years of reign



Britain's Queen Elizabeth II looks at a display of memorabilia from her Golden and Platinum Jubilees in the Oak Room at Windsor Castle, Windsor, England in this undated but recent image that was released on Friday February 4, 2022. Photo: Pool via AP Queen Elizabeth II will on Sunday become the first British monarch to celebrate a platinum jubilee, marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth. To celebrate the unprecedented anniversary of the 95-year-old the monarch, events and initiatives will take place throughout the year, culminating in a four-day UK bank holiday weekend from June 2 to June 5.

Singer Lata Mangeshkar passes away at 92 'She leaves behind void in nation that cannot be filled,' says PM

'Beyond films, Lata Didi was always passionate about India's growth and wanted to see a strong and developed India,' said Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Legendary singer Lata Mangeshkar passed away at 8:12 am on Sunday, confirmed sister Usha Mangeshkar. It is said that the body will be taken to Shivaji Park for people to pay homage. The last rites will be held in the evening. The 92-year-old playback singer had tested Covid positive with mild symptoms and was admitted on January 8 to Breach Candy Hospital's intensive care unit.

"Lata didi died at 8.12 am due to multi organ failure after over 28 days of COVID-19 diagnosis," Dr Pratit Samdani, who was treating the veteran singer at the city's Breach Candy hospital here, told reporters. Mangeshkar's condition had improved in January and she had been taken off the ventilator but her health deteriorated again on Saturday. "Coming generations will remember Lata Mangeshkar as stalwart of Indian culture, whose voice had unparalleled ability to mesmerise people," said Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "Anguished beyond words, she leaves behind a void in nation that can't be filled. Beyond films, Lata Didi was always passionate about India's growth and wanted



to see a strong and developed India" he added. President Ram Nath Kovind has said, "Lata ji's demise is heartbreaking for me, as for millions world over." Regarded as one of Indian cinema's greatest playback singers, Mangeshkar started her career in Marathi movies at the age of 13 in 1942 and has sung over 30,000 songs in various Indian languages. Aayega Aanevala from the 1948 movie Mahal was one of her early hits. In her over seven-decade career, she has sung a host of memorable tracks, including Ajeeb dastan hai ye from Dil apna aur preet parayi and Pyar kiya to darna kya from Mughal-e-Azam.

PM Modi unveils giant 'Statue of Equality' in remembrance of saint Ramanujacharya

The statue is made of 'panchaloha', a combination of five metals and is among one of the tallest metallic statues in sitting position. It is mounted on a 54-foot high base building named 'Bhadra Vedi'

HYDERABAD: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday inaugurated a 216-foot statue of Ramanujacharya here and highlighted the 11th century saint's message of equality of all. The 'Statue of Equality' commemorates Ramanujacharya who promoted the idea of equality in all aspects of living, including faith, caste and creed. Modi, who was on a half-day visit to the city, participated in worship at the venue at Muchintal on the outskirts of Hyderabad. The Prime Minister participated in the 'Purnahuti' of 'Vishwaksena Ishti Yagya'. The Yagya is for fulfilment of goals. He offered the 'sankalpa' of the Yagya for the 'Amrit Sankalp' of the country and dedicated the yagya to 130 crore countrymen. Tridandi Srimannarayana Chinna Jeeyar Swamy of Sri Ramanujacharya Ashram conceptualised the statue. "Ramanujacharya demonstrated that social progress and remaining true to one's roots can go hand in hand," Modi said.

"In today's world, when it comes to social reforms and progress, it is believed that reforms will take place away from the root. But, when we see Ramanujacharya, we realise there is no conflict between progressiveness and antiquity. It is not necessary to go far from your roots for reforms. Rather, it is necessary that we connect with our real roots, become aware of our real power," he said. Ramanujacharya is giving the message of equality in the form of a grand Statue of Equality, he said. He emphasised that the country today is working collectively for development of all without discrimination and social justice for all so that those who have been oppressed for centuries become partners in the development of the country. Schemes like Pucca houses, Ujjwala connections, free medical treat-



ment up to Rs five lakh or the free electricity connections, Jan Dhan accounts, and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan have strengthened Dalits, the backward and the deprived, he said.

Describing Ramanujacharya as a shining inspiration for the unity and integrity, he said the saint was born in the South but his influence is on the whole of South to North and East to West. He said the freedom struggle was not just a fight for power and rights. In this fight, there was a colonial mindset on one side, and the idea of live and let live on the other, he said. On the one hand, it was a hysteria of racial superiority and materialism and on the other hand, it was a belief in humanity and spirituality. And in this battle, India and its tradition were victorious, he said. On the richness of the Telugu culture, he spoke about 13th century Kakatiya Rudreshwara Ramappa temple in Telangana recently being declared as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and Pochampalli in the State being recognised as the best tourism village by the World Tourism Organisation.



Modi also spoke about the glorious contribution of the Telugu film industry which is making its presence felt globally and much beyond Telugu-speaking areas. The statue is made of 'panchaloha', a combination of five metals: gold, silver, copper, brass, and zinc and is among one of the tallest metallic statues in sitting position. It is mounted on a 54-foot high base building named 'Bhadra Vedi'. It has floors devoted for a Vedic digital library and research centre, ancient Indian texts, a theatre, an educational gallery detailing many works of Sri Ramanujacharya. Ramanujacharya worked tirelessly for the uplift of people with the spirit of every human being equal regardless of nationality, gender, race, caste or creed.

The inauguration of the statue is a part of the 12-day Ramanuja Sahasrabdi Samaroham, the ongoing 1000th birth anniversary celebrations of Ramanujacharya. Union Tourism Minister G Kishan Reddy, Telangana Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan, religious guru i Tridandi Srimannarayana Chinna Jeeyar Swami were present on the occasion.

UK Chancellor Rishi Sunak admits attending Downing Street lockdown party



Rishi Sunak admitted to attending Johnson's lockdown birthday party in 2020 but refused to say what happened when he entered the room.

LONDON: UK's Indian-origin Chancellor Rishi Sunak has admitted to attending Prime Minister Boris Johnson's lockdown birthday party in 2020 but refused to say what happened when he entered the room and claimed that he was there for a meeting to discuss the COVID-19 situation. His comments came after Johnson's five aides, including longstanding policy chief Munira Mirza, chief of staff Dan Rosenfield, principal private secretary Martin Reynolds and communications director Jack Doyle, resigned from their posts within hours of each other on Thursday. They stepped down after a damning investigation revealed that multiple parties took place at Downing Street while the rest of the United Kingdom was living under strict COVID-19 lockdown rules. Sunak, who lives next door to the Prime

Minister in Downing Street, is also reported to have attended a surprise birthday party for Johnson in No.10's Cabinet Room in June 2020. He admitted to attending Johnson's lockdown birthday party in 2020 but refused to say what happened when he entered the room, the Mirror newspaper reported. The Chancellor said that he was in the Cabinet Room for Johnson's lockdown birthday party but insisted he was there for a meeting to discuss the COVID-19 situation. He acknowledged that the scandal surrounding parties during lockdown at Downing Street has damaged the public's trust in the government, the BBC reported. The Chancellor, however, said that he believed his plans to deal with the cost of living crisis would help restore it. Sunak, 41, insisted that Prime Minister Johnson, who is facing growing calls for his resignation, has his "full support."

Dismissing the talk of him replacing Johnson, the Chancellor said that the Prime Minister had always told the truth about the parties. "Yes, of course he does. He is the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom," he said. Asked whether the parties held in violation of COVID-19 lockdown rules damaged the public's confidence in the government, Sunak said: "Yes, I think it has. I can appreciate people's frustration. And I think it's now the job of all of us in government, all politicians, to restore people's trust." As an embattled Johnson faces intense pressure to step down from the opposition and

Conservative MPs, some Tory MPs believe that Sunak, as one of the most powerful figures in the government, is the frontrunner to replace Johnson. But Sunak quelled such talk.

"Well, that's very kind of them to suggest that. But what I think people want from me is to focus on my job. I know a few of my colleagues have said that and they'll have their reasons for doing that. But I don't think that's the situation we're in. The prime minister has my full support," he told the BBC. Asked whether he would run to be the next Tory leader and Prime Minister, should there be a vacancy, Sunak said: "No, that's not what I'm focused on." Officers from the Met Police are investigating a total of 12 Downing Street parties. It is believed that as many as six of those could have been attended by the Prime Minister. Sunak, the UK-born son of a pharmacist mother and a National Health Service general practitioner father, is an Oxford University and Stanford graduate. The MP for Richmond in Yorkshire first entered the UK Parliament in 2015 and has quickly risen up the Tory party ranks as a staunch Brexiteer, who had backed Johnson's strategy to leave the European Union. As the first Chancellor of the Exchequer of Indian heritage, Sunak, also the son-in-law of Infosys co-founder Narayana Murthy, made history in February 2020, when he was appointed to the most important UK Cabinet post.

Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala marries senior officer of Pakistan Cricket Board

Yousafzai gained international recognition for her activism against the Taliban's efforts to stop girls from attending school in Pakistan



London/Karachi: Nobel Laureate and Pakistani activist for girls' education Malala Yousafzai has tied the knot with a top-ranked officer of the Pakistan Cricket Board in a small ceremony in the UK. Yousafzai gained international recognition for her activism against the Taliban's efforts to stop girls from attending school in Pakistan. Announcing her marriage on Twitter, the 24-year-old posted a few pictures of the ceremony along with her husband Asser Malik and family members. Decked up in a tea pink suit and simple jewellery, Yousafzai is seen carrying out the wedding formalities in her home in Birmingham with Malik, where he has gone on vacation. Malik is the general manager of Pakistan Cricket Board's (PCB) High Performance Centre. "Today marks a precious day in my life. Asser and I tied the knot to be partners for life," she said in a tweet. "We celebrated a small nikkah ceremony at home in Birmingham with our families. Please send us your prayers. We are excited to walk together for the journey ahead," Yousafzai, who is an avid cricket fan and a supporter of the Pakistan team, said. The couple first met two years back and since then have been in touch and formed a close friendship and

later decided to get married with the consent of their families. According to a source in the PCB, Malik is a top performing officer in the cricket board. He joined PCB's High Performance Centre in Lahore nearly two years back as manager. "But due to his hardwork and output he has now been promoted to the post of general manager, the source said. Yousafzai's recent comments on marriage to an international fashion magazine had stirred controversy. In an interview to Vogue magazine in June, Yousafzai, an Oxford graduate, revealed that she is not sure if she will ever marry. I still don't understand why people have to get married. "If you want to have a person in your life, why do you have to sign marriage papers, why can't it just be a partnership? she had said. When she was 15, she was shot in the head by a member of the Taliban in October 2012 and was flown to the UK to receive treatment. In 2014, she won the Nobel Peace Prize at the age of 17, becoming the youngest laureate of the prize. She shared the prize with child rights activist Kailash Satyarthi. Last year, she graduated from Oxford University with a degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics.

Life-sized Mahatma Gandhi statue vandalised in New York

New York: The incident took place early on Saturday, when the statue was defaced by some unknown persons, the Consulate General of India in New York said. "The Consulate condemns this act of vandalism in the strongest terms," it said, adding that the matter has been taken up with local authorities. "The matter has also been taken up with the US State Department for immediate investigation and urged appropriate action against those responsible for this despicable act," it said. The 8-foot-high statue was donated by the Gandhi Memorial



International Foundation, and was dedicated on October 2, 1986 to mark the 117th birth anniversary of Gandhi. American civil rights leader Bayard Rustin had delivered a keynote speech at the ceremony. Incidentally, the statue was removed in 2001, conserved and reinstalled in a landscape garden area in 2002. Last month, unknown miscreants had similarly vandalised, broken and ripped from the base another statue of Gandhi in a park in the US state of California. The 6-ft tall, 294kg bronze statue situated in the Central Park of the City of Davis in Northern California, appeared to have been sawed off at the ankles and half its face was severed and missing, local Davis Enterprise newspaper had reported. It was donated by the Indian government to the city of Davis and was installed by the city council four years ago, amid protests from anti-Gandhi and anti-India organizations.

Olympics-China's Xi meets more heads of state in Olympic diplomacy push

Beijing: Chinese President Xi Jinping met the leaders of Serbia, Egypt, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan on Saturday as Beijing used the opening of the Winter Olympics to seize the diplomatic initiative amid simmering tensions with the United States. Following a groundbreaking agreement with Russia on Friday over Taiwan and against NATO expansion, Xi held the meetings amid a Lunar New Year-themed banquet at Beijing's Great Hall of the People on Saturday. The banquet was the first time the Chinese president has joined a gathering of state leaders since before the outbreak of COVID-19 in late 2019. Toasting his fellow leaders, Xi expressed "heartfelt thanks to all governments, peoples and international organizations who care about and support the Beijing Winter Olympics". "China has made every effort to overcome the impact of the coronavirus epidemic, earnestly fulfilled its solemn commitments to the international community and ensured the Beijing Winter Olympics is being held as scheduled," Xi said in a speech published by Xinhua news agency. Over 30 international leaders have arrived in Beijing to attend the opening ceremony of the 2022 Winter Olympics, though the United States and other Western countries have subjected the event to a diplomatic boycott amid rising geopolitical tensions and allegations of human rights abuses in the northwestern region of Xinjiang. The Global Times, run by the ruling Communist Party's People's Daily, hit back at foreign media reports that the event had attracted only "authoritarian" leaders, accusing them in



an editorial of using "outdated anti-China cliches". MEETINGS Xi held individual meetings with Kazakhstan President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, Serbia's Aleksandar Vucic and President Abdel Fatta Al-Sisi of Egypt on Saturday morning, Xinhua news agency reported, discussing Belt and Road-related infrastructure investments and cooperation in the fight against COVID-19. He also told Turkmenistan President Gurbanguly Berdimukhamedov that the two sides should deepen cooperation on supplying natural gas to China. Xi also met Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, while Chinese Premier Li Keqiang held meetings with Ecuador's Guillermo Lasso, Singapore's Halimah Jacob and the director general of the World Health Organization, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. According to a joint statement issued after the Friday meeting between Xi and Russian President Vladimir Putin, Moscow expressed opposition to any form of independence for Taiwan, while China said it supported Russian opposition to the further expansion of NATO. Russia has amassed 100,000 troops near its border with Ukraine as it tries to pressure the country into ruling out future NATO membership. Kevin Rudd, former prime minister of Australia and president of the Asia Society, described the joint statement as "highly significant". It was "the first time since the Sino-Soviet split that China's taken a definitive position on European security to support Russia on something as fundamental as NATO", Rudd wrote on Saturday.

Kamala Harris administers oath of office to members of Presidential Advisory Commission

Washington: Vice President Kamala Harris has virtually administered the oath of office to members of the Presidential Advisory Commission on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders, several of whom are Indian Americans. Co-chaired by Health and



Human Services (HHS) secretary Xavier Becerra and US Trade Representative Ambassador Katherine Tai, the commission complements the White House Initiative on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders (WHIAANHPI), both of which were established by President Joe Biden last May. Members of the commission were announced recently. Of the 23 members, four are Indian Americans Ajay Jain Bhutoria, Sonal Shah, Kamal Kalsi and Smita Shah. Bhutoria is a Silicon Valley technology executive, community leader, speaker and author who has been recognized for his work, the White House said. A social impact and innovation leader, Sonal Shah is the founding president of The Asian American Foundation (TAAF), which has started the largest philanthropic effort to serve the Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities.

Smita N Shah is an engineer, entrepreneur and civic leader serving as president and CEO of Chicago-based SPAAN Tech, Inc, a multi-disciplinary firm with expertise in public and private infrastructure projects, including transportation, aviation and facilities. Kamal Kalsi is an emergency medicine physician from New Jersey who has served in the Army for 20 years. He was awarded a Bronze Star medal for his work, taking care of hundreds of combat casualties on the front lines in Afghanistan, it said. The commission will advise the President on ways the public, private and non-profit sectors can work together to advance equity, justice and opportunity for Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AA and NHPI) communities. We know there is still a lot of work to do in an affirmative, purposeful and intentional way about ensuring that people are engaged, and that we are relevant to the way that they are experiencing and living life, and that we are connected with their goals and their dreams for themselves, their fami-

Co-chaired by Health and Human Services (HHS) secretary Xavier Becerra and US Trade Representative Ambassador Katherine Tai, the commission complements the White House Initiative on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders (WHIAANHPI), both of which were established by President Joe Biden last May.

lies and community, Harris said during the swearing-in ceremony on Thursday.

And that is why it is so important to have you all as the leaders that you are together in this advisory group because the work that you will do is to give us candid feedback, she told the commissioners. On behalf of the President and myself, I thank you yet again for the life that you have chosen to live, which has been a life of leadership and service, Harris said. HHS secretary Becerra noted, The commissioners you see today represent not only subject matter experts who are recognized in their fields, but also visionary leaders who reflect the strength and diversity of the Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander community. From addressing anti-Asian hate and bias, to COVID-19 recovery, to the need for better data on AA and NHPI communities and resources for limited English proficient individuals, the needs of our AA and NHPI communities

are wide-ranging, unique, and urgent for us to address. Together, with the leadership of our commissioners, we will work to ensure that our nation lives up to its founding ideals, and that the American dream is within reach for every AA and NHPI family, she said. US Trade Representative Ambassador Katherine Tai said unfortunately, the past two years have underscored and exacerbated long-standing inequities in the country. The pandemic has had significant economic and social impacts on AA and NHPI workers -- particularly in the hospitality and leisure, retail, and other service industries that employ one in four workers from our communities, Tai said.

Meanwhile, small business owners have faced xenophobia, harassment, vandalism and targeted threats. This is why the Biden-Harris administration is prioritizing the values of equity, equality and opportunity in the Build Back Better agenda and why our pandemic recovery must bring along all communities, she added.

Japanese PM, new US envoy meet for 1st time

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and new US Ambassador to Tokyo Rahm Emanuel met for the very first time on Friday and held brief talks.

Tokyo: Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and new US Ambassador to Tokyo Rahm Emanuel met for the very first time on Friday and held brief talks. During the talks, the pair affirmed the importance of the alliance between their two countries, among other matters, reports Xinhua news agency. Kishida was quoted as saying that Emanuel, who arrived in Japan on January 23 to fill William Hagerty's post who stepped down in July 2019, is trusted by US President Joe Biden and his appointment reflects the solidarity between both countries. "I hope for your success in various fields and areas during your term in Japan to further enhance the Japan-US relationship," Kishida told Emanuel. Kishida and



Emanuel, during their 35-minute meeting, traversed a number of issues, including those on global nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament and economic matters, and the envoy also commended the Prime Minister's economic policy. Before meeting Kishida, Emanuel met Chief Cabinet Secretary Hirokazu Matsuno, the Foreign Ministry said. U.S. Ambassador Rahm Emanuel had served earlier as Mayor of Chicago from 2011 to 2019 and Chief of Staff for U.S. President Obama from 2009 to 2010. Earlier Rahm Emanuel was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Illinois from 2003 to 2009.

U. S. Civil Rights Champion, The Reverend JESSE L. JACKSON, Sr inaugurates AMEC's NATIONAL CHAIR NEAL PATEL and the 2022-2023 Leadership Team.



In a simple and elegant swearing in ceremony at Rainbow Push Coalition headquarters in Southside of Chicago, The Reverend Jesse L. Jackson Sr inaugurated Neal Patel, C. E.O. Of Medstar Laboratory Inc., the newly elected NATIONAL CHAIRMAN of AMEC -American Multi Ethnic Coalition Inc for a two year term beginning December 1,2021 to December 1,2023.

The new AMEC GOVERNOR for the calendar year 2022 is Dr Kishor Mehta (Gujarati American) and AMEC LT. GOVERNOR is Manne Lingiah (Telugu American).

The Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr . commended the AMEC leadership team for their heroic efforts in engaging the Biden Harris administration in releasing Covid vaccines to 152 countries, and also for prevailing upon the Federal administration to invoke the Defence production act which enabled U. S. to export the much needed ingredients to manufacture Covid vaccines to India, Brazil and South Africa.

Dr Mrs Jacqueline Jackson wife of the Rev. Jackson Sr in a rare appearance congratulated AMEC for their continuous efforts towards women empowerment for the last decade.

AMEC Governor Dr. Kishor Mehta said 2021 successes credited to AMEC in the political arena is the candidacy of Vasavi Chakka for Naperville City Council, April 2021 and the defeat of the Anti India Resolution in Chicago City Council, only city in USA where that resolution was defeated.

AMEC Vice President Dr Twin Green said that year 2021



was a historic year for AMEC when they launched their Citizens Action Alliance for Behavioral Health in February 24,2021 and followed it up with a most successful Congressional Town Hall Meeting that netted several million dollars of federal monies for Illinois Behavioral health providers.

AMEC Lt. Governor Manne Lingiah said new emphasis is being placed on youth in AMEC's progressive agenda citing the recent launch of the YES- Youth Empowerment Series and inclusion of Harvard student Ibraheem Khan as a Vice President of AMEC's Executive Leadership team as a giant step forward.

MEDSTAR 's BIG TURKEY GIVEAWAY FOR CHICAGOLAND' NEEDY FAMILIES..

Neal Patel, National Chairman AMEC and C. E. O. Of MEDSTAR LABORATORY, Hillside , IL announced that a big Turkey giveaway distribution is being made for 1,250 needy families in Chicagoland during the holiday season. We want to share the holiday cheer by giving back to our fellow brothers and sisters during the Christmas season . The MEDSTAR Turkey giveaway schedule is as follows on December 18 at 8 am at 3600 W.Ogden, Chicago , at 9 am at Mandrake Park , 3858 S. Cottage Grove , Chicago , and at 9.30 am at Lawless Gardens ,435 E. 35 Th Street , Chicago. Also on Thursday Dec 23 at 8am at the Fieldhouse, Proviso West High School, Hillside.

