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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

VIBRANT HOPEFUL SPRING IS HERE

Editorial February

February is a month that brings with it a sense of renewal and fresh beginnings. As the winter months come to a close and spring approaches, we are reminded of the resilience and determination that has helped us navigate the challenges of the past year. The advent of spring is a very warm and refreshing experience.

The past year has been a difficult one for many, as the COVID-19 pandemic has affected nearly every aspect of our lives. However, throughout this time, members of the Indian diaspora have shown remarkable strength and resilience. From the front-line workers who have risked their own health to keep our communities safe, to the small business owners who have adapted and pivoted to keep their doors open, to the students who have continued their education in the face of unprecedented obstacles, the Indian diaspora has proven to be a shining example of determination and perseverance.

As we look ahead to the coming months, we must continue to support and uplift one another. Now more than ever, it is important that we come together as a community

to support and uplift one another. Whether it's through volunteering, supporting local businesses, or simply reaching out to a friend or family member in need, we can all play a role in helping our community to thrive.

We must also take the time to celebrate and acknowledge the achievements and contributions of members of the Indian diaspora. The Indian diaspora has a rich history of excellence and achievement, and it is important that we take the time to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our community members. From artists and musicians to scientists and entrepreneurs, the Indian diaspora has much to be proud of.

As you are aware, that we have initiated our campaign titled **"Keep The Door Open,"** seeking dual citizenship for the Indian Diaspora spread across the globe in India. We are in the process of meeting with the Indian lawmakers, diplomats, eminent personalities, social workers, media, and press, to garner support for the campaign and also making them aware of why dual citizenship could be granted. In this regard, we seek support from the

Indian Diaspora spread across the world. Join us, contribute and support us in all ways you can.

Most of the countries worldwide are allowing dual citizenship these days as people have spread their wings internationally and set up bases in many countries. The migrants from India, especially from the states of Punjab, Haryana, Bihar, and southern states, have a huge impact in this regard. Those who leave India in search of employment end up naturalising themselves in the countries where they reside and work. The India in them will never cease to exist, but unfortunately, as India does not allow dual citizenship, they have to give up their Indian citizenship in case they become citizens of another country.

Back home, these people have elderly parents, relatives, and ancestral lands. This has been a huge area of concern for the new immigrants. Also, we should try to reach out to people of Indian origin whose parents or great-grandparents were from India and connect them to their roots.

Connecting Dots ...

Connecting Roots...



By Melwyn Williams

Let us not close the doors when our children leave for work or in search of a better life. Instead, let us keep it open for them to come back anytime.

At times we are a Gujarati, Goan, Punjabi, Bengali, Tamilian, Malayali, etc. community, but at our core we are Indians, and that's our inherent identity. The world needs us today. Our values and culture will help the world heal better. We Indians have always believed that giving is more important than taking.

In conclusion, as we move forward into February, let us remember the resilience and determination that has helped us navigate the challenges of the past year. By continuing to support and uplift one another, we can help our community to thrive, and by celebrating and acknowledging the achievements and contributions of our community members, we can continue to build a stronger, more vibrant Indian diaspora.

**Till we meet here again,
Ciao**

-MELWYN WILLIAMS
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A Host Of New GenZ

Indian Origin Child Prodigies: Visalini Leading The Way

By Melwyn Williams

Name: K.VISALINI

Parent(s): Kalyana Kumarasamy (Father) S. Sethu Ragamaliga (Mother)

Born: On 23rd May, 2000, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu, India

Nationality: Indian

Intelligence Quotient: IQ 225

Educational Qualification: B.Tech., M.Tech., Ph.D.

Languages known: Tamil, English, Hindi, Sanskrit

Professional Website: www.kvisalini.com

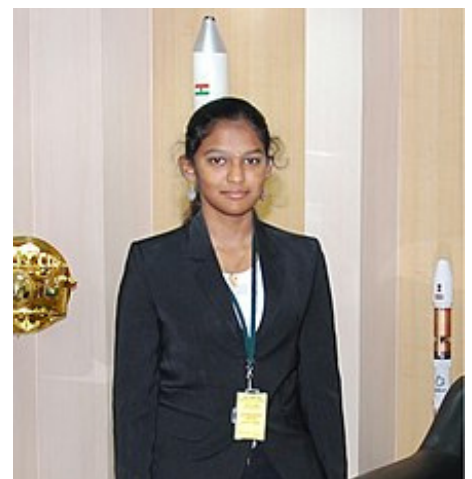
K. Visalini is an Indian prodigy who is purported to have an officially tested IQ of 225, making her one of the most intelligent individuals in the world. Born in 2000 in Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu, India, her father worked as an electrician and her mother worked as an announcer with All India Radio. Despite her ankyloglossia, a congenital speech disorder, Visalini's parents encouraged her to speak by reciting questions and answers from her mother's Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission exams.

Visalini's exceptional intelligence was recognized early on in her education. She was double promoted twice and, instead of continuing her ninth-grade education, she was accepted as an exceptional

candidate into the B.Tech program at the Kalasalingam Academy of Research and Education. She participated in an accelerated program, allowing her to complete the undergraduate engineering program in three years with an aggregate GPA of 9.6 out of 10 with honours.

Visalini's intelligence has earned her several records, including the youngest person to receive CCNA certification and the youngest person to receive EXIN cloud computing certification. She has also appeared as a chief guest and keynote speaker at conferences, including TEDxNITKSurakthal.

Visalini's intelligence and accomplishments have made her an inspiration for child prodigies and a symbol of the potential of Indian and Indian-



K Visalini

origin individuals. Despite her young age, she has already made significant contributions to her field and is expected to continue making a positive impact in the future.

In addition to her undergraduate studies, Visalini also earned a Master's degree in Computer Science and Engineering from the same university, where she was awarded a gold medal for her academic excellence.

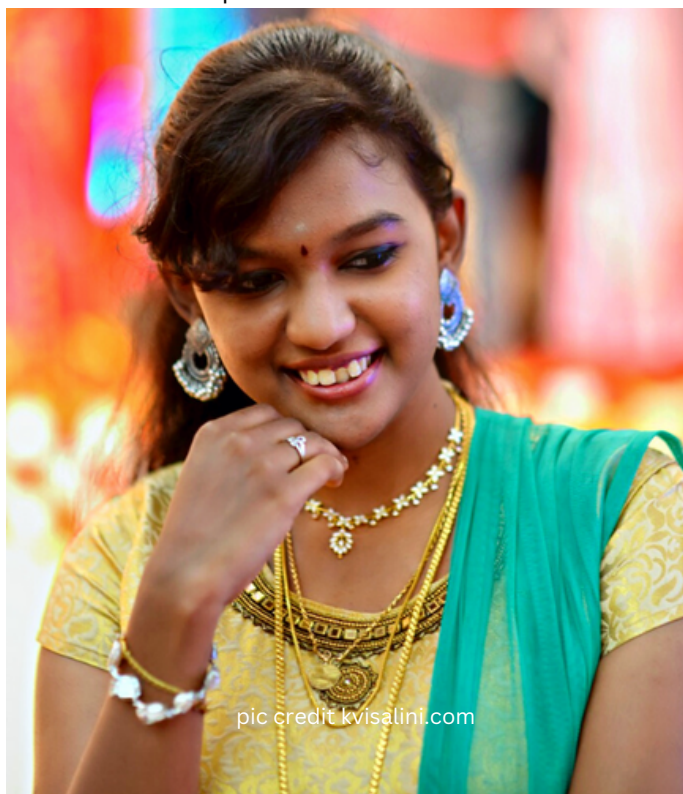
Throughout her education and career, Visalini has demonstrated a wide range of talents and interests. In addition to her technical abilities, she has also excelled in languages,

becoming fluent in several including English, Tamil, Hindi, Sanskrit etc. She has also achieved proficiency in several computer programming languages, including C, C++, Java, Python, and others.



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Visalini's talents have been recognized by various organizations and she has been awarded many prestigious awards and honors. She has also been honored with many awards and trophies for her outstanding performances in various fields of education and sports.



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Apart from her academic achievements, Visalini has also been actively involved in various social and community service activities. She has been actively volunteering for various non-profit organizations and has been working towards promoting education and providing support for underprivileged children.

Visalini continues to inspire and make way for a host of Indian and Indian-origin child prodigies. Her intelligence and accomplishments are a



Visalini with her parents pic credit kvisalini.com

testament to the potential of individuals, regardless of their background, to achieve great things. With her many talents and interests, it is clear that Visalini has a bright future ahead of her and will continue to make a positive impact on the world.



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As she progressed in her career, Visalini began to focus on using her talents and knowledge to make a real-world impact. She became particularly interested in the field of artificial intelligence and machine learning, and began working on several research projects in these areas.



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One of her notable work includes the development of a system that can predict and diagnose certain diseases with high accuracy using deep learning algorithms. This system was able to detect diseases such as cancer and diabetes with an accuracy rate of over 90%, greatly improving the accuracy and efficiency of disease diagnosis.



Visalini also became a frequent speaker at various technology conferences and events, sharing her insights and knowledge on the latest advancements in artificial intelligence and machine learning. Many people in the field, including experts, praised her ideas and research works as innovative and path-breaking.

As she continues to make significant contributions to the field of artificial intelligence and machine learning, Visalini has established herself as a leading figure in the industry. She has also become an advocate for the responsible development and use of AI, and frequently speaks about the importance of ethical considerations in AI research and development.

As she continues to work towards her goal of making a positive impact in the world, it is clear that Visalini will continue to be a major influence

in the field of artificial intelligence and machine learning. Her intelligence, talents, and dedication make her an inspiration to many, and her work has the potential to greatly benefit society.

In recognition of her intelligence and achievements, Visalini has received many awards and honors throughout her life.

Some of her notable awards include:

- The Guinness World Records for the "Highest Verified IQ" at the age of 11.
- The Limca Book of Records for the "Youngest CCNA certificate holder" at the age of 11.
- The Limca Book of Records for the "Youngest person to receive EXIN Cloud Computing certification" at the age of 12.
- The "Child Prodigy Award" from the National Institute of Child Health and Human

Development.

- The "Young Achiever Award" from the Indian National Science Academy.
- The "Outstanding Student of the Year" award from the Indian Institute of Technology.

In addition to these awards, Visalini has also been honored with several other awards and trophies for her outstanding performances in various fields of education and sports. She has also been recognized by many organizations and institutions for her contributions to the field of artificial intelligence and machine learning.

Visalini's intelligence and accomplishments have also gained her international recognition. She has been featured in several international media outlets, including CNN, BBC, and Forbes, and has been invited to speak at several international conferences and events. Her intelligence and achievements have also earned her recognition from many notable figures in the field of technology, including Bill Gates, who praised her work as "impressive" and "innovative".

Visalini's many awards and recognitions are a testament to her intelligence and talents, and her contributions to the field of artificial intelligence and machine learning have been invaluable. Her continued dedication to making a positive impact in the world will no doubt lead to even more recognition in the future.



The Indian Origin Child Prodigies of the World

India is a land of talent and has produced some of the most brilliant minds in the world. The country's rich cultural heritage, combined with a strong emphasis on education, has led to the emergence of many child prodigies who have excelled in various fields such as mathematics, science, music, and more.

India has a rich history of producing some of the most brilliant and accomplished child prodigies in the world. From mathematics and science to music and art, these young geniuses have achieved incredible feats and made significant contributions to their respective fields at a very young age.

Shakuntala Devi



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One of the most notable Indian origin child prodigies is Shakuntala Devi. Born in Bangalore, India in 1939, Shakuntala was a mathematical genius who could perform complex calculations in her head with ease. She was able to solve mathematical problems in seconds that would take others hours to solve, and she wrote several books on mathematics and astrology. Shakuntala is also known for her ability to memorize large amounts of information and recall it instantly.

Anand Kumar

One of the most famous Indian origin child prodigies is Anand Kumar, who is known for his work in mathematics. Kumar, who is from Bihar, India, began teaching himself mathematics at the age of 12 and went on to become one of the country's leading mathematicians. He is the founder of the Super 30 program, which provides free coaching to underprivileged

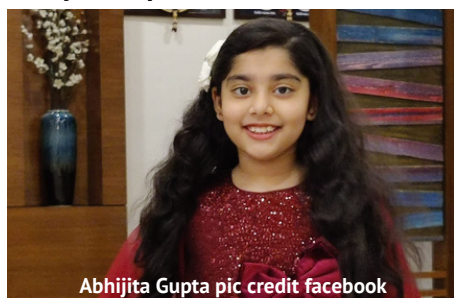
students for the Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT) entrance exams.



Anand Kumar pic credit facebook

Many of his students have gone on to become successful engineers and scientists, with many of its students going on to attend prestigious universities around the world.

Abhijita Gupta



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Abhijita Gupta is a young prodigy who has recently been recognized as the world's youngest writer by the International Book of Records. She is the granddaughter of the famous poet duo Rashtrakavi-Shri Maithalisharan Gupta and Santkavi Shri Siyaramsharan Gupta. Abhijita started writing poetry and prose at the age of five and first published at the age of seven. She has published several books and has been praised for her writing skills at such a young age.

She is the youngest writer in the world, recognized by the International Book of Records, and has been awarded the 'Grandmaster of Writing' by the Asia Book of Records. Her writing skills are not only impressive but also versatile, as she writes poetry and prose, and has also authored a non-fiction book on the pandemic. Her first publication was at the age of 7, and by age 9 she has already

bagged a 4-book deal, an achievement that not many writers can boast of.

Her writing skills have also earned her recognition from various records books such as World Book of Records UK, India book of records for being the youngest author to write poetry and prose, and India book of records for being the youngest to write a nonfiction book on pandemic. Abhijita's writing style has been compared to that of her grandfathers and her works have been widely appreciated by the literary community. Her books are not only read by children but also by adults who have been impressed by her thought-provoking and mature writing. Her writing reflects the deep understanding of human emotions and relationships, which is usually seen in the works of experienced authors.

Abhijita's recognition as the world's youngest writer is a testament to her incredible talent and dedication. She continues to work on her writing and is constantly pushing herself to improve. Her recognition as the world's youngest writer is not only an achievement for Abhijita but also for India and its literary community. She is an inspiration to many young writers and is leading the way for other child prodigies from India.

