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## ALLU ARJUN TO BE THE GRAND MARSHAL FOR 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL INDIA DAY PARADE NYC, FIA ANNOUNCED DURING ITS 4<sup>TH</sup> PARADE COUNCIL MEETING

Photos: Vijay Shah, Freelance US Media



FIA President Mr. Kenny Desai, during the fourth Parade Council Meeting, unveiled FIA's 40th Grand Marshal Pan-India Megastar Allu Arjun of 'Pushpa' fame, to grace and march in the India Day Parade in New York City on August 21, 2022.

He also announced details of the FIA's planned grand events lined up for the celebration of India's 75 years of Independence - *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav*.

Allu Arjun, the Grand Marshal, will lead the parade along with NYC Mayor Eric Adams and a host of other distinguished dignitaries and celebrities, who will participate.

FIA President Kenny Desai

thanked the committee for their tireless work and sincere efforts. And he said he is proud to be part of the team which has been working tirelessly round the clock to put together this event of massive proportion.

Speaking at the occasion, Chairman Mr. Ankur Vaidya welcomed the announcement of Allu Arjun as FIA's 40th Grand Marshal and complimented the megastar for his kindness and patriotism towards the motherland. The American - Indian community is super excited to welcome their beloved star, and we will pull out all the stops to make him feel at home and welcomed.



Members of FIA's Parade Council at its meeting on July 12, 2022, to organize the India Day Parade scheduled for August 21, 2022

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Mr. Kenny Desai addressing the gathering at the planning meeting for the India Day Parade.



Mr. Ankur Vaidya speaking at the planning meeting for the India Day Parade.



Ms. Smita Patel addressing the gathering at the planning meeting for the India Day Parade.

# On the Occasion of Guru Purnima, Sant Shri Morari Bapu Blesses the Community



Sant Shri Morari Bapu at the India Day Parade in 1993

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**S**ant Shri Morari Bapu, in a personal meeting with FIA Chairman Mr. Ankur Vaidya and Senior Board member Mr. Prabir Roy, blessed the two records being attempted for the Guinness Book of World Records on Sunday, August 21, 2022 in Manhattan, New York.

Praising the work and track record of FIA, Pujya Bapuji appreciated the effort and stated

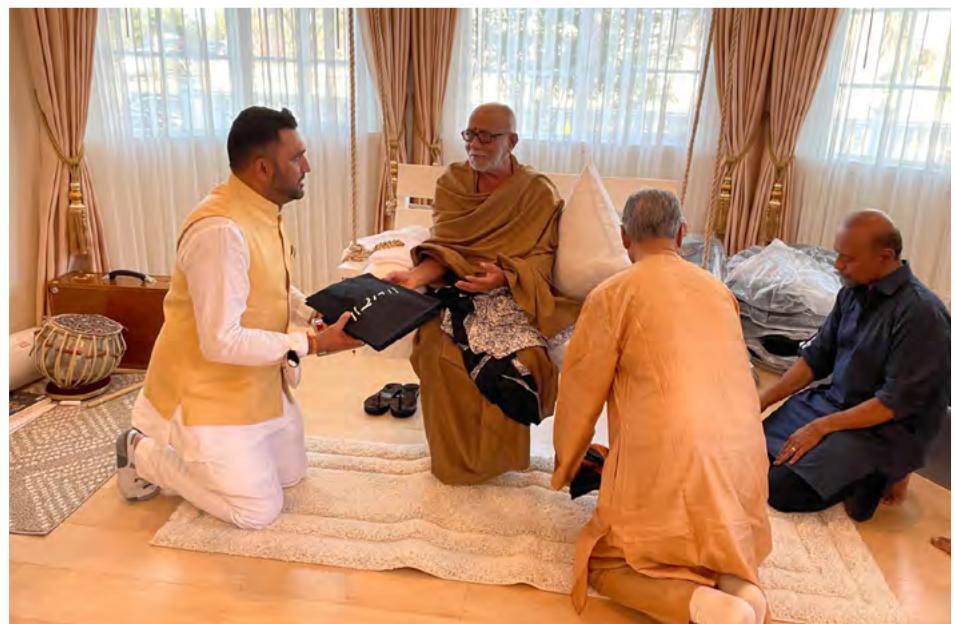
that such endeavors make the whole Indian Diaspora proud of their motherland. Pujya Bapuji fondly remembered his Madison Avenue march in 1993 on the occasion of the India Day Parade in NYC. He also praised the efforts of Senior Board Member Shri Rambhai Gadhavi and his contribution to the spiritual discourses Pujya Bapuji has held on the east coast over the past three decades.

Vaidya and Roy met Pujya Bapuji at the residence of Mr.

Raju Cholera, a recognized philanthropist from LA, who had undertaken the entire effort, including resources allocation for the community benefiting spiritual discourse by Sant Shri Morari Bapuji in the Ontario Convention Center (California).

The Two attempts for the largest number of different flags flown and the largest ensemble of Damarus are part of the celebrations of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' - marking 75 years of Indian Independence.

They are dedicated to the global community as it's a celebration of freedom for all and the attempt would see flags from 195 countries and all the states of the USA being flown at the same time. The joy of freedom is incomplete without music, and hence the attempt at the largest ensemble of Damarus — an ancient musical instrument revered in Hinduism and Buddhism.



Sant Shri Morari Bapu in a meeting with Mr. Ankur Vaidya and Mr. Prabir Roy

## Congresswoman Pramila Jaypal's Life Threatened Outside Her Home

**A** man who threatened Congresswoman Pramila Jaypal, (D-Washington,) on July 9, 2022, lives barely half a mile from her home, according to *Seattle Times*. He has been arrested for allegedly threatening to kill Rep. Jaypal, news reports said.

The 48-year-old man, whose name has not been revealed, was arrested outside her home standing in the middle of the street with a .40 calibre handgun at his waist, *Seattle Times* reported. Rep. Jaypal, who was inside her home with her family, called 911.

A neighbour told *Seattle Times* she heard the man yell words such as "Go back to India, I'm going to kill you," the paper quoted her statement. The

neighbour also said she heard the man drive by the Jaypal residence three times.

A spokesperson for Jaypal released a statement, confirming she was at home during the incident. "The Congresswoman and her family are safe and appreciate the many calls and good wishes she is receiving from constituents. She is very grateful for the swift and professional response from the Seattle Police Department, the US Capitol Police, and the FBI investigators who are working together diligently on the investigation and ensuring that she and her family stay safe."