Chairman Neal Patel said additionally Mariano food vouchers will be given to 75 needy families on Decem-

ber 17 at 1 pm at 5044 S. State Street, Chicago.

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Other office bearers of the AMEC Executive Leadership team from Dec 2021 to Dec. 2023 include
PRESIDENT: Dr VGP : Vijay G Prabhakar
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT : Martino Tangkar, (Indonesian American)
VICE PRESIDENTS :
Dr Twin Green, (African American)
Dr Santosh Kumar (Indian American)
Ibrahim Khan (Pakistani American)
Dr. Mercedes Martinez (Hispanic American)
Sam Ma (Chinese American)

SECRETARY GENERAL:

Shree Gurusamy (Indian American)

UNDER SECRETARY GENERALS:

Ameen Ibrahim (Palestine American)

Bala R Ghimre (Nepalese American)

TREASURER :

Dr Clarence Beals (African American)

JOINT TREASURER:

Dr Gladys Folorunsho (Nigerian American)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Anica Dubey (Indian American)

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Anica Dubey, AMEC Executive Director said that AMEC's 2022 program priorities includes an Affordable Housing RoundTable , National Native American Leadership Conclave , World Health Day Summit , International Education Connect, Ethnic Film Festival, and a Community Leadership Academy among our regular flagship events.

AMEC & MEATF TEENAGER KHAN ALI TO COPS 26- GLASGOW



AMEC & MEATF are proud to announce that our very own student leader Khan Ali of Mather High School , Chicago was selected to participate at the 26 Th United Nations Climate Change Summit in Glasgow along with the world leaders, including President Biden.

Khan Ali , youngest son of Jamshad and Chand Nasim joined three other students to represent Illinois youth in the global conversation on climate change.

Ms. Chand Nasim, Vice Chairperson of Congressman Davis's Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force is an ardent advocate for empowerment of Chicago's students and youth. Begum Chand Nasim is also one of the founding members of the American Multi Ethnic Coalition., Inc.



Dr. VGP congratulated 19 year old Khan Ali for this phenomenal achievement and global recognition par excellence. Khan Ali is a devoted pious youth who always leads in the Islamic prayer at our Inter faith events and is a valuable asset to the MEATF and AMEC youth wings, added Dr. VGP.



Indian American Business Coalition, USA Texas Chapter Chairman Sam Kannappan met GREGG ABBOTT, Governor of Texas on January 30,2022 in Houston.




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NACHA USA AWARDED ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR 2020 AT 10th ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL GLOBAL COMMUNITY OSCARS GALA. A SPECTACULAR STAR-STUDED NON-STOP ACTION-PACKED EVENING CELEBRATING SUCCESS.....

Glimpses of Dr VGP's 10 Th Annual MEATF & AMEC Global Community Oscars held on Friday August 27 with a record audience of 500 invitees, 31 Awardees, 31 presenters, 11 exhibit booths and 6 sponsors with more than 15 advertisers.

Congressman Danny K. Davis, the Anchor of Dr. VGP 10th Annual Congressional Global Community Awards Gala stressed the importance of Showcasing the Community heroes and Achievers from Multi-Ethnic communities on Friday evening August 27, 2021, at Yellow Box, Naperville. Hosted by AMEC-American Multi-Ethnic Coalition, a grassroots Bi-Partisan Organization celebrating 38 Ethnic Communities across America.

The North American Chhattisgarh Association was awarded the Organization of the Year in recognition of their outstanding work in showcasing the State of Chhattisgarh and their tribal development.

Congressmen Danny K Davis, Raja Krishnamoorthy, University of Chicago Trustee Tandean Rustandy, Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle, Chicago Treasurer Melissa Irvin, Chicago Aldermen Jason Ervin, CHRIS Talliaferro, State Rep. Yang, Mayor of Bolingbrook Mary Basta, Naperville City Council member Paul Leong, Pastor Dr Steve Munsey & Melodye Munsey from Indiana, Mustafa Ajmeri from Atlanta, Ling ki from San Francisco, Murray Heidebrecht from Florida, S. V. Anchan from New Jersey and several others from all over the country joined the celebration of our ethnic community heroes for a spectacular evening. Chicago ABC TV channel carried it in their News of August 27 and the event was live-streamed across the World.

Prominent Awardees included 11 year-old Nishika Dubey, 14 year old Hemharsith

Sivakumar Gayathri, Farikh Mira's, Medical Student from Florida, Dr Twin D Green, Light of Life awardee, Dr. Satish V Anchan, CEO, Safesea Group, NJ, Kamala Martinez, President & CEO, United Way of Will County, Illinois, Chris "Ludacris" Bridges, President & CEO, Grand Prairie Services, Steve Munsey & Melody's Munsey, Senior Pastors, Family Christian Center, Neil Khot, CEO, Rekt Setvices, Schaumburg, IL, Bala R Ghimire, Board of Director, Non-resident Nepali Association, Ada Cheng, Professor in Sociology, DePaul University, Prasant Kumar, CUO, Metropolitan Asian Family Services Inc, Toni Preckwinkle, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners, Tandean Rustandy, Trustee, University of Chicago, IL, Sockalingam Sam Kannappan, Director, One Call Board of Texas, Houston, Texas, Frank Cucco, CEO, Impact Networking LLC, Shree Gurusamy, Case Manager, Molina Healthcare, IL, Maya Vishwakarma, Founder & President of Sukarma Foundation, Fremont, CA, Jeongking Liy, Vice Chairperson, Chinese American Association at Greater Chicago, James Kiamos, President & CEO, Meridian Health Plan, Anthony Townsend, Safety & Risk Management, Specialist for Community Builders, Chicago, IL, Dr. Tariq Butt, President, Chicago Medical Society, Chicago, IL, Ling-Chia Ku, Reporter / Anchor, KTSF 26, SFO, CA.

Dr. VGP, Founder President, AMEC said that this annual event inspires our ethnic Communities to achieve more and continue their services to all communities. AMEC Secretary-General Shree Gurusamy and Dr. VGP excelled as emcees.

MEATF Chairman Martino Tangkar honored each Awardee with the Congressional Medallion.

Commissioner Urvashi Verma of AMEC

Special Events announced the winners of the AMEC Lita Newton Devasahayam Student Scholarships for 2022.

AMEC Secretary General Shree Gurusamy eloquently presented AMEC in Action 2021. Girish Kapur, Secretary General of GSA India @75 Expo announced that The Global Eye Magazine is hosting a four day Expo to celebrate India's 75 Independence Day on July 27,28,29,30, 2022 in Naperville - Aurora, Illinois.

Naperville City Commissioner Dr. Vasavi Chakka welcoming the distinguished awardees and guests to Naperville spoke about the City of Naperville.

The mesmerizing awards show opened by the U. S. Color Guards impressive Gun Salute by the Great Lakes Naval Center. Renowned Operatic Soprano Marissa Buchettit sang the American National Anthem. The Grand Finale was the String Quartet Salute by Neuqua Valley High School, a Grammy Signature School.

Dr. VGP, Creative Host acknowledged the AMEC Leadership Team: AMEC National Chairman Neal Patel, Sam Ma, Gerard Moorner, Begum Chand Nasim, Jerome Athistham, Chenna Govindasamy, Dr. Mercedes Martinez, Dr. Clarence Beals, Acharya Rohit Joshi, Amar Upadhyay, Dr. Kiros Tewolde, Nagendra Sripada, Neelam Saboo, Seeta Bala, Hina Trivedi, Samuel Kolagani, Dr. Fatima Alawsee, Alwin Paul, Anil Pulla, Ravi Sripada, Vijender Doma, Nilabh Dubey, Pinaki Basu, and Dr Vasavi Chakka.

The 11th Annual Congressional Global Community Oscars will be held on February 19, 2022

at Yellow Box, Naperville. For more information contact

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10TH ANNUAL AMEC & MEATF OSCAR GALA CHAIR'S WELCOME

Multi Ethnic people from all walks of life have been the foundation of the City of Chicago and this great country, the United States of America. The 10th Annual MEATF & AMEC Global Community Oscars recognizes individuals who have excelled in serving us by leveraging their leadership to enlighten and empower us.

I would like to express my appreciation to the Awards Jury headed by Dr. Zenobia Sowell and the members of the jury for their efforts to select our 2020 Community & International Heroes. This is the largest Multi-Ethnic Festival in Chicagoland. Our media Partner is The Global Eye - World-Wide Digital Monthly that reaches 35 million households.

Ten years is a milestone for an organization like MEATF where 24 different ethnic communities come together. The COVID pandemic tested our resilience as a coalition and also channelized our resources

to reach out to those who were in need. All worked in unison and rose together on the occasion.

MEATF and AMEC is a movement under the leadership of Congressman Danny K. Davis, founded by Dr. Vijay G Prabhakar that works for our ethnic communities and for our overall development. Our visionary Congressman Danny K. Davis fights for transparency in government, strong economic structure and integrated development at all levels in his 7th Congressional district-IL and beyond.

Let me take this opportunity to Congratulate all the Awardees and the Presenters for their outstanding work. My Prayer to all of you is to continue to do your best and together all of us can forge ahead.

We must all stay united now and always to succeed.

Dr. Mrs. Santosh Kumar
Oscars Gala Chair
AMEC & MEATF Chicago,IL



AMEC Founder President's Musings.....



Very few periods over the course of modern history have tested our resilience and shaped humanity, cultural and politics the way 2020 has. From a global health pandemic, racial injustice and an increasingly volatile climate to complex

geopolitics, the impact of 2020 will be felt for decades to come.

On 6 January 2021, We officially endorsed and launched the election campaign of our Executive Board Member Dr. Vasavi Chakka for the Naperville City Council 2021.

On 26th February 2021, a network of Concerned Citizens, Elected Officials, and Behavioral Health Providers came to work together towards creating greater awareness of the challenges of the issues surrounding service delivery while striving to improve and increase the behavioral health resources in our communities at the Gandhi King Legacy Roundtable Summit. This Summit resolved to form a Citizens Action Alliance for Behavioral Health (CAABH) to nurture, enrich and empower behavioral health providers while spreading awareness of the importance of Behavioral Health in our communities.

On 7 March 2021, We hosted the 8th Annual International Women Day in Naperville, which was well attended and the Top 20 Global Women of Excellence were honored.

On 24 March 2021, the Anti India resolution was defeated in the City of Chicago Council. We worked hard to mobilize support to defeat the resolution.

On 9 April 2021, We organized the first TOWN HALL meeting hosted by Congressman Danny K Davis (7th CD-IL) and Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi (8th CD-IL) on April 9, 2021. The theme of the first Town Hall was "Race To Increase Funding for Behavioral Health Providers In Chicagoland".

On 2 May 2021, We organized a massive campaign to secure COVID Vaccines to India and other developing countries. We met President Biden along with the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr to ensure that the U.S.A. supplies Covid Vaccines to India and other countries.

On 26 June 2021, We hosted our 10th Annual Homecoming dinner at Bethel Mennonite Community Church in Chicago, where the 2021 MEATF Executive Leadership Council was installed by Congressman Danny K Davis.

On 8 July 2021, Governor Pritzker signed the historic Asian American History bill permitting Asian History to be taught in all State of Illinois schools.

On August 15 2021, We had an AMEC & MEATF float in the 75th India Independence Day parade on Devon Avenue, Chicago.

MEATF- Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force is a think tank and advocacy group established by Congressman Danny K. Davis in 2010 to empower the different ethnic communities of Chicago by integrating them with the African American Community to share and serve the residents of City of Chicago. Today AMEC - American Multi Ethnic Coalition Inc. is a bipartisan state wide grassroots level organization representing 24 different ethnic communities.

Join us in our journey as we partner together to empower our ethnic communities and transform lives.....

Dr. Vijay G. Prabhakar
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August 20,2021

AMEC Chairman's Greetings



American Multi Ethnic Coalition Inc. (AMEC) is a bipartisan Community grassroots Level Organization to empower multi ethnic communities through social, cultural, educational, health, economic & developmental initiatives. AMEC has established an inimitable and robust way of communication and interaction to consider significant options of public policy.

American Multi Ethnic Coalition Inc. (AMEC) was established in 2016 under the vibrant leadership of Dr. Vijay Prabhakar along with Multi Ethnic Task Force (MEATF) with the blessing of Congressman Danny Davis.

AMEC plays an active role in encouraging and protecting minorities. It is a think tank, and Advisory Group that also addresses the issues that affect all ethnic communities including but not limited to Voter Registration, Immigration, Healthcare, Racial Profiling and Employment Opportunities.

Our discussions and actions over the past several years have covered a wide spectrum of issues and concerns in professional and business arena. AMEC strongly believes that our development efforts must deal with the challenges

of economic hardship.

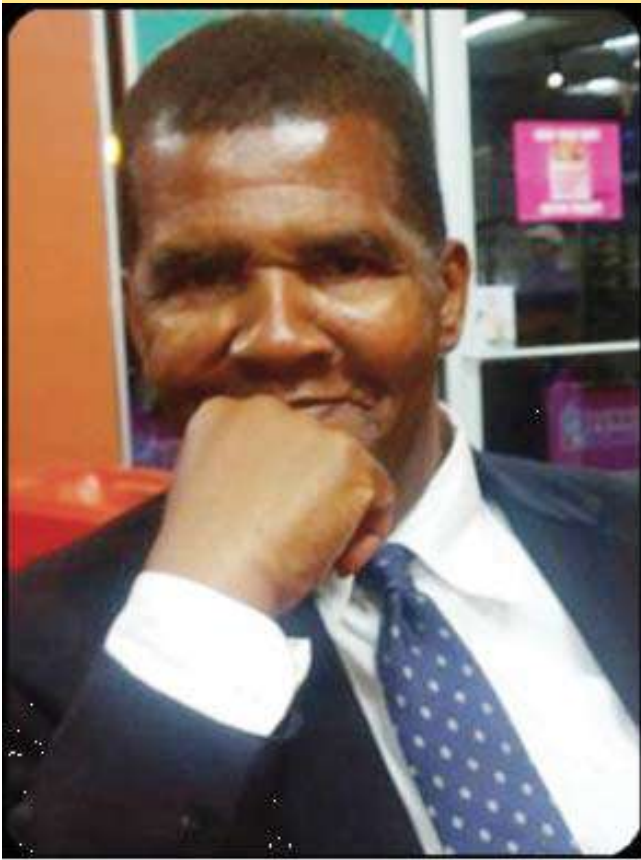
I am confident that our deliberations and engagements have been very successful: a key indication of our success is our organization membership is growing under our leadership Council. Kudos to our member secretary Dr. Clarence Beals. Thank you, Dr. Prabhakar for your excellent leadership. To our valued members, I would like to seize this opportunity to publicly acknowledge your interest, support, and long hours of hard work as I have no doubt that you will continue to stand by us. Thank you for your dedication and commitment in furthering our vision.

My plea at this juncture is to request your support to make sure that American Multi Ethnic Coalition along with Multi Ethnic Task Force can demonstrate, implement, and achieve its goal to assist our community.

Cheers,

Dr. Kishor Mehta
American Multi Ethnic Coalition Inc. USA Chairman
Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force
7th Congressional District – IL USA
Emeritus Chairman

AMEC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT



DR CLARENCE BEALS

2020. It was this prayer, mantra and constant vigil that drove my belief that this too shall pass, and we would come out of the unknown at the inception of this crisis on other side. Wise and Steadfast. Because of our tenacity and resilience, it was manifested into our drive to survive.

Faith is believing in things we cannot always see nor understand. From the inception of the lock down and the pervasive spread of the Coronavirus. It was the lyrics of this song, by gospel artist Vanessa Bell Armstrong, that gave me the strength and hope this was a path our country had not travel before and overcame. Our Founder/Executive Director Dr. Vijay Prabhakar was the conduit to reach out to members, and went into action in support of all of its members, the fragile, vulnerable and disconnected to ensure that they and their families were okay that someone was there for them in this time of uncertainty.

Dr. Vijay kept up the lines of communications, giving all of us hope, and reminding us that we had to continue keep our head up and make sure we reached out too others whether it was through email, texts or other forms of social media. This was the thread too pray, support and help one another in any capacity possible. As the windows open, some of us cautiously stepped out to see if it was safe. But to no avail, as we began to think things were beginning to abate, there was always the news that new cases and deaths were

increasing in the surrounding states and local areas. We were hungry for the tactile moments we took for granted of being able to reach out and hug one another, for a moment of "normalcy."

Our first meeting in April 2020 was with Congressman Danny Davis, at the MAFS office spearheaded by Dr. Santosh Kumar, a dialogue about the state of the pandemic the role of the scientist and government. Dr. Srinivas Reddy, in his newly appointed position with the State of Illinois Medical Board, he gave us an updated on the state of various testing and treatments options and vaccinations going through the process of research. As we look forward, March 8th, 2022, is International Women Day. The #metoo era continue to grow with no "silence partners", and this Conference, round table spearhead dialogues for sustenance change. Mental Health, depression, disassociated behavior, bipolar, schizoaffective diagnosis. There are times when individuals become maniac and have episodes of various levels of happiness and sadness. They exhibit times when they are isolative, withdrawn. Do we create a new lexicon, methodology or dialogue to address this critical situation on a national level? There should be focus groups, with the aggregate population that understand the dynamics of this behavior. There are more questions. That need to be answered to understand the essence of the creating meaningful solutions and conversation.

FAITH

"I have the Faith that sees the invisible, expects the incredible, receives the impossible. Faith that can conquer anything". These are prophetic and powerful words during this lifetime, the Corona virus and the Pandemic

AMEC SECRETARY GENERAL'S GREETINGS !

BY DR ZENOBIA SOWELL



need to constantly understand how our development efforts would deal with the challenges of economic hardship. I am confident that our deliberations and engagements have been very successful: a key indication of our success is that our AMEC membership is growing. Thank You, Congressman Davis and Dr Prabhakar for your excellent leadership. To our valued members, I would like to seize this opportunity to publicly acknowledge your interest, support and long

hours of hard work as I have no doubt that you will continue to stand by us.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment in furthering Congressman Danny Davis's vision. My plea at this time is to request your support to make sure that our American Multi Ethnic Coalition can continue to demonstrate, implement and achieve its goal to assist our communities.

Dr Zenobia Sowell
Secretary General
American Multi Ethnic Coalition Inc.

Greetings & Welcome !

This past year has been one of great challenge, change, loss & uncertainty. It has also been a year of reflection, blessings, opportunity and hope. The fact that we are still here in the land of the living should give each one of us a true sense of gratefulness for life, family, loved ones and friendships.

American Multi Ethnic Community Coalition(AMEC) is in the forefront of several community initiatives. AMEC has evolved into a national organization under the robust guidance of U.S. Congressman Danny K Davis. Congressman Danny K Davis's Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force was established when we first rallied together in 2010 under the vibrant leadership of Dr Vijay Prabhakar to elect Danny K Davis as Mayor of Chicago. The enthusiasm that the campaign generated evolved into the 7th Congressional District's Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force.-MEATF, which is the fore-runner for AMEC today. Our discussions over the past several years have covered a wide spectrum of issues and concerns in professional and business arena. It is indeed gratifying that during all of our discussions, U.S. Congressman Danny K Davis is in the forefront of reminding us that we

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August 3, 2021

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Congratulations to each of you on your appointment to the 7th Congressional District's MULTI ETHNIC ADVISORY TASK FORCE (MEATF) EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL. U.S. Congressman Danny K. Davis personally conveys his best wishes to each of you as you serve on this prestigious council for 2021-2022.

2021 is a challenging year for all of us. God is good as always. I am pleased that our Executive Leadership Council for 2021-2022 is complete with passionate volunteers who share Congressman Danny Davis's dream of empowering our multi ethnic communities. We have a good mix of seasoned leaders, diehard volunteers and young spirit in our 2021-2022 Council to forge ahead.

2021 marks the 11th Year of our Task force having been founded in 2010. I would like to salute our previous Chairpersons : **2010-2012: Dr. Muhammad Zahid** (Pakistani American), **2013-2015 : Dr. Tapas Dasgupta** (Indian American), and **2016-2019 : Kishor Mehta** (Indian American). **In early 2020, I an Indonesian American took pride to take over as the Fourth Chairman of this vibrant empowerment and advocacy organization which has significantly impacted the social, economic and political landscape of our State of Illinois.**

The growth of this organization from strength to strength can be singularly credited to the passionate dedication, creative mindset, sustained hard work, and inspiring leadership of **Dr. Vijay G. Prabhakar the Founder**. Dr. Prabhakar's inclusive leadership style to unite 24 different ethnic communities .is today a national model and has given birth to American Multi Ethnic Coalition, Inc. AMEC.

Our priorities for 2021 -2022 are as follows : **1. Health Care - Covid Relief** , **2.International Education Connect** **3. International Women's Day Gala - Women's Empowerment** , **4. Global Community Oscars - Ethnic Empowerment** **5. Citizen's Action Alliance For Behavior Health - Mental Health** and **6. Homelessness Collaborative.**

MEATF is a think tank and an advocacy group that also addresses the issues that affect the different ethnic communities including but not limited to Voter Registration, Immigration, Racial Profiling-Asian American Violence and Employment opportunities.

We welcome each of you and trust that all of us together will forge ahead to empower the different ethnic communities.

