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Let me start with some good news! COVID cases are declining and thanks to President Trump's warp speed vaccine development project we have two CDC approved vaccines in the US. We were administering close to one million vaccines per day in President Trump's last week in office, and we have started feeling sigh of relief.

Let me talk about another positive news. One proud moment for Indian Americans was when Kamala Harris, an Indian and Black American was sworn in as US Vice President, a heartbeat away to become the most powerful leader of the free world. On behalf of the entire Indian American community, Desh Videsh Media Group congratulates Vice President Harris and features her as the cover story in this issue.

A second equally proud moment, not only for only Indian Americans, but also for Indians worldwide, Indian PM Narendra Modi was ranked the most popular of world leaders by an American polling company.

In not so positive news, in early January, extremist Americans along with a few Americans who were driven by personal agendas, stormed the US Capitol building using violence. Similarly, a few Indians with personal agendas calling themselves "Friends of Indian Farmers" stormed the Indian Capital in New Delhi on January 26, Indian Republican Day. To me, it seems like the "people with the personal agendas" are winning. IT MUST STOP.

Going back to some positive news. We are very proud to present a list of Indian Americans who have been nominated to fill key positions in President Biden's Administration. On a personal note, I would like to congratulate our own Dr. Vivek Murthy, raised in South Florida and whose parents still live here, on his nomination for US Surgeon General.

But as a journalist and admirer of India's Prime Minister Modi, let me point out hypocrisy in this list of appointees. Two prominent Hindu Americans, Sonal Shah and Amit Jani have been excluded from this list. Sonal Shah, one of six Indian Americans who served on the Biden-Sanders "unity task force" and also an Obama administration staffer, and Amit Jani, who served in the Biden Campaign as a Director of National Asian American and Pacific Islander. And the reason they have excluded is because they support PM Modi and his BJP Party.

Last month on January 30, we paid our respect to Gandhi ji on his punya tithi. This month, I would like to take this opportunity to pay my respect to Kasturba, Mahatma Gandhi's wife, on her 77th punya tithi which takes place February 22. Please read, "Kasturba Gandhi, the force behind Mahatma Gandhi" by Tanvi Dubey to learn more about Kasturba's influence on Gandhi ji.

This issue also features this year's Padma and Pravasi Bharatiya Samman awardees from the United States. On behalf of the entire Indian American community, Desh Videsh Media Group congratulates these incredible individuals who have made us proud in elevating the Indian culture and heritage.

In keeping with the tradition to educate readers, two articles this month will help you navigate your financial goals. The first is "Five Simple Yet Smart Money Habits" by Supla Vora, an experienced financial planner, and the second is "Bitcoin- An Impressive Bullish Performance" By Amith Nirgunarthy, an experienced investment advisor.

In this issue, I am back with a "Words to Live By" column, which features verses from the *Thirukkural*, an ancient Hindu scripture. Be sure to check it out.

Before I close, let me announce some BIG news. With the COVID cases declining and the vaccine being distributed, we are finally seeing a light at the end of the tunnel. We have decided to host our first bridal show of 2021 at the Hilton Orlando on May 23, 2021. In 2020, not many Indian weddings took place, but we are seeing a record number of Indian weddings being planned for this year. If you are Indian wedding vendor, please reserve your booth by going to our web site www.myshadibridalexpo.com or send an email to info@deshvidesh.com. If you are a bride, groom or family, please register to attend at our website www.myshadibridalexpo.com.



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mark. The timeline shows his popularity graph rising. Detractors just do not have enough mud to sling and none of it will stick. Jair Bolsanaro, Vladimir Putin, Recep Erdogan, Boris Johnson, Donald Trump, Rodrigo Duterte, Kim Jong Un and Xi Jing Pin cannot hold a candle to Maha Magician Modi who continues to hold India in his thrall. This is not hot air. The American firm Morning Consult conducted a survey that found 75% people hold Modi in high approval. His net approval rating is 55%.

No less a person than the BJP President Mr. J P Nadda pontificated on the mega wonders that Modi has wrought and said that it is a matter of pride and honor that the PM stands tall. Mr. Nadda tweeted that Mr. Modi's popularity has increased across all demographic groups and regions of the country, and the PM is ranked number one among global leaders.



He went on to claim that ever since the Modi-led government took over, the people's trust and faith have shown remarkable increase. Many in India believe the Prime Minister is on the right track and doing the right thing. Mr. Prakash Javadekar chimed in to say that it is a rare phenomenon that Mighty Modi's ratings have been increasing.

Other fellow high ranking Indians of undisputable stature have also over time, expressed their opinions and regard for the Prime Minister. The Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman shared findings by a renowned US research firm, in April 2020 that clearly indicated the rise in popularity of Mr. Modi at an expeditious rate. In a social media post, she wrote, "@PMOIndia leads #IndiaFightsCorona from the front. Consistent high approval ratings for @narendramodi." She also tweeted about the country's confidence in his leadership during the "extraordinary situation" that has come about due to the pandemic.

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah also mentioned in his Twitter post how the Prime Minister was receiving global praise against the background of the COVID-19 fight that he was spearheading in India.

Truly enough, during the once in a millennium crisis of the coronavirus pandemic, as most developed western nations battled with almost futile outcomes, India stood out under the staunch guidance of PM Modi and his novel ideas that steered the country in the right direction during these dark hours.

Be it to protect the country's economy from the catastrophe wreaked by the virus and keeping her people motivated and united, to disseminating emergency aid to affected countries and even taking an initiative in the process of development and manufacture of effective vaccines against the deadly virus, Mr. Modi has done it all.

Apart from keeping the nation afloat during these challenging times where people were impacted and losing lives by the millions, PM Modi even took the country a step further by effectively channelizing his efforts into the "Make in India" or "Atmanirbhar Bharat" program, thus ensuring that he presented India on the world stage as a more robust and assertive nation that is confident of its ever-increasing global stature that is not bashful of making hard decisions or ameliorations for the betterment of its populace.

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The Prime Minister not only enjoys great rapport with popular world leaders, but he has also cultivated Gulf region leaders such as Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed; Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison; and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.



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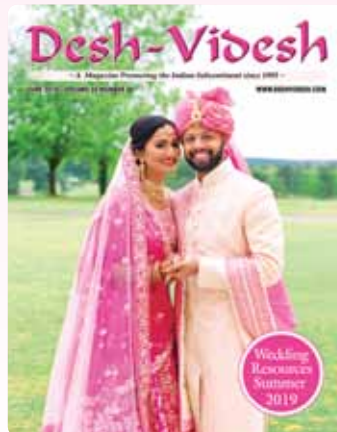
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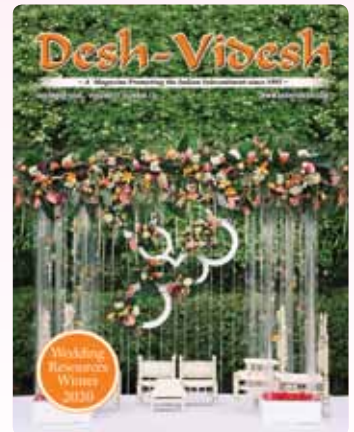
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A culture that worships goddesses produces strong women.

- Shyamala Gopalan



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Kamala, as Laxmi the embodiment of women of power, has three firsts to her name. She is the first woman, first Black, and first Indian to ever be elected Vice President of the US. Harris is of Indian origin on her mother's side and Jamaican origin on her father's side.

Going back before Harris was born, you will find a story of an aspiring woman, none other than Harris' mother Shyamala Gopalan. Gopalan came to the US from Chennai at the age of 19 to pursue a doctoral degree at the University of California, Berkeley. It was Shyamala who began the quest to be recognized as an Indian woman living in the US.

Harris was born in Oakland, California, on October 20, 1964, and was joined a few years later by sister Maya. Gopalan raised her two daughters, Kamala and Maya, with the unambiguous message that they should be proud of being Black and Indian as well as of being women. She always knew the two would mean a great deal to the future of the US. Harris' father Donald Jasper Harris, a well-known economist and professor emeritus at Stanford University, was of Jamaican-American origin and also provided the mental support needed to develop strong women. Though the pair divorced when Harris was seven years old, both of her parents shared a common passion for the civil right movement when they first met at UC Berkeley to pursue their graduate studies. Even in her childhood days, Harris would accompany her parents to protests.

Vice President Harris and her sister, Maya Harris, were primarily raised and inspired by their mother. Gopalan, in turn, was a strong woman of her own standing. A breast cancer scientist and pioneer in her own right, Gopalan

received her doctorate the same year Kamala Harris was born.

Harris' upbringing during her younger years bears a striking resemblance to the famous Indian activist Kamala Nehru, whose contribution to the Indian freedom struggle is still remembered with gratitude by Indians. Harris began protesting on her own at mere age of 13 in Montreal when she successfully protested against the policy of denying the entry of children to a nearby lawn. Harris' maternal grandfather, P. V. Gopalan, a retired Civil Servant, played an important role in Kamala's life in shaping her views on democracy and women's rights.

After graduating from high school, Harris attended Howard University, a historically known Black college in Washington, DC, and there she majored in Political Science & Economics. While there, Harris also became part of another family, Alpha Kappa Alpha, the first sorority created by and for Black women in the US. This group of women informed Harris' college experience and became a powerful network.

Harris earned a Bachelor's degree at Howard and then went to law school, earning her law degree in 1989 from Hastings College. It was then that her meteoric rise began. During her nine year tenure (1990-1998) working as Deputy District Attorney in Oakland, she addressed and

prosecuted gang wars, drug trafficking and sexual abuse cases. Anyone can understand the mental power and level of endurance needed for a 26 year old woman to handle these substantive cases. These were her formative years, where she developed a toughness and courage that has become a hallmark of her personality. Rising through ranks, she became district attorney in 2004 and was elected Attorney General of California in 2011 becoming the first woman and first Black to hold the position.

