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CANDIDATE FOR NAPERVILLE CITY COUNCIL

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Madhu Uppal, President, IAA

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FROM THE EDITOR IN CHIEF

Spring Season has dawned on us. Our editorial team has put together 17th edition of the Global Eye Magazine interesting snippets on the global features 72 year young Madhu Uppal, a scenario. The Spotlight section has Candidate for Naperville City Council extensive coverage on the recently held elections on April 4, 2023 in our Cover Story. Madhu Uppal, a Punjabi by birth and a long-time resident of Naperville City, nearly for 40 years is endorsed by the Global Eye Magazine as the right choice for the City of Naperville Council, the third largest city in the state of Illinois.



Thank you for your extensive feedback that is noted and well received. We are making every attempts to get you the latest news happenings in U.S.A, India and rest of the World. We have an awesome article written by a 11 year old Aarav Karna in the youth page of this edition. The Indian American poetess born in Vizag, India is featured in the Women's page, Dr. Sarada Purna Sonty. Dr Sarada Sonty holds three Ph.D degrees (Earned) and author of 30 books. The Focus section carries the visit of President Biden's Cabinet Member to visit Englewood are of Chicago to learn about the recently launched Gandhi King Center for Non Violence, first of its kind in the Country.

The Flash update section covers the third India Unity Day celebrations held on March 24 in Chicagoland to commemorate the historic defeat of the Anti-India / Anti-CAA resolution introduced in the City of Chicago Council on March 24, 2021.

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Alibaba founder Jack Ma makes rare public appearance in China

The return of China's best-known entrepreneur may help quell concerns of private-sector businesses after a regulatory crackdown.

Jack Ma, the founder of tech giant Alibaba, has made a rare public appearance in China, potentially signalling government efforts to quell concerns in the country's tech sector after a bruising two-year regulatory crackdown.

China's best-known entrepreneur has kept a low profile since late 2020 when a speech he made attacking Chinese regulators was followed by Beijing pulling Alibaba affiliate Ant Group's planned initial public offering. A record fine of \$2.75bn was then imposed on the company for alleged unfair practices. Ma has been spotted around the world over the past two years and was reportedly living in Japan for much of 2022. He returned to China last week, said two sources with knowledge of the matter who were quoted by the Reuters news agency. It was not clear how long he plans to stay in China.

School visit

On Monday, he visited a school founded by Alibaba partners in the eastern city of Hangzhou, according to a post on the school's official social media account. Ma, a former English teacher, met staff and toured classrooms before talking about the challenges artificial intelligence (AI) might pose to education.

"ChatGPT and similar technologies are just the beginning of the AI era," the post quoted Ma as saying. "We should use artificial intelligence to solve problems instead of being controlled by it."



Ma was one of the most high-profile targets of a crackdown by officials on alleged anti-competitive practices by some of China's biggest names in tech, driven by fears that major internet firms controlled too much data and had expanded too quickly. Ant Group said in January that Ma had ceded control of the fintech company, adjusting its ownership structure so "no shareholder, alone or jointly with other parties, will have control over Ant Group."

In a sign that the official grip may now be loosening, authorities said in December that Ant had won approval to raise 10.5 billion yuan (\$1.5bn) for its consumer finance arm. Analysts said Ma's public re-emergence provides support for the government's softening tone towards the private sector as leaders try to shore up an economy battered by three years of COVID-19 restrictions.

Ma's return "boosts the sentiment of the broader platform and internet industry", Zhang Zihua, chief investment officer at Beijing Yunyi Asset Management, told Reuters.

"Because that means the new top leadership has indeed been re-examining the position and the importance of the platform companies in China's economic development." "The previous

restrictive policies on the platform and internet sector are also expected to be adjusted," Zhang added. Alibaba shares jumped more than 4 percent after news of Ma's return to China before giving up some of the gains.

One crore women will be beneficiaries in Rs 1,000 payout scheme: TN CM



Chennai : Women pavement vendors and fisherwomen would be among the approximately one crore beneficiaries under the Rs 1,000 monthly 'right' payout to women heads of families, Chief Minister M K Stalin apprised the Tamil Nadu Assembly on Monday. Stalin said guidelines and criteria for the scheme would be released soon and the initiative was carefully named "Magalir Urimai Thogai Thittam" (Women's Right to Income Scheme), which is the government's recognition of women's hard work. The government has already announced that the scheme would be implemented from September 15, 2023. In the Budget, the government set apart Rs 7,000 crore for the scheme.

He said the scheme would feature in history as a giant stride in social justice projects of Tamil Nadu and it shall benefit about one crore women heads of families.

The Rs 1,000 monthly payout would be directly deposited in the bank accounts of beneficiaries, who shall be the women who need it. Women street/pavement vendors, hawkers, fisherwomen, women domestic and construction workers and women employed for a pittance in small shops and establishments would be benefitted under the

scheme. Such a "Universal Basic Income" pilot scheme was implemented in several countries and economic experts have said its outcome showed remarkable changes. Studies show that this initiative has chances of reducing poverty by half. Women would use the money for their children's education, give priority for spends on nutritional needs and medicine and they also come forward to venture into small businesses. "Above all, it is said that women have got self-confidence." The Women's Right to Income Scheme has two objectives and the primary motto is recognition of women's work and the other one is to support women to lead a life with self-respect by improving their life standards and eliminating poverty.

The principal Opposition AIADMK has been criticising the DMK regime saying it has now coming up with

"eligibility norms" for choosing beneficiaries while the ruling party had assured –ahead of the 2021 Assembly election– payout to all women heads of families.

Against this background, the Chief Minister said the people themselves knew that this scheme would be useful to indigent women. If a "Housing for All" scheme is announced, it meant that the beneficiaries would be people who do not own a house and similar is the objective of all other schemes, Stalin said. It was the Dravidian movement which secured "social freedom" for women and it is the Dravidian model government that provides economic equality.

He asserted that his government would not let down women who believe that the monthly Rs 1,000 payout would change their lives at least to a small extent. The government firmly believed that when it recognised their work, the larger society including men would give them equal rights.

The criteria and guidelines for a scheme is to decide eligible beneficiaries. Stalin spoke in the Assembly after PMK's GK Mani lauded the scheme and also raised a question on those who would be out of the plan's ambit. As per Census 2011, Tamil Nadu has a population of 7.21 crore of which male and female are 36,137,975 and 36,009,055 respectively.



Sir, I just wanted to express my gratitude for the thought-provoking article on The Brain of an elderly person. It really opened my eyes to some of the challenges that elderly people face now.

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Dear Globaleye,
After long wait we got the very old issue with 2020 articles and 2021 covid article now in 2023. By mistake I got this magazine or is it the new one.

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Articles in your magazine are commendable I never miss an opportunity to read your Globe Eye magazine. The articles are very articulate and the cover page of the magazine is also very impressive.

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The best editorials and articles are published in the magazine The editorials and articles in the magazine are excellent. Some unforgettable spe-

cial works are happening during the tenure of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

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It's always a good read. I learn something new from your photo feature stories. Please include a Women's page in your next issue.

Mercy Athistham
Sugar Grove, IL

I would like to contribute articles to your youth page in the Global Eye magazine. I am forwarding my first article for publication.

Aarav Karna
Plainfield, IL

I am happy to see Global Eye magazine photo feature articles. I like the global reach and your reporting on ethnic minorities.

Dr. Zenobia Sowell Chicago, IL

I am a community activist from Evanston, IL. I am very impressed with your magazine's focus on ethnic communities. Let unity spread!

Gloria Pierce
Evanston, IL

I am a Polish American woman and I am happy to contribute to your magazine.

Aneta Kolcum
Bolingbrook, IL

The Global Eye Magazine is always refreshing and I enjoy your articles. Glad to read the snippets in Bollywood.

Emily Dwight, Colombo, Sri Lanka

I recently moved to U. K. Look forward to receiving your colorful in-depth photo stories and the nostalgia updates.

Ankit Samuel, U. K.

The Global Eye Magazine is engaging. I really enjoyed the cover story covering the interview. Please visit the Ajmer Dargah and do a cover story.

Syed Yassir Gurdezi
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I really look forward to your magazine. Some of the articles are thought provoking while others are news worthy. Everyone here at our place love the style and format of Global Eye Mag.

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FACE TO FACE

WITH MADHU UPPAL,

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DR VGP : From our ancestors comes our name but from our virtues comes our honor. Our guest today at Dr. VGP talk show that reaches forty two million households, including two million across Chicagoland is a lady of courage and independent thinker and the American woman who uses ingenuity to solve any problem. Yes, a lady of Courage indeed, who has the courage to dream, the courage to teach, the courage to speak out, the courage to laugh, the courage to love, the courage to listen, the courage to learn, the courage to judge, the courage to be confronted and the courage to face reality.

DR VGP : She uses and teaches us about how courage can multiply as abilities. When nature throws a dagger at you, there are only two ways to catch it, either by the blade or by the handle. Our Guest today who's living with courage chooses to catch the dagger by the handle and use it as a tool to empower our community.

Meet Madhu Uppal, a lady of Courage, who has chosen to run for the Naperville City Council election, on April 4 2023. Andrew Jackson has said that one person with courage makes a majority.

Yes, do read what Madhu Uppal has to say.

Dr VGP: Welcome Madhu Uppal You are known to be a lady of Courage, of conviction, of compassion, of care and of change.

Madhu Uppal: Dr VGP, It's an honor to be on your talk show, and I am so happy to get a chance to speak with you. It's lovely. Thank you.

Dr VGP: Madhu, you are well educated from a literary family with a modern business sense. Could you share some of the values that you were brought up with?

Madhu Uppal: You know my father was a lawyer and my mother was a teacher and the value they

instilled in us were those of honesty, integrity and service to the community. And those values were not just spoken about but they were practiced. I remember my father for his kindness to his clients, when somebody couldn't pay his fees, he would be happy to say, when you do get your crops upcoming, you can pay me at that time. My mother was a teacher, but she was one of the kindest teachers, I knew. Her students loved her. And from her, I love those values about how to build a community and how to be kind to people but also be very determined because my parents were extremely determined. They went through very difficult times but they always showed us the value of fortitude, they showed us that we do not care about our misfortunes, but we say what can we do that will still hold us up as a family. So value in the family, Value in your parents and ,value in the communities was what I was brought up with .

