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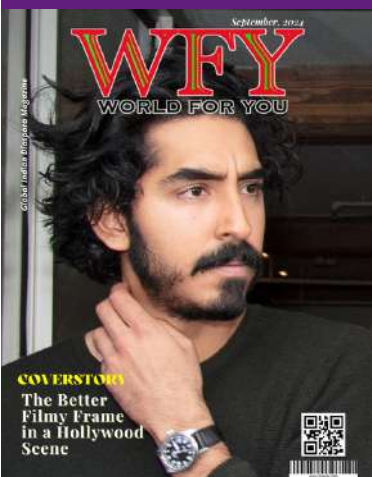
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RISE OF THE INDIAN DIASPORA NOW: A SEPTEMBER SPOTLIGHT

By Melwyn Williams

Welcome to the September 2024 edition, where we delve into a tapestry of triumphs and challenges that have shaped the world. Join us as we explore the stories that have unfolded, the victories that have been won, and the obstacles that have been overcome. Get ready to embark on a journey through the pages of this edition, where we bring you the latest insights and perspectives on the events that have defined this momentous time.

Namaskar!

With the changing of seasons, we are delighted to bring you yet another captivating issue of The WFY. Get ready to immerse yourself in a mesmerising collection of narratives that beautifully capture the vibrant spirit of the Indian diaspora around the world. In our latest issue, we shine the spotlight on the extraordinary Dev Patel, a true force in Hollywood. With his remarkable talent and groundbreaking achievements, Patel has not only made a name for himself but has also revolutionised the perception of Indian-origin actors in the global film industry. "The Better Filmy Frame in a Hollywood Scene" is a captivating tribute to Dev's remarkable accomplishments, showcasing the ever-expanding impact of Indian artists in the Western realm.

This edition is immersed in the theme of Indian excellence and influence. Discover the fascinating story of how individuals of Indian origin are not only leaving their mark but also shaping the future of one of the world's most powerful nations in "The Indian Diaspora's Rise in the US: Better Prospects." Experience the unfolding of a historic moment as we delve into "US Polls Now: A Moment of Triumph for Kamala," shining a spotlight on Kamala Harris and her inspiring journey as a symbol of hope for immigrants worldwide.

In this edition, we delve into the intricacies of success, shedding light on the often overlooked struggles and challenges faced by those who belong

to a diaspora. From the intricate complexities faced by Indian immigrants in Canada, as detailed in "From Dream to Dilemma," to the emotional and psychological battles depicted in "Why Are Indians Returning to Their Homeland? At Better Opportunities," our goal is to present a well-rounded perspective on the diaspora experience.

Our health and wellness section is a must-read, providing an in-depth exploration of the current Monkeypox outbreak. Stay informed and prepared with "Monkeypox: All You Need to Know About It Now." This comprehensive guide offers essential insights to keep you up to date.

Within our lifestyle and human interests sections, we explore the intricacies of relationships, the patterns of migration, and the often underestimated yet impactful decision-making processes that mould our existence. Discovering the Ideal Fit "Know the Truth" and "Helpful: Know the Behaviours That Can Destroy a Relationship" provide valuable insights that appeal to readers of all ages and experiences. These articles offer practical advice that is sure to resonate with our diverse audience.

The WFY remains a reliable and essential source for impactful stories. In this month's issue, we are thrilled to bring you a special feature on the intriguing topic of "How to Be a Millionaire?" "It's Common Sense Not MBA," presents a comprehensive analysis of achieving financial success in a manner that is both straightforward and relatable. Indulge in the culinary spotlight on "Singhade ki sabzi" from the kitchens of India, a dish that is sure to delight your taste buds and transport you to the comforts of home at your dining table.

Within the realm of academia, finance, and technology, we delve into the compelling challenges and promising prospects that await Indian students and professionals overseas. "Better Education Trends of the Indian Students Overseas" and "Introducing: Google's Custom Chatbot - All You

Need to Know" are just a couple of the captivating features that will ensure you stay up-to-date with the most recent advancements in these domains.

As we come to a close, we cannot help but acknowledge the vibrant world of arts, culture, and sports. It is here that we find ourselves immersed in the captivating tapestry of the Indian diaspora, forever cherishing its profound legacy and ever-evolving influence. From the captivating art of poetry to the immersive world of short stories, and even the thrilling realm of sports, the impact of our community is truly undeniable.

May this edition captivate and engage you, leaving you with a profound appreciation for the profound impact of the Indian diaspora on the global stage. As we embark on the journey ahead, it is essential that we embrace the rich tapestry of our history, celebrate the remarkable accomplishments of our present, and nurture the aspirations that guide us towards a promising future. Let us carry these narratives with a sense of pride and a clear sense of purpose.

We sincerely appreciate your ongoing support and dedication as readers. Collectively, we are not merely recounting narratives; we are shaping the course of history.

Namaste

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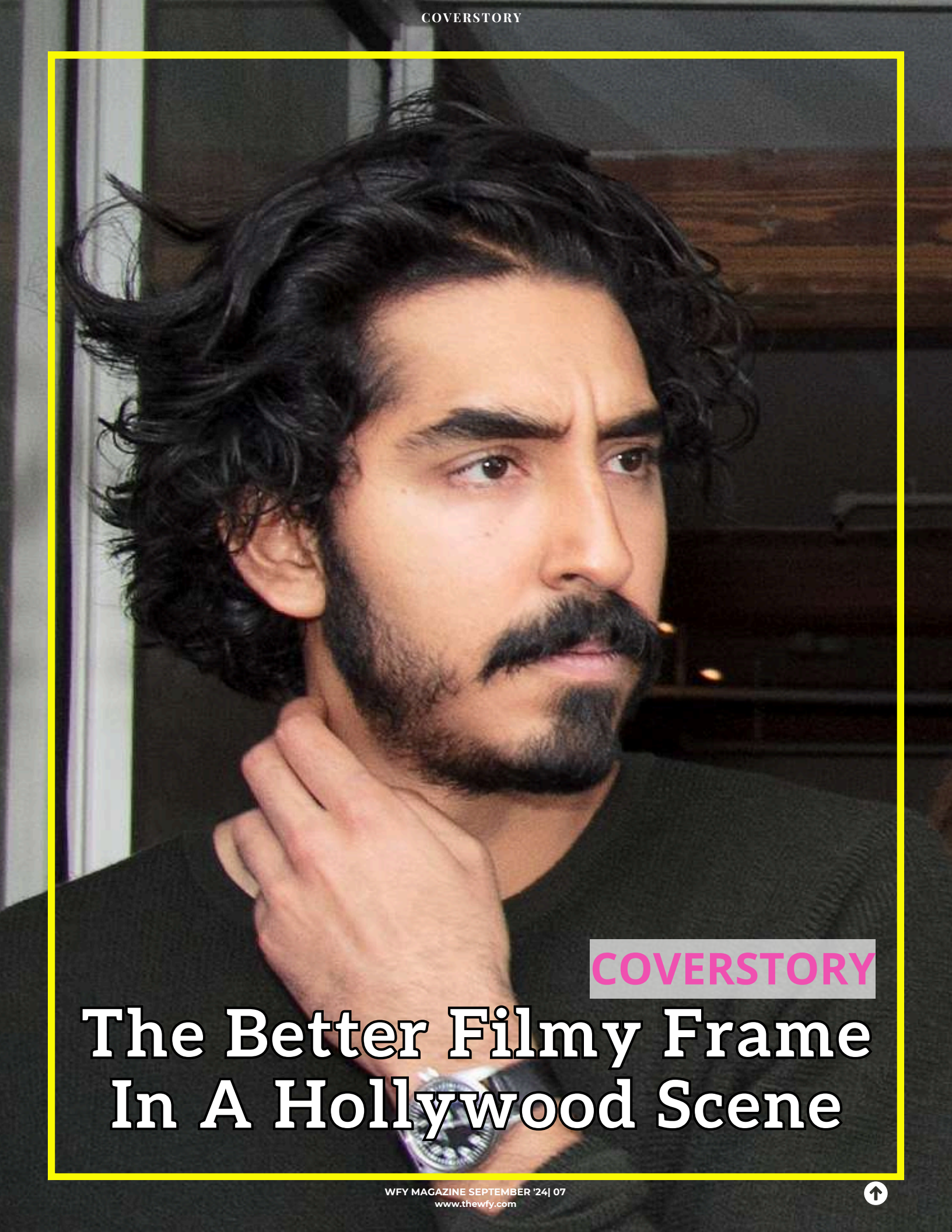
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COVERSTORY

The Better Filmmy Frame In A Hollywood Scene





By Melwyn Williams

Monkey Man marks the successful directorial debut of the actor who first emerged on our screens as Anwar Kharral in *Skins*.

His importance and significance stem from breaking the ceiling for Indians and their stereotypes on film.

From the renowned E4 drama to *Slumdog Millionaire*, Dev quickly rose to prominence, with many projecting him to be the next big thing. Despite additional critically acclaimed performances in *Lion*, *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*, *The Green Knight*, and other films, he has been mainly missing in recent years, despite his unquestionable skill.

The British-Asian actor has previously expressed concerns about being typecast and under-represented, as well as the significant shortage of South Asians in the TV and film industries. But now that he's produced, directed, and starred in *Monkey Man*, which is currently in theatres, his world has come full circle.



Following that, the actor landed a number of highly praised and award-winning performances, including *Lion* and Wes Anderson's *The Wonderful Story of Henry Sugar*. However, his appearance on film felt unusual.

He had to wait for an Indian job where he could put on a thick accent because there weren't any other options; it was all clichés - stupid sidekick,



In *Skins*, the actor played the charming yet humorous Muslim teenager Anwar, who managed his love for his faith, family, and *Class A drugs*. For South Asians growing up in the UK, it provided an opportunity to see themselves represented on TV in a way that was not based on violent stereotypes. To be validated and seen without being labelled.

Dev, like his co-stars Daniel Kaluuya and Kaya Scodelario, was rocketed to prominence with his debut film appearance at the age of 18 in Danny Boyle's multi-award-winning *Slumdog Millionaire*. He played Jamal, an orphan from the Mumbai slums, who is one question away from winning the top prize on *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire*.

taxi driver, etc. It was difficult for him to secure roles following *Slumdog Millionaire*. He sometimes felt that he was in a cultural limbo. He is not totally British or Indian.

But now, Dev has taken matters into his own hands. He wrote, produced, and directed the action-packed thriller *Monkey Man*, in which he plays Kid, a man seeking vengeance on the corrupt officials who murdered his mother and continue to victimise the poor and defenceless. The film establishes Dev as the multifaceted leading man that Hollywood was too slow to recognise. **Monkey Man has gotten flawless reviews and standing ovations at several film festivals. People like Dev Patel deserve far more than to be typecast or stereotyped.**

I hope *Monkey Man* is one of many more different parts that await him, not just showcasing his talent and variety but also representing adequately. The *Monkey Man*'s widespread success will ideally result in a substantial shift in Patel's career, setting him on a path to even larger and better things.

Dev Patel is my Indian Diaspora Man of the Year.

Patel was born to Indian parents in London in 1990 who were originally from Nairobi, Kenya. Kenya had roughly 180,000 Indians in the early 1960s, but once the country gained independence, many of them left, resulting in a 100,000-person reduction in Kenya's Indian population by 1980. The majority of Indians who left Kenya settled in London and Leicester, UK. Interestingly, one of the best films about an Indian family from Kenya who emigrate elsewhere is Mira Nair's *Mississippi Masala* (1991), starring Sarita Choudhury in her first film role - who would go on to play Patel's mother exactly 30 years later in David Lowery's *The Green Knight* (2021). Patel has previously commented about the common experience of those born in Western countries such as the United Kingdom or the United States to immigrant parents, namely not feeling British or Indian enough. With the extra difficulty of his parents being African-born, his immigration experience becomes even more complicated, making his relationship to his identity much more hazy and fluid.

Another intriguing detail about Patel is that he was born on April 23, St. George's Day, the feast day of England's patron saint. But it wasn't until 2019-2021 (when Patel was desperately trying to get *Monkey Man* made) that he finally played two quintessentially and iconic English 'Everyman' literary characters: Charles Dickens' David Copperfield (Dickens' most autobiographical novel) and Sir Gawain (a knight of King Arthur's Round Table) in *The Green Knight*. If you watch the behind-the-scenes documentary on *The Green Knight* Bluray, you'll notice that the Green Chapel scene was filmed on Patel's birthday, and therefore on St. George's Day - which simply feels so natural, as if it was planned.

After acting in *Skins* alongside many other actors who went on to become stars (including Nicholas Hoult and Daniel Kaluuya), Danny Boyle cast Patel in *Slumdog Millionaire*, a big box office blockbuster that won Best Picture. Unfortunately, Patel followed this up by playing the evil Prince Zuko in M. Night Shyamalan's renowned movie office catastrophe and critical failure, *The Last Airbender*. This was Patel's first major action role, and it allowed him to showcase his passion and martial arts skills. The film was so dismal that Patel's martial arts skills were not used again until *Monkey Man* in 2024, eight years after *The Last Airbender* was released.

Lion (2016) marked a watershed moment for Patel, as he underwent a physical metamorphosis for the film, growing his hair long, growing a beard, and filling out. He is now in his mid-20s, and this is the first role in which he appears more like an adult than an awkward, gangly youngster. It was also a huge dramatic performance, in which he starred with Nicole Kidman and Rooney Mara, and it earned him an Oscar nomination. In 2018, he starred in what many labelled his 'Bond audition', the underappreciated *The Wedding Guest*. This part combines action and romance in a road trip movie set in Pakistan and India, and is absolutely worth seeing to get to know Dev better.



Frustratingly, the pandemic years produced two of Patel's best films and performances, which were overlooked because of their timing. Patel has played various Indian-born roles, beginning with a chaiwala in *Slumdog Millionaire* and progressing to hotel workers in no fewer than four films. These characters are mainly lowly boys/men who serve others (primarily white people), and he plays with this concept in *Monkey Man*, mocking the assumptions of individuals from humble backgrounds.



With *David Copperfield* and *Sir Gawain*, Patel finally got to play two British men who were not only at the centre of their own story, but were also wrestling with it in front of our eyes. Taking on these two renowned literary figures, who are intertwined with the history of Great Britain, revealed a whole different side of Patel, but it's fascinating that both of these characters fight with their own destinies and identities.

The Personal History of David Copperfield was scheduled for a 2020 release in the United States, but it was only seen once it became available on Prime Video, due to movie theatre closures.

Patel demonstrates his range in Lowery's *Sir Gawain* and the *Green Knight* (released in 2021, when movie theatre attendance had yet to return to pre-pandemic levels) by using stillness (which he admits to struggling with, as he describes himself as extremely hyperactive) and silence. While Patel's performance as Gawain could not be more different from *David Copperfield*, there are so many similarities between the characters and films that the possibility of coincidence is pushed to the limit. Both *David* and *Gawain* have ambiguous identities; *Copperfield* is called every name but his own by his many companions throughout the film, tolerating being called whatever pleases others rather than himself.



Patel has starred in three films with young actors playing key roles as his younger self. Patel has expressed how vital it is to him that young Indian or British-Indian lads acquire these roles, as he could never have envisaged seeing young Indian actors onscreen in major films, let alone playing them himself as a child.

By finally taking his career into his own hands with *Monkey Man*, after what could be called a career that has yet to satisfy its promise or potential, Patel is finally saying *The Green Knight*'s concluding words: "Now I'm ready. I'm ready now." Patel, like *Copperfield*, is becoming the hero of his own story, claiming ownership and autonomy over his work and taking control of his own life. And it's not too soon.

Dev concurs, "I'm just very tough on myself," prior to mentioning, "I don't know if that comes from growing up in an immigrant family, that it's in our blood that we have to work doubly hard." Later, he explains, "I'm constantly working from a place of never feeling good enough." And I work on it.

Patel concealed his immigrant status at school. "I tried to be like *Dizzee Rascal*. That was what we expected." Acting eventually led him back to India. (He describes the country as "a constant source of inspiration." However, it is acting that has propelled him forward.

Interesting Facts about Actor Dev Patel

Dev Patel was born on April 23, 1990, in Harrow, London, to Anita and Raju Patel, both Indian Gujarati Hindus. While his parents are Indian, they were born and reared in Kenya, which has a big Indian immigrant population. They immigrated to the UK as youngsters and met in London. His forefathers are from Jammagar and Unjha, Gujarat, India. He has a sister, named Komal Patel.

Patel was raised Hindu and is claimed to speak some Gujarati. Patel grew up in Harrow's Rayners Lane neighbourhood, attending Longfield Primary School and Whitmore High School. He was a "hyperactive child" who spent his childhood participating in a wide range of hobbies, including martial arts.

He graduated from Whitmore High School in 2007 with A Levels in PE, Biology, History, and Drama whilst working on *Skins*.

He has a girlfriend.



Patel met his current partner, Tilda Cobham-Hervey, while filming *Hotel Mumbai* in 2016. They both starred in the action-based dramatic thriller about the 2008 terrorist assault on the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel in Mumbai. Cobham-Hervey also co-directed a short film with Patel called *Roborovski* (2021), which is about a violent hamster who wreaks havoc after being ignored by the pet shop's clients.

In April 2022, they relocated to Cobham-Hervey's hometown of Adelaide, South Australia. The pair posed for photos for the first time on the red carpet at the Los Angeles premiere of Patel's directorial debut, *Monkey Man*, on April 2, 2024.

He holds a Black Belt in Taekwondo.

His martial arts abilities came in handy much earlier in his professional life. Patel was entrusted with honing his martial arts skills for his role in *The Last Airbender*, so he studied with his long-time mentor, Stuart Anslow. Patel has been practicing with him since childhood and has a genuine passion for the sport.



He began training at Rayners Lane Academy of Taekwondo in 2000. He participated in numerous national and international events, including the 2004 AImAA (Action International Martial Arts Association) World events in Dublin, where he won a bronze medal. In October 2004, he competed at the World Championships as a red belt in the junior division against other red and black belts. He advanced to the semi-finals, where he lost to an Irish black belt named Niall Fitzmaurice in "a very close and tough fight" and received a bronze medal. Later, in March 2006, he received his 1st Dan black belt.