Photo: Twitter @RepJaypal



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# Indian American Youth Appointed to Lions International Board



**A** local youth, Ojas Chitnis, was appointed to the Lions International Board as a youth representative during their International Convention in Montreal. He is the youngest ever and the 1st American to be a "Leo-Lion Liaison" representing the youth around the world.

Lions Clubs International is the largest service club organization in the world. More than 1.4 million members in over 48,000 clubs are serving in 200 countries and geographic areas around the globe. Since 1917, Lions have strengthened local communities through hands-on service and humanitarian projects and extend the service impact through the generous support of Lions Clubs International Foundation. Lions are focused on supporting vision, the environment, childhood

cancer, hunger, diabetes, and other pressing humanitarian needs to help address some of the biggest challenges facing humanity.

Lions International board consisting of the International President, Vice presidents, 35 International Directors overlooking the complex operations of this global organization. Since 2017 "Leo-Lion Liaisons" are added to the board to give a voice to the youth. They are appointed by the international president for a term of one year.

Lion Ojas has pledged to increase the youth involvement in the leadership of the association and help the underprivileged youths around the world to reach their potential. You can reach out to Ojas to discuss the youth initiatives at [ojas.chitnis@visionarylions.org](mailto:ojas.chitnis@visionarylions.org)

# India, United States, Israel & UAE Leaders Sign Unique Landmark Agreement

**T**he heads of Government of India, Israel, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and the United States convened for the first leaders' meeting of the "I2U2" Group, on July 14, 2022. India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi joined the meeting virtually.

The leaders discussed innovative ways to ensure long-term, more diversified food production and food delivery systems that can better manage global food shocks.

"This unique grouping of countries aims to harness the vibrancy of our societies and entrepreneurial spirit to tackle some of the greatest challenges confronting our world, with a particular focus on joint investments and new initiatives in water, energy, transportation, space, health, and food security," a joint statement from the countries released by the White

House said.

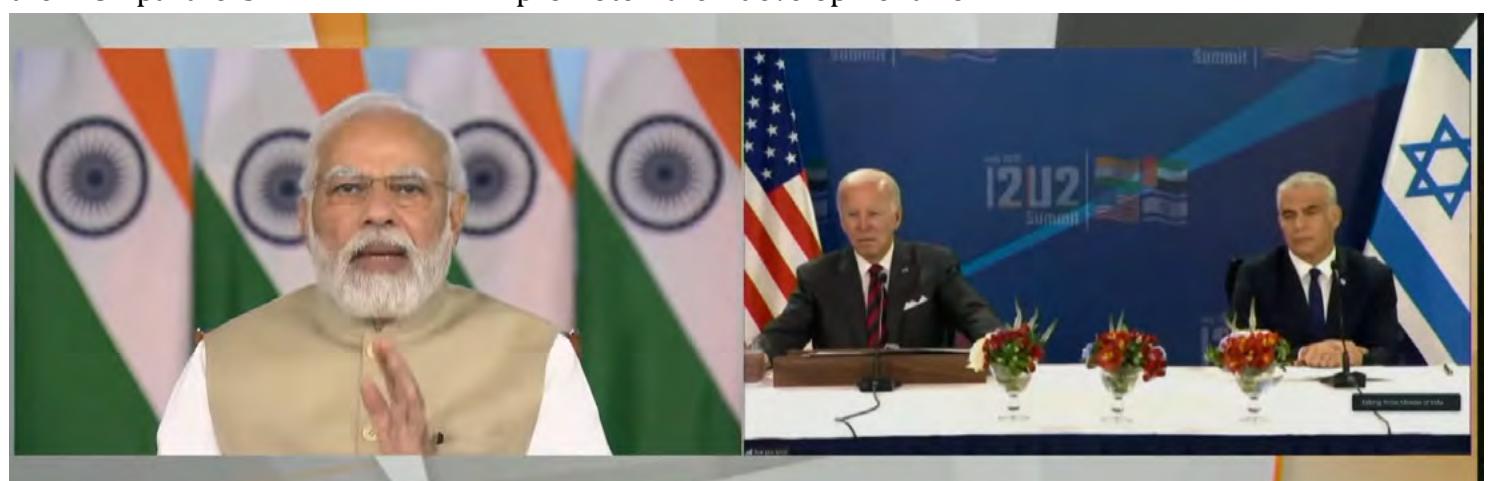
"We reaffirm our support for the Abraham Accords and other peace and normalization arrangements with Israel," the statement said adding, "We welcome the economic opportunities that flow from these historic developments, including for the advancement of economic cooperation in the Middle East and South Asia, and in particular for the promotion of sustainable investment amongst the I2U2 partners."

The plan involves mobilizing private sector capital and expertise to modernize infrastructure, advance low carbon development pathways for industries, improve public health and access to vaccines, advance physical connectivity between countries in the Middle East region, jointly create new solutions for waste treatment, explore joint financing opportunities, connect start-ups to I2U2 investments, and promote the development of

critical emerging and green technologies, all while ensuring near- and long-term food and energy security, the statement said.

Modi added, "Our cooperative framework is also a good model for practical cooperation in the face of increasing global uncertainties. I am confident that with I2U2 we will make a significant contribution towards energy security, food security and economic growth globally."

*Photo: Doordarshan National/Youtube*



# Indian Origin Rishi Sunak Bids to Replace PM Boris Johnson

**T**he day after Boris Johnson announced his resignation as prime minister of the UK, Rishi Sunak, a former finance minister, declared his intention to take over as the head of the Conservative Party and prime minister of that nation.

Taking to Twitter, Sunak wrote: "I'm standing to be the next leader of the Conservative Party and your Prime Minister. Let's restore trust, rebuild the economy and reunite the country."

Sunak, the first Indian-origin politician to hold the high UK Cabinet office of Chancellor of the Exchequer, had resigned from the Johnson cabinet earlier in July.

Sunak, who had reportedly

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clashed with the prime minister in private about spending, had said: "For me to step down as Chancellor (of the Exchequer), while the world is suffering the economic consequences of the pandemic, the war in Ukraine and other serious challenges, is a decision that I have not taken lightly."

"The public rightly expect the government to be conducted properly, competently and seriously," he added. "I recognise this may be my last ministerial job, but I believe these standards are worth fighting for and that is why I am resigning."



