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SCOTT WEHRLI SWORN IN AS MAYOR OF NAPERVILLE CITY

**GSA India@75 Expo
Curtain Raiser 2022**

**Gandhi King Center
for Non Violence Launch**

**68th Hyundai
Filmfare Awards**

**F. I. A. Chicago
celebrates Holi**

FROM THE EDITOR IN CHIEF

Coronation of King Charles III as the king of the United Kingdom is covered in a colorful photo feature on page 3 in our Global Newsmakers page.

The Cover story of this edition is the exclusive face-to-face interview with Naperville's newly elected Mayor Scott Wehrli, a proven leader, a humane man of action with a flair for inclusive leadership. Alli Dhanaraj, our National Circulation Director Covered the Swearing –in-ceremony at Naperville City Hall on April 30, 2023.

In the Spotlight section, we have a photo feature of the most successful Curtain Raiser held on September 23 & 24, 2022 at Sheraton Lisle Naperville to herald the most impactful and historic G.S.A. India @75 Expo U.S.A. held for the first time in North America. The two day G.S.A. India @75 Expo U.S.A. Curtain Raiser was the largest indoor celebration of

India's 75th Independence Anniversary in North America. This epic event celebrated the U.S.A – India relations and paved a roadmap to further strengthen the relations between the two countries in the near future and beyond. A long time Indophile and enthusiastic Community activist Shridhar Damle from Lombard, Illinois profiles his reflections by sharing articles of our unsung heroes in our Letters to the Editor Page.

Our regular pages featuring Global Snippets, Lifestyle, Women's Corner, Youth Page have articles that will spike your interests and enlighten you.

Shree Gurusamy, our Chief Community Officer interviews a young rising leader from a tier-II city of India in the "In Conversation" page.



Seeta Bala, our Guest Columnist features the recently launched "Gandhi King Centre for Non-Violence" in Englewood, Chicago. Englewood is a neighborhood in the Southside of Chicago where the life expectancy is 60 years only, while 7 miles away on Streetsville, the life expectancy is 90 years and the violence/crime rate in Englewood is about 86%. This initiative which is just getting off the ground is garnering national attention and hope to serves as a model demonstration project to reduce crime and gun violence.

Our India News Feature showcases the article published by Forbes of a successful young Indian entrepreneur, Mahant Mallikarjuna from Hyderabad, India.

G.S.A Global Eye Magazine offers a Special Salute to India's leading Rehabilitation Specialist Physician, Dr.

A.J. Rajendran, who had pioneered the Cardio Pulmonary rehabilitation programs in India.

In our Bollywood section, we have a colorful photo feature of the 68th Annual Hyundai Filmfare Awards Gala.

Thank you for your feedback and encouragement as we strive to bring you a unique blend of news info in a colorful and interesting to read format. Hope you enjoy this edition and look forward to hearing from you.



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FROM WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Charles is King

Takes oath to govern with 'justice and mercy', to foster environment where people of all faiths can live freely

#LONDON

King Charles III was on Saturday crowned the King of the UK at Westminster Abbey, in a solemn religious ceremony that dates back almost a thousand years.

The king entered through the Great West Door of the Abbey. He wore a long dark red robe as he slowly proceeded through the church behind wife Camilla. He was greeted by a congregation of around 2,200 — made up of heads of state and government, worldwide royalty as well as community champions.

Indian Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and wife Dr Sudesh Dhankhar represented India on the historic occasion and sat alongside other Commonwealth Heads of State.

The Service was conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby, with faith leaders and representatives of the Hindu, Sikh, Muslim, Buddhist and Jewish communities processing through the Abbey ahead of the service.

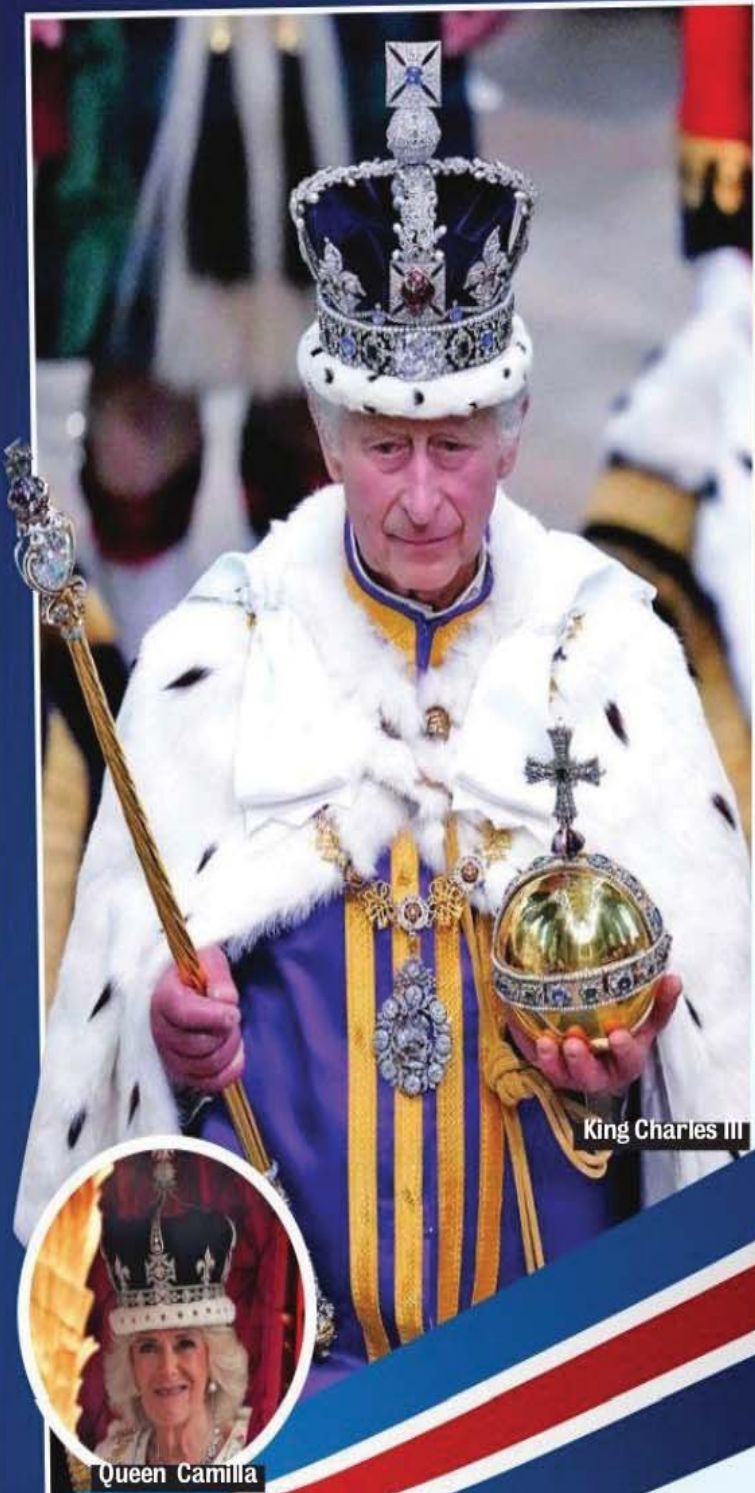
King Charles III took the solemn oath to govern the people of the United Kingdom with "justice and mercy" and to foster an environment where people of all faiths and beliefs can live freely after placing his hand

on the Bible. He later kissed the holy book.

For his coronation, King Charles III wore the crimson velvet Robe of State, a crimson coronation tunic and cream silk overshirt with Royal Naval trousers. The king's Robe of State is made of crimson velvet and was worn by King George VI at the Coronation in 1937.

Queen Camilla, the queen consort, wore a crimson robe, this one originally made for Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. Underneath she is wearing a tailored dress designed by Bruce Oldfield and created in Bruce Oldfield's couture workrooms in Battersea, London.

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King Charles III

Queen Camilla



Front row (L-R) Prince William, Princess Charlotte, Prince Louis, Kate, Princess of Wales, Prince Edward and Sophie, Duchess of Edinburgh



French President Emmanuel Macron and wife Brigitte Macron arrive to take their seats inside Westminster Abbey on Saturday



Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex, came to the ceremony alone



Canadian PM Justin Trudeau arrived with wife Sophie Trudeau at the event



Rishi Sunak made history as the first Indian-origin British PM to perform a reading at the ceremony. As the country's first Hindu head of government, he read from the Epistle to the Colossians from the New Testament reflecting the theme of service to others, in keeping with the recent tradition of UK PMs giving readings at State occasions. His wife Akshata Murty and he led the procession of flag-bearers



Japanese Prince Fumihito was with Princess Kiko



Lionel Richie was among many celebs, including Tom Cruise, Katy Perry and Sonam Kapoor who attended the event



Indian Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar & wife Dr Sudesh Dhankhar with Charles



Bhutan King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck was accompanied by wife Queen Jetsun Pema Wangchuck

We are regular readers of Global Eye Magazine. This magazine is also proving useful information for the community.

**Ramesh Kumar
Naperville, IL**

Read the new issue of Global Eye. The cover story published on the visit of India's Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman was excellent. The editorial provided excellent information on the total magazine.

**Vimala Desai
Pune, India**

I got the Globaleye magazine. This is a very informative magazine. It contains a lot of information about the development of the country and is printed in an

attractive style. I was very happy to read the articles on Youthpage, coverstory, Ramdan longlife etc. Thanks for sending the magazine printed.

**Muhammad Latif
Clarendon Hills, IL**

It's a pleasure to read the magazine and learn about the community ongoing progress. Congratulations to the entire magazine team.

Vibhav, Mumbai India

It is really a good work and articles of the magazine are very interesting and informative for all of us.

Thanks a lot.

Chennadurai, Chennai, TamilNadu

I have gone through the recent edition of the magazine. It is a nice and detailed presentation within a 32 page space. It is a good publication covering all the areas. Please keep it up with the same spirit. I wish all the very best to this magazine and team....

**Thomas
Vijayawada, AP, India**

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

Bala Tripura

Tirupathi, India

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

Asha, Delhi

Very well presented and articulated Seeta Bala, your photo feature is thoroughly researched and the write ups are very informative.

Sandhya, Aurora

Excellent and informative Global Eye Newspaper. Can you please include sections like: India in the news, Across the globe etc? Thank you

Srinath, Bangalore

SHRIDHAR DAMLE'S REFLECTIONS

Damodar Bapat: A life less ordinary Karmayogi Restoring lives with dignity LEPROSY victims

Nivedita Khandekar

LEPROSY, WHICH is known as kushtha rog or maharog in Hindi, is a disease that leads not just to physical deformity but also erodes a person's confidence. Restoring such lives with dignity is no easy task but Damodar Ganesh Bapat, who is not even a doctor, has been doing just that for over three decades now

Clearing misconceptions about leprosy in the society, living with patients, eating food cooked by them and sharing the habitat including water resources with these people are part of the work exemplified by Bapat in a small village Katrenagar in Champa (district Janjgir in Chhattisgarh).

"When we started our work, we were not allowed to enter buses. People did not even talk to us, as they feared that others would suspect their family has a leprosy patient, which would prove troublesome in finding a bride," Bapat told Hindustan Times.

Chhattisgarh and eastern Orissa have had large number of leprosy patients always. Hence the need was felt to open a service organisation in that remote area where the poor and ignorant people would get shelter after nearly being ostracised by family and society .

In 1974, Bapat was inspired by Dr Sadashiv Katre who was working in the field of leprosy through Bharatiya Kushtha Nivarak Sangh, Champa. He was appointed as secretary of the organisation in 1975 and is single-

handedly responsible for its overall growth.

Bapat's team today has 17 full time volunteers, who look after nearly 160 inmates of the organisation. After years of hard work, Chhattisgarh Government has started a grant for the organisation, which, the 71-year-old Bapat claims, "does not face any financial crunch as of today. Earlier, it was difficult, but over the years the awareness level about such work is increasing and Samaritans do come forward now to help us regularly."

The rehabilitation of persons affected by leprosy is done on two levels. First, of course, providing them shelter and making them self-reliant as even today, most of them are abandoned by their immediate relatives and forced to beg for survival.

Equally important is the second step wherein organisations such as Bapat's rehabilitate them psychologically. Not all offspring of leprosy patients are afflicted with the same disease. So the onus to look after health and education of such healthy children is another task done by Bapat and his team. A 'Sushil Balak Grah' run by the organisation looks after 150 such healthy children, students of Class 1 to 12. The organisation also runs two crèches for about 65 children.

It owns 73 acres of land, wherein rice, vegetables and fruit trees etc are grown, making them self-reliant in case of food. IDBI has financed a vocational training school where the inmates weave durries and mats, make ropes, carry out welding etc.

The youngsters, less in number, mostly go home or to some job after they are treated but the elders are not sent away from the sanatorium. "Even today, they fear that their families would not accept them. Hence we have started a 'Vridhashram' (home for aged) here itself and look after these people," Bapat adds.

The most important continuous work is spreading awareness and removing misconceptions in the society about the disease. "With sustained awareness, we have been able to improve the scenario a little but a utopian situation where every person with leprosy can be treated from his home would take may be some 20-25 years more," he claims. Born in Amravati district of Maharashtra, Bapat completed his graduation from Nagpur. After his father's death, he tried his hand at small-time jobs and even tried to run a small enterprise. Highly inspired by Swami Vivekanand literature, the call

from within - to do something for the society - would not let him sit quiet. This led him to join B a l a s a h e b Deshpande in his work at the Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram in the early seventies. Bapat has been an RSS pracharak since 1971. Starting as a teacher in the backward tribal area, Bapat got a chance to know first hand the problems of such regions. And after joining the leprosy work there was no looking back.. Few of the other awards received by Bapat are Vivekananda Seva Puraskar instituted by Shri Badabazar Kumar Sabha Pustakalaya, Kolkata; Bhaurao Deoras Seva Smruti Puraskar by Bhaurao Deoras Foundation and Chhattisgarh Rajya Alankar by Chhattisgarh state. (The tenth national 'Devi Ahilyabai National Award' instituted by Shri Ahilyotsav Samiti, Indore, would be conferred upon Damodar Ganesh Bapat (Champa, Chhattisgarh) on September 12 at Ravindra Natya Grah here for his service in the field of rehabilitation, education and health of persons affected with leprosy apart from making them self-reliant.)