He is not active on social media.

The actor appears to be inactive across all social media platforms, including Instagram and X (previously Twitter). The actor has previously remarked in interviews that he believes social media removes individuals from face-to-face communication.

His mom encouraged him to audition for Anwar in Skins.

When his mother discovered a casting call for the controversial British adolescent drama *Skins*, she pushed him to audition, and he eventually earned the role of Anwar. In the episode, Anwar is a young Pakistani-British teenager who, although being reared in an Islamic household, constantly violates his religion's laws by engaging in premarital sex, eating pork, drinking alcohol, and using drugs. Anwar's tendency to disobey rules is consistent with the show's other characters, who frequently resort to vices and rule-breaking to keep themselves sane in a world full of teen angst. In *Skins*, he appeared alongside now-established actors Nicholas Hoult and Daniel Kaluuya, who played Tony Stonem



and Posh Kenneth, respectively.



However, the rowdiness wasn't limited to the screen; Patel has disclosed on multiple occasions that the *Skins* cast enjoyed crazy drug-fuelled parties, which he describes as memorable and insane.

He spent several months preparing for *Lion* (2016).

Unsurprisingly, Patel spent more than half a year preparing for *Lion*, which tells the joyful and amazing story of a young man's search for his birth mother. *Lion* is the story of Saroo, a 5-year-old Indian child who becomes lost after his brother abandons him on a train station bench while scavenging for food in their hometown of Khandwa, India. After urgently trying to find his brother on a train, he falls asleep again and ends up 900 miles away from Kolkata. After surviving on the streets, officials apprehend him and discover he is unable to provide information about his home or his mother's. He is then adopted by an Australian and lives in Tasmania until adult Saroo, now officially known as Saroo Brierley, decides to utilise Google Maps to track for his biological mother. Patel played Saroo, an emotionally charged character, in the 2016 film and described it as "an astounding anthem of humanity."

To prepare for *Lion*, Patel worked with an accent coach to mimic Brierley's Australian accent and hit the gym to tone his physique. Patel also engaged in "introspection" for the character of Saroo Brierley, which entailed looking at his reflections for an hour and writing what he felt in a diary. He also went to the orphanage where the real Saroo lived in 1986. The actor was greeted with the message "Welcome Lion" painted on the floor, and the children frequently referred to him as a "hero" during his visit, which Patel claimed made him feel "like a fake."

Filmography

Films

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2008	<i>Slumdog Millionaire</i>	Jamal Malik	
2010	<i>The Last Airbender</i>	Prince Zuko	
2011	<i>The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel</i>	Sonny Kapoor	
2012	<i>About Cherry</i>	Andrew	
2014	<i>The Road Within</i>	Alex	
2015	<i>The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel</i>	Sonny Kapoor	
	<i>Chappie</i>	Deon Wilson	
	<i>The Man Who Knew Infinity</i>	Srinivasa Ramanaujan	
2016	<i>Only Yesterday</i>	Tochio (voice)	English dub
	<i>Lion</i>	Saroo Brierley	
2018	<i>Hotel Mumbai</i>	Arijan	
	<i>The Wedding Guest</i>	Jay	
2019	<i>The Personal History of David Copperfield</i>	David Copperfield	
	<i>I Lost My Body</i>	Naoufal (voice)	English dub
2020	<i>Robosovki</i>		Short film; co-wrote and co-directed with Tilda Cobham-Hervey
2021	<i>The Green Knight</i>	Garvin	
2023	<i>The Wonderful Story of Henry Sugar</i>	Dr. Chatterjee / John Winton	Short film
	<i>Poison</i>	Timber Woods	Short film
2024	<i>Monkey Man</i>	Kid	Also writer, producer and director
2024	<i>Rabbit Trap</i>	TBA	Post-production


Television

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2007–2008	<i>Skins</i>	Aanwar Khanal	18 episodes
2009	<i>Mr. Eleven</i>	Hotel Waiter	Episode "1.1"
2012–2013	<i>The Newsroom</i>	Neal Sampat	Main role; 3 seasons
2019	<i>Modern Love</i>	Joshua	Episode: "When Cupid is a Prying Journalist"
2019	<i>India From Above</i>	Narrator	2 episodes

Name of the award ceremony, year presented, nominee(s) of the award, category, and the result of the nomination

Organization	Year	Work	Category	Result
AACTA Awards	2016	<i>Lion</i>	Best International Supporting Actor	Won
	2017		Best Supporting Actor	Won
	2019	<i>Hotel Mumbai</i>	Best Actor	Nominated
Academy Awards	2017	<i>Lion</i>	Best Supporting Actor	Nominated
Asia Pacific Screen Awards	2016		Best Actor in a Leading Role	Nominated
BAFTA Awards	2009	<i>Slumdog Millionaire</i>	Best Actor in a Leading Role	Nominated
	2017	<i>Lion</i>	Best Actor in a Supporting Role	Won
Black Reel Awards	2008	<i>Slumdog Millionaire</i>	Best Actor	Won
			Best Breakthrough Performance	Won
British Independent Film Awards	2008	<i>Slumdog Millionaire</i>	Most Promising Newcomer	Won
2019	<i>The Personal History of David Copperfield</i>		Best Actor	Nominated
Chicago Film Critics Association Awards	2008	<i>Slumdog Millionaire</i>	Most Promising Performer	Won
Critics' Choice Awards	2008		Best Young Actor in a Movie	Won
Critics' Choice Awards	2016	<i>Lion</i>	Best Supporting Actor in a Movie	Nominated
	2022		<i>The Green Knight</i>	Best Actor in a Science Fiction/Fantasy Movie
Primetime Emmy Awards	2020	<i>Modern Love</i>	Outstanding Guest Actor in a Comedy Series	Nominated
Evening Standard British Film Awards	2016	<i>Lion</i>	Best Actor	Nominated
Golden Globe Awards	2017		Best Supporting Actor – Motion Picture	Nominated
Golden Globe Awards	2021	<i>The Personal History of David Copperfield</i>	Best Actor – Motion Picture Musical or Comedy	Nominated
	2010		<i>The Last Airbender</i>	Worst Supporting Actor
Houston Film Critics Society Awards	2016	<i>Lion</i>	Best Supporting Actor	Nominated
Los Angeles Italia Film Festival	2017			Won
MTV Movie Awards	2009	<i>Slumdog Millionaire</i>	MTV Movie Award for Best Kiss (shared with Freida Pinto)	Nominated
			MTV Movie Award for Best Male Breakthrough Performance	Nominated
NAACP Image Awards	2009	<i>Slumdog Millionaire</i>	Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Motion Picture	Nominated
2013	<i>The Newsroom</i>		Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama Series	Nominated
National Board of Review Awards	2008	<i>Slumdog Millionaire</i>	Best Breakthrough Performance	Won
Santa Barbara International Film Festival	2016	<i>Lion</i>	Virtuosos Award	Won
Satellite Awards	2017	<i>Lion</i>	Best Supporting Actor in a Motion Picture	Nominated
2021	<i>The Personal History of David Copperfield</i>		Best Actor – Motion Picture Musical or Comedy	Nominated
Saturn Awards	2008	<i>Slumdog Millionaire</i>	Best Performance by a Younger Actor	Nominated
Screen Actors Guild Awards	2009		Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Motion Picture	Won
Screen Actors Guild Awards	2009	<i>Slumdog Millionaire</i>	Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Supporting Role	Nominated
			2012	<i>The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel</i>
St. Louis Film Critics Association Awards	2016	<i>Lion</i>	Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Supporting Role	Nominated
			Best Supporting Actor	Nominated





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IMMIGRANT SPOUSES OF U.S. CITIZENS TO BE AMERICAN NOW

By WFY Bureau USA



The U.S. government has officially started accepting applications for a program initiated by the Biden administration. This program aims to provide an easier path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants who are married to U.S. citizens.

This is significant because: An initiative, unveiled in June, is projected to assist approximately 500,000 individuals in obtaining legal employment, bypassing regulations that often require many to depart the country for extended periods if they entered without proper authorisation.

In a significant development, a new rule has been implemented that has far-reaching implications. This rule applies not only to stepchildren of U.S. citizens who lack legal status but also to other immigrants. It grants them the opportunity to obtain lawful permanent residency, commonly referred to as a green card, without the need to leave the country.

In addition, individuals will have the opportunity to apply for a work permit that is valid for a period of three years. However, it is important to note that meeting the eligibility requirements for this permit is a rigorous process. In order to be eligible, individuals are required to provide evidence of their presence in the United States for a minimum of 10 years prior to June 17, 2024. Additionally, it is necessary for applicants to have a valid marriage recognised by the law.

In a reality check, it is anticipated that this program, similar to other initiatives designed to assist undocumented immigrants, will inevitably encounter legal obstacles.

The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which was implemented during President Obama's tenure, is no longer accepting new applications due to a court ruling.

Karen Tumlin, founder and director of Justice Action Centre, expressed her readiness to defend the lawful and transformative process from any potential legal challenge. She also emphasised the importance of expanding eligibility criteria to include other mixed status couples, according to a news release.

According to Jessica Cisneros, managing attorney for the Texas Immigration Law Council, the program is designed to reduce the risks associated with obtaining a green card for immigrants whose U.S. citizen spouses have filed petitions on their behalf.

Families are able to remain together. There is no lingering question about whether leaving means being able to return.

In recent news, there has been a development that requires attention. The Texas Immigration Law Council has recently launched a new initiative to assist individuals in their search for reliable information. They have established a free, bilingual hotline to provide guidance and support. Additionally, they have issued a warning to the public about the potential for scams related to the application process. It is crucial for individuals to remain vigilant and cautious to avoid falling victim to fraudulent activities.

In a significant development, Democratic President Joe Biden has unveiled a program aimed at granting legal status to long-term U.S. residents who entered the country illegally. This move is being hailed as one of the biggest steps taken by the Biden administration in addressing the issue. In a move that has caught attention months ahead of the Nov. 5 election, Republicans have placed illegal immigration at the forefront of their campaign.

In a recent development, President Trump has voiced his criticism towards Vice President Harris regarding the surge in illegal border crossings since she and President Biden assumed office earlier this year. In response, Harris has emphasised her own track record in law enforcement and has pointed out Trump's opposition to a border security bill that had bipartisan support but ultimately did not pass in the U.S. Senate.

During campaign events held in Arizona and Nevada this month, Harris advocated for granting "an earned pathway to citizenship" to immigrants who are currently residing in the United States without legal documentation.

In June, Karoline Leavitt, a spokesperson for the Trump campaign, referred to the citizenship program as a "mass amnesty" and restated Trump's commitment to deporting a significant number of immigrants who are in the country illegally if he is re-elected.

Qualifying spouses can now apply for permanent residence without having to leave the United States, thanks to the Keeping Families Together program. This means they no longer have to face the prospect of being separated from their families for extended periods of time before being allowed to return. After obtaining permanent residence, a spouse is eligible to apply for citizenship in just three years.

The program is expected to encounter legal challenges from Republican leaders.

An initiative has been proposed that may provide a potential pathway to citizenship for certain individuals who are currently enrolled in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. This program offers relief from deportation and grants work permits to immigrants who were brought to the United States illegally as children.

In 2012, President Barack Obama initiated the launch of DACA during his tenure as vice president alongside Biden. In a move that sparked controversy, former President Trump made an attempt to terminate the DACA program during his tenure from 2017 to 2021. However, his efforts were met with opposition as the Supreme Court intervened and blocked his decision. Republican attorneys general from Texas and other states have persistently contested the legality of DACA.

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THE INDIAN DIASPORA'S RISE IN THE US: BETTER PROSPECTS

The Growing
Influence of the Indian
Diaspora



By
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In today's knowledge economy, talent reigns supreme as the most precious resource. The global distribution of this phenomenon is poised to have a profound impact on the trajectory of global economic expansion.

The world is currently witnessing a fierce competition for talent, driven by shifting demographics and the growing recognition of skilled migrants as key drivers of innovation and economic progress in developed nations. The striking similarities in America's reliance on China for manufacturing and its dependence on India for IT services cannot be ignored. These historical parallels shed light on the interconnectedness of global economies and the impact of outsourcing on the United States. China's rise to becoming a global manufacturing powerhouse can be attributed to this transformative relationship.

India has the potential to emerge as a global growth centre for the modern services sector. India is poised for continued success, thanks to its youthful population, a wealth of talented technical professionals, and robust political and cultural connections with the United States.

The shifting landscape of global migration from developing countries has been significantly influenced by the growing significance of innovation for driving economic growth. This has resulted in a notable shift in the composition of migrants, with a substantial rise in the proportion of highly skilled individuals compared to those with lower skill levels. In today's interconnected world, innovation has transcended borders, transforming into a truly global phenomenon. With the ease of movement for ideas and talented individuals across countries, the exchange of innovative concepts has reached unprecedented levels.

Highly skilled migrants are playing a crucial role in shaping the innovative economy and the emergence of new industry clusters, such as the renowned Silicon Valley. The migration pattern exhibits a distinct geographic and spatial dimension. A staggering 70 per cent of software engineers in the renowned Silicon Valley of the United States hail from foreign countries. The United States, United Kingdom, Canada, and Australia are the top destinations for high-skilled migrants, with nearly 75 per cent of them choosing to reside in these countries.

The Indian diaspora has been instrumental in shaping the success story of Silicon Valley. US cities that have become magnets for highly-skilled Indian migrants have witnessed a remarkable surge in their economic growth rates. With a staggering number of over 1,000 Indian entrepreneurs at the helm, the Silicon Valley has witnessed an unprecedented surge in the creation of companies. These ventures have not only made a mark but have also garnered an astounding valuation of over \$40 billion. The Indian community's contribution to the tech industry is nothing short of remarkable. Indian immigrants have made significant strides in the corporate world, with several individuals assuming the role of CEOs at prominent companies. Sanjay Mehrotra, for instance, leads Micron Technology, while Shantanu Narayen holds the position at Adobe. Jay Chaudhry has made a name for himself as the CEO of Zscaler, and Arvind Krishna heads IBM. Neal Mohan, on the other hand, has taken on the role of CEO at YouTube. And let's not forget the notable achievements of Satya Nadella and Sundar Pichai

The Indian diaspora has been instrumental in establishing India as a crucial player in the global supply chain for innovation and the knowledge economy. Delving into the fascinating realm of diaspora networks and their impact on the surge of outsourcing from the US to India, our investigation centred around the invaluable data sourced from oDesk. As the unrivalled titan of online platforms for outsourced contracts, oDesk provided us with a wealth of information to dissect and analyse.

Even though oDesk has made it easier for diaspora connections to thrive, these connections still hold significant importance on the platform. Indians, in particular, tend to prefer hiring workers from India. India's rise to a higher placement in the contract selection process can be attributed to its increasing popularity as a preferred destination. Additionally, the decision to choose India for the initial contract has had a significant impact on subsequent location choices, creating a path dependence effect. Significant improvements in productivity and firm performance were observed.

Diasporas have had a significant impact on shaping economic exchanges, dismantling nepotism, and breaking down spatial divisions that have long been present in labour markets. India's emergence as a key player in the global supply chain for the modern services sector has solidified its position on the world stage.

India's remarkable achievement in the realm of services exports can be traced back to the strategy of "offshoring". This ingenious cost-saving approach involved global companies entrusting their back-office operations to Indian units. Over the past decade, these units in India have undergone specialisation and ascended the value chain. These centres have transformed into "global capability centres," providing support for a wide range of business processes including IT, finance, human resources, and analytics.

Gone are the days of the traditional "brain drain" phenomenon, as a new era of "brain circulation" takes centre stage. Migration is a transformative journey that goes beyond simply moving from one country to another. It is a process of connecting and bridging two different worlds. With the surge in brain circulation, the advantages of high-skilled immigration are evident for all parties involved. For centuries, exchanges among diaspora communities have played a crucial role in connecting people across borders. In today's digital age, these networks have been able to overcome many of the challenges they once faced, thanks to the advancements of the online world.

Looking ahead to what lies ahead

In the past two decades, the role of the diaspora has undergone a significant transformation. Globally connected migrants have emerged as catalysts for economic exchanges, fostering trade, foreign direct investment, and the diffusion of technology and knowledge between developed and developing nations.

The diaspora has the potential to greatly contribute to India's economic growth through various means, such as fostering innovation, conducting research and advancing technology, as well as providing access to capital. Building trust with foreign investors is crucial for attracting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI). Establishing a strong foundation of trust can significantly impact the success of investment ventures. Remittances from the diaspora have

the potential to significantly boost the income of households in India. The diaspora's significant purchases in India have the potential to inject much-needed funds into local economies.

India's diaspora plays a crucial role in bridging the gap between the country and global networks of research and technology. This connection is of utmost importance for the development of India's knowledge economy. The vast knowledge and experiences it offers have the potential to broaden the horizons of Indian researchers in fields such as renewable energy, waste-to-energy, and affordable healthcare. With its strong connections to India, this destination has the potential to greatly boost inbound travel, particularly in the visiting friends and relatives (VFR) category.

In the ongoing discussions among developed economies about the optimal level of global integration to foster development, it becomes imperative to devise policies that ensure the advantages of global talent mobility are shared and that growth becomes more inclusive and innovative. In today's knowledge-intensive economy, talent has emerged as the most coveted resource. The global distribution of talent is poised to play a pivotal role in shaping the trajectory of global economic growth in the years to come.

Policymakers have a wide array of tools at their disposal to accomplish these objectives. In order to foster global economic growth, it is crucial for various multilateral institutions such as the IMF, World Bank, WTO, International Labour Organisation, and others to collaborate and conduct a thorough analysis of the impact of global talent mobility. Global governance organisations, multilateral development banks, and civil society groups are crucial players in the global knowledge economy.

Companies and educational institutions are at the forefront of this worldwide competition for talent. Universities in developed countries have the power to make a significant impact on the immigration pool by implementing a reform agenda. By carefully selecting international students who receive visas, they can help reverse the recent decline in foreign student interest in the US caused by policy uncertainty.

In the United States, companies play a crucial role in selecting migrants for work-based purposes through an employer-driven system. However, in order to thrive in a knowledge economy, it is essential to promote greater mobility.

