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75th Republic Day of India
Greetings from Dr VGP.



Welcoming the New Year 2024, the Festival of Pongal and India's 75th Republic Day with a genuine heartfelt Thank you for staying with us through the years.

We would not have come this far without our readers of Global Eye Magazine, Viewers of Dr VGP Talk Show, and our GSA Team who add a human touch to all our various initiatives.

THANK YOU!

I will say that you our extended family of ethnic communities, our readers and our viewers are the reason WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO !

Let us together Rock in 2024!!

Vijay G Prabhakar

GSA KICK STARTS THE NEW YEAR 2024

YES GSA GLOBAL EYE USA VISITED 8 CITIES IN INDIA OVER 12 DAYS FROM JANUARY 1, 2024 TO JANUARY 12, 2024.

TO OUR ALMIGHTY GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY NOW AND ALWAYS. AMEN.

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January 3: Jawaharlal Nehru University Vice Chancellor Dr D. Santishree appears on GSA Vision Asia 's Yours Truly Dr Vasavi Chakka's show in Delhi.



January 4: India's Secretary For Consumer Affairs Department, Government of India met the Global Eye Team and discussed the significant role played by India's Department of Consumer Affairs at Delhi.



January 1: Dr M. Arumugam of Broadline Technologies, Chennai receiving the GSA Pride of India Award from Dr. VGP in Chennai.



January 2: India's Defense Minister Rajnath Singh in discussions with Dr. VGP at South Block, New Delhi.



Jan 1: Receiving New Year Blessings from Prophet KIRAN MURALI at the Springs of Fellowship Church in Chennai.



January 6: Indian Institute of Millet Research Director Dr Tara Satyavati receives Dr VGP at Hyderabad to discuss the progress of the GSA Millets Initiative at Purdue University, Indiana. Srinivas, CEO Prism Media, Hyderabad also participated in the discussion.



January 4: HITES, Govt of India's CEO D. P. Singh greets GSA Global Eye USA team along with Satyababu, Global Eye Magazine India President at Delhi.



January 6: GSA Global Eye 's Golden Star of Honor & Dignity Award was presented to Indrani Sivaram, Founder of Sanctuary Cafe, Bengaluru by the Award Jury Co Chairs Dr John Joseph John from New York and Dr Vasavi Chakka from Naperville at Bangalore.



January 12: Dr VGP paid homage to late M. M. Rajendran IAS (Retd) Former Governor of Odissa in his Chennai residence and conveyed condolences to his wife Mrs Susheela Rajendran



January 7: Dr. VGP delivering the Presidential address at the Presentation of the Dr. M. S. Swaminathan World Prize 2023 at TamilNadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore, India.



January 8: TamilNadu C.M. M. K. Stalin delivered the Valedictory Address at the successful Global Investors Meet at Chennai with Anand Mahindra, Chairman, Mahindra Group, Tariq Ahmed, U. K. Minister of State, Mallik's Srinivasan, TAFE Chair, Karan Adani, CEO, Adani Ports in attendance. Kudos to T. N. Industries Minister T. R. B. Ravi for an awesome job



January 11: Dr Vijay S. Patil, Chancellor of D. Y. Patil University, Navi Mumbai presents a copy of the ONE ARENA Book showcasing Mumbai's largest Cricket Stadium located in Varsity campus to Dr VGP in Mumbai during his visit to Navi Mumbai campus.

READERS OF GLOBAL EYE 27th EDITION SHARE THEIR FEEDBACK

EMPOWERING OUR COMMUNITIES BY CELEBRATING LIFE AND SHARING OUR PRIDE...READERS ' LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Excellent coverage of PM Modi's Tejas flight. The article effectively conveyed the significance of India's defense advancements. More articles like this contribute to informed discussions.

Vimala Desai
Pune, India

I read about the Iraivan Temple monks helping after wildfires. That's so nice! They're not just about their temple; they're good neighbors too. Thumbs up! I didn't know the Iraivan Temple monks digitized ancient texts. That's like bringing the past to life! Big high five to them for sharing that wisdom.

Chennadurai, Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Hi! Juwairiya Mohideen's story is amazing. The Ginetta Sagan Award is a beacon of hope.

Thomas
Vijayawada, India

Dear Editor,
I am writing to express my heartfelt appreciation for the captivating coverage of Dr. VGP's visit to BAPS Swaminarayan Akshardham in New Jersey. The article beautifully captured the essence of this historic monument, showcasing the dedication of the 12,500 volunteers involved in its creation. The temple's blend of tradition and innovation, as highlighted by Chaitali, is truly remarkable. It's inspiring to see a symbol of love and devotion that transcends boundaries and celebrates diversity. Kudos to the entire team for this enlightening piece.

Ramesh Kumar
Naperville, IL

I am thrilled to read about Hollywood actor Michael Douglas's visit to the Brihadisvara temple in Thanjavur.

Asha, Delhi

It was refreshing to read about Hollywood actor Michael Douglas, his wife Catherine Zeta Jones, and their son Dylan's visit to Tamilnadu. It's heartwarming to witness this famous family showing interest in our temples and appreciating our heritage. This promotes cultural understanding and appreciation.

Diptaraj Sarkar
Nasik

Dear chief Editor, Sarah's story made me think. Maybe we all need a break from screens.

Srinath, Bangalore

A well-crafted article on ISRO's achievements and aspirations. The coverage of the 60th year celebration and future space missions showcases India's determination in becoming a key player in the global space community.

Ram Nikumbh
Kanpur

Dr. VGP's tour of BAPS Akshardham was mesmerizing. The dedication of volunteers and the cultural richness showcased make it a must-visit landmark. A tribute to human devotion and cultural pride.

Sandhya, Aurora

Sir, beautiful article on Pacifica of Chicago, A Riverfront Renaissance. I'm eager to visit the place from china town. Thank you so much for crafting the beautiful cover story. I would appreciate the Global eye team for the work done and covering all the events and presenting to us.

Muhammad Latif
Clarendon Hills, IL

Exciting plans for Taikoo Mall! The focus on preserving the historical building while bringing in diverse Asian elements is brilliant. Looking forward to the unique cultural hub. A much-needed addition to Chicago's landscape.

The Iraivan Temple is like, super peaceful! The monks did an awesome job carving it. It's like a magical place in Hawaii. Shoutout to them!

Bishnoi,
Kolkotta

Thumbs up for the Michael Douglas coverage! Looking forward to more celebrity travel stories.

Dr T S Bawal,
Trivendrum

I am thrilled to hear that Juwairiya Mohideen from Sri Lanka has won the Ginetta Sagan Award. Her dedication and bravery in protecting the rights of women and children are truly admirable.

Hanwant Singh
Dehradun

Thank you for the Gaming Awareness Article! your article on gaming opened my eyes. Thx for helping us find balance. Parents need to discuss tech limits. How about an article on making those talks easier?

Pawan Kumar Roshan
Naperville, IL

Reading about PM Modi's Tejas flight made me proud. He's setting a cool example!

Kalidas Nayi
Chennai, Tamilnadu

Aarav's piece on the NASA-ISRO joint mission is brilliant! The informative content and engaging style showcase the author's talent in making complex topics accessible to readers.

Harpreet Kaur, Faridabad, India

Impressive coverage of ISRO's Diamond Jubilee and the significant space milestones achieved in 2023. The article highlights India's growing prowess in space exploration and innovation. Well done!

N Swamy Rajesh, Andhra

I wish to express my admiration for the outstanding coverage of Dr. VGP's journey to BAPS Swaminarayan Akshardham. Chaitali's insights into the temple's harmonious blend of tradition and innovation were enlightening. The article serves as a beacon,

showcasing unity in diversity and celebrating the spirit of love and devotion that defines BAPS Swaminarayan Akshardham.

Chaman Lal
Mumbai

Kudos to Windfall CEO Eddine Ni! The meticulous planning, historical preservation, and promotion of Asian culture make it an exciting project.

Mayadhar Mishra, USA

Congratulations to Waheeda Rehman on the Dada Saheb Phalke Award! Her refusal to change her name is inspiring. Kudos to Pallavi Joshi, Alia Bhatt, and Kriti Sanon for their empowering roles.

Sai Nath,
Indiana

The Iraivan Temple is cool for not using electricity. Nature-friendly, you know? And they're saving rare plants. Those monks are doing good stuff!

Ratan
Hyderabad

The article on PM Modi's Tejas flight was well-written and informative. It's crucial to spotlight achievements in defense. It reflects the strides in indigenous defense capabilities. Let's celebrate such milestones and continue to highlight India's achievements.

Madhurima Pandit
Noida

Through the Ginetta Sagan Award, Amnesty International USA not only supports individual activists but also brings international attention to the crises and issues they face. This increased scrutiny will foster lasting change.

Dr Budde Srinivas Rao
USA

Dear Editor,
I want to express my appreciation for featuring Hollywood actor Michael Douglas's visit to India and his tour of the Brihadisvara temple in Thanjavur. This not only promotes tourism but also highlights the importance of preserving our heritage sites for future generations.

nruvrm20@gmail.com**

Iraivan Temple's meditation spaces are transformative. The waterfall meeting Wailua River is a haven. Feeling the divine in nature. Kudos to the monks!

Niky

Your Iraivan Temple article is amazing! The monks carved it without power tools? So cool! They deserve a big thumbs up for that.

Rupa , Bangalore

Great job, Aarav! The article on NISAR is both enlightening and well-written. It's wonderful to see young minds engaged in understanding the

significance of space exploration.

Sumit D Gupta
NCR

I want to congratulate Lianfeng Group and Windfall group for taking and bringing the Taikoo Mall project - The Pacifica of Chicago. The commitment to preserving the historical building and promoting Asian culture is commendable. Excited about the diverse offerings and unique living center concept.

Gaurav

I appreciate the coverage of ISRO's 60th year celebration. From humble beginnings to moon missions, ISRO's journey is inspiring. Keep reaching for the stars!

Hima Bindu
Chennai

Dr. VGP's exploration of BAPS Akshardham was enlightening. The commitment of volunteers, especially women, in crafting this masterpiece is commendable. A symbol of unity.

Nelson
Chicago

Dr. VGP's exploration of BAPS Akshardham was breathtaking. The temple's symbolism, intricate carvings, and diverse volunteer participation are a testament to cultural richness.

Neil
New Delhi

I enjoyed reading about PM Modi's Tejas flight. It's heartening to witness our PM's support for indigenous defense capabilities. Keep up the excellent work in covering such noteworthy events.

Abhijit Shah
USA

The stories of past and present awardees highlight the strength and resilience of individuals working towards a better world. Thank you for sharing their inspiring journeys with your readers.

KGK Murthy
India

The Iraivan Temple monks live such disciplined lives. It's like a spiritual hangout! I wanna visit and feel the good vibes. They're doing something special there.

Raj Mohan
Dharmashala

I want to applaud Michael Douglas for receiving the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award at IFFI and appreciate his decision to tour India along with his family. It's wonderful to see them explore our country and learn about its diverse heritage. Such visits inspire cross-cultural connections!

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January 2: Dr. Bharat Barai honored at Judah Hyman Syngagogue, Delhi by Rabi Ezekiel Isaac Malekar , President and Prashant Kumar ITS , Secretary for his combating antisemitism.



January 5: Belagavi Range I. G. Of Police, Karnataka, India received the GSA Pride of India Award from Dr. VGP at Belgaum, India



January 6: CMR Gandhi Public School , Bengaluru's Chairman Dr Rajkumar Khatri IAS (Retd) welcomed Dr VGP and the GSA team to the School campus at Hadosiddapura, Chikkakanalli, Bengaluru, Karnataka



January 3: Acharya Lokesh Muni blessing GSA Global Eye Magazine on the release of its 28 edition at Ahimsa Vishwa Bharati , Delhi .



January 10: Pandit Somesh Mathur , Grammy Nominee and Baby Priya hosted a Welcome Dinner at Sahara Sapphire , Mumbai for Dr VGP and Dr Chakka.



January 8: At the Valedictory Function of TamilNadu Government's Global Investors Meet at CHENNAI, Dr VGP along with TamilNadu Govt. High Officials. L-R: Ms. Madhumathi IAS, MD SIDCO, Dr Chakka, GSA VP, Selvi Apoorva IAS, Agriculture Secretary, Mythili Rajendran IAS, Jayshree Muralidharan IAS and Ms. Amudha IAS, Home Secretary.



January 12: Team Best USA CEO Kris SUTHANITHRAN congratulates Global Eye team on an excellent 27 th edition at Chennai.

SYMPHONY OF BRILLIANCE : DR. BHARAT BARAI UNVEILS A GLOBAL LEGACY !

Embark on a journey into the world of transformative gifts with Dr. VGP's Talk Show, reaching 42 million households globally, including 2 million in Chicagoland.

INTELLECT UNPLUGGED: In this captivating 35 th Episode of Dr VGP TALK SHOW ,Step into the realm of intellectual brilliance and unwavering passion of the magnetic luminary Dr. BHARAT BARAI .
A TAPESTRY OF TRIUMPHS: DR . BARAI 'S FOUR DECADES OF MEDICAL MARVEL! In a narrative that transcends

continents and illuminates the extraordinary journey of Dr. BARAI, we traverse the bustling streets of Mumbai to the hallowed halls of Baroda Medical College and witness the four-decade legacy he carved as the Chief of Oncology Hematology at Methodist Hospital in Indiana.