Harris first rose to the national scene after delivering a memorable speech at the Democratic National Convention in 2012. She was widely accepted and known as a rising star in the party and a potential candidate for the US Senate.



Harris often shares in interviews that her "... mother would look at me and she'd say, 'Kamala, you may be the first to do many things, but make sure you are not the last.'"

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The indomitable spirit of her mother inspired Harris to become a pioneer on many occasions, but she maintains, from the core of her belief, that she's "honored to be considered a 'first,' but I always think about the people who came before and paved the way for me to get where I am today."

Harris first pursued her dream as a candidate in the 2020 US presidential elections, but withdrew due to a

Gopalan often told her daughters while they were growing up "Don't sit around and complain about things, do something." Harris embraces that this teaching of her mother drives her actions every day. When accepting the nomination as the Democratic candidate for Vice President, Harris shared her mother's wisdom and expressed gratitude for her grandfather by acknowledging that they both helped her rise to the occasion when she shared in the speech they were "why I am where I am today."

Harris often shares in interviews that her "... mother would look at me and she'd say, 'Kamala, you may be the first to do many things, but make sure you are not the last.'"

This driving force led Harris from one endeavor to the next. She continued as Attorney General of California until 2017, when she was elected a US Senator representing California. During these years, she began to shed light on her positions about the Federal de-scheduling of cannabis, DREAM Act, Progressive tax reform, and a host of other issues. Always a staunch critic of systematic Racism, Harris has never held back in saying, "Let's speak the truth: People are protesting because Black people have been treated as less than human in America. It is the duty of every American to fix. No longer can some wait on the side-lines In times like this, silence is complicated."

Along her remarkable journey from District Attorney to Vice President, Harris took the time to note down her own experience and views in

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lack of campaign funds. Fortunately, Harris kept moving down her path when candidate Joe Biden selected her as his Vice Presidential candidate.

What does Kamala Harris mean for India?

Joe Biden's victory was welcomed in India, but more importantly, it was the fact that Kamala Harris became Vice President that was cause for celebration. Her uncle G. Balachandran said that "It was always going to happen." BJP leaders gave a thumbs up, interpreting her name Kamala, which means Lotus, as being representative of their party symbol.

However, it would be too early and far fetched, in the opinion of experts, to expect that Harris will have a pro-India stance, given the current government's policies and actions. She did warn New Delhi that the US was watching India when the government revoked Article 370 in Kashmir. On the other hand, immigration policies are likely to be relaxed and the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) status may be restored. Her past activities show that she has a strong passion for human rights and may take issue on this with the Indian government. However, she has not provided strong opinions on foreign policies outside of emphasizing human rights when it comes to China and Russia. To date, she has refrained from being outspoken on human rights and India, except that she did stand by Pramila Jayapala during an instance when Indian External



Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar cancelled an interaction with the US House Affairs Committee when it refused to exclude Jayapala's participation.

Harris is at the start of a remarkable journey and the years ahead hold much more in store. She now stands as the Iron Lady of the US, and as an example for women all over the world that you can achieve the highest of aspirations.



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The Truths We Hold: An American Journey



The daughter of immigrants and civil rights activists, Vice President Kamala Harris was raised in a California community that cared deeply about social justice. As she rose to prominence as a political leader, her experiences would become her guiding light as she grappled with an array of complex issues and learned to bring a voice to the voiceless.

Now, in *The Truths We Hold*, Harris reckons with the big challenges we face together. Drawing on the hard-won wisdom and insight from her own career and the work of those who have most inspired her, she communicates a vision of shared struggle, shared purpose, and shared values as we confront the great work of our day.

Vice President Kamala Harris on her Indian family and Indian American identity (excerpts from *The Truths We Hold*)

“My mother had been raised in a household where political activism and civic leadership came naturally. Her mother, my grandmother, Rajam Gopalan, had never attended high school, but she was a skilled community organizer. She would take in women who were being abused by their husbands, and then she’d call the husbands and tell them they’d better shape up or she would take care of them. She used to gather village women together, educating them about contraception. My grandfather P. V. Gopalan had been part of the movement to win India’s independence. Eventually, as a senior diplomat in the Indian government, he and my grandmother had spent time living in Zambia after it gained independence, helping to settle refugees. He used to joke that my grandmother’s activism would get him in trouble one day. But he knew that was never going to stop her. From them, my mother learned that it was service to others that gave life purpose and meaning. And from my mother, Maya and I learned the same.”

“My mother was expected to return to India after she completed her degree. Her parents had an arranged marriage. It was assumed my mother would follow a similar path. But fate had other plans. She and my father met and fell in love at Berkeley while participating in the civil rights movement. Her marriage—and her decision to stay in the United States—were the ultimate acts of self determination and love.”

“They lived many thousands of miles away, and we rarely saw one another. Still, through many long-distance calls, our periodic trips to India, and letters and cards written back and forth, our sense of family—of closeness and comfort and trust—was able to penetrate the distance. It’s how I first really learned that you can have very close relationships with people, even if it’s not on a daily basis. We were always there for one another, regardless of what form that would take.”

“My mother, grandparents, aunts, and uncle instilled us with pride in our South Asian roots. Our classical Indian names harked back to our heritage, and we were raised with a strong awareness of and appreciation for Indian culture. All of my mother’s words of affection or frustration came out in her mother tongue—which seems fitting to me, since the purity of those emotions is what I associate with my mother most of all.”

“My mother inherited my grandmother’s strength and courage. People who knew them knew not to mess with either. And from both of my grandparents, my mother developed a keen political consciousness. She was conscious of history, conscious of struggle, conscious of inequities. She was born with a sense of justice imprinted on her soul.”

“My mother understood very well that she was raising two black daughters. She knew that her adopted homeland would see Maya and me as black girls, and she was determined to make sure we would grow into confident, proud black women.”

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If you are a parent or a teacher, you most probably read stories to young children. Together, you laugh and point at the pictures. You engage them with a few simple questions. And they respond.

So what happens to children when they participate in shared reading? Does it make a difference to their learning? If so, what aspects of their learning are affected?

Shared reading for language development

British researcher Don Holdaway was the first to point out the benefits of shared reading. He noted that children found these moments to be some of their happiest. He also found that children developed positive and



READING TO YOUR CHILD: THE DIFFERENCE IT MAKES

BY PEGGY ALBERS

strong associations with spoken language and the physical book itself, during these moments.

Since then a number of studies have been conducted showing the value of shared reading in children's language development, especially in vocabulary and concept development.

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Early childhood researcher Vivian Paley, for example, during her work in the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools, found that kindergarten children learned when a story was dramatized in shared reading. Not only

did children develop oral language, they imaginatively learned the conventions of a story, such as character, plot and themes. In shared storytelling, children also learned how to use language in multiple ways.

Other research found that shared reading was related to the development of expressive vocabulary. That is, children developed listening skills and built an understanding of grammar as well as vocabulary in the context of the story.

Connecting words to emotions

As a language and literacy researcher, I work with teachers to develop reading strategies that develop children's interest in reading and help them think critically. Kay Cowan, an early childhood researcher who studies the role of the arts in language learning, and I conducted two studies to understand children's language development in grades one to five.

We worked with approximately 75 children across grade levels. We began our language study by talking with the students about the power of words, and the role they play in and outside of school. Following this, we discussed the pleasures associated with words. We then read "Shadow," an award-winning picture book by children's author Marcia Brown, and poems by Shel Silverstein, another children's author.

Children were then asked to think of an "absolutely wonderful" event that they had experienced, and associate an emotion with it. Children chose a personal event that elicited emotions. They then drew contrasting images of the word that showed opposite emotions, and studied synonyms and antonyms to understand the "shades of meaning." They then wrote descriptive poetry to convey this emotion.

All children – even those who were at the risk of failing – used vivid language. Children described words like

"ebullient" and "melancholy" in ways that related to their own emotion.

One child described her word "ebullient" as "bright," and "merry," and "never asking for anything." "Ebullient" was also "warm," and "gypsy-like," and so on. Another described loneliness as "...making me feel cold/Like an icicle/wanting to melt away."

Following this exercise, children noticed that their writing was much better. It showed us how wide and varied reading, repetition and varied encounters with words were extremely important for children to have a depth of understanding as well as verbal flexibility – being able to express the meaning of words in different ways.

Why home matters

The quality of exchanges between children and adults during shared reading is found to be critical to their language development. So, the role of home in shared reading is crucial.

Long-term studies by linguistic anthropologist Shirley Brice Heath and other literacy scholars have documented children's ability to read as related to their families' beliefs about reading, the quality of conversation at home and access to print materials prior to their entry into school.

For 10 years, Heath studied two communities a few miles apart, one

black working-class and one white working-class. She documented how family practices (e.g., oral storytelling, reading books, talk) influenced children's language development at home and in school. For example, children read and talked about stories, were asked questions about the stories or told stories about their lives, events and situations in which they were involved. Parents engaged their children in these experiences to prepare them to do well in school.



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Similarly, researcher Victoria Purcell-Gates worked with an Appalachian family, specifically mother Jenny and son Donny, to help them learn to read. With Jenny, they read and talked about picture books, listened to and read along with books on tape and wrote in a journal. With Donny, they shared reading, labeled pictures and wrote stories. Jenny was able to read picture books to her sons, while Donny learned to write letters to his dad in prison.

Other researchers have found that when parents, specifically mothers, knew how to interact with their children during shared reading using positive reinforcement and asking questions about the story, both children and mothers benefited.

Mothers learned how to ask open-ended questions, and prompted their children to respond to stories. Children were more engaged and enthusiastic about the shared reading experience. They also were able to talk more about the story's content, and were able to talk about the relationship between pictures and story.

What's more, shared story experiences have also been shown to have an influence on children's understanding of math concepts and geometry in kindergarten.