Martino Tangkar
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Chairman
Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force
U.S. Congressman Danny K Davis
7th Congressional District
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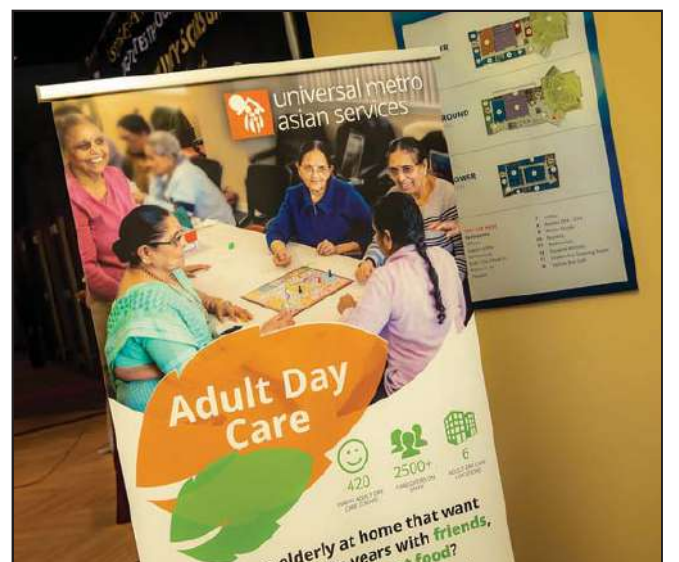
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NISHIKA DUBEY

6th Grade , Hill Middle School , Naperville , IL

NishikaDubey who turned 11, the last month



is an amazing and the gifted child. Apart from academics where she has excelled in every subject she has studied, she takes keen interest in Performing Arts such as traditional Indian Kathak dancing, Ballet and Bollywood fusion dancing. She has performed at several events in Chicagoland as the show opener. Nishika's passion to excel has led to to win many prizes in traditional dancing as well as fusion dancing. Apart from dancing, she has won multiple beauty pagent awards such as Bollywood International Pagent USA and was then interviewed by local TV channels on the theme Beauty with a purpose. Pooja Batra (Miss India and Actor), who was the main judge, said Nishika truly represents the future generation with her confidence, beauty and talent. She won either the first prize or the second, in every



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competition she participated such as Indian International Icon, Talent Troupe, Global Cultural Ambassadors etc.. Her passion and knowledge of Robotics ensured her team won the first prize at the state level competition in 'Innovation' category. She wants to continue learning more about Robotics and use them in

developing modern cities. Her role models are super-scientist Madame Marie Currie and Elon Musk. She looks at Elon as a creative genius who is making the impossible a reality. This year she would like to continue learning dancing, flute and piano. In academics she wants to focus more on Math and Physics.



Hemharsith Sivakumar Gayathri

9th Grade, Buffalo Grove High School

Hemharsith Sivakumar Gayathri is 14 years currently in the 9th grade in Buffalo Grove High School. He is active member in Junior Reserve Officer Training Course, Civil Air patrol and flying clubs. As a gifted student he is taking advanced placement courses from his school moving faster phase



learning. Has displayed distinctive leadership and meritorious service in education, physical education and community service. He is recipient of President's Outstanding Academic Excellence Education Award for the year of 2021 from Thomas Middle School, Arlington Heights. He has been recognized for his extraordinary ability in mathematics skills. During his 5th grade period at Ivy Hill Elementary School demonstrated extraordinary multiplication skills and he ran a math club to help kids develop math skills. He is a talented chess player teaching kids in his community. He volunteers his time with disabled and mentally challenged children through the Arlington Heights Public Library program. He is a certified Drone Pilot and helps



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with emergency operations. His hobbies are flying glider and playing chess. He is an excellent student seeks after knowledge and gives his best effort on all his endeavors.

Outstanding Academic Excellence Education Award

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Farukh Mirza

Medical Student, Florida

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of Kansas
Work Experience
• Research Assistant – Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health at the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita: 4/2015 to 8/2016.
• Research Assistant – Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita: 5/2013 to 8/2014 averaged 40 hrs per week
Volunteer Work
• February 2013 to May 2013– Mentor at Big Brothers Big Sisters– Wichita, Ks
• June 2012 to August 2012 – Shadowed and Volunteered at the Free Clinic of Wichita



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- September 2011 to May 2012 - Member of the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) society of Lawrence, KS
- March 2011 to May 2011– Independent Research with Dr. Kelly at the University of Kansas
- Sept. 2008 to May 2010 -

Member of the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) society of Lawrence, KS
Extracurricular Activities
Certificate in Focused Assessment with Sonography in Trauma (FAST exam) in 2018 from St. George's University.



Dr Twin D Green

Founder and Executive Director, Link & Option center, South Holland, IL

Dr. Twin D. Green is an advocate for civic and social justice on behalf of children and families. Dr. Green is the Founder, President, and CEO of The Link & Option Center, Inc., and an accredited organization by The Joint Commission. The Link & Option Center, Inc. was a



personal experience of Dr. Green, whose teenage son struggled to set himself apart from opposing forces in the community. The passion she held took on the challenge, which evidenced compassion to safeguard the rites to passage for her son and other youth in the South Suburban Cook County Region. This passion held by Dr. Green for the past 33-years undergirds the Mission of The Link & Option Center, Inc., which is to empower people with quality prevention and intervention services by coordinating and integrating services among systems of care and community resources.

Dr. Green received her Ph.D. in Human Services Counselor Education & Supervision from Rhema University. Dr. Green earned her Master of Arts Degree in Inner City Studies Education while attending Northeastern Illinois University. Dr. Green serves on several significant boards and coalitions, all designed to safeguard the



lives of youth, adults, and families. PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS Ambassador for Behavioral Health, Citizens Action Alliance for Behavioral Health Member, Bethel Mennonite Community Church – Chair, Behavioral Health Consortium Member, IHPA Provider Network Owner – Chair, Clinical Operations Committee Member, Community Behavioral Healthcare Association of Illinois Member, Illinois Association of Behavioral

Health (IADDA) Member, National Council for Behavioral Health Member, Cook County Health Community Advisory Council Member, Democratic Women of the South Suburbs Member, League of Women Voters-Chicago Member, South-Southwest Comprehensive Strategic Partnership Member, Southland Human Services Leadership Council



Dr Satish V Anchan

CEO, SafeSea Group, New Jersey

Dr. S.V. Anchan, is the Chairman of Safesea Group, headquartered in USA with offices across the globe. He is the recipient of Shipping Pravasi Award in 2016 by Govt Of India as well as many



other national and international shipping and community awards. Mr. Anchan was conferred with the Honorary Doctorate Degree Of Business Administration by Florida based University. Safesea Group, USA has diversified its engagement and become extensively involved in the entire range of activities of shipping that makes it globally the only shipping group that caters to all aspects of shipping operations under one umbrella.

Awards: Safesea has earned the unique distinction of being the only shipping Group in North America to receive "The 50 fastest growing Companies in USA" (2015) • The "Bulk Excellence" Award from the UK Global Platform. (2015). • 'International Man of The Year' -Winner of the Seventh Annual Congressional



Awards (2017) Washington DC USA); • Institute of Economic Studies (India) "International Leadership Innovation Excellence" Award and Gold Medal (20 September 2017 at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia); • 'Mahatma Gandhi Samman' award (27 September 2017 at House of Lords U.K); • Winner of "The Global Indian Icon" Award by Stardust; (2017 New York);

• The ET Now- Most Innovative Leader – Logistics & Supply chain Sector (21 Dec 2018, Delhi, India); • The Mahatma Gandhi Sesquicentennial Medallion of Excellence – 150 Years Birth Anniversary (2019, Chicago, USA); The Institute of Economic Studies (India) – Outstanding Global Leadership Award and Gold Medal (30 April 2019, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia).



Kamala Martinez

President & CEO, United Way of Will County, Illinois

Kamala Martinez is a corporate executive with over 25 years business development



and management experience. Kamala currently is the President and CEO of the United Way of Will County. She has held a number of board positions for not-for-profit organizations including Vice President for the Executive Board of Directors at Naperville Cable Television 17, President of River Run HOA, Indian Prairie Education Foundation Board of Directors, HACE Board of trustees, the Art Institutes of Chicago Corporate Advisory Committee, and advisor to KidsMatter. Previously, she served as Chairwoman for the City of Naperville Planning and Zoning Commission, an elected Precinct Committeeman, Finance Chairperson for Wheatland Township and a Recording Secretary for the Wheatland



Township Organization, for three consecutive terms. She has been active in her church with the children's ministry and served on the Finance Leadership Board, the PTA, an advocate for children's causes, and a proponent of empowering women and promoting

diversity. A graduate of the University of Iowa, Kamala received a bachelor's degree in with a major concentration in Communications and Broadcasting. She has been a residence of Will County since 1996, with her husband of 30 years and their son.



CHRIS "LUDACRIS" BRIDGES

President & CEO, Grand Prairie Services

The career of the multitasking Chris "Ludacris" Bridges can best be described as remarkable. As a recording artist, he has sold more than 24 million albums worldwide. With an unrivaled match of lyrical acumen, wit, and imagery, Ludacris has solidified himself as one of music's premier entertainers. His versatility and artistic



complexity also enabled him to make a seamless transition to acting, including the starring role of "Tej" in the box office phenomenon *Fast & Furious* franchise. A consummate businessman, Ludacris is enjoying success outside of entertainment. His business savvy is respected and recognized, not only among his immediate peers but by the business world at large. To wit, Ludacris rang the NASDAQ opening bell to celebrate XM Satellite Radio surpassing 5 million subscribers. He was the first hip-hop artist to receive that honor. His recent business endeavors exhibit his continued commitment to education. KIDNATION is his educational platform devoted to the enrichment of children. In the entertainment space, Bridges created an animated series in partnership with Netflix entitled "Karma's World." *Karma's World*, a series for children ages 6 to 9, is a coming-of-age story about a young Black girl finding her voice and using it to change her world.



Inspired by Chris's oldest daughter of the same name, the program will debut in 160 countries this fall. Karma's World is sure to be a global success. Bridge's philanthropic efforts rival his business and entertainment accomplishments. Celebrating 20 years of service to communities, The Ludacris Foundation keeps its primary focus on helping youth by meeting them where they are. The Foundation maintains a roster of its own programs focused on its key pillars:

Leadership and Education, Healthy Lifestyles and Ludacares. The Foundation also incorporates the "best practices" approach by providing grassroots and nonprofit organizations with grants and supplying "boots on ground" emergency aid during countless natural disasters across the globe. Chris is an Illinois native with roots in Champaign and Chicago. Chris "Ludacris" Bridges is the proud father of four girls; family man, husband, and dad are his most prized titles



Steve Munsey & Melody Munsey

Senior Pastors, Family Christian Center

Steve and Melody Munsey are the senior Pastors of Family Christian Center. Both Melody & Steve were born into a great heritage of Godly parents and grandparents who devoted their lives passing the Gospel to the next generations. The Munseys live and reside in Munster, Indiana, part of the Greater Chicagoland Area and have two children Kent II (Allison) and daughter Candace. Outreach magazine named this multi-cultural



church the 19th largest church in the US, having more than 20K members with approximately 17K people in attendance in any given week. He and his wife have celebrated their 33rd anniversary as senior as pastors. Author of 8 books, he ministers to nation wide audiences through his TV program. "Yes You Can" and is a speaker in demand on national and international TV as well Melody Munsey is known to be a forward-thinking entrepreneur with an appreciation for what has been on the market in the past and eyes that deem the impossible an approaching reality. An enthusiast of modern discoveries in the area of anti-aging products and cutting-edge, high-end luxury ingredients, she is the designer, developer, and force behind iAM™, a line of beauty products introduced in 2010.



Underlying her every effort is her love for people, culture, and business. Melody is the founder of Lady Love Campaign, giving voice to her strong passion for eradicating human trafficking in every place it exists—local, national, international. To that end she continually enlists the aid of law enforcement, politicians, churches, and everyday ordinary people to push the subject of human trafficking into the

limelight. A celebrator of the arts, Melody founded Refuge Productions, Inc. more than twenty-five years ago to give place for the performing community in the Northwest Indiana and Chicagoland region. Refuge Productions has been home to many mega-productions as well as an annual Fine Arts Summer Workshop which draws young people from across the country as well as locally.



NEIL KHOT

CEO, Rely Services, Schaumburg IL

Founder and CEO of Rely Services, Inc, a global Information Technology and business process outsourcing (BPO) company. Receptient of 2017, 2019 Asian Pacific Islander Leader from MWRD and 2019 Asian



Leader from Cook County. Over 250 employees worldwide, headquartered in Schaumburg, IL, with multiple locations including India, UAE and Australia. Neil graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science Engineering. Neil is currently elected as President of Woodfield Office Condominium Association. Currently, Neil serves as the President of Federation of Indian Associations, Chicago, a non-profit based in Northwest Suburbs. He is an active member of the Village of Schaumburg Committee -Sister City Exchange, Prairie Arts Center, Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce, Hoffman Estates Economic Development Committee and Emerging Technology Committee. He also had an



opportunity to be the Mayor for a day for Village of Hoffman Estates. Neil worked together with St. Rep. Fred Crespo, of the 44th district, to create awareness and help draft legislation for Bill HB3368, which gives preference to local Illinois business in securing Illinois State Work. Neil ardently fought, held rallies by his employees at the State Capitol in Springfield, against Illinois Secretary

of State Office to retain jobs in Illinois, as opposed to Illinois job being outsourced to outside States due to minimum wage imbalance. Neil also worked with past Lt. Governor Sheila Simon on similar issue. Neil is passionate entrepreneur, an avid traveler and likes to play golf. He resides in the northwestern suburbs of Chicago with his wife Annu, who serves as VP Finance and son Aryan.



Bala R Ghimire

Board of Director, Non-resident Nepali Association

Bala Ghimire 899 S. Plymouth Ct. Chicago, IL 60605 (773) 710-3795 info@curryhouseonline.com EXPERIENCE Chicago Curry House, Chicago — CEO 2008 - PRESENT Implemented all aspects of operations from inception, profitably opening, and operating specialty restaurant



locations. Oversee all vendor contracts, financial controls, strategic marketing, and branding. Effectively drive operations to generate over \$3.5MM+ annually. Represent organization to engage in community outreach. Nepal House (Michigan), Chicago— CEO 2012 - Present Nepal House (Devon), Chicago— CEO 2015 - Present EDUCATION Master of Arts Degree Bachelor of Arts Degree VOLUNTEER/ SERVICE Mayoral Advisor Board 2009 - 2012 & 2015 - 2018 Supported engagement and execution of humanitarian aid efforts within the country. Interfaced with organization members to best deliver services and support program goals. Worked with community leaders to enhance outreach and coalition-building opportunities. Asian American Advisory Council - Illinois Secretary of State 2009 - Present Participated in Volunteer Outreach, working within the community to provide An aide to under-served popula-



tions. SKILLS Skilled in developing, executing, and supporting key programming initiatives. Provide execution of functions with a professional demeanor to support public relations. AWARDS Presidents Seal Volunteer Service- Twice Asian Chronicle the USA Asian Exemplary Service Award City of Chicago - Commission on Human Relations Asian American Coalition Community Service Award - Office of Cook County Treasurer - Nepalese Entrepreneur of the Year

LANGUAGES Nepali, Hindi, English VOLUNTEER/ SERVICE Association of Nepalese in Midwest America - ANMA (anmausa.org) - President 2016 - 2018 Non-Resident Nepalese Association (NRNA - International coordination council) 2010 - Present Serving in various task forces in ICC Non-Resident Nepalese Association (NRNA - National coordination council) Elected Board of Director 2021 - 2023 term. Education Foundation of Nepal - President



Ada Cheng

Professor in sociology, DePual University

An educator-turned artist, storyteller, and creator, Dr. Ada Cheng has utilized storytelling to illustrate structural inequities, raise critical awareness, and build intimate communities. Committed to amplifying and uplifting marginalized voices, she has created numerous storytelling platforms for BIPOC and LGBTQIA community members



to tell difficult and vulnerable stories based on their lived experiences. She was a tenured professor in sociology at DePaul University from 2001-2016 when she resigned to pursue performance and storytelling. She has since been featured at storytelling shows and done her two solo performances in theaters, universities, and conferences across the nation. In 2019, she delivered her solo performance, Not Quite: Navigating Citizenship and Belonging, as the keynote for Women and Girls in Georgia Conference at the University of Georgia. In 2021, she delivered keynotes for Chicago Cultural Alliance's Activating Heritage Conference, AAPI Heritage Month at Dominican University, and AAPI Heritage Month at Environmental Protection Agency. She will also be a keynote for Immigrants in Our Midst Conference in October 2021. Talented as a creator and producer, her storytelling event This Is America: Truths through My Body was the signature event



for Cook County Racial Equity Week in 2020 as well as for the Teach-in Day at Benedictine University in 2021. She has worked closely with the National Cambodian Heritage Museum since 2017. Their collaborative projects have received Asian Giving Circle grants three years in a row since 2019. Through their collaboration, she has assisted the museum in instituting storytelling as part of their institutional practices. In 2020, she became part of the core team at the

museum to organize Day of Remembrance to commemorate Cambodian genocide. Her community work has been widely recognized and well received. Dr. Cheng has been speaker for Illinois Humanities Speakers Bureau since 2019. She works at UIC Women's Leadership and Resource Center as the Education and outreach Specialist, doing training and outreach related to gender-based violence. Her interests encompass academia, storytelling/performance, and advocacy.



Prashant Kumar

CIO, Metropolitan Asian Family Services Inc.



Prashant Kumar is a software engineer from Purdue University. He has worked in the Non-Profit sector for the last ten years and is the IT Director of MAFS and Universal Metro. He has helped these organizations optimize their hardware infrastructure and built software custom to their needs. He blends his technical side with his creative side by designing MAFS/UMAS building interiors and exteriors, brand identities, and print and digital media. He has learned everything from his mother, Dr. Santosh Kumar, and hopes to continue her legacy here in Chicago and abroad.





Toni Preckwinkle

President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

Toni Preckwinkle is the 35th president of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, an office she has held since 2010. A dedicated and effective public servant, President Preckwinkle has worked tirelessly and collaboratively to reshape County government through increased fiscal responsibility, transpar-



ency and improved services. As the top executive in Cook County, President Preckwinkle oversees one of the nation's largest public health and hospitals systems and one of the nation's largest criminal justice systems. President Preckwinkle is a lifelong advocate for equity and equality, and through her work as president, has fought to improve health care access, bring increased fairness to the criminal justice system and expand employment training opportunities for some of the County's most disadvantaged youth. Leveraging more than 30 years of political experience and leadership, President Preckwinkle has restored credibility to County government, solving for more than \$2.1 billion in budget deficits, cutting \$851 million in expenditures and passing balanced bud-gets each year of her tenure.



Through the President's leadership, Cook County used the Affordable Care Act to create CountyCare, a managed care program for Medicaid-eligible residents which now has about 330,000 members. President Preckwinkle is a nationally recognized leader in the drive to reduce unnecessary and costly detention of non-violent offenders in the criminal justice system. Before she was elect Cook County

Board President, President Preckwinkle served 19 years as Alderman of the 4th Ward, building a reputation for progressive independence. She fought for living wages, public education and against payday lending and gun violence. Prior to holding elected office, President Preckwinkle taught high school history for 10 years. She holds bachelor's and master, degrees from the University of Chicago. She is the mother of two and the grandmother of three.



Tandean Rustandy

Trustee , University of Chicago , IL

Tandean Rustandy is the founder and CEO of the Jakarta, Indonesia-based PT Arwana Citramulia Tbk. Under Mr. Rustandy's leadership, the company has grown significantly and has been recognized as one of the top-performing



ceramic tile manufacturing companies in the world with several awards, including the Green Industry Award, an award conferred by the president of the Republic of Indonesia which the company has received every year since 2011. Mr. Rustandy completed his undergraduate degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 1987, and subsequently returned to his native Indonesia to work in the timber industry before establishing Arwana Citramulia Tbk in 1993. He completed the University of Chicago Executive MBA Program-Asia in 2007. Mr. Rustandy is an active member of the Chicago Booth Council and Booth Global Leaders Group Asia. His belief in a socially beneficial approach to business was the driving force behind his decision to support expanded research and programming in social innovation and



entrepreneurship at the University of Chicago through the Rustandy Center for Social Sector Innovation. Within the University of Chicago, Mr. Rustandy has also provided support to the Divinity School by endowing the Tandean Rustandy Chair in Global Christianity, to the Hong Kong Campus, and to the Clinton Global Initiatives Conference that took place in autumn, 2018. Other

areas of significant engagement by Mr. Rustandy are the Leeds School of Business at the University of Colorado at Boulder, Calvin College, and his congregation in Jakarta. He is also a member of the Council of Global Advisors at the Yale School of Management. Mr. Rustandy currently resides in Jakarta, Indonesia with his wife, Susan Sujanto. They have two children, Felicia (AB 2017) and Febyan.



Sockalingam Sam Kannappan

Director, One Call Board of Texas, Houston , Texas

Sockalingam "Sam" Kannappan of Houston is a professional engineer and licensed real Estate Broker in Texas. He is the President of ABI Enterprises, Inc, Houston, Texas. He is a member of the



American Society of Mechanical Engineers Gas Pipeline Safety Research Committee, Charter Member of the Society of Piping Engineers, and the Texas Center's Asia Society Advisory Board. Kannappan received a bachelor's degree with honors from Annamalai University in India and a master's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin. He is the developer of Piping Engineering software EZFLEX and author of text book. He served on the Texas Wastewater Treatment Research Council. He is the Vice-Chairman of Texas Board of Professional Engineers Received award from NASA Goddard Space Center, TVA and GE. He is the author of book on Stress Analysis published by John Wiley



& Sons, NY. He is the founder of Kannappan Art Museum in Pearland. He is the founder of Bharathi Kalai Manram, a Tamil language and cultural organization, founder secretary of Sri Meenakshi Temple in Pearland, Texas

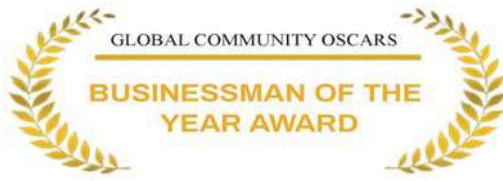
and GOPIO Houston Chapter. He serves as Advisory Board Member, Asia Society, Texas Center. Houston Mayor Brown declared December 27, 2003 as Sam Kannappan day in Houston to mark his 60th birthday celebration.