GOLDEN STAR OF DIGNITY AND BRIDGE BUILDING : Adorned with gold medals and distinctions, Dr. BARAI 'S commitment to community service emerges as the bedrock of his

legendary status, a true bridge-builder connecting the USA and India.

As the conversation unfolds, Dr. BARAI sheds light on Prime Minister Modi's transformative decade, spotlighting five monumental achievements. From a responsive and transparent government to unleashing Indian genius through entrepreneurship, Modi's vision resonates through anti-corruption drives, digitalizing India's economy, and fortifying defense and infrastructure.

FROM CAPITOL HILL TO SILICON VALLEY : DR. BARAI AND THE TRANSFORMATIVE DECADE OF MODI !

Dive deep into Modi's childhood, understanding his connection with the common man and his vision for holistic development. The discussion navigates the intricacies of the US-India relationship, emphasizing collaboration in technology, defense, agriculture, and entrepreneurship, grounded in shared democratic values.

TRAILBLAZING DIALOGUE : Join Dr. VGP and Dr. BHARAT BARAI in a symphony of intellect, passion, and leadership that promises to leave you inspired and enlightened.



BEYOND BORDERS : DR. BARAI'S PIVOTAL ROLE IN GLOBAL DIPLOMACY! This episode unravels the international impact of Dr. BARAI from his pivotal role in the US-India nuclear treaty to his unwavering fight against anti-Semitism in Israel. Awards like the historic Champion Award from Stand With Us Israel and the prestigious Golden Star of Dignity and Honor attest to his transformative leadership that transcends political boundaries, touching lives globally.

REDEFINING LEADERSHIP: DR. BARAI'S EXQUISITE CONVERSATION ON MODI'S VISION!

MEET CLAYTON HARRIS 111 , THE MAN WITH A MISSION TO DELIVER JUSTICE AND SAFETY.

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In this 38th Episode of Dr. VGP TALK SHOW, meet face to face with CLAYTON HARRIS 111, Democratic Candidate for Cook County State Attorney, the Second Largest Prosecutor's Office in the United States. Cook County State's Attorney leads the office in prosecuting tens of thousands of felony and misdemeanor crimes in Cook County. The Office has more than 1,200 employees including 750 Attorneys, 115 Investigators and 400 Administrative staff.

CLAYTON HARRIS 111: A NEW DAWN BREAKS ON THE HORIZON In the world yearning for a balanced approach to JUSTICE and SAFETY, emerges

CLAYTON HARRIS 111, a man of multifaceted brilliance who offers a path toward a brighter, more inclusive tomorrow. CLAYTON is an Attorney with a clear vision for improving public safety and justice with his combination of managerial skills and prosecutorial experiences. With an unwavering commitment to service and a deep understanding of the issues facing our community, CLAYTON HARRIS 111 brings a fresh perspective and bold ideas to the table.

CLAYTON HARRIS 111: THE JOURNEY FROM PRIVATE SECTOR TO PUBLIC SERVANT.

A riveting exploration into the progressive journey of CLAYTON HARRIS 111, a legal virtuoso who emerged from the corridors of Northwestern University,

navigating through the realms of corporate law and intellectual property. His destiny , however, took an altruistic turn when he embraced the calling of public

paragon of courageous, comprehensive and compassionate leadership.

CLAYTON HARRIS 111's 100 DAY PLAN FOR COOK COUNTY STATE ATTORNEY.

As we delve into Harris's first 100 Day Plan , envision a future where power structures are unveiled , social justice is prioritized and community collaboration becomes the heartbeat of change. CLAYTON HARRIS 111 is a proven visionary leader poised to reshape Cook County's destiny by making informed decisions for a brighter, safer more equitable future.

***GSA GLOBAL EYE MAGAZINE ENDORSES CLAYTON HARRIS 111 for the COOK COUNTY STATE ATTORNEY*.** CLAYTON is a Champion of the People, Renowned Prosecutor, Erudite Scholar, Seasoned Bureaucrat

and above all an Advocate for Justice. Vote March 19 in Illinois State Primary by punching # 93 for CLAYTON HARRIS 111.

Watch this episode where notions ignite and aspirations ascend.

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service , igniting a passion for justice that fueled his ascent from a public defender to the ideal candidate for Cook County State Attorney.

TACKLING GUN VIOLENCE AND MENTAL HEALTH : CLAYTON HARRIS 111'S VISION. Unveiling the layers of his holistic vision, HARRIS brings forth a profound understanding of the interconnected challenges of gun violence, mental health , policing and racial disparities within our communities. A fierce advocate for justice, CLAYTON will partner with law enforcement at all levels to prosecute violent offenders and stem gun violence , while enhancing the Special Prosecutions unit to tackle crimes threatening the County's safety. CLAYTON HARRIS 111 stands as a



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SPM : February 24 - Center for Englewood

Moderator: Ms. Shourya Agrawal, Program Co-ordinator, The Global Eye International Institute For Leadership NFP

Introduction : Ms. Shourya Agrawal

African American Anthem : Jonathan J. Brown

Opening Remarks : Dr. VGP, Chairman, Global Eye

Presentation of Special Awards : Nathaniel Booker, Mayor of Maywood, IL

Host: Ms. Katherine Thorat, Vice President, Global Eye

- * Danny K. Davis Teacher Icon Award : K. Govindasami
- * Rev G J.R. Athishtam & Ella Athishtam Diamond Award : Brian Anderson
- * Brig C.S Sukumar Prize : Christianna Gray
- * S. Krishna Iyer Award : Amber Lynae York
- * Newton Devasahayam Centenary Award : Anaisha Ganguly & Abhishek Ganguly
- * Edward & Lily Prabhakar Centenary Award : SEWA LEAD, Chicago

Honoring Global Eye's America's Top 18 under 18 Achievers by Honorable U.S. Congressman Danny K. Davis
Co-Hosts : Michael Xia & Mohita Murali

Group Photo : At Gandhi King Center For Non-Violence (Adjacent Room)
Reception : Cafeteria

SPECIAL AWARDS

DANNY K DAVIS TEACHER ICON AWARD

This award is given annually to an outstanding teacher who has dedicated his life to the teaching profession reflecting ideas of our congressman Danny K Davis, who started his career as a teacher.

Awardee : K Govindasami **Designation:** Retired Teacher (India)

Born into a modest family in a small village, he carved his path through sheer determination and hard work. As a dedicated teacher, he became a beacon of inspiration for generation of students in his village instilling in them not just academic knowledge but also the value of perseverance and integrity.

REV G J.R. ATHISHTAM & ELLA ATHISHTAM DIAMOND AWARD

This award is given to an individual who has dedicated his life to serving Humanity especially in sheep herding the Young Generation just like Reverend G.J.R Athishtam and his wife Ella, who was a pastor in church of South India ministering to all for 60 years.

Awardee : Brian Anderson **Designation:** CEO, Shepherd's Hope, Englewood.

Brian Anderson is a successful entrepreneur, who has dedicated the last two decades (20 years) and ongoing to serve the underserved. Brian's passion is for the young people and his outstanding work here in the center of Englewood is a living testimony.

BRIG C.S SUKUMAR PRIZE

This award is given to a young person who displays courage and valency in enriching the country's patriotism.

Awardee : Christianna Gray
Designation: 8th Grade Student, Calvin Christian Academy, South Holland

Christina Gray is a 8th Grade student of Calvin Christian Academy at South Holland . IL. She is a bundle of confidence, compassion and creativity, who had the courage from 5 years old to be an orator par excellence with a mission to unite America and invoke patriotism in all of us.

S. KRISHNA IYER AWARD

This award is given to a young person who displays early entrepreneurial skills and unveils ambition, innovation and religious spirit, which reflects the ideology of late S. Krishna Iyer, a distinguished Banker of 40 plus years and one of India's Successful entrepreneurs.

Awardee : Amber Lynae York
Designation: 8th Grade Student, St. Ethetreda Grammar School, Chicago

Amber Lynae York, a 8th Grade Student at St. Ethetreda Grammar School, who last year started her catering business Chi Grub, which is to be launched as a restaurant soon. Amber York, Co Owner - Chi Grub.

NEWTON DEVASAHAYAM CENTENARY AWARD

This award is given to a girl child who displays early leadership skills who actively pursues a creative art and shares a strong father daughter bond. Late Mr Newton Devasahayam was a dynamic police officer, who rose to become Tamil Nadu's Inspector General of Police, and above all the most caring father of 6 daughters. This award is instituted to commemorate his 100th Birthday - Centenary Birthday which was on Dec 23, 2023

Awardee : Anaisha Ganguly & Abhishek Ganguly
Designation: 2nd Grade Student, Steck Elementary School, Aurora

This award goes to the Father Daughter Duo, Abhishek Ganguly and Anaisha Ganguly. Anaisha Ganguly is a 7 year old wonder child studying in 2nd Grade, at the Steck Elementary School, who is being strongly nurtured by her father, Abhishek Ganguly, an IT Specialist, who had a distinction as a 12 year old, 7th Grade student from India, playing cricket in minor County and Clubs in Somerset, United Kingdom. The father Abhishek Ganguly wants his daughter Anisha to surpass his achievements and conquer the world.

EDWARD & LILY PRABHAKAR CENTENARY AWARD 2023

This award is given to an outstanding youth Organization that nurtures and channelize the energies of our young students for constructive purposes.

Edward Prabhakar was born on March 1, 1923 in a distinguished bureaucrat – an I.A.S Officer of Tamil Nadu Cadre, An avid Sportsman – Cricket player for Tamil Nadu in RANJI TROPHY, All India Civil Services Tennis Champion and a caring humanitarian, served as Chairman, Board of Management, YMCA College of Physical Education, Chennai for more than 20 Years.

E.C.P Prabhakar , IAS has the honor of being chosen in 1963/64 for the ford foundation fellowship in Madison, Wisconsin, USA and in 1970's for the Governance and Development Program at University of Sussex, U.K.

Lily Prabhakar, born on August 22, 1923 is fondly remembered as 'Lady of Love' having established the first home for Leprosy patients children in 1968 in the world. Children's Home Of Hope now located in Maduravoyal, Chennai. Lily Prabhakar was also honored by India's Prime Minister Shastri in 1964 for collecting the highest amount of contributions for the National Defence Fund, as the wife of collector of Madurai.

Awardee : Sewa International Lead, Chicago **Designation:** Youth Organization

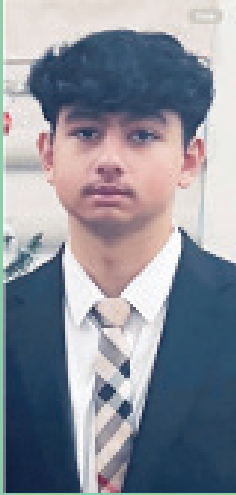
LEAD (Leadership, Education and Development) is Sewa international's flagship youth engagement program.

Sewa Chicago started offering Lead program in 2021 with 25 Highschool volunteers and now they have 13 volunteers in their fourth year. Majority of Sewa Lead's work is focused on serving the communities through partner organizations across Chicagoland. They offer a design thinking based program to identify, invent and implement solutions for social issues and opportunities for individual development.

KELVYN DARSHAN THOMAS, is a student-athlete at Marist High School in Chicago. Standing at 6'6, Darshan is deeply dedicated to basketball, training rigorously 5 to 6 times a week to enhance his skills and agility. Alongside his athletic pursuits, Darshan excels academically, particularly in math, science, English, and physical education, earning recognition such as acceptance into the National Honor Society and various scholarships for his outstanding achievements.



MADDOX MANUEL, a senior at Nequa Valley High School, embodies a blend of sportsmanship, entrepreneurship, and a keen interest in cybersecurity and AI. From his early days playing hockey to establishing a thriving sneaker reselling business, Maddox's journey is characterized by determination and adaptability, driven by a genuine passion for sneaker culture. As a Python coder specializing in AI applications and interning at a technology firm, Maddox demonstrates resilience and a clear vision for the future, enriched by his fluency in Polish, English, and Spanish, reflecting a global perspective in his endeavors.



JAY JADHAV, a sophomore at Stevenson's High School, located in Lincolnshire, IL is passionate about social welfare and community development. Through initiatives like USKids4Water and teaching hydroponics, Jay has impacted over 850 individuals and has contributed over 700 volunteer hours to over 25 projects. Jay's commitment extends to programs like the Spoken English Program and Mental Health Awareness Initiative, showcasing his dedi-



cation to holistic education and community empowerment.