Children more readily learn math concepts like numbers, size (bigger, smaller) and estimation/ approximation (lots, many) when parents engage in "math talk" while reading picture books.

Shared reading in a digital world



While shared reading is often associated with print books, shared reading can be extended to digital texts such as blogs, podcasts, text messages, video and other complex combinations of print, image, sound, animation and so on.

Good video games, for example, incorporate many learning principles, such as interaction, problem-solving and risk-taking, among others. As in shared reading, children interact with their parents, teachers or peers as they engage in stories.

Literacy researcher Jason Ranker's case study of eight-year-old Adrian shows that young children can actually "redesign" how stories are read, discussed and told when they engage actively with video game narratives.

Adrian, who played a video game, Gauntlet Legends, created a story in Ranker's class, to which he added many drawings to show the movement of characters.

In this case study, Ranker found that children like Adrian who play video games learn how to produce

stories that do not follow the linear pattern found in print stories (exposition, climax, resolution). Rather, children experience stories at "levels" that allow characters and plots to move in many directions, eventually coming to resolution.

Similarly, children with access to certain apps are coordinating their storytelling on a touchscreen. They choose characters for their stories. They move them around with their fingers, and drag-and-drop them in and out of the story. If they want to create more complex stories, they work with others to coordinate characters' movements. Sharing stories, then, becomes collaborative, imaginative and dynamic through these digital mediums.

Children, in essence, have redesigned how stories are told and experienced, demonstrating imagination, vision and problem-solving.

One thing that is clear across research is that rich complex language development does not happen merely by pointing at letters or pronouncing words out of context. It is engagement, and guided attention to language conventions, that matter in shared reading.

Ultimately, what is important is that shared reading must be a joyful experience for the child. Sharing stories must allow for a personal connection and allow for interaction and a shared learning.

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Five Simple Yet Smart Money Habits

By Supal Vora, Private Wealth Advisor

There's no denying that it can take some work to create good habits. Becoming more disciplined about your finances is no different. Yet smart money habits can pay off over time, helping you increase your bank account and help you create a more stable financial life. Consider these five tips to help you improve your financial acumen.

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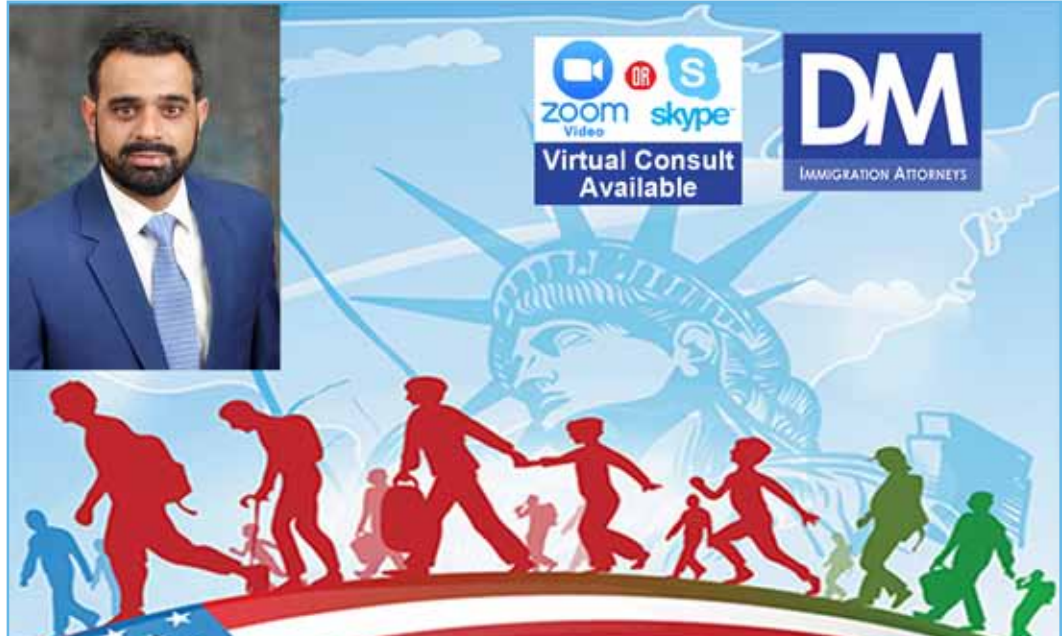
Be vigilant about every financial transaction, no matter how small. Even though checkout clerks use computerized registers, they can still make mistakes when entering items or making change. Whether you're at the grocery store or the department store, watch as items are rung up to ensure you're being charged appropriately. Check your receipts. Count your change. In the case of banking errors, what you don't know can hurt your bottom line. Check your online bank statements daily to monitor charges and also watch for fraud, which is on the rise.

3 Show respect for currency.

When you mistreat money, you diminish its value and give yourself permission to abuse it. Don't wad up your bills or allow change to accumulate on the bottom of your purse. Instead, store it carefully and keep track of what you have.

4 Play your cards right.

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While each of these five tips can help you build your financial muscle, one of the best things you can do for your financial life is to meet regularly with a financial professional. An experienced financial advisor can provide financial coaching, helping you identify specific strategies for saving and investing for your future. Find a qualified

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Book Review of *From the Beginning of Time* By Maria Wirth



It hardly ever happened in recent times that I read a book from cover to cover within a few days, due to the huge daily influx of information via the internet. But it happened after I received *From the Beginning of Time - Modern Science and the Puranas* by Ganesh Swaminathan.

The *Puranas* fascinate me ever since I started many months ago to study the *Srimad Bhagavata Mahapurana* (1700 pages in English), and I am glad that more and more books come out on the *Puranas*. It seems that slowly the realization dawns that the *Puranas* are an incredible treasure house of knowledge in many fields - knowledge that is so vast and a lot of it so 'far out' that it actually couldn't be obtained by mere humans stationed on earth. Strangely the impression was created (by whom?) that the *Puranas* are only mythological stories, about fights between gods and demons and about the life of Avatars. And they are mainly meant to promote a dharmic, righteous life and devotion for the Divine in common people through stories, as Vedic philosophy is too complex for them. At least that was the impression I got in my early time in India.

It is often not known that all the 18 main *Puranas* start with the creation of the cosmos, a fact, that should make us sit up and reflect. Who could have recorded it? Who was present? Or is it just all plain imagination, like the fairytale that God created the world in 6 days some 6000 years ago, which has been disproven by now, as science estimates that the world is 4,5 billion years old.

Ganesh Swaminathan puts the spotlight on the rational aspects or interpretations of the Puranic stories of creation. He wants to show that those stories are not fairytales but amazingly in tune with the modern scientific framework in regard to the topics he selected. The topics include: the lifecycle of the sun, the moon, the history and geography of the earth, and the different lokas above and below our earth. Further, the descent of Ganga, the story about the Great Flood in different cultures and the Puranic universe in general with its huge timelines have also chapters in the book with many quotes from different *Puranas*. Those quotes make the book a worthy read in itself.

The author gives first a detailed, informative summary of the insights of modern science regarding these topics, for example from postulated or observed astronomical phenomena and events, and then compares them with the stories in the *Puranas* and his interpretation.

Not surprisingly, in many instances, the scientific and Puranic views are close to each other, for example the five stages of the life cycle of the sun or that water came from outer space, or that the moon rises each day next to another star (nakshatra), etc. In other instances, the interpretation of the author can be open for debate, for example his view that the North Pole could be seen as Mount Meru.

The author expresses his surprise how such old texts, like the *Puranas*, could know what modern science knows. However, it may be more surprising how science could discover this knowledge. The book starts with a quote from the *Brahmanda Purana*:

"Hence listen to this summary. Narayana creates the world. It is on that occasion of creation when he makes this entire *Purana*. It does not remain at the time of annihilation."

We live in a time where "divine creation" is looked down upon as unscientific. We take it for granted that "of course" science knows that our earth is part of the solar system, and that we know the other planets, and can trace their position. Google says that the "five planets were known since ancient times". And it is made to look as if it is not a big deal that the ancients knew about the planets. "They can be seen with the naked eye, and are given as explanation."

But how to know that certain lights in the night sky full of lights are planets of our sun and relatively close by? While other lights are like our sun and far, far away? Even if we watch the sky for thousands of years, we cannot come to this conclusion, can we? Only when Indian knowledge contained in the *Puranas*, *Surya Siddhanta*, etc., reached Europe, together with math and tables to calculate their position and the constellations in the sky, "science" suddenly took off and models about the cosmos appeared. At first these models were hampered by the Church. It tried to suppress them to make its religious claims more acceptable. Only 400 years ago, in 1600 CE Giordano Bruno was still burnt at the stake by the Church because he did not recant heretic (Indian) ideas about the universe. But ultimately, the Church had to give in.

Swaminathan credits science with a lot of worthwhile insights, but he also points out that the scientific claims are so far only models. For example the theory that the earth was in the beginning a fireball got in recent time competition from another theory which suspects that the earth was in temperate water, after probes from 4 billion year old stones indicated this.

Incidentally, the *Puranas* accommodate both these claims. They say that at the end of Brahma's day, the earth first becomes an inferno due to the sun becoming a giant and then, when the sun diminishes and cools, the heat turns into a deluge of water which submerges everything during the night of Brahma. Most Indians are familiar with the story of Vishnu incarnating as a boar to bring out the earth which was lying submerged in water at the start of our present cycle of creation, which lasts for a day of Brahma, or 4,32 billion years.

The book is definitely an interesting read. However, in the process of making the Puranic narrative "scientific" the universe becomes lifeless, whereas the quotes from the *Puranas* project a universe full of life and divine entities. While the *Puranas* give Brahma the credit for creation, science turns it into dark, lifeless chance. Would the creation make any sense if there is no awareness inherent in it? Science still sees the awareness in human beings only as a chance by-product of the material brain. Is it possible that this chance consciousness of humans on earth and maybe on some other planets would be the only knower and enjoyer of such an unimaginably vast, mysterious cosmos while everything else is dead matter?