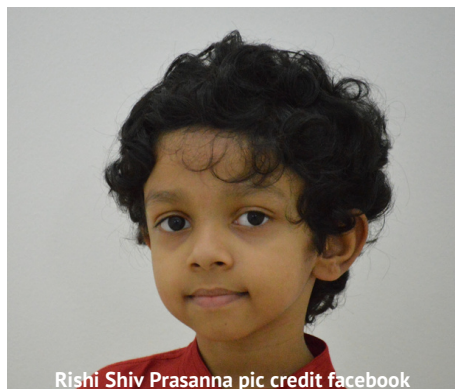
The young writer has already achieved a great deal in her short life. Her first book, "A Bouquet of Thoughts," was published when she was just seven years old, and received critical acclaim. She has since published several more books, including "Musings of a Young Mind" and "Whispers of the Heart."

Abhijita's talents have not gone unnoticed internationally. She was also recognized by the Global Child Prodigy Awards 2022, where she was presented with the award for her exceptional writing skills.

Despite her young age, Abhijita has already made a name for herself in the literary world, and is an inspiration to other young

writers and artists. Her family's literary background and her own determination helped her to achieve such an extraordinary feat.

Rishi Shiv Prasanna



Rishi Shiv Prasanna pic credit facebook

Rishi Shiv Prasanna, an eight-year-old prodigy from Bengaluru, has been making headlines for his exceptional intelligence and achievements. The young boy is a recipient of the prestigious Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar Award, which was presented to him by the President of India, Droupadi Murmu, for his development of three Android applications at the age of eight.

But Prasanna's intelligence goes far beyond just his coding skills. According to media reports, his IQ is even higher than that of Albert Einstein, who was believed to have an IQ of 160. Prasanna holds a certificate for an IQ of 180, which is considered extremely high and places him in the category of super intelligent individuals. The young prodigy is also a member of Mensa International, a prestigious society for individuals with high IQs, and is the youngest member at the age of eight. Additionally, Prasanna is also the youngest YouTuber and shares information on science-related topics through his videos.

At the age of five, Prasanna learned coding and developed various user-friendly applications, including "Countries of the World," "CHB," and "IQ Test App" for kids. He has stated that he wishes to become a scientist in the future and contribute to society and the country. Prasanna's deep interest in the scientific field is evident from an early age, as he

reportedly began discussing planets, the universe, and solar systems at the age of three. His achievements and intelligence are an inspiration to many and showcase the potential of the new generation of child prodigies in India.

Akrit Jaswal



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Another Indian origin child prodigy is Akrit Jaswal from Himachal Pradesh, India. Jaswal began reading and writing at the age of 18 months and was performing basic surgery at the age of 7. He completed his medical degree at the age of 17 and is now a practicing plastic surgeon.

Arnav Khushi

In the field of music, Arnav Khushi is a child prodigy who began playing the piano at the age of 2. He has won numerous awards and competitions, and has performed at prestigious venues such as Carnegie Hall in New York City. He is known for his ability to play difficult pieces with ease and has been compared to Mozart and Beethoven.

Tanishq Abraham



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In the field of Science and technology, Tanishq Abraham, an Indian-American child prodigy, who at the age of 11 earned his Bachelor's degree in Math and Physics from the American River College, California. He then went on to earn his Master's degree in Advanced Materials and

Nanotechnology from the University of California, Davis at the age of 12.

Pranav Veera

In the field of writing, Pranav Veera from India, is a child prodigy who wrote his first novel at the age of 11, which got published in multiple languages, and was widely praised by critics. He has also amazing computing skills.

Lydian Nadhaswaram



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In music, there is Lydian Nadhaswaram, a child prodigy from Chennai, India. He began playing the piano at the age of three and has since gone on to win numerous competitions and perform at prestigious venues around the world. He is known for his exceptional skill and versatility on the piano, as well as his ability to improvise and compose music on the spot.

Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa



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Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa is an Indian chess prodigy who has achieved the title of Grandmaster at a very young age. He began playing chess at the age of five and quickly made a name for himself in the world of chess. In 2013, at the age of 7, he won the World Youth Chess Championships under-8 title and followed it up with the under-10 title in 2015. He became the youngest international master in history

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at the age of 10 years. This made him the youngest chess player to achieve this title.

In April 2021, he achieved another major milestone in his career by winning the Polgar Challenge, a rapid online event organised by the Julius Baer Group and Chess24.com for young talents. The event was a major success for Praggnanandhaa as he defeated many experienced players in the tournament.

Recently, he entered the chess World Cup 2021 as the 90th seed. He performed exceptionally well in the tournament, defeating GM Gabriel Sargissian 2-0 in round 2. In round 3, he defeated GM Michal Krasenkow in the rapid tiebreaks. Unfortunately, he lost the World Cup in round 4 but his performance in the tournament was highly appreciated by the chess community.

Praggnanandhaa is known for his unique style of play and his ability to think strategically at a very young age. He is considered as one of the brightest young talents in the chess world and is expected to achieve even greater heights in the future. His achievements in the game of chess is a source of inspiration for many young chess players in India and around the world.

Licypriya Kangujam

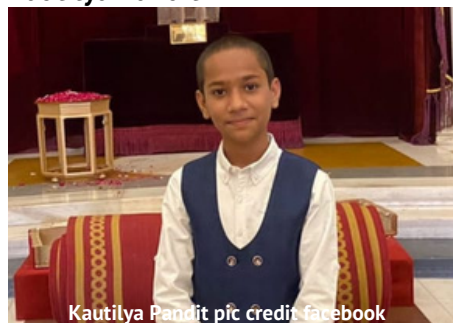


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Licypriya Kangujam is a young climate activist from India who has been campaigning since 2018 to raise awareness about issues such as climate change, global warming, and high pollution. She has addressed world leaders at the United Nations Climate Change conference and has also protested outside of the parliament house to grab the

attention of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. She has been recognized with many prestigious awards such as the APJ Abdul Kalam Children's Award, World Children's Peace Prize award, Rising star of Earth Day network in 2019, Global Child Prodigy Award and Noble Citizen Award in 2020, International Women's Day Award by the Government of Delhi in 2021, and many more.

Kautilya Pandit



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Kautilya Pandit, also known as the "Google boy," is a young prodigy known for his intelligence in India. He appeared on the Indian television show "Kaun Banega Crorepati" and made history as a young expert. He won the Global Child Prodigy award in January 2021.

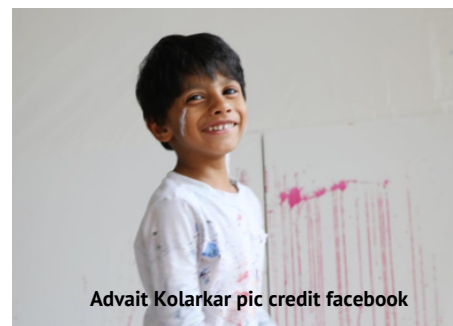
Tanishq Abraham



Nihal Raj pic credit Facebook

Nihal Raj, known as Little Chef Kicha, is a young student with a talent for cooking. His creation, "Mango Mouse Ice Cream," caught the attention of many people when he uploaded it to his YouTube channel. He has since uploaded 100 original recipes to his channel and has received positive feedback. His passion for cooking has now become a reality.

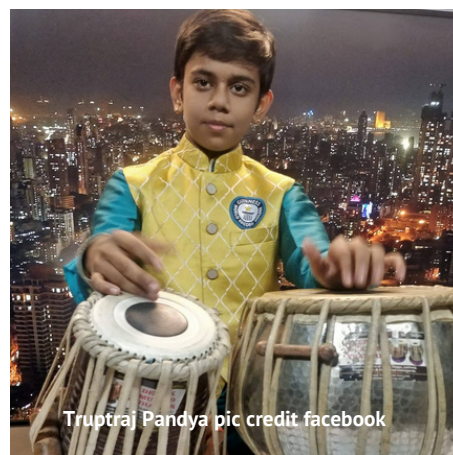
Advait Kolarkar



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Advait Kolarkar is one of the world's youngest painters and an awardee of the Global Prodigy Award. He has organized a solo exhibition at the Saint John Arts Centre in Canada at the age of two and has sold 50 paintings to date.

Truptraj Pandya



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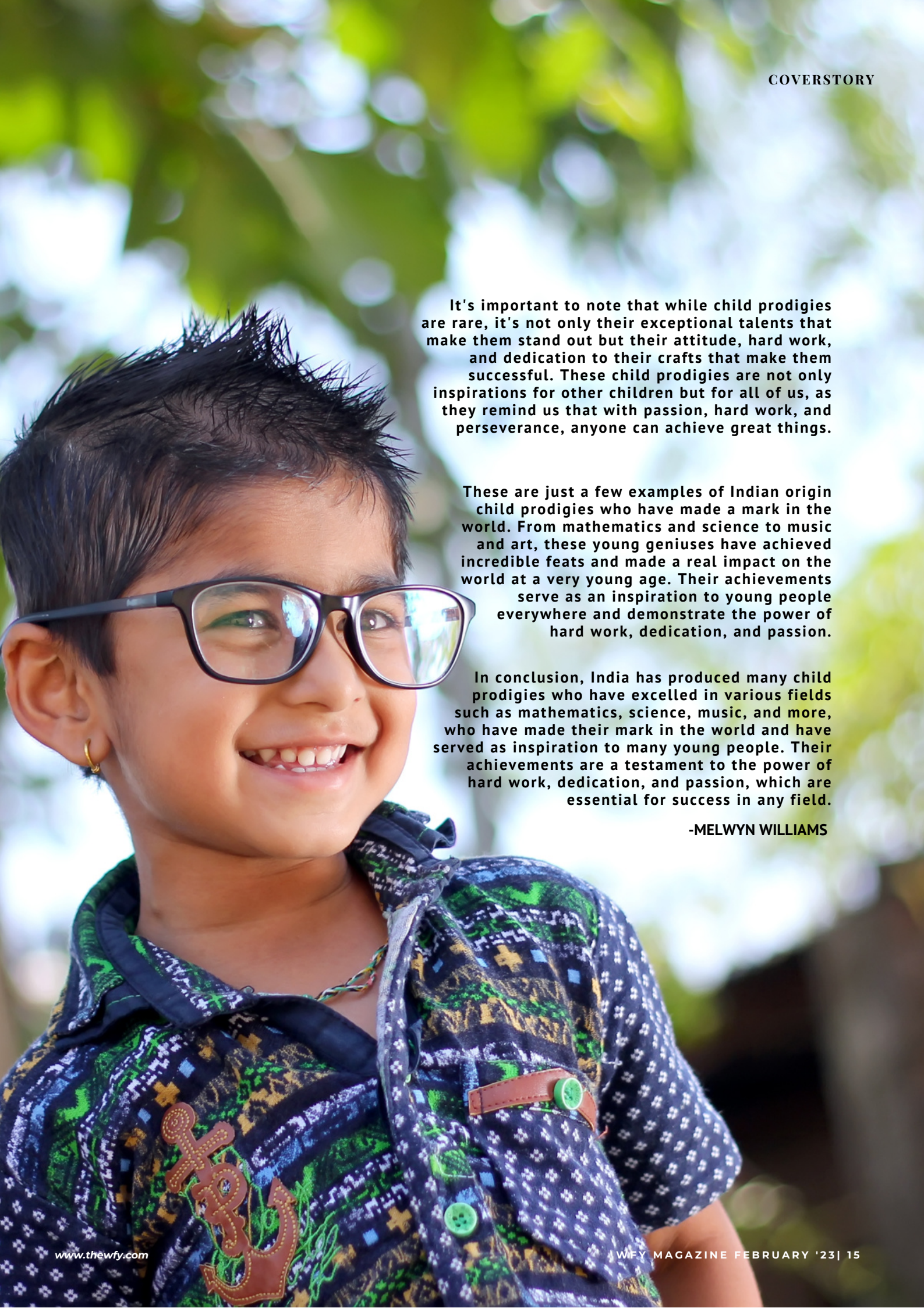
Master Truptraj Pandya is the youngest tabla player in the world, having started playing the instrument at the age of two. He has entered the Guinness Book of World Records for being the youngest-ever tabla master and has given more than 200 public performances.

Tilak Mehta



Tilak Mehta pic credit facebook

Tilak Mehta is a young entrepreneur and founder of 'PaperNParcel', a digital courier company that provides a one-day parcel service with the help of Mumbai Dabbawala. He was awarded the Global Child Prodigy Award in January 2020.



It's important to note that while child prodigies are rare, it's not only their exceptional talents that make them stand out but their attitude, hard work, and dedication to their crafts that make them successful. These child prodigies are not only inspirations for other children but for all of us, as they remind us that with passion, hard work, and perseverance, anyone can achieve great things.

These are just a few examples of Indian origin child prodigies who have made a mark in the world. From mathematics and science to music and art, these young geniuses have achieved incredible feats and made a real impact on the world at a very young age. Their achievements serve as an inspiration to young people everywhere and demonstrate the power of hard work, dedication, and passion.

In conclusion, India has produced many child prodigies who have excelled in various fields such as mathematics, science, music, and more, who have made their mark in the world and have served as inspiration to many young people. Their achievements are a testament to the power of hard work, dedication, and passion, which are essential for success in any field.

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Maximizing Opportunities: A Closer Look At India-Egypt Economic Ties



By Melwyn Williams

In the light of Egypt's severe economic crisis, Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, who was the main guest at the Republic Day parade on Thursday, has approached India for investments and participation in massive infrastructure projects in his country.

According to sources, this was one of the recurring topics of conversation between the Egyptian side and Indian leadership over the past two days, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi. At a time when China's economic ties to Egypt have grown over time, these discussions took place.

This push was also reflected in the joint statement that was issued by both sides. In it, both leaders said that they were pleased with the expansion of Indian investments in Egypt, which currently amount to more than \$3.15 billion. It stated that they had agreed to encourage businesses from each country to investigate emerging economic and investment opportunities in the other.

"Egypt pledges to offer incentives and facilities in accordance with relevant frameworks and rules, and welcomes the influx of additional Indian investments. India, on the other hand, emphasizes its support for this strategy by encouraging its companies with the potential to invest abroad to take advantage of Egypt's investment opportunities, it stated.

According to sources, Sisi emphasized Egypt's eagerness to develop economic and trade cooperation with Indian companies as well as joint investments

during meetings in Delhi with Indian leaders like President Droupadi Murmu and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar.