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# Scammers impersonate US immigration officers

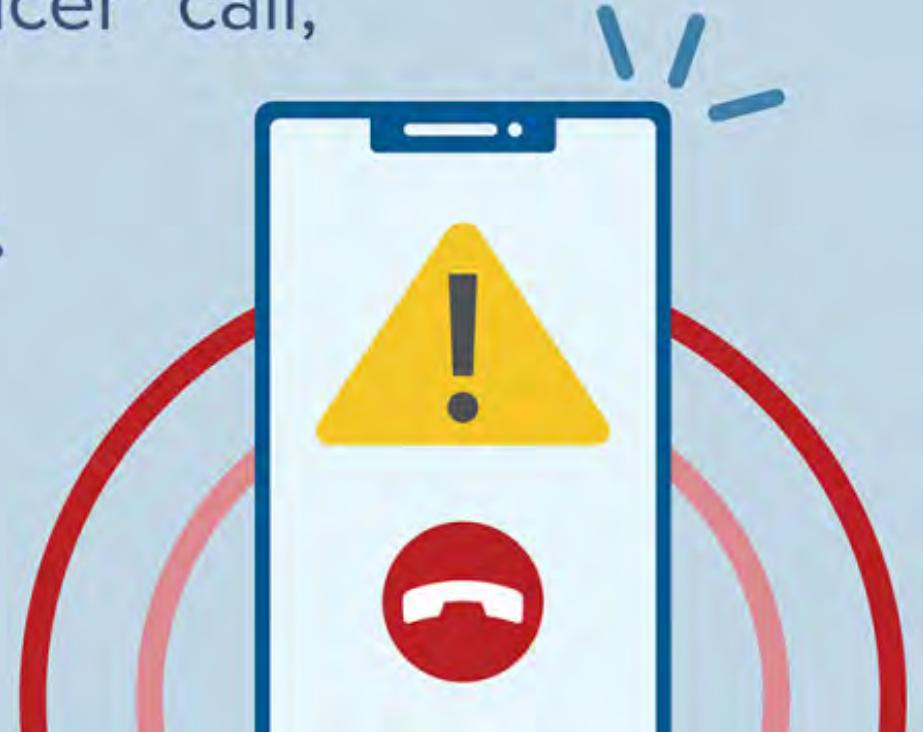
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If you got a call from ICE, you’re not alone. (And, for the record, it wasn’t them.) Scammers are pretending to be from US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Like other government impersonators, they want to trick you into giving them your money or personal information.

Here’s how the scam often goes: They call or email saying you’ve violated immigration law. Or that your identity information is wrong or out of date. Or that you owe fees or need to pay an immigration bond. They’ll threaten to alert the police or to have you deported if you don’t give them the information they want. And they’ll tell you not to talk to anyone else about it – which means you can’t double-check their story.

**All of this can be very unsettling. So if you come across this scam, here are some things to know:**

- **ICE and USCIS never call out of the blue and demand money.** So if the caller wants you to pay a fee or share personal details like your date of birth or bank account numbers, hang up. It’s a scam.
- **ICE and USCIS never accept payments using gift cards, cryptocurrency, or wire transfers.** If someone asks you to pay this way, it’s a scam. Always.
- **Don’t trust caller ID.** Scammers can make their phone numbers look real even if they’re not. Sometimes they’ll have you look up their number to confirm it’s what’s listed on the agency’s website – even if it matches, it could be a trick.
- **Check with ICE or USCIS if you’re unsure about whether a call or email is real.** Never call back phone numbers in caller ID or left in voicemails or emails. Instead, type the agency name into a search bar and click on their webpage to find contact information.

For more information on these types of scams, visit [ftc.gov/imposters](http://ftc.gov/imposters). And if you spot this, or any scam, report it to the FTC at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](http://ReportFraud.ftc.gov).