Innovation has transcended borders and become a truly global phenomenon. Immigrants play a crucial role in driving innovation in America, contributing to a substantial percentage of groundbreaking ideas. Their presence not only fuels creativity but also inspires US-born individuals to think outside the box and push the boundaries of invention. Immigrant inventors have a unique approach when it comes to their creations. They tend to draw inspiration from foreign technologies, often collaborating with inventors from other countries. As a result, their work gains recognition in international markets, leading to the exchange and spread of innovative ideas across borders. Immigrant inventors play a crucial role in bringing fresh ideas and cutting-edge technologies to the United States, contributing to the spread of global knowledge.

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US Polls Now: A Moment Of Triumph For Kamala

By WFY Bureau USA



Kamala Harris's victory in the 2010 California Attorney General race was a turning point in her career, thanks to a pivotal moment during a debate. This win not only saved her political future but also catapulted her into the national spotlight.

Harris's entire trajectory was altered by a pivotal debate.

In 2010, Vice President Kamala Harris achieved a significant victory that not only rescued her political career but also propelled her towards national recognition. This triumph led to her appointment as Attorney General of California, marking a pivotal moment in her journey. In a pivotal moment during a debate, the trajectory of her career was forever altered by a single question and its corresponding answer. The 47 seconds were remembered by The New York Times as a stark reminder of the ever-changing landscape of politics.

An Up-and-Coming Star Confronting a Formidable Obstacle

In 2010, Kamala Harris set out on a political journey that would come to define her career. Harris, who was 45 at the time, was widely regarded as a promising figure within the Democratic Party. Gwen Ifill, a prominent journalist, went as far as calling her "the female Barack Obama." Despite her growing reputation, Harris encountered major challenges in her campaign to become California's attorney general. In the political arena, the Tea Party held a significant influence, overshadowing figures like Harris, a self-identified San Francisco liberal. Harris faced the challenge of distancing herself from the label that conservatives, including Donald J. Trump, used as a derogatory term.

Steve Cooley, Harris's opponent, proved to be an exceptional challenger. Renowned and widely admired, Los Angeles County district attorney Cooley gained a reputation for his fair and impartial approach and his relentless pursuit of justice in cases involving corruption. With the election reaching its decisive phase, Cooley found himself in a neck-and-neck race or holding a slight lead in the polls. His strong support in Los Angeles, the largest Democratic stronghold in California, served as a major boost to his campaign.

As time ticked away and financial resources dwindled, Harris found himself confronted with a daunting obstacle. However, during a debate held on the first Tuesday of October, a mere 47 seconds would have a profound impact on the course of her political career.

The Fateful Debate: Cooley's Misstep

The 2010 attorney general race debate, which took place in a practice courtroom at the University of California, Davis, did not generate much interest. The debate was not broadcasted live on television, with a limited audience in attendance. The events that unfolded during that debate would go on to have a significant impact.

In the midst of the debate, Jack Leonard, a reporter from the Los Angeles Times, directed a question to Cooley regarding the controversial issue of "double-dipping." This term refers to the practice of individuals receiving both a public salary and a public pension concurrently. Cooley, who was already earning a substantial \$292,300 as the district attorney, faced questions about his potential earnings as attorney general. Specifically, he was asked if he intended to receive both a pension and a salary, a move that would elevate his total earnings to over \$400,000

In a candid and straightforward manner, Cooley provided a resolute response: "Yes, I do." The individual proudly declared, "I earned it." In a recent statement, the individual emphasised their entitlement to the pension rights they have earned. They expressed their intention to rely on this pension to supplement their significantly low salary as the attorney general.

The New York Times reports that the response was met with shock from the debate's panellists. "The debate's moderator, Kevin Riggs, described it as tone-deaf." "It was absolutely astonishing," echoed Harris's chief strategist, Averell "Ace" Smith. In a recent interview, Cooley himself acknowledged the mistake, reflecting on the situation and admitting that many people had advised him to handle it differently.

Harris maintained a composed demeanour as Cooley delivered his response, choosing to let the weight of the moment resonate without uttering a word. Upon being presented with an opportunity to provide her input, Riggs responded with a light-hearted laugh and a playful remark, exclaiming, "Go for it, Steve!" Congratulations on your achievement! With her remarkable self-control, she allowed Cooley's words to have a profound impact, foreshadowing the events that would unfold.

The Campaign's New Strategy: A Powerful Advertisement

Following the debate, Harris's campaign team quickly acknowledged the importance of Cooley's mistake. "We exchanged glances," remembered Brian Brokaw, Harris's campaign manager, "and in a room, it can be difficult to gauge the impact of something. We silently agreed, 'That was quite unfortunate, wasn't it?'"

An expert in the field, Mark Putnam, was called upon to analyse the footage from the campaign's debate. After taking a look at it, he was completely convinced: "The campaign is a resounding success." Putnam swiftly produced an advertisement showcasing Leonard's inquiry, Cooley's candid reply, and a concise yet impactful statement: "Is \$150,000 per year insufficient?" In a dramatic conclusion, the advertisement concluded with a fade to black, emphasising the stark contrast between Cooley's projected earnings and the average income of Californian households, which stood at \$54,280 during that period.

Initially, there was some hesitation within the Harris campaign about airing the ad before conducting a poll to gauge its impact. However, according to Ace Smith, time and resources were not on their side. The campaign was facing financial challenges, with a balance of less than \$850,000 and outstanding debts exceeding \$100,000. In the face of economic challenges, the team made a bold decision to persevere, directing their advertising efforts solely towards Los Angeles, which happens to be Cooley's stronghold. Efforts were made to erode his stronghold of local support.

Harris, who had initially aimed to conclude her campaign with a focus on highlighting her accomplishments and future plans, ultimately made the decision to adopt an all-negative strategy. "Smith praised Kamala Harris for this achievement," stated the source. "She made a bold move, going all in," according to The New York Times.

The Republican Counterattack and Democratic Resilience

In response to the airing of the attack ad by the Harris campaign, Republicans at the national level swiftly initiated a counteroffensive, recognising the potential threat posed by Harris as a rising star. In a bold move, a staggering \$1 million was invested in a series of advertisements that flooded the streets of Los Angeles. These ads showcased the heart-wrenching story of a grieving mother, who tragically lost her police officer son. The focus of her criticism? None other than Harris herself, who faced backlash for her controversial decision to not pursue the death penalty for the perpetrator responsible for this heinous crime. The Republican endeavour was spearheaded by Chris Jankowski, who openly admitted that their approach was to "neutralise Hercules from the start."

Harris, however, had influential supporters in her corner. In a bid to rally support amidst a wave of congressional losses, President Barack Obama made a strategic move by prioritising a late-October rally in Los Angeles. Addressing a crowd of 37,000, he passionately urged them to throw their support behind Harris. During a pivotal moment in Harris's campaign, Obama made a strong declaration, urging everyone to act in a manner that aligns with her values.

With the election looming, Cooley's team raised concerns about a possible surge in Democratic support. The Republican ticket's collapse, especially the campaign of gubernatorial candidate Meg Whitman, has further complicated his chances. "The polling was taking a downward turn," remembered Kevin Spillane, Cooley's chief strategist.

The conclusion of Election Night was nothing short of dramatic.

The report highlighted the atmosphere of tension and uncertainty that characterised the election night. Cooley surged ahead in the race, leading him to proclaim his triumph prematurely, despite the cautionary advice of his strategist. In a move that mirrored the actions of the San Francisco Chronicle, a headline was published that boldly declared, "Cooley emerges victorious over Harris." In the midst of the excitement, Harris and her dedicated team remained vigilant at their campaign party, closely monitoring the election results into the late hours of the night. As the night progressed, the tide began to turn in Harris's favour as the results from Los Angeles County started to shift.

The following day, the outcome of the race remained uncertain. After a nail-biting three weeks, the final results slowly made their way in, revealing Harris as the ultimate winner by a slim margin of under 75,000 votes, or a mere 0.85%. In a stunning display of political prowess, California witnessed one of the closest statewide victories in its modern history.

Harris's extensive advertising campaign in Los Angeles proved to be successful. According to recent internal polling conducted in August, Cooley was initially leading in the county with a 10-point advantage. However, on Election Day, Harris managed to secure a significant victory, surpassing Cooley by a margin of 14 points. The remarkable transformation served as a clear demonstration of the impact of the dual-purpose advertisement and the astute choices made during the Harris's concluding period.

A Moment of Great Significance

In a report by The New York Times, it is highlighted that the attorney general race of 2010 played a pivotal role in shaping Kamala



Harris' career. "It was a moment that nearly spelt the end of her political career," commented Chris Jankowski, the Republican strategist who had spearheaded the campaign to thwart her." If Harris had not emerged victorious in that race, her path to the national stage may have been significantly altered. Today, she finds herself in a position where she is being considered as a potential first woman president of the United States. Years later, Harris's triumph is viewed as far from certain. "Everyone writes history as if it were destined to happen," remarked Smith. Her initial victory on a statewide scale was far from ordinary.

Looking back, Cooley admitted the significant influence of Harris's campaign strategy. Despite acknowledging the effectiveness of the ads, he primarily attributed his loss to Whitman's unsuccessful run for governor rather than Harris's tactics. In a remarkable conclusion that captures the immense importance of the race, Cooley extended an invitation to Jack Leonard, the journalist who posed the pivotal debate question, for a meal several months following the election. While dining, Cooley extended his hand across the table and firmly grasped Leonard's hand. With a sincere tone, he expressed, "Had you not posed that question, I would find myself obligated to be in Sacramento."

Exploring the Surprising Support for Donald Trump Among Indian-American Voters Amidst Kamala Harris' Historic Candidacy

The ascent of US Vice President Kamala Harris to the top of the Democratic ticket has sparked a wave of enthusiasm among South Asian Americans. A groundswell of support propelled her forward, with an outpouring of donations totalling hundreds of thousands of dollars for her campaign. Notably, she also gained the backing of renowned author Salman Rushdie. Harris, a trailblazing candidate who made history as the first Indian American and Black woman to be nominated for president by a major political party, seems to be on the verge of gaining substantial support from the Indian American community.

Nevertheless, Harris is confronted with significant obstacles in securing this backing. In recent times, there has been a noticeable shift in the political preferences of certain Indian Americans, as they find themselves gravitating towards the candidate who stands as the opposition to their current choice, Donald Trump. The shift in focus can be attributed to a combination of factors, including the impact of Trump's tax policies, his strong support for small businesses, and his close relationship with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Rakesh Patel, a 38-year-old entrepreneur hailing from Arlington, Virginia, recently shared his thoughts on the similarities between President Trump's "Make America Great Again" slogan and Prime Minister Modi's "Make India Great Again" mantra, as reported by Nikkei.com. The close bond between Modi and Trump has become a significant factor in garnering support from Indian Americans for the Republican party.

An ever-widening chasm

The rift among the Indian American community is growing increasingly evident. In recent times, there has been a noticeable shift towards the Republican party, despite a historical preference for Democrats. In a striking display of political polarisation, Raashina Humayun, a Californian

resident aged 53, expressed her observation that the votes within her community have never been so deeply divided along party lines. As the political landscape continues to evolve, a noticeable shift is occurring among my peers and friends who were once staunch supporters of the Democratic party. Surprisingly, they are now finding themselves drawn towards the Republican party.

In a recent statement, Pooja Khemka, a student at Illinois University, highlighted the attractiveness of Trump's plan to provide green cards to international students. Indian students believe that although their cultural heritage lies in India, their aspirations for the future lie in the United States. "A green card is the ticket to that future," Khemka stated, as reported by Nikkei.com.

Demographic changes and their impact on political power

The Indian American community has experienced a remarkable increase in its population, growing more than ten times larger since the early 1990s. This surge has made them a significant voting bloc in the United States. With a staggering number of over 2.1 million eligible Indian American voters, the data from AAPI sheds light on the significant political influence this community holds. With a significant presence, Asian Americans now account for 6.1% of eligible voters across the country, showcasing the increasing influence of this community.

Recent polling data indicates a shift in public opinion. According to a recent survey conducted by AAPI Data, there has been a noticeable decline in the number of Indian Americans who align themselves with the Democratic party. The survey revealed that the percentage of Indian Americans identifying as Democrats dropped from 54% in 2020 to 47% in 2024. In a surprising turn of events, the number of individuals who identify as Republicans has experienced a notable increase, rising from 16% to 21% within the same period. According to a report from Nikkei.com, there has been a decline in Harris' favorability among Indian American voters. In 2022, her favorability stood at 62%, but by July 2024, it had dropped to 54%.

The Republican Appeal

Prominent Indian American Republicans, including former South Carolina governor Nikki Haley and entrepreneur Vivek Ramaswamy, have been making waves in the political landscape. Mukesh Aghi, the president and CEO of the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum, has noted the emergence of prominent Indian-American politicians within the Republican party. This development reflects a shifting demographic trend in political representation.

Arun Kumar, an economist, was quoted by Nikkei.com discussing the appeal of the Republicans' promises to Indian American voters. According to Kumar, these voters are particularly interested in the party's commitment to bringing jobs back from undocumented migrants and reducing taxes on the wealthy. He noted that Indian Americans generally have higher median incomes compared to the average American population.

According to the most recent US Census data, Indian Americans have an average household income of \$123,700, which is almost double the national average of \$63,922.

The Potential Impact of Harris

In the face of these obstacles, the candidature of Harris has the potential to shift the trajectory. Her remarkable ascent may strike a chord with Indian American voters who identify with her cultural background and impressive accomplishments. Mukesh Aghi stated that the inclusion of this individual on the Democratic ticket would hold significant emotional significance for numerous Indian American voters, especially those who strongly identify with her cultural background and accomplishments.

With the election on the horizon, Harris' campaign faces the challenge of navigating intricate dynamics in order to regain and energise support from the Indian American community, a crucial voting bloc in the upcoming election.

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Monkeypox: All You Need To Know About It Now

Symptoms of Monkeypox: Dos and don'ts if you have been diagnosed with this viral disease



By William Melwyn

The monkeypox virus is the cause of monkeypox, a viral disease. By adhering to these guidelines, you can safeguard yourself and others from this infectious disease and maintain your mental and physical health.

Monkeypox is a viral disease that is caused by the monkeypox virus, a member of the orthopoxvirus genus that also includes smallpox. A distinctive rash that progresses to pus-filled blisters, as well as fever, headache, muscle pains, and swollen lymph nodes, are its defining symptoms. The virus is predominantly transmitted to humans through close contact with an infected person or through contact with infected animals, particularly rodents. Although monkeypox is generally less severe than smallpox, it can still result in severe complications in certain instances. The disease has been documented globally, despite being endemic in specific regions of Central and West Africa. Dr. Srinivas Rao, a senior consultant at I.R.S Global Healthcare in Kolkata, recommends the following dos and don'ts for individuals who have been diagnosed with monkeypox.

Do's:

- To prevent the transmission of the virus, it is recommended that you remain in a separate room and refrain from interacting with others, including canines.
- Seek medical attention: Consult with a healthcare provider to obtain appropriate advice regarding treatment and care.
- Observe proper hygiene principles: It is important to frequently wash your hands with detergent and water or use an alcohol-based sanitiser, particularly after touching lesions.
- Bandages or clothing should be employed to conceal any lesions or symptoms in order to mitigate the risk of transmission.
- Dispose of disposable items properly after use, including utensils, tissues, and gloves.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces: Consistently clean and disinfect surfaces, linens, and other objects that you come into contact with.
- Hydrate and recuperate: Ensure that you receive an adequate amount of sleep and consume fluids to assist your immune system in its recovery.
- Notify your closest associates: Ensure that individuals with whom you have been in close contact recently are informed so that they can monitor for symptoms.
- Track symptoms: Inform your healthcare provider of any modifications to your symptoms.
- Practice respiratory hygiene: When coughing or sneezing, cover your mouth and nose and wear a mask if you must be in close proximity to others.

Don'ts:

- Do not disregard symptoms: Do not disregard symptoms such as enlarged lymph nodes, fever, or a rash. Early diagnosis is crucial.
- Do not engage in intimate contact: Until you have completely recovered and have been cleared by a healthcare provider, refrain from engaging in physical contact, including sexual activity.
- Refrain from touching lesions: To prevent the transmission of the virus, refrain from scratching or handling the rash or lesions.
- Refrain from disclosing personal items: It is advisable to refrain from sharing items such as utensils, towels, bedding, or apparel, as the virus can be transmitted through contaminated objects.
- Refrain from travelling: Remain at home and refrain from travelling until your healthcare provider confirms that you are no longer contagious.
- Refrain from employing treatments that have not been authorised: Prevent the use of unprescribed medications or household remedies without consulting a healthcare provider.
- Do not postpone isolation: Isolate yourself as soon as you suspect you may have monkeypox, even before you receive a formal diagnosis.
- Do not disregard mental health: Do not disregard anxiety and tension. If necessary, seek assistance from mental health professionals.
- Refrain from visiting public areas: Refrain from visiting work, school, or other public locations where you may be exposed to others.
- Do not panic: Maintain awareness and adhere to the guidance of your healthcare provider, but refrain from incurring unnecessary anxiety. Although monkeypox is typically benign, it is treatable.

According to a PTI report that cites official sources, the union health ministry of India has directed all airports and land terminals on the borders with Bangladesh and Pakistan to be on the lookout for international passengers exhibiting symptoms of Mpox.

Mpox-designated hospitals

The ministry has designated three Centre-run institutions in Delhi—Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital, and Lady Hardinge Medical College—as critical centres for the isolation, management, and treatment of Mpox patients.

Additionally, state administrations have been directed to identify and designate comparable hospitals in their respective regions.

The health ministry has also instructed officials to enhance surveillance efforts and implement effective measures to facilitate the rapid detection of Mpox cases. The network of testing laboratories has been advised to be prepared for early diagnosis, with 32 laboratories across the country presently equipped to test for Mpox.