**SHRIDHAR DAMLE
Lombard, Illinois**



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This episode of Dr VGP TALK SHOW features Chicago's young DIONE HARDEN and his MIND BOGGLING transformational journey from a top drug dealer at age 23 making \$15,000 dollars a day to his 13 long years in prison to trying to fix the community he broke today.

WAS THAT CHANGE EASY, WELL WATCH DR. VGP TALK SHOW TODAY TO FIND OUT?

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Face to Face with Mayor of Naperville...

Scott Wehrli

A proven leader, a humane man of action with a flair for inclusivity

Dr VGP:

Hello, and welcome to Dr. VGP talk show that reaches 42 million households, including 2 million across Chicagoland. Today our guest is a phenomenal leader whose deep family roots has propelled him to become the next mayor of Naperville. Naperville city is the third largest city in the state of Illinois, with a population of over 150,000, including 28% Asian Americans. Our guest, the newly elected mayor of Naperville, has secured the highest number of votes for a mayoral election ever in the history of Naperville. The choice before us is not what kind of Naperville will we have in the next four years, but what kind of Naperville will we have in the next 40 years? Yes, next 40 years. Imagine, if you will, for a moment, a debt free economy strong enough that every Napervillion can share in the American dream. Imagine a healthcare system where every Napavillion receives the medicine he or she needs, and no senior ever has to stay up all night deciding whether to buy food or fill a prescription. Imagine a society where every senior is treated with dignity and respect. Imagine a Naperville where the sustainable development goals are met with clean and safe drinking water and comprehensive sanitation systems. Imagine a Naperville where we give all children a first class education and, of course, the best education in the country. Well, Naperville, it's time to stop imagining. Today here Scott Wehrli, the newly elected mayor of Naperville. And hear his crusade on making this bold imagination of new Naperville a reality.

Scott Wehrli – Intro

Naperville has always been my home. Growing up, my parents believed in giving back to their community. And for my entire life, that's what I've done to serve our great city and offered solutions. As mayor, I use my decades of experience to continue that mission. I have more than 32 years of local law enforcement experience. As mayor, the safety of Naperville for all of our residents will be my number one priority. I'm also a local businessman who employs over 200 hardworking people. I know what it takes to make a payroll, balance the books, and negotiate contracts. And as mayor, I'll always respect your tax dollars, the people's money. What I heard from fellow business owners is that getting loans from big banks was getting too hard. I helped Co found a group of community banks that specialized in small business. In these uncertain times, we need a mayor who will look out for our businesses and cut the red tape so they can create good jobs and keep fueling a thriving local economy that helps our schools and our residents. Naperville isn't just my home. It's our home. We didn't become great by choosing size. We became great by doing what's right for our community, our neighbours, and our neighbour's kids.

Dr VGP:

Welcome to Dr VGP Talk Show that reaches 42 million households, including 2 million across Chicago land. We're delighted to have you, sir Scott Worley at our Global Eye studio in Naperville.

Scott Wehrli:

Thank you. Thank you for having me.

Dr VGP :

We are very delighted to have you and excited today we are going to learn more about Scott Wehrli, the person he was recently elected as the next mayor of Naperville City, the third largest city in the state of Illinois for the next four years. Scott, emerging from your recent jubilant victory, I should say as the next mayor of Naperville, the third largest city in the state of Illinois, tell us what made you run for the mayor's race.

Scott Wehrli:

I've been a lifelong resident of Naperville, so this community has always been very special to me. I was an adopted kid from Chicago and I could have ended up anywhere in the world, and my parents brought me to this place. It changed the trajectory of my life. And I've always had this sense of giving back to the community, whether through volunteerism. From the time I was twelve years old on to now being 53, I've been very active in this place. At this particular moment of time, we had a unique situation happening with our city council. We had half of our city council seats up for grabs. People were either terming out or not going to run again. And we also had a mayor who had chosen not to run for another term. And as I started looking at the roles that those positions play in our community, how important those things are, I then got into my background and unique historical perspective of living in Naperville all my life. And I realized that I have a lot of different unique skill sets that I think could really contribute to what we're trying to do here.



And never been a politician before, but I've always been a doer in the community and I think it's going to be a good fit.

Dr VGP :

Incredible. From a successful business tycoon with your philanthropic outlook to civic engagement, tell us, Scott, about your growing up and childhood years.

Scott Wehrli:

Well, I grew up in a little area of Naperville called Maplebrook, two very normal house with two working parents, and they were at a point where they were trying to grow their business. And my mom did hair out of the house. My dad was going in the work in the construction business. They were long days where he wouldn't come home



till nine or 10:00 at night. And when you're growing up in that type of environment, you find yourself thrust into different things, everything from the scouts to sports and everything else, because your parents are either taking you to work with them or they kind of put you over in these places. And for me, it was a combination of some days I would go to work with them. But I really enjoyed those opportunities to spend time with these other neighbours and folks in the community who gave their time to be community leaders and run those Boy Scout programs, coach those T ball and Little League sports so I could have those opportunities. And that's what's been so special about this community. I mean, everybody has always done something for their neighbour and their neighbour's kid. And I really think that's one of the special things that put Naperville on the map.

Dr VGP:

It's incredible. Your college days, how were your college days? You had 62 cousins and I'm sure. A whole bunch of friends in Naperville. What were your favorite hangouts and what did you do apart from college in your spare time?

Scott Wehrli :

So the Wehrli family goes back to the 1840s. And when I was adopted in the family, I had twelve aunts and uncles, 62 1st cousins. Wow. And I chose to go to school at North Central College. This is right here in downtown Naperville. I was able to work full time for my dad's construction business and also attend school and have that type of experience. It was interesting to me because you go to college and a lot of those students are full time students, and that's the only thing they do. So I had to adapt my schedule around those group process meetings and these different activities as a college student with my work schedule. And a lot of those classmates I had, some of them got it, some of them didn't. Some of them were also working full time. So we kind of had our own unique friend group because they were working in the restaurant business for their family businesses or whatever. But we tried to make the best of it and truly have a college experience and enjoy all the things that came with Naperville. What's amazing about North Central College is its proximity to Chicago.

So we were able to jump on the train, go into the city, and it's just a different transformative experience. When you were able to go down and see something totally different, totally unlike Naperville, and hang out in a different place.

Dr VGP:

It's good to know that you're a work study student growing up in college, I think that

must have prepared you. At 24 years, you were the youngest liquor commissioner ever to be appointed by a mayor, and you've been that for the last 29 continuous years. It's a no mean feat, an incredible. I would say an achievement. And what is your biggest takeaway being in the liquor commission all these years?

Scott Wehrli :

I was the news director at W ONC, which is at North Central College my senior year, and there was an election going on, and the person who was not supposed to win the election was a guy named Sam McCrain. And I ended up at his house as the news director while some of the other reporters got to go to the big parties. Well, I ended up at Sam's house, and he ultimately got elected. And I'm the only person from the media there, and I'm interviewing him. And suddenly all the Chicago press shows up, and they're trying to figure out who this guy is. A couple years later, he called me and he said, hey, I think I would like to have you on the liquor Commission to give a young person's perspective on what's going on in our liquor license establishments, but more so give you the long term vision for what we would like to see here in this community. And I didn't realize what that meant until I got into it and got onto the job and I heard from them, their long term vision involved the elimination of the traditional Tavern where you would just be selling beer and wine and hard alcohol, and they wanted to see Naperville full of restaurants.

That would have a full kitchen and that would be the barrier to entry in order to have that additional bar license. So as they shrunk those Tavern licenses and let them go away on their own or just stopped renewing them as there were management changes etcetera, we suddenly started seeing the, the good restaurants come into our community and we developed this thriving nightlife and hospitality industry, which is one of the best in the suburbs. I mean we literally have those Chicago restaurant tours out here and now world renowned chefs opening up restaurants in Naperville. So that was a real eye opener for me as a 24 year old, seeing how the long term effects of good planning and sticking to your ideas can really have an impact on your community.

Dr VGP:

It's an excellent concept and how that growth has become Naperville is now buzzing nightlife with fantastic response like you rightly said.

Scott, you have served 18 years on the North Central

College Board of Trustees, 20 years on the Naperville Partnership Board which

develops economic development for the city and you are also the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Maribon Academy in Aurora. You are truly a multi-faceted personality with missionary zeal as you can see you come across as an accessible leader with head on your shoulders and both your feet firmly on the ground.

Who is your mentor? Where did you get this inspiration to become this phenomenal leader that you are today?

Scott Wehrli :

My mentors are countless, but I've had so many in our community that have meant so much to me. One of my first mentors was a high school Dean named Bill Young, he ultimately went on to be my Park district police chief and I worked with him for decades while he was in that capacity. But he always gave me very solid advice, let me make my mistakes and learn from them and that was very important to me. I was mentored by my friend and he actually was a co-worker as well, George Pradle. He worked with me as a police officer.

He worked alongside me when I worked with him as a liquor commissioner for 20 years. And I got to see how George did it. And it was so inspirational to me because I saw how George could find those people in the room who he felt were not at the table. They didn't have a voice. And he would reach out to them and introduce himself and he would extend his hand and he says, hello, I'm George.

He would never talk about being the mayor or anything else. He just wanted them to have a friend and I thought that really was such an important part of how you can bring a community together there. You know there's a lot of people that look at these titles and being elected to office as being a power position and I don't look at it that way. George never did. And for and for me this isn't about Scott having this title of mayor. This is about me doing everything I can to make Naperville continue to be one of the most amazing places in the world. Yeah, to that my friend, President Will the emeritus at North Central College. He was the president of the college when I started there. He was a new president at the time. I served with him for a couple decades while he was the president well and I was a trustee. His sage advice along that way and the things we learn from each other about behavior of people and getting people to work together from all different types of education and in the background, those are things I continue to use every day but the folks here in town are countless as far as those influences and you and you pick and choose those different things that you take along with you.

Dr VGP:

Yes, Mayor Pradell is an iconic legend of Naperville city. We all from the longest serving Mayor and the City of Naperville.

Now you have inherited the Burly family construction business and its grown with over 200 employees today and I think you being so successful you wanted to share your success with those not so fortunate so in 2006 you co-founded a community bank, a much needed initiative of that time. Could you briefly tell us about that initiative and where it is today?

Scott Wehrli :

So my dad's construction business was created on his own back in 1959 and grew it over the years with different partners. I got involved in the business as a college student more, more so full time. Prior to that I was working part time in that business. But one of the things I learned around all those years was, Banking relationships were very important and as I was having conversations with different community leaders and friends of mine who were local business owners, small business owners, some medium sized business owners, back in around 2006, We determined that there were a lot of mergers and acquisitions going on in the banking space and those local decisions with regard to lending for small business, they were not being made locally anymore and we thought there would be a great opportunity and model for us to start our own community banks. So we got together with some friends from Joliet and started having more and more conversations about it and in 2006, 2007 we started creating these community banks down in Will County. First Plainfield, Joliet. We did one in Naperville, Burr Ridge, Homer Lockport, more Shanahan, Minooka. So we had all these different banks created. We raised over \$100 million in private capital and then navigated those banks through the recession because that was a tough time for hanging new banks that obviously took the company public in 2013 on NASDAQ.

We're about billion and a half, a little shy of \$2 billion in size then and then in 2017 we merged with Busey Bank, which is where I continue to serve on the board and that bank is now the number one Forbes rated bank in the state of Illinois, number 26 overall in the country and is around \$12.5 billion in assets.

So I've been blessed to work with amazing people who are community bankers who really get it and we continue to lend into the community today and it's just a, it's a lot of fun learning about other people's businesses.

Dr VGP:

I think City of Naperville is in the safe hands of a proven leader for the next four years,

which are critical, especially trying to restore the city after the pandemic. The choice before us is not what kind of Naperville we will have in the next four years. But what kind of Naperville will we have in the next 40 years?

And yes, your next four years will lay the foundation and road map for Naperville for the next 40 years, what will be your priorities in this direction?

Scott Wehrli :

Well, number one, we have to continue to say on the physical conservative road that we have for the last several years, you know, Mayor Chirico and the city council had done a very good job of making sure we got our reserves back to where they were supposed to be, that we reduced our debt that we were making our pension payments.

And it's extremely important that we continue on that path that said there were a lot of capital improvement projects and other things that kind of got kicked down the road which are upon us and we have to get these repairs done. We have to get these replacements done. There's \$150 million in capital improvement projects in the next couple of years that we're going to have to navigate through and prepare for and it's a lot of money. It's the biggest projects in the city's history.

Additionally, my campaign has been focused on public safety and economic development and what I call the people's money.

Public safety is been the number one identified thing of all the conversations I've had throughout this community that's what people talk about. They don't have this perception of feeling as safe as they once did. Maybe that's because we had that riot a couple of years ago or we went through a pandemic or they just don't feel like Naperville is the same place that they once knew with those things in mind, my conversations and my background in law enforcement with our police chief and me working as a part-time police officer here for 33 years. I have a unique perspective on attacking that issue and I've had some great conversations with our police chief in fact early as last night, we were on the phone for about an hour talking about our plans and he and I are going to spend a lot of time going forward on helping people get over that fear and making law enforcement and public safety in our community a true community problem.

It's going to be not just a police problem to fix, but a community problem to fix. So we've got to bring our community together to understand what they can do to make this a better place to live. Mental health and addiction, my day one promise to the residents is to have a conversation about that.