# The \$100 Trillion World Economy

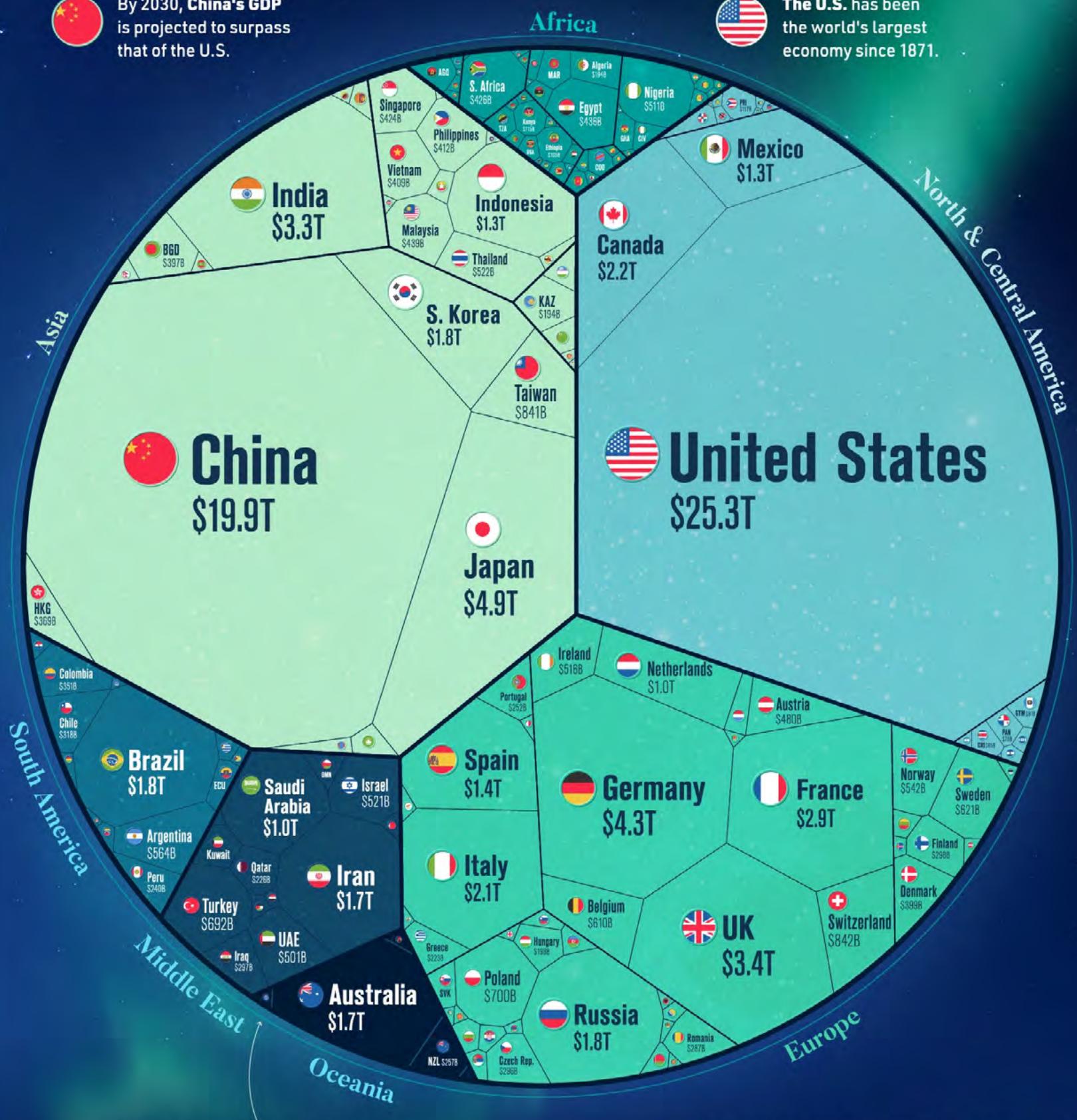
## GLOBAL GDP 2022



By 2030, **China's GDP** is projected to surpass that of the U.S.



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Many of the world's smallest economies are located in the Oceania region, such as **Tuvalu** with a GDP of \$66 million.



**Ireland** is expected to be the fastest growing economy in the Eurozone, with a 5.2% increase this year.

\*2022 data was not available for a handful of countries, including Ukraine and Pakistan.

Source: IMF (April 2022)



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Take care,  
Alan Ross and The Samaritans Team



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**November 2022**

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India@75! The Indo-American Arts Council is proud to bring you another year of outstanding writers, poets, translators, and editors at our international literary festival, scheduled for November 2022. Live in-person events, featuring celebrated and emerging voices from India and the Indian diaspora will be held in New York City over the weekend of November 12th. These energetic, interactive discussions will be complemented by a series of recorded programs that will be exclusively launched on our online platform from November 7th - 11th, 2022.

IAAC strongly believes in sustaining community to help create a world where literature can thrive. We have worked extensively to form relationships, build bridges, and establish ties with several prominent organizations such as Poets & Writers, Kundiman, and the Asian American Writers Workshop.

In the past, the IAAC Literary Festival has had the honor of hosting prominent authors such as Salman Rushdie, Suketu Mehta, Dr. Amartya Sen, Indra Nooyi, Deepak Chopra, Anupam Kher, Rakesh Kaul, Dr. Ravi Shankar, Newbery Honor recipient Veera Hiranandani, Booker Nominee Avni Doshi, Dr. Guruprasad Kaginale, Dr. Sudha Murthy, Narayan Hegde, Megha Majumdar, Kal Penn, Anupam Kher, Ambassador Haksar and Member of Parliament Dr. Shashi Tharoor. We have organized book launches for eminent authors such as Ramchandra Guha, and Madhur Jaffrey, and in 2021 launched Acrobat by Nandana Sen, Vishakha Desai, and the official biography of His Holiness the Dalai Lama. Interest in the IAAC Lit Fest has continued to garner international attention with its spotlight on topics such as Women's Empowerment, Health & Wellness, Diversity, and Equity.

This year the focus is on India@75. We also intend to showcase great regional authors who have English translations. Our criterion is excellence, whether you are a children's book author or a poet...

#### Here is information on some of our past festivals:

- <https://iaac.us/iaac-literary-festival-2020/>
- <https://iaac.us/iaac-literary-festival-2021/>
- <https://iaac.us/iaac-literary-festival/>

We are rapidly finalizing details and hope to hear back from you at the earliest with your recommendations, and formal submissions

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- The author must not have had a reading in NYC over the past 6 months and/or before the IAAC Literary Festival 2022.
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- Please use the link to submit your formal submissions.
- Our submissions are open from July 6, 2022, to September 15th, 2022.
- Two copies of the book are to be sent to the following address for consideration: Indo-American Arts Council Inc., 303 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1007, New York, NY 10016. Alternately, the kindle version can be sent to [admin@iaac.us](mailto:admin@iaac.us).

#### About the Indo-American Arts Council :

The Indo-American Arts Council is a not-for-profit arts organization passionately dedicated to promoting, showcasing, and building an awareness of the arts and artists whose heritage lies in the Indian subcontinent in the performing arts, visual arts, literary arts, and folk arts. IAAC supports

all the artistic disciplines in classical, fusion, folk, and innovative forms influenced by the arts of India. They work cooperatively with colleagues around the United States to broaden collective audiences and create a network for shared information, resources and funding. The IAAC's focus is to help artists and art organizations in North America as well as to facilitate artists from India to exhibit, perform and produce their work in the United States. [www.iaac.us](http://www.iaac.us)



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# THE FORTNIGHT THAT WAS

## Gita Gopinath Feature on IMF Wall



India-born Gita Gopinath became the first woman and second Indian to feature on the 'wall of former chief economists' of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). "Breaking the trend I joined the wall of former Chief Economists of the IMF," she said in a tweet, which also displayed the wall of former chief economists with her photograph.



## UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson Resigns

Boris Johnson announced that he would step down after a slew of resignations from his top team in protest at his leadership.

"It is clearly the will of the parliamentary Conservative party that there should be a new leader of that party, and therefore, a new prime minister," Mr Johnson said outside 10 Downing Street. The timetable for a Tory leadership race will be announced next week, he said, after three tumultuous years in office defined by Brexit, the Covid pandemic and non-stop controversy over his reputation for mendacity.

He said he was "sad... to be giving up the best job in the world" and justified fighting on in the final hours to deliver the mandate he won in a general election in December 2019.



## India Mourns the Loss of Shinzo Abe

Shinzo Abe, the former prime minister of Japan, was shot during a political campaign rally and passed away in the hospital. On July 8, Friday morning, Abe was twice fired at while he was delivering a speech on a street in Nara. Security officials at the scene tackled the gunman and a 41-year-old suspect is now in police custody.

The suspect, named Tetsuya Yamagami, admitted shooting Abe with a homemade gun, and said he had a grudge against a "specific organisation", police said.

Several other handmade weapons, similar to those used in the attack, were confiscated after a search of the suspect's house, police officers told a news conference.