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Revealing Now: India Source Of The Majority Of Migrants



By Selvan Durairaj

The GCC nations and the United States have emerged as significant emigration centres, while India continues to be the host and source of the majority of Hindu migrants: Study

The research also illuminates the migration patterns of other religious groups in India, emphasising that the nation is a prime example of a situation in which migrants are disproportionately drawn from religious minorities. According to a study conducted by the Pew Research Centre, a US-based think organisation, India is the primary source of Hindu migrants, with 7.6 million Hindus born in the country currently residing abroad. The report also observed that India is the second-most prevalent country of origin for Muslim migrants, with six million Muslims residing abroad. The most recent report from Pew Research, "Religious Composition of the World's Migrants," emphasises the significant trends and changes in the global migration patterns of Hindus, as well as other religions.

Hindus constitute 5% of all international migrants, with a total of 13 million as of 2020. Pew's study suggests that this percentage is significantly lower than their 15% portion of the global population, which suggests that they are under-represented among global migrants. The study also discovered that Hindu migrants travel substantially longer distances than other groups, with an average of 3,100 miles from their country of origin. This figure is significantly higher than the global average of 2,200 miles.

Although the Asia-Pacific region (APAC) was previously the primary destination, Hindu migrant populations have experienced substantial growth in the Middle East, North Africa, and North America. The report implies that Hindus are significantly more likely to have emigrated from Bangladesh and Pakistan than they are from India or Nepal.

"Hindus constitute a small minority of the total population in Pakistan (2%) and Bangladesh (8%); however, they constitute 21% and 8% of international migrants from those countries, respectively." Conversely, Hindus constitute substantial majorities in India (79% and 81%) and Nepal (81%), respectively, yet they constitute only 41% and 56% of migrants departing those countries, according to the source.

Migration that is disproportional to other religions

The research also illuminates the migration patterns of other religious groups in India, emphasising that the nation is a prime example of a situation in which migrants are disproportionately drawn from religious minorities.

In contrast to other groups, Hindus are less likely to emigrate, despite being the majority religion in India. In 2020, Hindus comprised only 41% of Indians who relocated abroad. In comparison to their demographic weight in India, this percentage is considerably lower than the Hindu share of the country's population, suggesting that Hindus have a lower propensity to migrate internationally.

In contrast, Muslims and Christians exhibit greater migration rates.

According to the research, Muslims comprised 33% of the Indians who emigrated in 2020, while Christians comprised 16%. These figures are higher than their respective proportions of the overall Indian population (Muslims 14.2% and

Christians 2.3% based on the 2011 Census), indicating a greater propensity for these communities to pursue opportunities outside of India. The research emphasised that Muslims are considerably more inclined to emigrate than the Hindu majority in India. The majority of these Muslim expatriates establish themselves in Muslim-majority countries that offer employment opportunities, such as the UAE (1.8 million), Saudi Arabia (1.3 million), and Oman (720,000).

Migration of Hindus to India

The report emphasises that Hindus account for 61% of the migrant population in India. This figure is significantly elevated, as it is indicative of the Hindu majority that constitutes approximately 79% of India's total population. The country's status as a significant destination for Hindu migrants is emphasised by the high percentage of Hindu migrants in India, which is primarily attributable to historical events such as the partition and subsequent regional shifts.

Origin and Primary Destinations

The majority of these migrants, specifically 7.6 million individuals, are from APAC, with India being the largest source of Hindu migrants, according to Pew Research. Bangladesh is the second-largest source, contributing 1.6 million Hindu migrants, while Nepal is the third-largest source, with 1.5 million. Approximately 940,000 Hindu migrants are supplied by Pakistan. India remains a significant centre in terms of destinations, hosting 22% of Hindu migrants, which is equivalent to 3 million individuals. The study, which references the mass migrations that occurred in the aftermath of the 1947 partition and the 1971 Bangladesh independence war, observes that a significant number of Hindus from what is now Pakistan and Bangladesh migrated to India, while a significant number of Muslims from India relocated to Pakistan or Bangladesh.

"For decades after that, the number of Hindu migrants living in India remained high, though it has been declining recently as the generation of Hindus who moved during Partition gradually dies," according to the investigation. The United States is the second-largest destination for Hindu migrants, after India, with 2.6 million individuals residing there. In addition, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia are significant destinations for Hindu migrants. Although they are frequently temporary labourers, many of them renew their work permits on a regular basis. Apart from India, Nepal and Bhutan are the only countries in which Hindus constitute the greatest group of migrants. Nevertheless, these nations have relatively small populations in general and are not among the most popular destinations for Hindu migrants.

Regional Distribution

The Asia-Pacific region continues to be the most significant destination for Hindu migrants, with 44% of them residing there, according to Pew Research. This region is succeeded by the Middle East and North Africa, which are home to 24% of Hindu migrants. North America is the third-largest destination, hosting 22% of the Hindu expatriate population. Conversely, Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa have a negligible number of Hindu migrants, while Europe is home to

approximately 8% of Hindu migrants.

Routes of Migration

The research emphasises numerous prominent migration routes for Hindus. The most frequently travelled route is from India to the United States, with 1.8 million Hindus undertaking this journey. Nearly 1.6 million Hindus have migrated from Bangladesh to India, which is another significant route. Furthermore, there is a significant influx of Hindus from India to the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries, where they comprise half or more of the workforce. Approximately 3 million Hindus reside in this region. The substantial numbers of Hindu migrants and the extensive distances they travel in countries such as the United States and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) indicate that economic opportunities, rather than crises or conflicts, are the primary factors driving Hindu migration.

Developments Since 1990

Since 1990, there has been a change in the migration patterns of Hindus. As per the report, the global number of Hindu migrants increased from 9.1 million in 1990 to 13.5 million in 2020, a 48% increase. It is important to note that this growth rate is slower than the aggregate increase in global migrants, which increased by 83% during the same period.

The regional patterns have undergone a significant transition, with Hindu migrants residing in the APAC region decreasing from 80% in 1990 to less than half by 2020. "The Asia-Pacific region was home to nearly eight out of ten Hindu immigrants in 1990." By 2020, that percentage had decreased to less than half. This transformation is partially due to the fact that a significant number of migrants who relocated during the Partition had passed away by 2020. Three decades prior, approximately four million Hindus who were born in Pakistan or Bangladesh were residing in India. The study suggested that the number had approximately decreased by half by 2020, to 2.1 million. In contrast, the number of Hindu migrants in the Middle East-North Africa region has increased from 0.7 million to 3.3 million as a result of the movement of numerous emigrants to the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries in search of employment. Qatar experienced the highest number of Hindu migrants among the GCC nations, increasing from 1,000 in 1990 to 290,000 in 2020. Conversely, the UAE experienced the most significant increase in Hindu migrants, increasing from 140,000 to 1.1 million during this period.

Concurrently, the number of Indian-born Hindus residing in the United States increased from 0.8 million to 3.0 million during this period.

Similarly, the number of Hindu migrants in Malaysia has increased by 15 times, from 30,000 to 470,000, primarily due to the arrival of migrant workers from Nepal in pursuit of employment. As of 2020, Malaysia was the seventh-largest destination for Hindu migrants.

- SELVAN DURAIRAJ



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INDIANS EXPATS: ITS BETTER TO BE BACK IN INDIA

By WFY Bureau



Why Indians Are Returning to Their Homeland for Better Opportunities and Quality of Life

A post by an Indian guy describing why people are returning to India has gone viral on the internet.

Tyagi cites various explanations for the reverse migration:

1. Improved Career Prospects in India

India's developing economy provides highly trained workers with competitive pay and intriguing employment prospects. While Sweden offers an excellent quality of life, some Indians discover even greater financial opportunities in nations such as the United States, which offers higher income and lower taxes.

2. A feeling of isolation in a foreign land

Many Indians miss the strong social relationships and community life they experienced in India, which might be difficult to reproduce in Sweden. This sensation of solitude had a key role in the decision to return home.

3. Cultural familiarity.

Despite their education and professional experience, many spouses face language challenges and cultural differences when looking for work in Sweden. These obstacles might make integration into Swedish society difficult, prompting many people to feel better at ease

4. Quality of Life

Family is a fundamental aspect of Indian culture. Many people return to India to care for ageing parents and spend more time with extended family. The capacity to maintain a good level of living in India while staying close to family increases overall satisfaction, particularly for children who benefit from bonding with their grandparents.

5. Living Expenses and Weather Conditions

The high expense of living in Sweden, especially in major cities, can be taxing. Many people discover that they can live a similar or better lifestyle in India for a lower cost. Furthermore, the long, dark winters and chilly climate of Sweden might be tough for individuals used to India's pleasant weather, which contributes to the decision to return.

According to the data, between January and June of this year, 2,837 Indian-born people departed Sweden, a 171% rise over the same period previous year. This has resulted in Indians being the largest group of emigrated foreigners by a significant margin, ahead of those born in China, Iraq, and Syria. According to Statistics Sweden, this is the first time in Sweden that there has been a negative net migration of Indians in the first six months of a year since 1998.

Similarly, an IITian couple travels back to India after residing in the United States and reveals ten contrasts between the countries.

Nayrhit, co-founder of Gushwork, and his wife Rishita Das chose to return to India last year after spending some time in the United States. The pair travelled to the United States for higher education after graduating from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur in 2016. Nayrhit currently shares his time between India and the United States, where his company Gushwork is still headquartered, while Rishita is an Assistant Professor of Aerospace Engineering at IISc Bengaluru.

After one year of living in India, they created a thread with ten major insights of the two countries. "To all the Indian 20-40 year olds who are contemplating their move back to India but are filled with uncertainties, this is an honest compilation of 10 differences we observed after our move back here!" Nayrhit posted on X yesterday.

Here is what the couple learnt after relocating back to India.

Domestic aid:

For Nayrhit and Rishita, the first distinction between India and the United States is the convenience and cost of having domestic help in their own country. "While I do worry about the of the cost of labour being cheap, the convenience is undeniable - a 15-20 extra hours each week as working couple is a luxury tough to imagine back in the US," writes the co-founder of Gushwork.



According to Statistics Sweden, for the first time in at least two decades, more Indians are leaving Sweden than entering. Historically, the number of Indian migrants to Sweden has continuously outnumbered those leaving, but this tendency has reversed in the first half of 2024. Ankur Tyagi's post on X clarified why this transition is occurring. Despite Sweden's gorgeous scenery, distinct culture, and fresh experiences, many Indians prefer to return to India.



Traffic:

Traffic in India is not inherently worse than in downtown New York or San Francisco, but it is more unexpected and annoying, according to the pair. They do not see a solution to this challenge in the near future.

Digital convenience:

India is significantly superior in terms of digital convenience, thanks to a slew of rapid commerce systems that can deliver everything from groceries to makeup in 10 minutes.

"Sure, the US has Instacart & DoorDash, but the intra-city logistics here are far superior & efficient," Nayrhit remarked on Twitter.

Personal connections:

The pair sees a significant cultural divide between India and the United States. "Culturally, as an Indian, I found it challenging to make deep connections in the US—beyond coffee meetups, drinks, or the usual work/sports talk," Nayrhit wrote in his post about X.

Digital payments:

India's much-touted digital payments infrastructure outperforms the United States hands down. "Apple Pay and UPI are comparable from user experience standpoint," Nayrhit pointed out. However, the real distinction between the two platforms is that "UPI is free and a part of government infrastructure, whereas in Apple Pay, there is a 2%-7% of transaction volume which flows into private players."

Orderly queues:

The pair misses one thing about the United States: orderly queues. "In India, lines at counters, coffee shops, security checks and QSRs can be really chaotic, sometimes very irritating," they told me.

Food:

Both countries win when it comes to food. "Coming back to Dosas & Biryanis after PB&J & Burgers is a relief. "Though I do miss the variety of cheese, bread, and desserts," Nayrhit added.

Outdoor activities:

For those who enjoy the outdoors, the United States enjoys a clear advantage over India. According to the IITian pair, "if you cannot live without hiking, biking, or visiting beaches, you will not be very happy" in India.

LGBTQ-friendly:

India has a long way to go in terms of LGBTQ acceptance. "Yes, there are hyperurban areas where that is OK. However, mainstream India is still not very welcoming of LGBTQ populations," Nayrhit said, adding that he hopes to see improvement within the next five years.

Job market:

Finally, the pair stated that the work market is competitive in both nations, but for different reasons. You can acquire a work in India, but it is difficult to find a high-paying employment that allows you to have a house and automobile comparable to those in the United States.

- WFY BUREAU



Helpful: Know The Behaviours That Can Destroy A Relationship.

By WFY Bureau

Here are a few behaviour patterns that can ruin a relationship, ranging from ceasing self-care to walking on eggshells.

The partners in a relationship must exert a consistent and equal amount of effort to establish a healthy environment that fosters growth, intimacy, emotions, and comprehension. When a pattern of toxic behaviour is established, it can have a detrimental impact on the relationship, ultimately leading to its dissolution. There are numerous methods to destroy a relationship, including failing to validate the needs of the partner, failing to make healthy adjustments in our behaviour patterns, or allowing traumas and triggers to influence the relationship.

It is important to be aware of these behaviours and to prevent them from becoming regular habits.

No healing:

We are not unfortunate in love; rather, we neglect to adopt the essential healing patterns. As a result, we persist in our pursuit of individuals who do not conform to our habits, which ultimately leads to sorrow.

Blaming:

We may continue to attribute the termination of our previous relationships to our former companions without conducting an introspection and comprehending the roles we played in that relationship.

Ignoring red flags:

During the early stages of a relationship, we may disregard the red flags, the issues, and the toxic behaviour patterns because we become emotionally attached to them and become enamoured with them.

Stopping self-care:

We frequently neglect our own well-being and neglect our relationships with family and friends in favour of fully committing to another individual. This deprives us of our uniqueness.

Failure to establish boundaries:

We are unable to assert our rights when we perceive that something is amiss, as a result of our failure to establish boundaries with our companions.

Walking on eggshells:

Instead of confronting them for their noxious behaviour patterns, we continue to be hyper vigilant about their moods and walk on eggshells around them.

Expect them to comprehend:

Instead of engaging in candid and transparent dialogue, we consistently anticipate that they will comprehend our needs and emotions.

Has your relationship reached its conclusion? Warning signals that should not be disregarded

These are a few indicators that the relationship has reached its conclusion, ranging from a lack of effort to fractured communication.

Occasionally, we may experience a sense that the connection between us and our companion has ceased in a relationship. Although it is possible to repair damage, the conclusion of a relationship can be perceived as inevitable. "Contemplating the end of a relationship or harbouring doubts about it is a challenging and painful experience." I have personally visited the location and am familiar with its characteristics. However, it is not a task that necessitates your isolation or the expenditure of additional time. Together, we can overcome barriers of

uncertainty and apprehension to determine whether it is time to depart and embark on a new journey or whether there are viable alternatives to preserving the relationship.

The following are a few indicators that the relationship has reached its conclusion.

Communication breakdown: We attempt to avoid discussing an issue altogether when we are aware that it will result in another conflict. This can be extremely distressing as arguments and disagreements continue to accumulate.

Weak connection: As humans, we are predisposed to satisfy our requirements. We seek to satisfy our requirements outside of the relationship when we perceive that the connection with our partner has deteriorated. This further results in increased intimacy and connections outside of the relationship, rather than with the companion.

Low or no effort: When the situation deteriorates, we cease to exert effort to preserve the relationship. This exacerbates the distance between us and gradually leads to the termination of our relationship.

Hostage situation: Occasionally, we may experience feelings of being ensnared in a relationship, whether due to circumstances, remorse, or the apprehension of not being able to find love elsewhere. A relationship should not be perceived as a captive situation or a trap. Rather, we should maintain our uniqueness and our priorities, while simultaneously validating the needs and expectations of the partner.

- WFY BUREAU





How To Find The Perfect Fit? Know The Truth

Unlock Compatibility And Chemistry In Relationships: All You Need To Know- PART 3

By Ridhima Kapoor



Spoiler alert: you will not.

You will never, ever, discover an individual who has a perfect chemistry and compatibility with you, no matter how much you search.

A person whose life priorities are perfectly aligned with yours may still engage in entirely different leisure activities. You may experience a sense of awe whenever your companion smiles at you, but you may become irritated by the peculiar sound they make when they breathe.

There is no such thing as 100% compatibility and rapport. You would be engaging in a romantic relationship with yourself. Even then, you will experience a negative experience.

Have you recently had the opportunity to spend time alone?

The objective is to achieve a level of compatibility and chemistry that is between 70 and 80%. Is there a method to quantify this? However, that appears to be approximately accurate to me. This is sufficient to establish a partnership that is founded on mutual respect, to develop a deeper love with each passing day, and to endure the challenges that arise when love appears to be insufficient.

And the filthy little secret is that you do not want the remaining 20-30%. The essence of a relationship is the ability to address those "flaws" and overcome minor irritations, which is what makes it feel meaningful and rewarding. Therefore, it is time to cease your pursuit of "the one." Stop fantasising about an individual who completes all of your sentences and performs all of the tasks you specify in the manner that you desire.

They are nonexistent. That is not a relationship; it is a lavish fantasy existence.



Be Aware Of Your Desires

In order to confidently navigate the dating landscape, it is necessary to comprehend the concepts of compatibility and chemistry. It is crucial to develop a cognitive understanding of these emotional indicators of compatibility and chemistry in order to ultimately appreciate your time with an exceptional partner—and I do not merely mean enjoying sex; I mean truly, genuinely enjoying your time together.

The most critical factor is comprehending your desires—what personality characteristics are compatible with you, and what attracts you? The initial inquiry you should pose to yourself is, "What do I desire?" And then you should probably ask yourself a few more queries.

It is imperative that you are aware of your preferences and desires in a partner. For example, whether or not you desire children or if you have a strong affinity for Hunks. Those responses are significant. If you are uncertain, it is imperative that you accumulate sufficient experience until you are certain.

I discovered that I was unable to date males who were not exceptionally intelligent during my dating years. I could only sustain 2-3 dates with a man of average intellect or lower, and that was typically due to the fact that I was able to submerge my entire face in alcohol. It was inevitable that we would separate ways, as a long-term relationship with these men would have required me to adopt alcoholism as a hobby. I also discovered that I do not collaborate well with males who are particularly religious or who hold socially conservative values. It is simply not my cup of tea.