I've already started assembling the group of folks who will be at that table for that discussion on May 1st and we will be having a real conversation about what we can do differently. I am very concerned for this community with the mental health and addiction crisis. We had our fire department of respond over 1,000, mental health related calls and 2022 our Police Department, almost as many, we want to start with the high school kids and we want to give them some tools that they can use to be disruptors for those times where they get a call, or a text message, from one of their friends saying they want to harm himself, those kids are stuck in their rooms at 10:00 at night when they get those messages, they don't know what to do and they don't want to tell their parents, they don't want to tell the police.



So we're going to give them some training, equipped with some tools that they can use to hopefully prevent a tragedy from occurring and ultimately Get ourselves to a better place and then from an economic development standpoint, why am I excited about all the opportunities to bring new business to Naperville. You know, we are in a unique spot, we've got a lot of opportunities for redevelopment on the north side of town District 204 side of Naperville, which is one of our other school districts. They are really thirsty for as much commercial development that we can possibly get on their side to fund their schools. So there's a lot of great conversations. I already started having some of those conversations. My phone's been blowing up since election night with people excited about the possibility of coming to Naperville.

Dr VGP:

Great, awesome, you've laid out your yard priorities very rightly Public safety, mental health and economic development. I think those are three important priorities not only for the City of Naperville but also for adjoining suburbs of the city of Chicago, and the rest of America as you can see what's going on. So Scott, tell me what's wrong with the world today. Is there a need today to offer a bold Progressive internationalism that stands in Stark contrast to the too often belligerent and myopic unilateralism that an administration usually stands for?

Scott Wehrli :

Well, it's hard for me to answer that question but I will tell you this along my journey to run for office here which is I think we're all political stuff starts his local Elections. Right. Everything I did along this journey was centered about being a non-partisan candidate for a nonpartisan office. And as I had those conversations with people, I mean thousands of those conversations and meet and greets and all those things throughout Naperville, which is a relatively divided Community politically, we found common ground and we found common ground on the fact that people wanted to have a safe place with great schools with a thriving economy. The politics of these parties and the national parties, it didn't matter to me. That's not what this is about and I think people were just tired of those conversations affecting their daily lives. And I think with the internet and the constant feeding of television news you know giving them all these one-sided stories or versions of these stories. They just wanted some sort of authenticity for their Hometown to be a place where we

could just focus on Naperville stuff. And to me that was very, very refreshing. So when I walked in a room and I would do a meet-and-greet, I never knew anybody's politics that didn't matter to me. What mattered to me was, We were all here because we were Naperville and we love this place and we want to get this city that we know and love to continue for decades to come and be a place that maybe our kids will come back and want to live in and repeat that cycle of how wonderful this place is has been for us as residents and, hopefully will be on those lists of the greatest place to live in the world for decades to come.

Dr VGP:

Absolutely very well said, and your heart is in Naperville, We all know that. On a lighter note, tell us three persons you would like to have dinner with who could be living or in the past.

Scott Wehrli:

I would love to give my friends George brittle and Bill Young together for sure and sit down and talk about everything we've been through and everything that we're going to go through together because I think they are going to be with me on this journey. They were very special people in my life, and I think they'd be very proud and the third person will be my mom who's no longer with us. But she's with me in spirit and I think she would be proud of what we've accomplished together and also that person I could lean on.

Dr VGP:

You're a living example of how family values play an integral part of a person's personality and success your wife Linda of 25 years as a successful real estate professional and a yoga teacher, your 22 year old son Sam is a US Military Academy at West Point, graduate serving the US Army's 82nd Airborne Division and hope your daughter is a volleyball student athlete of Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee. What a well-rounded and grounded family. You, God has blessed you with, you know, and this itself is a great blessing, Mayor Scott Wehrli.

Tell us our viewers, how, and when you first met the love of your life Linda?

Scott Wehrli:

She was working at the park district where I was working as a part-time Police. And very early on, she and I became friends because it was a place where I had to go put gas in the police car. And just that, her office was in the back of the same building where they had the gas pumps. And I would stop by and see her from time to time and overtime and I think it was a year or two later. We ended up at a Christmas party

together, sitting at the same table and that was the beginning.

Dr VGP:

Wow, picking up a lifetime lot out of life. How would you describe your inspirational partner, Linda, who has been very active in your campaign, as a family, as a couple? And that's what we heard brought Naperville people together because today, they want to see an ideal family, an ideal couple with so many things happening around us and we all gave them that hope and that confidence. How will you describe Linda and three words?

Scott Wehrli:

She is my biggest cheerleader. She is one of those people in life that people want to be around because she's so positive. And there was a point when early in our relationship, it was funny. I was described as shy and meek, by some people, I knew in business, and as I continue to start, Dating and throughout our relationship, she brought so much good out of me and it was just really life-changing to become more confident and more outgoing with my personality and I attribute a lot of that to her because she was just that type of person from the beginning.

Dr VGP:

You said it's so well today, you have given Naperville the city hope again in Scott Wehrli represents the voice of Hope, opportunity and optimism. You are a walking lexicon of hope, I would say a retic Watcher. So you know, that means one who is multifaceted and impressed us, one of a kind, God is choosing you to start a generational blessing. You are the Difference Maker. In closing, What is your message to the city of Naperville and all our worldwide viewers?

Scott Wehrli :

I am humbled and blessed to be chosen to be the next mayor of one of the most amazing cities in the world. And I am looking forward to everything we can do as a community together to get us to the next place and that next place is through our Bicentennial celebration which is coming up and in 2031 will be 200 years old.

We have a lot of opportunity to renew and grow this community from an economic development standpoint but more than anything we want to keep everything that made Naperville so special for so many years and you know, change is ultimately inevitable but we can't ever forget where we came from and that's a very imperfect, right? I mean, history is full of Amazing Stories, and then pretty bad ones. And we've got to have all that in our mind as we make these decisions to leave the city forward. But more than anything as the city has changed and the makeup of our community has become so Dynamic and Multicultural, I am excited to be a mayor of the people, for the people to give all of our residents the voice just like George Bradlgood. When he would walk into that room and he would find that one person who didn't have somebody to talk to and bring them in the conversation.

Dr VGP:

Excellent. Thank you so much Mayor Scott Wehrli for joining us today, and I'm sure that you are a role model of a person who Embraces, Engages, Enlightens and Empowers. And lay our viewers, you have just met and viewed the dynamic new mayor of the city of Naperville, Scott Wehrli.

Scott Wehrli :

Thank you so much. Thank you.

Glimpses of Swearing-in & Reception of Scott Wehrli



Mayor Scott Wehrli shaking hands with his supporters after taking oath of office on April 30th, 2023.

Naperville Community Members attended Naperville Mayor Scott Wehrli's inauguration ceremony at the City Hall on April 30th, 2023

Mayor Steve Chirico was given a honorary plaque for his exemplary service by the new Mayor of Naperville, Scott Wehrli. Julie Chirico is seen next to her husband.



Lynda Wehrli, wife of the current Mayor of Naperville standing next to Anu Malhotra at the reception.



The Naperville City Council Members along with the new Mayor of Naperville, Scott Wehrli.

The city of Naperville welcomed its new Mayor, Scott Wehrli on April 30th. Following the inauguration, Mayor hosted a reception and AMEC Secretary General Shree Gurusamy attended and personally congratulated the Mayor on his remarkable victory.



Anu Malhotra- Founder of Mindful Meditation & Yoga Center along with her husband attended the reception hosted by Naperville City Mayor Scott Wehrli and Lynda Wehrli at Hugo's Frog Bar in Naperville on April 30th, 2023.

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F.I.A CELEBRATES HOLI



The Federation of Indian Associations, Chicago (FIA) a 501 (C) 3 Organization celebrated the Festival of Holi with great enthusiasm at the Schaumburg Indian Grill in Schaumburg, Illinois, on April 16, 2023. The festival is a popular cultural event that brings people of Indian origin and other communities together to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of India.

The event was kicked off by emcees Vijay Muralidaran and Suchitra Kukreja, who introduced the FIA to the 400 plus people in attendance. The event was graced by the presence of Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi, State Senator Laura Murphy, President Elect Oak Brook Resident Larry Herman and State Representative Michelle Mussman. Jeetendra Bulsara regaled the audience with an upbeat song. The Emcees then invited FIA Chairman and Founder President Sunil Shah & Mrs. Rita Shah, FIA President Vinita Gulabani, and Past

Presidents Neil Khot and Hitesh Gandhi, on the Stage. Sunil Shah welcomed and thanked the people of Chicagoland for turning up in large numbers for the event. He expressed his elation at the support for this one-of-a-kind event and thanked the sponsors for their support. He invited and recognized Grand Sponsor Chintan Patel of Indiaco., Pinky Thakkar, Brijesh Patel Core Exteriors and Guest of Honor Dr. Parag Doshi on the stage. President Vinita Gulabani reminded the attendees that Holi is an important part of the country's cultural heritage and is celebrated by people of all ages and backgrounds. She explained that Holi reminds us of the arrival of spring and the victory of good over evil. She further articulated that Holi is the time for us to come together, forget our differences, start fresh and embrace the beauty of life. It is celebrated on the full moon day in the Hindu month of Phalguna, which usually falls in February or March. Due to the inclement weather around March in

Chicago, the FIA celebrated Holi a bit later this year. She specifically thanked Satish Ambati of Schaumburg Indian Grill for his gracious and unstinted support to the event by providing the location and catering the food for the event. Past Presidents Neil Khot and Hitesh Gandhi also thanked the attendees for their support. The FIA celebrated the Festival of Colors with great fervor. The festival is marked by the playing of colors, where people smear each other with colored powders and water. It is a time of joy, fun, and festivity, where people dance to the beat of drums and enjoy delicious food and sweets. The FIA organized a colorful cultural program with 400 people in attendance, featuring dances by Students of Chicago Dance Varsity, choreographed by Dr. Puja Joshi, Maharashtra Mandal Shala Dhol Tasha Group performed their Dhol Tasha Lezim, Pratibha Jairath and Group, The ISCKON group performed their traditional dance invoking Lord Krishna

and the grand finale dance by the members of the Board of the FIA. Minoo Vasudevan belted out foot-tapping songs. Paulomi Mazumdar, a SaReGaMaPa contestant singer, regaled the audience with her melodious singing and brought the attendees to their feet and brought them to the floor. The festivities then moved outside, where the DJ Saif and Dholi Sagar took center stage, providing the perfect backdrop for the crowds to celebrate Holi with colors and dancing. The FIA would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to Suresh Bodiwala – Asian Media for the excellent media coverage and Satish Ambati of Schaumburg Indian Grill for his gracious support. The event was a huge success, and the FIA hopes to continue this tradition of celebrating the Festival of Holi for years to come, bringing together communities, and promoting the rich cultural heritage of India in the United States.





Chicagoland Vasavi Association and NRI Vasavi Association celebrated Vasavi Kanyaka Parameshwari Jayanthi, the birth anniversary of Goddess Vasavi, in Chicago on the 30th of April in Manav Seva Mandir, Benesville IL with much grandeur and fanfare.



TANA Candidates from Team Kodali visited Chicago area members on April 30th to campaign and get support for the upcoming elections. This meet and greet event was held at Mall of India in Naperville and was attended by 200 TANA members from Chicago.



Shree Gurusamy, General Secretary of American Multi Ethnic Coalition Inc. Seeta Bala, Secretary Gandhi King Center for Non-Violence Naveen CIO of GSA Global Eye Magazine Kanapathy Maruthamuthu, CFO GSA India @75 Expo USA 2023 attended Congressman Jonathan Jackson's 100 days in office Town Hall



Madurai Chithirai Thiruvizha - a beautiful classical dance production was staged at Hindu temple of Greater Chicago on May 5th. Lead dancers Roja Kannan and Priya Murle along with an ensemble of dancers mesmerized the audience with their impressive performance.



Chicago Andhra Association celebrated their 7th anniversary on April 29th at Yellow Box Church auditorium. Various cultural programs were organized in this occasion. The grand finale was a Tollywood music concert by Anjana Soumya and Renu Kumar, both are title winners of Saregamapa title winners.



Sanjeevani -a non-profit mental health organization based in Chicago hosted a 5k walk/run to support mental health awareness month on May7th at Hidden Lake Forest Reserve in Downers Grove, IL. Sanjeevani volunteers enthusiastically participated and medals were given to the winners.



U.S. Congressman Jonathan Jackson commemorates his 100th Day in office in a town-hall meeting on May 8, 2023 at I.B.E.W. Local 134, 2722 S. King Drive, Chicago. A very well-attended and organized presentation



Adopt-A-Highway is a voluntary program arranged by DuPage County to encourage the public to take ownership of cleaning up the highways.

HSS Volunteers which included teens and kids, spent the day cleaning up the side of the road and collected plastic wastes and other wastes.



Asif Saleem of Saaz-O-Awaaz Entertainment and Team, presented Eid Kay Rung, a Timeless and Magnificent Event to celebrate and honor the Auspicious day of Eid on Apr 28th at Prairie Center for the Arts, Schaumburg, IL.



Mr. Iftkhar Shareef speaking at the event highlighted the importance of unity amongst the Indo-Pak and American community, and committed to celebrate Diwali, Eid and Christmas together. Guest of Honor - Mr. Altaf Bukhari, a dynamic community leader, owner of AB Entertainment Inc, and Mr. Kadar Sodagar, a dynamic community leader also attended the event.