DR VGP: No wonder Madhu , your upbringing and values defines who you are today, an enlightened one. It is oft said that whenever Madhu walks into a room, she takes over. Tell us what made you enter the race for the Naperville city council for 2023?

Madhu Uppal: You know Dr VGP, I have lived in Naperville for over 34 years. I've worked as a teacher, I was part of the Naperville Library board, my children attended schools here, but I realized that I had so much more to give. I see Naperville as a vibrant city. A city that is on the go, that is serving the people of this community very well but you know, I looked at the city council, I saw something missing. I saw this city that is about 20% Asian , about 12 to 13% senior and I said I'm both of those. But I'm not represented on the council and I feel that with my experience, I will be able to bring a different set of eyes and decision-making that perhaps that will be guided by my experience as a person who's lived in this community for a long time. And that was one of the reason. The second reason is I thought that there was a little bit of par-

tisanship that had entered in our city council chambers. And being a non-partisan candidate, having friends in both parties, but not wedded to their party , I felt that I had a lot to give to this city to make it even a brighter future than it is today.

DR VGP: Very well said. Madhu as an independent thinker, as a bipartisan or nonpartisan Community activist, who has so much of experience , you have earned a tagline that Madhu performs, she reforms and transforms in all the previous positions you've held in the city of Naperville. Madhu , Being a Naperville resident for the last 34 years and having three generations brought up in the Naperville City, I would like you to take us around the city of Naperville. Please show us and reveal your 100-day Action Plan for Naperville City if you are elected on April 4, 2023.

Madhu Uppal: The first hundred days are going to be exciting. The first day is to actually express my thanks to the people who helped me get into that position. So first I think, I would go to my community because I've been welcomed by every segment of the community with so much love and appreciation.

The Next Step will be after expressing my gratitude, which I truly feel, I will then be going into the city offices and meet with every department head. I will try to meet with every person that I can because, we are a city that sparkles, because of all those wonderful people who work in the city Government. I would like to hear from them as to what is it that you need , their concerns and issues that might be. And what is working, and what could be done a little bit differently?

My next item on this agenda might be, to go to various large organizations in the city like Edward Elmhurst hospital which is actually the biggest employer in the city to go and meet with them and find out how it is that City can work closely with such organizations. Similarly shall go to North Central

College, meet with the president there and find out what is working for them, as far as the city is concerned. And after that, what I will do is start looking at some of the issues that confront us. Issues like, where are we buying our electricity from? Are there things that we should be looking for future decision-making, so that we move the best decision in the interest of people of the city.

Dr VGP: Yes, indeed. I earlier called you as a lady of Courage, a lady of compassion, a lady of care, a lady of change and a lady of conviction. Five C's. You have added one, which I forgot a lady of confidence. You just heard Madhu Uppal, a candidate for Naperville city council who so confidently rattled off a 100 day action plan, revealing to you what she's going to do for the Naperville City. Let's go and take a quick look around Naperville.

Dr VGP: Madhu, tell us about the city of Naperville, it was recently in the news being rated as the safest city in America?

Madhu Uppal: Well Dr. VGP, Not only, Naperville is one of the safest cities in the country, it is also one of the cities that is recognized for its outstanding schools. It's a number one library system and its business friendly environment. You know that we are part of that Silicon corridor, right along a highway 88. We have many businesses that want to relocate here. They want to bring the employees here because the city is the one that has a people are ready to work, people who are highly educated citizens and very well in both people in this community and that is what makes Naperville one of the greatest cities in the world I would say not just in the country.

Dr VGP: You're absolutely right Madhu. You taught me a lot about Naperville. Now, tell us we are right in front of the Naperville City council. Tell us what does the Naperville city council do?

Madhu Uppal: Dr VGP, Naperville City Council like most Municipal divisions, make every decision that impacts the citizens of the city. The city council is the body that along with the Mayor decides what happens with City. If you would like to start a business for example, and you want some kind of information to find out where to locate the business, and also what sort of help the city council can provide, then you come to the city council and you present your ideas. City council also decides, what is the source for electricity? Where are we getting our water from? What sort of taxes you should be paying? I know people care about taxes and it is the city council that makes all those decisions. Now, the city council also decides if there's affordable

housing needed in this community, how do we bring that in? What do we do to make it an inviting place for all ages? And all type of people who want to look good. Whether you are old, young, working, retired, a student, this is the place to be. We have an outstanding education system, not Central College like just to the right of where are we are standing. So I don't know if you've been there, it's a lovely area. So our students, we also have the Northern Illinois campus here. So it's an outstanding place and everywhere.

Dr VGP: Madhu, How many members are there in the Naperville City Council and how many positions are up for elections in April, 2023?

Madhu Uppal: Naperville city council is made up of eight members. And along with that, we have one Mayor and the elections takes place in the regular basis. So we have this year. There are 4 positions that are up for this election. So there are 11 of us were in this race and I need it, I will be your choice to be one of those four positions.

Dr VGP: Madhu, You are indeed what I just heard from you here in front of the Naperville City Hall. You're truly one of the best ambassadors for Naperville. You recapped in less than 60 seconds, the strengths of this great City, what the city has to offer. You have a thorough understanding of the Naperville city council. I think you are in for the run.

Madhu Uppal: I am in for the run because I know that I have the qualities, I have the experience, I have the wisdom and I am that non-partisan candidate. And it's very important for us to remember. And that non-partisan candidate, who can bring balance to every decision it take at the city council.

Dr VGP: We are at the Nichols Library, which must be home to you. You served six years on the library Board of Trustees for Naperville City, two of them from 2016 to 2018 as the president of the Naperville Library. I'm sure this must have been a great experience but tell me in your words what in today's digital world and how library becomes a resource to our community?

Madhu Uppal: I'm glad you asked me this question because I am so very proud of our library system. We actually have three libraries that serve the people of the city of Naperville and what makes these libraries such a wonderful asset to the community is that these libraries are the place where children can come and access all kinds of information. Our business people can come, any aspiring businessman can come and we have a program called Naperville launch and that launch program

has allowed many businesses to find the roots here. And this is where they started and they have reached heights of success. So our library is our wonderful asset for the community. And I was so proud to be able to serve on this Library board. And I am so proud to say that this Library welcomed me and helped me learn more about the city.

Dr VGP: You are absolutely right. Your proven leadership as the Naperville library trustee board president has sown the seeds for the Naperville School System and for literacy today. You will be surprised, when I was recently in Chicago Englewood neighbourhood that I heard few 15 to 16 year olds in 2023, do not know how to read and write. And so literacy is so important. Your focus as a teacher, your focus as a learner, your experience in the library board, has weaved this library as an important resource for the business community. Madhu, you rightly pointed out that Naperville provides wonderful business opportunities and today Naperville needs rapid economic development initiatives.

Madhu Uppal: Naperville library is the awesome asset that serve the people of the city in a wonderful way. And I am so proud of this Library System.

Dr VGP: Madhu we are here at the Naperville Public Works, at the household recycling collection facility. Today, sustainability and being a green city are the buzzword. What has Naperville done in the area of sustainability?

Madhu Uppal: Dr VGP, I am so proud of the city that has done so much. Look at this site itself. Naperville has been making sure that residents have a place to drop off their electronic waste. We also have an area where we collect hazardous waste and this is open and it's free. There are some charges, a small amount for some specific items. But for the most part, this thing is free of charge to residents. So this is a great way for our residents to understand the value of making sure that we do not dump the recyclable material into the regular waste. Now, Naperville has adopted a green purchasing plan. We have a sustainability task force that has been guiding the city in making the right decisions. One of our most challenging problem is looking at our electricity service because currently Naperville receives its electricity from a plant, which produces its electricity mostly with coal and we know that this contract has to be audited, but I want to be sure when I'm on the city council that we do not make a hasty decision. A long-term decision that is going to hold us back, like this particular contract is holding us back. So I want to be sure we look at all the options like nuclear reactors, small nuclear reactors which are extremely



safe, Universities are developing that. I'm also looking to see how wind and solar energy can be harnessed, as 15 years from now they will be important. So we need to be sure that we look, and make decisions not just for today but also looking forward to what is going to be happening.

Dr VGP: You are truly a visionary in today's sustainability and green age, you are wanting to take Naperville to the next level and re-evaluating decisions which are on the table and if elected to Naperville city council one can look up to a sustainable and green friendly Madhu Uppal.

Madhu Uppal: Absolutely always be green friendly, but continue to make it for the Naperville.

Dr VGP: And the difference is that you don't nod or vote just on what others say. You study the issue, you evaluate this issue and then you decide.

Madhu Uppal: That is the way to make a good decision.

Dr VGP: Well viewers, wasn't that an awesome "show and tell" of the city of Naperville. It was great being out here in the freezing cold which shows your commitment. Now what are the three things you would focus on your first hundred days after being elected to the city of Naperville?

Madhu Uppal: The first thing I'd like to do, is because Naperville is a business friendly City I would like to meet with the Chamber of Commerce, I would like to sit down with business people and what are some of the impediments they might be seeing in as they conduct business in the city. So that would be one group, one area that I'd like to work at. I'd also like to work with the public works department because one of the reasons Naperville is such a great city is that we have electricity that is reliable. I know that when I turn my computer on it's going to work with an excellent quality. So I would like to sit with the public works department and I would like to find out what is the next thing that we need to be doing? Because I believe our wastewater facility needs to be upgraded. And it's a huge project, it's going to be cost about 50 million dollars. So I need to know from the city manager and from the public works department what are the plans and the way? And what is the EPA requires us to do? Because we want to do what is right by our community because quality of water matters to all of us. So, that is going to be the second area that I will be looking at. The third is to sit with the HR department. HR Department as well as the Director of DEI or diversity, equity, and inclusion, because our city has made a commitment to making sure that the city does all those three things or pays attention to diversity, makes it an inclusive community and also provides Equity to our community. So I would like to look at our hiring practices and see what is working and what is not working, what are the things we can do? So if I understand it better, when decisions are made at the city council level, I'll be able to make an informed decision. So those are the three primary areas I'd like to begin working on.