Sources say that the Egyptian president said that mega projects in Egypt offer a variety of investment opportunities.

The Suez Canal economic zone, the second channel of the Suez Canal, and a new administrative capital in the suburbs of Cairo are among the major projects that were highlighted, even though Egypt has not requested budgetary support.

They stated that one of the most important aspects that was emphasized was the development of the Suez Canal region, which includes a number of significant industrial and logistics zones. According to the joint statement, The Indian side is able to arrange for the master plan, and the Egyptian side is considering the possibility of allocating a special area of land for Indian industries in the Suez Canal Economic Zone (SCEZ).

Sources say that Sisi told businesspeople in Delhi at a meeting that Indian companies can benefit from Egypt's strategic location as a center for production and re-export to many countries linked by free trade agreements, especially in the Arab world and Africa. Senior representatives from the ministries of Commerce, Finance, and External Affairs also attended this meeting. More than fifty Indian companies currently have investments in Egypt worth more than \$3.15 billion. Egypt, on the other hand, has only about

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\$37 million invested in India. India's trade with Egypt has increased to \$7.26 billion in 2021 and 2022, up from \$4.5 billion in 2018-19.

In spite of the difficulties posed by the pandemic, the two leaders were content with the level of bilateral trade, according to the joint statement. According to the report, "they expressed confidence that by diversifying the trade basket and focusing on value addition, both countries could achieve a bilateral trade target of US\$ 12 billion within the next five years."

Additionally, Sisi has visited China seven times in the past eight years, including for the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing. At the moment, the value of bilateral trade between China and Egypt is \$15 billion.

However, Egypt is experiencing a spike in inflation that has reached a five-year high of 21%, resulting in high prices for necessities like eggs, milk, and basic food.

In addition, the value of the national currency has decreased by nearly half in less than a year, reaching a record low near the 30 Egyptian pound-to-dollar mark. Additionally, the nation has requested a bailout from the IMF for the fourth time in six years, receiving \$3 billion over four years.

In addition, their tourism-dependent economy was impacted by the pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine war, which had an effect on Egypt's forex reserves and food grain supply—almost 80% of Egypt's food grains came from Russia and Ukraine.

Egypt's forex reserves once stood at \$20 billion, but they are now \$34 billion. They have sought financial assistance from Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, receiving approximately \$8 billion thus far. In May of last year, 61,500 metric tons of wheat were allowed to reach Egypt from India, which had banned the export of wheat.

According to sources, Sisi informed his interlocutors in Delhi that Egypt is prepared to achieve "industrial integration with Indian companies" and encourage the growth of Indian businesses through partnerships.

According to sources, businesses in India and Egypt will investigate ways to maximize cooperation in the pharmaceutical, communications, information technology, and defense sectors. Infrastructure, petroleum and natural gas, new and renewable electricity, energy, and agricultural products are also on the radar.

Strong ties with Egypt, which occupies a significant geostrategic location, are essential for India. Egypt is a significant political player in both west Asia and north Africa, and the Suez Canal accounts for 12% of all global trade. Additionally,



it is the most populous nation in west Asia, making it a significant market and entry point to Europe and Africa. Egypt also has bilateral trade agreements with prominent African and Arab nations.



"With China nearby," the sources say, "there are strong geoeconomic and geostrategic reasons for India to have a significant foothold in Egypt."

-MELWYN WILLIAMS



The Changing Landscape Of World Politics In 2023: Challenge?

Global Power Shift: The Changing Landscape of World Politics in 2023

By Melwyn Williams



World politics is a complex and ever-changing field that shapes the course of nations and the lives of people around the globe. As we move into 2023, there are a number of key issues that are shaping the political landscape and influencing the actions of governments and international organizations.

One of the most pressing issues in world politics today is the ongoing conflict in the Middle East. The region has been plagued by war and instability for decades, and the situation has only become more dire in recent years. The ongoing civil war in Syria, the rise of ISIS, and the ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestine are just a few of the major challenges that continue to destabilize the region and threaten the lives and livelihoods of millions of people.

Another major issue in world politics today is the ongoing refugee crisis. Millions of people have been forced to flee their homes due to war, persecution, and other forms of violence. This has created a humanitarian crisis of unprecedented proportions, with many refugees facing dire conditions and limited access to food, shelter, and other basic necessities.

The political situation in North Korea is also a major concern. The country has been ruled by a totalitarian regime for decades, and the government has shown little indication of loosening its grip on power. The country's nuclear weapons program also continues to be a source of tension between North Korea and the international community.

Climate change is also a major issue in world politics, as it is affecting many countries and regions, from the Arctic to the Antarctic. The effects of Climate change include sea level rise, extreme weather events, and loss of biodiversity. These impacts threaten to destabilize communities, economies and critical infrastructure, and are causing displacement of people and altering the global food systems.

Climate change is one of the most pressing issues facing the world today. The past few years have seen a growing number of extreme weather events, rising sea levels, and other impacts that have affected people and communities around the globe. As we move into 2023, it is clear that the effects of climate change will continue to be felt, and that urgent action is needed to address this global crisis.

One of the most significant impacts of climate change is the increase in extreme weather events. As temperatures continue to rise, we are seeing more frequent and severe heat waves, droughts, and storms. These events can have devastating consequences, from causing crop failures and food shortages, to damaging infrastructure and homes, to claiming lives.

Rising sea levels are another major concern. As the planet warms, ice in the Arctic and Antarctica is melting, and this is causing sea levels to rise. This has already begun to affect low-lying areas, with many communities experiencing increased flooding and erosion. In the long term, rising sea levels could

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displace millions of people and cause billions of dollars in damage.

Climate change is also having a significant impact on the world's ecosystems. As temperatures rise, many species are struggling to adapt, and this is leading to declines in biodiversity. This loss of biodiversity is not only a tragedy in its own right, but it also has serious implications for human well-being, as many of the services that ecosystems provide (such as pollination, water regulation, and carbon sequestration) are essential to our survival.

Despite these challenges, there are many steps that can be taken to address the crisis of climate change. One of the most important is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This can be done by increasing the use of renewable energy, such as solar and wind power, and by investing in energy efficiency. It is also important to improve the resilience of communities and infrastructure, so that they are better able to withstand the impacts of extreme weather events.

One of the key political challenges of climate change is the question of how to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, which are the primary driver of global warming. There are a number of different approaches that have been proposed, including carbon taxes, cap-and-trade systems, and regulations on the use of fossil fuels. However, implementing these measures can be difficult, as they often involve significant economic and social costs, and can be opposed by powerful industries and interest groups.

Another major issue in the politics of climate change is the question of how to adapt to the changes that are already happening. As global temperatures rise, sea levels are rising, and extreme weather events are becoming more frequent and severe. Adaptation measures, such as building sea walls and strengthening infrastructure, can be expensive and difficult to implement, particularly in developing countries that lack the necessary resources.

Another key step is to protect and restore ecosystems, as they play a vital role in regulating the planet's climate. This can be done by protecting and restoring forests, wetlands, and other ecosystems that help to store carbon, as well as by implementing sustainable land-use practices.

Climate change is one of the most pressing issues facing the world today. As we move into 2023, it is clear that the effects of climate change will continue to be felt, and that urgent action is needed to address this global crisis. By reducing greenhouse gas emissions, increasing the use of renewable energy, improving the resilience of communities, and protecting and restoring ecosystems, we can work to mitigate the effects

of climate change and create a more sustainable future for all.

International cooperation is also a major challenge in the politics of climate change. Because greenhouse gases are emitted by many countries around the world, it is essential that nations work together to address the problem. However, this is difficult to achieve as countries have different levels of economic development and emissions, which can lead to conflicts over how to distribute the costs and benefits of climate action.

Additionally, the historical responsibility of developed countries in terms of emissions, and their ability to pay for the impacts of climate change, is still a topic of debate. Developed countries, which have been industrialized for longer periods, have emitted more greenhouse gases, and have a higher responsibility to take action and finance mitigation and adaptation in developing countries.

The politics of climate change is a complex and multifaceted issue, with many different challenges that need to be addressed. From reducing emissions to adapting to the changes that are already happening, the politics of climate change will continue to shape the global agenda in the coming years. Addressing this problem will require international cooperation, innovative policy solutions, and a long-term commitment to protecting the planet and its inhabitants.

Another major issue in world politics is the ongoing tensions between the United States and China. As two of the world's most powerful nations, the relationship between these two countries has a significant impact on global politics and economics. The trade war, disputes over Taiwan and the South China Sea, and human rights concerns have led to increased tensions between the two countries.

The situation in Ukraine is one of the most complex and ongoing conflicts in Europe. The crisis began in 2014 when Russia annexed Crimea and pro-Russian separatists took control of parts of eastern Ukraine. Despite several ceasefires and peace agreements, fighting between Ukrainian government forces and Russian-backed separatists has continued, resulting in thousands of deaths and the displacement of over 1.5 million people. The situation has also led to increased tensions between Russia and the West, with the EU and US imposing sanctions on Russia in response to its actions in Ukraine.

The political situation in Ukraine is also complicated by ongoing corruption and economic struggles. The country has struggled with economic instability, high inflation, and unemployment since the fall of the Soviet Union. The government has implemented economic

reforms in recent years, but progress has been slow and corruption remains a major problem.

In the UK, the economy has been a major political issue in recent years, particularly in the wake of the Brexit vote in 2016. The decision to leave the EU has led to significant uncertainty and volatility in the economy, with many businesses and investors concerned about the potential impact on trade and growth. The UK economy has been growing at a slower rate in comparison to other major economies, and the country's debt has been increasing.

The UK has been hit by the COVID-19 pandemic, which has had a significant impact on the country's economy. The government has implemented a number of measures to support businesses and individuals, such as furlough schemes, loans, and grants. However, the pandemic has led to a significant increase in debt, and the country's economic recovery is expected to be slow.

The UK's withdrawal from the European Union has also created a number of challenges for the country's economy. The UK and EU have yet to reach a trade agreement, which has caused uncertainty for businesses and investors. The lack of agreement could lead to tariffs on UK exports to the EU and create trade barriers that could hurt the UK's economy.

The politics and the economy of both Ukraine and the UK are facing significant challenges in 2023. The ongoing conflict in Ukraine and the economic struggles in the country are exacerbating an already complex political situation, while the UK's withdrawal from the EU and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic have led to significant uncertainty and volatility in the country's economy.

Gender Equality and Poverty

Gender equality and poverty are two major issues that have significant impacts on the global political landscape. Both issues are closely intertwined, as poverty disproportionately affects women and girls, and lack of gender equality can perpetuate poverty.

In terms of poverty, women and girls are often at a disadvantage due to societal and cultural norms that limit their access to education, employment, and other resources. This can lead to a lack of economic empowerment and a higher risk of living in poverty. Additionally, women and girls are often the primary caregivers in their families, which can make it difficult for them to participate in the workforce and earn a living wage.

In terms of gender equality, women are often underrepresented in politics and decision-making roles, which can lead to policies and laws that do not take their needs and perspectives into account. This can further perpetuate poverty and

inequality for women and girls.

To address these issues, governments and international organizations must prioritize policies and programs that empower women and girls economically and politically. This can include providing education and job training opportunities, implementing policies that promote equal pay and workplace opportunities for women, and increasing representation of women in politics and decision-making roles.

There is a correlation between countries with high gender equality and low poverty index. Gender equality is an important aspect of sustainable development, and governments and international organizations must work together to ensure that women and girls have the resources and opportunities they need to break the cycle of poverty and achieve their full potential.



Gender equality and poverty are major issues that have a significant impact on the global political landscape. Addressing gender inequality and poverty is critical to achieving sustainable development and promoting the well-being of women and girls around the world.

In conclusion, world politics is a complex and ever-changing field. From the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, to the refugee crisis, to the political situation in North Korea, the world is facing a number of major challenges that threaten the lives and livelihoods of millions of people. Climate change and the tensions between the United States and China are also major issues that will continue to shape the political landscape in the coming years.

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The Indian Diaspora And Dual Citizenship: What You Need To Know.

-WFY Bureau

The Indian Diaspora and India

The Indian diaspora is a term used to refer to the global community of people of Indian descent living outside of India. This community, which is estimated to be around 32 million people, is spread across the world and has significant presence in countries such as the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, and the United Arab Emirates.

The Indian diaspora has a long history of migration, dating back to the colonial period when indentured labour was brought to various parts of the world, particularly to countries in the Caribbean, Africa, and Southeast Asia. Today, the diaspora is a diverse and multi-faceted community, comprising of people of Indian origin from different regions, religions, and socio-economic backgrounds.

The Indian diaspora has played an important role in shaping the cultural, economic, and political landscape of the countries in which they live. They have been successful in businesses, politics, and academics. Indian-origin people have held high public offices in countries like USA, UK, Canada, Singapore, and many more. They have also been active in preserving and promoting Indian culture and traditions through organizations and community events.

One of the key issues facing the Indian diaspora is the question of identity and belonging. Many members of the diaspora struggle to reconcile their Indian heritage with their identities as citizens of their host countries. The concept of dual citizenship provides a way for members of the diaspora to maintain a connection to

their Indian heritage while also fully participating in the societies of their host countries.

Another important issue for the Indian diaspora is the question of economic opportunities. Many members of the diaspora have been successful in business and have made significant contributions to the economies of their host countries. However, they have often faced barriers to fully participating in the economies of their home countries. The Indian government's efforts to provide dual citizenship and greater economic opportunities for the diaspora are seen as a way to address these issues and to encourage greater economic engagement between the diaspora and India.

India's dual citizenship policy has been appreciated as a step towards diaspora engagement, but there are also criticisms. The policy has been criticized for not providing dual citizens with full political rights, such as the right to vote in Indian elections or to hold public office. Additionally, dual citizens are not allowed to acquire agricultural or plantation properties in India. These limitations have been seen as a major hindrance in encouraging the diaspora to invest in India.

In recent years, the Indian government has been taking steps to engage with the diaspora and to provide them with greater opportunities to connect with their homeland. One of these efforts has been the introduction of the concept of dual citizenship, also known as "Overseas Citizenship of India" (OCI), which allows people of Indian origin to hold both Indian and foreign citizenship.