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On the opening day of the Curtain Raiser on September 23 of the G.S.A India @75 Expo 2022 U.S.A. Honora1y Chairperson U.S. Congressman Danny K. Davis along with Special Guest Dr B.K. Modi, Chairman, Global Citizens Forum, Singapore is flanked from left to right : India's Vice Consul at Chicago S.K. Sharma, India's Consul Commerce Vinod Gautam, India's Consul Community Affairs Ranjit Singh, Expo Executive Director Anica Dubey, India's Consul Passport Gopal Bhagath, Expo Chai1man Dr Ajit Pant, Rep Danny K Davis, Dr B.K. Modi, India's Acting Consul General at Chicago T.D. Bhutia, Mrs Universe India 20-21 Swapna Das Debray from San Diego from San Diego. Expo Co-Chairperson Fonner Illinois Lt. Governor Evelyn Sangunetti and the Expo Co-Founder Dr Vasavi Chakka.



The Global Eye Chairman and GSA India @75 Expo USA President Dr Vijay G. Prabhakar receiving the Chief Guest of Day One of the Cmtain Raiser, Dr B.K. Modi, Global Thought Leader & Entrepreneur. GSA India @75 Expo USA 2022 is being held to connemorate India's 75th Independence anniversa1y and to Celebrate U.S.A - India relations. The GSA India 75 Expo will also showcase the investment opportuities in India and also in USA including transfer of technology, fostering join t ventures and establishing businesses.



On Day Two of the Curtain Raiser Our GSA India @75 Expo usaHonora1y Chairperson U.S. Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi along with Special Guest Krish Suthanthiran, Chai1man, Team Best Group of Companies, Virginia is flanked from left to right : Dr Vasavi Chakka, Dr Ajit Pant, Krish Suthanithran, Rep Raja Krishnamoorthi , Oak brook Trustee Dr. Suresh Reddy, Ravi Karkara from New York and Naperville City Councilman Paul Leong.



Gandhi Summit held on September 24 Morning at the Arcadia Symposium featured Dr Sriram Sonty, Mike Frontier from Wisonsin, Expo President DR VGP, Seeta Bala, Awards Jury Co-Chair, Dr Sarda Sonty, Expo Education Director and Sandeep George, General Manager Sheraton



Women Empowerment Summit held on September 24 Saturday on Day Two of the Cmtain Raiser from left to right: Anu Malhotra, Founder, Mindful Meditation Yoga Center, Nape1ville, Tracy Marshall, Social Worker,Atlanta, Suhag Mehta, Commmiity Activist, New York, Madhu Uppal, Womens Advocate, Dupage County, Expo Co-Founder Dr Vasavi Chakka and Expo Education Director Dr. Sarada Sonty.



Fonner Illinois Lt. Governor Evelyn Sangunetti, GSA India @75 Expo's Honorary Co-Chairperson speaking on the opening day of the Curtain Raiser welcoming the Corporates, Exhibitors and delegates to attend the GSA Expo from December 15 to 17, 2022



Seeta Bala, Expo Awards Jmy Co-Chair introducing GSA Golden Peacock Awardee Tom Hakim, CEO Wells Group, Michigan on Day One of the Curtain Raiser September 23, 2022



On Day one of the Curtain Raiser, Global Champion of Sustainability Ravi Karkara from New York enthralled the audience on his thought provoking presentation



G.S.A. India @75 Expo Welcome Arch at the Curtain Raiser embraces Phani Krishna, CEO AANA TV, L. Srinivas. President Global Welfare Foundation, Chennai, India, Asir Justicus, Indo-American Chamber of Commerce, Atlanta and Nilabh Dubey, CEO, Warrenium USA.



Distinguished Guests from left to Right: Acharya Rohit Joshi, Dr Ajit Pant, Dr B.K.Modi, Ambassador Dr Twin Green, Mr. Bhailal Patel, FIA Trustee, AAHOA President Kalpesh Joshi, New Delhi's Anand Sahu, Consul T.D. Bhutia and Consul Vindo Gautam



U.S. Congressman Danny K. Davis presenting G.S.A.'s Golden Peacock Award to Mulberry Films C.E.O. Rashana Shah of Atlanta. Dr. B.K. Modi, Chief Guest, India's Consul T.D. Bhutia and Expo Chair Dr. Ajit Pant looks on.



A Grand Music Extravaganza was hosted by the Nightingale of Naperville NIPA SHAH and Hiten Master's live orchestra on Friday, September 23, 22 evening to a packed audience.



Over 1,200 persons danced away the opening evening of the most successful Curtain Raiser for the G.S.A. India @75 Expo USA, the most impactful event of 2022.



A unique aspect of GSA India Expo is the Museum of Mantras featuring Yoga, Meditations. Color Therapy and Chanting was held on both days September 23 & 24.



Youth Conclave held on Day Two of the Curtain Raiser featured Mohan Srinivas Chennakesavulu of University of Chicago, Swetha Kola of Stony Brook University New York, Arushi Jain of Strategy Thoughtium, Chicago, Dr Vasavi Chakka, Moderator Satya Padmanabhan of Basis Chandler School, Arizona, Tom Hakim of Michigan and Zak Khan of Lumen Technologies as Speakers, was well received and a grand success.



On Day Two of the Curtain Raiser the panelists of the Expo Bilateral Trade & Investment Caucus including: Anil Oroskar, C.E.O Orochem Laboratories, Naperville, Expo Chairman Dr Ajit Pant, Dr. Asha Oroskar, Curator of the Bilateral Trade & Investment Caucus, Shital Daftari. C.E.O, SNT Biotech Inc.. Naperville and Dr Anuja Gupta, Founder, C.E.O, Verandah Retirement Center, Hanover Park Spoke at the preview of the sector.



Students of Acharya Performing Arts, Naperville presented a mesmerizing Indian Classical Dance Ballet



A colourful Brides of India Pageant featuring 35 regions across India Presented by Expo Deputy Director General Neelam Saboo was the grand finale for Day Two of the Expo Curtain Raiser on September 24.



The Curators and the organizers of the GSA India @75 Expo Workshop / Breakout Sessions at the briefing session of the Curtain Raiser on Day Two on September 24, 2022.



Mandar Pitre's Dhool Tasha troupe from Greater Chicago performed to a houseful audience bringing alive the Drums from the State of Maharashtra, India on Day One.



During the Curtain Raiser, the curators of the six sectors of the Workshops/ Breakout sessions gave a brief preview of each sector and invited speakers to participate.



A well-Choreographed Classical Indian dance performance by Surya Dance Academy of North Brook, Illinois.



In Conversation with Vikram Krishnasamy, Youth Wing Treasurer, Bharatiya Janata Party, Madurai, TamilNadu

Shree Gurusamy

Chief Community Officer, GSA Global Eye

Vikram: I am a University of Bridgeport, Connecticut graduate with 11 years of professional work experience in the United States. In 2021, I traveled back to India, where I am currently pursuing my love for politics. I currently serve as the Youth Wing Treasurer for the Bharatiya Janata Party in Madurai, Tamil Nadu.

Shree :How has BJP attracted the Dravidian youth to the party?

Vikram: The BJP mainly attracted Dravidian youth because of Modi ji. He instilled hope and made economic growth fantasies a reality. His development rate and degree are founded on facts and data, and the outcomes are obvious. The IMF and World Bank have also praised the expansion. He has evolved into a world leader who is trustworthy, dependable, vibrant, and visionary! India's image has improved throughout the world.

Shree : BJP is perceived as a Hindutva Party and propagation of the Hindi language as the national medium of communication: Your comment

Vikram:They are not imposing Hindi or Hinduism on anyone. Throughout the 70 years of Indian democracy, a disproportionate amount of political power has been vested in the Hindi- belt, and the vast majority of the leaders of the INC and BJP are from this area, therefore evangelizing Hindi was not even originally a BJP notion. There were many leaders in INC who wanted Hindi to be the "national language." Indeed, the government has been supporting attempts to educate more people in Hindi for decades. There is nothing

fundamentally amiss with doing so; it is a lovely language that needs the government's attention. Even those who did not want to 'impose' Hindi on people, such as Mahatma Gandhi wished to see Hindi serve as a connecting thread for all Indians. He even established the Dakshin Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha. So the point is, this isn't something new. They are only carrying on a policy that has been in place for many years.

Shree : The current state president of Tamil Nadu BJP, Annamalai has made inroads into the state by his hard work, what are his strengths?

Vikram:Annamalai anna is a vibrant leader who comes from a rural household. He is an encouragement to all young people and entrepreneurs. Excellent individual. Indeed, India requires such leaders, and people require politicians like him who are on the ground with people to understand their issues and wants, and to discover methods to deliver solutions and fight corruption. These are tremendous inner strengths for him.

Shree : How different is your party BJP from the traditional mass-based Dravidian parties like DMK and AIADMK which are centered on leaders like Periyar, Anna, Karunanidhi, MGR, and Jayalalithaa?

Vikram: Dravidian parties no longer have an ideological foundation for their survival, hence the BJP is needed to fill the void. In Tamilnadu, the Dravidian parties were never successful. Surprised? Brahmins were overrepresented in the Society at the beginning of the 19th century. Professors, lawyers, and government employees made up more than 50% of the 3-5% Brahmin population. Early leaders of the liberation movement were almost exclusively Brahmins. Including VVS Iyer, Subramania Bharati, etc. The non-Brahmin elites of South India regarded the Congress as a Brahmin party because all of its top officials were Brahmins. Thus, by combining the Mudaliar, Naidu, Kapu, Reddy, Nair, and Kamma communities, the non-Brahmin elites of south India created the justice party for themselves. The party's notable figures included the Rajas of Panagal and Bobbili, TM Nair, C. Natesan, and P. Subbarayan. The present-day states of Kerala (excluding Travancore), Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh were included in the Madras presidency at the time. In light of this, the political partnership was made logical. Even

Nevertheless, the party did not have much support from the general public. This party's main objective was to create a distinct Dravida Nadu made up of portions of Orissa, Karnataka, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Tamil Nadu. Along with the North Indians, the Brahmins who dominated politics were viewed as Aryan representatives. It was demanded that a separate country be created in order to protect the ethnic identity of the Dravidians, who were perceived as Dravidians among the other South Indians. This Dravida Nadu was regrettably never well-liked outside of Tamilnadu. Possibility of fear of Tamil hegemony among other south Indian states. The Justice Party divided into two factions under Periyar EV Ramasamy's leadership, with the bigger group becoming the Dravidar Kazhagam (DK) and quitting politics. Under PT Rajan, the smaller group persisted before eventually dissipating.

Shree : The Dravidian movement's demise:

Vikram: a. Under the leadership of C.N. Annadurai, the DK further split into the DMK due to disagreements over Dravida Nadu's philosophical foundations. Instead of fostering a Dravidian identity, C.N. Annadurai wished to foster a Tamil one. He was more able to relate to the general public. The underfed Dravidian movement cramped terribly.

b. The other Dravidian states had no interest in having Dravida Nadu, leading to the creation of the new states of Andhra and Kerala on linguistic grounds and under a federal form of democracy with significant activity under state administration.

c. Brahmin influence in society gradually decreased till it vanished by the 1960s. A non-Brahmin alternative for Rajaji was suggested by Congress as well. In other parts of South India, the scenario is similar. No oxygen supply is possible for the Dravidian movement.

d. DMK agreed not to request a separate Dravida Nadu by 1960. When that time comes, the Dravidian movement has already died, and the coffin is being prepared.

e. The final nail in the coffin was the declaration of secessionism as illegal by the Indian parliament in 1963.

Before seeing any notable success, the Dravidian movement perished by 1963. DMK did not succeed as long as it had a Dravidian flavor to it. For this reason, I insisted that TN never had a Dravidian rule. People in

1967 sought to overthrow Congress because of the lack of rations and other things. As the sole party capable of defeating the Congress, the DMK triumphed in 1967 with a majority thanks to Rajaji's Swatantra Party. CN Annadurai's passing in 1971 created a sympathy wave that DMK rode. The politics of ideology was thereafter succeeded by the politics of personality. Since their founding, the DMK and the ADMK shared the same ideologies. For the sake of M. Karunanidhi and MGR's egos, people had to choose between them. This Karunanidhi vs. MGR debate has been substituted since 1989 by Karunanidhi vs. Jayalalitha. The basis for the existence of the two parties is no longer valid now that both Karunanidhi and Jayalalitha have passed away. Neither the DMK nor the ADMK has a distinguishable personality that may be used to contrast them. There are no ideologic differences. As a result, BJP is supposed to fill the ideological void. BJP will gain support and establish itself as a viable rival to DMK.(corruption, false democracy, land grabbing, and abuse of authority)

Shree : Which areas are your party's strongholds in Tamil Nadu?

Vikram: BJP has strongholds in the Kongu region and Kanyakumari district in Tamil Nadu.

Shree : What do you feel are the main challenges that BJP Tamil Nadu is facing in its quest to capture power in the State of Tamil Nadu?

Vikram: Actually, Tamilnadu is a unique and blessed tourist location. We have all of it, and it's the best, whether you're interested in cultural, historical, or natural tourism. The government hasn't fully utilized the potential yet. It's past time for the people of TN to understand that all this Dravidianism, Tamil language, etc., is simply being used to spread and arouse emotions in order to serve the needs of the political party and distract people from actual issues. Voting repeatedly for crooked candidates in exchange for alcohol and money Culture of posters and banners.

Shree : Your message to the global youth in general.

Vikram: The duty of the youth is to be responsible towards themselves, their families, society, and the country. To improve the quality of life in this world, pursue your dreams and make use of your inherent talents and abilities.