Dr VGP: Madhu, You eloquently spelt out the



three priorities in your 100-day action plan. One is business development. Second is the upgrading of the Waste Management Facility in Naperville, which is going to cost fifty million dollars. So the quality of water stays the same or even better and I can make an informed decision and third is the catchphrase. My next question. You talk about sitting down with Naperville Cities HR department to talk about diversity, equity and inclusivity. And that was a very important buzzword doing the rounds, not only in the corporate world, not only in the government's, but also in all the healthcare institutions, educational institutions, everybody are having the race for Equity, diversity, and inclusivity. I'm glad you had that as an important part in your 100-day plan as your top three priorities. You are so well-prepared and you are so well organized, well thought out and, you know, when we went for this tour of the city and you went to stop at different points, we realized that you walk the talk, you know the issues and you reflect the value systems the city of Naperville has stood for. For example, when we were at the Naperville city council, our Global Eye production crew was freezing cold, I had my coat on but you and other esteemed colleagues of mine didn't have the coats on but you saw a couple trying to enter the Naperville City Hall today being Saturday, it's closed, but you took time off the production shoot, you went right up to them, spoke to them, guided them where to go, and what to do. Now that my friends was a spontaneous moment, which I saw and that's what a true leader will do. Madhu did not bother that her crew or her staff were out in the cold

but she wanted to serve the people first. That's Madhu Uppal.

What impact would your candidacy means to the Naperville Community?

Madhu Uppal: I think the Naperville Community sees that if you love the city and if you want to do something to make it even better, you need to get involved. Because I think it's one of the most important things that people can do is to be involved in their Community. Yesterday I met with a couple, they are very active politically, they're never voted in the local election, and we talked on a street corner because they chased me down. They said that they have seen me distributing my cards and they want me to talk for 10 minutes, I stood outside and they were in the car and we chatted. And they said, this time around, we are going to vote in the election. So I want our community, to see that all of us need to be engaged in our community. And we all have the responsibility of making this community, the beautiful city that it is. And it can be looking at each other as friends, looking at each other, as a people working together for the common good. So that is what I think, people will see with my presence on the city council chambers is that first of all, everyone needs to be involved no matter how old or young you are, and also realize that this city is welcoming and warm and open to people of different backgrounds.

Dr VGP: Electing Madhu Uppal in her own words, the impact will have to the whole community is one, love the city first. Get involved by voting in the April, 4th city election to show that you love the city, as you want leaders of the Naperville city council, who are involved in the day-to-day functioning of the city, which makes everybody's life prosperous and also the entire Community of Naperville considers you as an American woman Madhu Uppal, who genuinely uses Ingenuity to solve any problem and that is by her past record, which we have just seen and concluding our show, I would like to tell all our viewers that Madhu Uppal, You are the leader who innovates, You are the leader who develops, the leader that relies on people and cares for people and the leader that counts on trust and integrity. The leader, who does the right thing. Thank you for being on our show. You are indeed today's Lady of Courage, Madhu Uppal, a leader every one of us can look up. So thank you for joining us again.

Madhu Uppal: Thank you, Dr VGP. It is indeed an honor to meet with you, talk about the things that I think are important to the city of Naperville, allowing me to share those ideas and I'm so grateful to your entire crew for waiting in the cold, as I went to meet with that couple, thank you. It is indeed an honor and I hope to be here again on maybe April 6th. Thank you so much.



GSA GLOBAL EYE MAG ENDORSES MADHU UPPAL FOR NAPERVILLE CITY COUNCIL 2023

Madhu Uppal prioritizes her community service over her campaign work. The 73-year-old Madhu Uppal continues to walk 5-6 miles every day on average to connect with the people of Naperville. After her retirement, she has dedicated her time and energy towards serving the city with 100% passion and without any personal agenda or business interests. With all that is going on around the world,

it is even more important to have someone strong like Madhu Uppal on the Naperville City Council. Madhu Uppal is running for council with no other motive than to serve the community. She is non-partisan and has the ability to work with both Democrats and Republicans. On the one hand, Democrat Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi has endorsed her, and on the other, Mary Lou Wehrli has also endorsed her. "Uppal

has the strength, leadership capacity, capability, knowledge, and experience to deliver. Let's all unite and vote in solidarity to support Madhu Uppal wholeheartedly. Take a few minutes to vote for her before April 4th when it is less crowded. Ask all your friends, college students, and groups to vote for her. Madhu Uppal's name is the last one on the city council ballot; she is definitely the first and the best choice.



Hi everybody. I'm Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi of the 8th District in Illinois. And I'm endorsing Madhu for the Naperville city council. Madhu is just a fine person, a community leader, but most of all, she's dedicated to public service, and given that dedication, given her good work, given her heart, I want to see her and I like her so I hope that you'll support her and VOTE for her and thank you so much.



Madhu Uppal with Steve Chirico "Mayor of Naperville"



Madhu Uppal with Mary Lou Wehrli, Martino Tangakar and Prema Gowda



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Biden cabinet member discusses Chicago Gun violence and mental health in Englewood



President Biden's Cabinet Member HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES SECRETARY XAVIER BECERRA, the country's highest ranked health & human services official was the keynote speaker at a Congressional RoundTable on mental health and gun violence on Friday March 17, 2023 in Kennedy King College, Englewood, Chicago. "Speaking at the Roundtable discussion, Dr Vijay G. Prabhakar described the AMEC-CAABH-MEDSTAR led model demonstration project, "GANDHI KING Center For NonViolence" recently launched in Englewood area. Dr. VGP stressed the importance of this initiative especially since the life expectancy rate in Englewood is only 60 years while a few miles away in Streetsville, Chicago it is 90 years and Englewood has the highest crime rate at 86%. Dr VGP urged the need for a meaningful collaborative approach to reduce violence in Englewood by involving the Community leaders, health care providers, elected officials and the local law enforcement. "The host U. S. Congressman Jonathan Jackson called for a broad framework for collective action to reduce violence which should work towards resolving food insecurity, affordable housing, accessible health care, adequate education, workforce development and providing jobs for the

community. "GUN VIOLENCE IS A HEALTH PROBLEM, NEED TO REDEFINE C. D. C. GUIDELINES ASSERTS U.S. H&HS SECRETARY BECERRA "Secretary XAVIER BECERRA declared that Gun Violence is a Health Problem. President Biden and the U. S. Department of Health & Human Services is addressing the Gun Violence issue as a focused priority, added Secretary BECERRA. "Health & Human Services Secretary BECERRA also announced that more than \$300 million is allocated to support & expand Certified Community Behavioral health clinics nationally which provide 24/7 crisis intervention and comprehensive behavioral health services to local communities. Secretary BECERRA added that Biden Harris administration invested over \$432 million in the "988 "Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, 18 times more than the previous administration. " With these additional funds, we're delivering on President Biden's commitment to strengthen mental and behavioral health for all Americans, including people living in our nation's most vulnerable communities," said Health & Human Services Secretary Xavier BECERRA. " Behavioral health is health. Period. There should be no distinction. The investment will bring us

closer to that reality", he added. Xavier BECERRA is the 25th United States Secretary of Health & Human Services since March 2021. Prior to being appointed to President Biden's cabinet BECERRA was the 33rd Attorney General of the State of California from January 2017 to March 2021 and was also a member of the U. S. House of Representatives representing downtown Los Angeles from 1993 to 2017. "WGNTV Channel 9 carried the Roundtable discussion live which was telecasted from 11 am to 12 noon. "The host Congressman Jonathan Jackson joined the other roundtable members including U.S. Senator Dick Durbin, Region 5 H&HS Administrator Carbonagi, CMS President Dr Tariq Butt, CAABH Ambassador Dr Twin Green, Dolton Activist Andrew Holmes, Kennedy-King College Interim President Ms. Katonja Webb Walker and Public Health expert Dr VGP in an insightful discussion. "Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry, Mayor of Maywood Nathaniel Roberts, Chicago's 16th Ward Alderman Stephanie Coleman, Chicago's 17th Ward Alderman David Moore, AMEC Governor Dr Zenobia Sowell & John Scott, VP, Chancelight Education, Nashville among others were part of the attentive audience.



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Chicago Andhra Association hosted a face-to-face conversation with the only Indian American Senator Ram Villivalam on March 18th, at the Mall of India for the community members covering various topics that impact the community.



This session covered very important topics like safety act, impact of legislation on our community, our schools and the need to fulfill our civic duty by participating in local elections and voting.



Senator Ram Villivalam took time to answer questions from the audience and made it a very interactive session



American Multi- Ethnic Coalition hosted a fundraiser for Naperville City Council Candidate, Madhu Uppal on January 21st, at Mall of India.



Madhu Uppal with her campaign manager Shivam Vishwanathan



AMEC endorsed Madhu Uppal for Naperville City Council and donated a check to support her campaign.



Chicago Andhra Association celebrated International Women's Day on March 11th, 2023 at Chicago. The theme DigitALL: innovation and technology for empowered women, was a floral success.



Mrs Anindita Ghosh, wife of Consular General Sri Somnath Ghosh was the guest of Honor and addressed the gathering.



Dressed in SitaRamam theme sarees or beautiful floral printed sarees, all the ladies enthusiastically participated in a variety of activities, like, Reels, Yaasa Bhasha, vegetable carving, Riddles, DIY Flower contest, and many games throughout the evening and enjoyed throughly.