Frank Cucco

CEO, Impact Networking LLC

Frank Cucco is the CEO Partner at Impact Networking, LLC based in United States. Most entrepreneurs build a business around what they want the company to be. I built a company around everything I didn't want. After working in the industry for 15 years, my partners and I founded Impact with a list of things we didn't want the company to be – stagnant, single service provider, closed



door culture. We had the backing and investment from a manufacturer, and their initial support allowed us to grow. Although hardware was our foundation, I always wanted to diversify Impact's offerings. As we grew, and the industry remained dormant, it was clear that we needed to automate processes and improve inefficiencies to be successful. We implemented the intelligent process automation tools that we offer clients today. Now, Impact has evolved to a managed service provider, selling integrated business solutions, and consistently earning Platinum Partner awards from our software vendors. In addition to evolving the company, we've grown rapidly through organic growth (26% YOY), increased transaction size and strategic acquisitions. Today, Impact has 525 employees in 16 locations throughout the Midwest and West



Coast, and offers Business Process Automation, Managed IT & Cloud Services, Print & Document Management and Design & Marketing. Impact has been on the Inc. 5000 Fastest Growing Private Companies list eight times and on the Crain's Chicago Business FAST FIFTY list four times. As a service provider, I believe the greatest

differentiator is talent. We hire the best people in the industry and invest in them to grow their careers. Many of our employees have been with us since the start, and I'm proud to work with them. It is important to me that our culture thrives as we grow, and we reward employees' efforts. I'm transparent with every employee



Shree Gurusamy

Case Manager,
Molina Healthcare, IL

Shree Gurusamy has been a Social Worker for more than 20 years in Chicagoland area, primarily working with vulnerable Immigrant families and seniors. Currently she works as a CASE MANAGER at MOLINA HEALTHCARE of IL in the long term supports and services program assisting Medicaid mem-



bers with home and community based services. She holds a Bachelor degree in Family and Child Studies and Masters degree in Social Work. She serves on the board of several non-profit organizations and engages in outreach activities in the South Asian community. She served as a Director of Tamil Nadu Foundation Inc. – A Charity organization from 2007-2010. She is Federal Healthcare Insurance Exchange Navigator, Senior Health Insurance Program Counselor and Public Benefits Specialist. She served as cultural committee chair at Sri Balaji Temple, of Aurora for many years. She is a Democratic Precinct Committee Woman in Naperville, IL and serves as Commissioner of Human Rights and Fair Housing Commission in the city of Naperville. She serves on Women Empowerment Campaign



Leadership team as an active Member, Board Member of Chicago PENN, Board Member of Tri-State Telugu Association, Life Member of Chicago Tamil Sangam, Treasurer of Indian American Business Council, Social Services Chair of Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force and volunteers at Sanjeevani. She has helped

organize many women's forums, health fairs, fund raising programs and community engagement workshops in the Indian American Community of Chicago. She is the President of Red Saree, INC – Chicago Chapter. She strongly believes that Service to humanity is equal to Service to God.



Maya Vishwakarma

Founder & President of Sukarma
Foundation, Fremont, CA

Maya Vishwakarma, also known as "The Padwoman of India," is the founder and chairperson of the Sukarma Foundation. A native of Mehragaon village in the Narsinghpur district of Madhya Pradesh in central India, Maya has been living in San Francisco, California, USA, for nearly a decade.

Maya, who has a strong connection to her native land and its people, has been deeply inspired by Padman



Arunachalam Murganatham and his remarkable achievements promoting hygienic practices in his home state of Tamil Nadu in India. She researched a few more Indian startups that produce affordable sanitary napkins using semi-automatic pad-making machines. Working on the initiative, the Sukarma Foundation established a mini-factory in the Narsinghpur district of Madhya Pradesh in 2017 to make sanitary napkins, under the brand name No Tension, which provides employment to local women and raises awareness of the taboo subjects of pads and periods in Madhya Pradesh's tribal areas. The San Francisco Bay Area-based Sukarma Foundation that Maya founded also started a medical health camp in Narsinghpur that is attended by the largest number of patients in these years. They also performed mammography tests, or mammograms, using the iBreastExam machine for 300 women in



remote tribal villages and started the first Sukarma Telemedicine Health Center Mehragaon, run by two young bright village girls who attend to 20-plus patients every day. Maya has worked on developing leuke-

mia vaccines and on bone-marrow gene therapy, and her various works and expertise have been featured in Time Magazine, The Economic Times, and Al Jazeera America, among other news media outlets.



Jeongling Liu

Vice Chairperson, Chinese American Association at Greater Chicago

Positions and Services:

- President and founder of Asia Dynamics Inc./ADI MEDICAL since 1988, a reliable supplier to U.S. Fortune 500 Health/Medical providers for more than 32 years.
- Chinese American Association at Greater Chicago/CAAGC: Vice Chair-



man since 2016, sustaining the continuation of Chinese heritage to young overseas-Chinese and introduce a variety of cultures to American people so they appreciate values that bring the East and the West closer and build a stronger everlasting friendship between U.S. and China.

- Midwest Asian Health Association/MAHA: President of the Board since 2010, engaging in seeking public aids that are available to help new immigrants who don't speak English and needing health and medical attentions. MAHA has proudly served over 20,000 registrants since 2017, and we endeavor to expand the scope of services for Asian American in the Greater Chicago.

Awards Received:

- *TARIQI* MBDA's Outstanding Minority



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Global Distributor/Logistics Firm (MED WEEK 2011) in 2011

- CAAGC's Community Contribution Excellence Award in 2019
- MAHA's Community Contribution Award in 2019
- The Asian American Coalition of Chicago's

Community Service Award in 2020

*A sponsor to non-for-profit organizations, such as: Midwest Asian Health Association, CAAGC, OCA scholarship funding, Chinese American Youth Leadership Excellence Award funding and other natural disasters emergency fundraisers.



James Kiamos

President & CEO, Meridian Health Plan

James Kiamos is the Plan President and CEO of the Meridian Health Plan for the state of Illinois. Meridian operates as the largest Medicaid plan, MeridianHealth, in Illinois with over 900,000 members. Since 2008, MeridianHealth has continuously grown in both membership and the



number of providers in its network. In addition to Medicaid, other products under James' leadership include Medicare, Wellcare, and Marketplace, Ambetter of IL. The portfolio of products provides improved access to healthcare for all Illinoisans. James has more than twenty-five years of experience in the managed care industry; the past fourteen years payer-focused, in government products. Prior to joining Meridian, James was the CEO of CountyCare Health Plan integrated within Cook County Health. James also has served in multiple plan leadership roles at Family Health Network (FHN) and Harmony/WellCare. In



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addition to payer experience, James has extensive experience leading hospitals and PHOs managed care risk strategies and operations, and has spent considerable time in DC and Springfield advocating for health

care access in Illinois. A Chicago native, James holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Iowa and a Master of Business Administration from Loyola University Chicago.



Anthony Townsend

Safety & Risk Management Specialist for Community Builders, Chicago, IL

Anthony Townsend knows growth, and more importantly, the power of reinvention. After a period of teenage homelessness and unstable navigation of the inner streets of Chicago, he struggled to find his purpose. In March of 2006, while faced with the reality of raising a son in an environment he deemed unacceptable, and just days before his 6th birthday, clarity came with the tragic deaths of Starkeisha Reed, 14 and Siretha



White, 10 who were both killed days apart on Chicago's Southside. From 2006 – 2008 he became an active community organizer for the Illinois Network of Charter Schools and served as a Volunteer Youth Coach for the Windy City Dolphins from 2007 to 2010. Unsettled by the way that youth athletes were being engaged after Football and Cheerleading seasons were over. In 2013, thanks to the growing success of his mentorship models in operation, Anthony was contracted by The Community Builders, a national, non-profit, mixed-income housing developer to coordinate out-of-school programming, workforce opportunities and sports & Neighborhood-Based Youth Development. He now serves in the role of Portfolio



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Safety and Risk Management Specialist for TCB and has led and implemented various safety models and strategies throughout the country. Areas of focus have included topics such as Education, Healthy Relationships, Homelessness, Community Violence, Hunger, Domestic Violence, Childhood Cancer, "Bring

Back Our Girls", Smoking and their most special cause, Sexual Assault Awareness. He is a Nationally Certified Gang Prevention Specialist and Trainer, Certified Balance and Restorative Justice Practitioner and Circle Facilitator who is genuinely concerned about people.



**Alderman Jason
Ervin &**

Chicago Treasurer Melissa
Conyears Ervin



Before serving as Alderman, Ervin served on the Local School Council at Tilton Elementary School and Westinghouse Career Academy. He is committed to improving education and creating stronger schools because a strong foundation in education is essential to providing the best opportunities for people.

Melissa Conyears-Ervin is the current City Treasurer of the City of Chicago and a former State Representative for the 10th District. She believes in the promise of opportunity and the strength of families to effectively address the needs of our communities. As the product of a single-parent household, Melissa has seen firsthand the value of education and faith from her mother. Through hard work and determination, Melissa became the first in her family to graduate from college and earn an



Jason C. Ervin was appointed Alderman of Chicago's 28th Ward in January 2011 by then Mayor Richard M. Daley and elected to a full term by the people of the 28th Ward in February of 2011. Ald. Ervin received his bachelor's degree in Accounting at Southern Illinois University and a Masters in Public Administration from Governor's State University.

MBA from Roosevelt University. She has more than 15 years of experience in the insurance industry as an executive for Allstate and CS Insurance Strategies. Melissa is well qualified and intimately aware of the challenges in this diverse and vibrant City of Chicago. Melissa is prepared to meet the challenges of the office. She is committed

to protecting and growing the City's \$9.5 billion-dollar portfolio, while serving as the only city-wide elected official sitting on four pension boards. Melissa considers it an honor to serve the City of Chicago as its Treasurer. She cares deeply about the community and will work diligently to restore the integrity, honesty and dedication that the entire City of Chicago deserves.



Mustafa Ajmeri

CEO, Global Entertainment &
Media Services, Atlanta



of the very popular weekly telecast of "Chitrahah" TV show which started in 1983. He has been in the United States Of America for the last 50 years and is recognised as the Cultural Ambassador of Atlanta, Georgia. Since then he has been organizing many Musical program, Bollywood shows with many well known and recognised Bollywood celebrities of different eras and also been actively involved in Various cultural & social events with many non profit organization . He is also an active member of the Rotary Cub of Emory Druid hill. He has been Honored and has also been a recipient of several awards and plaques from community organizations.

Mr. Mustafa Ajmeri is from Gujarat, India. He is a household and very popular name in Atlanta. Prior to moving to Atlanta, He was in Chicago and even there he was very active in the Indian community. He was incharge of the Public relations



Dr. Tariq Butt

President, Chicago Medical
Society, Chicago, IL



creating a family practice training residency program model at ACCESS that enhances patient care and promotes community engagement. Dr. Butt's commitment to quality health care in Illinois is evident by his leadership on influential health policy and physician committees, which includes being a member of the Public Health Committee for the Chicago Medical Society, and a delegate for the Chicago Medical Society. Dr. Butt also serves as Chair of the Medical Disciplinary Board and is a physician consultant to the Bureau of Medicaid Integrity.

Dr. Tariq Butt is a founding member of Access Community Health Network (ACCESS). Since 1991, Dr. Butt has been on the frontlines of community-based health care delivery as a board-certified family physician. He is currently vice president of health affairs at Access. Dr. Butt has served as the Deputy Medical Officer at ACCESS since 2007. Under his leadership, more than 250 physicians and mid-level providers provide primary, preventive and specialty care to 200,000 adult and pediatric patients throughout the metropolitan Chicago area. He has been instrumental in



Dr. Butt is known for mentoring hundreds of students throughout his 30-year medical career. From Southern California to Kiev, Turkey to Lahore, Pakistan, students from across the global seek out Dr. Butt for his experience and perspective on community health. Currently, Dr. Butt serves as a preceptor for the Mount Sinai Family Medicine Residency Program – one of the first of its kind in the Midwest to be based in a

community health center setting. He also holds teaching appointments at the University of Illinois Medical College, Rush University Medical School (Chicago) and the University of Southern California (Los Angeles). He is also the Senior Advisory Board Member of the School-Based Pediatric Asthma Research Committee. Dr. Butt is an active and engaged member of Chicago's civic and philanthropic communities, serving on several foundations including the

Otho S.A. Sprague Foundation, Portes Foundation and Snow City Arts Foundation. In addition to his passion for health care, Dr. Butt is an education advocate and champion serving more than 20 years (1995-2011) on the Chicago Board of Education, and is a former director of the Illinois Association of School Boards (1996-2011). He continues to serve as a member of the Steering Committee on the Council of Urban Boards of Education.



Ling-Chia Ku

Reporter / Anchor, KTSF 26, Sanfrancisco, CA

Ling-Chia Ku, with more than 20 years of TV reporting experience, is currently news anchor/reporter for KTSF TV Channel 26. She covers daily news and also works on in-depth report besides anchoring. She is the pioneer of mojo (mobile journalist) at KTSF and has been



covering news events locally and internationally with mojo skills such as anti Asian hate, covid 19 pandemic, US Presidential election, China President Xi visited the US and the Taiwan Presidential elections. Being a member of the "Under The Same Sky" news division in 2007, she has produced features and political events in Asia. She worked for six years in media mainly as a political TV reporter. She tried her best to pass the college exam in Taiwan and got accepted by Dept. of Journalism of National Chengchi University. After graduation, she started her media career at a radio station covering Taipei City Hall news.



With the rapid growth of cable TV TV, CTV and Power TV. After moving to SF in 2001, she worked for herself to the TV media and worked for several mainstream TV stations in Taipei, such as Super KTSF in 2002.



Pastor Tony Bianchi

President, Bethel Mennonite Community Church, Chicago, IL

Received Master of Arts in Christian Doctrine from North Park University, Chicago, IL Served as Chaplain Intern at DuPage County Jail Senior Pastor and Executive Director for 25 years at Bethel Mennonite Church, Chicago USA



Gifted teacher and preacher Trained in pastoral care with good communication skills. Community Development Experience Served as Research Assistant at the Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research Department in Ghana Served as General Manager and supervised five divisions of Frank Lewis and Sons, Ltd., monitoring logistics, fiscal policies and procedures, transactions, negotiations and sales, bank holdings and managerial duties. Certificate of Appreciation, in recognition for valuable service and dedication to the children of the community and



the Cook County Juvenile Probation Department, October 2018. Certificate of Appreciation, in recognition for outstanding devotion of service to the Veteran Community, from the Chicago Workforce Center Field Office and the Veterans Exchange, December 2016 Mission To America, Special Commendation, for outstanding Volunteer Service in the Mission to Chicago, Morris Cerullo World Evangelism, November 2005



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North America Chhattisgarh Association (NACHA)



North America Chhattisgarh Association (NACHA) is a Non-Profit organization primarily focused on building a vibrant community of people from the State of Chhattisgarh in India who are residing in North America, Australia and Singapore. NACHA - North America Chhattisgarh Association is a first Chhattisgarh NRI Inter-



national Organization started in 2017 in Chicago. The organization is hosting 100 plus social, professional and virtual gathering every year to promote state heritage and culture. The organization is running many projects such as Udaan Scholarship project for poor kids for Engineering/Medical colleges, summer camp. International language translation project, spelling Bee, NRI parents con-

ference, Chhattisgarh international NRI convension and many more. **NACHA Mission:** Build a global social community of people who residing in North America and to help Chhattisgarh Community To cultivate, promote, and foster the exchange of ideas and understanding between the Chhattisgarh people and develop the advance-

ment of knowledge in Chhattisgarh language, literature and culture. To act upon charitable causes directly concerning the welfare of Chhattisgarh community living throughout the world. To identify and address social, cultural and educational needs of North American Chhattisgarh Community in particular and Chhattisgarh people in general.



Angel Serna

Founder ABN Circle Chicago , IL

Angel Serna is an Army veteran and Chicago native known for his unique talents in the area of marketing and business devel-



opment. Like many in our current political climate, he believes it's the role of U.S. businesses to create conversations, offer new ideas, and invent new processes that can improve our society as a whole. In this spirit, he serves the entrepreneurial community in ways that contribute to our wider social health. This work finds its expression in his organization, ABN Circle, Inc., a company whose launch was heralded by both Forbes and Entrepreneur Magazine. His integrity, goodwill, and generous spirit is acknowledged in business circles both inside and outside our great city.



Brian Anderson



Brian Anderson is the Founder and Executive Director and Laura Finato Anderson, Co-Founder live in Grayslake, IL. Brian was once a business owner but is now a full time volunteer and part-time paid staff member for Shepherd's HOPE. Laura's expertise is in real estate management and currently works for a mortgage company during the day and does the purchasing and accounts management for Shepherd's HOPE as well as serving at as many events as possible.



Paul Leong



Council Member, City of Naperville , IL Paul Leong was the first Chinese-American to be elected to any office in Naperville. He served for four years on the award-winning Naperville D203 School Board, and he is now the first Chinese-American to be elected to the Naperville City Council. Paul was born, raised, and educated in the city limits of Chicago, though he has been living in Naperville for the past 20 or more years. It is Paul's goal to serve with distinction, and to inspire other Asians to step up, serve, and lead.



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Outstanding Child Of the Year	:	Manne Lingaiah
Outstanding Student of the Year	:	Ms.Chand Nasim
Outstanding Youth of The Year	:	Cameron Barnes
Light of Life Award	:	Jaishree Patel
Corporate of the Year	:	Raja Krishnamoorthi
Healthcare Innovator of the Year	:	Murray Heidebrecht
Music Moghul of the Year	:	Padma Mehta
Humanitarian of the Year	:	Cook County Recorder Karen Yarbrough
Physician of The Year	:	Reba Osborne
Distinguished Leadership of the Year	:	Alderman Chris Taliaferro
Entrepreneur of the Year	:	Sophia Luo
Educator of the Year	:	Acharya Rohit Joshi
Mahatma Gandhi Sesquicentennial Prize	:	Dr.Vasavi Chakka
Woman of the Year	:	Neal Patel
Man of the Year	:	Mayor Mary A Basta
Lifetime Achievement Award	:	Dr.Clarence Beals

AWARD

PRESENTER

Businessman of the Year	:	Ravikumar Govindaraj
Social Worker of the Year	:	Jim Nagle
Marketing Star of the Year	:	Sagar Kumar
Social Entrepreneur of the Year	:	Dr.Kiros Tewolde
Community Leadership Award	:	Amar Upadhyay
Designer of the Year	:	Rep. Janet Yang
President John F. Kennedy Award	:	Raj Patel
Community Activist of the Year	:	Dr.Gladys Folorunso
Golden Eagle Award	:	Chenna Govindasamy
Community Service Award	:	Ms.Shirley Kalvakota
Journalist of the Year	:	Ms.Prathiba Jairath
Healthcare Administrator of the Year	:	Jesse Martinez
Couple of the Year	:	Nag & Sheela Jaiswal
Civic Leadership of the Year	:	Girish Kapur
Danny K Davis Peace Prize	:	Ms.Neelam Saboo
Organization of the Year	:	Deborah lane







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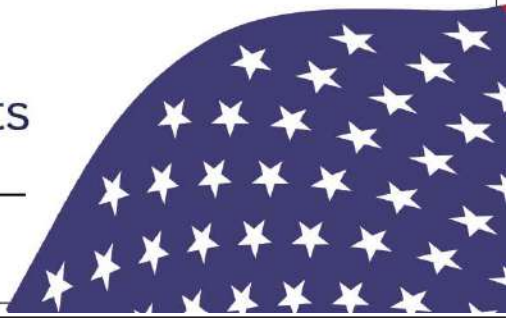


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Christmas Cake Mixing at the Mall of India, Naperville



U. S. Congressman Danny K Davis leads Community Leaders in paying homage to MEATF Councilman MIR ALI in Chicago.



Govindasamy, General Secretary, World Federation of Tamil Youth, Dr. Zenobia Sowell, Chair, Bethel Mennonite Community Church, Lathea Smyles, CEO, Savings Lives, AMEC Council Member Dr Fatima Alawsee, AMEC Recorder of Deeds Urvashi Verma, Pastor Venus Jackson, Chicago Community Activist Rosemarie Rodriguez, Bethel Church Community Outreach Director Karen Bates - Rivers and MEATF Councilman Ravi Sripada paid rich tributes to late MEATF Councilman MIR ALI on the occasion. Acharya Rohit Joshi offered special prayers for the departed soul and the bereaved family members. Pastor Toni Bianchi, Pastor of Bethel Mennonite Community Church lit the candles in front of MIR ALI's portrait and fervently prayed for His Soul, his grieving wife, mother,



January :At the first meeting of AMEC and MEATF Executive Leadership Council for 2022 at Bethel Mennonite Community Church, Chicago, Congressman Danny K Davis garlanded a portrait of late MEATF Councilman Mir Ali who passed away on January 7 early morning. AMEC Lt. Governor Manne Linghaiah presided over the memorial meeting, said the sudden passing away of beloved MIR ALI has left the whole community in shock. He is gone too early and his place in our community cannot be filled added Manne Linghaiah. MEATF Chairman Martino Tangkar announced that an Award in name of MIR ALI will be instituted annually at the Dr VGP Congressional Global Community Oscars. The MIR ALI Ethnic Singer of the Year Award will be a permanent tribute to Mir Ali's relentless passion for Bollywood music as Voice of Mukesh and keep his legacy alive for generations to come, added Chairman Tangkar. Anica Dubey, Executive Director, AMEC, Nagendra Sripada, LifeMember, Hindu Temple of Greater Chicago, Lemont, Dr Clarence Beals, Member Secretary, MEATF, Neil Khot, National Chairman, Indian American Business Coalition, USA, Dr Mercedes Martinez, Vice President, American Association of Multi Ethnic Physicians, Chenna



daughter and son. Dr. VGP recalled meeting MIRALI, the banker in 2006 when he worked for TCF Bank and opened an account there. He described MIR ALI as an avid banker, energetic community activist, passionate Singer, excellent event manager, a wonderful friend and sincere Leader who rose to the occasion to help many people over and beyond the call of duty. U. S. Congressman Danny K Davis announced that MIR ALI had been selected by the Award Jury as Ethnic Singer of the Year 2021 and the Award will be presented posthumously to MIR ALI's family at the 11th Dr VGP's Congressional Global Community Oscars on Saturday, February 19, 2022 at Yellow Box, Naperville, Illinois.