Donald Trump requests mistrial in rape accuser Carroll's civil case



Donald Trump requested a mistrial in a civil case where the writer E. Jean Carroll is accusing him of rape and defamation, claiming that the judge made a series of unfair and prejudicial rulings. Trump's lawyer accused the judge of being biased against the former U.S. President, including in the jury's presence. REUTERS

Turkey offers details of IS chief's death, says he set off suicide vest



Turkey released new details on Monday about its successful operation against the Islamic State's global chief, saying he died by setting off a suicide vest to avoid being detained. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan announced on Sunday the death of the "suspected leader of Daesh, codename Abu Hussein al-Qurashi". AFP

Santiago Pena wins Paraguay vote, keeps right-wing party in power



Paraguayans elected a President from the right-wing party in power for nearly eight decades, rejecting a centre-left challenger who had railed against institutional corruption. Former Finance Minister Santiago Pena, 44, took the election with more than 42% of the vote to continue the hegemony of the conservative Colorado Party. AFP

China-based networks Sowing disinformation in West: Meta



A China-based online network tried to recruit protesters in Europe and set up a media firm in Britain as part of a disinformation campaign, Facebook owner Meta said. Meta said it had removed more than 100 Facebook pages and Instagram accounts, accusing them of violating its policies against inauthentic behavior. A

Israeli forces kill Palestinian teen in raid on occupied West Bank



Israeli forces killed a Palestinian teenager during a raid in the occupied West Bank, the Palestinian Health Ministry said, as the Army said soldiers fired at "armed suspects". Jibril Mohammed Kamal al-Ladaa, 17, died after being "shot in the head" in the Aqabat Jabr refugee camp near the city of Jericho. AFP

U.K.'s Sunak warns of 'hard' test in first electoral test with voters



U.K. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's Conservatives braced for heavy losses on Thursday in their first electoral test since he became the country's third leader in the space of a few chaotic weeks last year. Surveys suggest that voters are worried about double-digit inflation and the crisis engulfing the National Health Service.

Floods, landslips in Rwanda kill over 130, thousands left homeless



Rwandans grieved on Thursday for lost loved ones and destroyed homes after powerful floods and landslips tore through the country killing at least 130 people and leaving many thousands homeless. The Western Province bordering Lake Kivu and the district Rubavu are some of the badly affected regions.

Erdogan turns against LGBTQ in run-up to crucial vote on May 14



President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Thursday launched a new attack against Turkey's LGBTQ community in a bid to rally his conservative voters in the run-up to May 14 polls. The campaign is being hamstrung by a raging economic crisis and discontent over the government's response to a February earthquake.

Paraguay election, with Taiwan ties in the balance



Voting stations opened on Sunday across Paraguay as its citizens pick a President they hope will tackle endemic corruption, rising crime and economic inequality. The election will potentially impact the country's future ties with Taiwan. Some 4.8 million of the country's 7.5 million inhabitants are eligible to vote.

Philippines President travels to U. S. to bolster ties amid China tensions



Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos left Manila on Sunday for a visit to the U.S. as he seeks to bolster ties with Washington amid growing tensions with China in the disputed South China Sea. His visit comes as the U.S. had called upon Beijing to stop "provocative and unsafe conduct" in the disputed waterway.

Citizens of Uzbekistan vote on reforms to strengthen President



Voters in Uzbekistan went to polls in a constitutional referendum that could allow President Shavkat Mirziyoyev to remain in power until 2040. He insists the overhaul of the constitution will improve governance and quality of life in the landlocked country of 35 million people, whose rights have long been heavily restricted.

Iran MPs remove Industry Minister over rising prices, economy crunch



Iran's Parliament voted in an impeachment session to remove the Industry Minister amid soaring prices as the Islamic republic's economy reels under the pressure of international sanctions. Reza Fatemi Amin failed to garner enough support in a vote of confidence that saw 162 MPs vote in favour of his removal and 102 against.



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Community Center in DuPage County for refugees and volunteers to meet together.

Jobs Pilot Program, providing meaningful employment for refugees. Sponsor Support Program for volunteer groups to resettle refugee newcomers. Exodus world service's "Celebration of Hope" provided an opportunity to learn about how to help refugees across Chicagoland. There are many ways we can help walk alongside refugees, and volunteer by bringing our unique visions and skillsets. It is a very positive and fulfilling experience to help ease the loneliness and isolation that many refugees struggle with when moving to a new country. These programs work to address cultural hurdles such as language, academics, and citizenship, but also pave the way for beautiful, mutual friendships. Welcome to America! Packs are delivered to refugees arriving in the City of Chicago, DuPage County or the City of Chicago. For more information, visit <https://exodusworldservice.org>

Mohita Sukumar
Chicago News Bureau Chief
Exodus World Service, "Annual Celebration of Hope" held on April 13th, Elmhurst IL was a grand success attended by over 700 guests to celebrate welcoming refugees. The event night was filled with incredible energy, joy making it One of the largest celebrations of Hope. Celebrating 35 years of ministry and the founding supporters who've led the way, the event emphasized on expanding community partnership in welcoming refugees and helping more refugees build full lives of dignity and purpose.

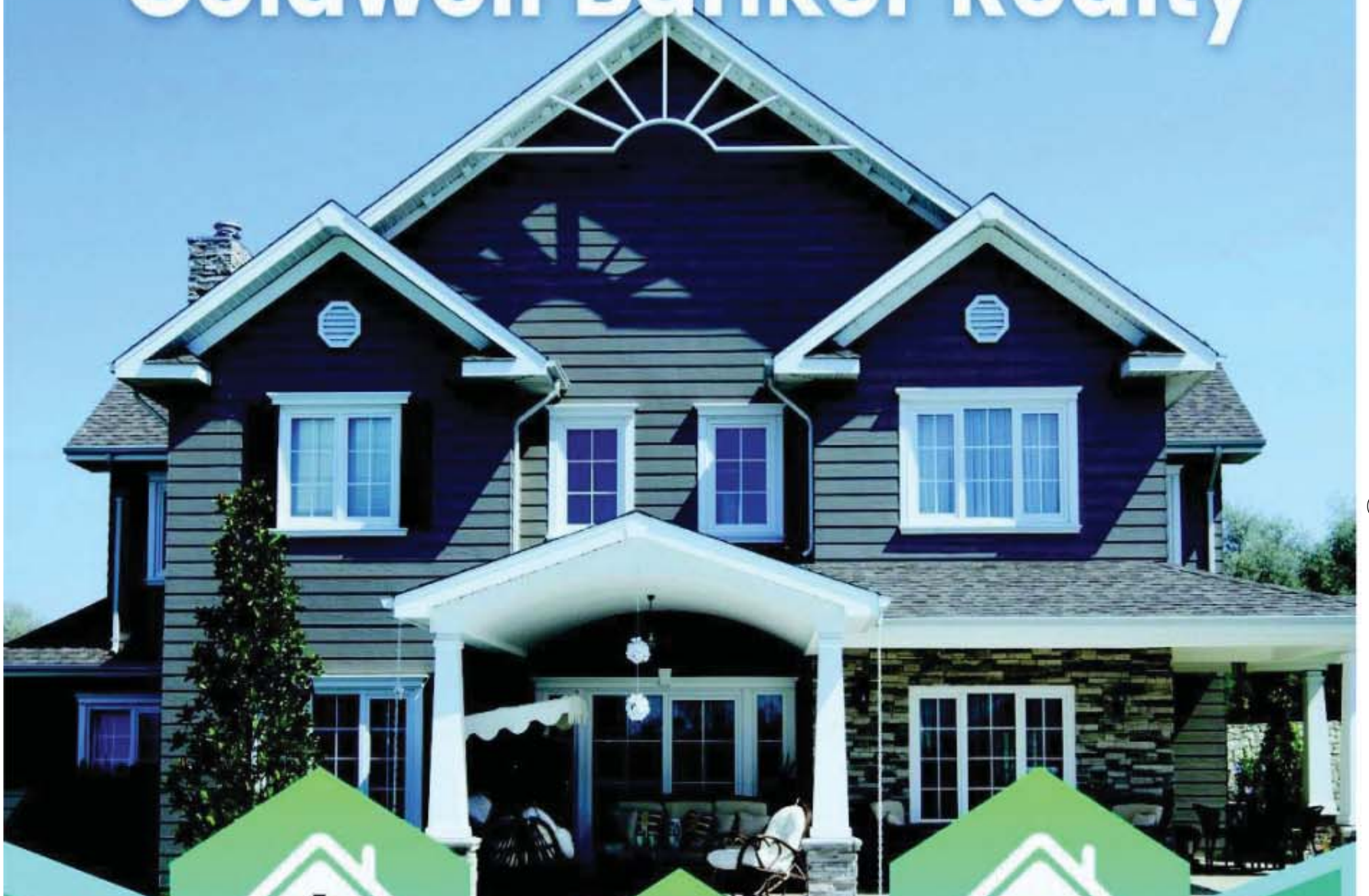
While enjoying a warm complimentary dinner, guests had an opportunity to hear meaningful stories of connection between refugees and volunteers. Refugees from Afghanistan, Sudan, Syria, and Ukraine shared their unique journeys. These special guests told how friendships with volunteers gave them hope and changed their lives. The highlight of the night was when, Abdullah, a Syrian refugee & a baker since 16, shared not just his story but a special cookie baked for every guest. It was a treat to see how the room erupted in cheers affirming that food is certainly everyone's love language for

sure. Exodus world service 's mission is to mobilize the Christian community to welcome and befriend refugee. The nonprofit organization has been educating churches and individuals about the plight of refugees, connecting volunteers with refugees through practical service projects, and empowering people to be champions for refugees. It was amazing to see everyone's generosity through this celebration which helped meet the organization's goal and enables them to develop innovative new programs for refugees in Chicagoland, including:

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Womens Empowerment (WE) International Womens Day Celebration 2023

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Women's Empowerment (WE) Team celebrated International

Women's Day at Midwest Club House, in Oakbrook, IL, on Saturday, March 25th, 2023, acknowledging the women of our community who mobilize and contribute by making a difference with their service & roles. Honorable Chief Guest for the event, Dr Anindita Ghosh (Wife of Mr Somnath Ghosh Consulate General of India Chicago) graced the occasion with her presence and addressed the gathering on women empowerment.

In Attendance were distinguished guests, Naperville City Council Candidate Madhu Uppal, Naperville City Council Candidate and Wheatland township Trustee Meghana Bansal, Aurora 10th Ward Alderman Shwetha

Baid, Oakbrook village President Candidate and Oakbrook township trustee Dr Suresh Reddy & his wife Leela Reddy.

The Event was attended by about 50+ women from Chicago land area. The program commenced with a warm meet & greet. Anuja Gupta, Shital Daftari, & Rita Singh opened the event with their inspiring words, speeches on what does women empowerment mean to them and why are they committed to continuing this journey. During the evening diverse background of women were honored for their social, political, & economic achievements. Among them were Sheetal Dhanani from Tarana school Academy, Promila Kumar from Sanjeevani 4 U, Vinita



Gulbani FIA President, Ajanta Chakraborty CEO Bollywood Groove, Jenny Vyas Artist & Muralist (Rooh Mural Prints). It was followed by three course Indian meal starting off with warm appetizers, Dinner & closing off with Dessert. The DJ at the event did a great job with audio and lively upbeat Music, opening the floor for dance right after all the

honoring ceremony. Overall, it was a nice evening spent with women from different walks of lives uniting on one common theme & that is to uplift, empower & celebrate each other's achievements. It was a successful event organized by the WE Team that celebrated this event with a call to Action - Action to stand, accelerate & strengthen our future young women

The Top 20 Global Women of Excellence of 2023 Awardee Cynthia Dorsey Edwards' Acceptance Remarks

Good afternoon,
Thank you, Dr. Vijay Prabhakar and Dr. Clarence Beals for coming to Atlanta to present Tracy and me with these awards. My husband, Lonnie and I were looking forward to attending the program in Washington, DC, along with Mustafa! But God had other plans for us that day!

I wish to thank you, as well as the other members of the American Multi Ethnic Coalition and the Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force, along with Congressman Danny Davis of the 7th District of IL and the congressional representatives of the 1st, 3rd, and 8th districts who also join in and support this annual program. I also want to thank Mr. Mustafa Ajmeri for nominating me for this award. To be included among the Top 20

Global Women of Excellence for 2023 is quite an honor. Not wanting to succumb to the "imposter syndrome," which causes people, especially women, to doubt their skills, talents, and accomplishments, I still look around this room, thinking of the significant accomplishments of so many other women here and around the world, and am humbled that I have been chosen this year to receive this award.

Yes, I have shattered a few glass ceilings, but I have not discovered a new galaxy nor found a cure for a tragic illness. Neither have I done anything else of such magnitude. However, I do remember the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't

have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love." This is a philosophy that my parents, Thurman and Dorothy Dorsey, lived by. They were my first role models for serving and instilled helping my fellowman in me. My father lived to the age of 61; my mother lived to 86. At 75, she was chosen the senior citizen volunteer of the year for the city of Waco, TX.

In this day of so much divisiveness, based on my Christian beliefs, I see the spiritual warfare of good and evil and know that we must choose to represent the good to overpower evil every day, in every decision that we make. It sounds trite or corny, but each of us can contribute to making this world a better

place. Our good can impact so many lives for the better, and I hope that my career work and personal volunteerism has done and will continue to do that. Thank you to the American Multi Ethnic Coalition and the Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force for recognizing leaders around the world and for taking actions that demonstrate that the diversity of racial, ethnic, and gender identities is valued and should be celebrated.

In closing, I wish to thank Ms. Poonam Datta and her son, Chirag Datta, for opening their doors to our holding our program here at SEVA today. I look forward to establishing a great relationship with you while working together in the future, as we are of like minds! I also want to thank my friends and family



members that joined me here today - our niece, Tracy; our daughter, Lynda, son-in-law, Aaron, and their children/our grandchildren, Jaden and Arianna; our daughter-in-law, Susan and her son/our grandson, Lonnie III. Lastly, I want to thank my husband, Lonnie, for his love and support! Today is our 28th wedding anniversary!

Thank you, again, Dr. Vijay!
Cynthia Dorsey Edwards, MBA
Acceptance Remarks
April 22, 2023

Electricity & Sustainability



Aarav Karna
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Electricity: Sometimes it's something you use, sometimes it's something you pay for, and sometimes it could be a threat to your life. But what is

it exactly? In short, it's the movement of electrons, but the true question is how do we get said electrons?