I discovered that I am attracted to individuals who are ambitious and driven. Their personalities are in harmony with mine in a manner that is both distinctive and comforting for us. I have also discovered that my personality is well-suited to males who are slightly neurotic, as I am generally too laid-back for my own good. I am attracted to males who are generous and compassionate and who share my appreciation for a dark, sarcastic wit. During my dating years, I frequently encountered professors, physicians, artists, volunteer workers, and others on multiple dates, which occasionally evolved into a serious relationship.

These men clicks for me. Who clicks for you?

- RIDHIMA KAPOOR





By
Tushar Unadkat

From Dream to Dilemma: The Struggle of Indian Immigrants in Canada's Shifting Landscape

Canada, a nation lauded for its multiculturalism and the promise of a better life, has long been a beacon for immigrants worldwide, mainly from India. Yet, as the realities of a changing economic and political landscape set in, the dreams of many Indian immigrants are increasingly being put to the test. The vibrant Indian community, which forms the backbone of new permanent residents in Canada, now finds itself at a crossroads, grappling with economic hardships, safety concerns, and an increasingly challenging job market. This unfolding situation prompts a critical reflection on the promises of immigration and the harsh realities that often follow.

Economic Struggles

Indian immigrants, the largest group of newcomers to Canada, face significant financial challenges. The unemployment rate for recent immigrants has soared to a decade-high of 12.6%, disproportionately affecting Indians, who comprise nearly 30% of new permanent residents. For instance, many Indian immigrants, despite their qualifications and experience, are forced to take up low-paying jobs or jobs that are not in their field of expertise. This is a stark contrast to the promises of a better life that Canada holds. Despite these hurdles, the Indian diaspora persevered, showcasing remarkable resilience. However, Canada's economic landscape, marked by high interest rates and rapid population growth, is outpacing job creation, making it increasingly difficult for new immigrants to find stable employment ([India Today](#)).

Safety Concerns

Heightened diplomatic tensions between India and Canada have exacerbated safety concerns within the Indian community. The Indian government has issued travel advisories, and anxieties about personal safety have grown among the diaspora. While Canadian authorities ensure the country remains safe, the strained relationship between the two nations adds an extra layer of uncertainty for Indian immigrants ([CIC News](#)).

Citizenship and Integration

Despite these challenges, many Indian immigrants are making significant strides toward Canadian citizenship. In 2022, over 59,000 Indian permanent residents became Canadian citizens, a clear indication of the ongoing integration efforts. This transition represents a beacon of hope for the future, even as the community navigates economic and social challenges ([New Canadian Media](#)).

Youth and Student Challenges

The situation is particularly tough for Indian students in Canada, who make up a significant portion of the international student body. With youth unemployment at 13.6%, many graduates face a daunting job market. The high unemployment rates have led to a decline in the number of Indian students applying to Canadian institutions, underscoring the real impact of the current situation on the future of education and employment prospects for these young individuals ([India Today](#)).

Impact on Confidence and Future Prospects

The challenges facing Indian students in Canada are eroding their confidence in the country's ability to offer a secure and prosperous future. Concerns about job market uncertainty, the decreasing value of education, difficulties in social and economic integration, and ongoing safety and diplomatic tensions all contribute to a growing disillusionment. These factors make students question the viability of their long-term plans in Canada ([CIC News](#)) ([India Today](#)).

The Road Ahead

Looking forward, the forecast for Indian immigrants in Canada remains challenging. Economic pressures will likely persist, with the job market expected to stay tight for recent immigrants. Political tensions between India and Canada may further complicate the situation, potentially making the environment less welcoming for newcomers. However, ongoing efforts to integrate immigrants and improve their economic standing could offer some relief. These efforts include language and job training programs, community support initiatives, and advocacy for policy changes. The effectiveness of these programs will be crucial in shaping the future of Indian immigrants and students in Canada ([New Canadian Media](#)) ([India Today](#)).

In summary, while Canada remains committed to immigration, the immediate future for Indian immigrants is fraught with challenges. The community's resilience and the country's ability to improve job opportunities and integration policies will determine whether the dream of a better life in Canada can be realized or remains an elusive ideal.

- TUSHAR UNADKAT



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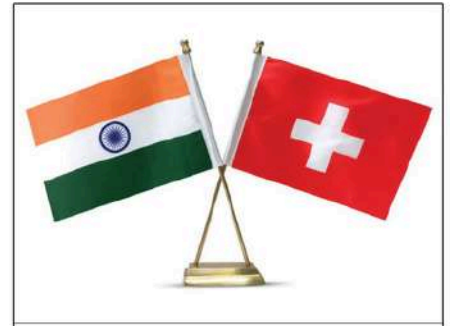


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How To Be A Millionaire? Its Common Sense Not MBA

By WFY Bureau

The secret of a tenth pass Gujarati Man Achieving Millionaire Status in the United States is just "Common Sense, Not an MBA"

An X user named Sunil recounted the tale of his Gujarati acquaintance, who immigrated to the United States, established a Gujarati restaurant, and became a millionaire.

The American billionaire and PayPal founder, Peter Thiel, once famously declared that restaurants were the worst enterprises to invest in. According to Thiel, restaurants are an unattractive investment due to their slow growth, cutthroat competition, and poor wages.

However, for at least one Indian immigrant, the decision to establish a restaurant in the United States was a life-altering one that resulted in his becoming a millionaire. *The proprietor of an Indian establishment in the United States achieved substantial financial success.*

While recounting the success story of his friend, who achieved entrepreneurial success despite only studying until the 10th grade, Sunil was comically rueful about his own master's degree and habit of listening to podcasts.



Sunil

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Advantage of being a Gujarati:

Met a Patel friend who runs a restaurant in New Jersey.

He was in his late 40s and 10th pass. I am engineer with masters degree who listens to podcasts. 🤔

I told him that Peter Thiel said that worst business one can do is open a restaurant. Very high failure rate and customers are very unpredictable.

When I mentioned Peter thiel's name, he raised his eyebrows to think. Obviously, he doesn't know who Peter Thiel is.

He said opening a restaurant is sure short way to be millionaire for him.

He himself has 50 families who are his relatives that live in New Jersey who will come to his restaurant for a good Gujarati food. If salt is less, they will not stop coming. They will simply tell him to add more salt.

A lot of Gujaratis from New York and Pennsylvania hire tourist bus when they have to go to visit swaminarayan temple in Robinsville. In the way to Robinsville, they make a stop at his restaurant to eat delicious Gujarati thali. That's 50-75 people per bus.

All he has to do is open restaurant in morning, cook dal Chawal sabzi roti, dhokla, tea for 10 years and he is a millionaire.

That's 10th pass immigrant for you. No MBA, no listening to podcast. Just common sense, intuition and ability to take calculated risk.

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Sunil wrote on X, "I am a master's degree-holding engineer who enjoys listening to podcasts. Recently I met my friend Patel who operates a restaurant in New Jersey. He is in his late 40s and had only studied till tenth."

"I informed him that Peter Thiel had stated that the most detrimental business venture is to establish a restaurant." The failure rate is extremely high, and consumers are highly unpredictable. "He raised his eyebrows to contemplate when I mentioned Peter Thiel's name." It is evident that he is unaware of Peter Thiel's identity.

This is a success tale of an immigrant. Sunil elaborated, "He believed that establishing a restaurant was a quick and easy path to becoming a millionaire." Patel told Sunil that he has a minimum of 50 families who are consistent customers. The Gujarati entrepreneur refuted Thiel's assertion that restaurant customers are unpredictable, stating that if his cuisine is deficient in salt on a particular day, his customers will request additional salt. This may not be a deterrent factor for his patrons to stop coming to his restaurant.

Patel also explained the benefits of a prime location in the restaurant industry. His own establishment is situated in a strategic location on the route to a well-known temple in the Robinsville municipality of New Jersey.

"A significant number of Gujaratis from New York and Pennsylvania utilise tourist buses to travel to the Swaminarayan Temple in Robinsville." While travelling to Robinsville, they pause at his restaurant to indulge in a delectable Gujarati thali. Sunil elaborated, "That equates to 50-75 passengers per bus."

He clarified that his friend simply needs to rise up every morning, prepare dal, chawal, roti, sabzi, and dhokla, and in ten years, he will be a millionaire.

"That is your tenth pass." Sunil concluded, "Common sense, intuition, and the capacity to take calculated risks are all that is required."

His post has garnered more than three lakh views on X, indicating that it has gone viral. "The majority of educated individuals are ensnared in analysis paralysis, anticipating the ideal beginning." Ram Joshi, an X user, stated, "Success will ensue if we concentrate on the fundamentals and persist in our efforts."

Positively. A friend who, following his termination from a software developer position at a broking firm, established enterprises such as public laundrettes and small stores. Another individual stated that he had earned more money than he had previously.

- WFY BUREAU



FROM THE KITCHENS OF INDIA

SINGHADE KI SABZI



Singhade Ki Sabzi: Better Recipes Of The Indian Kitchens

Two things are associated with the monsoons: the first is a refreshing respite, while the second is the potential for acquiring a cold. Consequently, food preparations during this period are meticulously selected to be nutritious and provide the body with an additional lift in its ability to combat infections.

One such preparation is Delhi's singhade ki sabzi, which is made with besan, aamchur (dried mango flour), cumin, turmeric, and singhade (water chestnuts). It is vitality on a plate. The body's defences against the harsh weather are strengthened by the combination of constituents.

INGREDIENTS

- Water Chestnut - 400 gms
- Tomatoes - 2 (100 gms)
- Ginger - ½ inch Baton
- Green chilli - 2
- Mustard Oil - 2 tbsp
- Green Coriander - 2 to 3 tbsp (finely chopped)
- Asafoetida - ½ pinch
- Cumin Seeds - ½ tsp
- Turmeric Powder - ½ tsp
- Coriander Powder - 1 Tsp
- Red chilli powder - ½ tsp
- Garam Masala - less than ¼ tsp
- Salt - ¾ tsp
- Chickpea Flour - 1 tbsp



HOW TO MAKE SINGHARA CURRY (WATER CHESTNUT)

For boiling Singhara

- Take 400 gms of Singhara after washing and drying them.
- For the boiling process, add them in the pressure cooker along with 1 cup of water.
- Turn on the flame, close lid of the cooker and boil until the first whistle arrive.
- Turn the flame to low after the first whistle and leave them to cook for more 2 minutes.
- Switch off the flame after 3 minutes and wait until its pressure releases.
- Drain the boiled Singharas out of the cooker and let them cool down.
- After cooling, peel the boiled Singharas using a knife.

For the Curry

- Preheat 2 tbsp of Mustard Oil, add ½ tsp of Cumin Seeds on the low flame and roast it.
- Add ½ pinch of Asafoetida, ½ tsp of Turmeric Powder, 1 tsp of Coriander Powder and saute the spices.
- Prepare a paste of Tomatoes, Green Chillies and Ginger.
- Add the paste in the sauteed spices along with ½ tsp of Red chilli powder and cook while stirring it on the medium flame.
- Roast the spices until Oil separates from it.
- Take a tempering pan and add 1-2 tbsp of Oil in it, add 1 tbsp of chickpea flour in it and roast while continuously stirring it until its colour changes.
- Add the roasted chickpea flour in the masala mixture.
- Add the Boiled Singharas in the masala mixture along with ½ tsp of Salt, less than ¼ tsp of Garam Masala, 2 to 3 tbsp of finely chopped Green coriander and roast while continuously stirring them for 2 minutes.
- Add ½ / 1 cup of water in it and cook while covering it for 5 minutes on the low flame.
- The Singhara curry is ready to be served
- Garnish it with finely chopped Green Coriander.

Serving:

- You can serve it with Chappati, Paratha, Naan or Rice.
- This amount of the curry is enough for the 3-4 members of a family.



MANTLE OF EARTH

By Rema Pisharody

Like mist there covered a layer
 A layer that of concealment
 Of all the miseries of this world
 In one frame of truth
 Pinned against a wall that of unknown elements,
 A castle of pretence empties its shadows
 Much familiar now its hidden shades
 Rain that devastated a hamlet in seconds
 What remained is nothing but shattered crest
 Built on sand to impress the outer conclave
 A layer of salt or sugar in white
 A journey to know the destination
 In a way the soil opaque untied
 The heavy mantle like a conqueror
 Gasping for breath many said goodbyes
 Not knowing of the last dream
 For a while a book that of life
 Floated and then drowned
 Heavy the load that of life
 To lift up from the rapids
 Of a wild overflowing river of monsoon
 Memory short for the superficial waves
 Which tosses whatever comes across on the surface
 Wind knows not when to begin the bass
 It is all crushed from ground to the edge
 From the pavilion of hope and despair
 Heard a sacred prayer of the conscience
 A sanctum built not in bricks and sand,
 A prayer room that of truth
 Non-collapsible
 Until last breath!



- REMA PISHARODY



Let us not buy many new things in haste,
Recycle, reuse are alternatives to waste,
By doing this a lot of energy we save,
And reduce emissions of global climate change.

Rather than always buying new goods,
Why don't we look for great substitutes?
That way we can limit the raw resources,
And in a way preserve our natural assets.

It is now the time to show our cleverness,
Since our opportunities are quite measureless,
Let us be advocates of environmental causes,
And look at chances to make our lives
harmless.

Paper, plastic, clothes, whatever you choose,
Or even old furniture we should not refuse,
I guess many things can be recycled for use,
A sustainable environment should be our Muse.

Being eco-friendly should be our main goal,
So let us all together play an important role,
Make a beautiful planet without the black hole,
'Cause that is what is going to uplift our soul.

Let us not buy many new things in haste,
Recycle, reuse are alternatives to waste,
By doing this a lot of energy we save,
And reduce emissions of global climate change.

Found this interesting line somewhere:
TAKE THE 'F' OUT OF 'REFUSE' TO SAVE OUR PLANET.

Come, let us help sustain the environment for future generations !

The Recycle, Reuse Mantra



By Sudha Mukhopadhyay



The New Boring Ways To Be More Creative



By Kavya Patel

By its very nature, creativity is the antithesis of dullness. When something is creative, it has the power to evoke surprise or excitement within us, reshaping our perception of reality in ways we never thought possible.

Creative individuals are far from dull. Creative work is anything but dull. Therefore, we can conclude that the key to achieving creative success is to avoid being dull. Indeed, the world's creative geniuses are far from being labelled as "boring." And indeed, their work is far from ordinary.

However, I have a different perspective on this. I'm going to argue that the process of creativity can be rather mundane. And, because it is mundane, creativity itself can be replicated. It's a skill that anyone can develop and excel in, including you and me.

Because even though the person and the work may be far from dull, history and science have shown us that the process that leads to great work can be quite mundane. *And that's great news for us.*

What is the true essence of being "creative"?

Creativity is a delicate balance between freshness and significance. In order for something to have a creative feel, it needs to be fresh and have practical value.

While many of us believe that creativity involves producing something truly one-of-a-kind, the reality is that most creative endeavours are not entirely original. Actually, a lot of what we perceive as "new" is just a result of taking existing things and combining them in unique or surprising ways.

Take a look at how the chord progression of Johann Pachelbel's "Canon in D" has been given a modern twist with the use of contemporary instruments. This has resulted in numerous popular songs being created in recent years.

Many innovative films or books build upon established plot-points of their genre and introduce fresh twists or unexpected dynamics. One of the factors contributing to the immense success of the show *Breaking Bad* was its ability to transform a common narrative about the drug trade by featuring a relatable middle-class white protagonist, which resonated with many Americans. Just by swapping out this one element, a completely fresh and unique story emerged.

Experts refer to this as "divergent thinking," which is a key factor in determining one's level of creativity. It is also a valuable skill to acquire if you wish to enhance your creative abilities. Instead of pondering on how to generate something entirely new, ask yourself, "How can I transform something familiar into a fresh experience?" Creative work is not simply deemed creative because it is "new". Its creativity lies in its ability to contribute value to the world. When it comes to things that provide value but lack originality, they are often seen as imitations of existing ideas or individuals. Consider the films that Hollywood rehashes repeatedly—you still willingly attend screenings, despite being aware of their lack of creativity or originality.

On the other hand, things that are new and don't provide any benefit, we perceive as unrefined, lacking in taste, and immature. Mastering the perfect balance between freshness and worth can be quite challenging. It takes a great deal of experimentation. Receiving input from others is necessary. Understanding your audience and their values is essential. It takes a lot of dedication and hard work to truly master your craft.

And this is where the diligent effort of fostering creativity begins. Amidst the brilliance of symphonies and cutting-edge tech gadgets, there exists a multitude of ideas that have fallen short of success. Behind every successful song, there are likely several albums that have gone unnoticed by the masses. Throughout the course of scientific progress, countless theories have been disproven, overshadowing the few groundbreaking discoveries.

Creativity requires dedication and effort. And just like any other challenging endeavour, achieving optimal creativity necessitates a certain level of routine and repetition.

And that is why creativity can be quite dull.

As it happens, creativity is a skill. And just like any skill, with practice, you can improve. Understanding the mechanics of creativity can actually be quite beneficial.

1. Emphasize the importance of consistent effort, rather than relying on occasional bursts of motivation.

Charles Darwin's theory of natural selection, published over 160 years ago, remains one of the most groundbreaking ideas in the history of science. However, Darwin did not experience a sudden realisation about natural selection. He didn't have a sudden moment of realisation.

It's quite mundane, really: Darwin dedicated countless years to meticulously studying a vast array of plant and animal species across numerous continents. He diligently documented his observations, capturing them through detailed notes, intricate sketches, and immersive conversations with both locals and fellow scientists. These experiences were then meticulously recorded in his journal, preserving a vivid account of his encounters.

He developed the theory of natural selection gradually through years of dedicated study. And even after he had a well-developed theory, he took his time to carefully consider it. He reached out to other scientists to gather their input. Then he dedicated himself to publishing his theory, investing countless years in writing his most renowned work, *On the Origin of Species*.

Altogether, Darwin dedicated more than two decades of his life to formulating the concept of natural selection. Afterward, numerous individuals tried to credit natural selection to Darwin's brilliance. But this bothered the seasoned scientist. After devoting his entire adult life to gathering data from obscure sources and attempting to decipher its meaning, he found himself facing sceptics who questioned the validity of his theory. He consistently highlighted the level of effort invested in his new theory. Many of the creative greats seem to embrace an attitude of "shut up and get to work." Stephen

King's approach to achieving literary success, as he describes it, involves the consistent practice of writing 3,000 words every day, regardless of the quality, and subsequently discarding the majority of it.