TAMIL NADU CHIEF MINISTER STALIN APPOINTS INDIASPORA FOUNDER M.P. RANGASWAMI AS INVESTMENT AMBASSADOR NRI's WELCOMES TAMILNADU C. M. STALIN APPOINTMENT OF INDIASPORA FOUNDER M.R. RANGASWAMI AS INVESTMENT AMBASSADOR

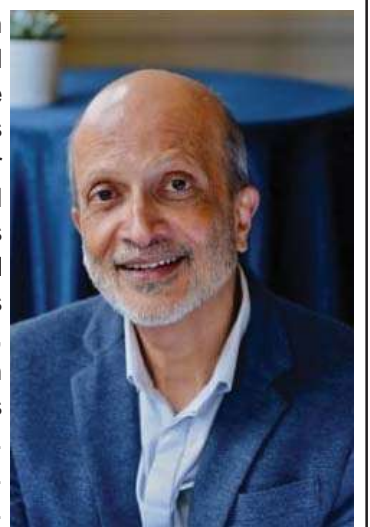


Tamilnadu Chief Minister M. K. Stalin in another trailblazing initiative appointed San Francisco Venture Capitalist M. R. Rangaswami as Tamilnadu's Investment Ambassador today. Tamilnadu has made giant strides in attracting global investment recently, thanks to the dynamic IAS officer T. Muruganandam who was till recently Industries Secretary and Now promoted to the most key position as the State Finance Secretary. Muruganandam's pragmatic and inclusive leadership is being recognized by Tamilnadu Chief Minister Stalin. M.R. Rangaswami is an entrepreneur,



investor, corporate eco-strategy expert, community builder and philanthropist. In 2012 M.R. founded Indiaspora (a non-profit) to unite the Indian Diaspora and to transform their success into meaningful impact in India and on the global stage. By sharing insights, hosting events and connecting people, Indiaspora unites the professionally, geographically and religiously diverse Indian community toward collective action. Indiaspora events include its annual Leadership Forum, Philanthropy Summit and the Global Connect program. Indiaspora also engages in community issues such as the initiative to get the USPS to issue a Diwali stamp in 2016. M. R.'s wife Krishanthi and his two daughters Xenia and Anjali are very supportive of their Father's growing nationwide leadership of India centric issues. M. R. Studied in Don Bosco Matriculation School, Egmore and Loyola College in Chennai. M. R. Led successfully a massive \$2 million dollar Covid relief effort for Tamilnadu. Dr. VGP, President World Federation of Tamil Youth, USA (Estd 1991) and Indian American

Community Leader from Chicago congratulated Chief Minister Stalin on the appointment of M. R. As Investment Ambassador and said Tamilnadu will soon become India's Number One Industrialised State under M. R.'s Captaincy. Neil Khot, National Chairman, Indian American Business Coalition, Washington D.C., USA congratulating M. R. On his appointment said M. R. Is an excellent and apt choice, who can make things happen. Padmanabhan Venkatesan, AMEC Commerce & Trade Chairman, Phoenix, Arizona congratulated Tamilnadu C. M. Stalin for appointing an advisory council and for appointing M. R. a prominent Non Resident Tamil as Tamilnadu Investment Ambassador, a first for Tamilnadu. Thomas Khosky, New York Bureau Chief, The Global Eye Digital Magazine congratulated Tamilnadu Chief Minister Stalin for taking Tamilnadu to great heights. The need of the hour for Tamilnadu to effectively utilize Honest, hardworking and proven IAS officers in key positions to keep up with Chief Minister's inspiring leadership, added Thomas Khosky. The Global Eye Digital Magazine Congratulates M. R. Rangaswami on his prestigious appointment as Tamilnadu's Investment Ambassador. Wishing M. R. all success in this new assignment.





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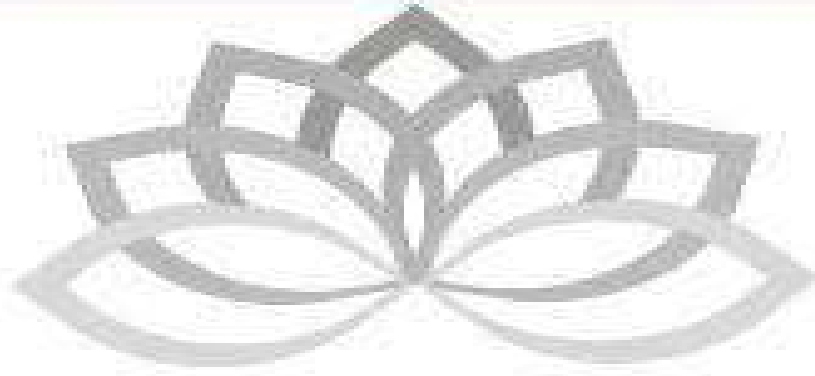
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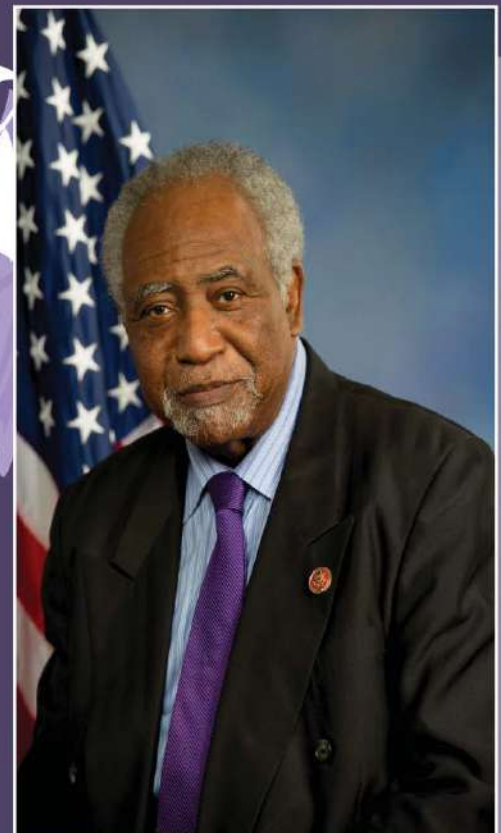


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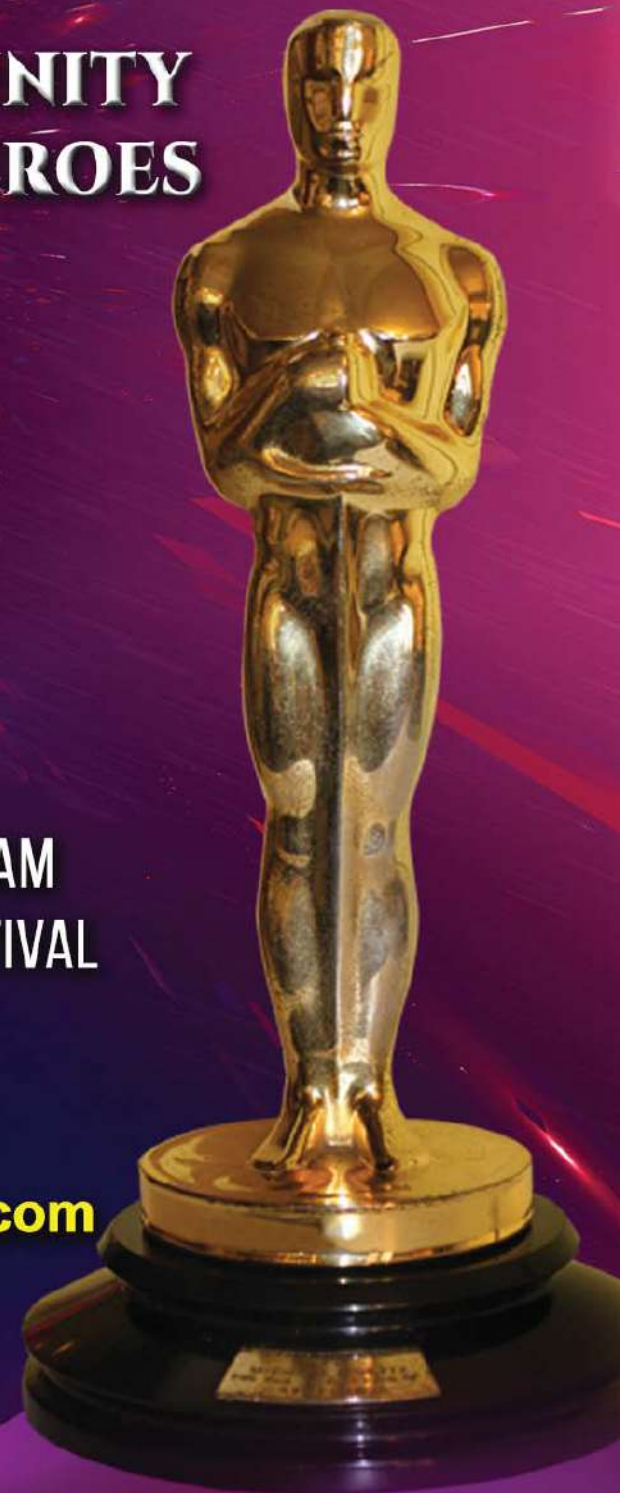
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11TH CONGRESSIONAL GLOBAL COMMUNITY OSCARS 2021 TOP FOUR AWARDS ANNOUNCED TODAY BY U.S. CONGRESSMAN DANNY K DAVIS.



Man of the Year
Illinois Speaker Emmanuel Welch



International Rising Star of the Year :
DMK Youth Wing President Udhaynidhi Stalin

recipients because being selected by the Awards Jury to receive one of these awards is an indication that you have done outstanding work and made significant accomplishments to advance the quality of life and individuals across the globe. We invite everyone to acknowledge these outstanding individuals," Congressman Davis said.

Award Jury Member **Dr. Clarence Beals**, MEATF's Member Secretary announced that **Illinois House Speaker Emmanuel Chris Welch** has been selected as Man of the Year 2021 for his dedication in serving our communities by leveraging his leadership to empower and enlighten us especially during this pandemic. **Speaker Welch** is the first African American to hold the powerful position of the Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives in the State of Illinois.

Dr. Mercedes Martinez, Award Jury Vice Chair announced that the Outstanding Physician of the Year 2021 is awarded to **Dr. Paramjit ' Romi ' Chopra**, Associate Professor of Radiology at Rush University in Chicago. **Dr. Romi Chopra** is also the C.E.O. of MIMIT Health , Illinois the fast growing physician doctor group in Illinois. **Dr. Chopra** is an interventional radiologist with over 30 years of experience in interventional radiology and endovascular therapy. **Martino Tangkar**, Congressional Global Community Awards Jury

WASHINGTON D.C. - **U.S. Congressman Danny K Davis** announced that the MEATF CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE FOR 2021 goes to the producers of *Jai Bhim*, an Indian movie on police brutality that was released in 2021 based on a true story on social justice. The entire team of *Jai Bhim* including **Justice K. Chandru** (story), Producers **Surya & Jyothika** , and Director **T.J. Gnanavel** are being invited to receive the award at the **11th Congressional Global Community Oscars on Saturday, February 19 at Yellow Box, Naperville, Illinois, USA.**

The MEATF & AMEC 11th Annual Congressional Global Community Oscars Awards Gala is hosted annually by **U.S. Congressman Danny K. Davis**, which honors our International and Community Heroes who have made a major impact in empowering our ethnic communities. Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force, MEATF of U. S. Congressman Danny K Davis's 7th Congressional District of Illinois empowers the multi ethnic communities through social, educational, cultural, political, health, economic and youth initiatives . **American Multi Ethnic Coalition - AMEC** is a bipartisan grass root level organization that strives to promote and protect ethnic minorities by maximizing every resource that we have for the good of our communities. The International Awards Jury chaired by **Martino Tangkar**, Indonesian American includes **Dr. Mercedes Martinez** ,Hispanic American, **Dr. Fathima Alawsee**, Iraqi American, AMEC Lt. Governor **Manne Lingaiah**, Indian American, **Dr. Clarence Beals**, African American, and **Sam Ma** , Chinese American selected the awardees from the nominations received for each category.

DMK Youth Wing President , State Legislator, Media Publisher and Actor **Udhaynidhi Stalin** from Chennai, India is awarded 'The International Rising Star of the Year 2021'. The International Rising Star Award aims to recognize the outstanding work done by an emerging leader across the globe. **Udhaynidhi** will be honored by U.S. Congressman Danny K Davis in a star-studded awards ceremony at the 11th Annual Congressional Global Community Oscars on Saturday, February 19, 2022, at Yellow Box Theater in Naperville, Illinois. U.S. Congressman Davis is extending a personal invitation



MEATF Congressional Medal to Producers of Jai Bhim Movie, Suriya & Jyothika Sivakumar

to **Udhaynidhi Stalin** to receive the prestigious honor in USA.

Award Jury Member **Manne Lingaiah**, AMEC's Lt. Governor who made the announcement said that Udhaynidhi 's ability to harness the energies of the youth for constructive purposes particularly in nation building activities and political enlightenment got the attention of the jury. Udhaynidhi is currently a member of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly from the Chepauk-Thiruvallikeni constituency, Chennai, TN, India. **Udhaynidhi** was selected by the international awards jury to receive the prestigious award for his outstanding dedication and work with youth in India. **Udhaynidhi** is the son of **M. K. Stalin**, current Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, and the grandson of former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **M. Karunanidhi**. He currently heads the DMK Youth Wing, the largest youth organization in Tamil Nadu, India **"I want to congratulate all of the award**

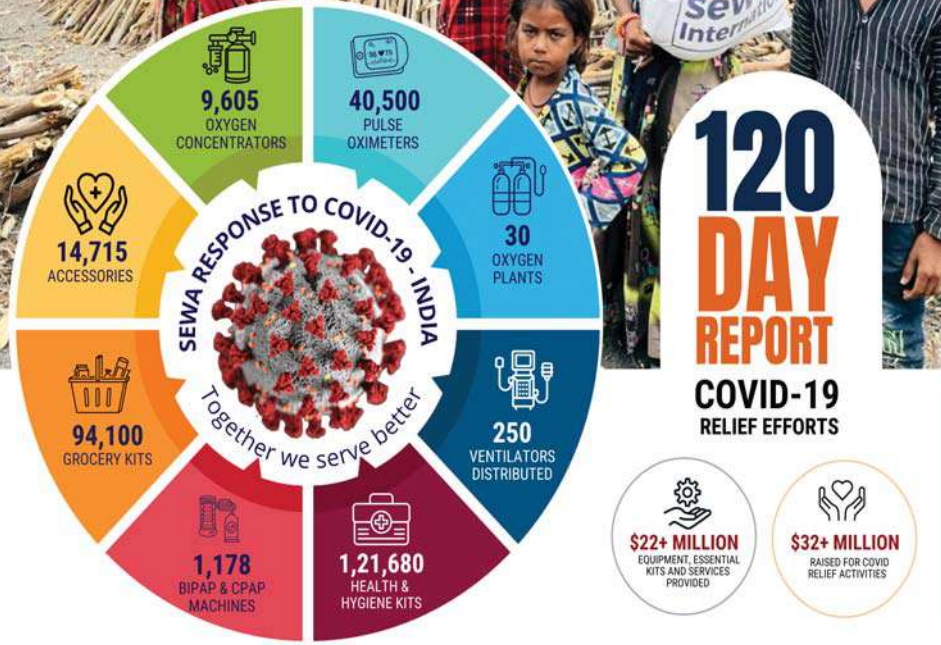


Outstanding Physician of the Year :
Dr. Romi Chopra, CEO, MIMIT Health

Chairman said that the 11th Annual Congressional Oscars Gala will be an action packed event with mesmerizing entertainment , U.S. Naval band, U.S. Color guards , and a dazzling European fashion show . This by invitation only event will have Several elected officials, representatives of the various Consular corps, media personalities and community leaders from 24 different ethnic communities as part of the 1,100 guests on Saturday, February 19,2022. The event will be also be live streamed on <https://www.youtube.com/globaleyedigitaltv> from 5pm onwards, Red carpet & Banquet - 5.30pm to 6.30pm, Dances Around the World : 6.30pm to 7.30pm , Awards Ceremony part one : 7.30pm to 8.20pm. European Fashion Show 8.20pm to 8.45 pm, Award ceremonies part two : 8.45pm to 9.30pm.

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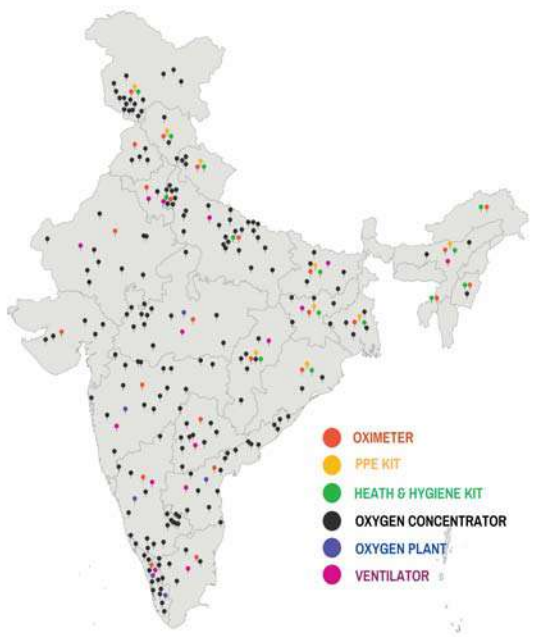


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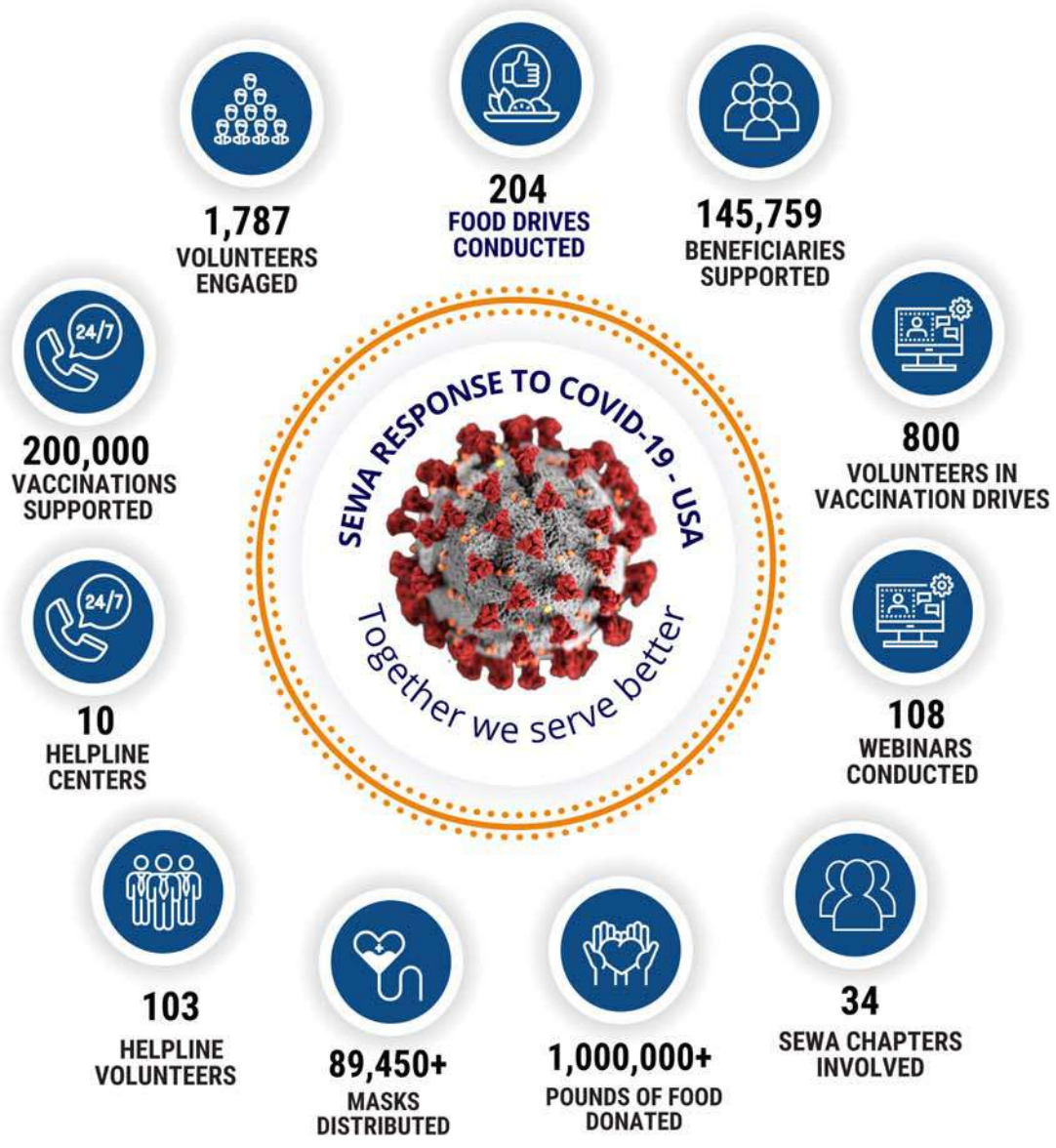
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National Council of Asian Indian Association in colaboración with Indian American Community Organizations Celebrating Diwali with Hon Melissa Conyears-Ervin



Dr Bharat Barai headlines the NCAIA Diwali Celebrations at City of Chicago Trasurer's office, November 2021.