I wished the author had incorporated the imperative role of awareness and even the possible personification of celestial bodies into the narrative. For example, most Indians don't see Surya Bhagawan as merely lifeless matter but endowed with awareness and identity. Unfortunately, it requires courage to express such views, as so-called scientists may call one mad. Yet Hindus could have this courage. Their ancient texts are the basis for modern science. In all likelihood, it won't take long and Darwin's theory and the view that the Big Bang happened by chance will go out of fashion. So why not challenge it already now and stand by the ancient knowledge before the West changes its view?

Regarding the divine origin of the *Puranas*, the author preferred to let the text speak for itself. Yet to make it acceptable for "scientific minded" people, he went with the view that they are "2000 years old."

The last chapter is dedicated to the life and immense contribution of Maharishi Vyasa, who not only compiled and simplified the *Vedas*, but also simplified the *Puranas*, which were at his time already "old." The author quotes from the *Matsya Purana* that the original 100 crore Slokas were condensed by Vyasa into four lakh Slokas. Even now in Devaloka they have the original number.

What I was missing in the book was a causal connection between the *Puranas* and the scientific models. The similarities are in all likelihood not by chance but the

Puranas would have been inspiration for the modern scientific models.

Incidentally, the Jesuits got the *Puranas* translated in the 17th century by Brahmins in Kerala and then Jesuits were suddenly at the cutting edge of science, of course only in those fields which the Church allowed. Western universities valued Indian knowledge greatly in the 18th and 19th century. When Tuebingen University in Germany for example received the *Srimad Bhagavata* and 10 other ancient Indian texts from a missionary in 1839, the Dean praised them as an ornament for the university and added ruefully that this treasure however is small in comparison to the treasure which the India House in London possesses. So it can be safely assumed that a lot of modern science is based on the knowledge of the huge body of *Puranas*.

Some of it may have been misunderstood, too. For example, it is intriguing that, though till recently the earth was claimed to be 6000 years old, suddenly the age was expanded to a huge 4,5 billion years. Incidentally, the *Puranas* claim that the lifespan of the earth is 4,32 billion years, which is very close to the estimate. However, the Puranic calendar claims that of those 4,32 billion years, by now around 2 billion years have passed in our present cycle of creation or about half a day of Brahma. Is it possible that some western scientist took inspiration from the *Puranas* but mixed up the lifespan with the present age?

I hope and wish that this book by Ganesh Swaminathan inspires more Indians to take interest in and study the *Puranas*.

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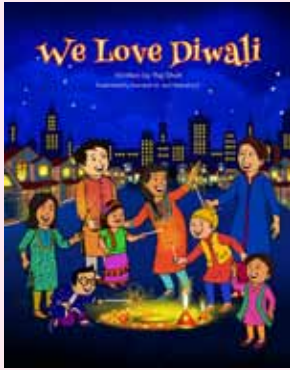
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She dived into India's spiritual tradition, sharing her insights with German readers through articles and books. For long, she was convinced that every Indian knows and treasures his great heritage. However, when in recent years, she noticed that there seemed to be a concerted effort to prevent even Indians and the world from knowing how valuable this ancient Indian heritage is, she started to point out the unique value of Indian tradition also in English language and shared them on her blog. She also wrote the book *Thank you India - a German woman's journey to the wisdom of yoga*.



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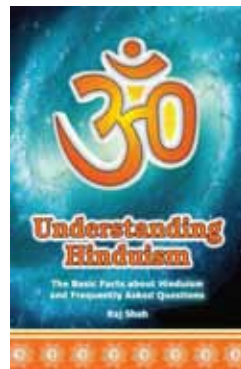
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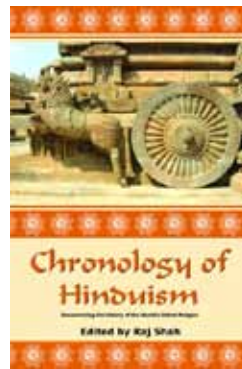
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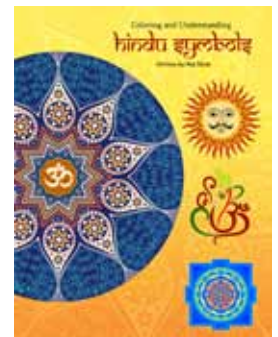
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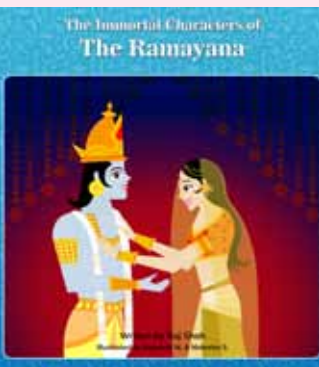
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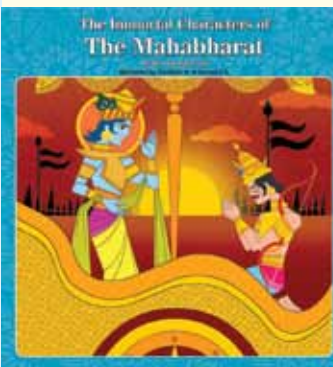
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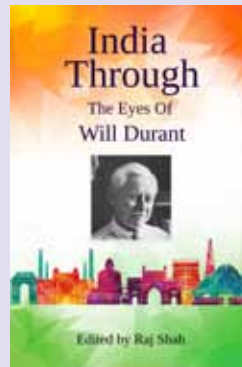
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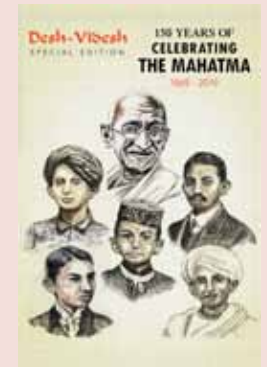
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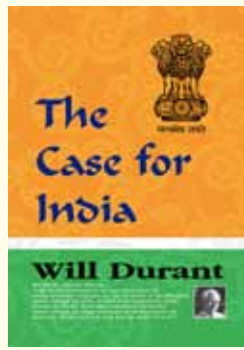
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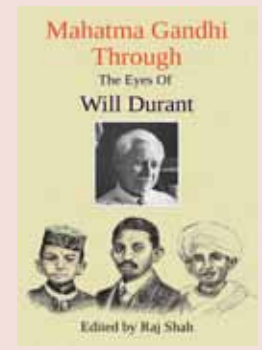
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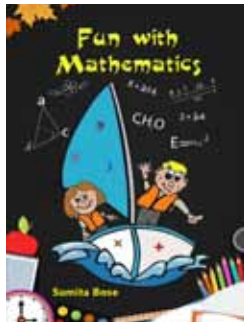
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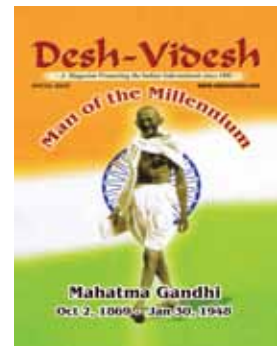


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Petals of Padma: Acknowledging Excellence



“Be the servant while leading. Be unselfish. Have infinite patience, and success is yours.”

- Swami Vivekananda

Padma, the Sanskrit name for lotus, carries great significance in Indian culture and heritage. The Padma, or lotus, emerges from muddy water and blooms into an exquisite flower. The emergence of brilliance and beauty out of the darkness signifies enlightenment and the act of overcoming all hindrances and miseries. Born in muddy waters, the lotus achieves the bliss of fulfilment, making it ideal as the national flower of India.

In the spirit of brilliance overcoming darkness, the Government of India confers the Padma Awards every year to remarkable achievers in different categories and is the second-highest civilian award after the Bharat Ratna. The awards are made up of three categories, with the highest being the Padma Vibhushan followed by Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri.

Every year, the President of India announces the names of the awardees on the eve of Republic Day. The awardees are recommended by a special Padma Awards Committee formed by the Prime Minister of India. This tradition began in 1954, and years later, in 2021, 119 persons were given this esteemed award.

The tradition of acknowledging excellence and achievement has now crossed the boundaries of India. In 2003, the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, initiated the custom of recognizing non-resident Indians for their outstanding contribution in different categories. Known as the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman

(Awards in Honor of non-resident Indians), this award is given by the President of India as a part of the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas on January 9 every year. This year, 30 such achievers were honored with the award.

This year's Padma awardees and Pravasi Bharatiya Samman awardees from the United States are highlighted in this issue. Desh Videsh Media Group congratulates these incredible individuals who have crossed borders, but remained true to their roots. Living thousands of miles away from India, they work sincerely and persistently in elevating the Indian culture and heritage as a global citizen.

Dr. Arvind Phukan:

Recognized for his contribution in Environment Technology, Dr. Phukan is the epitome of one determined to help the distressed. A civil engineer by profession, Dr. Phukan began his academic journey in his homeland Assam, the land of the mighty Brahmaputra.



He was a Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of Alaska. In his own words, his “journey from Assam to Alaska” gave him academic excellence, a rich teaching experience, and prestige. Still, deep in his heart, he had the desire to uplift the life of those less fortunate.

His constant quest to do something more for his motherland encouraged him to establish his NGO Core Professional Group for the Brahmaputra (CPGB) in Guwahati, Assam, in 2010. The main objective was to find sustainable and technically sound solutions to the deadly flood and riverbank erosion of the Brahmaputra.

Nilu Gupta: Professor Nilu Gupta has been recognized for promoting Indian culture. Educated at Delhi University, Gupta is a Professor of Hindi at De Anza College in California. As an educator, she helps underprivileged Indian children to get educated.



She founded the nonprofit organization Upma to educate poor children in remote rural areas of India and give them the real gift of childhood. Upma has already sponsored more than 600 children's education along with 10 schools and 10 daycare centers.