AADYA KARNA, a passionate high school Senior from Plainfield East High School, boasts a high GPA, ranking in the top 12% of her class. • With a commitment to fostering connections within her school and community, Aadya has served in various leadership roles, including Co-Captain of the Plainfield East Speech Team, Vice-President of the Women's Empowerment and Gender Equity Club, and Member of the Student Ambassador Board, demonstrating her dedication to personal growth and community betterment. • Aadya's involvement extends beyond academics, participating in activities



such as the Plainfield East Tech Crew, UChicago Adventhealth Hospitality Desk, and Plainfield East Color Guard, showcasing her versatility, work ethic, and passion for assisting others

SAMUEL YOUSEFZAI, a senior at Roycemore High School, Evanston demonstrates a strong commitment to his studies, evidenced by his impressive GPA and enrollment in advanced college courses. He created a course in Assyrian Mythology, in collaboration with graduate students from Harvard University, reflects his curiosity and eagerness to explore diverse cultural histories. Samuel founded a Bridge the Gap Interpreting NFP, a non-profit offering free interpretation services in healthcare, demonstrates his commitment to improving healthcare



accessibility and quality for non-English speakers, driven by his personal experiences as a first-generation American.

PRAGNA NIDUMOLU, a Junior at Freedom High School, Chantilly, VA founded EcoTeens at 14, empowering youth globally through her organization and podcast, "The Green Stories," amplifying voices for environmental stewardship.

- A Global influencer: Pragna's leadership facilitated three Global Youth Sustainability Summits, uniting speakers from 21 countries to tackle climate change and as a CEO of "NetZero Beauty," she pioneers sustainable cosmetics merging entrepreneurship with eco-consciousness.
- Beyond activism, Pragna is a 12-year practitioner of Kuchipudi, an Indian classical dance, showcasing unique skills like "Simha Nandini" drawing a Lion with rhythmic foot movements.



As a TEDx speaker, she shares insights on corporate sustainability and youth empowerment, leaving an indelible mark on international stages

KARAMOT FATAI, born and raised in Nigeria for the first decade of life, demonstrated academic excellence from an early age, earning multiple honor roll awards upon moving to the United States. A Senior, at Evanston Township High School based in Evanston with a growing passion for community service, Karamot has dedicated over 60 hours to various initiatives, including participating in an educational justice class at Northwestern University during her sophomore year. Supported by Evanston Scholars, Karamot embarked on college trips and completed summer programs at Northwestern University and Boston University, igniting a keen interest in the health career path



while maintaining an impressive GPA throughout.

KYREL WALLS

- Kyrel, hails from the West Pullman neighborhood in Chicago's far south side.
- Despite enduring significant adversity, including surviving being shot seven times while he was in 8th grade, Kyrel exhibits remarkable resilience and determination.
- He is engaged in academics at Perspectives/IIT Math & Science Academy (MSA) based in Bronzeville, Chicago,
- Kyrel also volunteers and receives mentorship



from community workers at Phalanx Family Services, embodying hope and strength in his community.

Here is a Champion Achiever, JOSEPH AWINONGYA JR, an inspirational person for students who want to take up Sports Joseph Jr, boasts an impressive record as a 19-time National Champion across various boxing categories, including being ranked #1 by USABOXING and securing titles like Jr Olympic and USA National Champion. He is honored with prestigious awards such as the Jesse White Athletic Achievement Award and the U.S. President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence. Holds an Associate in Arts and Science from Joliet Junior College and currently attends St. Francis University on a Full- Ride Scholarship,



while also earning scholarships from esteemed organizations like Busey Bank, Silver Gloves, and AIBA – International Boxing Association.

A high school senior at West Aurora High School, **CANDICE RAMIREZ**, is proficient in creativity, communication, and understanding, with a passion for collaborating with individuals and guiding them towards their objectives. Candice demonstrates versatility and adaptability through roles such as cleaning services management at Mella Services, event coordination at the International Progressive Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and marketing consultancy with Vanessa Celio, showcasing a wide range of skills in organization, communication, and client interaction. She actively pursues education while



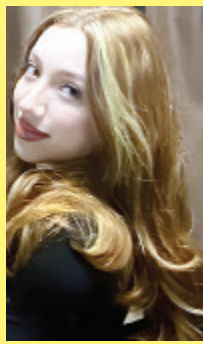
also engaging in diverse activities such as modeling, volleyball, tumbling, gymnastics, dance performance, makeup artistry, and event planning, reflecting a multifaceted and proactive approach to personal and professional development.

Presenting America's 11th Top 18 under 18 awardee, **HANNAH LEONG**, is a sophomore at Naperville Central High School, excels as an athlete, musician, scholar, and multilingual individual with proficiency in English, Chinese, and French. Actively engages in leadership roles, serving on the Naperville Central Debate Team's leadership team, writing a monthly column for Positively Naperville, and participating in various student organizations, including the Naperville Central Student Advisory Council and Youth Voices. Garnered numerous awards and accolades, including tournament victories in debate,



achievements in badminton, academic honors, and prestigious awards like the President's Volunteer Service Award and the President's Award for Educational Excellence.

EMAIDA LEBRON, is a High School junior at Acero Garcia High School, located in Chicago is a dedicated student who maintains top grades - Passionate about sports, excelled in cheerleading, volleyball, and soccer; - Emaida aspires to pursue a career in the medical field as a trauma surgeon or a Paramedic.



SHIPRA JHA, a dynamic Junior at Stevenson High School, based in Lincolnshire has demonstrated a life-long passion for community service and helping the underprivileged. Actively involved in over 10 clubs and organizations, including leadership roles in clubs like Model UN and HOSA, Shipra has garnered 11 national and state-level awards. Shipra's commitment to service extends beyond her school community, as she volunteers over 250 hours annually with Sewa programs, leads national initiatives with Design to Lead, and



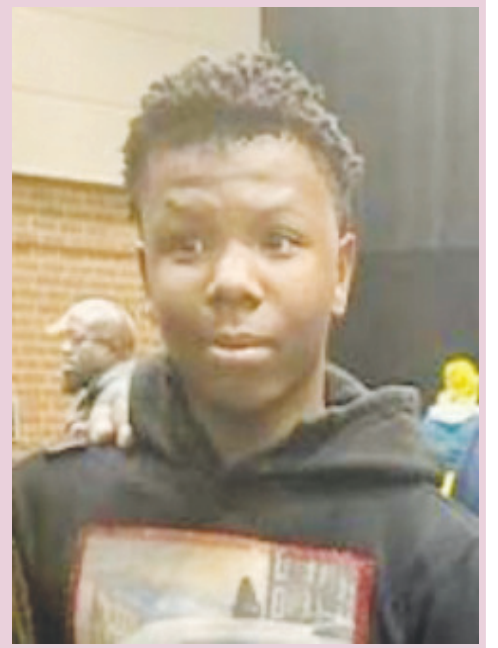
dedicates her summers and winters to teaching STEM to underprivileged children in Indian villages.

ILKAY SIMSEK, is a High School junior at West Lafayette High School, located in IN, the skill set of this individual shines through qualities like organization, attention to detail, communication, computer proficiency, strong work ethic, and effective time management. She engages in activities such as the Spanish Club, Astronomy Club, and Creative Writing Club, demonstrating a well-rounded approach to high school life, showcasing interests across different disciplines and fostering personal growth. With a range of skills honed through academic pursuits and extracurricular activities, Ilkay is well-

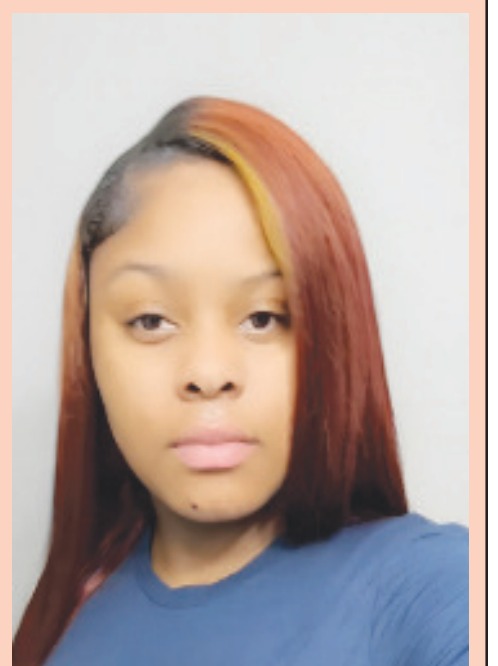


equipped to excel in various endeavors, both in high school and beyond

Introducing **CARTER JOHN YORK**, Excels both on the academic front and in the realm of sports. A versatile athlete, Carter thrives on the basketball court, dazzles in gymnastics, and plays football with finesse. Beyond athletics, Carter is also the creative force behind his own clothing line as well as a photographer showcasing his entrepreneurial spirit and flair for fashion.



KIYA BLAKE, stands here to let us know that one can overcome Adversity with Resilience as she initially faced uncertainty and encountered mental and physical challenges upon entering high school, but rose above them with unwavering determination and perseverance. Despite a lack of guidance, triumphed over obstacles by securing acceptance into six colleges, showcasing remarkable resilience and self-reliance in the face of adversity. Demonstrated exceptional independence and tenacity throughout the college application process navigating the Path to Success, triumphing over challenges along the way.



DAMIEN BLUITT, is a Sophomore at High School, that has demonstrated and changed the world by overcoming adversities despite growing up in a community plagued by gang violence and safety concerns, Damien has persevered through numerous trials and tribulations. • Despite the challenges he faces, Damien has excelled academically, demonstrating his determination and resilience. • Damien's journey showcases his ability to rise above societal stigmas and reach his full potential, inspiring others with his grit and determination.



FINESSE NOLDEN, a Senior at University of Chicago Woodlawn Charter School and brings a wealth of experience and insight as she reflects on her journey leading up to this pivotal moment in her academic career. - She enjoys engaging with others and her love for working highlight her strong interpersonal skills and dedication to her endeavors. - She aims to discuss the highs and lows of her life, offering valuable perspectives on the challenges and triumphs that have shaped her path thus far.



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THE GLOBAL EYE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LEADERSHIP NFP PRESENTS PRIMER ON AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY



Illinois State Rep Ka Shawn Ford giving the Call to Action at the Primer on African American History organized by The Global Eye International Institute For Leadership, Chicago on February 17 at Hillside, Illinois. Left to Right : Dr Tonya Winston, CEO New Age Services, Attorney Clayton Harris 111 , U. S. Congressman Danny Davis, Rep. Ford, U. S. Congressman Jonathan Jackson, Nathaniel Booker, Mayor of Maywood, AMEC Governor Dr. Zenobia Sowell and Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle.



U. S. Congressman Jonathan Jackson delivering the keynote address. Congressman Danny Davis looks on.



Iron Lady of America, Toni Preckwinkle, President of Cook County speaking on the role of women in African American history.



Dr . Bharat Barai, Chairman, US India Friendship Society with the panelists and organizers of the primer.

**Mohita Sukumar
Chicago Bureau Chief**

HILLSIDE, IL – The Global Eye International Institute for Leadership NFP (The Global Eye International institute), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to fostering leadership and community empowerment, hosted an enlightening event aimed at delving into the depths of African American History. The event took place on Saturday, February 17, from 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM at the prestigious MedStar Auditorium in Hillside, IL. The event was a captivating exploration of the triumphs, struggles, and enduring legacy of African Americans throughout history.

Anchored by Dr. Chezalyn Grant, Executive Director of T.G.E.I.I.L, the event was a thought-provoking exploration of African American history and its impact on society today. Featuring esteemed speakers, community leaders, and activists, the event provided attendees with valuable insights and perspectives on the triumphs and struggles of African Americans throughout history.

THE GLOBAL EYE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LEADERSHIP TO OFFER SHORT TERM LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COURSES FROM APRIL 2024

The program commenced with an opening prayer led by Kathy Thorat, Co-Founder of the Rhema Bible Foundation, setting a tone of reverence and reflection. Neal Patel, CEO of Medstar Laboratory, extended a warm word of welcome, followed by opening remarks from Dr. VGP, Chairman of T.G.E.I.I.L, setting the



Neal Patel, CEO, Medstar Laboratory is flanked by Congressman Danny Davis and Mayor Nathaniel Booker along with others including Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle and AMEC Governor Dr Zenobia Sowell among others.

stage for an intellectually stimulating discourse. Dr Vijay G. Prabhakar, Chairman of the Global Eye International Institute stated that 6 Day long in person Certificate Courses with Distinguished Experts in the fields will be the faculty for the Certificate Courses in Global Sustainability, African American History, Women & Power, Strategic Business Development and Exploring Artificial Intelligence. Each Certificate courses would include field visits and real-life face to face dialogues with global icons as part of the curriculum. Dr. VGP recalled that the Global Eye Institute was inaugurated by Congressman Jonathan Jackson, State Representative La Shawn Ford, representing the 8th District of the State of Illinois, delivered a compelling call to action, urging attendees to engage actively in advancing social justice and equality. This will be followed by a

poignant rendition of the African American anthem by Jonathan Brown Joseph, Northwest Indiana Bureau Chief of GSA Global Eye Magazine, invoking a sense of pride and unity.

The keynote address was delivered by U.S. Congressman Jonathan Jackson, representing the 1st District of Illinois, offering profound insights into the significance of African American history and its relevance in contemporary society. Christianna Gray, an 8th-grade student from Calvin Christian School in South Holland, shared her reflections. A panel discussion on the effect of African American history on different generations moderated by Mayor Nathaniel Booker of Maywood featured esteemed panelists such as CEO of Habilitative System Inc., Shawn Walker, a community activist from the Westside of Chicago, Dionne Harden, CEO of "You Break it You Fix It" Foundation, Robert York, a community

activist from the Southside of Chicago, and Jonathan Brown Joseph a Renowned singer from Northwest Indiana.