Association of South Asian Real Estate Professionals Gala Celebrating India's 75th Year of independence



Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi headlines and Consul General Amit Kumar looks on at the Association of South Asian Real Estate Professionals Gala.



Sindhi Association of Greater Chicago Diwali Party



Telugu Association of Greater Chicago (TAGC) Dasara and Diwali celebrations



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Music Concert by popular Telugu Singers at Diwali Event.



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Popular Singer Pratibha Jairath with Chicago Community leaders at the Diwali Music Concert.



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DR. SURESH REDDY HOSTS UNIQUE BEER AND DEER HOLIDAY PARTY

Oak Brook, Illinois Trustee Dr Suresh Reddy of Village of Oak Brook, Illinois who is also the President of American Association Of Multi Ethnic Physicians-AAMEP,USA, the President of IAMA- Illinois and most recently the President of Verandah Community Development Corporation Inc., a not for profit organization hosted a holiday party theme Beer and Deer Meat Dinner at his home in Oakbrook, Illinois on Friday December 17 evening. Khaja Moinuddin, Hanover Township Assessor co hosted this Holiday Dinner reception. Prominent invitees were Hanover Park Mayor Rodney Craig, Dr Meher Madhavaram,

AAPI USA Women's Chair, Trustee Asif Yusuf of Village of Oakbrook, President Gladson Varghese of AAOIE, Dhitu Bhatnagar Treasurer of Roselle Sister City India Committee, AMEC Lieutenant Governor Manne Lingaiah, Murugesh Kasalingam, Tamil Community Leader, Keerthi Kumar, President of Indian American Business Council, Nick Verma of Midwest Realty, Satish Dadepogu, Secretary of Indian American Christian Community, Nazneen Hashmi, Community Activist among others.

Mayor Rodney Craig of Hanover Park, Illinois congratulated Manne Lingaiah for being appointed as

the Lieutenant Governor of American Multi Ethnic Coalition, USA recently. Dr Suresh Reddy was an exemplary host, serving deer meat in both Indian style and American roast among the several other delicacies included Mughal Lamb Briyani, Chicken Briyani and Double Ka Mitta for desert. Dr Suresh Reddy, an inclusive leader who hosted the legendary big tented Raja and Rani Diwali party recently at his home is becoming a trendsetter in bringing everyone together. Kudos to Dr Suresh Reddy for yet another enjoyable and memorable party during this festive season.



MEETING OF MINDS AT MUNSTER, INDIANA

Global Strategic Alliance Chairman, Dr. VGP met with Christian Leaders across the country at FCC, Munster, Indiana:



From Left to Right : Dr. Twin Green, CEO, The Link & Option Center, South Holland, Angel Rodriguez, Monique Rodriguez, CEO, Mielle Organics, USA, Prophet Kiran Murali Chettiar, Fellow of Rhema Bible College, Tulsa, Oklahoma, the Living Legend Bishop Roy J. Gerald, Author & Founder, South County Christian Center, St. Louis, Missouri, Dr. VGP, Pastor Rich Wilkerson, Senior Pastor, Trinity Church, Miami, Florida & Founder of Peacemakers Family Center and Dr Zenobia Sowell, Women's Chair of Congressional MEATF, 7th CD- Illinois.



From Left to Right : Dr Twin Green, Dr. VGP, Dr Steve Munsey, Senior Pastor, Family Christian Center, Munster, Indiana, Prophet Kiran Murali Chettiar, Dr Scott Hagan, President, North Central University, Minneapolis, Karen Hagan, Dr Zenobia Sowell and Pastor Rich Wilkerson of Florida.

Dr. MUNSEY's EQUESTRIAN UNIVERSITY :

Development of an Equestrian University in Lynnwood, Illinois focusing on Horseback riding, animal therapy for behavioral health and creative educational modules to equip the digital age population is on the anvil. This Equestrian University, first of its kind in the country is the brainchild of Creative Master Genius Dr. STEVE MUNSEY.

BIHARI BETI NEELAM DWIVEDI HOSTS CHICAGO ALDERMAN PAT DOWELL AT HER HOME IN OAKBROOK

Oakbrook, Illinois : City of Chicago's 3 rd Ward Alderwoman Pat Dowell from the Bronzeville area from Chicago was hosted by Bihari Beti Neelam Dwivedi at her Oakbrook home with an exclusive gathering of community leaders over some great home-cooked delicacies from Pasupathy Nath & Neelam Dwivedi's kitchen. Shreya Singh daughter of Neelam & Pasupathy introduced Alderwoman Pat Dowell, Chair, City of Chicago Committee on Budget and Government Operations who is running for the Illinois Secretary of State position as a Democratic candidate in the primary. Pat Dowell, a lifelong public servant serves as Chicago's Alderman for 3 rd ward since 2007. Significantly, Alderman Pat Moore was one of the 26 Aldermen who voted against the Anti India resolution which was defeated on March 24 in Chicago's City Council.

Pat Moore is a proud mother of an adult son and a longtime Bronzeville resident of Chicago. 6 foot 3 In height, Pat as a college basketball star, earned her bachelors degree in developmental psychology from the University of Rochester and her Master's degree in Social

Service Administration from the University of Chicago. MEATF Election Board headed by its Chair Kishor Mehta, Dr Sriram Sonty, Gladson Varghese, Shree Gurusamy, Anica Dubey, and Dr VGP interviewed Pat Dowell prior to the dinner reception as part of the MEATF endorsement process. Special guests included Sanjay Patel, Methesh Patel, Pravin Kumar, Armando & Carolina Gonzalez, Satish Dadipogu, Ajeet Singh and Nick Verma. Bryce Yancy, Campaign Manager for Pat Dowell gave an overview of the Campaign and how they are penetrating downstate and their ongoing plans for the campaign. Pravin Kumar of Naperville held court with Pat Dowell with an interesting chat on the roles of Chicago Mayors from Harold Washington to current incumbent Lightfoot.

Pat Dowell if elected will be the first Woman and the first African American woman to be Illinois's Secretary of State. Pat unveiled her four-point program if elected which includes: 1. Digitalization of Secretary of State dashboard- Digital Drivers license
2. Literary Overhaul as all the Libraries in the State come under the purview of Secretary of State.

3. Voter Access- Advocacy Organization.

4. Diversity in Supplier Contracts expanding the MBE& WBE contracts to a whopping 40%.

The Secretary of State office has the largest employee pool of 4,000 employees as a stand-alone State agency, a huge land bank and is also the fiduciary agent for financial institutions.

Alderman Pat Moore has been endorsed for Secretary of State position by Congressman Danny K Davis, Ambassador Carol Moseley Braun, Proviso Township Democrats, Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry, State Senators Mattie Hunter & Robert Peters, MWRD Vice President Barbara Mc Gowan, Chicago Aldermen Roderick Sawyer, Derrick Curtis, Jason Ervin, CHRIS Talliaferro, Scott Waguespack and Emma Mitts, State Reps Lamont Robinson, & Kam Buckner, and 34 Th Ward Committeeman Preston Brown.

Dr Kishor Mehta, Election Board Chair of Multi-Ethnic Advisory Task Force of 7 Th Congressional District- Illinois announced the unanimous vote of the Biard to endorse Alderman Pat Dowell for Illinois Secretary of State in the Democratic primary.



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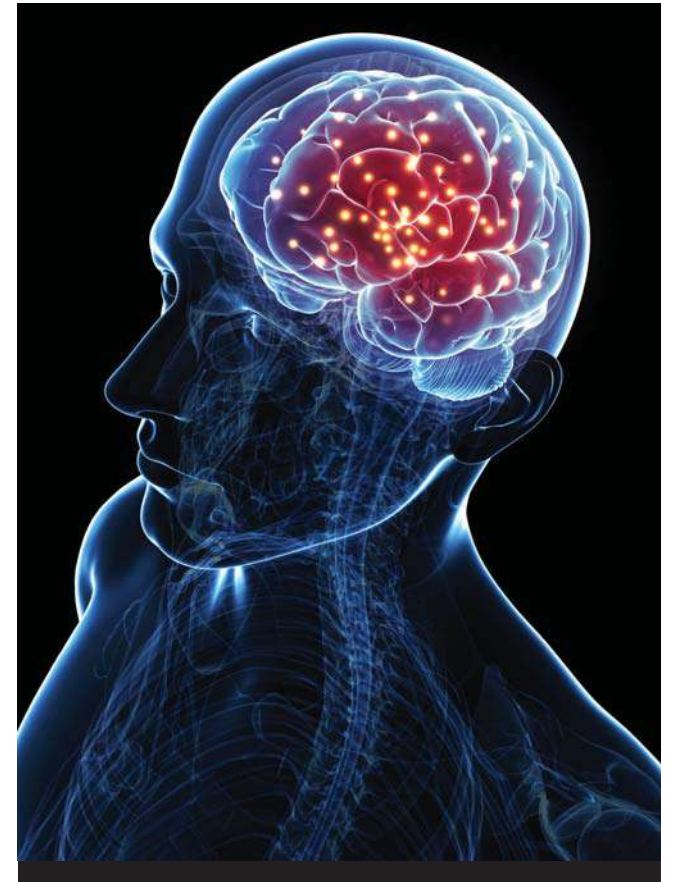
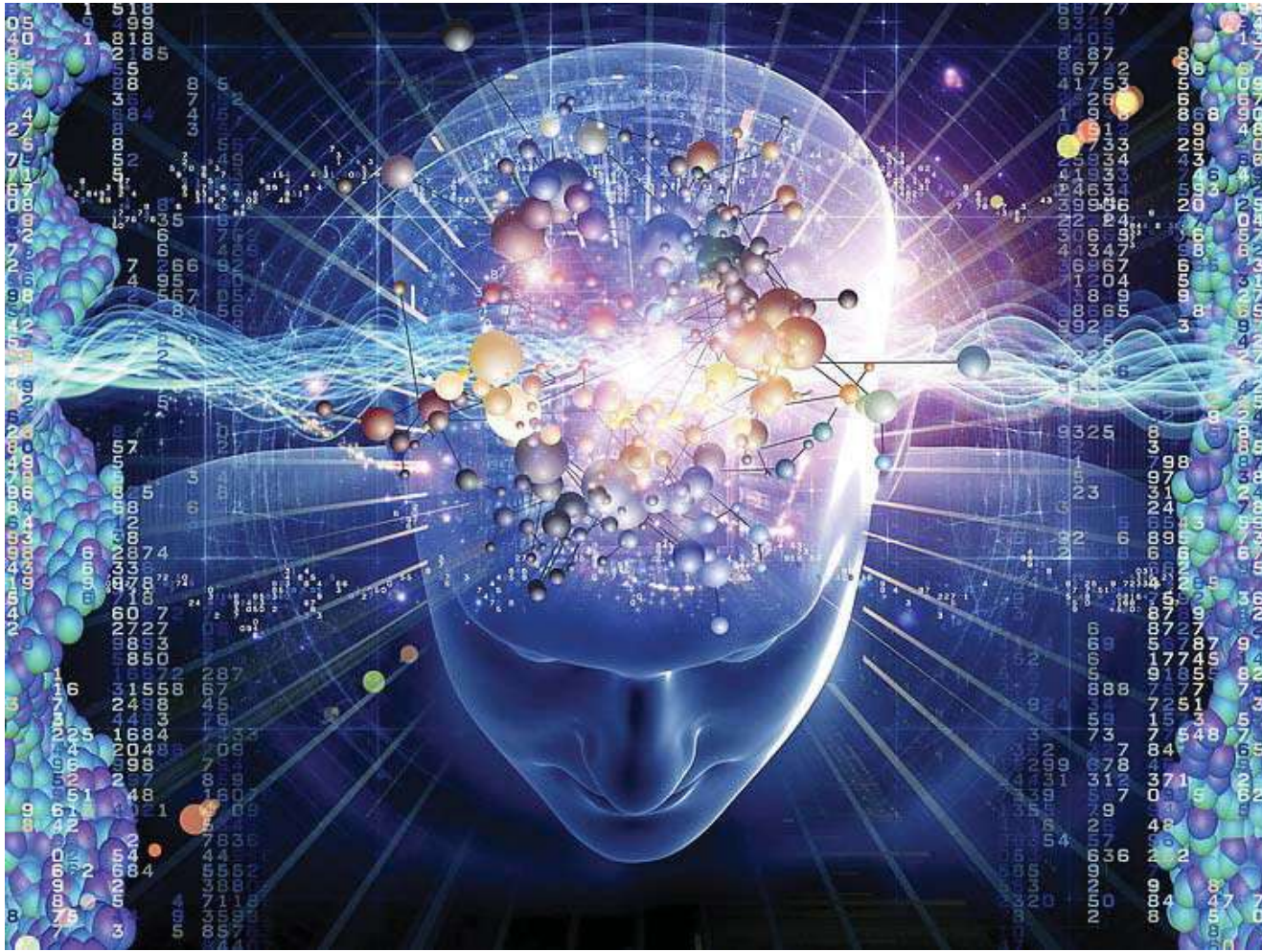
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THE BRAIN OF AN ELDERLY PERSON.



FEATURES OF THE BRAIN OF AN ELDERLY PERSON.

1. The neurons of the brain do not die off, as everyone around them says. Connections between them simply disappear if a person does not engage in mental work.
 2. Absent-mindedness and forgetfulness appear due to an overabundance of information. Therefore, you do not need to focus your whole life on unnecessary trifles.
 3. Beginning at the age of 60, a person, when making decisions, uses not one hemisphere at the same time, like young people, but both.
 4. Conclusion: if a person leads a healthy lifestyle, moves, has a feasible physical activity and has full mental activity, intellectual abilities DO NOT decrease with age, but only GROW, reaching a peak by the age of 80-90 years.
- So don't be afraid of old age. Strive to develop intellectually. Learn new crafts, make music, learn to play musical instruments, paint pictures! Dance! Take an interest in life, meet and communicate with friends, make plans for the future, travel as best you can. Don't forget to go to shops, cafes, concerts. Do not lock yourself alone - it is destructive for any person. Live with the thought: all the good things are still ahead of me!

The director of the George Washington University College of Medicine argues that the brain of an elderly person is much more plastic than is commonly believed. At this age, the interaction of the right and left hemispheres

of the brain becomes harmonious, which expands our creative possibilities. That is why among people over 60 you can find many personalities who have just started their creative activities. Of course, the brain is no longer as fast as it was in youth. However, it wins in flexibility. That is why, with age, we are more likely to make the right decisions and are less exposed to negative emotions. The peak of human intellectual activity occurs at about 70 years old, when the brain begins to work at full strength. Over time, the amount of myelin in the brain increases, a substance that facilitates the rapid passage of signals between neurons. Due to this, intellectual abilities are increased by 300% compared to the average. And the peak of active production of this substance falls on 60-80 years of age. Also interesting is the fact that after 60 years, a person can use 2 hemispheres at the same time. This allows you to solve much more complex problems. Professor Monchi Uri from the University of Montreal believes that the brain of an elderly person chooses the least energy-intensive path, cutting unnecessary and leaving only the right options for solving the problem. A study was conducted in which different age groups took part. Young people were confused a lot when passing the tests, while those over 60 made the right decisions. Now let's look at the features of the brain at the age of 60-80. They are really rosy.

Information!

A large study in the United States found that:

- The most productive age of a person is from 60 to 70 years;
- The 2nd most productive human stage is the age from 70 to 80 years old;
- 3rd most productive stage - 50 and 60 years old.
- Before that, the person has not yet reached his peak.
- The average age of the Nobel Prize laureates is 62;
- The average age of the presidents of the 100 largest companies in the world is 63 years;
- The average age of pastors in the 100 largest churches in the United States is 71;
- The average age of dads is 76 years.
- This confirms that a person's best and most productive years are between 60 and 80 years of age.
- This study was published by a team of doctors and psychologists in the NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL OF MEDICINE.
- They found that at 60 you reach the peak of your emotional and mental potential, and this continues until you are 80.
- Therefore, if you are 60, 70 or 80 years old, you are at the best level of your life.

* SOURCE: New England Journal of Medicine *

Pass on this information to your family and friends aged 60, 70 and 80 so that they will be proud of their age



U.S. CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER THE REV. JESSE L. JACKSON, Sr.' 80th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS IN CHICAGO.

Rainbow Push Coalition hosted a befitting grand 80 Th Birthday Gala for their Founder and U. S. Civil Rights Leader Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr at their headquarters in City of Chicago on Saturday, October 9. Chicago's Mayor Lori Lightfoot , U. S. Congressmen Danny K. Davis and Bobby Rush , HSI Chief Donald Dew Dramong others paid glowing tributes

to Reverend Jackson Sr at a public celebrations , moderated by Channel 5 TV News Anchor Art Norman. Rev. Jackson's five children Santita Jackson, Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr., Jonathan L. Jackson, Yusuf D. Jackson and Jacqueline L. Jackson, Jr. Joined the celebrations. On the occasion, Dr. VGP presented the Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. a

replica of Mahatma Gandhi's working pocket watch commissioned by India's President of India, Rhastrapathi Bhavan, New Delhi. Receiving the cherished relic, Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr., told Dr Vijay G Prabhakar, his Global Ambassador that he will be visiting Afghanistan in November 2021. Dr VGP requested the Rev. Jackson Sr to include India on his

Afghanistan trip itinerary. Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr accepted Dr. VGP's request to headline the GSA Third World Divine Conclave- A summit of interfaith leaders for peace and development. The First WDC was held in 2017 at Hyderabad, India, Second WDC in 2019 at New Delhi, India and the Third WDC will be held in 2022.



Consulate General of India, Chicago : Celebration of 73rd Republic Day

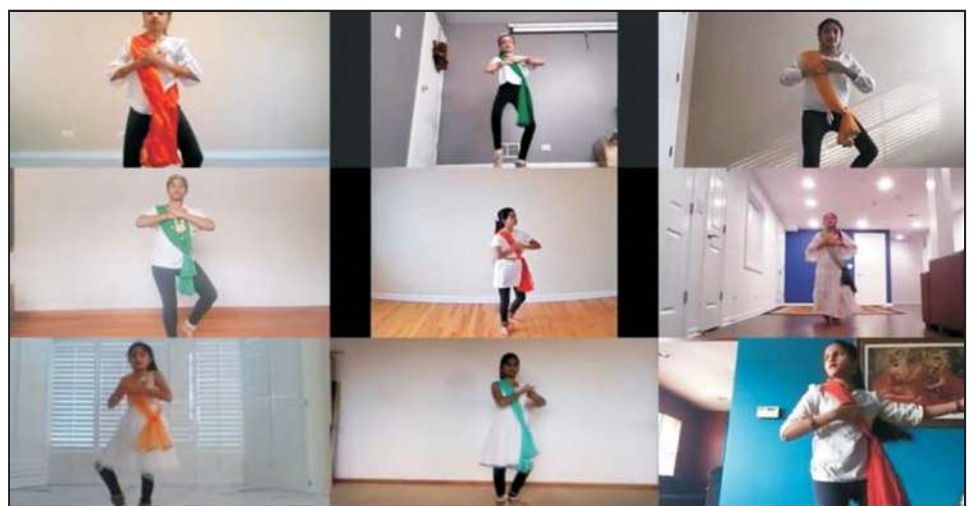
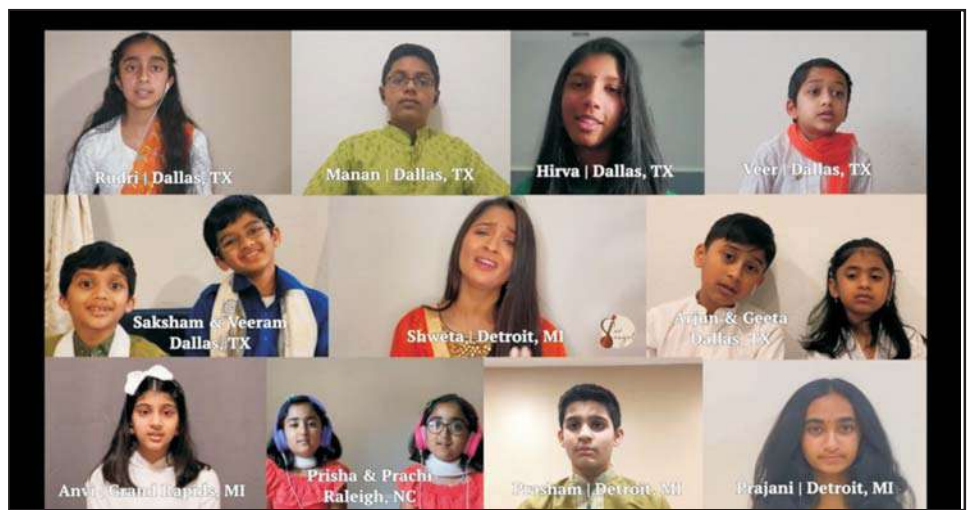
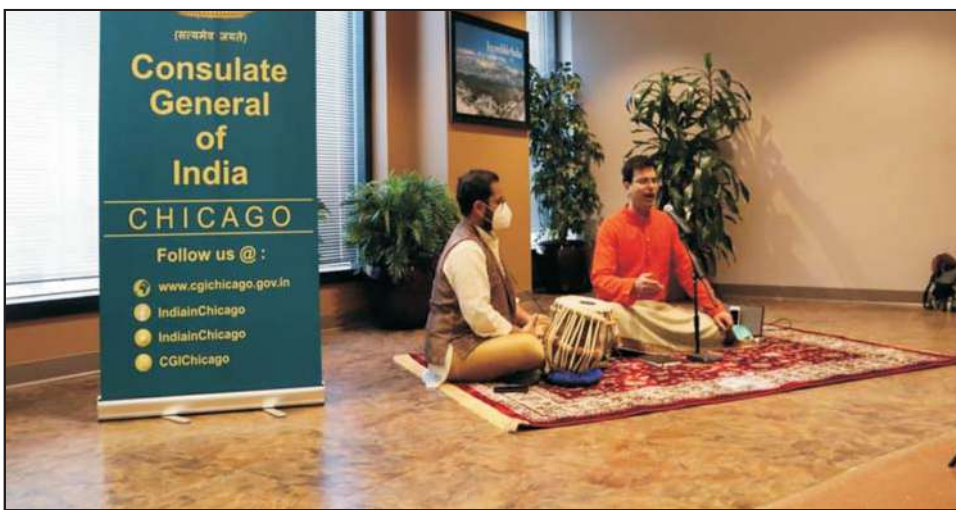
The Consulate General of India, Chicago celebrated the 73rd Republic Day of India on Wednesday, 26 January 2022. In view of COVID-19, the event was held in hybrid format with members of the Indian-American community and Friends of India joining the event physically. Many more joined the event virtually. The event started with Consul General Amit Kumar, unfurling the National Flag, followed by the singing of the National Anthem of India. The Consul General read

out the Address of the Hon'ble President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind and spoke on the India-US strategic partnership and the valuable contributions of the Indian diaspora.