She is also a patron of the Akhil Vishwa Hindi Jyoti in California. This organization is committed to the spreading Hindi and Urdu literature. The organization gives a platform to the talented writers and poets from all countries to showcase their talents.

This unique combination of charity in the homeland and promotion of Indian culture worldwide has made Gupta a truly deserving candidate for the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman.

Dr. Sudhakar Jonnalagadda:

Originally from Andhra Pradesh, Dr. Sudhakar Jonnalagadda has a long career of more than four decades as a board-certified Gastroenterologist and Transplant Hepatologist at Coffee Regional Medical Centre, Douglas, Georgia. Popularly known as Dr. S Jonna in local circles, he took over as the



President of the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI) in July 2000.

He graduated from Ranga Raya Medical College in 1980 and is a former Assistant Professor of the Medical College of Georgia. Dr. Jonnalagadda is not only an eminent physician, but he also made contributions in fighting the Covid pandemic as the President of AAPI. He works tirelessly for delivering the best possible healthcare and protecting the interests of the Indian American doctors. He is sincerely committed to serving the needy persons which according to him gives great satisfaction in life. His service and the great contributions towards humanity makes all the Indians and the fraternity of physicians proud.

Dr. Mukesh Aghi: A truly global man, Dr. Aghi is President and CEO of the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF), and he works relentlessly to improve Indo-US trade relations and make trade more effective for both countries.



Dr. Aghi holds an MBA degree from Andrews University, a Doctorate in International Relations from Claremont Graduate School, and an Advanced Management Diploma from Harvard Business School. He is an expert in global corporate strategies.

Dr. Aghi was the chief executive and member of the Board at Larsen & Toubro Infotech Limited. He held the position of chairman and CEO of the Asia Pacific region in Steria, Inc. (India). He was the founding CEO of Universitas 21 Global, the world's largest group of research-based universities and leading platform for online postgraduate education. He also worked as the president of IBM India.

Dr. Aghi is a member of the Indian Prime Minister's IT Task Force. An enthusiast of marathons and mountaineering, Dr. Aghi traverses the boundaries of nations with his business acumen making him a worthy recipient of the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman for Business.

Federation of Indian Associations New York, New Jersey & Connecticut:

Serving the interests of the Indians living in the US and projecting the true image of India to the greater world for the last five decades, the Federation of Indian Associations NY, NJ & CT has been awarded the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman for community service in 2021.

One of the largest organizations for the Asian-Indian Community, FIA has the strong support of 500,000 Asian-Indians. They are dedicated towards community service as well as different philanthropic activities highlighting the true culture of unity in the diversities of India.

Their contribution and service during the COVID pandemic are praiseworthy. The organization was a frontrunner in serving meals at local hospitals and to the New York Police Department. Through leadership's initiative, the Indian tricolour was hoisted at Times Square in New York for the first time on August 15, 2020. The organization also helped Indian students stranded due to the travel ban during COVID with arrangement for accommodation.



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BITCOIN- AN IMPRESSIVE BULLISH PERFORMANCE

- By Amith Nirgunarthy

Bitcoin has recorded an impressive bullish performance this year and the cryptocurrency doesn't appear to be slowing down. Bitcoin has more than doubled its price in the year-to-date period; it is currently trading up around \$35,000, a price that is exponentially higher than the trading price of gold.

In the early days of Bitcoin, traditional financial institutions and many Wall Street experts were at the forefront of riling, undermining, and castigating Bitcoin and its users. One of the main reasons behind the initial skepticism that Bitcoin faced in the investment community was the bad imagery that linked up Bitcoin as the preferred payment instrument for criminal activities.

However, Bitcoin has enjoyed a rebirth in recent times and Wall Street is starting to warm up to the idea of a world where Bitcoin is accepted as legal tender. This piece looks at three of the most optimistic Bitcoin predictions from Wall Street analysts.

SAXO BANK ANALYST PREDICTS BITCOIN AT \$100,000 IN 10 YEARS

Saxo Bank analyst Kay Van-Petersen was one of the earliest Wall Street analysts to see the latent potential in Bitcoin. In December 2016, he predicted that Bitcoin would rise almost 165% from \$754 (at that time) to \$2000 in 2017. His outrageous prediction is right; and now, Bitcoin is trading at \$35,000.

Van-Petersen is back with another "outrageous" prediction. This time, he thinks Bitcoin can score another huge increase to trade around \$100,000 in the next one to two years. Van-Petersen is putting his name on the line to tout bullish prospects of Bitcoin. In his words, "This is not a fad, cryptocurrencies are here to stay... There will emerge two to three main ones. Bitcoin will be one of those. And the reason is the first-mover advantage, the scale and the pioneering."

ANALYSTS SAY BITCOIN COULD REACH \$1M IF THE CONDITIONS ARE RIGHT.

BITCOIN TECHNOPRENEURS PREDICT BITCOIN AT \$250,000 BY 2023

BitGo Software Engineer Jameson Lopp was one of the early tech adopters of Bitcoin and he heavily invested in the future of the cryptocurrency. Lopp submits that Bitcoin has been exhibiting a seven-year trend underlying a 0.66% daily increase in price. He also quotes the recent massive uptrend to above \$40,000 to support his thesis.

Lopp submits that we can expect Bitcoin to be trading around \$250,000 by 2023 if the exponential power of



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Few topics in the financial world have generated more interest in the past few years than bitcoin and cryptocurrencies. Amith Nirgunarthy is the ideal person to guide you through this new market.

Amith is an Internet entrepreneur and investor who began his financial career as a Private Banker with American Express and then Standard Chartered Bank dealing with High Net Worth Individuals in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Amith Nirgunarthy began mining bitcoin in 2013, and has gone on to mine Ethereum and dozens of other tokens. He has personally made huge profits in this space.

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compound interest continues to play out. In his words, the Bitcoin price increase “is not linear due to the miracle of compound “interest.” 0.42 percent of tomorrow’s value is > 0.42 percent of today’s value.”

JIM CRAMER PREDICTS BITCOIN AT \$1M SOMEDAY



Jim Cramer often makes some interesting predictions and he has joined the Bitcoin bulls to predict that the cryptocurrency has an impressive upside potential ahead. Cramer, while speaking on CNBC’s “Squawk on the Street” observes that Bitcoin is shaping up to be a great solution for keeping firms in business against the existential threat of increased cyberterrorism.

He notes that Bitcoin could rise as much as \$1M someday in the future if the pace of adoption of the cryptocurrency doesn’t slow down. In Cramer’s words, Bitcoin is surging because “European banks are frantically trying to buy them so they can pay off ransomware. It’s a short-term way to be able to deal with cybersecurity.”



About the Author

Amith Nirgunarthy’s demonstrated history of working in the internet industry coupled with strong entrepreneurship and analytical skills have helped him advise, start and exit bitcoin and crypto companies since 2013. He was first introduced to Bitcoin and its technology eco-system in India and continues to leverage his network, connecting South Asia to Russia, China and North America. He is currently the CEO and Co-founder of Blockstreet.™



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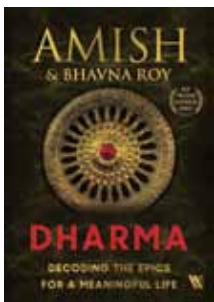
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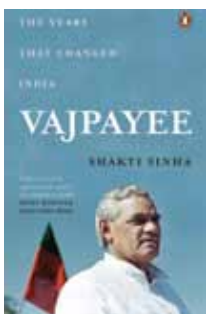
Stories can be both entertaining and educative. They can also be insightful and illuminating, especially when they have travelled down the generations, through the centuries, taking on and eluding new meanings with each retelling. In this genre-bending book, the first of a series, Amish and Bhavna dive into the priceless treasure trove of the ancient Indian epics, as well as the vast and complex universe

of Amish's Meluha (through his *Shiva Trilogy* and *Ram Chandra* series), to explore some of the key concepts of Indian philosophy.

What is the ideal interplay between thought and action, taking and giving, self-love and sacrifice? How can we tell right from wrong? What can we do to bring out the best in ourselves, and to live a life with purpose and meaning, not just one fuelled by the ego and material needs? The answers lie in these simple and wise interpretations of our favorite stories by a lovable cast of fictional characters who you will enjoy getting to know.

Vajpayee: The Years That Changed India

By Shakti Sinha



Former prime minister of India and member of the Bharatiya Janata Party, Atal Bihari Vajpayee was an understated and a singular politician of the kind rarely seen in contemporary times. His patriotism was uncompromising, forged out of the paradoxes of his life: the sensitive poet who summoned nerves of steel to conduct the Pokhran-II nuclear tests; the man from humble beginnings who envisioned a

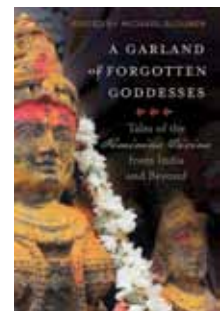
project as titanic as the Golden Quadrilateral highway network. Devoid of any political pedigree or patronage, he harnessed his diplomatic acumen to transform India's relations with the United States, which had long been mired in misunderstandings rooted in the Cold War. His calculated decisions led to key strategic and economic policy achievements.

In this book, Shakti Sinha, a close associate of Vajpayee, helps us understand Vajpayee as a decision-maker. The narrative focuses on the political challenges Vajpayee faced, and on his key initiatives in the strategic and economic fields during his first term as prime minister, which have had a lasting impact. Vajpayee fleshes out not only the former prime minister's political philosophy, but also provides an insider's account of how the leader thought and worked.