Modi pays long, detailed tribute to 'Dear Friend' Shinzo Abe, "I first met Abe San in 2007 and since then, we have had so many memorable interactions. I will cherish each of them. Abe San energized the India-Japan relationship. He ensured that Japan is there side by side as New India accelerates its growth," wrote PM Modi in his blog.

## Former President Donald Trump's Ex-wife Ivana Trump Passes Away at the Age of 73

Ivana Trump was Donald Trump's first wife. They had three children together: Donald Jr., Ivanka and Eric Trump.

Manhattan paramedics, responding to a call for cardiac arrest, found her in her Upper East Side apartment, where she lived, just after 12:30 pm on Thursday, July 14, 2022, according to the FDNY. She was pronounced dead at the scene, the NYPD said.

Ivana Trump was found unconscious and unresponsive at the bottom of a set of stairs in her apartment, according to police sources. Later on, it was determined by the chief medical examiner that she died from blunt impact injuries to her torso. This was declared a day after and a city senior official familiar with the case said that the circumstances of her death are consistent with a fall on the stairs.

In a statement on his platform, Truth Social, the former president remembered Ivana as a "wonderful, beautiful and amazing woman, who led a great and inspirational life."

"Her pride and joy were her three children Donald Jr., Ivanka and Eric," he wrote. "She was so proud of them, as we were all so proud of her."



Photo: pinkvilla

## Twitter Sues the Indian Government

Reuters reported that Twitter has asked an Indian court in Bengaluru to overturn orders by the Indian government to remove content from its platform. In recent months, New Delhi has instructed Twitter to expunge content on some accounts critical of or otherwise problematic for New Delhi — such as those that support an independent state for Sikhs, provide information about anti-government protests, or criticize New Delhi's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The most recent orders to take down content and block accounts, which Twitter complied with on Monday, were described as "arbitrary" and "disproportionate," according to sources familiar with the filing.

With more than 38 million users, India is Twitter's fourth-largest market, according to 2021 estimates by Insider Intelligence, a market research firm. The case is likely to escalate tensions with the government, which has increasingly sought to regulate social media platforms by

tightening legislation and policing users. New rules issued last year mandate that social media companies appoint India-based grievance officers to comply with government takedown requests or risk criminal liability. Twitter was already reprimanded by a local court over its failure to appoint such officials within the stipulated time. Police in the state of Uttar Pradesh also summoned the company's top executive in India for failing to take down a viral video of alleged communal violence activity.



Photo: latimes

## India's EAM S. Jaishankar Raises LAC Issues with Chinese Counterpart Wang Yi in Bali Meeting

Three months after they met in New Delhi, External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar and Chinese Foreign Minister and State Councillor Wang Yi held talks on the side-lines of the G-20 Foreign Ministers' meeting in Bali. While the talks that lasted an hour appeared to be cordial, New Delhi and Beijing crossed swords over Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday greetings to the Dalai Lama and Enforcement Directorate (ED) searches at the offices of the Chinese company Vivo in India.

Mr. Jaishankar called for an early resolution of all the outstanding issues along the LAC in Eastern Ladakh. Recalling the disengagement achieved in some friction areas, EAM reiterated the need to sustain the momentum to complete disengagement from all the remaining areas to restore peace and tranquillity in the border areas," a statement by the Ministry of External Affairs said, adding that the two Ministers agreed that they should continue regular contact at military and diplomatic meetings, and looked ahead to the next (16th) round of Senior Commanders meeting at the Chushul-Moldo border point "at an early date".

The Chinese readout made no mention of the LAC crisis, instead emphasising Mr. Wang's remarks calling on both sides to "strengthen coordination and cooperation and jointly promote more democratic international relations and a fairer international order". He said both sides had "maintained communication and exchanges" and "effectively managed differences".



Photo: thehindu

## India joins of UNESCO's Intergovernmental Committee to Safeguard Intangible Cultural Heritage

India has been elected to the Intergovernmental Committee of UNESCO's 2003 Convention on the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage's Intergovernmental Committee for the 2022-2026 cycle. The elections for the Intergovernmental Committee took place during the 9th General Assembly of the 2003 Convention, which was held from July 5-7 2022, at UNESCO headquarters in Paris.

India will have the chance to closely monitor the implementation of the 2003 Convention as a member of the intergovernmental committee. India aspires to mobilize the capabilities of many actors globally to effectively conserve intangible heritage in order to broaden the scope and impact of the Convention. Noting the imbalance in the inscriptions on the Convention's three lists, namely the Urgent Safeguarding List, Representative List, and the Register of Good Safeguarding Practices, India shall endeavour to encourage international dialogue among the Convention's State Parties in order to better showcase the diversity and importance of living heritage.



## India Beat England in ODI Series Decider

India's narrow series triumph over England away from home has seen Rohit Sharma's side cling on to third place just ahead of Pakistan on the latest Men's ODI Team Rankings.

A maiden ODI century to Rishabh Pant helped India clinch a 2-1 series victory over England on Sunday, 17 July and in the process ensured they held on to third spot behind New Zealand on the ICC current rankings.

Players of the Indian cricket team appeared a jubilant bunch after defeating England in the series-deciding 3rd ODI in Manchester on Sunday. Rishabh Pant starred with the bat, slamming his maiden century, while Hardik Pandya's phenomenal all-round show guided India home by five wickets to wrap a memorable series win. Following the match, when the presentation ceremony completed and Rohit Sharma was handed over the winner's trophy, the Indian team erupted in wild celebrations, with a few players showering their captain with champagne.



## Ben Stokes Announces Retirement from ODIs

England all-rounder Ben Stokes on Monday, 18 July announced that he will be retiring from ODI cricket and will be playing his last 50-over format game on Tuesday against South Africa in Durham. Tuesday's match at his home ground was his 105th in the format. The all-rounder made the announcement on his *Twitter* account along with an image of him holding the ICC World Cup Trophy and a statement.



I will play my last game for England in ODI cricket on Tuesday in Durham. I have decided to retire from this format. This has been an incredibly tough decision to make. I have loved every minute of playing with my mates for England. We have had an incredible journey on the way.

As hard as a decision as this was to come to, it's not as hard dealing with the fact I can't give my teammates 100% of myself in this format anymore. The England shirt deserves nothing less from anyone who wears it.

Three formats are just unsustainable for me now. Not only do I feel that my body is letting me down because of the schedule and what is expected of us, but I also feel that I am taking the place of another player who can give Jos and the rest of the team their all. It's time for someone else to progress as a cricketer and make incredible memories like I have over the past 11 years.