Prior to achieving fame, The Beatles performed for several hours each night, consistently, for nearly two years as an undiscovered pub band in German nightclubs. Lennon and McCartney later credited their remarkable productivity and rapid ascent to stardom to this intensive period of practice and live shows. The Beatles would go on to release thirteen studio albums in the span of eight years, and each one of them achieved platinum status.

The notion that creativity arises from a sudden burst of inspiration is a fallacy. True inspiration often strikes while we are in the midst of our work, rather than before we even begin. According to the renowned portrait artist Chuck Close: "Inspiration is for beginners. The rest of us simply arrive and start working. Every brilliant idea I've ever had blossomed from the work itself."

Creative individuals don't wait for the perfect moment to be creative—they actively dedicate time to nurture their creativity.

It's not surprising that when examining the creative geniuses of history, a clear commonality emerges: their exceptional work ethic and dedication surpass that of most individuals. There is a strong connection between the level of creativity someone exhibits and the uniqueness of their work.

- Both Mozart and Beethoven have an extensive repertoire, with each of them composing over 600 pieces of music. Many of their peers only wrote less than 100 in their lifetimes.
- Picasso created an extensive body of work that continues to challenge art scholars to this day. It is believed that he produced an impressive number of 50,000 art pieces throughout his lifetime. Many other professional artists only created a limited number of works, usually ranging from a few hundred to a couple thousand.
- Mark Twain was an incredibly prolific writer, penning 22 novels, numerous short stories, a multitude of nonfiction books filled with essays, memoirs, and satire, as well as a collection of poetry and an autobiography. Overall, Twain managed to publish nearly eighty books within a span of less than fifty years, which is an impressive feat for any author.
- Research indicates that Nobel prize winners are significantly more productive than their peers in similar fields.

Twain was incredibly productive, to the point where he is often attributed with saying just about everything.

It appears that the key to the success of the creative "greats" throughout history lies not so much in their creative brilliance, but rather in their exceptional work ethic. To use a basketball analogy, these individuals achieved the highest scores by taking the most shots, rather than relying on sheer luck. History and human memory tend to focus on the remarkable and overlook the rest. It's easy to assume that



individuals such as Twain or Picasso effortlessly created a few exceptional works, but the truth is that they dedicated decades of hard work to their craft, resulting in a small collection of *revered classics*. Or, as Einstein once said, *"It's not that I possess great intelligence, I simply dedicate more time to pondering the problems."*

2. Engage in everyday activities

People with exceptional creativity are often portrayed as unconventional and unique individuals. And indeed, at times they are.

However, typically, they are not.

Ernest Hemingway has gained immense popularity as an American author over the past century. His writing style has been admired and imitated by a wide range of people, including high school English teachers, aspiring novelists, and advertising copywriters. People often imagine Hemingway typing away on a typewriter in a dimly lit bungalow in Cuba during the late hours of the night, accompanied by a bottle of rum. And although that may have been his focus in his later years, the majority of his life was rather ordinary.

Hemingway enjoyed emphasising his image as a tough, rugged, lion-hunting, womanising tormented artist. However, it became evident that he primarily struggled with alcoholism, which greatly impacted his well-being.

He gained experience as a newspaper reporter in Kansas City before embarking on a journey to the Italian front during World War I as an ambulance driver. Following the war, he embarked on a career as a foreign correspondent for various news publications, which provided him with financial stability as he pursued his passion for writing. During this time, he produced some of his most renowned works.

In other words, the individual held a regular job for the majority of their writing career. This is a widely underestimated phenomenon. Salman Rushdie had a successful career as a copywriter for a prominent New York ad agency, crafting memorable campaigns for the industry while pursuing his passion for writing novels during his free time.

Andy Warhol had experience working in the advertising department of a magazine and also worked as a designer for a shoe manufacturer. It was during these jobs that he explored various techniques that would later become the hallmark of his renowned design style. Many people on the internet argue that mundane, secure jobs stifle one's creativity. However, for many individuals, the mundane corporate lifestyle provided a means to support themselves financially while also developing their skills and passions.

3. Embrace boredom, rather than getting easily distracted.

Perhaps one of the most unexciting methods to become less mundane and more imaginative is... embracing boredom. Fixated on the empty canvas instead of being captivated by your device. Choosing to spend time in front of the canvas instead of the TV. Coding apps when you'd rather enjoy a meal at Outback Steakhouse.

Who needs to worry about work when you can indulge in delicious Bloomin' Onions?

According to Plato, boredom is the catalyst for all innovation. Our minds become more imaginative as a way to navigate the inherent anxieties of our own existence.

When you find yourself with free time and no plans, you come to the realisation that you have the power to shape your life in that very moment. And as inspiring as that idea might appear, it's also quite intimidating.

Should I venture into uncharted territory? Something that could potentially provide assistance, although the outcome is uncertain? Something I might excel in...or struggle with? What am I supposed to do in this situation? Oh my goodness, please make it stop. Where could my phone be?

Modern society, with its abundance of captivating gadgets and indulgent treats, has become adept at diverting our attention from feelings of monotony and unease. However, in the appropriate setting, it is the very same sense of boredom and anxiety that drives creative individuals. Instead of avoiding the existential dread that boredom brings, they harness it to produce something meaningful. When embraced and confronted head-on, anxiety can actually serve as a powerful source of inspiration. There is no distinction between finding inspiration and eliminating distractions. They are essentially synonymous.

4. Seek inspiration from the most innovative individuals in your industry and learn from their methods.

Many individuals aspire to create something so extraordinary and unprecedented that it captivates the attention of others, leaving them in awe. They are highly driven by the desire to create something unique and exceptional, whether it's a song, design, product, or anything else. They patiently wait for that one idea that will distinguish them from everyone else. ...and they end up wasting so much time without taking any action.

Picasso once famously remarked, "Good artists borrow, great artists steal." His words reflect the notion that true originality is rare, and great artists recognise this truth. They recognise that creativity is not about inventing something new, but rather about reinventing oneself.

Studies indicate that the initial step towards fostering creativity involves fully engaging in the field of your interest. This entails dedicating ample time to thorough study and learning. Before incorporating something new and valuable into any project, it is important to have a clear understanding of the existing work and strive to reach a level of proficiency that allows for successful emulation, if not improvement.

Artists often engage in this practice when they study and perform songs by other musicians. Writers often engage in the practice of reading books by other authors in order to gain inspiration and improve their own writing style. Painters often strive to imitate the style of their favourite artist. Entrepreneurs often employ this strategy of emulating a proven business model and making subtle adjustments.

This sets the groundwork for the remainder of the creative process, offering a wealth of knowledge and expertise in the various aspects of the field that can be combined to generate fresh and innovative work. Embracing your chosen field and actively pushing its boundaries is essential for fostering creativity.

It was not Steve Jobs who invented the personal computer. He wasn't the one who came up with the mouse or graphical interfaces. He wasn't the one who came up with the idea for MP3 players

or smartphones. He wasn't the one who came up with the idea of tablets, laptops, or wearables. He didn't create anything.

He simply excelled at doing things that were already established.

Discover individuals whom you admire and begin to model their behaviour. Seek employment or an apprenticeship under the guidance of a seasoned professional. Follow their instructions diligently and go above and beyond to take initiative on your own.

You can't create your own style or voice out of thin air. You can develop your own style and voice by first understanding someone else's and then finding ways to differentiate yourself from it.

5. Approach ideas with a strategic mindset: invest wisely and reap the rewards.

The investing world is often perceived as lacking in creativity. Stocks, bonds, interest rates, taxes, quarterly reports, annual reports, annuities, financial planners, inflation adjustments... It's enough to make anyone feel a bit drowsy.

All of that might seem uninteresting to the point where you feel a lack of motivation, but the fundamental principle of investing—purchasing at a low price and selling at a high price—can actually provide insights into creativity.

Clearly, when making a financial investment, the aim is to purchase it at the lowest possible price and sell it at the highest possible price, thereby profiting from the difference.

In order to achieve this, experienced investors often seek out investment opportunities where there is a discrepancy between the business's potential and how it is perceived by the public. They aim to acquire undervalued companies and sell them once the market's perception aligns with their true value.

Art and undervalued stocks have a surprising amount in common. Initially, when people are introduced to a new idea, many dismiss it as absurd, outrageous, unnecessary, or simply foolish. Here is where the artist acquires the idea at a low value, then transforms and presents it as something of higher value that the world can understand and appreciate.

Indie punk was a lesser-known sub-genre that gained popularity when Kurt Cobain brought it into the mainstream with his grunge rock sound. Personal computers were once viewed as costly and impractical, until Bill Gates developed user-friendly software that made them accessible and valuable to all.

Gain a deep understanding of your market. Develop the ability to recognise overlooked ideas and assets. Master the art of transforming ideas into something that brings joy and value to others.

Here you go. That's pure creativity.



- KAVYA PATEL



Cloud images



By Dr. Premraj K K

My mother had told me not to go out of the house. I don't have to go out to see what I like. If I sit on this balcony I can see the whole sky.

That sight is my sky. Look.. what a beauty to see.

Mother will go to the office early in the morning. Uma aunty will come only by nine o'clock. If I am showered and ready by the time they arrive, she will take me to the nursery.

Grandfather and grandmother are in the native place. They come frequently. If they come, it's a celebration. Its details will be given later.

Do you know why I look at the sky?

Do you know why I am looking at the sky always? Because, my father is drawing those clouds. You are children and know nothing. So I'll say it. This is what my mother told me.

My mother knows everything.

A small album can be seen on the table. It is full of photos of everyone in this house. Father in air force uniform .. I went on tour when I was a child

At the time, when he went to visit Mysore Vrindavan garden, and the birthday photo of Uma aunty's baby. Uma aunty's baby was very small then. Simply keep be crying.

Here is one of my father's uniforms. One of them is placed in the glass shelf. There is a hat, belt and some badges. A small national flag on top of those items.. On this last Independence Day, some people came home. All of them had placed flowers in a plate which placed next to glass shelf. They also sang the national anthem. I got some chocolates.

Since two years, my father did not come home. Whenever I asked my mother, she said that my father has bought another house and is staying there. That house is in those visible clouds. It's just that my father doesn't come here.. That my father was there watching us all. It is still switched off when the phone rings. But my mother calls me and tells me all the information.

My father even calls my mother's office. It is said that only land-line will work there.

I wonder, how did the phone get into those moving clouds?

That day, that very day.. I don't remember the date.. My father gave me some milk.. That too in the morning. I hadn't even brushed my teeth. I left saying that I will see you after two days. Something.. They said two days or two years.. I think I was in a state of sleep. I didn't understand properly.. That's why I have no squabble with my father. Will come anytime.

Every day they say, Oh my god.. come today..

Mother used to say.. Whatever you want, you should tell Our God. I don't need to go to any pooja room to tell Lord Krishna. I can tell him where ever I am. Let me disclose a truth, Bhagavan has given me everything I asked for.. Let it be.. let it be a few more days, I will have to ask about my father.

I drew these clouds.. on fine white paper... that too on a large paper. But I could not draw my father's house in it.. Do you know why? I have never seen that house.. but I drew my father in it. And a beautiful plane. Didn't I say earlier, the photos of Dad in uniform, many of the photos are with the plane.

When my father showed me the clouds, he would give them names. I couldn't pronounce those names, because those names are in different languages and it has great meanings.

My father knew many languages, that's why he is naming those planes in difference languages.

Even my classmates used to speak many languages. I used to get surprised. I know Kannada very well, Malayalam also. But in school we speak only in English. My mother used to watch only Hindi channels on TV, but my grandparents watch only Malayalam channels.

It is not easy to draw the shape of the clouds.. because behind a cloud there will be another small cloud hiding. Like I hide behind my mother when someone comes home. They are obtuse clouds.. They are good at hiding. Oh, I can't hide that long. I feel shortness of breath. They used to keep changing their shapes, before completing drawing a cloud they will take another shape.

I am bewildered, where will these clouds go at night.. They might be just floating around. But you know what the problem is in the rainy season?.. then big black clouds will cover my father's cloud.. just black clouds everywhere.. that too big thick clouds. Some small cloud fragments can also be seen running and joining the larger clouds. Even I don't run to my mother like that.. timorous..

There is this lightning, which is shot by my father. When someone tries to come to my house without permission, my father will see from there and shoot him immediately.

My grandfather is very clever. Who else can push the clouds with his walking stick! Grandpa doesn't use that stick for walking.. He use it only for controlling the clouds. It's a fact. The stick was given to my grandfather when he retired from service. He used to sit on the balcony and point the clouds in the sky with that stick. Then give a kick and then move. The clouds that follow will also move along. And nothing can be seen... just a blue cloud.

Grandfather is naughty. He is most mischievous person on earth.. Sometimes my grandmother

also join with him. He will smoke a cigar thinking I am not watching him. By sensing the smell of the cigar I will make out it is by grandfather. Then he explain me that he is producing clouds. I also felt that it was right. That's how I realized the science of forming fine white clouds.

Even I noticed he used to pour water on a class where it contains some yellow liquid, and gulp. He explained me that, produce fine white clouds fuel is required.

Mother did not go to work, used to be with me always. After my father gave me a kiss that day, she started going to work after a few days. Dad telephones mom at her office. If the mother is not at office, then to whom he will tell the day to day affairs? He used to make calls regularly, but why he is not calling me on our residence number! I will have to ask its reason to mother, so I made list of questions that I have to ask mother in my school note book. Also I have written the topics to discuss with him. I used to keep that book always with me, because I don't know when a question will arise in my mind.

Grandfather says that the baby clouds are very brave.. because they fly alone like that without father cloud or mother cloud.. They have no fear.

Grandfather: " 'Rayu' Mon. You should also fly like that... without fear."

Oh, Yes. Grandfather will call me like that.. Raju will be called "Rayu", he used to call me such a way in the evenings. While grandfather was making clouds...

Yes.. I also think that I should go to those cloud fragments to my father's house. I can fly around there. And I can see everything from above.. I don't know if my mother will allow me. Any way I will go to my father one day.

-DR. PREMRAJ K K



Examining the federal government's spending.

Have you ever wondered where all of your taxes end up? It is difficult to determine how all of your tax money are distributed, but there is a simple approach to figure out what is going where. **Let's look at it.**

Creating something fascinating.

The United States Bureau of Fiscal Service gives precise statistics on how your tax dollars are utilised, and Visual Capitalist has transformed the data from the fiscal year that ended September 2023 into something entertaining.

See exactly where each dollar goes.

Visual Capitalist is a visual and graphics information website that broke down how much of a single US dollar was spent on various federal programs, indicating where your federal tax dollars are going.

There are some surprises.

What may surprise you about the figures is that Social Security was the top line item in federal spending. 22% of all federal taxes are spent on Social Security rather than defence spending, which is a more headline-grabbing line item.

What is going on with military spending?

Interestingly, military spending was just the fourth-largest expense for the federal government, accounting for 13% of total spending. Prior to National Defence, Medicare and Health spending were at the top of the charts.

Other fascinating surprises.

However, there are a few more essential line items that are highly expensive and may surprise. Let's look at the top ten federal government expenses to help you understand where your tax dollars are going.

1. Social Security.

\$0.22 is the amount paid out of every \$1 tax dollar.

2. Health.

\$0.14 is the amount paid out of every \$1 tax dollar.

3. Medicare.

\$0.14 is the amount paid out of every \$1 tax dollar.

4. National Defense.

\$0.13 is the amount paid out of every \$1 tax dollar.

5. Income Insecurity.

\$0.13 is the amount paid out of every \$1 tax dollar.

6. Net Interest Payments.

\$0.11 is the amount paid out of every \$1 tax dollar.

7. Veterans' Benefits & Services.

\$0.05 is the amount paid out of every \$1 tax dollar.

8. Transportation.

\$0.02 is the amount paid out of every \$1 tax dollar.

9. Commerce.

\$0.02 is the amount paid out of every \$1 tax dollar.

10. Other.

\$0.04 is the amount paid out of every \$1 tax dollar.

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How Is 1 US Dollar Now Divided While Paying Taxes?



The Secrets Of The Richest Asian Village In The World

By WFY Bureau

Madhapur: The Secret Wealth Hub of Gujarat

Gujarat is a highly sought-after business destination in India. It has given birth to some of the leading industrialists in the nation. However, the wealth isn't limited to urban areas. Kachchh's Madhapur is regarded as the "richest village in all of Asia," with equally impressive levels of economic wealth.

With 17 banks, ₹7,000 crore in fixed deposits, and state-of-the-art infrastructure, Madhapur, Gujarat, is Asia's richest village, shattering the notion of a rural community.

A village is typically associated with muddy roads, clay homes, and a basic agricultural lifestyle. But a village called Bhuj in Gujarat is completely altering this idea. Dubbed the richest village in Asia, Madhapur defies the cliché of the rural outpost and is a shining example of affluence.

A Prosperous Gujarati Village

A town in Gujarat, Madhapur is home to over 32,000 people and is situated outside of Bhuj. This community is unique in that its people own fixed deposits totalling an incredible ₹7,000 crore, demonstrating their extraordinary wealth. The substantial non-resident Indian (NRI) population, which makes up roughly 65% of the hamlet, is primarily responsible for its wealth. The Patel group makes up the majority of these NRIs, and they send millions of rupees home, where they deposit the money in regional post offices and banks.

Madhapur is a Financial Centre

The village of Madhapur is not like any other. With 17 banks, it has significant lenders from both the public and private sectors, including Union Bank, HDFC Bank, SBI, PNB, Axis Bank, and ICICI Bank. Due to the village's prosperity and the steady stream of remittances from overseas, more banks are choosing to open branches here.

Relationship to the Roots

Madhapur is a village in the Patel community that has over 20,000 dwellings. Approximately 1,200 of its families reside overseas. Many people from Madhapur reside and work overseas, mainly in African nations where they are the dominant players in the construction industry, as well as in the US, UK, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. These NRIs have strong ties to their Madhapur roots even though they are widely dispersed throughout the world. They choose to put their money in the village's banks, which helps the economy of the community flourish.