A Garland of Forgotten Goddesses: Tales of the Feminine Divine from India and Beyond

By Michael Slouber

Imagining the divine as female is rare-even controversial-in most religions. Hinduism, by contrast, preserves a rich and continuous tradition of goddess worship. *A Garland of Forgotten Goddesses* conveys the diversity of this tradition by bringing together a fresh array of captivating and largely overlooked Hindu goddess tales from different regions. As the first such anthology of goddess narratives in translation, this collection highlights a range of sources from ancient myths to modern lore. The goddesses featured here battle demons, perform miracles, and grant rare Tantric visions to their devotees. Each translation is paired with a short essay that explains the goddess's historical and social context, elucidating the ways religion adapts to changing times.



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Unfinished: A Memoir

By Priyanka Chopra Jonas

In this thoughtful and revealing memoir, readers will accompany one of the world's most recognizable women on her journey of self-discovery.

"I have always felt that life is a solitary journey, that we are each on a train, riding through our hours, our days, our years. We get on alone, we leave alone, and the decisions we make as we travel on the train are our responsibility alone. . . ."



A remarkable life story rooted in two different worlds, *Unfinished* offers insights into Priyanka Chopra Jonas's childhood in India; her formative teenage years in the United States; and her return to India, where against all odds as a newcomer to the pageant world, she won the national and international beauty competitions that launched her global acting career. Whether reflecting on her nomadic early years or the challenges she has faced as she has doggedly pursued her calling, Priyanka shares her challenges and triumphs with warmth and honesty. The result is a book that is philosophical, sassy, inspiring, bold, and rebellious. Just like the author herself.

From her dual-continent twenty-year-long career as an actor and producer to her work as a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador, from losing her beloved father to cancer to marrying Nick Jonas, Priyanka Chopra Jonas's story will inspire a generation around the world to gather their courage, embrace their ambition, and commit to the hard work of following their dreams.

India 2030: Rise of a Rajasic Nation

By Gautam Chikermane

Thought leaders from twenty diverse fields, ranging from politics, economics and foreign policy to health care and energy, predict what 2030 will look like for India and how the nation will evolve in this decade.

Editor Gautam Chikermane has masterfully weaved together essays by Abhijit Iyer-Mitra, Ajay Shah, Amish Tripathi, Amrita Narlikar, Bibek Debroy, David Frawley, Devdip Ganguli, Justice B.N. Srikrishna, Kirit S. Parikh, Manish Sabharwal, Monika Halan, Parth J. Shah, Raghunath Anant Mashelkar, Rajesh Parikh, Ram Madhav, Reuben Abraham, Samir Saran, Sandipan Deb and Vikram Sood into a single volume that looks towards India's future.



Rajas is a state of being that goes out and does rather than waits to be done. It applies to the evolution of individuals, as they, generally, evolve from being in a tamasic state to a rajasic one to finally conclude in the sattvic.

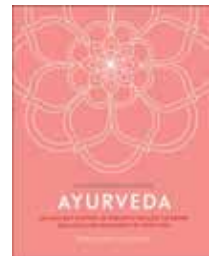
A handbook for citizens, a road map for policymakers and a guide for scholars, this collection captures the many aspects of a future that will see India becoming the world's third-largest economy and a regional power before the decade gets over.

Ayurveda: An ancient system of holistic health to bring balance and wellness to your life

By Sonja Shah-Williams

New science has revealed the effectiveness of Ayurveda as a 360-degree approach to physical and mental wellness, tailored to the individual.

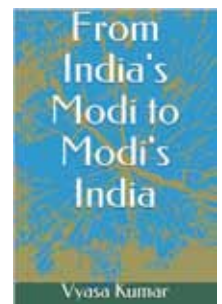
This book directly delivers practical Ayurvedic advice according to your specific needs--as though you were having an Ayurvedic consultation. Sonja Shah-Williams has curated a collection of tried and tested Ayurvedic practices and remedies, including foods, oils, yoga, and meditation, that you can apply to your need or situation--to aid sleep, increase energy, boost immunity, relieve digestive problems, improve relationships, and much more.



From India's Modi to Modi's India

By Vyasa Kumar

Narendra Modi is Prime Minister of India, a man who won upwards of 269 million votes in the 2019 general election. This is a world record for the maximum number of votes ever won by a politician in the entire world. Hugely popular and earthy, he strikes a chord with any person he meets. This book examines his personality, his thought process, character and strengths etc. It also seeks to dispel all kinds of negative notions on the man. In this book, you will find many examples which will illustrate his personality.



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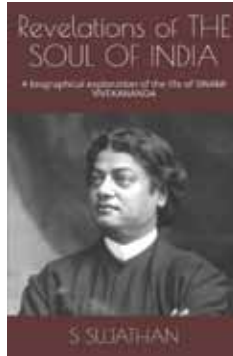
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Revelations of THE SOUL OF INDIA: A biographical exploration of the life of Swami Vivekananda

By S. Sujathan

This book is about the life and messages of Swami Vivekananda and some of the important events of his life, as a mendicant and as an explorer into the unknown realms of Knowledge hidden in various Indian sacred texts including *Vedas*, *Upanishads*, Epics and through spiritually enlightened Gurus.

Swami Vivekananda's vast experience was gained during his continuous travel as a 'parivrajakan' around the Indian subcontinent and elsewhere in the world as a 'sadhu' having sacrificed all mundane attachments thus making him one of the greatest teachers and philosophers of all times. Swami Vivekananda's Chicago Addresses at the World's Parliament of Religion that ever shone in the history as a golden mark are also narratively included in this book. Let the teachings of the Great Master reach each and every living being in the World, and get enlightened.



7 Divine Laws to Awaken Your Best Self

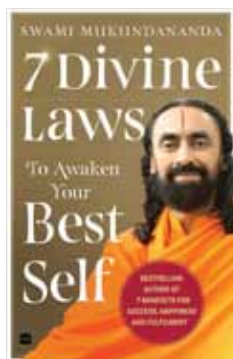
By Swami Mukundananda

“Just as heat is inherent in fire, so is our desire to become better.”

Why are personal growth and life transformation so difficult? Does Creation wish that we fail? Of course not! The purpose behind the Universe's grand design is to make us succeed. Our own unawareness of the laws of the Universe creates the impediment.

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In this book, Swami Mukundananda explains the seven divine laws in an easily graspable manner. With knowledge of the Vedic scriptures and witty anecdotes that everyone can relate to, this book will empower you to become the best version of yourself.

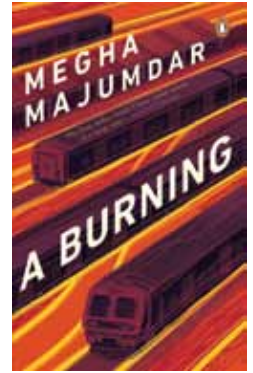


A Burning

By Megha Majumdar

In this National Book Award Longlist honoree and “gripping thriller with compassionate social commentary” (USA Today), Jivan is a Muslim girl from the slums, determined to move up in life, who is accused of executing a terrorist attack on a train because of a careless comment on Facebook. PT Sir is an opportunistic gym teacher who hitches his aspirations to a right-wing political party, and finds that his own ascent becomes linked to Jivan's fall. Lovely—an irresistible outcast whose exuberant voice and dreams of glory fill the novel with warmth and hope and humor—has the alibi that can set Jivan free, but it will cost her everything she holds dear.

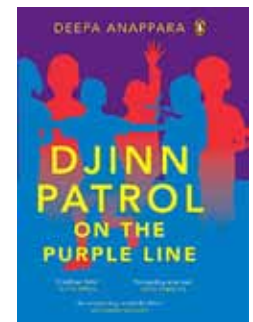
Taut, symphonic, propulsive, and riveting from its opening lines, *A Burning* has the force of an epic while being so masterfully compressed it can be read in a single sitting. Majumdar writes with dazzling assurance at a breakneck pace on complex themes that read here as the components of a thriller: class, fate, corruption, justice, and what it feels like to face profound obstacles and yet nurture big dreams in a country spinning toward extremism. An extraordinary debut.



Djinn Patrol on the Purple Line

By Deepa Anappara

Down market lanes crammed with too many people, dogs, and rickshaws, past stalls that smell of cardamom and sizzling oil, below a smoggy sky that doesn't let through a single blade of sunlight, and all the way at the end of the Purple metro line lies a jumble of tin-roofed homes where nine-year-old Jai lives with his family. From his doorway, he can spot the glittering lights of the city's fancy high-rises, and though his mother works as a maid in one, to him they seem a thousand miles away. *Djinn Patrol on the Purple Line* plunges readers deep into this neighborhood to trace the unfolding of a tragedy through the eyes of a child as he has his first perilous collisions with an unjust and complicated wider world.



Jai drools outside sweet shops, watches too many reality police shows, and considers himself to be smarter than his friends Pari (though she gets the best grades) and Faiz (though Faiz has an actual job). When a classmate goes missing, Jai decides to use the crime-solving skills he has picked up from TV to find him. He asks Pari and Faiz to be his assistants, and together they draw up lists of people to interview and places to visit.

But what begins as a game turns sinister as other children start disappearing from their neighborhood. Jai, Pari, and Faiz have to confront terrified parents, an indifferent police force, and rumors of soul-snatching djinns. As the disappearances edge ever closer to home, the lives of Jai and his friends will never be the same again.

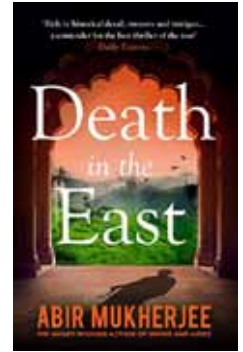
Drawing on real incidents and a spate of disappearances in metropolitan India, *Djinn Patrol on the Purple Line* is extraordinarily moving, flawlessly imagined, and a triumph of suspense. It captures the fierce warmth, resilience, and bravery that can emerge in times of trouble and carries the reader headlong into a community that, once encountered, is impossible to forget.