First, we start with nonrenewable energy. This is essentially oil and coal, which are used to generate electricity. Oil is great for getting things going such as cars, motorbikes, boats, and so on. It's used almost everywhere, and it's been used for a while now. However, there's one major issue with nonrenewable energy; it's toxic for the environment. According to cedelft.eu "The worlds seventeen largest ships emit more sulfur that the global car fleet...A seagoing container vessel is just as polluting as up to 50 million cars." So, while oil and coal are great, the more we use it, the more we hurt our environment. Another type of energy is renewable energy. Renewable energy is defined as

any energy that you could use sustainably for a long period of time. Before reading this, you might have thought, "Why don't we switch to renewables, it would be much better for the planet!" Well, there are a few problems that come with renewable energy. For example, most people argue that solar panels are too "expensive" and "are not viable". I myself wouldn't be very inclined to buy that as it costs \$5000 to \$6000 per 1000 square foot. There are three main types of renewable energy that people are most common with. First is hydropower, which is great on a mass scale. It works with a giant turbine on the inside of the dam, think of them as giant wind turbines but instead of wind its water turns it. Then there is solar power which uses the rays from the sun and converts it into electricity.

Finally, there is nuclear energy which is the process of splitting the nucleus of an atom. However, there's a massive issue with nuclear energy-people's perspective. You see nuclear energy is great, but a lot of people fear a big scary explosion and terrifying nuclear meltdowns like Chernobyl and Fukushima. But the truth is we have learned from our mistakes from those incidents, and nuclear reactors are not dangerous if handled properly. In conclusion, electricity can be generated in many ways which can help and harm both people and the environment. Will humanity learn from its mistakes and build the necessary infrastructure needed to combat the nonrenewable issue. Or will humanity die trying as we succumb to our lack of sense slowly tumbling to extinction?

My Experience Meeting Rev. Jesse Jackson



In 2021, I had the honor of attending a press conference in San Francisco where Jesse Jackson was urging for the supply of COVID vaccines to South Asian countries. Born in 1941, Jesse Jackson is a civil rights leader, politician, and Baptist minister. He first rose to prominence in the 1960s as a close associate of Martin Luther King Jr. and was instrumental in the Civil Rights Movement, fighting for equality for Black Americans. Jackson has also run for president of the United States twice and is known for his activism on a range of social and political issues. As I walked into the press conference, I was filled with anticipation and excitement. I had heard Jesse Jackson speak before, but I knew this occasion was different. We were in the midst of a global pandemic, and Jackson was advocating for the distribution of vaccines to countries that were struggling to contain the virus. The room was filled with journalists, activists, and public officials who were all eager to hear what Jackson had to say. Cameras were set up in each corner of the room and the venue was buzzing with excitement. As Jackson took the stage, there was a hushed silence in the room. His presence was commanding, and he spoke with a clarity and conviction that immediately captured the attention of everyone present. He began by outlining

the devastating toll that the pandemic had taken on South Asian countries, highlighting the high number of cases and deaths, and the disproportionate impact on marginalized communities. I was also lucky enough to speak on the podium as well. Although my speech lasted only a couple minutes and was not nearly as great as Reverend Jesse Jackson's speech, I was still able to help push for COVID vaccines with Jesse Jackson which is a memory and an honor I will cherish for years to come. Although 80 years old at the time, Jesse Jackson was bold and spoke with authority. Watching him speak on stage and motivate a crowd of people was truly inspiring and eye-opening. He embodied all the qualities of an ideal leader and encouraged students like myself to work hard in order to make a positive impact in the world. The tone in which he spoke, the manner in which he presented himself...everything about his stature was inspiring. There is a common proverb that goes "never meet your heroes." Well, I'm glad I met Reverend Jesse Jackson because he's become my hero and role model ever since. Jackson went on to urge the presidency to prioritize the distribution of vaccines to the countries that needed them the most, including those in South Asia. He emphasized the need for a coordinated global response to the pandemic and

urged leaders to put aside their differences and work together for the common good. What struck me most about Jackson's speech was his unwavering commitment to justice and equality. Throughout his long and storied career, Jackson has always been a champion of the marginalized and the oppressed. Whether fighting for civil rights in the United States or advocating for global health equity, he has always been guided by a deep sense of moral purpose and a belief in the inherent dignity and worth of all people. As the press conference came to a close, I was struck by the sense of urgency that permeated the room. It was clear that everyone present felt a deep responsibility to act, to do something to help alleviate the suffering caused by the pandemic. For me, the experience was a powerful reminder of the importance of leadership and activism in times of crisis. Jesse Jackson has dedicated his life to fighting for justice and equality, and his advocacy on behalf of South Asian countries during the pandemic is just the latest example of his commitment to these values. As we continue to grapple with the ongoing challenges posed by the pandemic, it is essential that we follow



Sathya Padmanabhan,
Senior at BASIS Chandler School,
Arizona

his example and work together to build a more just and equitable world. Meeting Jesse Jackson was an unforgettable experience. His speech was a powerful call to action, and his unwavering commitment to justice and equality was inspiring. As we continue to navigate the pandemic, we would do well to heed his words and work together to build a better world for all.





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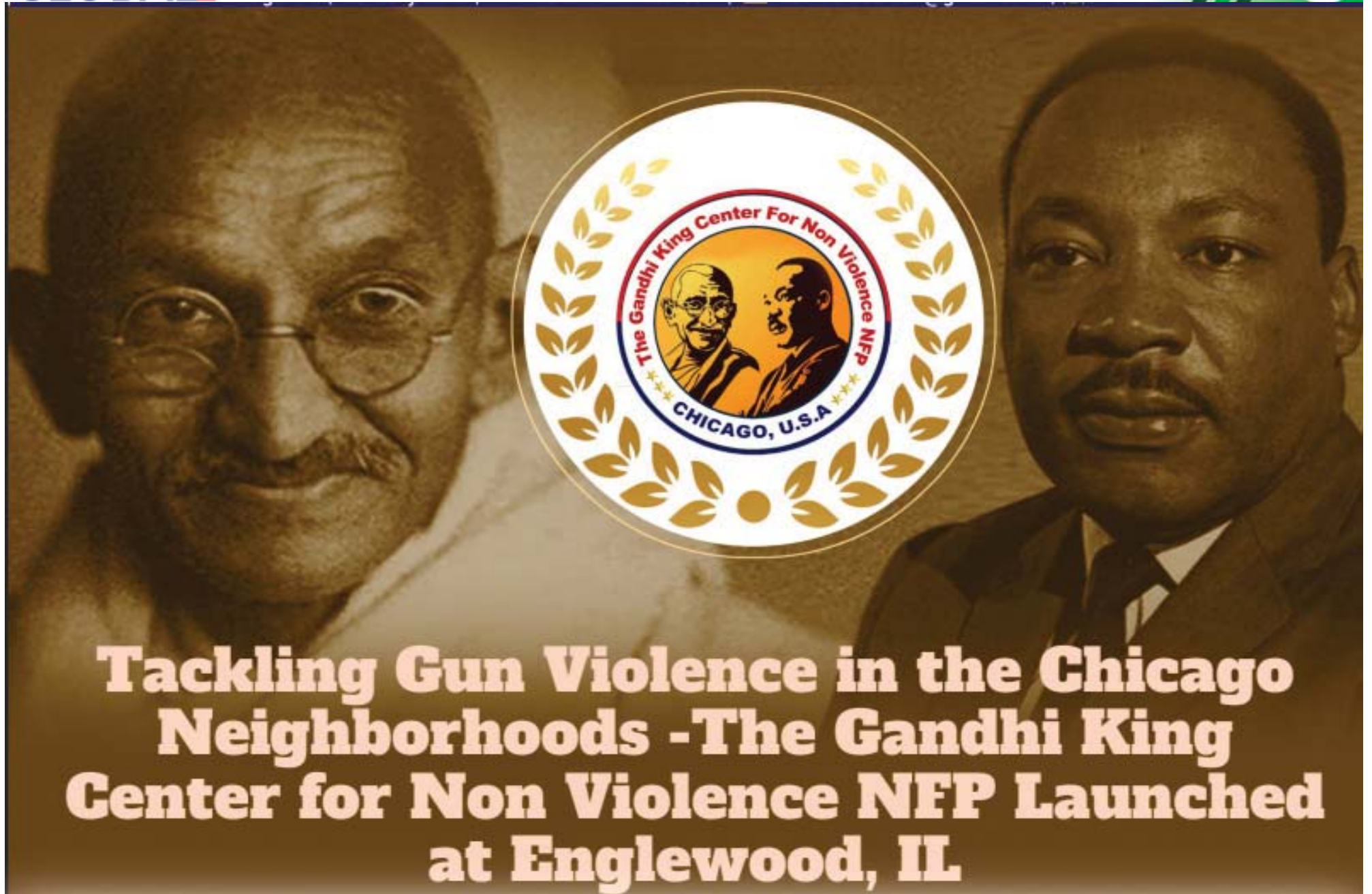
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Chicago, IL: Chicago City's impressive overarching skyline and beautiful landscapes have helped it to secure a top spot in the World's Best Cities list, but the local residents also know how their beautiful city struggles with violence and gun related crimes. These shooting incidents are a common occurrence taking place at the South Side of Chicago's Downtown area and if you hear the news, you'll know that the Englewood Community especially has suffered greatly in the past few years marred with similar incidents. And at this sensitive juncture, realizing the need of the hour, and to commemorate the Black History Month, the Gandhi King Center for Non-Violence NFP, a first of its kind institution was launched at Englewood, IL on February 01, 2023. The Gandhi King Center for Non-Violence NFP was conceptualized and initiated by Dr Vijay Prabhakar, fondly known as Dr VGP is a very highly acclaimed and a proven

community leader who has always strived to bring social justice and equality across different ethnic and religious groups and is a big proponent of peace and harmony in the community. He is a Public Health Professional and a Graduate from Madras Medical College, 1982, MBBS, CPH, MPH, DD. He is also Chairman of GSA and Founder for AMEC Commission & MEATF community organizations. Toni Preckwinkle is Cook County Board President and was the honorary guest at this glorious celebration. She cut the ribbon to open the mobile community food pantry, which will also provide services like meditation, yoga, music therapy, color therapy, basketball coaching, group therapy, mobile food trailer, mental health services, mediation - crisis intervention and wellness screenings to reduce Violence and Crimes.

Additionally focus will be on getting City Vacant lands to be developed, Vocational Skill Development and

24-hour Crisis hotline are part of the Center's mission. Taking the stage, the Master of the Ceremony, Ambassador, Dr. Twin Green, Founder and President – The Link & Option Center, Inc., South Holland, Chairperson, the Gandhi King Center for Non-Violence, Ambassador for the Citizens Alliance of Behavioral Health, declared that the Englewood community can now breathe! She added, "There have been so many opportunities, businesses and providers that have come to Englewood with the intent to do very, very well. Then the air will go out and deflate but not the Gandhi King Center for Nonviolence. The resources that are going to come to this community are not going to deflate. We're going to give the people of Englewood the opportunity to stabilize, to be able to receive the civil and economic rights that they deserve to have." To begin the program, Inter – Faith Prayers were held, which included, Christian Prayer –



Principal organizers Dr. Twin Green, Chairman, Link and Options Center; Brian Anderson, Founder/CEO, Shepherds Hope Chicago; Rahim Henry Timothy, founder, director, Midwest Coalition to Stop Violence, Inc.; Dr. Zenobia Sowell, Chair, Bethel Mennonite Community Church; Martino Tangkar, chairman, Multi-Ethnic Advisory Task Force, 7th Congressional District; Dr. Vijay G. Prabhakar, President, American Multi-Ethnic Coalition. Mr. Neal Patel, CEO & Raj Patel, COO, of Medstar Laboratory, Inc., Hillside, who provided the initial contribution to the Center's seed fund to commemorate the 23rd anniversary of the Medstar Laboratory, Hillside IL. Dr. Sriram Sonty, Vice President, Gandhi Memorial Foundation, Flossmoor, IL are featured along with community members from Englewood.



A highlight of the event was the launch of the GKNV 14-foot trailer, a mobile community food trailer donated by Discount Tire Co., supported by Medstar Laboratory, Inc., and operated by Shepherds Hope, Chicago.



Mr. Neal Patel, CEO & Raj Patel, COO, of Medstar Laboratory, Inc., Hillside, are seen handing over their initial contribution to the Center's seed fund to commemorate the 23rd anniversary of the Medstar Laboratory under their stewardship.



Community leaders from Englewood attended the, press conference at The Center For Englewood, 838 W. Marquette, to unveil a myriad of holistic programs for youth and adults that will provide positive alternatives for the community.

year. These two heroes with their message of Peace & Non-Violence are still relevant to our world today and we need them even more and they continue to inspire us with their strength and tenacity to endure and be brave to stand up against inequality and injustice violence and crime! Let us hope the Gandhi King Center for Non- Violence NFP helps reduce gun violence, not just in Englewood, but also in the adjoining neighboring communities and eventually brings peace to the City of Chicago, and all US and the entire World at large!