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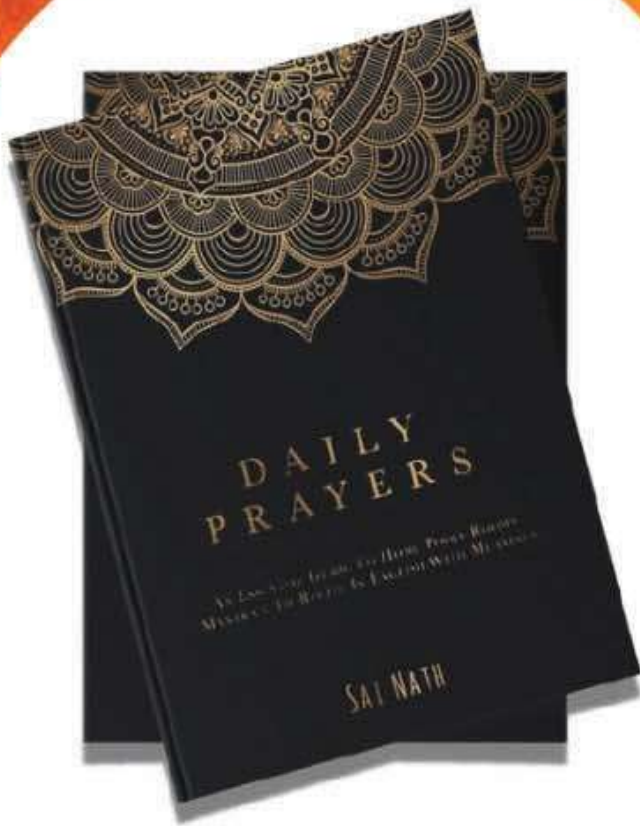
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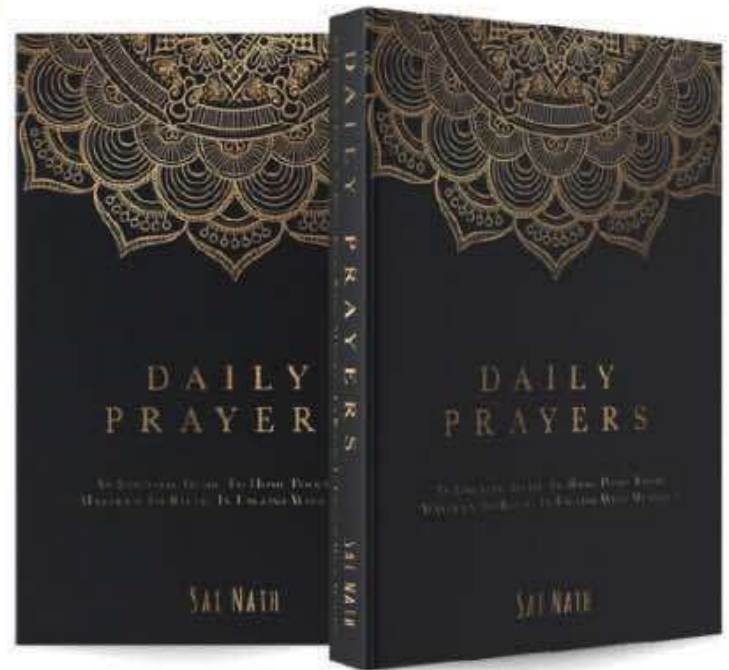


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Pariksha Pe Charcha 2023: Hard work or smart work during exams? This is what PM Modi suggests

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed students in his annual 'Pariksha pe Charcha 2023' session on Friday to discuss tips on how to stave off anxiety and fears as board exams draw close.

He stressed on the significance of time management and suggested that students must allocate specific time periods for every subject. "Have you ever observed your mother's time management skills? A mother never feels burdened by the immense work she does. If you observe your mother, then you will understand how to manage your time well," he said at the event in Delhi's Talkatora Stadium.

When students asked PM Modi if they should work hard or smart, he narrated the 'The Crow and the Pitcher' tale in which the crow drops pebbles in a pitcher until the water rises, allowing it to drink. He explained that students must work hard but smartly to achieve bigger goals and must address the specific areas.

As students expressed stress of parents' expectations, PM Modi said parents should not pressurise their children and at the same time students should also not remain under the 'Pressure of Pressure!' "Think, analyse, act, be confident about your capabilities and then give your best to achieve what you aspire for," he said.

Several students also asked the Prime Minister about how they could avoid cheating and other unfair means while appearing for exams, to which he replied, some students use their creativity for 'cheating' in examinations but if those students use their time and creativity in a good way they will achieve heights of success. "We should never opt for shortcuts in life, focus on ourselves," he said.

He also advised students to not get distracted by technology and instead keep a separate time allotted for when they can use mobile for interaction on social media platforms. "You're smarter than the gadgets you use," the Prime Minister said.

PM Modi also encouraged the students by saying, "Exam results are not the end of life because life doesn't stop at one station."

In the 6th edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha (PPC), the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, interacted with students, teachers and parents today at Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi. He also witnessed the exhibits of students showcased at the venue before the interaction. Pariksha Pe Charcha has been conceptualised by the Prime Minister wherein students, parents, and teachers interact with him on various topics related to life and exams. About 38.80 Lakh registrations have taken place this year from 155 countries in this year's edition of PPC. Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister highlighted that this is the first time that Pariksha Pe Charcha is taking place during the Republic Day celebrations and noted that those visiting New Delhi from other states also got a glimpse of the Republic Day. Throwing light on the importance of Pariksha Pe Charcha for the Prime Minister himself, he pointed out the millions of questions that are posed as part of the programme and said that it gives him insight into the minds of the young generations of India. "These questions are like a treasure trove for me", the Prime Minister said. He pointed out that he would like the compilation of all these questions which can be analysed by social scientists in the coming years giving us a detailed thesis about the minds of young students at such a dynamic time.

On handling disappointment

Addressing a question regarding family disappointment in the case of poor marks



from Ms Ashwini Kendriya Vidyalaya student from Madurai, Tamil Nadu, Navtej from KV, Pitampura Delhi Delhi, and Priyanka Kumari from Navin Balika School in Patna the Prime Minister said that there is nothing wrong with family expectations. However if these expectations, he said, are due to social status-related expectations then it is concerning. Shri Modi also talked about ever-increasing standards of performance and growing expectations with every success. He said it is not good to be bogged down by the surrounding web of expectation and one should look inwards and link the expectation with one's own capabilities, needs, intentions and priorities. Giving the example of the game of cricket where the crowd keeps on rooting for fours and sixes, the Prime Minister said that a batsman who goes out to bat remains unperturbed even after so many people in the audience plead for a six or a four. Drawing the link between the focus of a batsman on a cricket field and the minds of students, the Prime Minister said that the pressure of expectations can be obliterated if you remain focused. He urged the parents to not burden their kids with expectations and asked the students to always evaluate themselves according to their potential. However, he told the students to analyse the pressures and see if they are doing justice to their own potential. In such a situation these expectations may spur better performance.

On preparation for exams and time management

Addressing the questions about not knowing where to start the preparations for the exam and the stressful situation leading to forgetfulness from Arushi Thakur a class 11th student from KV, Dalhousie, and questions about time management during exams from Aditi Diwan from Krishna Public School, Raipur the Prime Minister stressed the importance of time management in general life with or without exams. He said work never tires, in fact not working tires a person. He asked students to note down the time allotment to various things that they do. He said that it is a general tendency that one devotes more time to the things that he likes. He said while allocating time to a subject, one should take up the least interesting or most difficult subject when the mind is fresh. Instead of forcing one's way through, students should tackle the complexities with a relaxed mindset. The Prime Minister asked if the students have observed the time management skills of mothers working at home who perform every chore

an exam or two but it will remain questionable in life", he added. The Prime Minister told the hard-working students not to despair at the temporary success of the cheaters and said that hard work will always benefit them in their lives. "Exams come and go but life is to be lived fully", he said. Giving the example of people at a railway station who cross the platforms by making a way on the railway tracks instead of crossing the foot overbridge, the Prime Minister pointed out that shortcuts will not take you anywhere and said, "Shortcuts will cut you short."

On working hard vs working smart

A student from Kozhikode Kerala asked about the need and dynamics of hard work versus smart work. Giving the example of smart work, the Prime Minister highlighted the parable of the thirsty crow who threw



in a timely manner. He also added that they barely get tired by doing all their work but also find the time to engage in some creative work in the remaining time. The Prime Minister pointed out that by observing their mothers, the students can understand the significance of micro-management of time and thereby dedicate particular hours to each and every subject. "You must distribute your time for greater benefits", the Prime Minister remarked.

On unfair means in exams and taking shortcuts

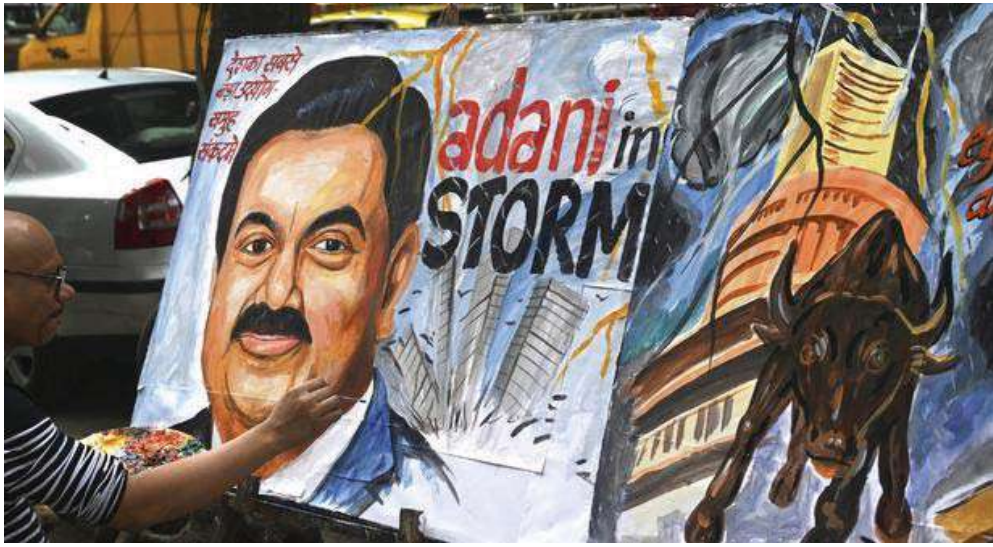
Rupesh Kashyap, a Class 9th student from Swami Atmanand Govt School in Bastar asked about ways of avoiding unfair means in the exams. Tanmay Biswal of Konark Puri Odisha also asked about the elimination of cheating in the examination. The Prime Minister expressed happiness that students had raised the topic of finding ways to deal with malpractices during the exam and pointed out the negative change in the morals where a student takes pride in fooling the supervisor while cheating in an exam. "This is a very dangerous trend", the Prime Minister said as he asked the society as a whole to ponder about it. He also noted that some schools or teachers who run tuition classes strive for unfair means so that their students excel in the exams. He also asked students to refrain from wasting time in finding ways and preparing cheating material and spend that time in learning. Secondly, "In these changing times, when life around us is changing, you have to face exams on every step", the Prime Minister said as he noted that such people can only clear a few exams but eventually fail at life. "Life cannot be successful with cheating. You may clear

stones in a pitcher to quench his thirst. He emphasised the need to closely analyse and understand the work and highlighted the moral from the story of working hard, smartly. "Every work should be first examined thoroughly" he added. He gave the example of a smart working mechanic who fixed a jeep within two mins for two hundred rupees and said that it is the work experience that counts rather than the time spent working. "Everything cannot be achieved with hard labour". Similarly, in sports also specialised training is important. He said that we should focus on what needs to be done. One should do hard work smartly and in the areas that are important.