A cultural programme was organised. This included singing by Hindustani classical vocalist Ashwin Rode accompanied by Tabla player Akash Dixit; dance performances by students of Kalapadma Dance Academy and Tarana Dance Academy; and rendition of patriotic songs by Ms.

Shweta Pandya, a vocalist from Michigan and her students.

The Consulate had also sought submission of paintings drawn by children to celebrate this occasion. These wonderful paintings were displayed during the event and are being shared on Consulate's social media platforms. The programme was live streamed through Consulate's Facebook page and YouTube channel, and was viewed by about 700 people.



Consular Camp organized at Plymouth, Michigan

The Consulate General of India organised a Consular Camp at Plymouth in Michigan on December 11, 2021 with support from Indian League of America, Michigan and Mata Triptaji Gurudwara Sahib. The outsource agency M/s VFS also joined the camp. The ILA and the Gurudwara committee provided space and very good

logistics support.

Around 350 people participated in the Camp. Applications for issue of OCI, Passports and Renunciation Certificates were accepted and miscellaneous consular services were rendered. Close to 170 people availed of these services with many more getting their queries

addressed.

The high participation by the community in the Consular Camp was encouraging. As COVID19 situation eases, the Consulate will plan more Consular Camps. A Consular Camp was organised in Indianapolis in October 2021.



Celebration of Janjatiya Gaurav Divas

The Consulate General of India, Chicago organized the celebration of the Janjatiya Gaurav Divas on Saturday, 11 December 2021 in the Consulate premises as the first event of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Week (11-19 Dec).

The Government of India has declared 15th November as Janjatiya Gaurav Divas dedicated to the memory of brave tribal freedom fighters and to recognize the glorious history of the tribal people, their culture and achievements. This date is the birth anniversary of the great freedom fighter, Birsa Munda who bravely fought against the tyranny of the colonial rule and set the foundation for the

importance of Jal (water), Jangal (forests) and Jameen (land) among the tribal fraternity.

Consul General Amit Kumar addressed participants outlining the objectives behind Government's decision to observe this day. He also referred to sacrifices made by tribal leaders in India's freedom struggle and the Government of India's vision to recognise the contributions of the unsung tribal heroes and to empower the tribal communities of our country. He also mentioned the various welfare measures taken by Government in area of education, health, livelihood, and skill development for tribal community.

The event witnessed an enthusiastic participation from the community, including from Bihar Jharkhand Association, Chhattisgarh Association of North America and Manipur Association who put up tribal dance performances. Their representatives also shared poetry and thoughts about contribution of freedom fighters such as Bhagawan Birsa Munda, Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh, Haiphu Jadonang and Rani Gaidinlu.

The AKAM week will also have webinars on theatre, Ayurveda and Indian classical music. Other events include event on community led health interventions in area of CPR and interaction with students.



PRIME MINISTER MODI REMARKS AT CHIEF MINISTERS MEET



The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi chaired a comprehensive high-level meeting with Chief Ministers and Lt. Governors/ Administrators of States/UTs to review Public Health Preparedness to COVID19 and National COVID19 Vaccination Progress. Union Ministers Shri Amit Shah, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of State Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar were among those present. Officials briefed the meeting about the latest updates on the pandemic situation.

Addressing the meeting, the Prime Minister noted that India's battle with the biggest pandemic of 100 years has now entered its third year. "Hard work is our only path and victory is our only option. We, 130 crore people of India, will surely emerge victorious against Corona with our efforts", he said.

The Prime Minister said the earlier confusion about Omicron is slowly getting cleared now. The Omicron variant is infecting the general public many times faster than the earlier variants. "We have to be alert, be careful, but we also have to take care that there is no panic situation. We have to see that in this festive season, the alertness of the people and the administration is not lowered anywhere. The way the central and state governments had adopted a pre-emptive, proactive and collective approach, the same is the mantra of victory this time as well. The more we can limit the corona infection, the less the problem will be, he added.

The Prime Minister said irrespective of the variant, proven way to tackle the pandemic remains vaccination only. He remarked that made in India vaccines are proving their superiority all over the world. It is a matter of pride for every Indian that today India has given the first dose to about 92 percent of the adult population. The coverage of the second dose has also reached around 70 percent in the country, he informed. The Prime Minister highlighted that within 10 days, India has also vaccinated about 30 million of its adolescents. The sooner the precaution dose is given to the frontline workers and senior citizens, the more the capacity of our healthcare system will increase. "We have to intensify the Har Ghar Dastak campaign for 100% vaccination", he added. He also stressed the need to counter any misinformation about vaccines or the practice of wearing masks.

The Prime Minister stressed that while making any strategy, it is very important to keep in mind that there should be minimum damage to the livelihood of the common people, economic activities, and momentum of the economy should be

maintained. So it would be better to focus more on local containment. He stressed that we should be in the position to provide maximum treatment in home isolation situations and for that home isolation guidelines should keep on improving and they should be strictly followed. He said that use of tele-medicine facilities in treating will help a great deal.

Regarding health infrastructure, the Prime Minister lauded the states for using the 23,000 crore rupees package that was given earlier to revamp the health infrastructure. Under this more than 800 paediatric units all over the country, 1.5 lakh new ICU and HDU beds, more than 5 thousand special ambulances, more than 950 liquid medical oxygen storage tank capacity have been added. The Prime Minister stressed the need to keep on expanding the infrastructure. "In order to defeat Corona we need to keep our readiness ahead of every variant. Along with tackling Omicron, we need to start preparing for any future variant from now itself", the Prime Minister said.

The Chief Ministers thanked the Prime Minister for his leadership during the successive waves of Covid-19. They especially thanked the Prime Minister for his

support & guidance and for funds provided by the Central Government which has been of immense help in boosting health infrastructure in the states. The Chief Ministers talked about preparedness to tackle increasing cases, through steps like increase in beds, oxygen availability etc. Karnataka CM talked about the spread of cases in Bengaluru and measures taken to contain spread in apartments. West Bengal CM talked about the possible increase in cases in the State on account of upcoming festivities and the administration's preparation to tackle it. Tamil Nadu CM said the state stands together with the Centre in the fight against this wave. Jharkhand CM talked about misconceptions in some rural and tribal areas which have caused some difficulties in the vaccination programme. Uttar Pradesh CM talked about steps being taken to ensure that no one is left out of the vaccination drive. Punjab CM thanked the Prime Minister for fund and infrastructure support, especially in meeting oxygen requirements. Assam CM said that steps like precaution dose have proved to be an immense confidence booster. Manipur CM said that the state is taking efforts to increase the vaccination coverage.



U.S. CONGRESSMAN DANNY K DAVIS KICKS OFF THE Dr. VGP 11th ANNUAL MEATF & AMEC GLOBAL COMMUNITY OSCARS JAN 2022 AT HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS.

MEATF & AMEC Executive Leadership Council celebrated Congressman Danny K Davis 80 Th Birthday at a Dinner on Monday, September 6 at FURAMA Restaurant, Chinatown, Chicago.

At the exclusive Birthday dinner hosted by the 51 member MEATF Executive Leadership Council, Congressman Danny K Davis kicked off the Dr VGP 11th Annual Meatf & AMEC Global Community Oscars to be held on Saturday, January 8,2022 at Midwest Conference Center, Northlake by presenting the Kick-Off Plaque to the 11th Global Community Oscars title sponsor, JASLIN HOTEL, Chinatown.

Steven Lin, CEO, Jaslin Hotel, Chinatown proudly announced their title sponsorship of the 11th Annual MEATF & AMEC GLOBAL COMMUNITY OSCARS to be held on Saturday, January 8,2022 at Northlake, Illinois.

Prophet Brother Kiran Murali from Tulsa, Oklahoma gave the Special Birthday Blessings for Congressman Danny Davis and presented Congressional MEATF Honor Medallions to 15 Councilmembers who worked hard for the success of the historic 10 Th Annual Global Community Oscars held on August 27 at Naperville. The 15 Councilmen who were honored included Nagender Sripada, Dr Santosh Kumar, Dr Kishor Mehta, Martino Tangkar, Dr Zenobia Sowell, Dr Clarence Beals, Sam Ma, Dr Rani Youseffzai, Dr. Vasavi Chakka, Nag Jaiswal, Girish Kapur, Manne Lingiah, Ravi Govindaraj, Neelam Saboo and

Chenna Govindaswamy.

AMEC Councilwoman Hina Trivedi garlanded Congressman Davis with a Sandalwood garland, MEATF Councilman Acharya Rohit Joshi honored Danny Davis with a traditional shawl while AMEC & MEATF Gala Chair Santosh Kumar presented a silk shawl to Davis. KS Foundation CEO Ratna Kapur from Aurora presented a floral bouquet to Danny Davis.

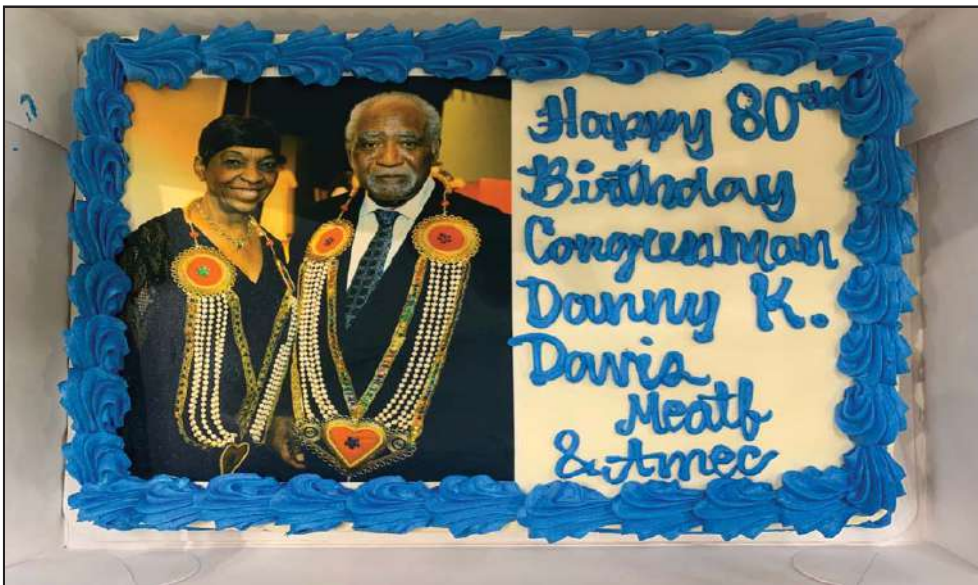
17-year-old Hemi Sivakumar presented a huge portrait of the Living Legend Danny K Davis to the Congressman along with 15 miniatures framed pieces which were given to the special guests at the private dinner. Dr Sivakumar Madesan, the proud father of the Hemi - Outstanding Student of the Year additionally presented another 15 personalized autographed version of the protract to 15 Senior AMEC & MEATF Councilmen in the most memorable celebration. The celebration opened with a prayer from Ghanaian American Pastor Toni Bianchi, a warm welcome address by Martino Tangkar, MEATF Chair along with brief opening remarks by the Gala Chair Santosh Kumar. Dr VGP, The Founder of MEATF & AMEC proposed the Birthday toast to Congressman Davis in his inimical traditional style where he roasted the 47 MEATF & AMEC Councilmen present which was a non-stop laugh riot of rip-roaring fun to remember for long.

2020 Global Community Oscars honorees Mustafa Ajmeri from Atlanta, Dr . Twin Green from South Holland, Neil

Khot from Schaumburg and Shree Gurusamy from Naperville joined the celebrations. Speaking at the historic celebrations, U. S. Congressman Danny K Davis described the Dr. VGP 10 Th Global Community Oscars as off the charts and a spectacular global celebration where ethnic heroes walked away with the Community Oscars blended with a mesmerizing non stop seamless multi-ethnic dances never to be seen before, with full regalia Color guards, Naval Band, Mariachi Orchestra, Royal Banquet followed by a kaleidoscope of Music & song. Congressman Davis congratulated the entire team and said that MEATF is the best army of volunteers he ever had in his entire 50-year political career.

Shree Gurusamy who served as the MC introduced Dr . VGP in the following words: "Dr Vijay G Prabhakar is an internationally renowned Public Health Professional with pioneering accomplishments, who was the first Asian and colored person to receive the U. S. Public Health Service's highest Award during U. S. President Bill Clinton's administration. Dr VGP is also the first to serve as ICSSR NRI CELL Chair, New Delhi for Govt. Of India during Prime Minister Vajpayee's administration. Dr. VGP is a high energy leader who effectively communicated a vision and relentlessly works to make it a reality."

Welcome the Dr VGP 11 Th Annual JASLIN HOTEL'S Global Community Oscars: January 8,2022. Coming to Northlake, Illinois.



METROPOLITAN ASIAN FAMILY SERVICES (MAFS) UNFURLED YET ANOTHER ORNATE ANNUAL GALA EVENT

On October 17, 2021, MAFS Kicked Off A Star-Studded And Safe In-Person Event After A Year And A Half Of Combating COVID-19. It Was A Colossal Success! October 17th Is A Very Significant Date For MAFS As The Governor Of Illinois Proclaimed This Day As "MAFS DAY". Vibrant And Charming Neil Khot And Richa Chand Were The Emcees Who Did A Tremendous Job Who Kept The Show Exciting Until The Very End. Dr. Vijay Prabhakar Did An Excellent Job Outlining The Show As The Chair Of The Gala.

The show commenced with the Lamp Lighting ceremony by the MAFS Board Members, President Dr. Firdaus Jafri, Vice-President Mr. Nikunj Baxi, Secretary Dr. Rakesh Asthana, Treasurer Sagar Kumar, Board members James D'Mello, Dr. Sonal Patel, Vasanti Bhatt, Monali Desai, and the Founder/Executive Director, Dr. Mrs. Santosh Kumar.

This was followed by the Governor of Illinois, J. B. Pritzker's speech where he praised and appreciated MAFS's commendable work to serve and empower the seniors and immigrant communities for 29 years. This is certainly a big honor for MAFS! Next was an elegant dance performance, Ganesh Vandana by renowned dancer Madhura Sane who filled the stage with her graceful and pious dancing praising Lord Ganesh. Her beautiful and eloquent dance moves were a treat to watch. We felt as though Lord Ganapathy had graced the occasion.

Next, Dr. Firdaus Jafri, President of MAFS who is an accomplished dentist with her own practice in Carol Stream, IL addressed the audience with her welcoming speech and asked the people to donate generously to support MAFS to sustain its programs to help the community. This was

followed by our very own vibrant Grants Manager, Roshita Pandey's speech on MAFS in action 2020 – 2021. Here she welcomed the dignitaries as she glorified and detailed the vital programs of MAFS. She stressed the fact that MAFS is a Not-For-Profit organization with limited funding. She amplified that in order to continue its programs which are much needed by our seniors we depend on gracious donors to cover the expenses that the grants do not cover. Her passion for MAFS programs to help the community was obvious in her speech. Kudos to you Roshita Pandey!

A special shout out to the dancers from the Tarana Dance Academy and the Saloni group. The experienced dancers were well coordinated with precise choreography which helped them receive a loud roar of applause from the audience. Their choice of costume was so apt.

Next was the annual report/ Financial Review given by Mr. Sagar Kumar/ CFO, MAFS. He put together a clear vision of the report. He said that this year was the best year for MAFS financially and gave credit to our Grants Manager Roshita Pandey for her efforts to bring in Grants for MAFS.

Congresswoman Robin Kelly, chairman of the democratic party of Illinois was called on stage to talk as our Keynote speaker. In her speech, she praised MAFS for its life-changing programs and connecting with seniors of the community to keep them safe and well. She said a lot of her work is related to what MAFS does. She praised Dr. Mrs. Santosh Kumar for her hard work and dedication to serving the community. She is grateful for the work MAFS does to serve the underserved population to lead a better life through vital programs like Medicare, Medicaid, Social

Security, SNAP, and many more. She continued to praise MAFS for serving more than 10,000 people and said that it was "Remarkable". She applauded Dr. Santosh Kumar for keeping her doors open with the programs for the people who may not find these vital programs elsewhere. She compelled MAFS to continue its programs especially programs like the adult literacy program, Translation and interpretation program, immigration program. She thanked MAFS for being a liaison to Washington in serving the community with all its vital programs. She said that Washington is working on helping organizations like MAFS to better serve the elderly. Hats off to MAFS!

Next, our very own Naperville staff showcased a colorful Garba dance. Kudos to all our Naperville participants for doing such a great job and showing off their hidden talents.

Following this entertaining dance, Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi spoke and praised Dr. Santosh Kumar for her outstanding work to the community. He urged people to donate for the good cause and dedication of MAFS. He mentioned that Dr. Kumar is so aptly named "Mother Theresa of Chicago", a title well deserved. He also thanked Dr. Jafri and other board members. He thanked the other dignitaries present like Congresswoman, Robin Kelly, Mayor of Hanover Park – Rodney Craig, Senator Laura Murphy, Senator Cristina Castro, Representative Michelle Mussman, and Representative Janet Yang for taking the time to join this gala to support MAFS.

He wished everyone Happy Dasahara and a Happy Diwali which is the season of the triumph of good over evil and knowledge prevailing over ignorance. He said that what MAFS does really works for the community since they





served more than 32,000 meals this year and more than 10,000 underprivileged people were served. He added when an immigrant senior comes to the US, they are lonely and the only place they can turn to is MAFS! What an honor for MAFS! Thank you, Congressman Rajakrishnamoorthi, for having faith in MAFS. Since MAFS serves the seniors of the community, he is happy to vote for the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, which provides nutritional assistance, support for caregivers as well as disease prevention. He urged everyone to support MAFS to sustain its program to better serve the community.

Next was a heartwarming narration by MAFS Participants Tripta Malhotra and Jayesh Desai, who very warmly narrated the impact MAFS played to better their lives. They specially thanked Dr. Santosh Kumar for assisting the seniors through her various centers. They consider MAFS centers as their second home. They said how much the programs like Yoga, Adult literacy programs, fresh and healthy meals programs, congregating with other seniors, and many more, have played an important and positive role to eliminate isolation and other problems the seniors combat especially during the Pandemic.

Richa Chand and Neil Khot periodically used their charm to nudge everyone to donate and thanks to them for their hard and persuasive work that encourages our donors to graciously support MAFS. KUDOS!!!

The Mahatma Gandhi Sesquicentennial medallion and MAFS colors were presented by my Honorable Mr. Amit Kumar and Mrs. Surabhi Amit Kumar along with Dr. Santosh Kumar. Milana Carse did a great job by announcing and introducing the recipients of the medallion.

Congratulations to state Rep. Michelle MUSSMAN, Sunil Shah – FIA Chicago Founder, Dr. Sreenivas Reddy, Bur Ridge, State Rep. Janet Yang Rohr, State Rep. Christina Castro, Dr. Amit Ray, Neurologist, State Rep. Laura Murphy, Neil Khot-Rely Services, IL, Bishop Tavis Grant – Rainbow

Push Coalition, Inc, Mayor of Hanover Park – Rodney Craig, Amar Uphadyay – Community Activist, Acharya Rohit Joshi, Treasurer of Chicago – Melissa Ervin, Shridar Damle – Author, Marta Pereyra- Clese, and Gunjan Rastogi- New York.