This move is seen as a way to strengthen the ties between the diaspora and India and to provide them with greater opportunities to invest, work, and study in India. The OCI card holder is entitled to a lifelong visa for visiting India and multiple entry, multi-purpose lifelong visa for visiting India. They are also eligible for benefits like parity with NRIs in economic, financial and educational fields except certain fields like acquisition of agricultural or plantation properties.

However, India's dual citizenship policy is not as liberal as other countries like USA, Canada, and many more. It doesn't allow for the dual citizenship holders to vote in the Indian elections, doesn't have the right to hold public office and doesn't have the right to acquire agricultural or plantation properties in India.

In recent years, the Indian government has been taking steps to address these limitations. The government has proposed amendments to the Citizenship Act that would allow dual citizens to vote in Indian elections and to hold public office. The amendment bill is still pending and is yet to be passed by the parliament. However, the question of property ownership remains a contentious issue, with no clear resolution in sight.

In conclusion, the Indian diaspora is a significant and influential community that has made important contributions to the countries in which they live. The Indian government has been taking steps to engage with the diaspora and to provide them with greater opportunities to connect with their homeland through the concept of dual citizenship. While the concept of dual citizenship has allowed for greater engagement and investment between the diaspora and India, it still has limitations in terms of political rights and property ownership. The Indian government is taking steps to address these limitations, but much more needs to be done to fully realize the potential of the diaspora as a vital link between India and the world.

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2023 Health Predictions: What To Expect And How To Prepare

By WFY Bureau

Health in 2023: A Look Ahead

As we begin a new year, many of us are thinking about our health and making resolutions to improve it. But what does the future hold for healthcare in 2023?

One trend that is likely to continue is the shift towards preventive care. With a growing understanding of the importance of maintaining good health before problems arise, more people will be taking steps to prevent chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes, and cancer. This may include regular exercise and healthy eating, as well as preventative screenings and vaccines.

The field of healthcare is constantly evolving, with new technologies, treatments, and policies emerging every year. As we look ahead to 2023, there are several key trends and predictions that are worth noting for both healthcare professionals and the general public.

Another trend that is likely to gain momentum in 2023 is the use of telemedicine. Telemedicine, or the use of technology to provide medical services remotely, has been on the rise in recent years, and this trend is expected to continue in 2023 and beyond. With technology advancing at a rapid pace, it's becoming easier for people to access healthcare services remotely. This can be especially beneficial for those living in rural areas, or for those who have mobility issues. Telemedicine can improve access to care for people in remote or underserved areas, reduce costs,

and increase efficiency.

Another major trend that is expected to continue in 2023 is the increasing use of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning in healthcare. Artificial Intelligence (AI) and machine learning are also expected to play a big role in the healthcare system in 2023.

AI-powered tools and technologies can help improve diagnostic accuracy, predict patient outcomes, and optimize treatment plans, which can help doctors make better-informed decisions. This technology can also help streamline workflows, reduce administrative burdens, and improve patient outcomes. In addition, machine learning algorithms can help identify patterns and trends in patient data, which can lead to new discoveries and treatments.

Personalized medicine is another area that is expected to see significant growth in the next few years. Personalized medicine is an approach that uses genetic, environmental, and lifestyle information to tailor treatment plans to an individual's unique characteristics. This approach can help improve patient outcomes, reduce side effects, and lower costs.

The use of wearable technology is also on the rise in healthcare. Wearable devices, such as fitness trackers and smartwatches, can help people monitor their health and fitness, and provide valuable data to

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healthcare professionals. This data can be used to identify potential health problems early, improve treatment plans, and reduce healthcare costs.

Another important trend in healthcare is the growing emphasis on preventative care. This approach focuses on identifying and addressing health risks before they become problems, rather than waiting for illness to occur. This can help reduce healthcare costs, improve patient outcomes, and reduce the burden on the healthcare system.

Healthcare professionals and the general public can prepare for these trends by staying informed about the latest developments in healthcare technology and policy. By staying informed, we can better understand the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead, and take steps to ensure that we are ready to meet them.

On the other hand, the cost of healthcare is also likely to be a concern in 2023. With healthcare costs continuing to rise, many people may struggle to afford the care they need. However, there are also efforts to make healthcare more affordable, such as through the use of telemedicine and AI.

Overall, the future of healthcare looks promising, with many new technologies and treatments on the horizon. But it's important to remember that good health is not just about medical treatments, but also about lifestyle choices and preventative measures. By taking care of ourselves and working together, we can help ensure that 2023 is a healthy year for all.

One of the biggest challenges facing the healthcare system in 2023 will be the aging population. As baby boomers continue to age, the number of older adults requiring healthcare services will increase. This will put a strain on the healthcare system, as older adults tend to have more chronic health conditions and require more complex care.

To address this challenge, healthcare providers will need to focus on providing coordinated and personalized care for older adults. This may include the use of technology to monitor patients remotely and provide care in the home, as well as the use of geriatric-specific treatments and therapies.

Another area where technology will play a big role in healthcare in 2023 is in the field of genomics. Advances in DNA sequencing and analysis have led to a better understanding of the genetic factors that contribute to a wide range of diseases. In 2023, we will see more personalized medicine, which is tailored to the individual's genetic profile. This will lead to more effective treatments and therapies that target the underlying causes of disease, rather than just treating symptoms.

In addition, Mental Health will also continue to be a major concern in 2023. With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting economic downturn, many people are struggling with stress, anxiety, and depression. Healthcare providers will need to be prepared to address these mental health concerns and provide support to those who are struggling.

Another area that will be of concern for healthcare in 2023 will be the overall cost of healthcare. The cost of healthcare is continuing to rise, and many people may struggle to afford the care they need. To address this issue, healthcare providers will need to focus on cost-effective care and preventative measures. Efforts will also be made to make healthcare more affordable through the use of telemedicine and AI, which can help reduce costs while still providing high-quality care.



Overall, 2023 is shaping up to be an exciting year for healthcare, with many new technologies and treatments on the horizon. However, challenges such as an aging population, high healthcare costs, and mental health concerns will also need to be addressed. By working together, we can help ensure that 2023 is a healthy year for all.

In conclusion, the healthcare industry is poised for great changes in the next few years. Telemedicine, AI, personalized medicine, wearable technology, and preventative care are all areas that are expected to see significant growth in 2023 and beyond. By staying informed and taking steps to prepare, we can ensure that we are ready to meet the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

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By Tushar Unadkat

HIGH HEELS AT WORK: A BIG NO AT WORK, PROFESSIONALLY.

The question of whether it is professional or appropriate is worth weighing.

Clicking heels might be empowering, but most of the time, excessively loud clicking heels can be annoying for the wearer and bystanders alike. You do not want to be "that person" interrupting a moment of serene quiet with the obnoxious click-click-clicking of overly noisy heels.

If you have tiled ceramic floors or wooden ones, there will be an inescapable clickety-clack, inevitable if you walk around a lot.

There are several reasons why you need your heels to be less noisy. For example, you may not want to divert your colleagues if you work in a quiet professional environment. The same reason applies when you work at a recording studio or on a film set, where silence is of the utmost importance. Heels that click on wooden floors or tiles can be sexy but can be distracting; simultaneously wearing them at tranquil offices or a typically quiet location like a library, doctor's office, or hospital can wave a red flag "look at me."

On the other hand, in an active office with high din levels, you will not even notice. So, listen and decide.

So, if it is a peaceful office with hard floors, take a pair of ballet pumps to change into when you must dash about. If there are carpets, you do not need to worry. Also, your feet might not love you at the end of the day if you dash back and forth in heels.

Try a couple of different footwear to see which size of heels fits you comfortably. Oversized heels can amplify

the pitter-patter noise because instead of lifting your legs, you turn to drag them. Before you order another shoe online, ensure you are selecting the correct size.

Wedges can look dapper if it is about counting height and is more acceptable for you because they add support. However, if it is more about the neat, sleek profile of the heel than the height, go with a kitten heel, as they are considerably less loud.

"I love to wear high heels when I go into the office. I must admit that I get a feeling of power when I walk down a hallway, knowing that I will turn every man's head when they hear the knock of my heels. My legs encased in nylon perched high in my heels will keep them looking until I am out of sight," claims Ms. Shah from Sunset Blvd.

Post-pandemic, in 2023, the risen consciousness encourages you to think about your environment. Be respectful to your surroundings and colleagues and embrace peace. For example, wearing deafening heels at the workplace illustrates a form of "power dressing" and an attempt at assertiveness, like wearing shoulder pads in the 80s. It is time to decline it, as it cannot be charming.

Using heel caps, foot foam, or gel cushions can make a massive difference in the clangor you will make while walking and absorb shock and impact. Visit a cobbler to replace/put on rubber tips or heels, and you should be noise free.

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THE THRILL OF A LIFETIME: MY FIRST JUNGLE SAFARI

By Kulmohan Kaur

I have always loved to be in nature, be it the towering hills, the vast desert, the mighty sea, or the flowing rivers. The jungle was one place I wished to visit but never had the chance. So, when last year my colleague invited me to go on a jungle safari with a few friends from our office, I agreed immediately.

We all decided to go to the Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve located in Chandrapur, India. Chandrapur falls near Nagpur, a city in Maharashtra. The nearest railway stations are Nagpur and Chandrapur. The nearest airport is Nagpur. We left from Mumbai by the Nagpur Duronto Express, which left Mumbai around 8.20 p.m. and reached Nagpur around 7.30 a.m. the next morning.

By the time the train reached Nagpur, we were all ready and excited to reach our destination. Our drivers were experienced and knew the way inside and out. We had a quick stop for breakfast at Nagpur and then set off for a journey of around 3–4 hours to Tadoba.

The resort where we stayed was located in the buffer zone of the jungle. We were informed that at night we would be able to hear the noises of the jungle and the calls of deer as the tigers set out to hunt. We were eager to hear those, but first, it was time for our first-ever safari. We were all very excited and wanted to see a tiger real soon. However, I had already been taught that the jungle is the tiger's natural habitat. So, we might or might not get lucky enough to see one. The key is to enjoy the jungle, remain quiet, and listen to the voice of nature. I did just that.

We were instructed to turn off the alarms before entering the forest, then switch off the mobile phones and hand them over to the guide. Due to various reasons, mobile phones are not allowed inside the Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve. The guides in Tadoba are highly conversant with the history and geography of the reserve and brief the tourists about the jungle in the first few minutes of the safari.

India has more than 52 tiger reserves, of which Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve is Maharashtra's biggest tiger reserve. It covers six districts in Maharashtra and covers an area of more than 1700 square kilometers. There are more than a hundred tigers, of which only about 18–20 are available for tourists to see, as the tourist gypsies cover only about 20% of the forest. The rest is accessible only by the forest department.



Maya the Tigress of Tadoba PIC credit: Vikas Sonkar

Besides tigers, many other wild animals also live in the jungle, among which there are leopards (more than 40), sloth bears (more than 100), and wild dogs (more than 400). All these are referred to by the guides as "VIP animals." However, the probability of sighting them is very low. Apart from them, we can spot various deer, Indian gharials, wild boars, and many species of birds.

The information was interesting. He also knew about the history of the jungle, the significance of the pillars that we saw every 100 metres or so, and various flora in the jungle.

(one of which was scary—he said it changes colour in every season and is called "Devil tree"). However, a lot of land is covered by bamboo trees, which bloom only once in their lives. Bamboo trees die once they flower. This was a new fact that I learned.

As we went inside the forest, we spotted many animals. Sambar, wild boar, spotted deer, langur, even an owl—we were eager and desperate to spot a tiger. The driver and the guide were experienced and knew where the probability of finding a tiger would be highest. But even after roaming around for more than 2 hours, we were yet to spot even the whiff of a tiger. And then suddenly, our gypsy stopped. Our guide pointed towards a distant spot and said that he could spot Maya, the tigress. Every one of us got excited and tried to spot her, but we were unable to. That was until I used the binoculars to find her. The tigress was sleeping after perhaps a hearty meal. We waited for quite some time but were unable to see her in action.

For the next safari, we were in search of the tiger again, but all we could see were lots of deer, sambar, and wild pheasants. The main attraction was still missing. Disappointment set in, but we were kept engaged by the guide's interpretation of various sounds and sights of the jungle. And then suddenly our guide told us to hold tight, and the driver rode through the jungle like a madman. The adventure was more terrifying than seeing a tiger up close. We were avoiding the branches and braving the jungle paths and bumps along the way. Only when he arrived at the location did he inform us that a tigress and her cubs had been spotted, one of which had gone missing and she was looking for it. We eagerly waited, jumping at every sound and looking here and there aimlessly for a glimpse of the tigress, but even after waiting for an hour or so, she didn't appear. Our guide said she must have crossed over to the other part of the jungle. All the waiting vehicles left the forest area dejected that day.



Taru-PIC credit: Vikas Sonkar

We were told that we can learn three things from the forest: patience, perseverance, and discipline (PPD). So we must now be patient and believe that we will see a tiger on one of the two remaining safaris. We regained our energy after lunch and enjoyed ourselves until the evening, when we were to proceed for the penultimate trip through the jungle. PPD was reverberating through our minds. We were determined to search for a tiger this time. As time passed by and we saw only other birds and mammals, we started getting disappointed again when suddenly our guide told us to pay attention to the surroundings. There were numerous deer and monkey calls going on. Our hearts started pounding in anticipation of the sighting. And our driver drove through the forest

until we arrived at a swamp where we had the best chance of seeing the tiger.

He parked the vehicle, and we thought we would again have to wait. But he excitedly pointed in one direction and whispered, "Look that side." "Taru is sleeping." Hearing the word "sleeping" reminded us of Maya, who had kept sleeping throughout, and frustration started creeping in. But then we saw him. The beautiful tiger was sleeping barely 20 metres from where we were parked. Whoa! was all we could think since none of us wanted to disturb his peace by saying anything. He was rolling around from time to time, and when crows or flies disturbed him, he would just give a small growl and move his tail. He must be taller than a 6-foot-tall man if he stood on his hind legs. Just as we thought he was also going to keep sleeping like Maya, the majestic being shook his body and leisurely sat down. Looking at us with a deep, piercing gaze, unbothered by the chatter of people around him, he stood up slowly, as if in slow motion. The photographers had a field day merrily clicking away, the deafening shutter sounds all around us as he stood up and started walking in a catwalk, fit for the glorious animal that he is. Although we were scared in our hearts, we were awed by the royal sight we beheld before us. He was the least bothered by all the attention he was getting. He stood up and looked around at all the vehicles parked there, as if sizing them up as a king would size up his subjects.