Special remarks were delivered by Clayton Harris III, a candidate for Cook County State Attorney, shedding light on the intersection of African American history and the justice system. Following this, the second panel of guest speakers explored the role of women in African American history, moderated by Pam Morris Walton, a Gospel Radio Host, and featuring women activists including Pastor Dr. Gwen Appleberry Community leader, Chicago, Dr. Tonya Winston CEO of New Age Services, Chicago, Dr. Zenobia Sowell AMEC Governor, Chicago and Kristina King CEO, Shiloh Institute, Chicago.

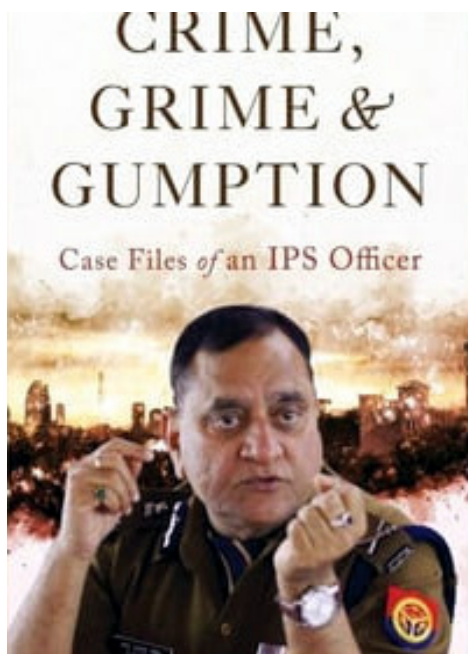
U.S. Congressman Danny K. Davis, delivered his thoughts and words of wisdom, encapsulating the significance of the discussions and inspiring action for positive change. The event concluded with closing remarks from Anaisha Ganguly, a 2nd-grade student from Aurora, Illinois followed by a networking reception, providing attendees with an opportunity to engage further and foster meaningful connections. The Global Eye International Institute was very excited to host this important event that celebrates the rich history and contributions of African Americans. Through dialogue, reflection, and collaboration, The Global Eye International Institute hopes to inspire positive change and empower future generations to build a more inclusive and equitable society."

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'Lucknow guest house' case involving Mayawati made me 'pariah': Ex-UP DGP O P Singh in memoir

Singh mentions being slapped with two FIRs and being named as "the villain who was nursing a grudge against Mayawati and was involved in the kidnapping of legislators".



NEW DELHI: The Lucknow 'state guest house incident' of 1995 in which BSP supremo Mayawati was alleged to have been encircled by Samajwadi Party supporters during a power tussle between the two alliance partners made former Uttar Pradesh DGP O P Singh a "pariah" and a "villain" for this episode, recalls the officer.

The 1983-batch Indian Police Service officer has come out with his memoir "Crime, Grime & Gumption: Case files of an IPS officer" and dedicates a long chapter to this infamous and controversial episode.

Singh, who hails from Gaya in Bihar, retired from service in January 2020 and headed two central forces --the CISF and the NDRF-- during his 37 years of service in the police, a fairly long career for an IPS officer.

Calling the 'guest house' incident an "indecorous" political drama in the history of modern-day India under a chapter titled "Tsunami Years", he says this event "not only changed the politics in UP but impacted the politics of the country as a whole". Singh gives a blow-by-blow

account of the events that took place on June 2, 1995, the day he took charge as SSP (Lucknow). He recounts it was around 2 pm when he got a call from the Director General of Police (DGP) about some "disturbance by unlawful elements" at the guest house located on Meera Bai Marg.

He along with the district magistrate and other officials reached the spot at 5:20 pm. Mayawati, who was staying in suite number 1 and 2, was meeting her MLAs at the guesthouse amid the buzz that the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) had withdrawn support from the Mulayam Singh Yadav-led government, Singh writes. "The situation was quite precarious for the power supply was down and the telephone lines were dead. There was complete chaos," he says.

"Make sure suites one and two are doubly secure", he directed the officials and a sudden commotion erupted with a BSP MLA literally being carried away in the grip of arms. Soon, the police resorted to baton charge and Singh states that he remained at the guest house till things were normal.

The officer says "stories and rumours" about the developments at the guest house "ran wild" including the entry of an LPG cylinder in the premises.

Mayawati expressed desire to have tea and after the estate officer informed that there was no cooking gas in the kitchen, a cylinder was arranged from the neighbourhood, he writes.

"The sight of the cylinder as it was being rolled towards the kitchen area, and the grating noise caused by it, sparked a rumour that there was an attempt to set Mayawati on fire. This was but another addition to the shock and misery that awaited me," he goes on to say.

Mayawati, Singh says, wrote a letter the same day to the governor alleging that

SP members gathered at the guest house attacked and took away some of the BSP workers "right under the nose of the police and district administration officials present".

"As a police officer, I was again caught in the crossfire of the insidious kind between two political parties, playing their power," Singh writes, adding that the governor dismissed the Mulayam Singh government that very night and Mayawati was sworn in as the new chief.

Singh was suspended by the new government, a lay dater, on June 4, 1995. "Why me? There were four of us (at the guest house). Three besides me, the DM, the ADM (City) and the SP (City) and only I was suspended. It was obvious that I had been chosen to be suspended," he says.

This was the beginning of his being treated like an outcast by his "spineless seniors" and colleagues, the retired IPS officer writes.

"Once again, more than the politicians, it was my seniors and their submissive demeanour that disappointed me. I can never forget the body language of a senior IPS officer when I called on him post my suspension."

"He was very uneasy with my presence in his office and he ensured I realised that I was the most unwanted person around him. Such was the terror of Mayawati in those days that no officer wanted to be seen with me. Overnight I had become a pariah," he says.

He also recounts how his senior officer "literally turned him out of his office".

Singh mentions in his book he was slapped with two FIRs related to the guest house incident and in "each of them, I was named the villain, the villain who was nursing a grudge against Mayawati and was involved in the kidnapping of legislators". He was reinstated in service by the government

a few months later and the cases against him were also withdrawn.

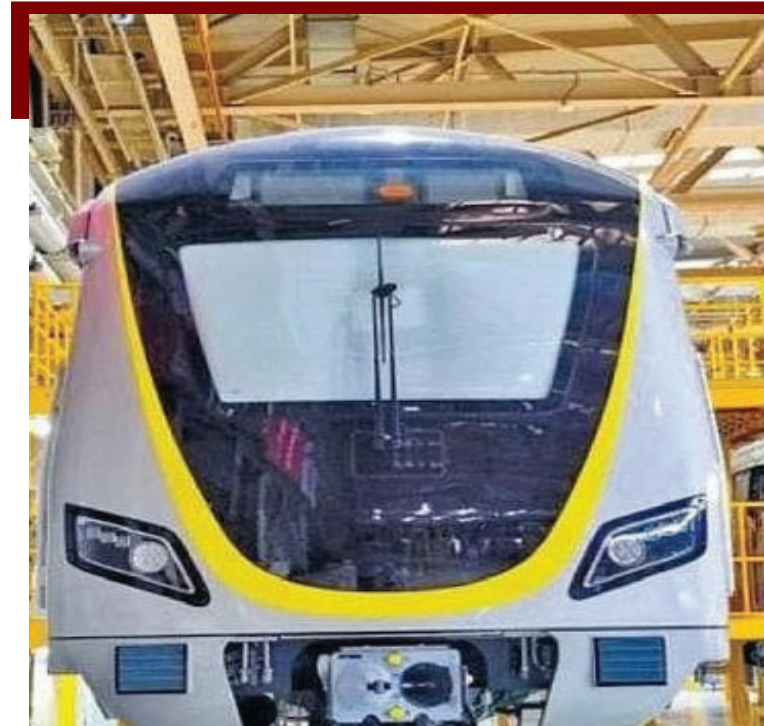
Three years later, Singh says, he got an opportunity to meet Mayawati in Azamgarh when he was posted as the Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of the Azamgarh range. "I have nursed this feeling for a long time, Madam. To meet you and clear some concerns. With all due respect, I have some direct questions for you, I was upfront and direct," he writes. Mayawati replied: "Aap poochiye (you ask). Her wide eyes and direct eye contact were a clear indication that she was all ears."

Singh writes that with a quivering voice he pulled himself together and asked what was his fault on the fateful day of June 2, 1995? "Madam, why? Why was I singled out? I am an apolitical officer. My entire service record will tell you that", he told Mayawati. "Was the punishment a reward for doing the right job. I stopped again. I was shivering. I lowered my eyes to collect myself. Mayawati didn't say a word all this while. By now I had a feeling I wouldn't be getting a clear answer," Singh says as he soon left without a reply from the politician.

The book goes on to mention other important events during his tenure as the DGP including the Kumbh mela at Prayagraj in 2019, the general elections that took place that year, the maiden Police Commissionerate system brought by the state government at his behest in 2020 and the Ayodhya verdict given by the Supreme Court. The officer also praises Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's working style. The book further mentions in detail Singh's earlier tenures including tackling Khalistani terrorism in the 'Terai' areas of the state that border Nepal and being on the "target" of terrorists during his stint as the SP of the Lakhimpur Kheri district.

21 Chinese tech staff get visa, first train may start this week to India

It will reach Chennai Port and is expected to reach Bengaluru's Hebbagodi depot by road before Makara Sankranti (January 15), said a senior BMRCL official.



BENGALURU: With 21 Chinese technical staff, comprising loco-pilots, technicians and engineers of China Railway Rolling Stock Corporation (CRRC), finally receiving their visas to visit India, the first driverless train for Bengaluru Metro is scheduled to be shipped on December 15 to India. It will reach Chennai Port and is expected to reach Bengaluru's Hebbagodi depot by road before Makara Sankranti (January 15), said a senior BMRCL official. The Communications Based Train Control (CBTC or driverless technology) train was supposed to start by November 20, following the visit of a BMRCL team to China to expedite the process. However, this deadline could not be met. A total of 65 Chinese technical staff from CRRC await work visas to work for BMRCL in India. "Their expertise is required to help in testing and operating the first train, while a majority of them are required to guide

and assist in manufacturing the remaining trains at the Titagarh Wagons in West Bengal in future," the official said. Another official said it was crucial that the first train be sent so that the much-delayed trial run can begin for the RV Road-Bommasandra Line (Yellow Line, Reach-5) via Electronic City. "The first batch of 21 technical staff received their visas on Saturday. A decision has been taken to send them first, along with the train. The rest can follow later," he said. There was no point in the CBTC train reaching here without the expertise required to operate it, the official explained, adding, "It has a state-of-the-art signalling system and we have not handled it. Moreover, the train is covered under a warranty period which would be applicable only if the CRRC staff assist us." The shells of two other trains from China, which have reached Titagarh, also required Chinese expertise to complete them.

The 10-day Flower Expo in Chennai begins on Feb 10

The flowers with plants displayed for the public, showcasing the richness and diversity of the native flora and plants