I will give everything I have to Test cricket, and now, with this decision, I feel I can also give my total commitment to the T20 format.

I would like to wish Jos Buttler, Matthew Mott, the players and the support staff every success going forward. We have made great strides in white-ball cricket over the past seven years, and the future looks bright.

I have loved all 104 games I have played so far. I've got one more, and it feels amazing to be playing my last game at my home ground in Durham.

As always, the England fans have always been there for me and will continue to be there. You're the best fans in the world. I hope we can win on Tuesday and set the series up nicely against South Africa.

Thanks ❤️

## Community News

### Arangetram Dance Performance in Carnegie Hall at New York

On July 9, 2022, the families of Nidhi Ladda and Krupa Patel, in collaboration with Kalashri School of Arts, organized a dance performance, 'Arangetram.' The event was held at Carnegie Hall Zankel Hall, New York, starting from 3:30 pm to 6 pm in the evening.

A Certificate of Recognition was presented to Guru Bina Menon, Nidhi Ladda and Krupa Patel, separately from the City of New York, addressing each of their talents, contributions and achievements respectively, signed by Mayor Eric Adams.

'Arangetram' is referred to as the stage debut of a former student of Indian classical dance and music. This first performance comes after years of training, and many Indian classical dance forms perform an Arangetram once a pupil is ready. It can be performed for Indian classical dance genres such as Kathak, Kuchipudi, Manipuri, Kathakali, Bharatanatyam, and Mohiniyattam, as well as vocal and instruments such as Mridangam, Ghatam and Violin.



# Facebook is Testing a Way to Add Multiple Profiles to an Account

The social network says users will be able to add up to five profiles to their Facebook account. Facebook says it wants to make it easier to showcase your alter ego on social media.

The social network has a rule that bars users from having multiple Facebook accounts but gives businesses, organizations and public figures the option to create pages. Now Facebook is testing a way for users to create up to five profiles linked to one account. Facebook said that switching between the profiles

will require only two taps.

The experiment shows how the site has been trying to evolve beyond just a place to share updates with family and friends. Facebook users could create profiles dedicated to their hobbies, such as cooking, design or travel, said the social network. They could also have a separate profile where they correspond only with certain family members or friends.

Facebook has been facing more competition from apps such as TikTok, where people share short videos about a variety of topics, including their

interests. In February, the social network reported that it lost daily users for the first time

in its history, but that number jumped up in the first three months of this year.

*Photo: cnet*





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Don't you love it when the rain bathes the trees and cleanses the leaves, making them bright and dewy? When you want to take a deep breath to inhale the petrichor. When the sound of the fat wet drops on your roof

reminds you of a drum beat, all you want to do is soak in the sights, sounds and smells.

Forget the snarling traffic and inconveniences that cannot be controlled. Why fret over them? Sometimes most of us get too swamped in life's struggles to enjoy its bounties.

This morning has begun well. I've opened all the windows in my apartment. Let the fresh, clean air remove all the toxins in my house and heart. It's time to take out the wok and generously pour in the oil. Nothing quite matches the aroma and taste of the fritters bubbling in hot oil, waiting to

be devoured with a spicy mint chutney. Make another cup of tea, and revel in being alive.

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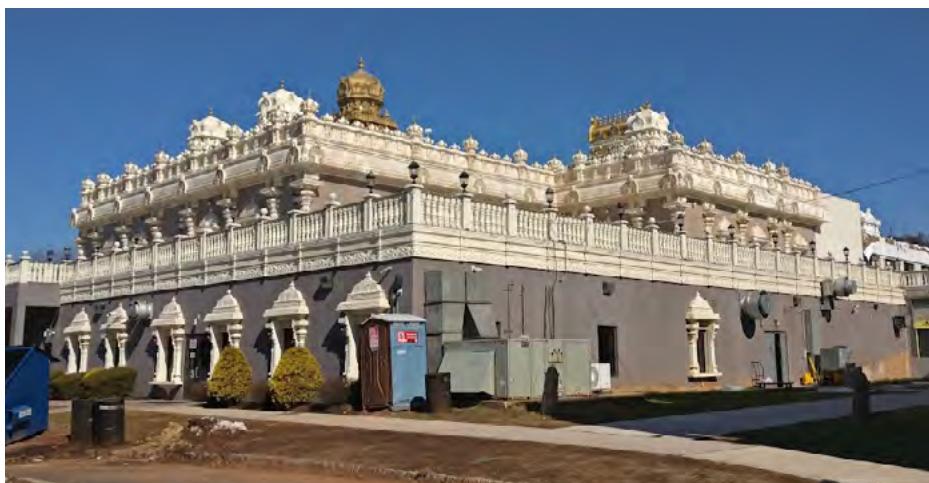
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## ANKAHI KAHANIYA

(2021/ Anthology/ Netflix)

### AN INTERESTING MIX, WORTH IT FOR THE CAST AND DIRECTORS!

**Director** Abhishek Chaubey, Saket Chaudhary, Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari

**Cast** Abhishek Banerjee, Rinku Rajguru, Delzad Hiwale, Kunal Kapoor, Zoya Hussain, Nikhil Dwivedi, Palomi Ghosh

**Writer** Piyush Gupta, Hussain Haidry, Shreyas Jain, Zeenat Lakhani Nitesh Tiwari



Photo: imbd

**Three stories by three acclaimed directors bound by a common theme of loneliness and love.**

Have seen a lot of reviews about this anthology and quite mixed ones, which consequently toned down my expectations. But the stories had me completely roped in and I think it was a good decision to go for it.

**The first one by Ashwini Iyer Tiwari revolves around Pradeep (Abhishek Banerjee), whose dull and lonely life in Mumbai as a store help leads him to develop an infatuation with a mannequin.**

The most impressive thing about this story, which might seem a little far-fetched in parts, is Abhishek's performance.

He lends his character this mix of adorable quality, innocence and desperation that tugs at the heart. Even when you feel the story tilting towards implausibility, he keeps you invested. I am highly impressed by the range of this actor considering the

variety of his portrayals so far and I think we are yet to see his entire potential.

**The second one "Madhyantar" by Abhishek Chaubey revolves around two youngsters living a lonely and drab life in the retro era of Mumbai.**

Manjari (Rinku Rajguru) lives in a lower middle-class household and suffers from bias, disdain and indifference. Watching cinema seems to be the only silver lining in her grey life.

Nandu (Delzad Hiwale) works for a cinema and takes care of an old & foul drunkard who seems to have adopted him in childhood.