Death in the East

Book 4 of 4: Wyndham & Banerjee Mysteries

By Abir Mukherjee

1905, London - As a young constable, Sam Wyndham is on his usual East London beat when he comes across an old flame, Bessie Drummond, attacked in the streets. The next day, when Bessie is found brutally beaten in her own room, locked from the inside, Wyndham promises to get to the bottom of her murder. But the case will cost the young constable more than he ever imagined. 1922, India. Leaving Calcutta, Captain Sam Wyndham heads for the hills of Assam, to the ashram of a sainted monk where he hopes to conquer his opium addiction. But when he arrives, he sees a ghost from his life in London—a man thought to be long dead, a man Wyndham hoped he would never see again. Wyndham knows he must call his friend and colleague Sergeant Banerjee for help. He is certain this figure from his past isn't here by coincidence. He is here for revenge.



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Apart from Vice-President Kamala Harris, the elite team will include others of Indian descent in key positions, although several of these nominations will have to be ratified by the US Congress to take office.

INDIAN AMERICANS IN BIDEN ADMINISTRATION*

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Words to Live By...



By Raj Shah, Managing Editor, Desh-Videsh

Hindu scripture consists of volumes of books written over thousands of years. Among these written works are the *Bhagavad Gita*, four Vedas: *Rigveda*, *Yajurveda*, *Samaveda* and *Atharvaveda*, and *Upanishads*, all of which are the most read and quoted when discussing Hindu scriptures.

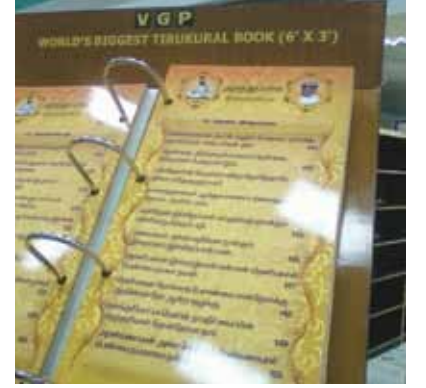
In this month's Word to Live By column, I would like to highlight a Hindu Scripture that is full of knowledge, but not as popular as other Hindu texts. This lesser known Hindu scripture is *Thirukkural*, also known as *Thiruvalluvar*.

Thirukkural literature belongs to the Sangam period, the period of history of ancient Tamil Nadu, Kerala and parts of Sri Lanka spanning from the 3rd century BCE (Before Common Era) to the 3rd century CE (Common Era). *Thirukkural* is not the original name of this work and is made of couplet style poems originally written in Tamil before being translated in many languages. To honor the origins, the prefix *thiru* refers to respect in Tamil, and *kural* means couplet - together the name for the text *Thirukkural* emerged. Researchers claim that the work discovered is just a part of a much larger one, the discovered work consists of 1330 couplets. The author's name is not known yet, but based on available information found so far, it is possible that a person who belonged to the Valluva tradition may be the author. Thus, the name *Thiruvalluvar* emerged.

Thirukkural consists of three categories, *Ethics*, *Wealth* and *Love*. Each category has multiple sections, and within each section are several chapters. Every

chapter includes 10 couplets, each of which is two lines. The first line of the couplet has 4 words, and the second line has 3 words.

Thirukkural is all about how to lead a righteous life, and the text covers the complete spectrum of life in a concise manner. *Thirukkural* is like a pharmacy, you will have the medicine needed to cure illness, but can also be deadly if not consumed as prescribed. Take the medicine based on your situation or needs.



The next few issues of *Desh-Videsh* will feature a few couplets from *Thirukkural* that talk about the most important virtues in life such as friendship, loyalty, and love among others that lead to a righteous life. The series begins with one of the most important qualities every human being needs for success in life - *perseverance*. Six couplets from Chapter 6 of the text highlight this quality, and each couplet is listed in Sanskrit, Hindi and an English translation.



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Perseverance Excerpts from *Thirukkural*

Kural 611

साध्यमिदमित्येतां मतिं त्यक्त्वा प्रयत्यताम् ।
स एव यत्नस्ते दद्यात् बलं कार्यसमापने ॥

दुष्कर यह यों समझकर, होना नहीं निरास ।
जानो योग्य महानता, देगा सतत प्रयास ॥ (६११)

Never say in weakness, "This task is too difficult." Perseverance will confer the ability to accomplish it. Do not give up saying "It is impossible." Effort will overcome.

Kural 612

नहति तं नरं लोको यः कर्तव्यं परित्यजेत् ।
तस्मात् प्रयत्नशून्यत्वं मुञ्च कर्तव्यकर्मसु ॥

ढीला पड़ना यत्न में, कर दो बिलकुल त्याग ।
त्यागेंगे जो यत्न को, उन्हें करे नग त्याग ॥ (६१२)

Beware of leaving any work undone, remembering that the world abandons those who abandon their work unfinished. Leave no task incomplete, for the world gives up those who give up.

Kural 613

परोपकरणे बुद्धिस्तेषामेव प्रवर्तते ।
अकुण्ठितप्रयत्नारव्यगुणेन सहितास्तु ये ॥

यत्नशीलता जो रही, उत्तम गुणस्वरूप ।
उसपर स्थित है श्रेष्ठता, परोपकार स्वरूप ॥ (६१३)

The pride of profuse giving dwells only with the dignity of diligent effort. The pride of being a philanthropist belongs to those who have that quality called perseverance.

Kural 614

परोपकारं कर्तुं न शक्नुयाद्यत्नवर्जितः ।
करवर्तिकृपाणोऽपि भीरुः किं कर्तुमर्हति ॥

यों है उद्यमरहित का, करना परोपकार ।
कोई कायर व्यर्थ ज्यों, चला रहा तलवार ॥ (६१४)

Like the swordsmanship of an effeminate man, the philanthropy of those who avoid hard work will end in failure. The liberality of the indolent man will not endure, like a sword in eunuch's hand.

Kural 615

यः सुखेच्छां परित्यज्य कर्मण्येव कृतादः ।
स तु स्वीयजनक्लेशं वास्येत् स्तम्भतां गतः ॥ (६१५)

जिसे न सुख की चाह है, कर्म-पूर्ति है चाह ।
स्तंभ बने वह थामता, मिटा बन्धुजन-आह ॥ (६१५)

Standing like a pillar, he who prefers work to pleasure supports his family and sweeps away their every sad sorrow. A pillar of comfort to his friends is he who scorns delight and loves labor.

Kural 616

सम्पदं सर्वदा दद्यात् व्यवसायो महीभुजाम् ।
दारिद्र्यं तस्य ननयेत् व्यवसायविहीनता ॥ (६१६)

बढ़ती धन-संपत्ति की, कर देता है यत्न ।
दारिद्र्य को घुसेड़ कर, देता रहे अयत्न ॥ (६१६)

Perseverance generates prosperity, and the lack of it engenders poverty. Exertion leads to wealth; Lack of it brings forth poverty

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Kasturba Gandhi, the force behind Mahatma Gandhi

By Tanvi Dubey

Mohan Das Karamchand Gandhi's evolution, from a lawyer to becoming the face of India's non-violent struggle for independence as the Mahatma, has been written about at great length. In this journey of a man who is regarded as the father of the nation, an integral companion was his wife, Kasturba Gandhi.

Kasturba Gandhi's name is often lost in the face of Gandhi's leadership, but she was his pillar of support, the first individual who was a part of him like none other. If he could convince her to give up her notions of caste and untouchability, he could convince others of the same. She was perhaps the only person who could disagree with him and point out to him his mistakes. She was his companion, his wife, his caretaker and later in life his representative too.

Childhood and Marriage

Born in 1869, in Porbandar, Kasturba was the daughter of Gokuldas and Vrajkunwar and she had two brothers. A leading merchant, her father was dealing in grains and cloth and cotton markets in Africa and the Middle East and at one time was the Mayor of Porbandar.

The family was close friends with the family of Karamchand, the father of Mohandas Gandhi. Karamchand was the Dewan of Porbandar and married to Putlibai. Both sets of parents cemented their friendship by marrying their children. The children were engaged at the age of 7, and the wedding was celebrated in 1882 when they were 13.

In the early years of his marriage, Gandhi's attempts to control Kasturba bore no fruit.

Historian Vinay Lal writes, "Kasturba never acceded to her husband's wishes easily, and Gandhi's autobiography itself furnishes a remarkable testimony to her tenacity and independence of judgement, and the sharp disagreements she came to have with him when, in the first two decades of their marriage, he unreasonably sought to bring her under his control."

Courage and Tenacity



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For years and months, she lived away from Mohandas while he was in England. With a toddler or two in tow, she stayed away for long periods from Gandhi when he travelled especially to England and Africa. She could not read or write and so exchanging messages would have been a problem.

Aparna Basu writes, "She had great courage, both physical and moral as can be seen from the grave illnesses she suffered and overcame, the hardships of her early days in South Africa and during her imprisonment. In fact, she was a source of strength to her fellow women prisoners."

She exhibited great courage when she was in South Africa. One occasion helping Gandhi escape when a white mob was threatening him and took her sons with her and found shelter in another house. While in Phoenix, she lived alone in the wilderness and when

Gandhi was away she would keep everyone in the settlement in good cheer.

According to Aparna, "She began to exert very gently and in a dignified manner her authority and won the respect and cooperation of everyone. Though uneducated, she maintained the accounts accurately. She was extremely self-disciplined and soon became everyone's mother or Ba."



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Ba - the mother and the grandmother

She was a loving mother and grandmother and was very attached to her children and her grandchildren. On her deathbed, her moments of joy were when she had her children visit her.

Sushila Nayar, who spent many years with the family wrote about Ba, "If there was anybody with whom I felt at ease, it was Ba. She talked to me sweetly in her broken Hindustani and looked after my needs. With all her greatness she had a mother's simple heart and her motherliness pervaded the atmosphere around her."

The Satyagrahi

She was simple and gentle. And in her gentleness one can see the strength that came through. Over the years she kept pace with her husband and the different roles he was performing. She supported him in his quest for social, economic and political equality for Indians in India and before that in South Africa.