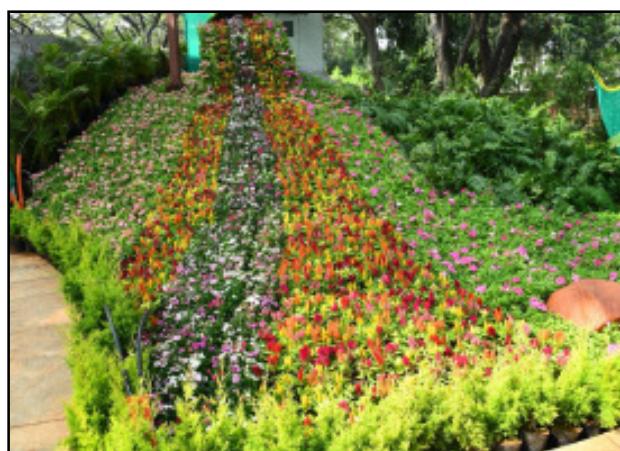
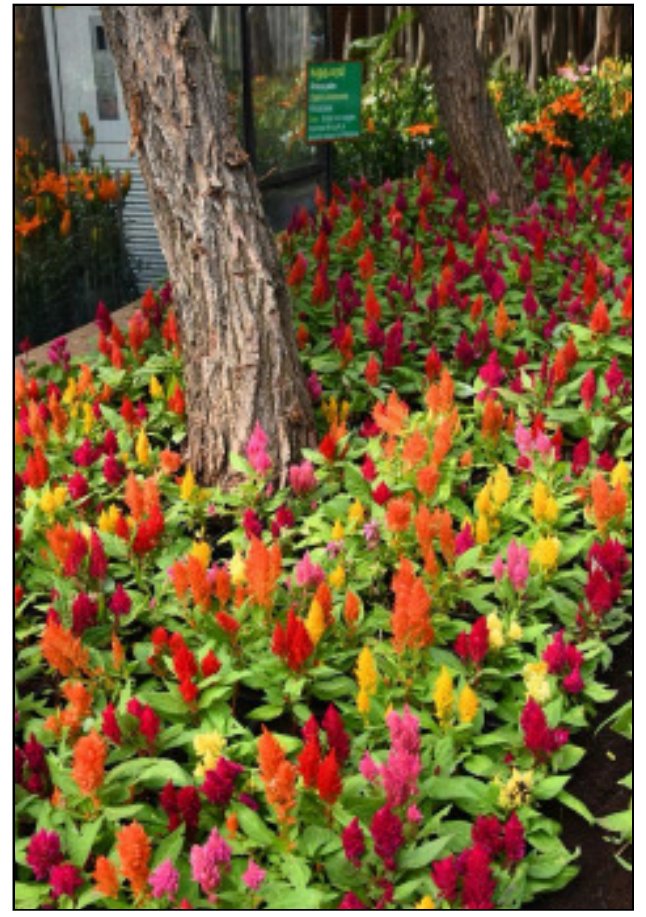
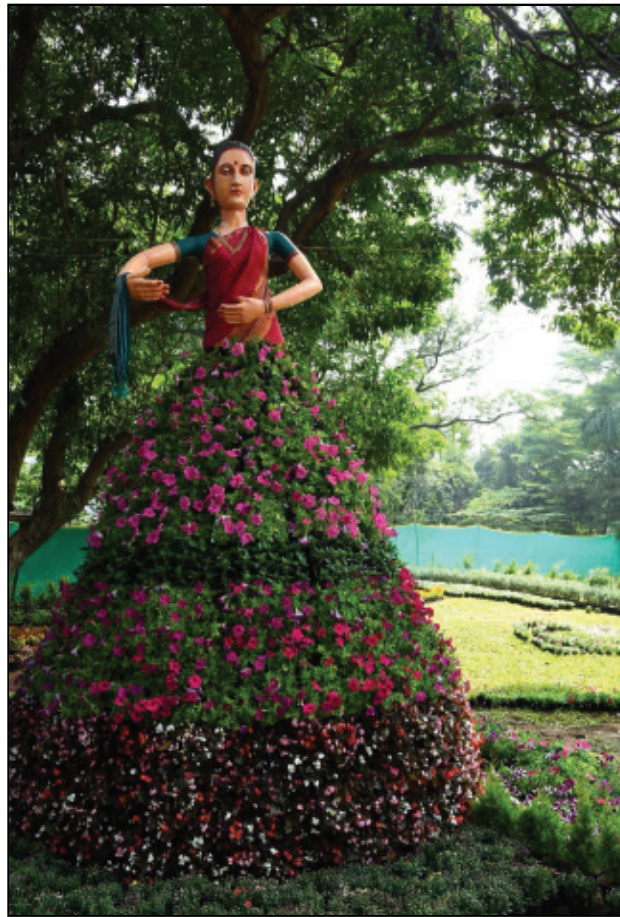
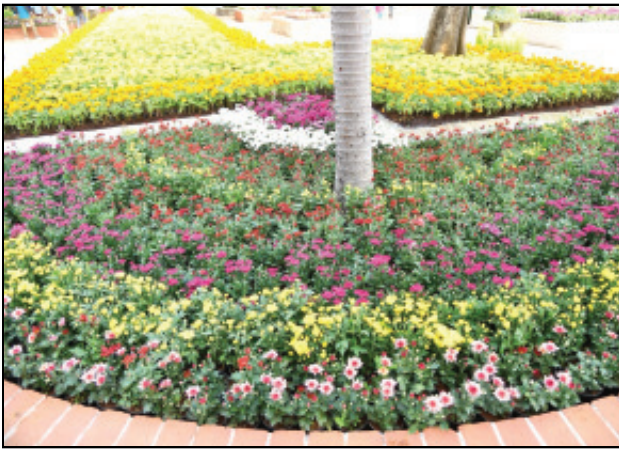
CHENNAI: To bring a floral extravaganza directly to the heart of Chennai, State Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, MRK Panneerselvam on Wednesday informed that Kalaingar Centenary flower exhibition would be held in Semmozhi Poonga from February 10 for 10 days. Addressing reporters after releasing the

teaser for the exhibition, the minister said, "This exhibition is being held for the third time. The 10-day fair will start from February 10 with 12 lakh flowers grown by the Department of Horticulture in various districts. For the past two years, the flowers were decorated in a cold-fed room. Entry fee for the exhibition is Rs 150 for

adults and Rs 75 for children below 12 years of age." The flower exhibition was held for only three days with the koi flowers. But, this time, the flowers with plants will be displayed directly for the public, showcasing the rich and diversity of the native flora and plants. "People who want to visit the

exhibition can visit Semmozhi Poonga in the city instead of Ooty, Kodaikanal or Yercaud," he added. "This exhibition is a testament to the efforts to fulfil the residents' longing for a captivating flower show within the city," opined Selvi Apoorva, secretary to Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare dept.





Chicago Andhra Association celebrated Sankranti festival on February 10, 2024 at the Hindu Temple of Greater Chicago, Lemont, IL.



By Anvitha Panchagnula

Chicago Andhra Association (CAA) celebrated Sankranti festival season on February 10th at the Hindu temple of Greater Chicago with pomp and gaiety. The event displayed a culmination of cultural and modern activities.

The event was coordinated by Swetha Kottapalli, President of CAA, Chairman Srinivas Pedamallu and Vice President Sri Krishna Mathukumalli.

Over 1000 Telugu family members from Chicago participated in the event.

Mr. Somnath Gosh, consular general of India graced the occasion as chief guest. He appreciated the way of celebrating the occasion and voiced his gratitude for being a part of the celebrations. Events of this kind play a vital role in bringing members of the community together to celebrate, said Somnath Gosh.

Registrations were handled by Hemant Talapaneni along with Padmarao Appalaneni, Sailesh Maddi, Murali Reddivari, Narasimha rao Veerapaneni, Vijay Mannepalli, Smaran Tadepalli, Divija Challa and Shriya Konchada who extended a warm welcome to the audience and helped with Annual membership renewals and event registrations. Murali Reddivari by providing QR codes for the entire program to run it smoothly. Sireesha Padyala and Anvitha Panchagnula handed over the CAA Telugu Calendars designed by Sailesh Maddi and a packet of Ayodhya Ram Temple Akshintalu to all the members and attendees.

The program was kicked off by the president of CAA, trustees, and the board of directors by way of lighting a ceremonial lamp. Students of Valleswari Murthy of Bharatha Bharathi music school and students of Vaidehi Chandrasekaran of Gurukripa Music school performed classical singing - prayer songs to kick start the cultural program. As the events progressed, it

was a visual feast to watch traditional dances, Tollywood medleys, kids singing performances. Cultural programs were well-coordinated by the cultural team Sailaja Sappa, Srismitha Nanduri, Anusha Bestha, and ably supported by Srinivasamurthy Padyala, Lohita Gampala, Shilpa Ramisetty, Priya Matukumalli, Manasvi Thumu, Geethika Inapudi and Hasini Devella. A Sankranti themed skit was put together with over

70 participants that included kids as young as 3 year olds. The theme program depicted all the cultural aspects of the festival with a skit and various dances to foot tapping numbers which definitely stood out as the highlight of the cultural programs. Audience thoroughly enjoyed all the cultural programs and whistles were blown all along, encouraging the performers with Slogans of "once more". Prizes, sponsored by "Anandi

Fadhions - Kalpana" were distributed to the winners of the Rangoli Competition held during Sankranti festival. All the kids who took part in the Rangoli competition were given prizes as a token of appreciation for their involvement and to encourage them further.

Traditional Kuchipudi classical dances by students of guru Janaki Anandavalli Nair and guru Shobha Tammana, and "Himagiri Thanaye" Bharatanatyam dance





pizzas for the kids. Serving food to the attendees of CAA events always creates a festive atmosphere where everyone is so eager to serve. That tradition continued in this event also where kids and adults alike took turns to serve.

More than 1000 Ariselu made with ghee, a popular South Indian Sweet were prepared by Sujatha Appalaneni, Bhagalaxmi Sangem, Swetha Kottapalli, Tamishra Konchada, Saumya Bojja, Sruthi Kuchampudi, Sravanthi Grandhi, Priya Matukumalli, Malliswari Pedamallu, Harini Meda, Rajyalakshmi Kondisetty, Anusha Bojja which were prominent attractions in the Menu. Srinivasamurthy Padyala and Murali Reddivari handled the event logistics, while promos were handled by Lakshminaag Suribhotla gracefully. Geetika Mandala handled the social media responsibilities to provide Facebook live sessions during the cultural programs, seamlessly. Association trustees Srinivas & Malleswari Pedamallu, Sujatha & PadmaRao Appalaneni, Raghava & Sivabala Jatla, Dinkar & Pavithra Karumuri, and Uma Katiki actively worked to make the event a grand success. Secretary Girirao Kothamasu thanked the audience who patiently watched all the programs glued to their seats, encouraging all the performers by thoroughly enjoying all along. Finally Extended vote of thanks appreciating and thanking sponsors, members, artists and many volunteers for causing the show as a memorable festive event, successfully.

by kum Adithi Acharya, a disciple of guru Asha Adiga Acharya were watched in pin drop silence and highly praised by the audience are truly highlights of the evening. Youth Directors Kavyasri Challa and Mansvi Thumu made handled youth volunteer services wherever needed, throughout the event.

Videography and Photography for the event were handled by Swadesh Media, for which CAA extends its appreciation and gratitude. Tamishra Konchada, director for decorations in collaboration with Krishna Jasthi from "Occassions By Krishna" ensured a complete festive look at the venue with Sankaranthi theme all around. Decorated areas were crowded through out the event, with people queuing up for pictures and selfies.

Sponsors reception and coordination was handled by Prabhakar Mallampalli.

President Swetha welcomed the audience and gave a gist of what her team is planning to bring forward, this year. President Swetha Kottapalli and Chairman Srinivas Pedamallu fondly acknowledged the sponsors on the stage and thanked them for supporting the organization/ Event. President Swetha thanked Chairman Sujatha Appalaneni, chairman 2022-2023, for all her efforts and valuable contributions towards the

organization and presented her a Memento in recognition of her valuable services. CAA's service wing, Chicago Andhra Foundation's service and charity initiatives were presented by the foundation's executive director Savitha Munaga and assistant executive director Anuradha Gampala. CAF team organized a food drive, a saree Raffle, a Stall with

handmade table runners to raise donations. All the proceeds from the fund raiser will benefit women empowerment projects back home in India.

Naresh Chintamani, advisor Suresh Inapudi, handled serving a sumptuous traditional dinner from Bowl O Biryani restaurant to all the invitees/ members. Pizza Twist restaurant provided fusion



Dr. Grant's Community Event Reflections

Cook County Health Gala

On the elegant evening of Wednesday, October 25, 2023, I had the distinct pleasure of attending the prestigious Cook County Health Foundation Gala, aptly themed "New Era of Health Equity." This gala not only exemplified the convergence of influential figures but also provided a platform for crucial discussions and recognitions within the realm of healthcare and community well-being.

The atmosphere at the gala was transformed by the enchanting sounds of Jazz that reverberated throughout the venue, elevating the evening into a truly distinguished affair. The ambiance created by the music set the perfect backdrop for the unfolding events and conversations that would shape the night. During the course of the evening, I had the honor of meeting several distinguished elected officials, among them the esteemed Cook County President, Toni Preckwinkle. Her presence added to the aura of significance surrounding the event, and as the program commenced, President Preckwinkle took the stage to shed light on the various initiatives spearheaded by Cook County Health in addressing health disparities.

A highlight of the gala was the presentation of the Ruth Rothstein Award to Jerry Reinsdorf, chairperson of the Chicago Bulls. This esteemed award recognized his outstanding contributions to healthcare, particularly his advocacy for addressing health disparities in marginalized communities. The Ruth Rothstein CORE Clinic, a pivotal institution in the prevention, care, and research of HIV/AIDS and infectious diseases, celebrated a 14-year milestone during the gala, symbolizing a longstanding commitment to public health.

In a poignant moment, Jerry Reinsdorf shared insights into his background and passionately raised awareness about the health disparities affecting Black and Brown communities. His departure was met with resounding applause, reflecting the collective appreciation for his advocacy efforts.

Following this impactful segment, the gala seamlessly transitioned into a networking session, allowing attendees to engage in meaningful conversations while enjoying the soulful melodies of

the jazz band. This fusion of camaraderie, music, and the exchange of ideas contributed to the overall warmth and significance of the evening.

As I reflect on this beautiful night of fellowship surrounding health equity, I am inspired by the collective commitment to addressing healthcare disparities. The Cook County Health Foundation Gala served not only as a celebration of milestones and achievements but also as a testament to the ongoing pursuit of a future where health equity is a reality for all. I eagerly anticipate attending many more Cook County Health events in the future, where the spirit of collaboration and advocacy continues to thrive.