Contemporary Facilities and Systems

The infrastructure of Madhapur is a clear indication of its wealth. There are around 20,000 dwellings in the community, and 1,200 families live overseas. The hamlet has been able to build schools, colleges, health facilities, dams, temples, bungalows, and lakes because to the ongoing inflow of funding. The village has good access to roads, water, and sanitary facilities. In order to improve the village's reputation overseas and deepen their ties to it, the villagers have established the Madhapur Village Association in London.

Madhapur is the richest hamlet in Asia and a great example of how a village can break the mould by fusing ancient values with contemporary wealth and infrastructure.

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Indian Diaspora Driving Economic Growth Here In The US



By Sunita Krishnan

The Indian diaspora in the US has a significant impact on cultural variety and economic prosperity, bringing in over \$300 billion in tax money to the federal government each year.

With 5.1 million members, including 2.8 million first-generation immigrants, the Indian diaspora is a vibrant community.

Due to Kamala Harris's presidential campaign against the Republican Grand Old Party (GOP), the relatively small but highly accomplished Indian diaspora in the US has gained attention.

Shyamala Gopalan, the mother of Kamala Harris, personifies the essence of the Indian diaspora in the United States. She bravely entered a new world when she arrived in the US in the late 1950s, motivated by her desire for opportunity and her faith in education. Gopalan left behind a resilient heritage that helped her daughter become a leader and an example of the achievements made by the Indian-American community.

According to the most recent Impact Report by Indiaspora, a US-based non-profit organisation, Indian Americans are being nominated to senior public service posts more frequently these days, accounting for over 4.4% of the positions while the diaspora makes up only 1.5% of the US population.

The diaspora has had a great impact in recent years, driving economic growth and occupying top positions in businesses. They give the US federal government \$300 billion in tax income each year.

Currently, 16 out of the Fortune 500 firms are run by CEOs of Indian descent. These companies employ 2.5 million people worldwide and have annual revenue of around 978 billion.

Contributions From Unicorn Founders And CEOs

It is well known that an Indian parent paid his son's airfare to the United States so he could attend Stanford for his master's degree, using his entire year's pay. Thirty years later, the bold and resourceful individual who embarked on a risky trip is either a tech pioneer or the CEO of one of the top five largest firms in the world. The lengthy list of Indian diaspora has been paved by Google CEO Sundar Pichai.

Based on the current Indiaspora Impact study, out of 648 unicorn businesses in the US, about 72 are led by Indian-origin founders that employ over 55,000 people in the US. This accounts for 11% of all unicorns in the nation. Stories of tech and serial entrepreneurs carving out markets for the world may be found in startups like Rippling and Lacework. Another illustration is Cambridge Mobile Telematics, a business that leverages AI to collect data from millions of devices in order to improve vehicle safety on US highways. A Silicon Valley business called Innovacer is using analytical technology to use healthcare data and save the US over \$1 billion in medical expenses.

Academic Pursuits Leading To Corporate Success

India is becoming a net exporter of talent, while the US has long been known as a nation of endless opportunity. Not unexpectedly, 25% of overseas students attending US universities are Indian. Approximately 270,000 Indian students attend prestigious Indian universities, contributing their own viewpoints and academic skills to those institutions.

Following their undergraduate studies in India, a sizable portion of Indians pursue higher degrees in the US, a tendency that is indicative of the globalised period. Their academic path gives students the abilities and qualities needed to succeed in a cutthroat international marketplace.

Think about Satya Nadella, who championed major changes to cloud computing and artificial intelligence (AI) while also building a more inventive, cooperative workplace culture during his time at Microsoft.

However, it hasn't been a one-way street all by itself.

Co-founders of numerous startups and almost 20% of Indian unicorns have successfully exploited US higher education to launch profitable businesses. The founders of PhonePe, a leading financial company in India, received their education in the US. After graduating from US institutions with graduate degrees, the three founders of PhonePe—Rahul Chari, Burzin Engineer, and Sameer Nigam—returned to India to work at Flipkart until launching the company in 2015. PhonePe is currently valued at an astounding \$12 billion pre-money.

The Indian diaspora effects of on the culture

2.8 million of the 5.1 million individuals that make up the Indian diaspora are first-generation immigrants. Their influence goes far beyond bolstering the nation's economy; they have a big say in everything from cricket to cuisine in American culture.

The Indian diaspora owns around 60% of all US hotels, generating \$700 billion in sales and four million jobs in the hospitality industry. Quite a few of them provide Indian cuisine.

It was difficult to find a decent Indian restaurant chain in the US until the mid-1990s. Back then, the majority of restaurants were privately owned by nearby businesses. But the environment started to change as the want for a taste of home increased. Indian restaurant franchises are now widely available in the US, with several outlets in Texas, California, New Jersey, and New York. In the US, brands like Curry Up Now, Chutneys, The Butter Chicken Company, Rangoli Grill, Twisted Indian Wraps, and Honest are now well-known.

Officially, cricket will be played at the 2028 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles. Cricket will participate in the Olympics for the first time since 1900.

It comes as no surprise that yoga has become a popular fitness regimen all around the world. The US is not an outlier. In 2023, 10% of US citizens reported doing yoga.

The Indo-US Corridor for Joint Development

Additionally, the Indo-US corridor has been an essential hub of international trade. The amount of US goods imported into India increased to \$51 billion in FY23, suggesting a sizable market for US goods there. Similarly, in 2022, India's exports of products and services to the US came to \$79 billion and \$33 billion, respectively.

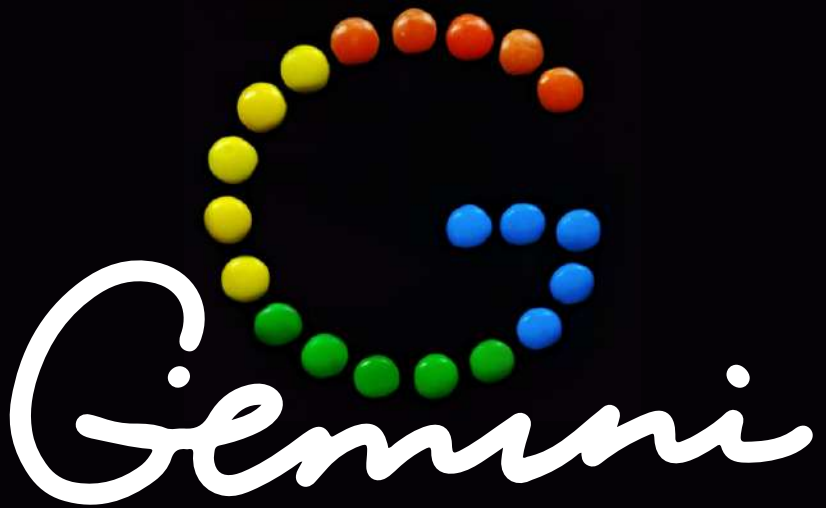
Additionally, there has been an increase in FDI equity inflows and investments between the two nations. By 2023, Indian businesses would have spent \$40 billion in the US, generating 426,000 new jobs.

With around \$26 billion in remittances to India in 2022–2023, the US was also a major supplier. These monies balance ledgers and spur innovation and development, giving the Indo-US economy a much-needed boost.

- SUNITA KRISHNAN



Introducing: Google's Custom Chatbot - All You Need To Know



Google has recently unveiled an exciting new feature for Gemini subscribers - the ability to create custom chatbots using Gems. This innovative addition opens up a world of possibilities for users, allowing them to personalise their chatbot experience like never before. With Gems, Google is once again pushing the boundaries of technology and providing its subscribers with even more tools to enhance their online interactions.

Google unveiled Gems at its I/O event in May and is now making them available to users of Gemini Advanced, Gemini Business, and Gemini Enterprise on both mobile and desktop platforms.

Google now provides Gemini subscribers with the option to create personalised chatbots known as Gems. These chatbots can be customised with various traits using specific instructions. Users just have to give the chatbot a name, provide instructions, and start using it.

"You have the ability to create and save Gems in Gemini Apps to tailor your responses to your unique requirements," stated Google.

Google will offer pre-made Gems for users who don't want to create a personalised chatbot. Customised chatbots are incredibly helpful for repetitive tasks, as they remove the necessity of giving instructions repeatedly.

Google unveiled Gems at its I/O event in May, and they are now being made available to users of Gemini Advanced, Gemini Business, and Gemini Enterprise on both mobile and desktop platforms. The Gems feature is a paid service that can be accessed in over 150 countries and is available in more than 30 languages.

It seems that Google's recent introduction of Gems is a strategic response to the advancements made by OpenAI. OpenAI had previously announced the availability of custom GPTs through their GPT Store, enabling users to personalise their own GPTs.

According to Google, Gems cannot be utilised for image generation and are not compatible with Gemini Live.

Google has announced the revival of its image generation capabilities with the introduction of the Gemini AI chatbot.

Google has recently reintroduced the feature that allows users to create images of individuals using its Gemini AI chatbot. Google recently made an announcement on its blog regarding the upcoming release of an early access version of a new feature. This feature will be available to Gemini Advanced, Business, and Enterprise users in English in the near future. Google recently released Imagen 3, an AI-powered text-to-image generator. This exciting new tool is now accessible on Gemini in multiple languages.

Google had previously discontinued the feature of Gemini generating images of people due to the production of historically inaccurate images. Gemini's image generation will soon be back in action thanks to the enhanced Imagen 3, which now includes advanced safety features.

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Discover the top 5 AI productivity tools that are a must-try for tasks like text generation, image creation, and more.

GenAI has revolutionised the way we create tools, allowing us to generate images and even code for websites in a matter of seconds. You're likely already familiar with the popular options such as ChatGPT, but there are additional incredibly helpful tools that offer a wide range of capabilities. Specialised models offer the ability to isolate individual stems in music tracks, assisting with music production. Other models cater to students and teachers, providing a deeper understanding of subjects such as mathematics and science.

We have curated a selection of top-notch AI tools for enhancing productivity that you should definitely explore, whether it's for personal use or for your children.

Presenting five top-notch AI productivity tools that are a must-have in your arsenal.

Perplexity AI

Perplexity AI has a different focus compared to ChatGPT. Instead of being a chat bot, it functions more as an AI search engine. If you're looking to gather information on a specific topic or want to ensure the accuracy of your results, Perplexity is an excellent tool. It utilises real-time search from Google and Bing, providing you with reliable information and always citing the source. By using this method, you can easily confirm the reliability of the information without having to conduct extra searches.

I appreciate the way the search results are displayed in clear and easily understandable paragraphs, with the relevant details highlighted in bold. Signing in and getting started is as easy as having a Google account. In the free version, you have access to unlimited quick searches and five pro searches per day. For just \$20 a month, you'll gain access to over 300 pro searches, the freedom to select your preferred AI model (GPT-4o, Claude-3, and more), and even the power to generate text to image. It's an incredible value for all tech enthusiasts.

Compatible with: Browser, iOS, Android, and Chrome extension

LALAL.AI

If you have a passion for music production or mixing, LALAL.AI is something you'll definitely appreciate. With the ability to separate audio files into 10 different stems, you can easily isolate specific instruments like drums, vocals, or guitar. This feature gives you the freedom to add your own unique touch to the track. It's an excellent tool for creating karaoke versions of your favourite songs or recording covers. In addition to the stem splitting feature, there is also a voice cleaner available to remove background music, echo, and reverb. Additionally, there is a voice changer currently in beta testing. The results are limited to just one minute in the free version and downloading the file is not possible. The paid version is very affordable, with the Lite pack priced at only \$18 as a one-time fee. It provides you with 90 minutes of available track time that never expires.

Compatible with: Browser, Windows, Mac, Ubuntu, iOS, Android

Microsoft Copilot

There is a highly valuable tool that often goes unnoticed, just waiting to be utilised on your desktop. If your computer is equipped with Windows 11, Copilot is already at your disposal. You can utilise it in a comparable manner to

ChatGPT and anticipate comparable outcomes. However, it has the capability to do much more. For instance, it can create a personalised music track for your social videos, generate an image based on text prompts, and provide analysis and additional information on an uploaded image.

In addition to summarising lengthy articles, Copilot can also provide additional context for the content displayed on the page when used in the Edge browser. You can easily do all of this without any additional costs or the need for a dedicated Copilot PC. If you're looking for enhanced features and benefits, consider subscribing to Copilot Pro. With Copilot Pro, you'll enjoy priority access to the latest GPT models, receive more credits for image generation, have the convenience of resizing AI-generated images directly within the app, and seamlessly integrate with Microsoft 365 desktop and web apps.

Compatible with: Windows 11

Socratic

Now under the ownership of Google, Socratic is an AI-powered learning app designed for students. It offers support for a variety of subjects, including Biology, Geometry, Algebra, and many others. You can enqueue the app for assistance or utilise your phone's camera to capture an image of the equation you require aid in solving. The app will then furnish a comprehensive solution, guiding you through each step.

The app provides clear explanations on complex topics, making it easier for students to understand. Many of the explanations have been provided by teachers, who have a deep understanding of the challenges students face when it comes to learning. We offer a wide range of subjects for you to explore, including Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Calculus, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth and Environmental Science, US and World History, and Literature.

Compatible with: iOS and Android devices

Canva

Canva is a fantastic tool that allows users to create stunning designs with ease. It offers a wide range of features and templates that make it perfect for both beginners and experienced designers. Whether you need to design a social media post, a presentation slide, or even chances are, you're already well-acquainted with Canva. However, it's worth mentioning that Canva has expanded its offerings to include a diverse range of AI tools. Simply go to "Apps" and choose the filter 'Ai-powered' at the forefront. There is now a vast array of AI tools available for you to explore. These tools allow you to generate images based on text prompts, create an AI presenter with a voice and language of your choosing, and even turn real-life photos into illustrations. You have the ability to generate and incorporate your creations directly into your current project. For example, the Imagen app in Canva by Google is incredibly helpful for creating lifelike images of animals and environments.

Compatible with: Browser, iOS, Android, Mac, Windows

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Revealing: The Best AI Tools For Better Results

By WFY Bureau



You Need To Better Keep These Documents Safe

By WFY Bureau

Do not ever loose important documents.



In India, it is not only necessary but also mandatory to possess specific identification documents for a variety of purposes, including the ability to access government services and engage in financial transactions. These documents are used to verify your identity, address, citizenship, and qualifications. In order to consolidate these disparate services, it is possible to submit applications for these documents through government portals and Janseva kendras, occasionally simultaneously. The following is a comprehensive list of the ten most critical identification documents that every Indian should possess.

Aadhaar Card

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) issues the Aadhaar card, which is a distinctive form of identification. It includes the individual's demographic information, biometric details, and a 12-digit unique identification number. Currently, Aadhaar is of paramount importance for the purpose of obtaining various policies or even for the purpose of completing basic registrations. To access government services, register on government portals, establish bank accounts, and receive government subsidies, it is necessary to have one's Aadhaar card on hand.

Birth Certificate

A birth certificate is issued at birth and must be carefully stored and carried until the individual's demise. It is a municipal authority-issued official document that serves as a record of a child's birth. The birth certificate is a critical document for obtaining other documents, such as a passport, Aadhaar card, and school admission, as it functions as evidence of the date and place of birth.

PAN Card

The Permanent Account Number (PAN) card, which is issued by the Income Tax Department, is crucial for the purpose of conducting financial transactions, including the establishment of bank accounts, the investment of securities, the acquisition of high-value assets, and the filing of income tax returns. In the event that the Aadhaar card is unavailable, the PAN card may be used as the primary form of identification. Additionally, it functions as proof of identity.

Voter ID

The Electors Photo Identity Card (EPIC), also known as the Voter ID card, is issued by the Election Commission of India. It allows individuals to exercise their right to vote in elections, thereby enabling them to participate in the democratic process. However, in order to submit a vote, an individual must have their name on the voting list and a voter identification number. Furthermore, it establishes a valid proof of identity and address.

Driver's License

The Regional Transport Office (RTO) issues a driving licence that is mandatory for individuals to legally operate a motor vehicle on Indian roads. The licence also specifies the class of vehicle that an individual is eligible to operate. It is a form of identification that also verifies the holder's capacity to operate a motor vehicle. It is crucial to acknowledge that the majority of individuals obtain their driving licenses after the age of 18 and are required to renew them periodically.

Ration Card

The ration card is a state-issued official document that enables the holder to purchase subsidised food grains and other essential items from fair-priced stores. There are various varieties of Rations cards that offer varying levels of subsidies. For instance, the white card that is granted to families that reside below the poverty limit. It also functions as evidence of identity and residence for the purpose of accessing a variety of government initiatives and benefits.

Passport

A passport is a mandatory travel document that is issued to Indian citizens by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. It is used as evidence of Indian citizenship and identity when travelling abroad. Furthermore, it facilitates international travel by functioning as a supporting document for visas issued by various countries.

Educational Certificates

Educational certificates, such as school leaving certificates, mark records, and degree certificates, are necessary to verify one's educational qualifications. These documents are necessary for a variety of purposes, including the application for government positions and scholarships, as well as for employment and higher education. It is imperative to preserve your educational certificates for future reference.

Marriage Certificate

A marriage certificate is a legal document that is issued by the Registrar of Marriages and functions as evidence of the union. It is essential for the purpose of claiming a variety of social security benefits, obtaining a visa for the spouse, and revising the marital status in other official documents.

Bank Passbooks

Banks issue bank passbooks or statements to their account holders, which serve as a record of account balance, transactions, and other financial information. They are crucial for the management of finances, the application for loans, and the provision of other banking services. It also functions as an identification document and is necessary for the application of other identification documents, such as passports.

What are the potential consequences of losing these critical documents?

The loss of critical documents can have substantial consequences, particularly in a country where they are frequently the primary evidence of identity, citizenship, and rights. There are several hazards that are linked to the loss of critical documents:

Identity theft: Financial fraud and the misuse of personal information can result from the vulnerability of individuals to identity theft in the absence of appropriate identification.

Citizenship issues: The Aadhaar card, passport, and voter ID are essential for establishing Indian citizenship. As evidenced by the National Register of Citizens (NRC) controversy in Assam, the loss of these documents can lead to legal complications and even the risk of losing citizenship.