And then, to the dismay of the photographers, he sauntered away from us towards the inviting woods and sunshine, which, we later realized, had receded from where he was sleeping. We were mesmerised and didn't think of talking even after he had gone far from sight. Such was the grandeur, the hypnotic scenery, and the awe-inspiring experience that we just stood there enjoying our first-ever sight of the tiger in its natural habitat.

People have had experiences with tigers hunting, mating, or fighting, but our first experience was this. And boy, am I hooked on to this! I'm planning another tour in May 2023, this time to another tiger reserve called Pench (Madhya Pradesh). I hope to be able to get more sightings during that trip. I will get back with a recall once I have finished with it.

Until then, I'll leave you with a few photos here, courtesy of my colleague and dear friend. Enjoy them till next time.

-KULMOHAN KAUR



PIC credit: Vikas Sonkar



TRAVEL TRENDS, 2023: ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW.

By WFY Bureau

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a major impact on the travel industry, with widespread flight cancellations, mandatory quarantines, and travel restrictions leading to a significant decline in travel. However, as the world starts to recover and vaccinations become more widespread, travel is beginning to pick up again. In 2023, the travel industry will continue to adapt to the new normal, and several trends are expected to shape the post-pandemic travel landscape.

Increased demand for domestic travel:

As international travel remains uncertain and complicated, many travelers are choosing to explore their own country instead. Domestic travel is expected to see a significant increase in 2023, as people look for safe and familiar destinations. This trend is particularly evident in countries like the United States and Canada, where domestic travel makes up a large portion of the travel market. In addition, the pandemic has caused many people to re-evaluate their priorities and focus on what is truly important, leading to an increased interest in exploring the beauty and diversity of their own countries.

Rise of the 'vaccine passport':

As countries and airlines begin to ease travel restrictions, the use of 'vaccine passports' is expected to become more common. These documents, which verify that an individual has been vaccinated against COVID-19, will be used as a way to prove that travellers are less likely to spread the virus. Some countries and airlines are already requiring proof of vaccination for entry, and it is likely that this trend will continue to grow in 2023. This will make it easier for countries to open their borders and for airlines to resume flights to previously popular destinations, and is seen as a necessary step to ensure the safety of travellers and the local population.

Focus on health and safety:

The pandemic has heightened awareness of health and safety, and this is expected to continue to be a top priority for travellers in 2023. Many hotels, airlines, and tour operators are implementing new health and safety protocols to ensure that travellers feel comfortable and safe. This includes measures such as increased cleaning and sanitation, social distancing, and the use of personal protective equipment. These protocols will become the new norm for travel, and travellers will look

for places that have adopted them as a way to be reassured that they are in safe hands.

Growth of alternative accommodations:

As people look for more flexible and cost-effective options for travel, the popularity of alternative accommodations is expected to grow in 2023. This includes options such as vacation rentals, glamping, and tiny homes. These types of accommodations offer more privacy and space than traditional hotels, which can be particularly appealing in the post-pandemic world. With many people looking to avoid crowded places and to have more control over their environment, alternative accommodations will become a preferred option for many.

Re-emergence of experiential travel:

The pandemic has forced many people to re-evaluate their priorities and focus on what is truly important. As a result, experiential travel is expected to see a resurgence in 2023. This includes activities such as adventure travel, cultural experiences, and eco-tourism. Instead of just visiting a destination, travellers are looking to truly immerse themselves in the culture and environment of the place they are visiting. With many people wanting to reconnect with nature and to experience new things, experiential travel will become a popular choice.

Emphasis on sustainable travel:

The pandemic has also brought attention to the impact of travel on the environment. As a result, sustainable travel is expected to be a growing trend in 2023. This includes efforts to reduce carbon emissions, support local communities, and minimize waste. Many hotels, airlines, and tour operators are taking steps to become more environmentally friendly, and this trend is expected to continue in the coming years.

In conclusion, the travel industry has been greatly impacted by the pandemic, but as the world begins to recover, travel is starting to pick up again. In 2023, the travel industry will continue to adapt to the new normal, and several trends are expected to shape the post-pandemic travel landscape. From increased demand for domestic travel to the rise of the 'vaccine passport' and the focus on health and safety, 2023 will be a year of change and evolution for the travel

-WFY BUREAU



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO STAY AHEAD OF THE GAME: TOP 2023 TECHNOLOGY TRENDS

By Melwyn Williams

Introduction

A. Explanation of technology trends: Technology trends refer to the advancements and innovations that are shaping the way we live and work. They can include new technologies, new applications of existing technologies, and shifts in the way technology is used.

B. Significance of technology trends in 2023: Technology trends in 2023 will have a significant impact on various industries, including healthcare, transportation, manufacturing, and more. They will also change the way we interact with technology and with each other.

C. Purpose of the article: The purpose of this article is to explore some of the technology trends that are expected to shape the year 2023 and their potential impact on society.

Advancements in Artificial Intelligence

A. Overview of AI's current state: Artificial intelligence (AI) is a rapidly growing field that involves the development of systems that can perform tasks that typically require human intelligence, such as visual perception, speech recognition, decision-making, and language understanding. AI is already being used in various applications such as self-driving cars, personal assistants, and medical diagnosis.

B. Predicted advancements in AI in 2023: In 2023, AI is expected to become more widely adopted across

various industries. Advancements in natural language processing, computer vision, and machine learning will allow AI to understand and interpret data more accurately, and this will enable new applications such

C. Impact of AI on various industries: AI will have a profound impact on many industries, including healthcare, finance, manufacturing, and transportation. For example, in healthcare, AI will enable doctors and nurses to analyze large amounts of medical data and make more accurate diagnoses. In finance, AI will be used to detect fraudulent transactions and to analyze financial data to make more informed investment decisions.

5G Networks

A. Explanation of 5G technology: 5G is the fifth generation of mobile networks, and it is designed to provide faster data speeds, lower latency, and more capacity than current 4G networks. 5G will enable new applications such as high-definition video streaming, virtual reality, and the internet of things (IoT).

B. Rollout of 5G networks in 2023: In 2023, 5G networks are expected to be widely available in many countries around the world. This will enable new applications and services that require high-speed, low-latency connections.

C. Applications and benefits of 5G: 5G networks will enable new applications such as self-driving cars, smart cities, and remote surgery. They will also

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improve the performance of existing applications such as video streaming and online gaming.

Internet of Things (IoT)

A. Overview of IoT: The Internet of Things (IoT) refers to the growing network of devices, appliances, vehicles, and other objects that are connected to the internet. These devices can collect and share data, and they can be controlled remotely.

B. Predicted growth of IoT in 2023: In 2023, the number of connected devices is expected to continue to grow rapidly. This will enable new applications such as smart homes, connected cars, and industrial IoT.

C. IoT's impact on various industries: IoT will have a significant impact on many industries, including healthcare, manufacturing, and transportation. For example, in healthcare, IoT will enable doctors and nurses to monitor patients remotely and to make more accurate diagnoses. In manufacturing, IoT will be used to optimize production processes.

Virtual and Augmented Reality

A. Explanation of VR and AR: Virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) are technologies that enable users to experience digital content in a lifelike way. VR creates a fully immersive digital environment, while AR superimposes digital content onto the real world.

B. Predicted advancements in VR and AR in 2023: In 2023, VR and AR are expected to become more widely adopted across various industries. Advancements in hardware and software will enable more realistic and immersive experiences, and this will enable new applications such as virtual tourism, remote collaboration, and training simulations.

C. Applications and benefits of VR and AR: VR and AR will enable new forms of entertainment, such as immersive gaming and storytelling. They will also be used in industries such as healthcare, education, and manufacturing to enhance training, visualization, and communication.

Blockchain

A. Explanation of Blockchain: Blockchain is a distributed ledger technology that enables secure, transparent and tamper-proof transactions. It uses complex cryptography to ensure that once data is recorded on the blockchain, it cannot be altered.

B. Predicted growth of Blockchain in 2023: In 2023, blockchain is expected to become more widely adopted across various industries, including finance, supply chain management, and healthcare. Advancements in scalability and interoperability will enable new applications of blockchain technology.

Conclusion

C. Applications and benefits of Blockchain: Blockchain will enable new forms of secure and transparent transactions, such as decentralized finance and digital identity. It will also be used in industries such as finance, supply chain management, and healthcare to enhance security, transparency, and automation.

A. Recap of technology trends in 2023: The article discussed various technology trends that are expected to shape the year 2023, including advancements in artificial intelligence, the rollout of 5G networks, the growth of the internet of things, advancements in virtual and augmented reality and the adoption of blockchain.

B. . Final thoughts on the impact of these trends: These technology trends will have a significant impact on various industries and on society as a whole. They will change the way we live and work, and they will enable new forms of communication, entertainment, and commerce.

C. Call to action for further research: The article provides a general overview of technology trends in 2023, and further research is needed to fully understand their potential impact. It is important for individuals, businesses, and governments to stay informed about these trends and to consider how they can be leveraged to improve their operations and services.

-MELWYN WILLIAMS



GPT-3 IN ACTION: DISCOVER THE TOP 5 INNOVATIVE APPS THAT WILL CHANGE THE WAY WE LIVE AND WORK

By WFY Bureau

GPT-3, or Generative Pre-trained Transformer 3, is a state-of-the-art language generation model developed by OpenAI. It has been trained on a massive amount of text data, allowing it to generate human-like text with impressive coherence and fluency. Due to its capabilities, GPT-3 has been used to build a wide variety of applications, ranging from chatbots and language translation tools to content creation and marketing automation. In this article, we will be showcasing the top 5 amazing apps built using GPT-3.

1.Copy.ai is a content creation platform that utilizes GPT-3 to generate high-quality, unique content on demand. Users can input a prompt or topic, and the platform will generate a fully-written article or blog post in a matter of seconds. Copy.ai can also be used to generate product descriptions, social media posts, and more. The platform's user-friendly interface and fast turnaround time make it a popular choice for businesses and marketers looking to save time and resources on content creation. <https://www.copy.ai/>

2.Replika is a personalized AI-powered chatbot that uses GPT-3 to generate human-like conversation. The app is designed to help users improve their communication skills and build deeper connections with others. Replika learns users' communication style and preferences through conversation and provides personalized feedback and suggestions. The app has gained popularity among users looking for a companion that can help them process their thoughts, feelings and emotions. <https://replika.ai/>

3.OpenAI's GPT-3 Playground is a web-based tool that allows users to experiment with GPT-3 and see its capabilities firsthand. Users can input a prompt or topic and the tool will generate a text based on that input. The playground offers a range of options for controlling the generated text, such as controlling the length, sentiment, and style of the output. This tool is a great way for developers and researchers to test GPT-3's capabilities and explore its potential use cases.

<https://beta.openai.com/tools/gpt-3/playground/>

4.Hugging Face's Write With Transformer is a web-based text editor that uses GPT-3 to generate text as users type. The app is designed to help users overcome writer's block and generate new ideas for their writing. As users type, the app suggests completions for the next word or phrase, making it easy to generate coherent and fluent text. Write With Transformer is popular among writers, bloggers and content creators looking to generate ideas and inspiration.

<https://transformer.huggingface.co/>

5.Translatotron is an AI-powered translation tool that uses GPT-3 to generate translations in real-time. The app can translate text, speech, and even images, making it a versatile tool for global communication. Translatotron's unique approach of using GPT-3 to generate translations preserves the meaning and context of the original text, resulting in more accurate translations. The app has gained popularity among users and businesses looking to communicate with a global audience. <https://translatotron.ai/>

These are just a few of the many amazing apps built using GPT-3. The capabilities of GPT-3 are vast, and as the technology continues to evolve, we can expect to see even more innovative and exciting applications in the future. The above-mentioned apps are the ones that have gained popularity and are widely used.

In conclusion, GPT-3 has proved to be a game-changer in the field of AI, with its ability to generate human-like text with impressive coherence and fluency. The above-mentioned apps are the best examples of how GPT-3 can be used to automate tasks, improve communication and content creation. Copy.ai, Replika, OpenAI's GPT-3 Playground, Hugging Face's Write With Transformer, and Translatotron are just a few examples of the innovative applications that have been built using GPT-3. These applications demonstrate the potential of GPT-3 to revolutionize the way we live and work. As the technology continues to evolve, we can expect to see even more ground-breaking applications in the future. GPT-3 is a step forward in the field of artificial intelligence and it will be exciting to see how it will shape the world in the years to come.

FEATURE

FROM THE
KITCHENS
OF INDIA

RAVA KESARI / SHIRA

Rava Kesari or Shira

Shira or Rava Kesari is a popular sweet dish in India, it is a traditional sweet that is made in many Indian homes during festivals and special occasions. It is a delicious and easy-to-make sweet dish that can be enjoyed by all.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup fine semolina (rava or sooji)
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup water
- 1/4 cup ghee (clarified butter)
- A pinch of saffron strands
- A few drops of yellow food colour (optional)
- 2 tablespoons chopped cashews and raisins (optional)

Instructions:

- In a pan, dry roast the semolina on medium heat until it turns slightly golden brown and releases a nutty aroma. Keep stirring continuously to prevent burning.
- In another pan, bring water and sugar to a boil. Add saffron strands and food colour, if using. Stir to combine.
- Once the semolina is roasted, add the sugar syrup to it and stir continuously. The mixture will start to thicken.
- Add ghee to the mixture and stir well.
- Keep stirring until the mixture becomes thick and starts to leave the sides of the pan.
- Add cashews and raisins, if using, and stir well.
- Transfer the mixture to a greased plate or container and press it down evenly.
- Let it cool for a few minutes, then cut into desired shape and serve.

Note: You can also add cardamom powder or rose water for flavour.





INTERVIEW



By Sarmistha Dey

Let's Chat!

Sarmistha Dey, in conversation with Usha Chari

Introduction

Usha Chari has a 20+ year track record of success in technology management and hands-on development, specialising in data management, software development, and best practise methodologies in various B2B and B2C organizations.

As a developer and architect, Ms. Chari has focused on data models, database systems and applications, and analytics. As a senior IT leader, Ms. Chari has successfully led several critical data initiatives in multiple organizations.

She lives with her husband and two daughters in Southern California.