Dr. Tonia Winston Sermon at New Nazareth M.B. Church

"On a Sunday to Remember: A Soulful Experience at Dr. Tonia Winston's Empowering Sermon on Women's Day On the memorable Sunday of November 19, 2023, I was privileged to partake in the enlightening sermon, "Women Have We Lost Our Souls," delivered by the esteemed Dr. Tonia Winston at the New Nazareth M.B. Church located at 7933 S. Yates Boulevard. The occasion marked Women's Day, and the congregation was adorned in a vibrant display of purple, green, and white attire. Personally opting for the color green, I immersed myself in the rich symbolism of the event. Prior to the commencement of the program, Dr. Winston graciously introduced me to the distinguished ministry leaders, Sister Khalilah Haynes and Sister Dr. Glennell Conaway. Their warm reception created an immediate sense of sisterhood and fellowship that lingered throughout the day. The atmosphere was charged with camaraderie and mutual respect.

The event unfolded with the ethereal melodies of the youth choir, whose angelic voices resonated within the church, filling the air with love and joy. Rev. Dr. Jarvis J. Hanson, the pastor, extended a welcoming



gesture to all new members, a group that now included me. Standing to acknowledge my presence, I was enveloped in a wave of warm hugs and radiant smiles, instantly fostering a feeling of belonging within the church family.

As anticipation filled the room for Dr. Tonia Winston's sermon, a profound silence underscored the reverence and admiration held for her. However, as she spoke, the congregation couldn't contain their expressions of praise, shouting words of affirmation as the power of Dr. Winston's dynamic speech resonated in their hearts. Tears flowed freely, including my own, as her impactful and relatable words addressed the struggles faced by many Black women. The conclusion of her speech was met with a thunderous applause, and attendees rushed to express their gratitude with warm hugs.

In reflection, I am filled with gratitude for the opportunity to attend Dr. Winston's inspiring sermon. The sense of community and connection experienced that day has left an indelible mark, and I eagerly anticipate returning for future events, knowing that I have found a spiritual home within the New Nazareth M.B. Church family.

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7933 South Yates Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60617

WOMEN'S DAY
Women's Day Colors: Purple, Green and White
November 19, 2023 @ 11:00am
Morning Service

Theme: Women Have We Lost Our Souls

Speaker: Dr. Tonyia Winston
Matthew 16:26



Sis. Khalilah Haynes- Women's Ministry Leader
Sis. Dr. Glennell Conaway-Co-Ministry Leader
Rev. Dr. Jarvis J. Hanson Pastor/ Teacher

WOMENS DAY PLEDGE: \$50.00

Commissioner Dennis Deer's Thanksgiving Luncheon



myself immersed in a rich tapestry of exhibitors representing prominent medical insurance companies such as Aetna, Prestige Health, Lawndale Christian Health Center, and more. Each booth offered a wealth of information about their services and initiatives, allowing me to gather valuable resources and brochures for future reference.

As I settled at one of the inviting tables to partake in a sumptuous Thanksgiving meal, I was captivated by the scene unfolding around me. The event transcended a mere luncheon; it evolved into a platform where community members and elected officials engaged in genuine conversations about the pressing needs of their neighborhoods. The communal spirit, coupled with the shared commitment to addressing community needs, left an indelible impression. In essence, the Thanksgiving luncheon Health and Resource Fair served not only as a testament to the collaborative efforts of local leaders and organizations but also as a symbol of the unity that can be fostered when diverse stakeholders come together with a shared goal of enhancing community well-being.



On the vibrant Saturday of November 18th, I had the distinct pleasure of attending the annual senior and veteran Thanksgiving luncheon Health and Resource Fair hosted by Cook County Commissioner Dennis Deer. My gracious introduction to the event was facilitated by the esteemed State Representative La Shawn K. Ford, who not only welcomed me but also acknowledged my roles as the health coordinator for his district and the Director of Community Outreach for

Medstar. Upon entering the event, I had the honor and privilege of engaging with influential leaders within the community, including the distinguished Cook County President, Toni Preckwinkle, and the accomplished 16th ward alderwoman, Stephanie Coleman. These encounters provided valuable insights into the community's dynamics and underscored the collaborative spirit of the event. Navigating through the bustling corridors toward the grand assembly hall, I found



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Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Unleashes Transformative Reforms in Jammu and Kashmir

Governance Reimagined, Progress Accelerated Under Dynamic New Leadership.



Nisha Samuel
Delhi Bureau Chief

Manoj Sinha, the lieutenant governor of Jammu and Kashmir, has ushered in a new era of prosperity and development by fundamentally transforming the region's landscape through ground-breaking governance improvements. Sinha has shown a visionary attitude during his brief tenure, emancipating the region from the grip of the past and guiding it towards a better future.

Unprecedented developments have taken place in Jammu and Kashmir under his steadfast leadership, giving its people newfound authority and optimism. By removing the obstacles that had previously prevented expansion, Sinha's proactive approach has given this region a new lease on life.

Sinha set up a number of citizen-centric policies in an effort to increase transparency and accountability, making sure that government programmes are implemented at the local level. His emphasis on inclusivity has led to a more responsive and participative administration that goes above and beyond to meet the

needs of every section of society.

The region's effective restoration of peace and stability has been one of the Sinha administration's major achievements. The level of violence in Jammu and Kashmir has significantly decreased because to smart security measures and an all-encompassing strategy to combat ideological extremism. The local population's aspirations have been rekindled by the environment of progress and economic status brought forth by this newfound peace.

In order to encourage commerce and industry in Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor Sinha has developed creative policies, realising the importance of entrepreneurship and investment in fostering economic progress. He has attracted notable investors within and outside

the country and made it easier for young people to find jobs by unleashing Jammu and Kashmir's untapped potential. Industry growth has been accelerated due to Sinha's initiatives, strengthening the local economy.

Sinha has also given strengthening vital infrastructure a lot of thought. The creation of modern healthcare facilities, the adoption of cutting-edge educational systems, and better road connectivity have all improved the quality of life for residents of Jammu and Kashmir. Under his leadership, a number of industries in the area have undergone a paradigm shift towards holistic growth.

Additionally, Lieutenant Governor Sinha has been a vital player in promoting tourism since he recognised that it has the potential to be a significant economic engine. He has increased the attraction of the region, luring

a growing number of travelers from all over the world by creating tourism circuits and promoting Jammu and Kashmir as a must-visit destination. The local economy has benefited from the spike in tourism capital by creating opportunities and jobs, which was much-needed.

The hosting of the G20 Tourism Working Group meeting in Jammu and Kashmir underscores the international community's confidence in the region's ability to emerge as a leading tourism destination. Lieutenant Governor Sinha's tireless efforts in creating an enabling environment, coupled with his far-sighted vision to promote Jammu and Kashmir as a safe and attractive destination for global travelers, have borne fruit.

The world is paying attention to the remarkable transformation that Lieutenant Governor Manoj

Sinha has led as the G20 Tourism Working Group meeting takes place in the breathtaking region of Jammu and Kashmir. Sinha has put Jammu and Kashmir firmly on the path to being a top-tier tourism hub through his unwavering dedication to sustainable tourism, infrastructure improvement, and cultural heritage preservation.

The vision for Jammu and Kashmir that Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has for the region is progressive and transformative. He has put the region back on a trajectory of fast development through his commitment to citizen welfare, infrastructural development, economic growth, and peacebuilding. Lieutenant Governor Sinha's imaginative leadership conquered praise from all corners as he continues to steer Jammu and Kashmir towards its full potential.



Karikkakom Thrivikraman: Makeup Mastery

He started exploring the nuances of the artform in his teens, and eventually became a specialist in chutti-the facial makeup in Kathakali.



KERALA : An artiste often grows up learning the art from their surroundings. Be it a dancer, a painter, or a musician, watching their seniors' dedication towards the art and their performances, can turn on a switch. A case in point is Kerala's Karikkakom Thrivikraman.

He was awed by the performances of his father, Bhaskaran Shastrikal, a veteran Kathakali artiste. This kindled an innate desire in Thrivikraman to take forward the tradition of narrating stories through deft movements and intense expressions. He started exploring the nuances of the artform in his teens, and eventually

became a specialist in chutti — the facial makeup in Kathakali. "The first time I tried my hand at chutti was while studying in Class 10; I did it on my father's face," Thrivikraman recalls.

"After completing my diploma from the College of Fine Arts, my father encouraged me to take up chutti as a profession. It's as challenging as learning Kathakali itself. It demands detailed attention."

Costume and makeup are important elements in Kathakali. The makeup process — known as 'chutti kuthu' — typically requires two to three hours to complete. It is a comprehensive four-year course offered at Kalamandalam. "Chutti

kuthu artists are becoming fewer in Kerala. Youngsters are not keen to learn these skills. It's understandable, as it is not financially rewarding," Thrivikraman rues.

"However, I believe there is a resurgence in interest towards Kathakali in general. Many are recognising its significance. This is because of the appreciation from foreigners, who are fascinated by our artforms."

Thrivikraman's artistic exploration was not limited to Kathakali. He is a chenda expert as well, and leads a Panchari Melam group. He also mentors youngsters, including his sons, and heads the Kshethrakala Academy in

Thiruvananthapuram. That's not it. He is a master sculptor, too. Having acquired sculpting skills in his youth, Thrivikraman has now shifted his focus to making wooden Kathakali figurines, from 12-inch pieces to life-sized stunners. "I have been passionate about sculpting. It demands a high level of concentration. Even the smallest sculpture requires at least three days to complete," he says.

He has also created numerous sculptures in various sizes for the State Handicrafts Development Corporation. "I also supply works to handicraft showrooms, including the Kerala Arts and Crafts Village, where foreigners are the primary customers," says Thrivikraman, who resides at Pettah in Thiruvananthapuram.

"The prices vary according to the size, ranging from Rs 3,000 to Rs 2.5 lakh. I hope Kathakali gains more popularity across the globe as tourists take my artworks to their homelands as a symbol of Kerala." Taking note of his artistic excellence, the state directorate of culture recently asked him to train a batch of 12 sculpture students for three months.

Now, at the age of 65, Thrivikraman is again in a state of childlike exuberance. He is working on his magnum opus — an exhibition featuring 1,000 wooden Kathakali sculptures. "My plan is to narrate Duryodhana Vadham from the Mahabharata using these sculptures," he says. "It will take several months of hard work. I am excited about this first-of-its-kind project. People should be able to experience the complete story through these sculptures. That's my dream."

Take a tour of religious places on Palace on Wheels

The POW has epitomized opulent travel, ferrying tourists with deep pockets to the state's famous destinations.

JAIPUR: The iconic Palace on Wheels (POW) luxury train's off-season idleness has come in handy for the Rajasthan government to spur religious pilgrimages.

The POW has epitomized opulent travel, ferrying tourists with deep pockets to the state's famous destinations. However, in May and June, the wheels come to stop as tourist flow is reduced to a trickle.

That's the time the state government has chosen this year to harness the grandeur of the esteemed train to ferry high-end pilgrims to Ayodhya, Varanasi, Prayagraj, Mathura, and Vrindavan.

The pilgrims' sensitivities are well taken care of: no alcohol and only vegetarian food services on board. The move is said to be inspired by the current public mood over Shri Ram Mandir's consecration in Ayodhya. Ergo, The Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation (RTDC) has entrusted the operation of the POW to a Gujarat-based private company. Previously under the sole management of the RTDC, the POW will now be overseen by Cube Construction Company Pvt Ltd for the



next seven years. The private operator will inaugurate its religious tour services in May, offering a six-day itinerary commencing from Delhi. The route will encompass Ayodhya, Varanasi, Prayagraj, Mathura, and Vrindavan. Pradeep Bohra, director of Palace on Wheels, affirmed that the customary offerings of non-veg fare and alcoholic beverages, prevalent during regular

journeys, will be eschewed during religious tours. Additionally, the menu will eschew onion and garlic, and passengers will be serenaded with devotional melodies resonant with the spirit of Ram and Krishna throughout the journey. Previously operational for eight months annually, the POW is poised to extend its services to a year-round basis under the stewardship of a Gujarat-based company. While the

religious tours are initially scheduled for a two-month period, efforts are underway to attract local tourists, providing them with flexible itineraries and discounted rates for specific destinations. Cube Construction Company has pledged an annual payment of Rs 5 crore to the RTDC for the operation of the Palace on Wheels, in addition to a share of 18% of the total turnover. The recent refurbishment of the train, costing Rs. 7 crore, marks its fourth generation of upgrades, with the current renovation overseen by the Gujarat-based company.

Redefining opulent travel

Featuring state-of-the-art amenities and full air-conditioning, Palace on Wheels boasts of luxurious coaches equipped with bedrooms, lounges, pantries, kitchens, dining cars, and personalized services, including a stocked bar. The fare for a night's journey ranges from `70,000 to `95,000, accommodating a maximum of 46 passengers. Launched on January 26, 1982, the train continues to redefine the opulent travel experience with each successive upgrade and will now be overseen by Cube Construction

From street survivor to culinary star: Lilyma Khan's journey to head chef at 'Dear Donna'

Khan's story is a testament to the transformative power of passion, resilience and the unwavering belief in one's capabilities

Delhi's Dear Donna restaurant is celebrating its fifth anniversary this month. TMS spoke to its head chef, Lilyma Khan—whose journey from foraging food in dustbins to becoming a fine dining restaurant's head chef is nothing short of extraordinary.