On recognising one's potential

Jovita Patra, a student of Class 10th from Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Gurugram asked about doing well in exams as an average student. The Prime Minister appreciated the need for having a realistic assessment of oneself. Once this realisation is there, the Prime Minister said, appropriate goals and skills should be set by the student. Knowing one's potential makes a person very capable, he said. He asked parents to do a correct assessment of their children. He said that most people are average and ordinary but when these ordinary people do extraordinary deeds, they achieve new heights. The Prime Minister said India is being seen as a new hope in the global economy. He recalled the time when Indian economists and even the Prime Minister were not seen as proficient economists but today India is seen as shining in the comparative economics of the world.

Global gaze, uproar at home



The recent gaze on India, especially over the influential Adani Group's businesses world over, and the Income Tax department's two-day survey at the BBC's offices in New Delhi and Mumbai, has yet again led to some compelling questions over the government's tolerance for criticism, and more broadly, the space for freedom of expression in India. Following U.S.-based short seller Hindenburg Research's report flagging the Adani Group's financial "irregularities", billionaire philanthropist George Soros remarked that the development may weaken Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "stranglehold" on the government. Further, the Hungarian-American investor placed the onus on Mr. Modi, observing he would "have to answer questions", and that the developments could pave way for a

"revival of democracy in India". The Indian establishment, including prominent ministers, was quick to react to his provocative remarks. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said Mr. Soros is "old, rich, opinionated, and dangerous and invests resources in shaping narratives." It was in line with the Indian government's view that international actors were deliberately pursuing an "anti-India" line, to taint the growing economy's global standing. Something that government interlocutors repeatedly claimed, while justifying the blocking of the BBC's two-part documentary on the Indian Prime Minister. At a time when India was already being closely watched, the "IT survey" at the BBC's offices only drew more bad press. The Hindu took a strong view in its editorial on the development and argued:

augur well for India's global image, but worse, it is a clear threat to existing freedoms of the country's citizens." What does this tell us about India's global standing? What do the tone and tenor of the government's responses indicate? Is Indian diplomacy on the defensive? – our Diplomatic Affairs Editor Suhasini Haidar dissects the recent developments.

"In trying to block access to the documentary, the government came across as ham-fisted and now, with this survey at the BBC offices, it comes across as intimidating. This does not

Big power, big defense

Meanwhile, the strategic aspirations of global powers continue to dominate world headlines. Tata's Air India has announced a 470-aircraft order with Airbus and Boeing, including 260 widebody planes, the largest order ever from any Indian airline and among the largest globally. Jagriti Chandra reports on the mega commercial plane deal that the United States termed an opportunity to "deepen an already profoundly intertwined relationship" between India and the US"



Top diplomats of the U.S. and China have held their first talks following the recent crisis in relations over the shooting down of a Chinese "spy balloon", with both sides trading accusations over the incident.

No consensus on Ukraine at G20

By Stanly Johny



The much awaited G20 Foreign Ministers Meeting in New Delhi ended without a joint communique. At the opening of the meeting, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had appealed to member countries "to rise above their differences" and focus on "what unites us".

But deep divisions between the U.S.-led western countries and the Russia-China combine on the language on Russia's war in Ukraine derailed a joint statement. Eventually, the meeting, chaired by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, ended with a 'Chair's Summary and Outcome Document', issued by India, that named Russia and China as the reason the two paragraphs (three and four from G20 Bali Document of 2022) pertaining to the war in Ukraine could not be reconciled. While Mr. Jaishankar said negotiators managed to achieve consensus on all issues concerning Global South, the Ukraine issue would continue to pose a serious diplomatic challenge for India, which is preparing to host the G20 leaders summit in September. The divisions Russia's war has triggered seem to have seeped into all major multilateral forums and deepening divisions between great powers could negatively impact India's push to advance the causes of the Global South and multilateralism. Separately, the Foreign Ministers of the Quad countries — India, the U.S., Australia and Japan — called for "just and lasting peace" in Ukraine and respect for a rules-based order in the South and East China Seas, apparently targeting both Russia and China. The statement, which was released after the Quad Foreign Ministers' meeting hosted by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar in Delhi, was met with sharp responses from both Russia and China, who called the grouping disruptive and "exclusionary".

The G20 gathering also saw Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken holding a brief meeting. The U.S. and Russian version on the meeting were divergent—Mr. Blinken said he raised critical issues with Mr. Lavrov, from Russia's suspension of the New START arms control treaty to the war in Ukraine, while the Russian side said it was not a full-fledged meeting" and that both sides "made contact" after it was requested by the Americans. Despite differing narratives, the meeting was significant as this was the first time the top Russian and American diplomats held face-to-face talks since the Ukraine war began on February 24, 2022.

India-China talks

Another important bilateral that took place on the sidelines of the G20 meeting was the one between Mr. Jaishankar and his Chinese counterpart Qin Gang. The meeting — a first between the two Ministers, with Mr. Qin having been appointed in December 2022 — was focused on addressing "challenges in the bilateral relationship" and



specifically the peace and tranquillity in the border, Mr. Jaishankar said. The Minister described the bilateral relationship between the two Asian giants as "abnormal" in his remarks to the media. The Chinese Foreign Ministry, in a statement, sought to delink the boundary from the rest of ties. "As neighbouring countries and major emerging economies, China and India have far more common interests than differences," Mr. Qin said. He repeated the Chinese stand that "the boundary issue should be put in the proper place in bilateral relations" and that "the situation on the borders should be brought under normalised management as soon as possible." Meanwhile, Russian Foreign Minister Lavrov said Moscow was trying to be "helpful" in bringing India and China closer. Speaking at the Raisina Dialogue in New Delhi, he said. He cautioned against 'outside players' and said Russia would like India and China to meet more often as the Russia-India-China trilateral has been in existence since the days of his predecessor, Yevgeny Primakov.

Battle for Bakhmut

Russian troops have made steady advances into Bakhmut, the embattled city in Ukraine's Donetsk region, which President Putin declared as Russian territory last September. Wagner PMC, a Russian private security company, is leading the attack, backed by regular Russian troops. Ukrainian leaders as well as British intelligence said last week that the situation in Bakhmut was difficult. Russian troops are trying to encircle the city, seeking to cut off supplies to the remaining Ukrainian troops. The Ukrainian side has reportedly made a partial withdrawal from the eastern side of Bakhmut, blowing up bridges across the Bakhmutkaa river and helping evacuate civilians. The Institute for the Study of War, a Washington-based think tank, reported that Kyiv's actions may point to a looming Ukrainian pull back. The Russians had taken Soledar, a small town neighbouring Bakhmut, in January. If they take Bakhmut, it would be their first major victory since their retreat from Kharkiv and Kherson last year.

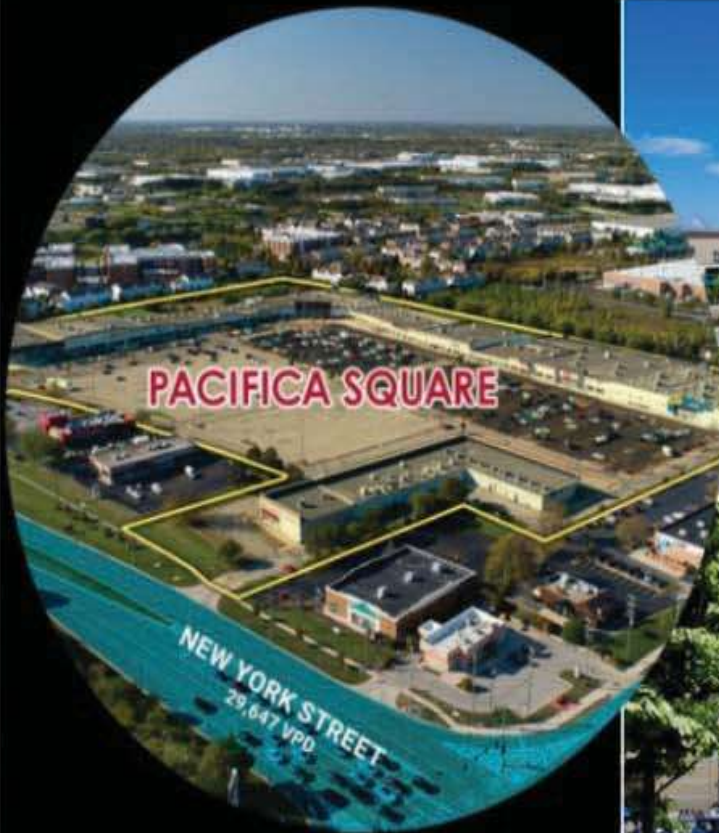




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Mindful Meditation & Yoga Naperville

- Certified Yoga /Meditation Teacher, Motivational Speaker and Ayurvedic Practitioner from the last 20 years.
- Founder of Mindful Meditation Yoga, a not-for-profit organization.
- Former Health Care Executive who has served as Director of United Health Care, Vice President of Aetna US Healthcare & President of American Physical Rehab Clinic



Dr. Erica Pugh-Taylor
Medical Director, Howard Brown Medical Centre, Chicago

- Board-Certified Obstetrician-Gynecologist works at the SIU School of Medicine and St. John's Hospital in Springfield., Illinois.
- Secretary for the Cook County Physicians Association and co-chair of their Governmental Affairs Committee.
- Engages in political advocacy, via the annual Congressional Leadership Conference, lobbying on Capitol Hill annually with physicians from across the Nation on issues impacting the delivery of equitable health care to women.