Apart from her professional career, she is a huge Carnatic music enthusiast and was the President of the South Indian Music Academy, a prestigious music organisation in Los Angeles. She was instrumental in the growth of the organisation for the last 4 years, both financially and from the standpoint of community engagement.

Educational Qualification

- Bachelors in Computer Science (Chennai)
- Masters in Computer Science (Pune)

How was your journey from India to the US?

I moved to the US in 1994, which was also the year I got married to Sampath, who was already there for his higher education. On the one hand, I was very excited to move to a new country and start a new life. I was fortunate to have one of my sisters already in the US. I was also a little sad to leave the rest of my family and friends in India.

I was able to adjust quickly, though I kept thinking about what it all meant to be in a different country—my education, my family, my friends, and what it meant for a career. After a year in Minnesota, I moved to New York in 1995 and started my first job at Consumer Reports (a publishing company)—and ended up working there for close to 20 years before we moved west to California.



The US is a fascinating country, and living in multicultural places like New York and California has enabled me to embrace American values while staying true to my Indian heritage.

How would you like to introduce your family?

Sampath and I have two daughters (Sanchitha and Saadhvi). Sampath is a risk management professional, and my daughters are in college: Sanchitha is doing her Masters at the University of Southern California (USC), and Saadhvi is in her second year of her Bachelors at the University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA).

As a family, we love to travel together to see new places and try out new foods. We have been lucky to travel to several countries around the world. We also try to visit India each year, typically in December, for the music season in Chennai.



Usha Chakraborty with her husband and daughters

Can you give a brief idea about your professional life?

I am an IT professional with close to 30 years of experience in different industries. I have been both an individual contributor (software developer) and a leader/manager of teams (in the US and India).

I currently work for CoreLogic, a leading provider of data, analytics, and platforms for real estate and housing. My title is Principal, Big Data Solutions.

I have also tried to pass on my experience to the next generation. I have been periodically invited to speak to local high school kids about information technology, its future, what could motivate high school kids to take up STEM, etc. I really enjoy this every year and answering the thoughtful questions from the younger generation!

Can you give a brief idea about your professional life?

Music has always been one of my biggest passions, right from when I was a kid. I learned music (carnatic



vocal) as a child in Chennai. I enjoyed singing at several school events, but after a point, I got more engaged with my education and career. But the thirst for music was always there in me.

My husband and I were (and still are) avid music listeners, primarily Carnatic but also some Western pop or rock music and a significant amount of Indian cinema music, particularly Tamil and Hindi.

I kept thinking in my mid-20s about not being able to pursue more Carnatic music, and it so happened that, a few years after my first daughter Sanchitha was born, I was introduced to a local Carnatic teacher. This rekindled my passion for learning again, and I got into listening to music more seriously. I used to live in New York, and my teacher was in Connecticut, but I would drive an hour each way once a week (usually on a weekday after work). I enjoyed it so much that the drive did not bother me, as I always had music for company no matter how long the drives were.

In parallel, I started helping organise music events—in my local community with a few other ladies and for our local temple. This art had given me so much "listening" pleasure by that point, and I was always fascinated by the depth of ragas and scales, and where creativity could take a simple "**Rasika**" like me—that I felt compelled to help the art and artists, and to be involved in spreading the art wherever I could in the United States.

As a result of this, I met (and hosted) many professional Carnatic musicians and was astounded by their lives—how they constantly think about and breathe music. It drew me more and more to this art, and it made me more open to managing events as an individual. When Sanchitha was about 5, I would take her along to learn from my teacher; we would have back-to-back classes. And Saadhvi, who was about 4, joined us, so this became a fun family event and a great mom-daughter bonding opportunity, and we had so many songs that we tried singing together or exploring the details behind them.

I feel fortunate that both my daughters have continued learning Carnatic vocal for the past 15+ years, moving on to learning from a professional musician from Chennai. They have performed more than 50 full-length concerts to date, including at the prestigious Chennai music season in December. I am not sure whether they will take up music full-time, even though they certainly



Usha with her sisters

Promoting Carnatic music

Usha singing

have the talent and mindset for it, but even if not, I am confident music will give them peace of mind and joy in their lives, just like it has for me.

After moving from New York to California in 2014, I was excited to find an active music community. In 2019, I was elected President of the South Indian Music Academy (SIMA). SIMA is one of the premier music organisations in Southern California and has been providing a platform for musicians for several decades.

As SIMA President, I was able to grow the organization's membership by nearly 30% and its cash balance by more than 110 percent while successfully navigating COVID-19 and transitioning from in-person to online concerts in 2020–21. It was challenging to do this on top of work and home commitments, but I am glad I was able to help our local community by leading SIMA.



After recently completing my stint as SIMA president, I plan to continue supporting the arts, especially Carnatic music, in different ways: by organising concerts, providing financial support, etc. My dream is for Indian classical music to have the same patronage and audience as more popular art forms like Indian film music and western music.

What are your other plans, and what are you focused on?

I love my job and the impact I have on my organization. I hope to continue to grow professionally over the next few years and also want to pursue my music learning however far I can take it. And, as usual, there will be a lot of travel with my family and helping my daughters see what the future holds for them.



How supportive was your family?

My husband has always supported me in everything I have wished to do at home and at work. It is a big part of how I have been able to juggle a full-time career with the demands of being a parent and a wife for the past several years.

My daughters are the same, and they have been more of a friend than a child, especially recently. I can talk to them about anything, and I am glad they share all the details of their lives with me.

In addition, I can always rely on my extended family, especially my three sisters, two of whom live in the US as well.

What opinion do you have regarding Indian kids brought up in India vs. abroad?

I think there used to be a more significant difference 15-20 years ago, where Indian kids brought up in India used to primarily focus on education, while US kids were encouraged to explore different things outside of the standard engineering and medical fields.

More recently, kids both in India and the US seem more similar in terms of what they study and end up doing later in life. Kids are more open to exploring different careers and usually have at least one other talent, like talent in sports, music, or the arts, in addition to their primary area of specialty. I also find that Western culture has a much stronger hold on Indian kids—clothing, music interests, dating, etc.

Personally, I am very proud of my daughters for being very closely involved with the Indian arts and trying to keep it up amidst several other commitments and cultural differences.

What message you can give to current-generation Indians?

As I said before, it is good to see the next generation exploring different things and taking more risks. Especially when kids are in their 20s, I feel they should do this before deciding what they are most passionate about pursuing long-term. It is unnecessary to confine them to one or two professions simply because that is what their parents and ancestors did. The world is a big playground.

-SARMISTHA DEY

2023 Indian Festival Calendar: Your Date With The Best Festivals Of The Year

By WFY Bureau

India, a land of diverse cultures and religions, is known for its vibrant and colourful festivals. The Indian festival calendar for 2023 is filled with a variety of celebrations that are steeped in tradition and history. From religious festivals to harvest festivals, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Here is a look at some of the most popular festivals that will be celebrated in India in 2023.

Pongal: Pongal is a four-day harvest festival that is celebrated in the southern state of Tamil Nadu. It is celebrated in the month of January and marks the beginning of the sun's six-month-long journey northwards. People prepare sweet rice dishes and decorate their homes with traditional rangolis (colourful floor designs).

Makar Sankranti: Makar Sankranti is celebrated in the month of January, it marks the transition of the sun into the zodiac sign of Makara (Capricorn) and is celebrated as a festival of harvest and thanksgiving. It is celebrated all over India with different names and customs. In Gujarat, it is celebrated as Uttarayan, in which people fly kites to mark the occasion.

Vasant Panchami: Vasant Panchami is celebrated in the month of January or February and marks the arrival of spring. It is celebrated with great fervour in northern India and is dedicated to the goddess of learning, Saraswati. People dress in yellow and offer prayers to the goddess.

Holi: Holi, the festival of colours, is celebrated in the month of March. It marks the victory of good over evil and is celebrated by smearing coloured powder and

water on each other. People also light bonfires and sing and dance around them.

Ram Navami: Ram Navami is celebrated in the month of April and marks the birthday of Lord Rama, one of the most revered deities in Hinduism. People read the Ramayana, the epic poem that tells the story of Lord Rama, and offer prayers in temples.

Mahavir Jayanti: Mahavir Jayanti is celebrated in the month of April and marks the birthday of Mahavira, the founder of Jainism. It is celebrated with great fervour by the Jain community and is a day of fasting and prayer.

Eid-ul-Fitr: Eid-ul-Fitr is celebrated by the Muslim community in the month of June. It marks the end of the holy month of Ramadan and is a day of feasting and prayer.

Ganesh Chaturthi: Ganesh Chaturthi is celebrated in the month of August or September and marks the birthday of Lord Ganesha, the elephant-headed god of wisdom and prosperity. It is celebrated with great fervour in Maharashtra and other parts of western India.

Navaratri: Navaratri is a nine-day festival that is celebrated in the month of September or October. It is dedicated to the worship of the goddess Durga and is celebrated with great fervour in the western and northern states of India.

Dhanteras: Dhanteras is celebrated two days before Diwali and marks the beginning of the Diwali celebrations. It is considered an auspicious day to buy new things, particularly gold and silver items.

Diwali: Diwali, the festival of lights, is celebrated in the month of October or November. It marks the victory of good over evil and is celebrated by lighting diyas (small clay lamps) and bursting firecrackers. It is one of the most important festivals in India and is celebrated by people of all religions.

Bhai Dooj: Bhai Dooj is celebrated two days after Diwali and is a day for brothers and sisters to exchange gifts and express their love and affection for each other.

Chhath Puja: Chhath Puja is celebrated in the month of November and is dedicated to the worship of the sun god. It is particularly popular in the northern states of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

Guru Nanak Jayanti: Guru Nanak Jayanti is celebrated in the month of November and marks the birthday of Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism. It is a major festival for the Sikh community and is celebrated with prayers and processions.

Christmas: Christmas is celebrated on December 25th by Christians all over India. It marks the birth of Jesus Christ and is celebrated with church services, carol singing, and the exchange of gifts.

New Year's Eve: New Year's Eve is celebrated on December 31st and marks the end of the old year and the beginning of the New Year. It is celebrated with parties, fireworks, and the exchange of greetings.

These are just a few examples of the many festivals that will be celebrated in India in 2023. Each festival has its own unique customs and traditions, and they all serve to bring people together in a spirit of celebration of joy.

Therefore, find below the festival calendar list:

January 2023

- January 14 - Lohri
- January 15 - Makar Sankranti / Pongal
- January 26 - Basant Panchami

February 2023

- February 05 Guru Ravidas Jayanti
- February 18 - Mahashivaratri

March 2023

- March 08 - Holi
- March 22 - Chaitra Navratri
- March 30 - Ram Navami

April 2023

- April 04 - Mahavir Jayanti
- April 07- Good Friday
- April 09 - Easter
- April 14 - Baisakhi
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In My Dreams


A Poem by Sarmistha Dey

I have drawn happiness in my dream on the wings of a dragonfly,
Illness said after waking up, does it suit everyone?
It is prohibited to wish to get wet everyday even if it burns inside.
How is the mind of dolls dancing? For no reason!!

Got a house in my dream with affection,
The storm has made several homeless, yet the mind of a vagabond is lamenting.
Our lonely heart has learnt to live by holding the hands of lies.
Home, family, affection-- in these words hide a soft call of Golden cage

I have sung a tune in my dream, named it "Love."
Let's see where I can find magical rhyming words which fits in my tune of love
Tired mind is without words today.
Clouds in the dreams are without sky due to the burden of mistakes

-SARMISTHA DEY



A Meeting Of Injections And The Pain Of Earth.

A short story by Sindhu Gatha

The story of the new age is to learn about life, and that's how she learns her character. She not only learns about life but also gathers its experiences. It is a separation from the merging of self and experience.

Let's say you sew a new robe with an unbroken thread. It is a defense. The extraction is not as easy as extracting butter and whey from curd. Because, she is a person who values her experiences. Blazing with heat like the globe of the sun. Meanwhile, the frenzied scent of the day's coloured drizzle fills her with something. Based on my experience, there are lives on Earth that become more and more of a trap as you try to collect them.

She looked pitifully at the electric lamp on the table, which was beating down the lantern, which was already burning by the time she had written this. One of them looked at her (him) with narrowed eyes, ready to burst. This is the request that will be made tomorrow.

To take Electrovaxin and Petrovaxin... While waiting for their turn, her (his) heart rate began to steadily rise after submitting the application.

It is not because of your doubts that she or he calls out to your friends. She/he is the representative of some human being from sometime later, i.e., you or me in 2100. Some bare truths that will be encountered in this timeless patch of time can be wrapped in the silk of romance and made into a baby story.

Electrical vaccination is called electrovaccine. It's an injection invented by man himself to prevent heart attacks and deaths in the midst of skyrocketing electricity bills. The vaccine is known as Petrovaccine. It is a fire extinguisher invented to put out the mind-boggling fire in the scorching price of petrol.

Common people with one or two vehicles have to wait for their turn to get Electrovax and Petrovax. Or fill the backyard with cars to get the vaccination as soon as possible.

The cooking gas injection, called the C.G. vaccine, is the most deplorable. It is mainly for women, but men can also get it if they pay twice as much. All the rich people are taking from all the adults in the house. The condition of someone below the poverty line is like a piece of trash thrown into the sewer.

ART & CULTURE

The world is overflowing with hypocrites who try to write about another life of a pawn who replaces his life with the queen of the square.

Some people do not prepare their honest experiences but instead collect them as children of letters through writing. Another group is those who fall into the stream of eternal life and splash both their hands and feet, draw a lot of water into their stomachs through their nose and mouth, and swim to the other side.

Humanity does not learn no matter how much it sees or does. Again, Artimooth is busy testing new vaccines.

They are in the workshop to build samadhi in the fields, drain the river and wells, and put hunger and thirst on fire to build huge buildings.

They are working day and night, giving up food and sleep, for the invention of an injectable vaccine that will remove hunger and thirst from the body at its very birth. Another vaccine that competes with advanced vaccines like electro, petro, C.G.vaccines. Some people are looking for it.

The poor earth girl saw all this, was devastated, and was about to commit suicide.

She thought of the time when she took the sun's hand and became newly wed with the Milky Way's blessings. The sun, dressed in green cloth, drains the waves of water with a kiss of love. He used to dance madly as his love rained down on her. She gave birth to thousands of streamlings as tokens of happiness.