When Lilyma Khan, the head chef at Dear Donna restaurant in Delhi's Qutab Institutional Area, starts her 2 pm shift, she takes a moment to assess the kitchen, check the pantry, and address customer complaints. Khan, 29, leads a 40-member team and has been with the restaurant since its opening in February 2019. Dear Donna, known for its romantic dinner dates and family brunches, celebrates its fifth anniversary this month. To mark the occasion, Khan has used her culinary skills to create a special dessert, the Strawberry Bombe Alaska, and it will be available to order through the month.

"The celebration also includes a specially curated cocktail menu, and guests will enjoy champagne showers during Sunday brunches," she says. Despite challenges, including the impact of COVID-19 and competition from neighbouring restaurants and food outlets such as Haldiram's and Taste of Slice, Dear Donna continues to hold its own, a quality embodied by its head chef. Khan is now riding at the top of her culinary career, even though she has encountered her fair share of trials.

In a recent conversation with TMS, she candidly shared her experiences, reflecting on the highs, the lows, and the hope that kept her going.

Lone warrior

Born into a humble family in Delhi's Taimur Nagar, Khan's parents worked hard to support their family of six, including her three siblings. The family faced a devastating loss when in 2001, the father passed away. Just six months later, her mother, who was battling tuberculosis, also succumbed to the illness. Amidst the grief, tragedy struck once again as Khan's older sister, grappling with marital issues, took her own life. This series of losses profoundly affected Khan's older brother, who turned to substance abuse, relying on drugs and alcohol.



Impulsively, he even sold their house to a neighbour for Rs 10,000.

Subsequently, he found himself jailed on theft charges. "After my older brother was put behind bars, my aunt took away my younger sibling, leaving me behind," Khan adds. The seven-year-old was left alone to navigate life in the slums of Taimur Nagar. "Initially, a woman in the slums sheltered me. There were other children in her care as well. She used to wake us up at 4 am and send us off to pick up waste from the streets of Friends Colony. In exchange for this labour, we were given a meal," she recalls. However, the sexual advances of her husband and sons prompted Khan to run away and take shelter under the Okhla Flyover.

"As I recall those days, I feel numb and overwhelmed. With fellow street children, I used to go looking for food. Right in front of the flyover was a bunch of dhabhas and a McDonald's outlet. So, we used to forage through their dustbins, looking for chicken and mutton bones and eat half-eaten burgers on some lucky days," Khan says.

"At that time, you cannot differentiate between good and bad food. You want to fill your tummy." Life took a positive turn when Pramod from Chetna NGO, which works for the rights of street children, came across Khan.

Ray of hope

With Pramod's help, Khan got into an orphanage, Udayan Care, in Chittaranjan Park, where she received an education for the first time. Just as things seemed to be going well, a call from her aunt

sent her life down another spiral.

Assuming that she would finally have a family, Khan ran away from the orphanage to her aunt's place only to face more abuse and exploitation. Khan was 13 when her aunt got her a job in a shoe factory for Rs 2,000 a month. "Whenever the salary got delayed, they used to beat me up. I couldn't reach the NGO for help because I was embarrassed to have run away. I lived with my aunt for two years until my older brother showed up and rescued me. But

he was still neck deep in drugs, and I knew I couldn't rely on him," she says.

Khan contacted activist Harsh Mander, whom she encountered while shooting a short film, Patri Par Bachpan, under the Okhla flyover. Mander facilitated her enrollment at Kilkari Rainbow Home, an orphanage for girls in Kashmiri Gate. "For the first time in many years, I felt at home," she recalls. At Kilkari Rainbow Home, Khan discovered her passion for cooking.

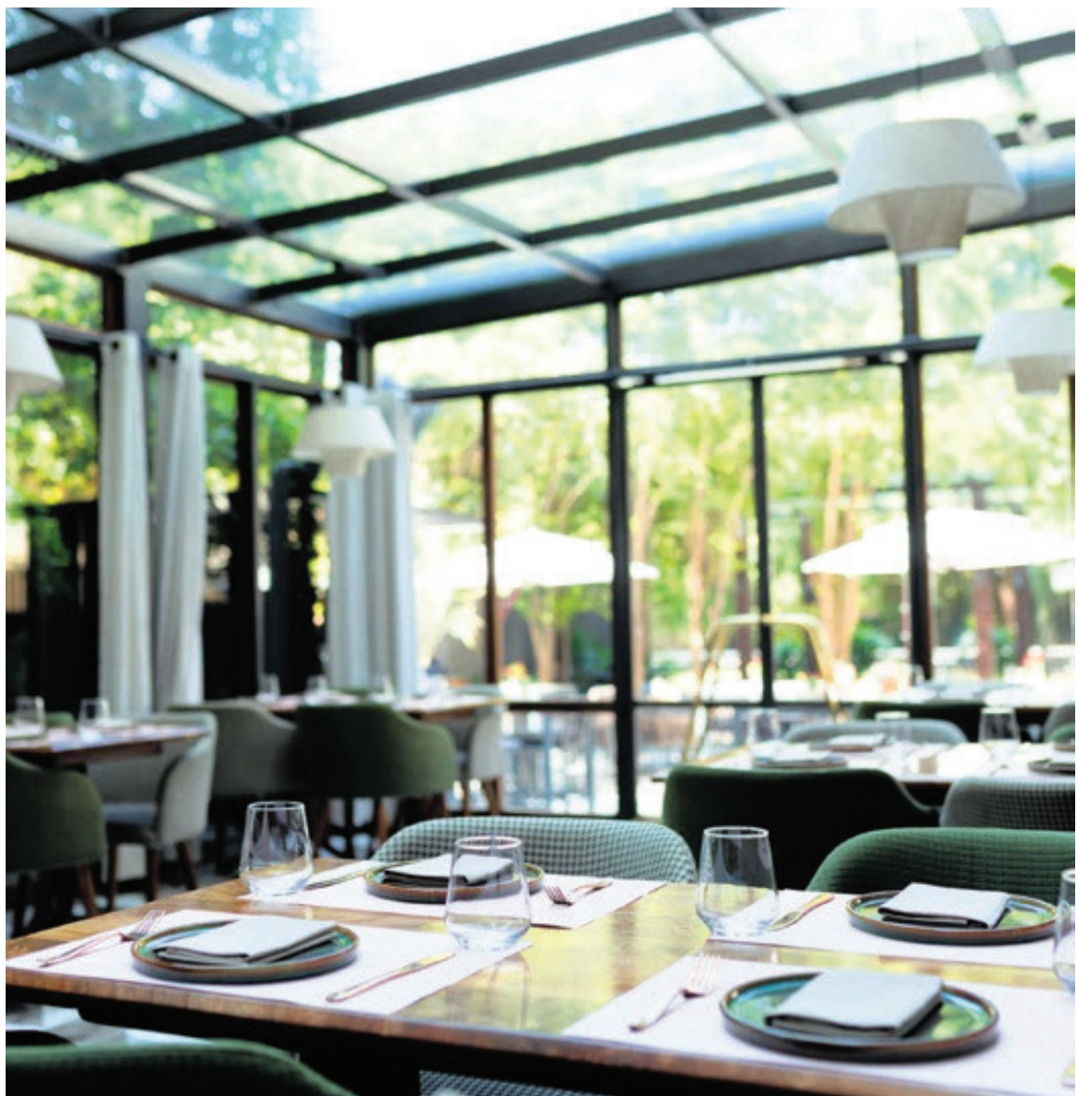
The culinary journey

In 2015, Anand Kapoor, a regular visitor to the orphanage who gave women job opportunities, noted her cooking skills and passion for excelling. He connected Khan with a friend owning Tres & Bar, a fine dining global contemporary cuisine restaurant, in Jorbagh. And that's how Khan entered the culinary world.

Her role initially involved preparing meals for the staff and her starting salary was Rs 7,000. Eager to broaden her culinary skills, Khan approached the head chef, who taught her the basics: making silky smooth mashed potatoes and assembling burgers and salads.

Following Tres & Bar's closure, Khan worked at Bohca restaurant and Lee Canteen in DLF Promenade for a year each.

In 2019, she joined Dear Donna as a Chef de Partie, progressing to Sous Chef after a year of dedicated effort. Last year, Khan, who specialises in European, Italian and Asian cuisine, became the head chef at the restaurant. Her statement dishes include risotto, ravioli, salmon gravlax, roulade and beef wellington.



Illinois General Assembly and Illinois Black Caucus members endorse Congressman Danny K. Davis for re-election

Chicago, IL - Congressman Danny K. Davis of the Ways and Means Committee is pleased to announce the endorsements of several esteemed state leaders who have pledged their support for his re-election campaign. These endorsements signify a growing coalition of support from influential voices across our state.

State Senators Kimberly Lightford, Lakeisia Collins and Mattie Hunter, along with State Representatives La Shawn K. Ford, Omar Williams, Yolanda Morris, and Camille Lilly, have all thrown their support behind Congressman Davis, recognizing his unwavering dedication to serving our communities and advancing progressive policies that uplift working families.

"During a time when our federal government is faced with enormous challenges, Congressman Davis is the wise choice for America." State Representative LaShawn K. Ford stated, "We need stability, and Congressman Davis is the steady hand with experience that is good for the 7th Congressional District and Congress." State Representative Camille Lilly adds, "We cannot undervalue the fact that Congressman Davis has merited leadership as a ranking member of the Ways and Means Committee, strongly advocating for the 7th district, families, and businesses throughout this country."



The Illinois leadership collective echoed their sentiments, "Experience matters!" Illinois State Senator Mattie Hunter expressed, "For over 30 years, I've known and have successfully worked with Congressman Davis on funding for healthcare, restorative justice initiatives, and maternal/child health education." State Senator Lakesia Collins said, "Congressman Davis' leadership has a

proven track record of building the capacity to translate our vision into reality. His commitment to serving our district goes unmatched. He has further proven that through legislation, he can re-write the wrongs of history while ushering in resources needed to invest in our communities." The endorsements from these respected state leaders highlight Congressman Davis's proven track record

of leadership and his commitment to fighting for the issues that matter most to Illinois residents. Their support further solidifies Congressman Davis's standing as a trusted advocate for our community in Washington. Over the last decade, Congressman Davis has funded nearly \$1.5 Billion in children's and violence prevention programs while co-sponsoring 1,328 women-related legislation.

U.S. House Passes Legislation Championed By Congressman Krishnamoorthi To Strengthen The U.S.-India Defense Partnership Through Expanded Cooperation In Areas Including Research, Training, Contracting, And Intelligence

WASHINGTON – In response to the Thursday passage of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which included provisions to "enhance major defense partnership" between the United States and India and to "ensure that India is appropriately considered for cooperative defense activities consistent with the status of India as a major defense partner," Congressman Krishnamoorthi issued the following statement:

"I was proud to champion efforts to pass this legislation to support American security commitments including provisions to strengthen our defense partnership with India through expanded opportunities for cooperation in research and development, training, intelligence, counterterrorism, and military contracting. As we take the steps necessary to win the strategic competition with the Chinese Communist Party and maintain the security of the Indo-Pacific region against aggression, it is essential that we strengthen our ties to our allies and security partners, including through the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue. Strengthening the U.S.-India partnership and ensuring India is properly considered for cooperative defense activities will not only bring greater security to the world's largest democracy and its oldest, but also to



the wider world." Cooperative defense activities for which India will be considered with the passage of the NDAA into law include eligibility for funding for joint research and development, testing, training, and for Indian entities to bid on contracts for Department of Defense equipment outside of the United States. Further, the provisions allow for the United States and India to enter into agreements for bilateral and multilateral training to build capacity in activities including military intelligence, counterterrorism, anti-drug trafficking, maritime security, and air domain awareness. Separately, the NDAA includes the Indo-Pacific Maritime Domain Awareness Initiative which would

establish a partnership with allies and partners of the United States, including Australia, Japan, and India, which would "bolster maritime domain awareness in the Indo-Pacific region" to strengthen regional maritime security and cooperation. The inclusion of provisions to strengthen the United States' partnership with India in the annual defense act follows a policy recommendation to expand such ties, which was passed by the House Select Committee on the Strategic Competition between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party earlier this year under Congressman Krishnamoorthi's leadership as the committee's Ranking Member.





Celebrating Progress Amidst Persistent Disparities in African American History

Avantika Gunjan
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High School

As I recently had the privilege of attending an event (Primer on African American History - organized by The Global Eye Institute for Leadership) where several African American leaders graced the stage to present the journey of African American history, I was deeply moved by the stories of triumph over adversity that they shared in characterful and meaningful tones. Their speeches gave the room an atmosphere of celebration and reflection, which allowed the audience to mutually connect with them on stage. While I sat among the audience, I was intrigued to hear the ways past African American activists embraced the concept of racial harmony in the faces of oppression and hostility. It was an honorable moment of acknowledging the achievements of African Americans in the pursuit of equality, but also a reminder of the

injustices and disparities which once plagued American society.