Access to services: Identification documents are frequently required for essential services, including banking, healthcare, and government subsidies. Access to these services may be impaired by their loss.

Requirements for legal and financial delays: These documents are also necessary for a variety of legal processes. Their absence can result in delays in property transactions, court proceedings, and inheritance claims.

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Stunning Paradises For Indian Tourists: Visa Not Required Now



By
Wilfred Melwyn

Discover 10 stunning island paradises that offer visa-free travel for Indian passport holders.



India is home to a wide stretch of coastline that is adorned with countless picturesque beaches, creating a paradise for those who love the beach. Experience the beauty of the Lakshadweep Islands, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Pondicherry, and Goa as you indulge in thrilling water sports, soak up the sun, and marvel at the awe-inspiring ocean vistas. Nevertheless, a growing number of Indians are expanding their horizons, eager to discover new destinations overseas. **Discover 10 hidden gem island nations that offer visa-free or visa-on-arrival entry for Indian passport holders.** Also discover the reasons behind the allure of these destinations that are captivating travellers.

1. Mauritius



Mauritius is a destination that captures the essence of a tropical paradise, with its breathtaking beaches and vibrant landscapes. Indulge in the wonders of this island nation, where you can immerse yourself in vibrant coral

reefs and unwind on the most pristine sandy shores. Indian travellers have the convenience of a visa on arrival for up to 90 days, making it a highly accessible and enticing destination.

2. Sri Lanka

Only a short flight away, Sri Lanka is a neighbouring island nation that boasts a wealth of cultural heritage and awe-inspiring scenery. South Asia is a true gem for travellers, with its



abundance of ancient temples, lush tea plantations, and stunning coastal cities just waiting to be explored. Sri Lanka is a top destination for Indian travellers due to its convenient location and wide range of attractions.

3. Seychelles



Seychelles, an incredible destination in the Indian Ocean, is renowned for its pristine waters and breathtaking granite rock formations. This tranquil location is perfect for individuals in search of a serene

escape surrounded by the breathtaking wonders of nature. Seychelles is a truly enchanting destination, with its serene beaches and captivating marine life. It's the perfect place to unwind and embark on thrilling adventures.

4. Jamaica

Jamaica is renowned for its vibrant music scene and warm hospitality, making it a destination that offers a lively cultural experience. Indulge in the wonders of this Caribbean paradise,



where you'll find a delightful blend of rhythmic beats, breathtaking waterfalls, and vibrant landscapes. Indian travellers will be captivated by the island's vibrant culture and breathtaking natural scenery, making it an irresistible destination.

5. Barbados



Barbados, situated in the beautiful West Indies, extends a warm welcome to Indian travellers by offering visa-on-arrival entry. This country is famous for its stunning beaches, vibrant festivals, ancient

landmarks, and a wide range of delicious cuisine. Barbados is a wonderful destination that combines relaxation with cultural exploration, making it an attractive choice for anyone looking for a Caribbean adventure. is famous for its stunning beaches, vibrant festivals, ancient

6. Cook Islands

The Cook Islands in the South Pacific are renowned for their pristine beauty and breathtakingly clear lagoons. Immerse yourself in the serene atmosphere of this getaway, where you



can indulge in snorkelling, diving, and immersing yourself in the local culture. Immerse yourself in the tranquil atmosphere and awe-inspiring scenery of the Cook Islands, a true treasure waiting to be explored.

7. Grenada



Grenada is widely known as the "Spice Island" due to its nutmeg plantations and stunning landscapes. The island offers breathtaking beaches and vibrant rainforests, creating the perfect

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8. Niue

Niue is a truly remarkable destination, with its breathtaking natural landscapes and warm-hearted locals. Visitors have the opportunity to indulge in snorkelling in crystal-clear waters and discover breathtaking coral reefs. This hidden gem provides a tranquil escape for individuals seeking a deep connection with the natural world.



9. British Virgin Islands



The British Virgin Islands, a stunning cluster of Caribbean islands, are renowned for their crystal-clear waters and opulent resorts. This amazing location is perfect for those who love to sail,

dive, and relax on hidden beaches. The British Virgin Islands offer a captivating blend of stunning landscapes and luxurious facilities, making it a popular destination for travellers seeking a high-end experience.

10. Micronesia



Micronesia, a collection of islands in the Pacific Ocean, provides a wide range of cultural experiences and breathtaking natural beauty. Explorers will have the opportunity to discover

ancient ruins, encounter vibrant marine life, and immerse themselves in lush tropical environments. For those who crave a one-of-a-kind adventure, this off-the-beaten-path location is an absolute gem.

These hidden gems of island nations provide Indian travellers with the opportunity to discover new horizons, free from the inconvenience of visa restrictions. Whether you're looking for excitement, tranquilly, or a chance to immerse yourself in different cultures, these destinations offer a wide range of opportunities for unforgettable experiences.



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Better Education Trends Of The Indian Students Overseas

By WFY Bureau



An Analysis of the Transition from Brain Drain to Brain Gain in the Overseas Education Trends of Indian Students.

The previously accepted notion of brain drain as a unidirectional phenomenon has recently transformed into a multifaceted and advantageous process of brain acquisition.

The story of Indian students seeking study overseas has experienced a substantial metamorphosis in recent decades. The previously accepted notion of brain drain as a unidirectional phenomenon has recently transformed into a multifaceted and advantageous process of brain acquisition. This move not only signifies changes in the mentality of Indian students but also represents a deliberate adjustment by the Indian government to strategically leverage the benefits of international exposure.

Throughout a significant portion of the latter half of the 20th century, the occurrence of brain drain was a significant issue for India. Elite intellectuals, frequently trained at prestigious Indian universities such as the IITs and IIMs, pursued prospects outside, enticed by improved prospects, expanded research prospects, and elevated living standards. This migration resulted in a depletion of skilled individuals that India imperatively need for its own progress. "The emigration of Indian students, numerous of whom had no intention of returning, raised concerns that India was losing its most talented and intelligent individuals to more advanced countries," stated Subhakar Alapati, Founder Director of Global Tree Careers.

Reconceptualisation: The Significance of International Exposure

Amidst the increasing global interconnectedness of the 21st century, the perception of studying abroad started to evolve. Indian students and their families began to identify that international exposure encompassed not just improved employment prospects overseas but also the acquisition of skills, knowledge, and viewpoints that might be highly beneficial in their home country. Indeed, the Indian government also started to recognise the prospective advantages of this worldwide interchange. Initiatives such as the Global Initiative of Academic Networks (GIAN) and the Study in India programme were established with the aim of promoting international cooperation and motivating Indian students to contribute their knowledge and skills to India. These endeavours were strengthened by India's thriving economy, which began providing competitive prospects that might draw in international talent, especially its expatriate population.

The Emergence of the Returnees

Over recent years, there has been a conspicuous pattern of Indian students repatriating to their native country after finishing their studies elsewhere. This transition may be ascribed to multiple sources. Firstly, the expanding economy of India has provided a highly conducive environment for entrepreneurship, innovation, and job creation in industries that previously fell behind their Western equivalents. Contemporary Indian enterprises, particularly in the fields of technology and finance, are currently engaged in global competition, presenting demanding positions and the potential to create a substantial influence.

Furthermore, the Indian government has implemented many regulations and incentives to seek out and attract Indian talent from outside. Schemes such as the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas, Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI), and several startup programmes have facilitated the repatriation of Indian professionals residing overseas, enabling them to actively participate in the progress of their home country. The implementation of these laws can be seen as a deliberate endeavour by the government to transform the phenomenon of brain drain into brain gain, by capitalising on the worldwide expertise of Indian students for the advancement of the nation.

Analysis of the Effects on Indian Society and Economy

The repatriation of highly trained professionals has had a profound and revolutionary effect on both Indian society and the economy. Furthermore, these returnees offer not only their technical knowledge but also a comprehensive outlook on business, governance, and innovation. Across several industries, including healthcare, education, technology, and finance, they are spearheading transformative transformation.

For example, numerous students who have returned have achieved success as entrepreneurs, establishing businesses that generate employment opportunities and stimulate innovation. Furthermore, some individuals have assumed pivotal positions inside multinational corporations or academic institutions, therefore making significant contributions to the knowledge economy and cultivating a research and development-oriented environment in India.

Furthermore, the phenomenon of professionals returning to India is enhancing the strength and variety of the intellectual environment in the country. This phenomenon has resulted in the exchange of ideas and the creation of solutions specifically designed to address Indian problems, while simultaneously being influenced by international standards of excellence.

An Objective Viewpoint

Although the worry about brain drain is not completely baseless, it is evident that the situation has shifted over time. Current trends indicate a more equitable trade, with Indian students studying abroad to acquire knowledge and experience, but progressively returning to contribute to India's development narrative. The transition from brain drain to brain gain underscores the changing perspective of Indian students and the proactive actions implemented by the Indian government. Moving forward, it is crucial to maintain a favourable environment in India that facilitates the return and reintegration of highly trained individuals. By adopting this approach, India can guarantee that the advantages of international education are not wasted but instead utilised for the progress of the country, hence transforming the phenomenon of brain drain into a positive cycle of educational acquisition.



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Important: Indian Students Should Know Before Coming To The US

By WFY Bureau USA



Important Considerations for Indian Students Planning to Study in the US

Residing in the United States as an Indian student can truly be a life-changing journey. However, it is crucial to be well-prepared for the notable cultural and lifestyle disparities that exist between the two countries. Here are a few important factors to take into account and adapt to.

For every Indian student who is preparing to move to the USA, it can be an overwhelming experience filled with a range of emotions, including excitement and nervousness. The idea of pursuing higher education in a different country can be both thrilling and anxiety-inducing, filled with aspirations and unknowns.

It's a major life change that comes with a variety of fresh experiences and obstacles.

Residing in the United States as an Indian student can truly be a life-changing journey. However, it is crucial to be well-prepared for the notable cultural and lifestyle disparities that exist between the two nations.

Here are some important factors to take into account and adapt to:

1. Embracing Cultural Diversity:

The United States is a vibrant tapestry of various cultures, backgrounds, and traditions. Interacting with individuals from diverse backgrounds can be both thrilling and demanding. Keep an open mind and welcome the chance to gain knowledge and respect for diverse cultures.

2. Autonomy

In the United States, there is a significant focus on individualism and personal freedom. You will have greater freedom and control over decision-making, including the ability to choose your own courses and participate in extracurricular activities. Take full advantage of this freedom to delve into your interests and passions.

3. Emphasis on Academic Excellence

American universities have a reputation for offering challenging academic programs. It's important to be aware that the coursework can be quite challenging and move quickly. Make sure you're ready to effectively manage your time and don't hesitate to ask for assistance if necessary. It is crucial to cultivate effective study habits.

4. Social Interactions:

People in the United States tend to be warm and welcoming, always open to forming new friendships. However, social interactions may vary from what you are accustomed to in India. Engaging in conversations, establishing networks, and fostering connections are crucial abilities to cultivate while you are in the U.S.

5. Making Healthy Dietary Decisions

There is a wide range of American cuisine, so you might need some time to get used to the different food choices available. Discover nearby markets, experiment with different cuisines, and strive for a well-rounded diet that aligns with your personal tastes and dietary needs.

6. Climate:

The climate in different regions of the U.S. can vary significantly, so it's important to consider the weather conditions when choosing where to study. Be ready for all types of weather and make sure to have the right clothes to stay comfortable throughout the year.

7. Healthcare:

Take the time to become familiar with the U.S. healthcare system and the health services provided by your university. Having health insurance is crucial for accessing necessary medical care when you need it. It's important to have a good understanding of how health insurance works.

8. Cultural Awareness

It is important to consider cultural sensitivities and social norms in the United States. What may be considered appropriate conduct in India may be interpreted differently in American culture. It is important to be considerate of others' personal space and to appreciate the richness of different cultures.

9. Managing Your Finances:

Living expenses in the U.S. can be quite high. Develop a budget and adhere to it to safeguard your financial stability throughout your educational journey. Seek out ways to save money, such as taking advantage of student discounts and exploring part-time job opportunities.

10. Understanding Legal Matters:

It is important to have a good understanding of the laws and regulations in the United States, particularly those that pertain to your visa status. Ensure adherence to immigration regulations to prevent any potential legal complications. Keep in mind that as a student from India studying in the U.S., your experience goes beyond academics. It presents a chance for you to develop personally and engage in cultural exchange. Embrace the unique aspects, remain flexible, and maximise your experience in the United States.

11. University Orientation:

It is highly recommended that you do not miss your university orientation. Attending orientations at your university is crucial for a successful start to your academic journey. Most universities offer orientations for international students, as well as departmental orientations. These orientations offer fantastic benefits, including complimentary meals and branded apparel. However, the chance to meet and engage with new individuals is even more crucial.

12. Credit Cards:

For many Indians, credit cards may be a relatively unfamiliar concept. In India, cash and debit cards are the more commonly used methods of conducting transactions. When applying for credit cards in the U.S., it's important to exercise caution, particularly when dealing with companies that have stringent policies, such as Citibank. International students may find it beneficial to explore credit cards such as Discover or Capital One, as they provide student-friendly policies.

A Discover credit card can offer a generous limit of \$1,250, which can be quite beneficial for a student. It is essential to make sure that you pay at least the minimum amount on time every month. In the United States, your credit score is a crucial factor that affects various aspects of your financial life. If your credit score starts to decline, it can potentially lead to adverse outcomes, especially when it comes to making online purchases.

13. Familiarise yourself with your navigation system:

Public transport In areas outside of major cities, public transportation options in the U.S. may be limited, which often results in a higher prevalence of car ownership among individuals. Public

transport systems in college towns are known for their excellence.

Additionally, walking to campus is a popular choice among many students. Biking is also a great choice if you prefer. If biking is not your preferred mode of transportation, it may be worth considering living in close proximity to the campus. Living near campus has its perks, especially during finals when you might find yourself pulling all-nighters at the library and needing to get home at any hour.

14. Familiarise yourself with their verbal terminology

Comparing the Indian way to the American way

Indian way - American way	
Purse - Wallet	
Petticoat - Slip	
Pinafore - Jumper	
Trial room - Fitting room	
Tights - Pantyhose	
Keds - Sneakers	
1st standard - 1st grade	
Canteen - Cafeteria	
Invigilator - Proctor	
9th standard/1st year college - Freshman high school/college	
10th standard/2nd year college - Sophomore high school/college	
11th standard/3rd year college - Junior high school/college	
12th standard/4th year college - Senior high school/college	
Marks - Grades	
Biscuit - Cookie(if sweet) cracker(if salty)	
Brinjal - Eggplant	
Ladies finger - Okra	
Cold drink - Soda	
Curds - Yogurt	
Filter coffee - Brewed coffee	
Jam - Jelly	
Hotel - Restaurant for eating, Hotel for lodging	
Soda - Club soda	
Football - Soccer	
Creche - Daycare	
Curriculum vitae or biodata - Resume	
Diary - Journal	
Dustbin - Trashcan	
Flat - Apartment	
Punctured tire - Flat	
Hoarding - Billboard	
Gang - Mob	
Goggles - Sunglasses	
Lift - Elevator	
Policeman - Cop	
Queue - Line	
Spectacles - Glasses	
Toilet - Restroom	
Capsicum - Bell pepper	
Ground floor - First floor	
Footpath - Sidewalk	
Petrol - Gas	
Landline - Home Phone	
Bill (at a restaurant) - Check	
Coriander - Cilantro	
Chilies - Pepper	

15. The idea of doing it yourself

In the USA, it seems like everything is becoming a do-it-yourself (DIY) project. From cooking and cleaning to laundry, shopping, paying bills, assembling your new furniture and managing finances, you handle it all on your own.

-WFY BUREAU, USA.





Olympics Story Of The Indian Diaspora: For Better Or Worse



By Saji Chacko

US based tennis person of Indian origin (PIO) Rajeev Ram capped off one of the most successful weeks when partnering with Austin Krajicek he won the silver medal in the men's doubles at the recently concluded Paris Olympics.

Without a doubt Ram's performance was pick of the best when it came to terming the best performer among all the Indian origin athletes who are representing different countries. Its worth mentioning here that Ram had won the gold medal in the mixed doubles in the Tokyo Olympics partnering Serena Williams.

Ram's parents who hail from Bangalore were both professionals who wanted to make it to bigger pastures. Once his father Raghav migrated to the US, Rajeev became an out and out US pro, even though there are many instances when he has gone on record saying that he misses Bangalore, where he spent a certain part of his childhood.

In fact, Rajeev went through the early phases of his tennis stint in the Garden City. But thereafter he moved over to the US, he worked and re worked on his game under the tutelage of Ian Rogers, the famous NCAA tennis coach. Rogers was to have a big impact on Rajeev's career as the latter made Rogers his full time coach during his initial pro tour career

Rajeev's love for India also transcends to his culinary delicacies. For him a dosa and sambhar chatni are top draw, despite the fact that he also relishes non vegetarian food. Also the south Indian filter strong coffee is what gives start to his perfect day. At 38, Rajeev does not have much top flight tennis left in him but he has already left a indelible mark for himself in the annals of US tennis.

Another sportsperson of Indian origin who did well at the Paris Olympics was table tennis player Kanak Jha. The 24 year old created history for US table tennis when he became the first American to enter the pre quarter final of the Olympics. He upset world No 20 Drobos to scalp his biggest win in the world table tennis tour.

Thereafter, Kanak played his heart out and reached the pre-quarter finals --- a place where no other American paddler had ever set his foot on. Overnight, he became the toast of US sports and newspapers including the New York Times, Washington Post featured him in their pages—something rarely accorded to a table tennis player.

Its worth mentioning here that Kanak is a four time US national champion and a Pan American silver medallist. Kanak, who has never visited India ever before had recently expressed his desire to do so. "Someday, I would like to visit India as I have heard a lot of good things, Lets see, the sooner the better," he opined.

Wrestler Amar Dhesi was another good performer for Canada. In a country which does not have a tradition of the matted sport. Amarveer Singh Dhesi, whose parents hail from Amritsar ensured that Canada has made a mark in world wrestling. Based in Surrey, British Columbia, the 28 year old, a junior world champion and Commonwealth Games gold medallist, fought valiantly but lost in the pre quarters of the 120 kg category.

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