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Cook County President, Toni Preckwinkle seen here with Dr. Vijay G Prabhakar spoke on how Cook County has helped to reduce violence and explained the new initiatives, suggestions and recommendations taken to prevent violence and crime in Cook County.

by Chaplain Ylysses Ruff, Shepherd's Hope; Islamic Prayer – by Brother Dion – Community Activist; Hindu Prayer - by Councilman Acharya Rohit Joshi, MEATF-7th CD-ILBriand Anderson, Founder-CEO Shepherd's Hope, was invited to deliver the Welcome Address. And the Opening Remarks were shared by Brother R-Raheen, Founding Director – Midwest Coalition to Stop Violence, Chicago. A solemn Tribute was presented Christiana Gray 11-Year- Old Poet and Student – Calvin Christian Academy, South Holland. There were several Keynote Speakers invited at the event: Dr. Sriam Sonty, Vice President, Gandhi Memorial Foundation,

who presented Deep Insights into The Gandhi- King Legacy; Donald Dew, CEO Habilitative Systems, Inc., presented Perspective of the Plague of Violence in Chicago's Englewood Area and the Westside of Chicago, Zoey Ma, Outreach Director-Brigitte G. House of Hope Foundation-Tri-Taylor Area, Chicago, spoke on How Vacant Lots Breed Crime & Violence in the Community. Dr. Abha Agarwal, Chief Medical Office of Humboldt Park Health, spoke on How Health Inequity Contributes to Violence & Crime, Dr Zenobia Sowel, Chair Bethel Mennonite Community Church, spoke on Inadequate Affordable Housing & Food Insecurity Spikes Violence & Crime In Chicago, Blue Pacheco-Cornejo, Founder Coach 3-B Basketball by Blue, spoke on Engaging Neighborhood Students & Youth. An impactful Presidential Address – Role of "The Gandhi King Center for Non-Violence" was delivered by Dr. Vijay G.

Prabhakar, President-American Multiethnic Coalition, USA. He explained that the Action Speaks Louder Than the Words and now all the community work will definitely create a much needed harmony in the Englewood community and eventually other neighboring communities. He explained the Gandhi King Center for Non-Violence strives to provide innovative resources to the community gatekeepers to reduce violence and promote peace in neighborhoods. He also acknowledged the generous contribution, a \$10,000

Check to Shepherd's Hope – by Neal Patel, CEO Medstar Laboratories.

Dr Prabhakar then called upon the Guest of Honor, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkles, who was invited for her support of gun violence reduction programs and her deft handling of the COVID-19 pandemic prompted him to confer the title "the Iron Lady of America."

Regarding the choice of which individual should be chosen to launch the Gandhi King Center for Non Violence NFP, Dr VGP explained that, "We all decided we should have somebody who really believes and (walks the walk) of the principles of Gandhi and King, and that's none other than the Iron Lady of America." Guest of Honor, Preckwinkle said nearly half of Cook County's \$8 billion budget goes toward health care, and that Cook County hospitals have some of the most well-regarded emergency room trauma centers in the country. "We train young people in the Navy for combat in our emergency room. The Navy sends young people to our emergency room to be trained so they will know what it's like to treat combat wounds," she said. "Now, we're pleased that we're able to help our military in this way. But it's a tragedy that we have a hospital that's equivalent to a military hospital where you're treating gunshot wounds."

Preckwinkle's spokesman Nicholas Mathiowdis said that although Cook County did not directly provide funds for this nonviolence center, the county does want to support and uplift gun violence prevention programs. "The county has reimagined the way we look at gun violence, instead of looking at it as a crime and law issue, we are looking at it as a public health crisis," said Mathiowdis.

Cook County received \$1 billion from the federal government through the American Rescue Plan Act and has laid out plans for spending it on health and wellness, economic development and criminal justice. It is interesting to know that the Gandhi King Center for Non-Violence NFP was launched in February, very close in heels with significance to both the leaders, Mahatma Gandhi ji's Shradhanjali which was on Jan 30, 2023 and Martin Luther King, Jr's Day on Jan 16 2023, this



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How Organizations Can Strengthen Their Digital Immune Systems

Forbes publishes Young Indian Entrepreneur's article



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Vikram: Organizations are recognizing the importance of developing their digital immunity to maintain a competitive edge. With rapid advancements in technology and the growing dependence on digital systems, companies must prioritize cybersecurity and safeguard operations against cyberattacks, system failures and software glitches. Failure to address potential digital vulnerabilities can result in unprecedented downtime, lost revenue, compromised customer trust and a damaged reputation.

The Importance Of Digital Immunity

By investing in building their digital landscape and digital immunity, organizations can ensure operational continuity, minimize downtime and ultimately, increase customer satisfaction. For instance, according to a report by Gartner, companies that experience just a single hour of downtime could potentially lose over \$300,000 in revenue, which in turn erodes customer trust and loyalty.

The digital landscape has been expanding at an unprecedented rate, and with that growth comes the potential for malicious actors to wreak havoc on sensitive and critical systems. In response to this threat, a digital immune system should be developed to defend against various vulnerabilities that could lead to data breaches, cyber theft and other cyberattacks.

Developing A Digital Immune System

This digital immune system is essentially

a set of protocols, technologies and methodologies designed to protect networks, infrastructure and applications from various types of cyber threats. The system utilizes advanced threat detection and prevention mechanisms that continuously monitor networks, infrastructure and applications for signs of malicious activity. It also uses sophisticated algorithms, machine learning and other AI-based technologies to detect anomalies and patterns that may signify a cyberattack.

As cloud technology continues to evolve, businesses will undoubtedly face challenges and opportunities when managing workloads across multiple cloud environments. One such challenge is ensuring that data and applications remain secure and compliant, particularly in light of increasingly strict regulations and compliance requirements. Many organizations struggle to keep up with the constantly shifting landscape of data privacy laws and need to adapt quickly to keep their cloud systems in compliance with new regulations. Another challenge that businesses may face is the issue of interoperability between different cloud

platforms. As more and more organizations adopt multicloud strategies, ensuring that data and applications can easily move between different cloud environments will become essential. This will require the development of open standards and APIs that can facilitate seamless data flow across different clouds, as well as tools and technologies that can enable effective cross-platform management.

Advanced Security Features

Vikram: In addition to its threat detection and prevention capabilities, a digital immune system can also provide a range of advanced security features, such as access controls, data encryption and secure communication protocols. These features allow users to securely access sensitive data and applications, while also ensuring that data is protected from unauthorized access and tampering.

On the other hand, businesses that proactively evaluate and strengthen their digital infrastructure can reduce the likelihood of data breaches, prevent system crashes and mitigate unexpected downtime. This, in turn, can enable businesses to deliver more seamless customer experiences, boosting

satisfaction and loyalty.

The Potential Of A Digital Immune System

Overall, a digital immune system represents a significant solution to the growing problem of cyber threats in today's digitally connected world. Its sophisticated technologies and protocols have the potential to dramatically improve the security of networks, infrastructure and applications, while also reducing the risk of data breaches and cyberattacks. With a digital immune system in place, organizations can rest assured that their critical systems and data are protected against the most advanced threats and vulnerabilities. By 2025, organizations that have prioritized digital immunity will benefit from a significant reduction in downtime—up to 80%—resulting in increased revenue, customer satisfaction and improved brand image. By taking a proactive stance and ensuring their digital systems are well-equipped to handle potential threats, businesses can position themselves as trusted and reliable partners to their customers, strengthening long-term relationships and driving growth.



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Meet India's Leading Rehabilitation Specialist Physician Dr Arumbi Janardhanam Rajendran



Dr A. J. Rajendran , as a principal physician has done high intensity cardiopulmonary rehabilitation for a young heart transplant patient of Dr KM Cherian and which helped the patient to play tennis for more than an hour in world transplant games held in Sydney in 1996. This was the first of its kind in the whole of South Asia. Dr A. J. Rajendran had pioneered the Cardio Pulmonary rehabilitation program in India under the guidance of his mentor, Dr . K. M. Cherian the renowned Cardiologist in Chennai . Dr K. M. Cherian deputed Dr A. J. Rajendran for further training to Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Ohio and also to St. Vincent's Hospital in Portland, Oregon in United States . GSA Global Eye Magazine Salutes Dr A. J. Rajendran currently the Senior Consultant and Clinical Lead of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at MGM Healthcare , Chennai, India since 2018. We are publishing the resume of this Distinguished pioneering physician so that his clinical work can be showcased and others can follow in his footsteps in the field of rehabilitation medicine .

Senior Consultant & Clinical Lead

Dec 2018 - Present

Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, MGM Healthcare, Chennai, India

Sr. Specialist and Member of Cardiac Rehabilitation Committee

Dec 2004 - Aug 2017

Cooperative Union Cardiac Hospital and Kuwait Heart Centre, Kuwait

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May 2004 - Dec 2004

Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences Madras Medical Mission, Chennai, India

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Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences, Madras Medical Mission, Chennai, India

Specialist in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

King Fahad Specialist Hospital 1995 - 1996

Consultant & Head of Department

Madras Medical Mission, India 1989 - 1994

Medical Officer in Charge ICU

- Aysha Hospitals, Chennai, India 1985 - 1986

Junior Assistant Cardiology Department

- Apollo Hospitals, Chennai, India 1984 - 1985

Special Trainee in Pulmonary Medicine

- Institute of Tuberculosis & Chest Diseases, India 1984-1984

Special Trainee in General Medicine

- Government General Hospital, Chennai India 1983 - 1984

Qualifications & Training

Diplomate in National Board (DNB) - National Board of Examinations, India, 1991

Diploma in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (DPMR) - Madras Medical College, India, 1989

Bachelor of Medicine & Surgery (MBBS) • Madras Medical College, India, 1983

Ministry of Health Licensing Examination in UAE (SPT.B - LIST NO 5/1997)

• 'Advanced Cardiac Life Support Instructor Certification' From Saudi Heart Association in Collaboration with American Heart Association, Riyadh, 1995

• Cardio-Pulmonary Rehabilitation and Basic Cardiac Life Support Course Director for BPT students, 1995

• National Update in Pulmonology, 1991

• International Workshop on "Updates in

Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery" organized by Heart Institute, 1991

• ECG Workshop, Association of College of Chest Physicians of India, 1986

• Comprehensive Cardiac Workshop, Cardiac Medicaid & Research Foundation, 1986

• Applied Biostatistics and Computer Application Workshop, 2006

• Basic Clinical Research Methods Workshop, 2009

• Workshop on Evidence Based Medicine 2009

Awards and Prizes

• Lifetime Achievement Award - Tamil Nadu Indian Association of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Dec 2022

• Best Scientific Paper Presentation Award - Tamil Nadu Indian Medical Association State Conference, Dec 2022

• Award of Excellence - Ministry of Health, Kuwait, 2011, 2009, 2007 & 2005

• Recipient of Special Bursary from European Tissue Repair Society (ETRS) to attend their Annual Meeting on 'Recent trends in Wound Care' held in Wales, UK, Sep 2001

• Invited to attend Dr Dean Ornish's "Reversal of Heart Disease Retreat Program" at Berkeley, USA, Jul 1999

• Recipient of the Chiles Foundation Fellowship 1993 to visit USA and study advances in Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation medicine at Cleveland Clinic, Ohio and St. Vincent's Hospital, Portland, Oregon, USA

• Dr. Hanumantha Rao, Gold Medal Annual Award at Indian Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (IAPMR) Conference, Orissa, India, 1998

• Indian Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (IAPMR) award for the best scientific paper presentation at Tirupati, India, 1994

• IAPMR award for best scientific paper presentation at Bombay, India, 1993

• Thangam Vasu Devan Young Scientist Award, India 1993

Professional Memberships

• Life Member of International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (ISPRM)

• Life Member of Indian Medical Association (IMA)

• Life Member of Indian Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (IAPMR)

• Life Member of Tamil Nadu Chapter of Indian Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

• Member of Kuwait Medical Association since 2005

• Member of Kuwait Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Society since 2005

Current Active Research

Principal Investigator: Study to determine the effectiveness of Diet, Relaxation, Exercise, Attitude & Motivation (D.R.E.A.M

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Major Management Responsibilities in Research:

- Academic Committee Chairperson: Tamil Nadu Indian Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (TNIAPMR) State Conference 17 - 18th December 2022

- Academic Committee Chairperson: Indian Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (IAPMR) First Virtual Annual Conference IAPMRCON 2021, 49th Annual National Conference of Indian Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation 2021

- Member - Institutional Ethics Committee, MGM Healthcare, Chennai, India.

Publications in journals

Publication in Journals:

• Work-related Depression, Anxiety & Stress among IT Employees, Indian J PhysMed Rehab 2020; 31(3): 57-62

Review Paper: Depression, Anxiety and Cardiac Surgery in the Indian scenario - a review. Indian J of Mental Health Issue; 7 930, July-Sep 2020 174-179

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• "Newer Insights in Wound Healing" Journal of Magneto biology 4 (1)139-46

• "Pulsed Magnetic field therapy for the management of Mediastinitis following Cardiac surgery" Journal of Magneto biology 5 (1) :50-54

• 'Preoperative short term pulmonary rehabilitation for patients of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease undergoing coronary artery bypass graft surgery' Indian Heart Journal 1998, 50(5) :531 -534

• 'Therapeutic compliance of patients on Phenothiazines' Indian J Psychiatry 1983 Jul;25(3):239-42

I completed my training in Medicine and Surgery in 1983 from Madras Medical College, Chennai, India and gained further skills for three more years as a Special Trainee in the best Government hospitals in Chennai. I enrolled for a Post graduate program in the field of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and completed a 3 year Diploma course in 1989 from the University of Madras. Later, I enrolled as a candidate for the National Board of Examinations in India and obtained my Diplomate from National Board in the field of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in 1991. I joined Madras Medical Mission, a super specialty cardiac hospital and started my work in the field of Cardiopulmonary Medicine. During this time, I received a travel grant to obtain training from Dr Fredrick Pashkow, Clinical Director, Cardiac Rehabilitation, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, Ohio, USA. On my return to India, I continued to pioneer the concepts of Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation in India. With the ability to build and maintain strong working relationships, I ensured the efficient delivery of requirements and provided an exceptional level of care for cardiopulmonary patients. Our team successfully trained a young Gentleman who underwent Heart Transplant and we guided him with a Rehab program that lasted for 15 months and progressed from low intensity exercises to High Intensity exercises with cardiopulmonary exercise testing and training. We helped him to participate in World transplant Games, Sydney, Australia. This success, to the best of our knowledge was the first of its kind in south Asia. I possessed a rich experience in delivering a variety of patient programs and taught junior doctors, nurses and para medical students all through my carrier span.