Throughout the event, we were reminded of the privileges African Americans were not allowed in comparison to non-colored citizens. An example of this is when U.S. Congressman Jonathan Jackson stated that Black citizens were denied the opportunity to legally have a last name, let alone have an identity outside of enslavement. His speech on this topic demonstrated how deeply ingrained and regulated racism was within American society. The mere denial of something as fundamental as an identity signifies the dehumanizing treatment that African Americans endured for generations. It symbolizes the lack of human rights and dignity, which was sustained by societal norms to maintain

non-colored supremacy. In Congressman Jackson's poignant words, we were reminded of not only the historical injustices endured by African Americans but also the sincere strength and resilience they presented in such times of oppression. In further exploring the depths of segregation, Christiana Gray, an 8th grade African American student at Calvin Christian School, took to the stage to recite the poem "Letter to Your Flag" by De Collince. Through her stirring language, she grasped the emotions of pride, frustration, and tenacity of African Americans in their ultimate goal to reach equality. The poem eloquently captured the many struggles and aspirations of African Americans, addressing the American flag as a symbol of both patriotism and injustice. It calls for a reckoning with the nation's promise of justice

and liberty for all, prodding a collective effort to address the injustices that persist.

As I reflect on my experience at this event, it fills me with a sense of gratitude and humility. The unwavering commitment to justice these leaders have showcased throughout their lives by establishing foundations, writing books, and providing speeches, spreading knowledge of history in different arts and forms is inspirable. Coming to this event, I was aware of the injustices faced by many people of the African American population in the past, however now I acquire a deeper understanding of the magnitude and their struggle. Through the emotionally driven speeches, I have been confronted with the uncomfortable truths about our nation's past and present. However, I have also been filled with hope for a future where equality and justice will prevail, moving on from these past times and learning about this country's history.



Tharika's 'story' from her thoughts journal...

Roses are red, violets are blue, sugar is sweet and nature is too. Nature is very beautiful and there are many things to talk about but the most unique are plants and flowers. The plants can be beautiful from ordinary dandelions to the world's biggest flower. Even plain normal looking plants have so many medicinal uses. Flowers are the most beautiful but their beauty can also lead to illnesses. You better be careful when all those little buds bloom...



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MIZORAM : The Land of Blue Mountains



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The Land of the Mountains My grandmother used to tell us a bedtime story of how her village, Hualtu, was burnt down and

all the villagers were displaced. They had to move to a new grouping centre called Baktawng village in 1967. This was when the Indian government under Indira Gandhi introduced "grouping of villages" as a counter measure to weaken the MNF freedom movement. The trouble lasted 20 years until a Memorandum of Understanding (also known as the Mizo Peace Accord) was signed in 1986. Both my grandparents' and my parents' generations' imagery of the Indian State was quite violent as they had to face many challenges in the midst of the brutal confrontation between the Indian security forces and the Mizo National Front (MNF) rebels. After my grandfather—a founder member of the United Mizo Freedom Organisation (UMFO)—passed away in 1998, I went through his old files stored in a wooden box. There was an interesting memo in there which highlights the dilemmas of the people in the erstwhile Lushai Hills on the brink of Indian independence in

1946. This made me understand the sense of identity and belonging that the people of Mizoram have felt since the colonial period, which could well have been the predecessor of the MNF movement that came

two decades later. Mizoram a hilly state in the north-eastern corner of India sandwiched between Myanmar and Bangladesh is known for its turbulent history due to the violent freedom struggle of the people under the banner of the MNF. The present state of Mizoram came under British occupation as the Lushai Hills in 1890.

After the Chin-Lushai Expedition of 1889-90, the Hills were formally declared a part of British India in 1895. Initially, the British divided the Hills into North Lushai Hills and the South Lushai Hills but later amalgamated the two, and in 1898, constituted

the Lushai Hills district under the province of Assam. Prior to the British annexation, the land belonged to the chiefs. The British continued to protect the institution of chiefs to gain the people's allegiance.

Endless Search For identity

The early recorded history of the Mizo and different sub-tribes within it is based on legends, traditions, customs and beliefs. These provide ethnographers, historians and scholars raw material for the study of their migration and early settlement in the region. There is a common belief among the Mizo that

their ancestors emigrated from a mythical cave called 'Chhinglung.' A constant quest for multiple identities may never have a definite answer. Race, ethnicity, tribes, gender, and even nationality play a critical role in the realms of both individual and

collective pursuits. This endless search for identity and security helped shape the evolution of Mizo society.

Mizoram was granted the status of Union Territory in 1972, and then statehood after the historic Mizo Accord, signed between the former rebel group the MNF and the Government of India.

The birth of Mizo Union

The development of political consciousness and socialisation processes among the tribal societies in Northeast India, including Mizoram, can be attributed to the impact of colonialism. Various factors and events influenced them. These include the introduction of western education, spread of Christianity, the international political environment (especially WWI and II), and the uncertain political situation in the region on the brink of Indian independence. As a result of the growing po-

litical consciousness, the educated youths formed a political party named Mizo Union in 1946 to voice people's aspirations and raise several political demands, including the abolition of traditional chieftainship.

After being a full-fledged state of the Indian Union for the past 36 years, the question of identity and belonging still occupies a significant place in the collective imagination of the people of Mizoram. The crisis in Myanmar, Bangladesh and the neighbouring state of Manipur brings people across borders and compels them to reflect upon their physical existence as communities with a shared cultural heritage, irrespective of the artificial divisions that have sprung up since the colonial cartographic arrangement of the region separating these communities in the Indo-Myanmar borderlands.

Why asteroid mining is better than mining on earth

Mining on earth has always been a problem on earth due to the inherent cost to the surrounding environment. Animals habitats getting destroyed and greenhouse gasses getting released are starting to become a major problem for many countries and the planet as a whole, because the effects can carry on even though the mine has been closed several years earlier. But what if there was another way?

If there was a god among solutions to this problem, asteroid mining would be the way. The solution is quite simple on paper, however we have to remember that getting equipment for asteroid mining near an asteroid is quite a costly endeavor, so to be cost efficient we will be using around 2.5 meter ion engines, if I remember kerbal space program right these are quite big. After this the process is quite simple with only one ca-

veat, the trip takes months, due to the low power of ion engines we will have to wait months before the spacecraft actually makes it to the asteroid. After that we have to grab onto the asteroid and, essentially, fling it towards earth, the trip takes months but after finally getting into earth orbit we can deconstruct and get the precious materials from the asteroid way faster than digging it up from the ground, without any of the harmful ground based effect.

And that's pretty much it that's a basic explanation of asteroid mining, I really quick just want to thank the YouTube channel kursgazat for bringing up this topic to me in the first place. After that that about ends this article, remember the only thing stopping us from taking that asteroid mining based future, is our own focuses on earth, these focuses can change with the right public.



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CHRISTMAS SPIRIT OVERFLOWS AT NATIONAL INDIA HUB

December 22: The Special Christmas Celebrations was a super success at National Hub with the gracious presence of Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi, State Representative Michelle Mussman, many community leaders and wonderful friends.

We sincerely thank American Multi Ethnic Coalition Inc. & GLOBAL EYE Founder Dr. Vijay G Prabhakar ji for coordinating this wonderful celebration within one day and also for sponsoring delicious food.

We are thankful to Payel Roy Ganguly being the MC, Hollywood Star JONATHAN BROWN, and Singing Couple SAURIN & FORAM THAKKAR performing live, AMEC SECRETARY GENERAL KATHY THORAT's inspiring message with her Christmas Tabernacle explaining the true meaning of Christmas with costumed Actors playing Joseph (Shivam V), Mary (Seeta Bala) Angel (

Anaisha) Three Kings(Chetan K, Syam Pappu & Ravi Pappu)along with SANTA CLAUS (Vijender Doma) was innovative and inspirational. Thanks to Singing Sensation SHIRLEY KALVAKOTA for enthralling the audience with popular Christmas Carols and Was back by popular demand to cut the Christmas Cake cutting. Special Thanks to the famous Kathak Dance Teacher Gauri Jog ji for the wonderful Kathak performance to Christmas Carol.

Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi got a tour of 107,000 Square Foot Community Center along with our team to understand the vision and mission of INDIA HUB to serve the community without borders, which was heartily praised by the Congressman.

We sincerely Thank several Community Leaders & Directors of INDIA HUB including Anil Dubey ji,

SAPNA Co Founder Dr Sarada Sonty, AMEC Governor Dr Zenobia Sowell, MILLENIUM BANK C. L. O. & India Hub Founding Member @Salil Mishra, Hunter Hunt International - Founder Terence, Herald Figueiredo, STREAMWOOD Park District President RAEES YAWER, BOY SCOUTS Director Dan Wagner, @AANA Founding Member Phani Krishna, @APCL Founder Subbu Nagasubramaniam Iyer, SHILOH INSTITUTE Executive Director Kristina King, eALLIANCE CEO Ramesh Kumar, ART OF LIVING Mumbai Leader Sandeep Mahajan, IAVO President Chris Aryan Veteran, UTCC President Vijender Doma, and GANDHI Memorial Foundation Vice President our wonderful Dr Sriram Sonty among others. The Christmas Celebration was complete with a sumptuous dinner including a delicious

array of vegetarian & non vegetarian delicacies and piping hot Masala tea under the able direction of CHENNA KESAVULU, GSA's Vice President, our own Sandeep Mahajan ji and India Hub passionate volunteers.

Diya Kolasani and her young friends Pari & Siri presented a Box of Chocolates to acknowledge State Rep. MICHELLE MUSEMAN's endearing support to nurturing National India Hub, the World's largest Indian Community Center. Young Diya along with two other youth spoke how the positive impact of National India Hub is inspiring them in their daily growth and development as responsible citizens. It was a great celebration of Christmas In Action at the World's Largest Indian Community Center at Schaumburg, Illinois.

Congratulations to all the volunteers and leadership of National India Hub for making our Vision into a Reality for ALL.



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Badshah all praise for Mouni Roy as he raps for Emraan Hashmi's 'Showtime'

Rapper Badshah's new track 'Class' for the Emraan Hashmi-starrer series 'Showtime' featuring Mouni Roy is the perfect blend of glamour and romance. The song brings Badshah and Mouni together on the screen for the first time. The 1:36 seconds song is all about glamour, bling and Mouni's hot moves in a sleeveless blingy backless dress with hues of maroon, yellow and green. Her look is completed with thigh-high purple boots. There are several glimpses from the show in the music video also featuring Emraan, Rajeev Khandelwal and Shriya Saran. Presented by Sony Music, 'Class' is sung by Diesby, Badshah and Nikhita Gandhi. Talking about the song, Badshah said: "When I was approached to write a rap song for 'Showtime', I agreed without a doubt because of my love for the movie industry. Working with Diesby and Nikhita

was creatively satisfying and I thoroughly enjoyed the collaboration. "The song showcases the glitz and glamour of the film industry. What I was looking forward to with this song was working with Mouni as it was my first collaboration with her, and we had a blast shooting the song. She is not only a great actor, but an effortless dancer too, who perfectly added the glam factor to the song and enhanced it." Badshah added: "I also share screen space with Emraan and have been a fan of all his songs ever since. The track is groovy, soft and has some amazing beats and I hope the audience enjoys it." Mouni said: "This was the first time I worked with Badshah. We wrapped the song shoot very quickly. We rehearsed a couple of times and the final shot was a one-take. Badshah and I shared great camaraderie onscreen.



Nikki Sharma took two days for challenging 'ShivShakti' shoot with cement



Actress Nikki Sharma, who has shot a challenging sequence with cement for the show 'Pyaar Ka Pehla Adhyaya ShivShakti', shared how the whole scene took two full days to shoot, resulting in a physically intense experience.

The story revolves around Shiv and Shakti, played by Arjun Bijlani and Nikki, navigating their life through the challenges thrown at them.

In the recent episodes, Mandira (Parineeta Borthakur) attempted to harm Shiv's son Kartik (Aan Tiwari) once again with her devious plan. Shakti came to his rescue in time. As Kartik finds himself in a dangerous situation chasing a ball

into a construction site, he ends up in a pit full of wet cement.

To ensure that Kartik doesn't get hurt, Shakti bravely jumps in to shield him, ending up covered in sludge.

Talking about the same, Nikki said: "Shooting with cement was very tough. The forceful impact of the liquid falling on my back in bulk was testing my endurance. The whole scene took two full days to shoot, resulting in a physically demanding experience." "Nevertheless, despite the challenges, Arjun and our director's unwavering encouragement kept me motivated, enabling me to deliver my best performance," she added.

The show airs on Zee TV.

No dating apps for Kriti, who believes in 'old-school' love

Dating apps are a complete 'No' for actress Kriti Sanon, who is gearing up for her upcoming film 'Crew'.

The National Award-winning actress is set to appear on the streaming chat show 'No Filter Neha', where she made the revelation that she is quite "old-school" when it comes to the subject of love.

In the latest promo of 'No Filter Neha', Kriti can be seen giving audiences a peek into her personal life, as she made some revelations about her ideal partner.

The actress said, "I have told everybody around me that if you have anybody in mind please let me know. I can't do dating apps, I am a bit old school that way. I believe in effort, gesture and romance." She further mentioned, "I need someone who is honest, loyal, extremely loving, and tall. I am not describing 7-8 men, it's just one guy. I just need a robot I guess. Am I asking for too much, these are just the basics."

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