The setting of the story and both the lead actors lend a heart tugging charm to the story.

But what is actually most impressive is the makers vision and the way the story conveys the subtextual. Such less of spoken words, so much conveyed and so much to be deciphered. I loved the way they drew the characters and their relationship.

**The third story by Saket Chaudhary revolves around two couples. A wife discovers that her husband is cheating on her and then she meets the other woman's husband to try and salvage her marriage.**

Zoya Hussain and Kunal Kapoor play the wronged spouses and Nikhil Dwivedi and Palomi Ghosh play the cheating spouses.

The story was least impressive of the three. It involves a plot that goes a little haywire in my opinion. That whole idea of discussing and living though the cheating



moments of their spouses seemed a little outlandish and off. But what still kept me hooked were the actors. I love Zoya Hussain since her debut in Mukkabaaz and Kunal is always a pleasure to watch. Nikhil and Palomi were good too. Together these four made the heavily dialogue laden story somehow work.

#### Recommendation

Overall, the anthology turned out to be a good watch for me.



Photo: Ankahi Kahaniya Trailer

# AUTOPSY OF JANE DOE

(2016, Horror, English)

**FOR THE HORROR FANS WHO ARE  
CONSTANTLY ON A LOOKOUT FOR  
SOMETHING DIFFERENT!**

**Director**

Andre Ovredal

**Cast**

Brian Cox, Emile Hirsch, Ophelia Lovibond

**Writer**

Ian Goldberg; Richard Naing



Photo: imdb

## Plot

Austen and Tommy Tiden, a father-son duo are small town coroners, happily and "mechanically" doing their job. One night, they receive a corpse from a mysterious crime scene. Its autopsy turns out to be extremely mind boggling and science defying. Would they be able to decipher the mystery before it is too late?

## Analysis

Being a horror buff is extremely challenging. The more you watch, the less scared you are and the more you crave for something exciting and different.

This film, at least for the major part of its duration, defies the usual horror tropes

and provides for a very exciting and suspenseful watch. The mystery around the body, the technicalities of its dissection, the tinge of period myths and mystery associated with it, made it seem like a jigsaw puzzle, albeit a morbid one. The atmospherics and the foreboding feel are the only elements feeding the fear quotient.

And that is what sets apart this horror.

The last leg / the final act does submit to the usual tropes but by that time, the film has already done its bit for you.

Brian Cox is fantastic as the senior Tiden. His performance added so much credibility to this horror drama. Emile Hirsch was good. But I think

the toughest part was for Ophelia to be playing the corpse.

## Recommendation

The film boasts an

engaging and exciting story in the horror genre. Definitely recommended for the buffs like me, forever on a look out.



Photo: Autopsy of Jane Doe Trailer



Photo: Autopsy of Jane Doe Trailer

# SAAS BAHU ACHAAR PVT LTD

(Zee5 Series / 2022 / Comedy / Drama)

## "A HEART-WARMING STORY AND LAUDABLE PERFORMANCES THAT ARE A PLEASURE TO WATCH"

**Director**

Apoorv Singh Karki

**Cast**

Amruta Subhash, Yamini Das, Anjana Sukhani, Anup Soni, Anandeshwar Dwivedi, Manu Bisht, Nikhil Chawla.

**Writer**

Abhishek Shrivastav, Swarnadeep Biswas



Photo: Saas Bahu Achaar Pvt Ltd Trailer

### Plot

The story centres around a woman, recently divorced, who is trying to get a foothold financially and emotionally. She fumbles, falls but eventually stands tall!

that I have watched and now I totally understand the love and follower ship that their shows have enjoyed. In accord with their USP, it's a story that is slice of life, simple, gentle, earthy, heart-warming, entertaining, inspiring and touches all the right emotional chords.

The beauty of the story lies in its simplicity and the way it layers up soft emotions and humour in a way that one moment you might be teary eyed and the next, you might be chuckling with eyes still moist.

Thankfully, there are no villains or negative characters

to enhance your woes; just life, jumbled relationships and challenging circumstances being the main culprits. The best part is that all of this is wrapped up in a light package.

I am mighty impressed with Director Apoorv Karki Singh and the way he delivers the story keeping it a perfect mix of light moments, endearing moments and overwhelming moments. The writers deserve a big credit for the way the characters and the relationships have been sketched out. Your heart goes out for each one of them. The dialogues are an amazing mix of humour and thought-provoking gems about life and relationships. Their colloquial lingo adds tang to the humour.

You may find things simplistic and made too easy at certain points but by then you are too much in love with the story and willingly take it in your stride.

and real touch that she adds to her characters, as if she has just walked into the screen from real life. Her comic timing, diction and dialogue delivery is so cute, you feel like giving her a hug.

Their chemistry together is superb and adorable to the core.

**Anup Soni**, in a very subdued portrayal, plays well as the man torn between morals, guilt and genuine love.

**Anjana Sukhani** needs to be lauded too. I think it's a feat to be able to portray the complex feelings of a conscientious second wife bearing the weight of guilt and efforts to win over relationships.

The rest of the cast add good support and value.

The music and lyrics are beautiful, in sync with the story and bring to fore the underlying emotions of the scenes.

### Performances

**Amruta Subhash** bowls you over with brilliance and beauty with which she plays the different facets of her character. Naive, uneducated woman, a doting mother, a broken and hurt wife, fumbling confused entrepreneur. There is a charm about her childish enthusiasm and an admirable grit and resilience too. Her fears and intense pain sears your heart.

Have been a huge fan of **Yamini Das** ever since Sui Dhaga. Just love the natural

### Recommendation

The series is an amazing mix of light hearted humour as well as thought provoking gems on life.

It brings on plenty of chuckles as well as an onslaught of tears (those like me, who watch with the heart up their sleeve, please keep tissues handy).

It carries a very relevant message without getting too preachy.

It is an inspiring and entertaining watch with praiseworthy performances.



Photo: Saas Bahu Achaar Pvt Ltd Trailer

# Zendaya Creates History with 'Euphoria' Emmy Nomination

**W**ith her most recent Emmy nomination for her performance in "Euphoria," Zendaya is making history.

Zendaya, who plays a leading role in the teen drama, earned her second Emmy nomination, thus making her the youngest ever two-time Emmy nominee. She previously clinched the title of the youngest woman ever nominated for producing at the Emmys.