I helped a few more leading hospitals in India to establish Department of Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation and accepted the challenge of establishing Cardiac Rehabilitation Department in Kuwait, under Ministry of Health Hospitals, Kuwait, and worked with them for 13 years. On my return to India for good , I have established a Rehabilitation Department at my present work palce, MGM Healthcare which is a modern 350 bed multi specialty hospital and a leading multi organ Transplant centre in India.

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68th Filmfare Awards complete winners list

Alia Bhatt, Sanjay Leela Bhansali's Gangubai Kathiawadi, Badhaai Do make clean sweeps with lots of wins

68th Filmfare Awards winners list: Gangubai Kathiawadi became the most awarded movie of the night along with Badhaai Do. There were a few surprises too



Pics: Prathamesh Bhandekar, Tejas Kuzhenkar and Prashant Jadhav



Jacqueline Fernandez and Tiger Shroff rocked the stage with their performances

		
BEST ACTOR IN A LEADING ROLE (MALE) RAJKUMMAR RAO (BADHAAI DO)	BEST ACTRESS IN A LEADING ROLE (FEMALE) ALIA BHATT (GANGUBAI KATHIAWADI)	BEST DIRECTOR SANJAY LEELA BHANSALI
		
BEST FILM (CRITICS') BADHAAI DO	BEST ACTOR (MALE) (CRITICS') SANJAY MISHRA (VADH)	BEST ACTRESS (FEMALE) (CRITICS') BHUMI PEDNEKAR (BADHAAI DO)
		
		BEST ACTRESS (FEMALE) (CRITICS') TABU (BHOOOL BHULAIYAA 2)

The 68th Filmfare Awards just concluded at the Jio World Convention Centre. The event was graced by a number of top Bollywood celebrities. Big celebs on the red carpet included Alia Bhatt, Sunny Leone, Shriya Saran, Sanjay Leela Bhansali, Rajkummar Rao, Ayushmann Khurrana, Alaya F, Rakul Preet Singh and others.

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Janhvi Kapoor was one of the star

Parineeti Chopra, Raghav Chadha to get engaged on May 13 in Delhi: Reports

Parineeti Chopra and Raghav Chadha might soon be a married couple! According to reports, the duo will get engaged on May 13 in Delhi.

Looks like the wedding date for Parineeti Chopra and Raghav Chadha is near. If reports are to be believed, the rumoured couple will get engaged this month in New Delhi. Even after weeks of speculation, both Parineeti and Raghav have remained mum about their relationship status. Parineeti Chopra's dating rumours with AAP MP Raghav Chadha spread like wildfire on the internet after they were spotted together. The duo sparked relationship rumours after they were spotted together in public. They went out on a dinner date on March 22, and met again for a lunch date the next day.

PARINEETI CHOPRA, RAGHAV CHADHA TO GET ENGAGED THIS MONTH?

Both Raghav Chadha and Parineeti Chopra have kept mum about their relationship status, except



for the fact that the two have studied together at the London School of Economics and have many common friends. Amid wedding rumours, Parineeti was also spotted wearing a silver band on her ring finger. According to reports now, AAP's Rajya Sabha MP Raghav Chadha and Parineeti Chopra are set to get engaged on May 13. The ceremony will take place in New Delhi.

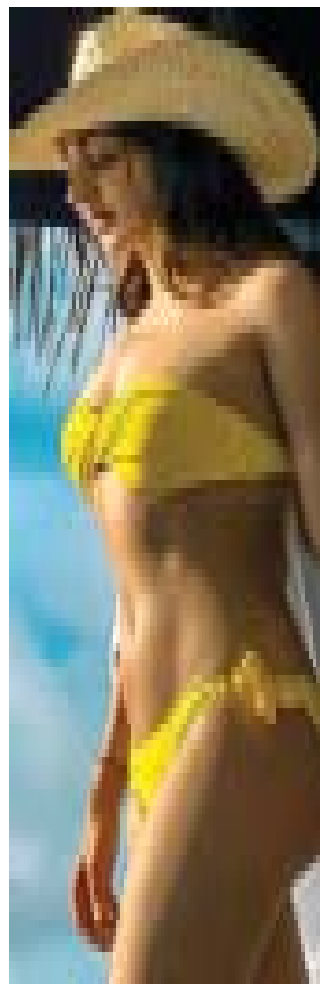
WHEN PARINEETI-RAGHAV SPARKED DATING RUMOURS

Parineeti Chopra was spotted with AAP leader Raghav Chadha on March 22. The duo arrived separately at a posh restaurant in Mumbai. Both twinned in white and while Parineeti paired it with chequered pants, Raghav opted for beige linen pants. They also posed for paps. That's not all.

Kiara Advani raises temperature in blue swimwear

Kiara Advani says her Sunday was 'well spent' Before heading for another shooting schedule, actor Kiara Advani took some time for herself and enjoyed swimming in the pool. Kiara took to her Instagram story and dropped a video of herself swimming in a blue swimsuit and she looked stunning in that look.

The film billed as an action drama with current-day politics, features an ensemble cast, with Kiara playing the female protagonist. The upcoming project is jointly produced by Dil Raju and Shirish Garu under the banner of Sri Venkateswara Creations for a Pan-India release. 'Game Changer' will release in three languages - Telugu, Tamil and Hindi. Apart from Ram Charan and Kiara Advani, the film also stars SJ Suryah, Jayaram, Anjali, and Srikanth. The film is slated to release this year. Apart from this, Kiara recently wrapped shooting for her upcoming movie 'SatyaPrem Ki Katha'.



B-Town's spectacular night



Janhvi Kapoor

attractions of the show. She hosted a part of the and set the red carpet on fire in a purple gown. Tiger Shroff, Vicky Kaushal and Jacqueline Fernandez performed at the Filmfare Awards. Gangubai Kathiawadi made a clean sweep of sorts in the technical awards category. Also Read - 68th Filmfare Awards: Salman Khan, Tiger Shroff, Vicky Kaushal serve some of the best looks of the night. In the writing category, it was Badhaai Do. The movie which was a comedy and drama about queer representation got a lot of appreciation. Anil Kapoor has taken home the award for Jug Jugg Jeeyo.



Vineet Jain (MD, BCCL), Amruta Fadnavis, wife of Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, and Mangal Prabhat Lodha, Maharashtra Minister of Tourism, lit the inaugural lamp



Vicky Kaushal



BEST ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING ROLE (MALE)
ANIL KAPOOR (JUGJUGG JEEYO)

PARTNERS ON STAGE: Salman Khan and Govinda dance to Do You Wanna Partner



SCROLL OF HONOUR

- BEST FILM** GANGUBAI KATHIAWADI
- BEST DIRECTOR** SANJAY LEELA BHANSALI | GANGUBAI KATHIAWADI
- BEST FILM (CRITICS' AWARD)** BADHAAI DO | HARSHVARDHAN KULKARNI
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- BEST ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING ROLE (FEMALE)** SHEEBA CHADHA | BADHAAI DO
- BEST LYRICS** AMITABH BHATTACHARYA | KESARIYA (BRAHMASTRA PART ONE: SHIVA)
- BEST MUSIC ALBUM** PRITAM | BRAHMASTRA PART ONE: SHIVA
- BEST PLAYBACK SINGER (MALE)** ARIJIT SINGH | KESARIYA (BRAHMASTRA PART ONE: SHIVA)
- BEST PLAYBACK SINGER (FEMALE)** KAVITA SETH | RANGSARI (JUGJUGG JEEYO)
- BEST STORY** AKSHAT GHILDIAL, SUMAN ADHIKARY | BADHAAI DO
- BEST SCREENPLAY** AKSHAT GHILDIAL, SUMAN ADHIKARY AND HARSHVARDHAN KULKARNI |
- BADHAAI DO**
- BEST DIALOGUE** PRAKASH KAPADIA, UTKARSHINI VASHISHTHA | GANGUBAI KATHIAWADI
- BEST BACKGROUND SCORE** SANCHIT BALHARA AND ANKIT BALHARA GANGUBAI KATHIAWADI
- BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY** SUDEEP CHATTERJEE | GANGUBAI KATHIAWADI
- BEST PRODUCTION DESIGN** SUBRATA CHAKRABORTY AND AMIT RAY | GANGUBAI KATHIAWADI
- BEST COSTUME DESIGN** SHEETAL IQBAL SHARMA | GANGUBAI KATHIAWADI
- BEST SOUND DESIGN** BISHWADEEP DIPAK CHATTERJEE | BRAHMASTRA PART ONE: SHIVA
- BEST EDITING** NINAD KHANOLKAR | AN ACTION HERO
- BEST ACTION** PARVEZ SHAIKH | VIKRAM VEDHA
- BEST VFX** DNEG, REDEFINE | BRAHMASTRA PART ONE: SHIVA
- BEST CHOREOGRAPHY** KRUTI MAHESH | DHOLIDA (GANGUBAI KATHIAWADI)
- BEST DEBUT DIRECTOR** JASPAL SINGH SANDHU AND RAJEEV BARNWAL | VADH
- BEST DEBUT MALE** ANKUSH GEDAM | JHUND
- BEST DEBUT FEMALE** ANDREA KEVICHUSA | ANEK
- LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** PREM CHOPRA
- R D BURMAN AWARD FOR UPCOMING MUSIC TALENT** JAHNVI SHRIMANKAR | DHOLIDA (GANGUBAI KATHIAWADI)

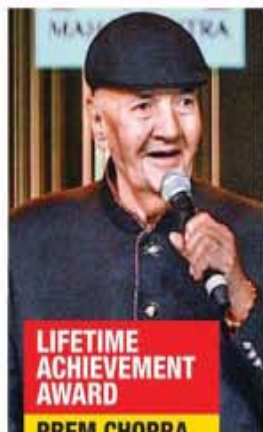


BEST DEBUT FEMALE
ANDREA KEVICHUSA (ANEK)



BEST DEBUT MALE
ANKUSH GEDAM (JHUND)

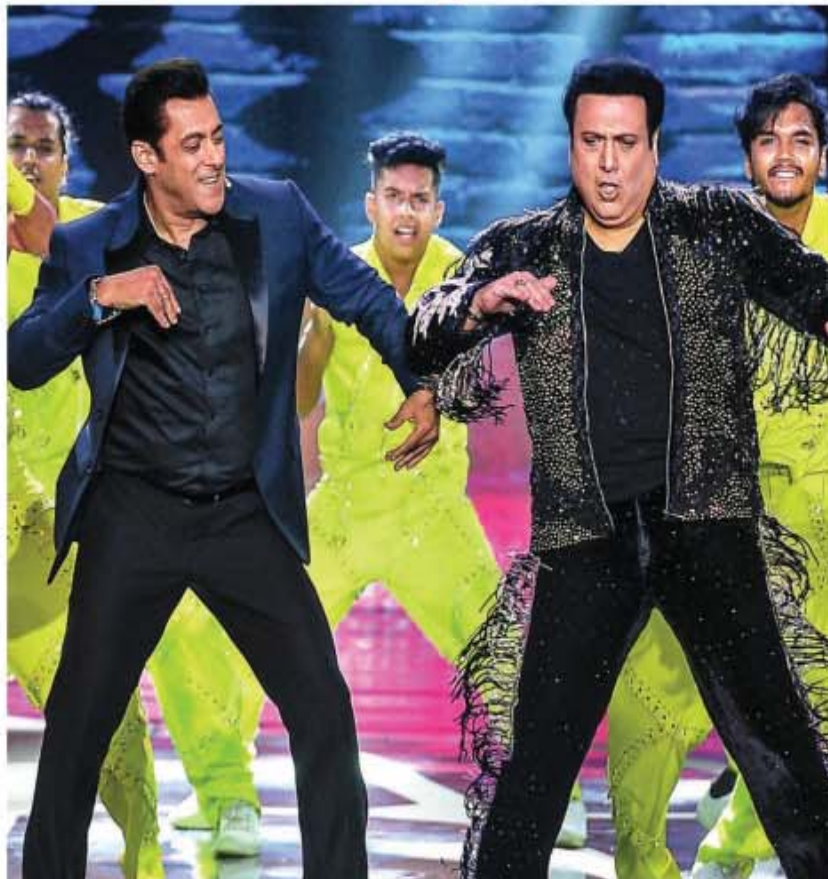
The winners of the Best Debut awards - Ankush Gedam and Andrea Kevichusa - were gifted a swanky Hyundai Verna each



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
PREM CHOPRA



Harshvardhan Kulkarni



Rakul Preet Singh



Guneet Monga



Pooja Hegde



Nora Fatehi



Rekha



Ayushmann Khurrana



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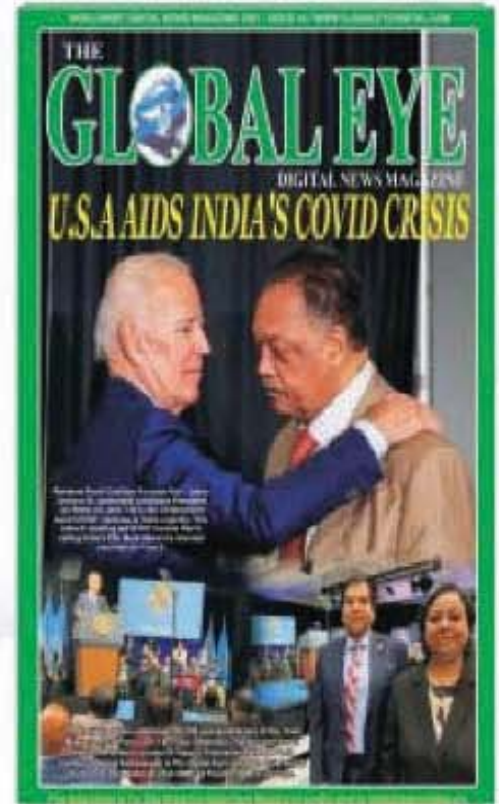
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