Later Dr. Sreenivasan Reddy invited Honorable Consul General, Mr. Amit Kumar, to give a speech. In his speech, the Consul General congratulated MAFS and all the recipients. He praised Dr. Santosh Kumar for her commendable social services to the community like promoting mental health programs and other beneficial public benefits programs. He wished MAFS success to grow and continue their estimable work. He also spoke about India's progress regarding COVID vaccinations and other issues in India. Thank you, Honorable Consul General, for being a well-wisher and supporter of MAFS!

The highlight of the show was revealed when the video of the new MAFS 15th Senior Center on Devon Ave., was presented. It is narrated by our very own IT Director Mr. Prashant Kumar and CFO Mr. Sagar Kumar. In this video, they narrate the evolution of the state-of-the-art, 20,000 sq. ft center for seniors. It is truly an amazing jaw-dropping video. The center is supposed to be up and rolling in early November just in time for Diwali. All are invited to view this amazing piece of art exclusively designed for our seniors. Mr. Prashant Kumar and Mr. Sagar Kumar have dedicated this center to their parents and called it "The Pramod and Santosh Kumar Senior Center of Excellence!!! A must-see place, and surely, a future landmark of the Chicagoland area at 2522 West Devon Ave! To view this video please click on the link.

Next, Mrs. Surabhi Kumar (w/o Consul General of India) unveiled the MAFS souvenir book. The first recipient of this souvenir book was Mrs. Meghna Bansal, Trustee, Wheatland, Township. Mrs. Bansal congratulated MAFS for serving her mother-in-law who is a participant of MAFS.

Dr. Asthana and Sagar Kumar were the other recipients of the souvenir. In her speech, Mrs. Surabhi Kumar congratulated Dr. Santosh Kumar for her dedication and personal commitment to serving seniors. She mentioned that she was touched when she witnessed the seniors of the MAFS sing the "Jana Gana Mana" with utmost reverence on the 75th Independence Day celebration of India. She concluded her speech assuring her support for MAFS and its future endeavors.

Secretary, Dr. Rakesh Asthana, and his team got on to the stage to encourage the audience to donate. Donations kept coming in steadily. Job well done Dr. Rakesh Asthana! Next singer Ms. Pavithra Anand gave a teaser song that put the audience in a celebrating mood.

Following this, Dr. Firdaus Jafri, Consul General Mr. Amit Kumar, Dr. Santosh Kumar and Mrs. Sonal Patel presented the Pramod Kumar Philanthropy award to Mr. Sunil Singh – a community leader for the Washington D. C. area. The Community Service Award was presented to Ms. Gunjan Rastogi, an entrepreneur and community leader. The Partnership Award was presented to Ms. Elizabeth Cagan – Executive Director of the White Crane Wellness Center. Pillar of MAFS award was presented to Jahnvi Bavisi. Coordinator of the Year was presented to Eugenie Favre. The Health Research Award was presented to Himali Bharucha. The Outreach Award was presented to Radhika Subramanian. Volunteer of the Year was presented to Girish Machhar. Cook of the Year was presented to Jayshree Thakkar.

To conclude the program, Dr. Santosh Kumar thanked one and all for their support to MAFS. The show concluded with melodious entertainment by Pavithra Anand and Parth Patel. Their songs were so captivating that the whole staff danced to make this event a big success! GOD BLESS MAFS!

GANDHI KING LEGACY CENTER FOR CHICAGO

Dr. Vijay G Prabhakar, President, American Multi Ethnic Coalition , USA giving the closing remarks at the 152nd Birth Anniversary Celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi, organized by the Consulate General of India at Chicago in collaboration with Gandhi Memorial Foundation of Chicago on Saturday, October 2, 2021 announced that American Multi-Ethnic Coalition is establishing the first GANDHI KING LEGACY CENTER in North America in Chicago, USA. Dr. Vijay G Prabhakar presented the AMEC colors to Consul General of India at Chicago, Amit Kumar for his inclusive leadership and dynamic accomplishments, including initiating the First Gandhi King Legacy RoundTable Summit in North

America on February 24,2021 and also his efforts which led to the defeat of the Anti-India Resolution in the City of Chicago Council on March 24, 2021. Dr. Vijay G Prabhakar also presented the AMEC colors to the Vibrant Indian band – Rudra Garjana Dhol Tasha Team led by Mandar Pitre from Maharashtra who dazzled the audience in the spectacular percussion musical ensemble which included women drummers. Consul General Amit Kumar welcoming the guests, recalled Gandhiji struggle for India's independence and his non-violence movement. Consul General Amit Kumar spoke about India's 75th Independence Day Celebrations Amrit Mahotsav and the relevance of Gandhiji's teachings and principles in this digital age. Consul

General Amit Kumar extolled India's phenomenal development in all the spheres. Chicago ' First Lady of India ,Mrs Surabhi Kumar, wife of India's Consul General complimented the woman drummers of Rudra Garjana Dhol Tasha Troupe. Mayor of Skokie, Illinois, George Van Dusen giving the Opening Remarks said that the Township of Skokie is so fortunate to host this life-size statue of one of the world's greatest leaders Mahatma Gandhi in the Heritage Park since October 2, 2004. Dr Mrs Santosh Kumar, President, Gandhi Memorial Foundation of Chicago in her Presidential Address, given in Hindi language acknowledged the role of Dr Chadrakant Modi and his wife Dina Modi for donating the 12-foot

statue of Mahatma Gandhi, to Town of Skokie and the Gandhi Memorial Foundation of Chicago. Dr. Sriram Sonty , Vice President , Gandhi Memorial Foundation of Chicago presented a set of Gandhian books to Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen for the Skokie Public Library. State Senator Ram Villavallam, 8th Senatorial district of Illinois launched the Gandhi Memorial Foundation of Chicago's Global Gandhi Youth Council at the event, which includes 6 members from USA, 3 youth from UK, 2 youth from India and 2 youth from South Africa. Community Leader Sohan Joshi , popularly referred as Mayor of Devon, Chicago, 85 year old Manish Patel, MAFS Senior Citizen, Porus Dadhaboy of United For Peace, Naperville,

Sunil Shah, Founder President, FIA Chicago, Acharya Rohit Joshi, Pastor Jerome Athishtam of Congressman Danny K Davis's Task Force, Mir Ali, Popular Singer, Anica Dubey AMEC's Global Outreach Chair, Bihari Beti Neelam Dwivedi of Indian American Business Coalition, Oak Brook, IL Harinder Mangrola, Community Activist, Cook County Judge Sanjay Taylor, & SAPNA Founder Dr Sarada Sonty among others were the community leaders present. The moderator of the event was Shree Gurusamy, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Gandhi Memorial Foundation of Chicago . Shree Gurusamy thanked the Metropolitan Asian Family Services Seniors and staff for all the floral and food Arrangements at the event.



India's Consul General at Chicago Amit Kumar congratulating Dr Vijay G Prabhakar , AMEC President and The Gandhi Memorial Foundation of Chicago Board of Directors . Photo from left : Awilda Gonsalez, Dipti Shah, Barati Desai, Dr. Santosh Kumar, Dr VGP, Consul General Amit Kumar, Mrs Surabhi Kumar, and Shree Gurusamy.

Shree Gurusamy , Secretary , Gandhi Memorial Foundation of Chicago moderating the event. Photo shows from Left : Skokie Mayor Geirge Van Dusen, India's Consul Ranjith Singh, Barati Desai, Dr Vijay G Prabhakar, Ma Santosh Kumar , Consul General Amit Kumar, Mrs Surabhi Kumar, Shree Gurusamy ,Sohan Joshi and Mrs. Dina Modi.



Maharashtra's Rudra Garjana Dhol Tasha Troupe led by Mandar Pitre include the following members: Abhijeet Thorat,Amruta Sharma, Amol Patil, Anushree Pitre ,Gauri Railkar ,Komal Pitre ,Niraj Shrikhande , and Parth Deshpande.

Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen receiving The Set of Gandhian books from Dr Sriram Sonty for the Skokie Public Library while from left to right Dr VGP, State Senator Ram Villivalam, Dr Santosh Kumar and Consul General Amit Kumar look on.



Gandhi Memorial Foundation of Chicago celebrated the 152 Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on October 2 at the Gandhi Statute in Heritage Park , Skokie on MC Cormick Street between Demoster and Church Streets in a fitting manner.

Community Leaders present at the event included Jay Patel, Acharya Rohit Joshi, Somli Kumar ,Neelam Dwivedi , Sunil Shah, Dr Santosh Kumar, Dr VGP, Dr Sriram Sonty , Dipti Shahand Barati Desai.

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Prahith Chakka Introducing his Mom at her campaigning kick-off



Vasavi with her friends and supporters at her campaigning kick-off



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Meet & Greet the candidate by Indo American Telugu Friends



Celebrating Valentine's day at campaign office with friends




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Dr. Tarikh Bhutt Presented appreciation awards to youth volunteers for their volunteer service



Mrs. Santhosh Kumar presented appreciation award to Siddhant and Kunal Kapur for their volunteer service



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Former I. G. Of Police, Tamilnadu

WE DEEPLY MOURN THE SAD DEMISE OF OUR BELOVED MOTHER

It is with great sadness, I inform all that my beloved mother in law, Mrs Lita Newton Devasahayam , wife of Late MR . Newton Devasahayam IPS Retd, Former I. G. Of Police, Government of Tamil Nadu passed away this evening Monday September 20 at her home in Chennai. Lita Newton Devasahayam led a glorious life with great poise and dignity as wife of a popular I. G. Of Police, Tamil Nadu, Newton Devasahayam IPS and as a daughter in law of

the First Indian I. G. Of Police of Madras Presidency, J. Devasahayam, I. P.

Newton Aunty as we lovingly called her was a shadow sister to my mom, Lily Prabhakar and both of them lovingly nurtured Children's Home of Hope, Maduravoyal, Chennai. Newton Aunty was very active in IMS Annual Sale Festival for over 35 years, in the Guild of Service's flagship Annual Fundraiser International Evening of Music, Song & Dance -Coffee stall for more than 20 years, Active member of YWCA Madurai and Chennai, Regular Communicant Member of Santhome English Church and later on St. George's Cathedral from 1970 onwards.

Newton Aunty , mother of six daughters - Eldest Laila Rajarathnam and Her husband Dr Dinakar Rajarathnam of Salem, Second Shaila And her husband Indran Devasahayam of BHEL , Third Vatsala and her husband Bhaskaran Thomas of US Consulate, Chennai , Fourth Lorna and her husband Rajkumar Jesudasan of Trivandrum , Fifth Cynthia, my wife and Sixth Shobana from New York.

Newton Aunty's only brother J. W. Thomas was married to late A. V. Thomas's youngest daughter.

Newton Aunty was born in Trivandrum .

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CHICAGO'S VERY OWN PROFESSOR BALA BALACHANDRAN PASSES AWAY

Management guru and the founder of Great Lakes Institute of Management Prof Bala V. Balachandran died in the US on Monday, said the Institute

Chennai: "With profound grief, we inform you of the passing away of Dr Bala V. Balachandran. Uncle Bala, as he was fondly called, was an inspiration to many. Although we will miss him dearly, we shall carry him in our hearts and live by the value system that he built for us," Great Lakes Institute tweeted.

The 84-year-old Balachandran died after a brief illness. Born in Pudupatti village in Tamil Nadu, Balachandran did his schooling in Pudukottai district and completed under and postgraduate degrees from the Annamalai University. Later he started teaching at Annamalai University.

In late 1960s he was offered scholarship to pursue MS/PhD at the University of Dayton, Ohio. He was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Industrial and Systems Engineering at the University of Dayton. Subsequently he completed MBA and PhD at Carnegie Mellon University. He then joined the Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University - now Kellogg School of Management.

In 2001, Balachandran was awarded the Padma Shri title for his contribution to higher education by the Indian government. In 2004, Balachandran founded the Great Lakes Institute of Management located near here. An affable person Balachandran, preferred to be called as Uncle Bala by his students. He is survived by his wife and two sons.

Chairman of The Global Eye , USA Dr Vijay G Prabhakar fondly recalls when he first met Professor Bala Balachandran in Dr Pratap Kumar's home in Oakbrook when they started the South Asian AIDS Awareness Project in 1991 .

Dr VGP said Dr Bala Balachandran was a dynamic visionary who set up the Great Lakes Institute of Management in Chennai which made his vision to reality. Dr VGP remembers how he personally got then Tamilnadu Chief Minister Jayalalithaaji ji to inaugurate the GLIM , Chennai in 2005 when Prof Bala brought the Yale University President to Chennai.

Dr VGP with great sadness said with the passing of Professor Bala Balachandran an era has moved on. We have lost one of our Shining stars today , added Dr VGP.



Pastor Tom Snyder

May 12, 1948 - October 5, 2021

Pastor Tom Snyder passed away in his sleep early this morning in Tampa, Florida. He was active during the weekend with services and we believe he had a heart attack. His son Tom Junior just called us to inform about this shocking and sad news. May His Soul Rest In Peace. Pastor Tom Snyder, Beloved Brother in the Lord and Founder of Lamb of God Ministries whom we first met with Brother Isaac Robinson & Isaac Johnson along with Brother DGS & Paul Dhinakaran in 1985-1986 in Chicago passed away today. 36 years of Friendship, a man of God who was with us through all the years during our triumphs, trials and challenges in Chicago, Wisconsin & India. Rev. Tom Snyder accompanied us

in 1996 to Chennai, India to felicitate then C. M. Jayalalithaa Ji, and met Mother Teresa in Calcutta in February 1996. In 1996 and in 2017, he visited Children's Home of Hope, Maduravoyal, Chennai. In June 2017, Rev Tom Snyder also visited India to speak in the First GSA World Divine Conclave in Hyderabad and Rev. Snyder was honored at the GSA Summit at Rhastrapathi Bhavan- India's Presidential Palace, Delhi hosted by then President of India Pranab Mukherjee, July 1,2017. In June 2017, Dr Tom Snyder toured the Sri Ramachandra University, Porur, Chennai and their ground breaking Telemedicine Center. Dr Tom Snyder also met Tamilnadu Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami and presented him with a Bible. Pastor Tom Snyder a writer, author, crusader and a servant of our Almighty God has been called home to eternal rest. We pray for his bereaved family especially his loving wife Linda, two daughters, Tom Junior son, daughter in law, sons in laws and grand children. Special prayers for all the members of the Lamb of God Ministries, Florida.



February 1996 : Met Mother Teresa in Kolkata



February 1996: Presented to Dr Jayalalithaa, Tamilnadu Chief Minister, India



February 1996: Speaking at Chennai's Kalaivanar Arangam at Presentation of SAFS's Outstanding Woman of the Year Award to Jayalalithaa Ji



February 1996: At the Art Exhibition on Jayalalithaa Ji at Lalit Kala Academy, Chennai with TN Finance Minister Navalar, Law Minister KAK, Dr VGP, JCD Prabhakaran, Parthiban S, Keerthi Ravoori, Illinois Senator Howard Caroll, Wisconsin Senator Rodney Moen among others.



March 1996 : Inauguration of Dr J. Jayalalithaa Park in Wisconsin.



July 1,2017: Receiving the GSA Inter Faith Leadership Award from President of India Pranab Mukherjee, New Delhi.



June 2017: At Welcome Dinner for Inter Faith Leaders hosted by Selvi Apoorva IAS at Fisherman's Cove, Mahablipuram, Tamilnadu, India .



February 1996 : Presented to Dr. Jayalalithaa, Tamilnadu Chief Minister, India



June 2017: Speaking at Children's Home of Hope, Maduravoyal, Chennai

Heartbroken Huma Qureshi says she's 'stuck in a never-ending world of cheats' in cryptic posts

Actor Huma Qureshi has shared a bunch of cryptic posts on her Instagram Stories. Without revealing the reason behind the posts, the actor said that she is tired of "never-ending lies or cheats." Huma wrote on her Instagram Stories in three parts, "Stuck in a never ending world of lies or cheats if you want to call them, just tired from all of this (broken heart emoji)." Huma was seen in three different projects last year. She saw the release of her Bollywood film BellBottom in theatres. Also starring Akshay Kumar and Lara Dutta, BellBottom was entirely shot during the coronavirus pandemic and was the first film to release in theatres post lockdown last year. She also headlined the web show Maharani, in which she

played a the role of a homemaker turned politician. The actor was also seen in American film, Army of the Dead. Huma will next be seen in Tamil film, Valimai. It would star Ajith Kumar as the male lead. She is also working on Netflix Original film Monica O My Darling. In December, Huma shared the trailer of her upcoming film, Double XL. She co-stars with Sonakshi Sinha in the movie. Both of them have addressed the issue of fat-shaming through the film's subject. During an interview with Forbes during the making of Army of the Dead, Huma had talked about how women are not getting better roles. She had said, "This entire system is male dominated. Films were written by men and made for the male

gaze. Yes, we are headed in the right direction. Now, better roles are being written for women, they have better representation. But women before us have toiled hard to ensure we stand where we are right now. We are standing on their shoulders and it is our duty to improve things



Kareena Kapoor shares glimpse of Taimur Ali Khan's 'tricoloured' breakfast on Republic Day

Kareena Kapoor has shared a glimpse of son Taimur Ali Khan's Republic Day celebrations. The actor shared a picture of how Taimur had a healthy tricoloured breakfast on the occasion. Taking to her Instagram Stories, Kareena shared a picture of snacks made from a slice of orange (saffron), apple (white) and what appears to be a kiwi (green). She captioned it, "Tim's tri-coloured breakfast" along with a tricolour icon. Kareena will now be seen in Laal Singh Chaddha that stars Aamir Khan in the titular role. She would be seen opposite Aamir in the film



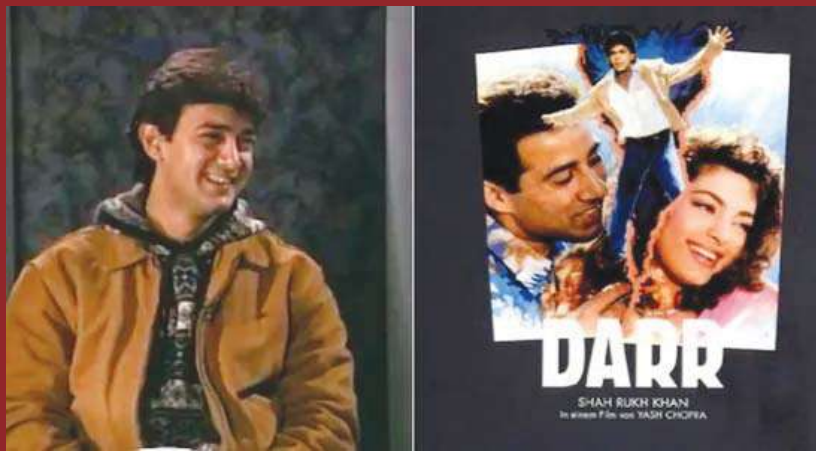
which also stars their 3 Idiots co-star Mona Singh. Last year, Kareena welcomed her second child, Jehangir. She also released her pregnancy manual named Kareena Kapoor Khan's Pregnancy Bible. The actor had also opened up about how she and husband Saif Ali Khan have been bringing up Taimur. "I am not very strict. I think I am quite relaxed and chill. I have to inculcate discipline a little more as Saif spoils Taimur so much that it annoys me sometimes. And during the lockdown, our schedules went haywire.

When Aamir Khan revealed why he was 'removed' from Yash Chopra's Darr: 'Mera ek principle hai...'

Actor Aamir Khan is known for being quite selective about the roles he picks. In an old interview, Aamir explained why he didn't star in Yash Chopra's hit film Darr, which released in 1993. Aamir, who supposed to be the part of the film, was replaced by Shah Rukh Khan. In an old interview, Aamir revealed why he was 'removed' from the project. Aamir said, "Story mujhe behad pasand thi or role bhi mujhe pasand tha (I really liked the story and the role). Yash ji is definitely a

biitha ke kahani sunayein. Which I am not sure is right or wrong but mein yeh policy follow karta hun (I have a principle that whenever I do a film with more than one hero, I request the director to do a joint narration. I am not sure if this is wrong or right but I follow this policy)."

He added, "Jaise jab Andaz Apna Apna jab bann rahi thi tabb Raj ne mujhe aur Salman ko sath mein biitha kar kahani sunai thi, dono ke roles sunaye they, taaki hum dono satisfied ho humare roles ke sath jisse aage ja ke kuch problem na ho (Like in Andaz Apna Apna, Rajkumar Santoshi narrated the story to me and Salman, so that both of us do not have any issues with our roles). This is how I like to work." Aamir then explained how Yash Chopra was not ready to do a joint narration and said, "Toh iss case mein that was not possible (In this case, the



very good director. I have done Parampara with him and I was also very keen to work with him." He explained that he lost out on the project because of one of his work principles: "Lekin mera ek principle hai, aap ye principle kahein ya policy kahein, jab mein koi bhi film karta hun jismein two heroes ho, ya ek se zyada hero ho, toh mein director se request karta hun ki woh humein sath

joint narration was not possible), Yash ji did not feel that he should give a joint narration toh on that basis I was removed from the project." After Aamir was out of the project, Shah Rukh Khan took up the role of Rahul Mehra in the film. The film also starred actors Sunny Deol and Juhi Chawla. Darr grossed ₹21.31 crore worldwide at that time.