Alderman Nicole Lee
Alderman 11th Ward, Chicago



- Alderwoman Nicole Lee is the first Asian American woman and first Chinese American to serve on the Chicago City Council, and the first Asian American to represent Chinatown.
- She obtained Master of Public Policy from the University of Chicago's Harris School of Public Policy
- Lee has served on the University of Illinois Chicago Asian American Advisory Council and held leadership positions on the boards of the Asian Giving Circle, OCA Chicago and Chinese Mutual Aid Association. She's been an active participant in her children's schools.

Didi Barreto
DB Global Sports Naperville



- Didi Barreto hails from Brazil and had a successful career with the Brazilian National Soccer Team
- A member of the National Team that finished third place in South Korea Olympic Games 1999 World Cup USA and 1995 SWEDEN and she played on several championship TEAMS at the professional level
- The IL State Soccer Association has named Didi Barreto as one of the 2019 IL Women in Soccer Awards recipients.



Marta Farion
Attorney, President KYIV-MOHYLA
Foundation of America, IL

- An attorney who serves as president of the Kyiv-Mohyla Foundation of America, a non-profit organization established to support Ukraine's oldest university that is over 400 years old.
- Received her J.D. degree in 1980 from Chicago Kent College of Law, and her B.A. and M.A. degrees from Loyola University Chicago.

Chairperson of the Kyiv Committee of the Chicago Sister Cities International Program in 1996 - 2010. She also served on the board of the Chicago Grant Park Music Festival for ten years.

Delia Ramirez
U.S. Congresswomen, 3rd District-IL



- The daughter of working-class Guatemalan immigrants, Congresswoman Delia Ramirez is an accomplished legislator, social service director, community leader, and coalition builder who has dedicated her life and career advocating for working families.

- In 2018, She was elected as the State Representative of the 4th House District of Illinois. She co-founded the Illinois House Progressive Caucus and served as Assistant Majority Leader.

- In 2022, Ramirez was elected to the United States House of Representatives in Illinois's 3rd congressional district. After being sworn in in 2023, she became the first Latina to represent Illinois in Congress.



MADHU UPPAL
Community Activist, Naperville, IL

- Educator and Independent candidate for Naperville City Council
- Past President 2016 - 2018 and Member Board of Trustees of Naperville Public Library 2012 - 2016
- Master's degree in educational leadership from the University of Illinois at Chicago and a Doctoral degree in educational leadership from Aurora University.

Dr. Audrey Tanksley
Internal Medicine Physician at innovative
Care, Logan Square, Chicago



- Board certified internal medicine physician at Innovative Care in Logan Square.
- President of Cook County Physicians Association
- Completed fellowship training in Medical Education Research at the University of Chicago and in Integrative Medicine at the University of Arizona Andrew Weil Center of Integrative Medicine.



Ann Smith
Events Coordinator, Community Christian
Church, Naperville, IL

- Events Coordinator for Community Christian Church - Naperville Yellow Box location.
- Bridge Builder with individuals, families, businesses, cultures and faiths through planning with Social engagement.
- High level of work ethic, caring for the cause, loving all people and settling for nothing short of excellence ensures that each group's events that she cares for, will be done right and will be a great experience for all!

Tonya Hunter
Children for Cops Naperville



- Serves as Supervisory Chairperson for CTAFC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
- Author and Freelance writer currently working for North Lawndale News
- Served in the former Cabrini Green and Chicagoland area as a Life Skills Trainer and Social Worker

Theresa Eagleson
Department of Healthcare & Family
Services, Springfield, IL



- Director- Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
- Experienced leader in health care and Government operations.
- Director Eagleson had previously been the longest serving Medicaid Director in the state's history, from 2007-2014. She has served in policy and administrative positions in state government since 1990, with a concentration in human services and healthcare.



Begum Chand Nasim
Community Activist Chicago

- Is the Vice-Chair of the MEATF Multi Ethnic Advisory task Force
- American Multi Ethnic Coalition Commissioner for Human Rights
- Pakistani American Women Activist for Gender Parity and Women Empowerment



Dr. Suneela Harsoor

Pain Management Specialist Hinsdale, IL

- Dr. Suneela Harsoor, MD is currently the Medical Director of Multidisciplinary pain clinic, Hines VA , IL
- She graduated from Bangalore Medical College, Karnataka, India in 1992.

· Currently (2023-24) is the Chair Person of [IAMA - Indian American Medical Association] which is a charitable foundation that serves thousands of underserved patients for free irrespective of their race, caste or ethnicity.

Toniya Winston

New age Service, Chicago

- Dr. Tonyia P. Winston has been President and CEO at New Age Services Corporation since April 2019 and has extensive history of both administrative and clinical experience as a social worker.

- Dr. Winston also volunteers her time assisting mentally ill adults and mentoring pre-teens.

- Is an award-winning visionary Leader, Educator, Professional Coach, and Consultant



Senator Cristina Castro

State Senator, 22nd Distict IL

- State Senator Cristina Castro represents the 22nd District, which includes 11 different communities located within Cook and Kane County.
- Senator Castro is the Majority Caucus Whip for the 103rd General Assembly

- Member of the Latino Caucus and also serves on the Appropriations, Energy and Public Utilities, Insurance, Labor and Revenue Committees.

- The first person in her family to earn a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Business Administration from Northern Illinois University.



Lillian Stephan Enwiya

Manager, Vision Home Health Mount Prospect, IL

- Assyrian American Community Activist
- Manager, Vision Home Health, Mount Prospect
- Dedicated to managing home caregivers and Case Management Co-ordination.

Vibha Rajput

Diamond Corporation Plainfield, IL

- Business owner and Entrepreneur from a young age, and a Community Activist
- Owner of Dunkin Donuts & Baskin Robbins.
- Investor in Real Estate and Commercial Shopping Centers.

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" A community activist, health equity advocate, businesswoman, pharmacist, and metastatic breast cancer patient.

" Head of Patient Engagement and Insights, Center for Health Equity and Patient Affairs (HEPA) at Takeda Pharmaceuticals.

" A licensed clinical pharmacist and an accomplished Leader with 20+ years of experience in advancing positive patient outcomes and equity within healthcare.



Mercy Manuel

11th Grade Student, NEWQUA Valley High School, Naperville

- Junior at Neuqua Valley High School in Naperville.
- Figure skater, Won gold medals in many competitions.
- Member Creative Ice Theater and Represents TEAM USA to be held in Boston for the 2023 Nations Cup International competition

Gloria Pierce

Community Activist Evanston, IL

- Community activist, Evanston & Ardent Advocate for Affordable Housing in the inner city of Chicago

- Chairperson, Bethel Mennonite Community Church Advisory Task Force

- Grant writer, Social worker and Advocacy for Children



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The history of virtual reality

VR is a system in which you can see a reality in virtual



Aarav Karna
6th Grade, JFK Middle School,
Plainfield, IL

Explanations amirite? Anyway, VR was created by this dude named Ivan Sutherland in 1965 because he wanted doctors military personnel and all of the above to be able to train and still feel like they are doing something wrong in real life which would warrant them to not make a mistake when they actually were doing something in reality. (He probably didn't actually thing that but hey it's still quite funny to me) Anyway after that a military engineer in 1966 named Thomas Furness decided that it was a good idea to make a VR simulator for the air force and now, we have stuff like DCS and

VTOL VR because Uncle Sam thought that was the best idea ever. After that Sutherland and his assistant decided that in 1968, he needed to go even further beyond and created the worlds first HMD (Head Mounted Display) called the sword of Damocles despite its name it was not dangerous and was in fact innovative as we finally got (drumroll please) 3d squares! Pretty much it allowed for people to look around and see stuff that is 3d!

(It gets a little boring from here on out so let's do a lightning round) Oh hey General Electric in 1969 just built a simulator that used 3 screens

surrounding the cockpit! Oh, hey Krueger's VIDEOPLACE in 1975 just built the worlds first interactive VR platform. Antonio mesa in 1991 decided that he could somehow cheat the time delay between mars and earth and built a VR system on top of that you know to make it more impressive.(End of lighting round)

Hey, its 2023 and the VR industry going under a little bit, but by the end of this year the VR industry is going to be the strongest it has ever been. And with this technological revolution we have the ability to teach students such as myself with VR headsets. So now with all that I just know we won't get baited with fake a-OH HEY THE QUEST 2 .

AUTHOR AARAV KARNA
SOURCE <https://virtualseech.com/blog/history-of-vr#:~:text=1965,able%20to%20interact%20with%20objects.>

Cameron Boozer, No. 1 prospect in the country, is the 2023 Gatorade National Boys Basketball Player of the Year

By Krysten Peek

Sophomore Cameron Boozer, the son of former NBA player Carlos Boozer, was named the 2023 Gatorade National Boys Basketball Player of the Year on Wednesday. It's one of the most prestigious high school basketball awards in the country, and Boozer is only the second sophomore in the program's history to win the award for boys basketball (Emoni Bates won as a sophomore in 2020).

He joins the ranks of Jayson Tatum, Karl-Anthony Towns, Kevin Love, Kobe Bryant and LeBron James, who all won the award as high school seniors. Past winners have combined to produce five NBA MVPs awards, 76 All-Star appearances, 14 NBA championships, 28 NBA first-round draft selections and three Hall of Famers. Kansas guard Grady Dick won the award in 2022 and is a projected lottery pick in the upcoming NBA Draft.