Various forms of life pulsed and came to join them as they played and laughed. There was no shortage of happiness and peace then. Finally, the name "human" was given to the life pulse that was born in her womb, capable of laughing and thinking. She never thought that what she did would lead to her death. And those who sold his body inch by inch will make her cry.

Even tears did not come from her eyes.

Even the protective shield (ozone layer) provided by the sun to protect her from the heat and evil rays was torn apart by the passion of her children.

She only looked at her, driven mad by her own children. No, don't be late.

I must be gone if these children's depravities are to end. There must be no mercy in me...

She made a decision...

Suicide... Commit suicide...

The next day, the sad news came in the obituary column of the Milky Way newspaper—that Sun's wife had committed suicide because of the cruelty of her own children...

-SINDHU GATHA

Tears are
words the
heart can't
say.



TEARDROPS

A Poem by Rema Pisharody



Tears are not mere droplets
but a rivulet, flowing
from the broken chambers
of a heart that has failed
to hide a shade of pain opaque
or a season of cataclysms.
Like rain drops of monsoon
From a cloud that is frozen
Tears hide deep a sense of sorrow
In myriad shapeless forms
To encircle life for reasons
Known and unknown
To cleanse the inner lesions
To heal to mirror a new image,
To connect to reconnect light rays,
To take in hand a new tender dream,
To hold a wish in silken eye string
Fallen from the banks of a virgin lake
for us to cherish a miracle in our
chaste playhome of childhood...
A teardrop! a smile and endless hope..

-REMA PISHARODY

Hello Winter



A Poem by
Sudha Mukhopadhyay

HELLO WINTER

There seems to be a change in the weather,
It's the movement of the wind that I hear,
The flowers are abloom here and asunder,
Making the place look vibrant with colours and cheer.

Hello hello friends, winter is finally here,
The days are shorter and nights blissfully longer,
With cool winds blowing and giving us the chill,
Let's go for an outing and enjoy to the fill.

I believe that you will truly continue to enrich your life,
If you approach it with a sense of wonder and delight,
And try to always challenge your own goodself,
By trying to do new things for one's own good health.

You may now be in the autumn of your life,
But age is just a number - please recognise,
So dream your dreams cos this is paradise,
This is what has for long been my rhetorical device.

Why don't you just start writing a blog,
Or playing a board game with friends and all?
Create an art by painting what you draw,
Or sketch with pencil, ink, charcoal or chalk.

Enjoy the warm coffee or a hot cup of tea,
Or make it an occasion for a milk chocolaty,
Just try to hum a song and make it funny,
This should be the principal for everyone globally.

Just be joyful and do good to one another,
So this winter let's make our life simpler,
The flowers are abloom here and asunder,
Making the place look vibrant with colours and cheer.

-SUDHA MUKHOPADHYAY



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


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Trends That Will Shape The Academic Landscape In 2023

By WFY Bureau

Academic trends in 2023 will likely be shaped by a number of factors, including advances in technology, changes in the job market, and shifts in the way we think about education.

Here are a few key trends that are likely to impact academia in the coming years:

- **Online learning:** With the rapid growth of online learning platforms and the increasing availability of online courses and degree programs, we can expect to see more students pursuing their education online in 2023. This trend will be driven by the flexibility and convenience of online learning, as well as the need for more affordable and accessible education options.
- **Blended learning:** While online learning will continue to grow, we can also expect to see a rise in blended learning, which combines online and in-person instruction. Blended learning allows students to take advantage of the best of both worlds – the flexibility and convenience of online learning, as well as the personal interaction and hands-on learning opportunities provided by in-person instruction.
- **Micro-credentials:** In 2023, we will see more students and employers valuing micro-credentials, which are short, focused, and often stackable credentials that demonstrate a specific skill or knowledge. Micro-credentials can be earned through a variety of means, including online courses, bootcamps, and work-based learning. This will help students to gain skills more effectively and quickly and be more ready for the job market.
- **Personalized learning:** Advances in technology will allow for more personalized learning experiences in 2023, as students will be able to take advantage of personalized learning algorithms, adaptive learning software, and other tools that can help them learn at their own pace and in their own way. This will help to make education more accessible and effective for a wider range of students.
- **Increased emphasis on soft skills:** As the job market changes and automation becomes more prevalent, we can expect to see a greater emphasis on soft skills, such as communication, problem-solving, and creativity. Employers will be looking for employees who can think critically and work well in teams, so students will need to develop these skills in order to be successful in the job market.
- **Increased focus on lifelong learning:** With the job market changing more rapidly than ever before, we can expect to see a greater emphasis on lifelong learning in 2023. More people will

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Exploring The Latest Developments In The Economy And Business.

By WFY Bureau

The global economy and business landscape is constantly evolving, with new trends and developments emerging on a regular basis. Some of the latest trends in the economy and business include a shift towards digitalization and automation, a focus on sustainability and corporate social responsibility, and an increased emphasis on innovation and entrepreneurship. In this article, we will take a closer look at these trends and explore how they are impacting the economy and business today.

One of the most significant trends in the economy today is the shift towards digitalization and automation. With the rapid advancement of technology, more and more businesses are automating processes and using digital tools to improve efficiency and productivity. This has led to the emergence of new business models and the disruption of traditional industries. For example, the rise of e-commerce and online marketplaces has changed the way consumers shop and has had a major impact on brick-and-mortar retail. Online marketplaces such as Amazon, Alibaba, and Flipkart have disrupted traditional retail businesses by providing a wider range of products at lower prices, with the added convenience of home delivery. As a result, many brick-and-mortar retailers have been forced to adapt their business models or risk becoming obsolete.

Similarly, the use of automation and artificial intelligence in manufacturing is leading to increased efficiency and the ability to produce goods at a lower cost. Automation can help to reduce costs by reducing the need for human labor, reducing errors, and increasing productivity. For example, robots are increasingly being used in manufacturing to assemble

products, package goods, and perform other tasks that were previously done by humans. This is leading to increased efficiency and reduced costs, which can be passed on to consumers in the form of lower prices.

Another trend that is having a significant impact on the economy and business is the focus on sustainability and corporate social responsibility. As consumers become more aware of the environmental and social impact of the products and services they purchase, they are increasingly demanding that businesses take a more responsible approach. This has led to a growing number of companies committing to reducing their carbon footprint, sourcing sustainable materials, and supporting social causes. Companies are also increasingly looking for ways to reduce their environmental impact, such as by using renewable energy, recycling materials, and reducing waste. Additionally, investors are also increasingly taking into account a company's environmental and social performance when making investment decisions.

Innovation and entrepreneurship are also playing an increasingly important role in the economy and business. With the rise of new technologies, there are more opportunities than ever for entrepreneurs to create new products and services, and for established companies to innovate and stay competitive. Governments and private organizations are also investing more resources into supporting innovation and entrepreneurship, recognizing the importance of these sectors in driving economic growth and creating jobs. For example, startup incubators and accelerators provide funding and mentorship to help entrepreneurs get their businesses off the ground. Similarly, many governments provide funding and support for research



and development, which can help to create new technologies and products.

In the realm of finance, the low-interest rate environment is expected to continue, with central banks keeping rates low to support economic recovery. This has led to an increase in borrowing and investing, and has also increased the demand for alternative investment options such as real estate and crypto currencies. As interest rates continue to remain low, traditional savings accounts and fixed deposits may not provide the returns that investors are looking for, leading many to explore alternative investment options. The increasing popularity of digital assets and the increasing adoption of blockchain technology has led to the emergence of new financial instruments and the potential for significant disruption to traditional financial systems.

In the labour market, the ongoing pandemic has accelerated the trend of remote work and has led to a shift in the way businesses operate. Many companies have implemented remote work policies to keep employees safe, and this has led to an increase in the use of digital tools to collaborate and communicate. This shift has also led to a more flexible workforce, with more people able to work from anywhere, and has opened up new opportunities for entrepreneurs and small businesses.

In conclusion, the economy and business landscape is constantly evolving and adapting to new trends and developments. From the shift towards digitalization and automation, to the focus on sustainability and corporate social responsibility, and the increased emphasis on innovation and entrepreneurship, the economy and business are being shaped by a variety of factors. These trends are having a significant impact on the way we live and work, and they are likely to continue to shape the economy and business in the years to come. Businesses and individuals who are able to adapt and take advantage of these trends will be well-positioned for success in the future.

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Bollywood



Indian Diaspora Entertainment, What You Need To Know.

By WFY Bureau

Exploring the Evolution and Diversity of Indian Diaspora Entertainment: From Bollywood to Independent Digital Content

The Indian diaspora is a vast and diverse community, spanning across the globe. One of the ways that this community stays connected to their culture and heritage is through entertainment. Today, Indian diaspora entertainment has evolved to encompass a wide range of media, including film, television, music, and digital platforms. In this article, we will take a closer look at the current state of Indian diaspora entertainment, exploring its history, current trends, and future prospects.

One of the most significant developments in Indian diaspora entertainment has been the rise of Bollywood. Bollywood, the nickname for the Hindi-language film industry based in Mumbai, is one of the largest film industries in the world and has a huge following among the Indian diaspora. Bollywood films are known for their elaborate song-and-dance numbers, colorful costumes, and larger-than-life storylines. The popularity of Bollywood films among the Indian diaspora has led to a proliferation of Bollywood-themed events and film festivals across the globe.

In recent years, Bollywood has also been expanding its reach beyond the Indian diaspora. Bollywood films are now being screened in cinemas across the world, and many Bollywood stars have become household names in countries such as China and the United States. The increasing popularity of Bollywood has also led to the emergence of other regional film industries in India, such as the Tamil and Telugu film industries, which

also have a sizable following among the Indian diaspora.

Television is another important medium for Indian diaspora entertainment. Indian-language television channels have been broadcasting to the Indian diaspora for many years, and today there are a wide range of channels available, catering to different regions, languages, and interests. Many of these channels are available via satellite or online streaming platforms, making them easily accessible to viewers around the world.

In addition to Bollywood films and Indian-language television channels, music is also a popular form of entertainment among the Indian diaspora. The Indian diaspora is home to many talented musicians and music groups, who perform a wide range of styles, including classical, folk, and contemporary Indian music. Indian diaspora musicians often tour extensively, performing in venues around the world. Additionally, many Indian diaspora musicians have been able to achieve success in the mainstream music industry, crossing over into other genres such as pop and hip-hop.

Digital platforms have also become increasingly important for Indian diaspora entertainment. The rise of streaming platforms such as Netflix, Amazon Prime Video, and Hotstar has made it possible for viewers to watch a wide range of Indian-language films and television shows from the comfort of their own homes. Additionally, the proliferation of social media platforms has made it possible for Indian diaspora entertainers to connect with fans and promote their work in new ways.

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The Indian diaspora entertainment industry is not only booming but also evolving. With the advent of OTT platforms, Indian diaspora entertainment is getting more and more globalized. As a result, the demand for Indian content is increasing both inside and outside of India. This increase in demand has led to more investment in Indian diaspora entertainment and has also led to the emergence of new production companies and talent agencies.

One of the most exciting things about Indian diaspora entertainment is the diversity of content and perspectives it offers. With the rise of digital platforms, we are seeing more independent and alternative voices in Indian diaspora entertainment, which is helping to break down stereotypes and showcase the complexity and diversity of the Indian diaspora.

Additionally, with the increasing globalization of the Indian diaspora entertainment industry, we are also seeing more collaborations and co-productions between Indian and international production companies. This is leading to a wider range of stories and perspectives being told, and is also helping to promote cultural exchange and understanding.

In the future, we can expect to see Indian diaspora entertainment continue to evolve and expand. With the ongoing growth of digital platforms, we can expect to see more Indian-language content available online, making it more accessible to viewers around the world. Additionally, with the increasing popularity of virtual and augmented reality technology, we can expect to see more immersive and interactive entertainment experiences.

Some specific examples and data to support the statements made in the article.

- Diversity of content and perspectives: There are a number of independent and alternative voices in Indian diaspora entertainment. For example, the web series "Brown Girls" is a critically acclaimed show created by and starring South Asian women, and it offers a unique perspective on the lives and relationships of young, queer women of color in the diaspora. Similarly, the independent film "The Lunchbox" was a hit in the international film festival circuit and is a perfect example of how Indian diaspora entertainment is showcasing complexity and diversity.
- Collaborations and co-productions: Indian diaspora entertainment is increasingly seeing collaborations and co-productions between Indian and international production companies. For instance, the Netflix Original series "Sacred Games" was a collaboration between Netflix India and Phantom Films, which brought together Indian and international talent both in front of and behind the camera. Similarly, the Disney+ Hotstar series "Aarya" was co-created by an Indian and an American production company and starred an Indian actress.

- Growth of digital platforms: The growth of digital platforms is making Indian-language content more accessible to viewers around the world. For example, Netflix has a number of Indian-language original series such as "Sacred Games" and "Delhi Crime" that have gained a global audience. Similarly, Amazon Prime Video has a number of Indian original series such as "The Family Man" and "Inside Edge" that are popular with viewers globally.
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- Virtual and augmented reality technology: Virtual and augmented reality technology is being used to create immersive and interactive entertainment experiences. For example, the Indian-based production company, WeMakeVR, has created a number of virtual reality experiences that allow viewers to explore Indian culture and history. Similarly, the Indian-based company, ImagineVR, has created a number of augmented reality experiences, such as the "Ramayana VR" experience, which allows viewers to explore the ancient Indian epic in a new way.

These are just a few examples, but they help to illustrate the points made in the article. It's important to note that the Indian diaspora entertainment industry is constantly changing and evolving, and new trends and technologies are likely to continue to shape the industry in the future.

Overall, Indian diaspora entertainment is an exciting and dynamic industry that continues to evolve and adapt to new trends and technologies. From Bollywood films to independent digital content, it offers a wide range of entertainment options for the Indian diaspora, and is helping to promote cultural exchange and understanding around the world. As the Indian diaspora continues to grow and evolve, we can expect to see even more exciting and innovative entertainment options in the future.

In conclusion, Indian diaspora entertainment is a thriving and dynamic industry that continues to evolve and adapt to new trends and technologies. From Bollywood films and Indian-language television channels, to music and digital platforms, there is a wide range of entertainment options available to the Indian diaspora today. The increasing popularity of Indian diaspora entertainment around the world is a testament to the cultural richness and diversity of the Indian diaspora, and it is a reflection of the growing interest in Indian culture and heritage globally.