For her role as Rue in 'Euphoria', she already made

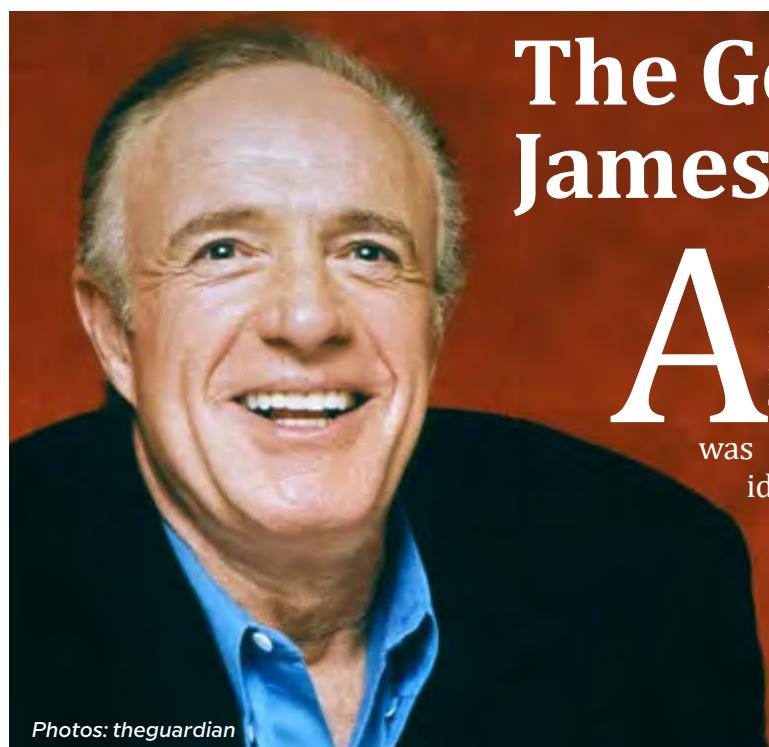
history in 2020 by becoming the youngest lead actress drama winner (24 at the time), and only the second-ever Black woman to win the category, following Viola Davis for 'How to Get Away With Murder'.

The Emmy Awards unveiled its list of nominations for the 2022 ceremony on Tuesday, July 12. Zendaya also nabbed a pair of nominations for producing and writing original lyrics for two songs featured in Euphoria, 'I'm Tired' and 'Elliot's Song'.

After learning about the nominations, Zendaya took to Instagram and penned a note



expressing her happiness.



Photos: theguardian

## The Godfather Famed Actor James Caan Passes Away at 82

**A**Bronx native, he starred in countless movies and TV shows but was most closely identified with the volatile character Sonny Corleone from the famous

film The Godfather.

His death was announced by his family on Twitter and confirmed by his manager, Matt DelPiano. Both his family and his manager declined to say where he died or cite a cause.

By the time "The Godfather" was released in 1972, Mr. Caan had established himself as a young actor worth keeping an eye on. He had a meaty role in "El Dorado," a 1966 western that

starred John Wayne and Robert Mitchum.

In "The Rain People," a 1969 film that got mixed reviews for playing a simple-minded former football player. Then came Mr. Coppola's "Godfather." Initially cast as the central figure, Michael Corleone — the role ultimately played by Al Pacino — Mr. Caan ended up playing Sonny, quick to anger and ultimately gunned down on a causeway.

# Emmy Nomination for Himesh Patel For 'Station Eleven'

**F**or his performance as Jeevan Chaudhary in the HBO Max miniseries "Station Eleven," which is based on the 2014 book by Emily St. John Mandel, actor Himesh Patel, who is well known for "Ten Percent," "Motherland," "Avenue 5," "Eastenders," and many other popular television shows, received a nomination.

In the plot, a gang of survivors travels the Great Lakes region putting on plays for spectators in a post-apocalyptic world.

Nominated in the Best Actor, Limited Series or TV Movie category, Patel has said in the past, he had always been interested in cinema and music. The 1990 British born singer and actor traces his roots to Gujarat

through parents who were born in Zambia and Kenya.

Others nominated in the category with Patel include stellar and award-winning actors: Colin Firth for 'The Staircase,' Andrew Garfield for 'Under the Banner of Heaven,' Oscar Isaac for 'Scenes from a Marriage,' Michael Keaton for 'Dopesick,' and Sebastian Stan for 'Pam & Tommy.'



# Alia's Maiden Production 'Darlings' to Premier on Netflix

**A**ctor Alia Bhatt announced that "Darlings", her debut film as a producer, will premiere on streaming platform *Netflix*. In collaboration with Shah Rukh Khan's Red Chillies Entertainment, the actress stars in and produces the film under her name Eternal Sunshine Productions.

Bhatt shared the news of the film's *Netflix* debut on her social media handles. "Hey, darlings. I want to tell you something big but the network is not good here. Hello..hello? #Darlings #DarlingsOnNetflix" the actor wrote alongside a promotional video, also featuring co-stars



Shefali Shah, Vijay Verma and Roshan Mathew.

"Darlings", a dark comedy, marks the directorial debut

of writer Jasmeet K Reen. The Mumbai-set film is mounted against the backdrop of a conservative lower middle-class neighbourhood. It explores the lives of a mother-daughter duo trying to find their place in the city, seeking courage and love in exceptional circumstances while fighting against all odds.

In a statement, the actor said "Darlings" holds a "special place in my heart". "It's my first film as a producer and that too with Red Chillies. We are very proud and happy how the film has shaped up and we hope it will entertain and engage audience's world over," she said.

## Dhanush Says Sons Stole the Show at Premiere in LA

**D**hanush, who will next be seen in Russo Brothers' 'The Gray Man,' suited up in style for the film's premiere in Los Angeles. The actor, dressed in a tuxedo, walked the red carpet with his two boys, Yathra and Linga.

Sharing pictures from the premiere on Instagram, Dhanush wrote, "When you realize they have completely stolen the show from you. At #TheGrayMan premiere with Yathra and Linga."

Talking about his experience shooting for the movie, Dhanush said, "It was incredible. This movie is a rollercoaster, it has everything, action, drama, pace and a big chase. I am very grateful that I got to do a modest role in this movie full of incredible people."

The whole film's cast was present during the premiere. Ryan Gosling, Chris Evans, Joe and Anthony Russo, Ana de Armas, and Rege-Jean Page all made stylish appearances on the red carpet.

On July 15, the film will be released in theaters throughout the world. On July 22, it will become accessible on *Netflix*.



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