"It's crazy to be included in such a talented group of players," Boozer told Yahoo Sports. "All the past players have had great careers in the NBA, and it's kind of surreal to be included in a list with all those guys."

Love surprised Boozer with the award Tuesday afternoon in the gym at Christopher Columbus High School outside of Miami in front of Boozer's family, high school coaches and teammates.

"I was definitely surprised," Boozer said. "We were told we were getting measured for our [state championship] rings, and then Kevin Love just walked in with the trophy, so the whole thing was kind of crazy." Boozer, 15, is regarded as the top high school prospect in the country, regardless of class. At 6-foot-9, he burst onto the scene last spring playing alongside his twin brother, Cayden, in Nike's Elite Youth Basketball League and made a statement in front of several NBA scouts at Nike's Peach Jam, averaging 22.5 points, 12.2



rebounds and 4.2 assists over the summer.

"I just want to show NBA scouts that I'm a winner, I love winning, and I love helping my team win most importantly," Boozer said. "Every time I step on the court, I want to improve and just show [NBA scouts] different aspects of my game."

Boozer's high school team, Christopher Columbus, had a packed national schedule this year, and the twin sophomores made their presence known against older,

tougher competition, facing D.J. Wagner, the top senior point guard heading to Kentucky, and Sierra Canyon and Bronny James. Cameron and his brother Cayden play well above their years and came out with the win in both matchups. "Both Cameron and his brother stay settled, they don't get rattled much, and Cameron, at such a young age, continues to be a leader and bring our guys together throughout the game," head coach Andrew Moran told Yahoo Sports in January. "He's a big part of our success and is just

a player that wants to get better every single day."

Boozer led the Explorers to a 26-4 record and the Class 7A state championship this past season. He averaged 21.1 points, 11.2 rebounds, 4.2 assists and 2 blocks per game, including a 13-point, 12-rebound performance in a 50-48 win over Winter Haven High in the state final.

Cameron and Cayden both hold early offers from Duke, Florida State, Miami, Michigan and Arkansas. The pair plan on making a few visits this spring and summer, but nothing has been set up yet. One school thought to be the favorite is Duke, where their father played in college.

"Duke is a great program and they're one of those places that have a lot of pros coming out of there," Cameron said of the Blue Devils. "Everything they do on the court just kind of shows me who they are, and, historically, they've just been great in general." Cameron will kick off his AAU season on Nike's EYBL circuit April 21-23 and will be playing with Nightrydas' 16-under teams this year with his brother.



Dr. Sarada Purna Susarla Sonty



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“ First Kiss “

Dr. Sarada Purna Sonty

Ascending notes reached
 Her cheeks blushed pink
 Vibrating beats touched
 Twinkles in eyes doubled
 Mighty love whispers gloated
 Hearing music she stood still
 Dreaming drum echo’s in sleep
 Frozen like a deer in spell
 In Dessert she smell Roses
 Mighty love smiles amused
 She talks again, asks more
 Love sweat wets her bosoms
 Shivering damsel in confusion
 Love’s victory screamed loud
 Let me water the seed planted
 Her Lips sheen like spring Tulips !
 World forgets breathing total
 Again and again says Love ! It is !

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From : New Book “ Rhythm”

“Move in Unique”

Dr. Sarada Purna Sonty

I am sinking in my own wisdom
 Wondering at every step of life
 All qualities echoes in detachment
 They carry impressions not forms
 From Life to Life only an aspect
 Dreams in loads are formed in mind
 The mind is empty as mighty sky
 Stars in myriads twinkling constant
 Thoughts flowing with gusting force
 Waging war with sounding Alphabets
 I am sunk deep in my own insights
 Can’t abandon oozing desire bounty
 When sky rained , Grass in green high
 Grove if full with fragrant flowers
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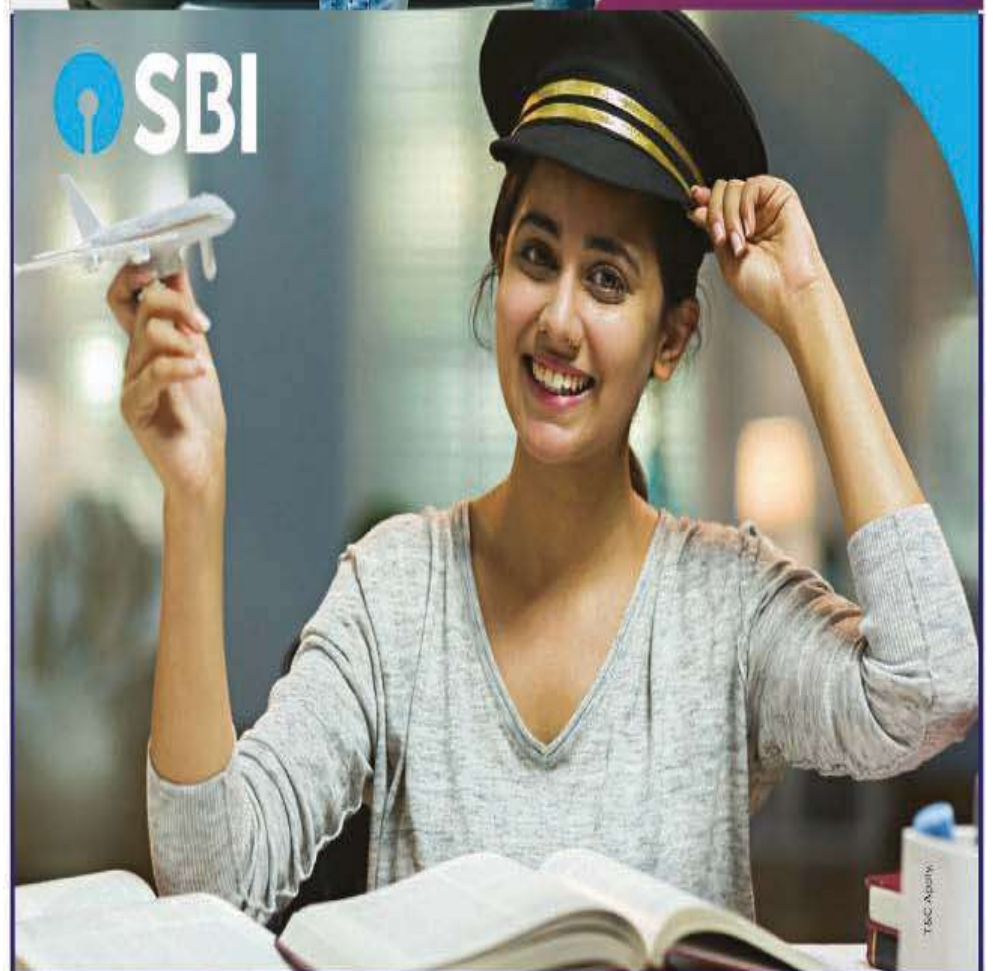
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Did American fashion designer Law Roach humiliate Priyanka Chopra with 'sample-sized' remark? Ex-stylist reacts

Priyanka Chopra recently said she was reduced to tears after being insulted by a stylist. Law Roach has now reacted to her remarks.



context. Law Roach further said that he is fond of the Desi Girl. He had styled Priyanka, who will soon be seen in Citadel, for several red carpet events.

LAW ROACH REACTS TO PRIYANKA CHOPRA'S REMARKS

Priyanka Chopra recently said that a stylist humiliated her by saying that she isn't 'sample-sized'. She, however, refrained from naming the individual. Law

Roach has reacted to the controversy. In a new interview, he said that his comments were taken out of context and asserted that he has never had such a conversation with the Quantico star.

"It is her gatekeepers, how they presented what I said to her to make her feel that way. I am sure it was taken outta context to get her to be like, 'Oh, okay, I'm not working with him no more. He's insensitive to my

body.' Which I'm like, 'How is that possible? I've been dressing you since pre-pandemic, and it's been nothing but great things,' he told The Cut.

LAW ROACH PRAISES PRIYANKA CHOPRA

He went on to praise the actress and her energy levels. "It drives me crazy. She has a twinkle, she has a wiggle, and I love her, even as a person," he said. Priyanka,

Priyanka Chopra recently revealed that a stylist once insulted her by saying that she wasn't 'sample-sized'. The star went on to reveal that she was reduced to tears

following the incident. While she did not name anyone, fashion icon Law Roach soon reacted to these remarks. He said that his comments were taken out of

Ranveer Singh surpasses Virat Kohli to become India's most valued celebrity of 2022: Report

Actor Ranveer Singh has emerged as India's most valued celebrity of 2022, according to a new celebrity brand valuation report. With a brand value of \$181.7 million, Singh has surpassed star cricketer Virat Kohli who occupied the top spot for five years.



Actor Ranveer Singh is India's most valued celebrity of 2022, according to a report by corporate investigation and risk consulting firm, Kroll. With a brand value of \$181.7 million, Singh has dethroned cricketer Virat Kohli, who occupied the top spot for five years, according to the report, titled "Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2022: Beyond the Mainstream". Kohli fell to second spot with a brand value of \$176.9 million. His brand value has seen a decline for two consecutive years after he left the captaincy of the men's cricket team. His brand value stood at over \$237 million in 2020, but declined steeply in 2021 to \$185.7 million.

Actor Akshay Kumar remained in third position with a brand value of \$153.6 million. With a valuation of \$102.9 million, actress

Alia Bhatt also retained the fourth spot and the title of the most valued female celebrity. Deepika Padukone's brand valuation of \$82.9 million earned her the fifth spot.

Amitabh Bachchan, Hritik Roshan and Shah Rukh Khan were other big names from the film industry that made it to the top 10 list of most valued celebrities. Former cricketer MS Dhoni occupied sixth spot on the list with a brand value of over \$80 million. Meanwhile, former Indian cricketing icon Sachin Tendulkar entered the top-10 club in 2022, ranking eighth with a brand value of \$73.6 million. It may be noted that the overall brand value of the top 25 celebrities in 2022 is estimated at \$1.6 billion, marking an increase of roughly 29.1 per cent from

2021. And for the first time, South Indian stars Allu Arjun and Rashmika Mandanna made it to the list of India's top 25 most valued celebrities. Olympic gold medalist Neeraj Chopra also made it to the top 25, along with Commonwealth gold medalist PV Sindhu. They were both valued at \$26.5 million.