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The Indian Diaspora And Its Spiritual Heritage: A Global Perspective

By WFY Bureau

The Indian diaspora, or the Indian community living outside of India, has a rich and diverse spiritual heritage. Indian spirituality is an integral part of the culture and identity of the Indian diaspora, and it has been passed down through generations and has evolved over time in different parts of the world. In this article, we will explore the spirituality of the Indian diaspora and its various expressions in different parts of the world.

One of the most prominent ways in which the Indian diaspora expresses its spirituality is through the practice of Hinduism. According to data from the Pew Research Center, there are an estimated 2.23 million Hindus living in the United States alone. Additionally, the Hindu American Foundation estimates that there are around 1.5 million Hindus living in the United Kingdom. In Canada, the Hindu population is estimated to be around 1% of the total population, which equates to around 300,000 individuals. Hinduism is also widely practiced in countries such as Trinidad and Tobago, Guyana, Suriname, and Fiji, which have large Indian diaspora populations.

Buddhism is also widely practiced by the Indian diaspora, particularly in countries such as the United States and the United Kingdom. According to data from the Pew Research Center, there are an estimated 1.2 million Buddhists living in the United States. In the United Kingdom, the Buddhist population is estimated to be around 0.7% of the total population, which equates to around 400,000 individuals. Buddhism is also widely practiced in countries such as Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, which have large Indian diaspora populations.

Sikhism is another religion that is widely practiced by the Indian diaspora. According to data from the Sikh Council UK, there are an estimated 500,000 Sikhs living in the United Kingdom. In the United States, the Sikh population is estimated to be around 0.4% of the total population, which equates to around 1.4 million individuals. Sikhism is also widely practiced in countries such as Canada, Australia, and Malaysia, which have large Indian diaspora populations.

Jainism is another religion that is widely practiced by the Indian diaspora. According to data from the Jain Network, there are an estimated 100,000 Jains living in the United States. In the United Kingdom, the Jain population is estimated to be around 0.1% of the total population, which equates to around 60,000 individuals. Jainism is also widely practiced in countries such as Canada and Australia, which have large Indian diaspora populations.

In addition to these major religions, many Indian diaspora also follow Christianity, Islam, and Zoroastrianism. According to data from the Pew Research Center, there are an estimated 250,000 Christians, 100,000 Muslims and 30,000 Zoroastrians of Indian origin living in the United States.

The Indian diaspora has also made significant contributions to the spiritual traditions of the countries where they have settled. For example, in Trinidad and Tobago, where Hindus constitute around 35% of the population, many Indian immigrants brought with them the practice of Hinduism and blended it with the existing African and Creole spiritual practices to create new religious traditions like Shango and Orisha. Similarly, in the United States, many Indian immigrants



have established Hindu temples and cultural centers, and have introduced yoga and meditation to a wider audience.

In the United Kingdom, Indian diaspora has also made significant contributions to the spiritual traditions of the country. There are many Hindu temples, Sikh gurudwaras, and Jain temples which are established by the Indian diaspora. They have also introduced traditional Indian festivals and customs to the wider audience.

The observance of festivals and rituals, the spiritual practices of the Indian diaspora are deeply ingrained in their culture and daily lives. The Indian diaspora has also made significant contributions to the spread of spiritual practices around the world, such as yoga, and has also played a crucial role in the field of spirituality through research and scholarship. The Indian diaspora continues to be a vibrant and dynamic community, and its spiritual heritage is an essential part of its identity.

The Indian diaspora, or the global Indian community, has always been deeply spiritual. This is evident in the way that many members of the diaspora continue to maintain their cultural and religious traditions, even when living in foreign countries. One of the most notable examples of this is the diaspora maintains their religious practices and festivals, such as Diwali, Navratri, and Holi, even when they are not in India.

Spirituality also plays a significant role in the daily lives of many members of the Indian diaspora. For example, it is common for them to begin their day with prayers and meditation, and to seek guidance and wisdom from spiritual leaders such as gurus and priests. Many members of the diaspora also make regular pilgrimages to holy sites in India, such as the Ganges River, Varanasi, and the Tirumala Venkateswara Temple.

Additionally, the Indian diaspora has also been a major contributor to the spread of spiritual practices and teachings around the world. Yoga, for example, which originated in India, has become increasingly popular in recent years, with many people in the diaspora taking up the practice and teaching it to others. Similarly, the Indian diaspora has played an important role in spreading the teachings of gurus such as Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, and the Bhagavad Gita, a sacred Hindu text, has been translated into many languages and is widely read by people around the world.

The Indian diaspora has also made significant contributions to the field of spirituality through research and scholarship. For example, many members of the diaspora have undertaken studies of ancient Indian texts and spiritual practices, and have written books and articles on the subject. Additionally, many universities and research institutions around the world now have departments and centers for the study of Indian spirituality, which are often led by members of the Indian diaspora.

In conclusion, the Indian diaspora has a rich and diverse spiritual heritage, and its various expressions can be found in different parts of the world. From the practice of Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Jainism, Christianity, Islam and Zoroastrianism, to the blending of spiritual traditions in the Caribbean and the United States, the Indian diaspora has made significant contributions to the spiritual landscape of the World.

Spirituality is an integral part of the Indian diaspora and plays a significant role in the daily lives of many members of this community. They continue to maintain their religious traditions and beliefs even when living abroad, and have also contributed to the spread of spiritual practices and teachings around the world. The Indian diaspora has also made significant contributions to the field of spirituality through research and scholarship, and will continue to do so in the future.

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Know About The Famous Indian Origin Dutch Footballer, Luciano Narsingh

By Saji Chacko



Few people would have heard of Luciano Narsingh. Fewer know that the Dutch footballer of Indian origin, who represented the Netherlands in the Euro Championships and the World Cup, missed playing for India by a whisker. Narsingh's class and pedigree can be gauged from the fact that he has scored goals against world powers like England and Belgium. Unfortunately, an injury cut his career short.

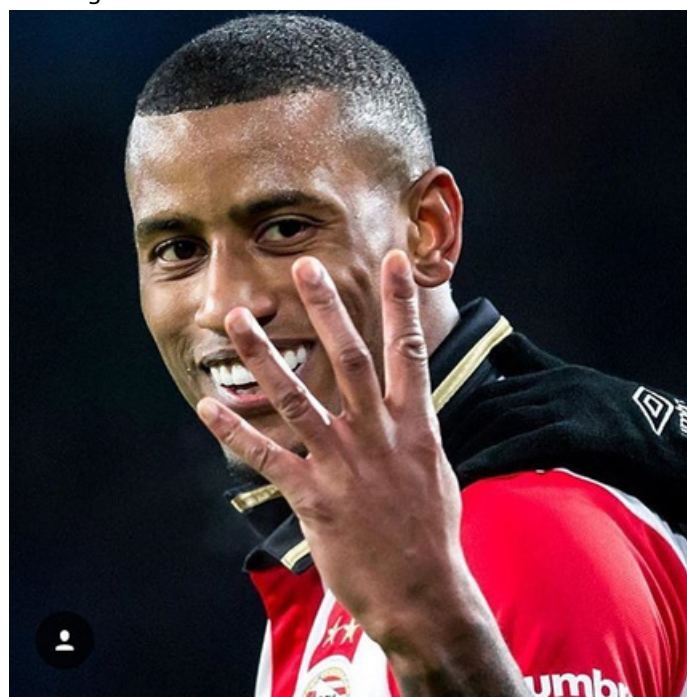
The 32-year-old Narsingh, who was born in Amsterdam and generally plays on the right flank but can also play on the left, joined Dutch giants PSV Eindhoven as a 12-year-old prodigy for a staggering €4 million transfer.

Narsingh's grandparents were from Andhra Pradesh and settled down in Surinam, a Dutch colony in South America. He was born in Amsterdam in 1990 and started playing football at a very young age. He has an elder brother, Furdjel Narsingh. Both siblings were quite talented, and it was only a matter of time before both were snapped up by FC Eindhoven, one of the leading clubs in the Netherlands, for their junior side.

Thereafter, it was Narsingh who caught everyone's eye with his exceptional skills. As a 12-year old, he displayed enough amazing skills to be seen as something of a standout player. In fact, many of the scouts for the Dutch big clubs were hovering around him in order to access his talent and also get him drafted into their respective clubs.

Such was Narsingh's talent that the reputed Dutch coach, Ron Jans, waxed eloquently about the prodigy. Speaking on Dutch media, he said, "Narsingh is one of the quickest players ever to have played in Holland.

His speed is simply phenomenal, and his ability to spot the openings in the rival defence was incredible." Such high words of praise go to show the type of rare talent Narsingh had.



Things were looking very bright and rosy as he was touted as the next big thing in the future of Dutch football. His biggest moment at the junior level came shortly after this, when PSV Eindhoven bought him from FC Eindhoven for a record 4 million Euro deal. At that time, Dick Advocaat, who coached the Dutch team twice



in the 1992 and 2002 World Cups, was a big fan of his and it seemed that Narsingh would make his debut in the national side anytime. But in 2013, misfortune struck with Narsingh. He suffered a freak knee injury and had to sit out of action for almost a year. This proved to be a big whammy in more than one way, as not only did he lose out on precious experience, but this period also coincided with Advocaat leaving the club to be replaced by Phillip Cocu, who didn't "seem" to be impressed with Narsingh. His return to action proved to be a sedate affair, as he was kept out of PSV's important league matches.

There is an adage that form is temporary but class is permanent. Narsingh waited for his "moment," which arrived when he was selected to play against Dutch champions Ajax. Ajax were the Dutch champions for the last four years, and Narsingh showed his class when he scored a brilliant header that enabled PSV to stun Ajax. That goal was to give his career a new boost and propel him to fame, as it was the first time Ajax had been defeated in a domestic match in four years.



Narsingh's brightest moments came when he was part of the Netherlands team for the 2012 Euro Championships, and he played a very active role in ensuring that the Netherlands qualified for the 2014 World Cup in Brazil. He scored a goal against Switzerland and was involved in four more assists as the Dutch qualified for the World Cup. However, bad luck once again surfaced when he suffered a hamstring injury a month before the tournament and had to miss

a golden chance to represent the Netherlands. To this day, his inability to play in the World Cup remains his biggest disappointment.

Almost represented India

During the period in which Narsingh was actively involved in Dutch football, he was contacted by certain Indian football officials in 2012–2013. It is understood that Narsingh had expressed his desire to play for

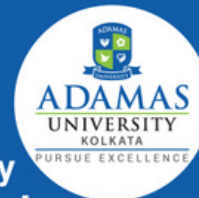


India. He had Dutch citizenship and, as per FIFA rules, could play for India without renouncing his Dutch citizenship. However, the Indian government made it mandatory for any sportsperson representing the country to hold an Indian passport. Narsingh, whose career was taking off at that time, could not afford the risk of losing his Dutch passport—and that prompted him to stick on to his Dutch citizenship.



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WFY to give away Indian Diaspora Global Achievers Award on December 16th, 2022 in Dubai. Nominations are now open. This year, we endeavour to honour, recognize, and celebrate the lives of people of Indian origin who have made extraordinary contributions over the last three years of the pandemic. When the world was suffering, they made a difference; HEAL THY WORLD!

The Indian Diaspora Global Achievers WFY Award is a global awards programme hosted by WFY Magazine and Indian Diaspora Global to recognise and celebrate Indian Diaspora individuals (regardless of nationality) and organizations for their outstanding achievements and contributions, and the impact they have made in their respective communities across the globe.

The regular sections, besides the focus theme, will also be there. The WFY Awards is an initiative to recognise and honour the most promising Indian Diaspora visionaries, innovators, and entrepreneurs in multiple sectors. With this esteemed award, we endeavour to honour the stellar personalities as well as organisations in healthcare, education, hospitality, tourism, real estate, architecture, aviation, engineering, fashion, arts, IT, media, retail, manufacturing, legal, NGOs, magazines, entertainment, FMCG, finance, portals, consultancy, and e-commerce.

The Indian Diaspora Global Achievers WFY Awards is open only to Indian Diaspora individuals or organisations and the nomination right is open to only Indian Diaspora Global members who are at least 18 years old. The finalists will be chosen by a review panel from the nominations received.

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How to nominate?

Nominating right is open only to the registered members of Indian Diaspora Global and you will need a membership ID number to nominate. Write an email (as per the given format) to wfy magazine@gmail.com in case you are not a member click [here](https://indiandiaspora.world/index.php/join-us/) to become one

There is not an official limit to the number of entries a single person can submit. A nominator may submit nominations for all categories; however, each submission must be unique. The organiser of The Indian Diaspora Global Achievers WFY Awards reserves the right to modify the award category selected as necessary if it believes that the content of the nomination fits better in a different award category. The decision of The Indian Diaspora Global Achievers WFY Awards, award team will be final in this regard.

Is the programme open to individuals and organizations from all countries?

The Indian Diaspora Global Achievers WFY Awards is a global program. The Indian Diaspora is spread across the length and breadth of the globe. The Indian Diaspora community is beyond borders, thus citizenship does not matter in this regard.

What happens after I submit my nomination/ submission?

After the nomination, the entries will be vetted by a Review Panel. Thereafter the Nominated individual or organisation will be submitting a video of theirs, which will be uploaded in our Social Medias including our

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YouTube channel. The popularity and response of the same will also be considered while selecting them for the award. The final list of awardees will then be determined with the help of a review panel of qualified judges determined by The Indian Diaspora Global Achievers WFY Awards Team.

When will the winners be notified?

Winners will be announced publicly during The Indian Diaspora Global Achievers WFY Awards, Winners will be notified around January 20th, 2022.

What do award winners receive?

- Winners will receive a certificate of appreciation along with a trophy.
- They'll be featured in the international magazine WFY's New Year edition i.e. March, 2023
- More importantly, we hope recognition through The Indian Diaspora Global Achievers WFY Awards will help raise the profile of the winners and provide additional validation to their programs. The Nominator will also be recognised and acknowledged.



Additionally, winners will have the opportunity to:

- Be featured extensively online as well as during The Indian Diaspora Global Achievers WFY Awards, Dubai;
- Use a dedicated The Indian Diaspora Global Achievers WFY Awards logo mark in promotional materials;
- Be featured in various digital platforms throughout the year, including articles, videos, social posts, and more.

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