Aviral Jain, Managing Director, Valuation Advisory Services, Kroll said, "The theme of this year's study is "Beyond the Mainstream," which recognizes the ascent of sports stars as well as South Indian stars as strong brand endorsers."

"2022 has been the second successful year for South Indian movies at the box office, resulting in many Tollywood faces being sought after in the advertising and media industry nationally," he added.

Fasten Your Seatbelts: Shah Rukh Khan's Pathaan To Release On OTT Platform

Attention, Shah Rukh Khan fans, the film will premiere on March 22

New Delhi: Do you "sense turbulence in the weather"? It ought to happen because Shah Rukh Khan, Deepika Padukone and John Abraham's blockbuster Pathaan has finally made its way to the OTT world. So, fasten your seatbelt and get ready as the highest-grossing Hindi film of all time, which is still running successfully in some theatres worldwide, will release on Prime Video this month. How excited are you? Attention, Shah Rukh Khan fans, the film will premiere on March



22. The Siddharth Anand directorial is one of the much-awaited movies to stream on an OTT platform after a theatrical release. You can watch Pathaan in Hindi, Tamil and Telugu on Prime Video. Announcing the update, the official Twitter page of the streaming platform wrote, "We sense a turbulence in the weather, after all, Pathaan is coming! Pathaan on Prime, March 22 in Hindi, Tamil and Telugu."

Punjabi actor Aman Dhaliwal injured in knife attack at US gym, now recovering in hospital

Aman Dhaliwal was critically injured in a knife attack while he was working out in a US gym. The actor was held hostage by the unknown assailant inside the gym, while he shouted for some water. In a video being shared on social media, Aman tries to contain the assailant, which is when he gets injured. Later, several men hold down the unknown man, while Aman is seen

standing on the side, bloodied from the attack. The actor is now recovering in a hospital after his injuries were looked after. Several photos of the actor from the hospital show the extent of his injuries. His head has been bandaged up, and he has deep stab wounds on his neck, chest, shoulder and arm. The actor had undergone several stitches for the cuts. In

the video, the assailant is wearing a blue hoodie. He can be heard saying, "Please, respect us! Give me water. I need water!" The unknown man tries to intimidate Aman by screaming in his face and says to the others, "You want to take advantage of me." When he shows his face by removing the hoodie from his head, Aman tries to take him down.



Leaders urged media to end attempts to create division among Indian community

India Unity Day celebrated in Chicago U.S.A.



The India Unity Day 2023 organizing committee members under chairmanship of Neal Patel, National Chair of American Multi Ethnic Coalition USA



Neal Patel, CEO of Medstar Laboratory, Hillside receiving the Edward Lily Prabhakar Centenary Award for his outstanding leadership from AMEC Governor, Dr. Zenobia Sowell at the India Unity Day 2023.



Dr. Anu Malhotra, Founder & CEO, Mindful Meditation Yoga, Naperville giving the Call to Action at India Unity Day celebrations.

Give strong support to Rep. Danny Davis

Chicago, IL — During a rally held late Friday night at the MEDSTAR auditorium in Hillside, IL, Rep. Danny K. Davis (D-7th) gave strong hints that his bid for re-election of the 119th Congress is beginning, but he stressed his immediate focus is on the election of mayoral hopeful Brandon Johnson and J.B. Johnson, who is running for alderman of the 29th Ward, and leaders urged the media to end attempts to create division among the Indian community. Rep. Davis made his remarks during the third annual celebration of India Unity Day during a meeting of the American Multi Ethnic Coalition Inc., AMEC-USA headed by Dr. Vijay Prabhakar. The meeting, attended by scores of Indians and community activists, was held at the MedStar Auditorium, 4531 Harrison St., Hillside, IL. where Rep. Davis stopped short of announcing his bid for re-election until after the April 4th mayoral and aldermanic

runoff elections are held. In celebrating the third annual India Unity Day, Dr. Prabhakar, who is also president of the Indian American Business Coalition, said they joined with other organizations to oppose the non-binding resolution, which was "Anti-India" introduced three years ago by Ald. Maria Hadden (49th), that was defeated by the Chicago City Council on March 24, 2021 in a 26-18 vote. Hadden had said her resolution was designed to condemn violence against castes and religious minorities in India. Her purpose for introducing the resolution was to hold a fellow democracy accountable. The resolution, which also called on the congressional delegation and the new federal administration to back legislation and other action promoting secularism and tolerance. One of the key community leaders who was at the forefront of educating the Chicago City Council in 2021 about the inaccuracies in

the city Council resolution number, R2020-583, was Dr. Bharat Barai, Chairman of the U.S. India Friendship Council, Munster, Indiana. Dr. Barai said the Chicago City Council has enough issues to be resolved in Chicago rather than being concerned about allegations of issues in India which is 10,000 miles away. Dr Barai stressed that the Indian American community is united and living harmoniously here. "I am an Indian Christian by birth and practice," Dr. Prabhakar said. "I am proud to say that India is a secular country. We Muslims, Christians, Jews, Sikhs, Hindus and Parsis are prosperously living in peace in India." Referring to Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Dr. Prabhakar said, "Our leadership of India is under a very inclusive and dynamic prime minister. "The media here in the United States with vested interests are spreading vicious rumors of disharmony and hate among our

own Indian brothers and sisters, especially those living in America. We are one. My best friends are Muslims, Hindus. We don't feel the religious separation. We never felt it while growing up in India," Dr. Prabhakar said. He praised Sher Mohammed Rajput, a Muslim Indian often called the Mayor of Devon, for attending their meeting even though he is in the midst of Ramadan. Rajput, was awarded the Global Strategic Alliance (G.S.A.) Pride of India Award for his over four decades of community service in Chicago. "I work to bring all religions together. We are all brothers. We have lived together for 5,000 years," Rajput said who is the founding trustee of the East West University in Chicago. Praising the leadership of Indian Prime Minister Modi, Dr. Prabhakar said, "India is strong, is secular and inclusive, and we do not feel an ounce of discrimination. Please stop looking at India as a land where minorities are persecuted because that is the farthest from the truth."

Dr. Zenobia Sowell, Governor, American Multi Ethnic Coalition joined Dr Gladys Folorunsho, President U.S.A. Africa Chamber of Commerce, Ajit Pant, President, U.S. India Chamber of Commerce, Midwest, Martino Tangkar, Chairman, 7th Congressional District-IL Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force, Rev. Jebasingh Jebamony, Pastor, RCA Multi Ethnic Church of Mount Greenwood, Rakesh Asthana, Secretary General, Metropolitan Asian Family Services, Roselle, Shridhar Damle, Chicago Coordinator, Friends of India Society, Vinita Gulabani, President of Federation of Indian Associations, Schaumburg, Jatinder Singh, Hello NRI Editor, and Nand Garg, Community activist, Naperville among others who spoke. Anu Malhotra, Founder and CEO of Mindful Mediation Yoga Center of Naperville gave the call to action and said that yoga and meditation is India's most precious gift to the world. Shree Gurusamy ,

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Dr. Bharat Barai, Chairman of the U.S. Friendship Council, Munster Indiana delivered the Presidential address at India Unity Day 2023.



Photo shows Congressman Danny K. Davis being presented the symbolic, "Ark of Covenant" by nine-year-old Nathan George at the India Unity Day 2023 celebrations in Chicago.



Congressman Danny Davis congratulated Shree Gurusamy, AMEC Secretary General and Seeta Bala, GSA Awards Jury Co Chair for the successful conduct of the India Unity Day celebrations.



MEATF 7th Congressional District Chair Martino Tangkar swearing in Mohita Sukumar as Executive Director of the Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force, Chicago at India Unity Day celebration.



Dr. Sarada Sonty G.S.A. Awards Jury Co-Chair 2023 presenting the Pride of India Award to Sher Mohammed Rajput, "Mayor" of Devon, Chicago at the India Unity Day celebration



Dr. Vijay G. Prabhakar, President American Multi Ethnic Coalition USA speaking while MEATF Chairman Martino Tangkar, Congressman Danny Davis and GSA Pride of India Awardee Sher Mohammed Rajput, "Mayor of Devon" look on at the India Unity Day 2023.



AMEC Governor Dr. Zenobia Sowell presenting the Edward & Lily Prabhakar Centenary Award 2023 to Captain Rakesh Asthana, Secretary General, Metropolitan Asian Family Services, Roselle at India Unity Day celebration.



AMEC Governor Dr. Zenobia Sowell presenting the Mahatma Gandhiji commemorative pocket watch to Hello NRI Chief Editor, Captain Jatinder Bedi at India Unity Day Celebrations.

Secretary General of American Multi Ethnic Coalition acknowledged the role of Congressman Danny Davis in empowering ethnic minorities by encouraging them to partner with the 7th congressional district businesses and constituents to build a strong Chicago.

National Chair of American Multi Ethnic Coalition Neal Patel, who is the CEO of the Medstar Laboratory, Hillside said that a fully realized U.S.-India economic relationship would create a new center of gravity in the global economy where innovation, growth, and business can thrive

while also safeguarding and strengthening democratic values and security among democratic nations. Neal Patel is the Illinois State Chapter President of Indian American Business Coalition. Seeta Bala, Awards Jury Chair, Global Strategic Alliance G.S.A. India @75 Expo, moderated the

face-to-face dialogue discussion with Congressman Danny Davis. Mohita Sukumar, Executive Director of the 7th Congressional District's Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force, hosted the honoring ceremony where a symbolic 'The Ark Of Covenant' was presented to Congressman Davis for his

reelection to the 119th Congress. Nathan George, 9, of Oswego, enthralled the audience by highlighting the significance of the Ark of Covenant as the most instrumental symbol of faith and that it represented God's presence is always with Danny Davis, as it was with Moses.

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