In fact as historians point out, she was among the first of the Satyagrahis, or nonviolent resisters, sent

from Phoenix into the Transvaal to protest the decision of the South African government to declare all non-Christian marriages null and void.

In 1914 when Gandhi and Kasturba permanently returned to India, and Gandhi entered the Indian political scene in 1917, she became more of a political actor.

Gandhi in his own biography spoke about it, "According to my earlier experience, she was very obstinate. In spite of all my pressure she would do as she wished. This led to short or long periods of estrangement between us. But as my public life expanded, my wife bloomed forth and deliberately lost herself in my work."

Her commitment to the freedom struggle was not just a part of the support she extended to Gandhi, but something she felt for deeply. Aparna Basu narrates:

"After his release, Gandhi was invited to Simla for talks with the Viceroy and Kasturba accompanied him. She was invited by Lady Willingdon to the Viceregal Lodge. This was the first time that a Vicereine had invited the wife of an Indian leader and Kasturba

went accompanied by Anasuya Sarabhai who could act as an interpreter. When Lady Willingdon said that she would like some coarse hand spun khadi that Gandhi had popularised, Kasturba said that she would send her some. 'I want to get in closer touch with the Indian people that way,' said the Vicerine, 'Could you send me something in mauve?' 'Certainly, I'll send you lots of mauve. And by the way, I like your idea of getting in closer touch with the Indian people by sampling our homespun materials. You would also know them better if you lived down in the plains, where they dwell, instead of up here on these mountain heights,' said Kasturba."

The Leader

When the Quit India movement began gaining ground, Gandhi was imprisoned before he could address a public meeting in Shivaji Park near Bombay. Gandhi wanted Kasturba to take his place. Sensing that the police would stop her and imprison her too, Aparna says, "She, therefore, dictated to Sushila Nayar her message for the public. 'Gandhiji poured out his heart to you for two hours at the All India Congress Committee meeting last night. What can I add to that? All that remains for us is to live up to his ideals. The women of India have to prove their mettle. They should all join in this struggle, regardless of caste or creed. Truth and nonviolence must be our watchwords.'"

She was stopped on the way to the meeting, there were one lakh people in the park that day, and they went wild with enthusiasm when they saw her, but she was taken prisoner and sent to the Arthur Road Prison in Bombay. Kasturba said to Sushila, "I have a feeling I will not come out alive."

The cell she was put in was dirty and she fell ill. After a few days she was removed to Aga Khan Palace in Poona where Gandhi was detained. This was to be her last prison sentence.

The Wife

As a wife, Kasturba's sacrifice is commendable. She opened her house to the nation and the freedom struggle and supported her husband in his efforts. It would never have been easy on her. She fasted when he was in prison, gave up on things she liked - good food, her religious beliefs and even her jewelry. Most importantly she did not object to his vow of brahmacharya.

Though she was a dedicated wife, she was far from submissive. She could hold her own and did make herself heard even if it was Gandhi at the receiving end.

"Kasturba's handwriting was like that of a little child. She wrote each letter of the alphabet separately and the spacing between the letters was irregular. Gandhi tried to improve this and advised her to practice writing. Everyone had asked for a notebook and Kasturba also asked for one. Gandhi gave her a loose sheaf of papers and told her that she could have a notebook when her writing improved. She was deeply hurt.

Sarojini Naidu sent for a notebook and Sushila took it to Kasturba who refused to take it and quietly went and kept it among Gandhi's books. Everyone, including Gandhi who realized his mistake, tried to persuade her to write in the notebook but she replied in a dignified manner, "What do I need a notebook for?"



The End



On the evening of 22nd February 1944, she breathed her last at the Aga Khan Palace Detention Camp on Bapu's lap and was cremated in the compound of the Detention Camp on 23rd February 1944.

Her husband sat watching the funeral pyre till the end and when asked

by someone to go rest, he remarked, "This is the final parting, the end of 62 years of shared life. Let me stay here till the cremation is over! That evening, after the prayer he remarked, "I cannot imagine life without Ba."

Gandhi wrote that Kasturba was not behind him in any respect. "If anything she stood above me. But for her unflinching co-operation I might have been in the abyss ... She helped me to keep wide awake and true to my vows. She stood by me in all my political fights and never



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hesitated to take the plunge. In the current sense of the word, she was uneducated; but to my mind she was a model of true education. She was a devoted Vaishnav. But she had obliterated all feeling of caste from her mind and regarded a Harijan girl with no less affection than her own children. She personified the Kasturba Gandhi ideal of which Narsimha Mehta has sung in Vaishnava Jana hymn. There were occasions when I was engaged in a grim wrestle with death. During my Aga Khan Palace fast, I literally came out of the death's jaws. But she shed not a tear, never lost hope or courage but prayed to God with all her soul."

Sarojini Naidu described her as "The living symbol of Indian womanhood. Never once did her feet falter or her heart quail on the steep path of perpetual sacrifice, which was her portion in the wake of the great man whom she loved and served and followed with such surpassing courage, faith and devotion. She has passed from mortality to immortality and taken her rightful place in the valiant assembly of the beloved heroines of India's legend, history and song."



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Hinduism is inherently discriminatory says the State of California



The lawsuit, filed by California’s Department of Fair Employment and Housing in June 2020, alleged that Cisco “engaged in unlawful employment practices on the basis of religion, ancestry, national origin/ethnicity and race/color” against the engineer, who was not named in the complaint. The lawsuit names as co-defendants two supervisors of the engineer’s team, Sundar Iyer and Ramana Kompella.

According to the lawsuit, the engineer was allegedly “expected to accept a caste hierarchy within the workplace where [he] held the lowest status within the team and, as a result, received less pay, fewer opportunities, and other inferior terms and conditions of employment.” When the engineer opposed the treatment, they allegedly “retaliated

against him” by reducing his role on the team, isolating him from colleagues and giving him assignments that were “impossible to complete under the circumstances,” the lawsuit claimed.

HAF motion to stop the state of California

In a press release dated January 13, 2021, the Hindu American Foundation (HAF) filed a motion in Santa Clara County Superior Court to intervene in the case of *California Department of Fair Employment and Housing v. Cisco Systems*. HAF has filed for injunctive relief to prevent the state’s overreach and violation of Hindu American





rights under the First and Fourteenth Amendment and California's Unruh Civil Rights Act. HAF's motion to intervene takes no stance on the specific allegations of discrimination in the case.

HAF executive director Suhag Shukla said: "HAF vehemently opposes all discrimination and stopping it is a worthy goal, one that directly furthers Hinduism's teachings about the equal presence of the divine in all people. But, wrongly tying Hindu religious beliefs to the abhorrent act of caste discrimination undermines that goal and violates the First and Fourteenth Amendment rights of all Hindu Americans."

The press release further states that California argues Cisco failed to address discrimination against one of its engineers by co-workers on the basis of his presumed caste. California adds that caste is "a strict Hindu social and religious hierarchy" and therefore an integral part of Hindu teachings and practices.

HAF states that in framing its argument in this way, California is attempting to do what the Constitution clearly says it cannot: defining Hindu religious doctrine for Hindus.

According to the court document, HAF states that the State of California is attempting to define Hinduism against the beliefs of an overwhelming number of its own adherents, in direct violation of the constitutional right to the free exercise of religion. It is attempting to chain Hinduism to a discriminatory practice abhorred by and rejected by the vast majority of Hindu Americans. And in doing so, the State of California is violating the First Amendment and due process rights of all Hindu Americans.

The press release from HAF also includes a statement by Tim Travelstead, managing attorney at Narayan Travelstead PC representing the case on behalf of the HAF. He said, "In the United States, there is no role for government to define our religious beliefs, whether it be Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Christianity or any other. In fact, the Constitution expressly prohibits it. HAF's actions are an important step in protecting the rights of all Americans".

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Mr. Travelstead also stated that his client is not asking the court to block the case, "but to dismiss the religious claims erroneously linking the caste system to the Hindu religion."

HAF also pointed out a very important fact that should California's attempted violation of the First Amendment rights succeed, the due process rights of all Hindu Americans would also be violated.

In its filing, HAF asserted that California provided no definition or workable method to determine anyone's caste other than an assumption that Hindus of Indian decent must identify as part of a specific caste, ascribe to a "social and religious hierarchy," and engage in caste discrimination. This inaccurate and unconstitutional definition would perversely lead to increased targeting of and discrimination against Indian-origin, and particularly Hindu workers, the Foundation stated.

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Taapsee Pannu's stunning new hairstyle

Taapsee Pannu's new hairstyle is creating flutters on Instagram. The actress was spotted sporting a completely revamped look with perfect tightly-woven curls for her new movie *Rashmi Rocket*.



Taapsee was wearing a light grey t-shirt with jeans and broad black belt - her look is completely new and bronzed! The still is from her new movie *Rashmi Rocket* that is about to hit theatres soon. The sports drama film directed by Akarsh Khurana also stars Priyanshu Painyuli as Tapsee's husband. Tapsee plays the role of Rashmi, a fierce athlete from Rann of Kutch who fights to revive her own identity and eventually evolves to become an athlete.

Taapsee recently wrapped up her shooting schedule in Jharkhand and her next stop is Bhuj where she will be filming some heavy duty sports scenes for *Rashmi Rocket*. Taapsee has been following a strict diet regimen for her upcoming movie and has been training for hours daily in order to get that perfect athletic body. This is the first time she will be playing a dedicated sports professional though she has done action oriented movies like *Baby* and *Naam Shabana* before.

The actress is very active on social media including Instagram where she regularly shares pictures of her shooting progress, pictures and new looks. Her avatar for *Rashmi Rocket* has been widely appreciated and fans are praising both her looks as well as her dedication to the profession. Her latest picture has been captioned cutely with the tagline "head" turner and head "turner." Taapsee even shares pictures of her daily diet and special plans for getting that fit look for playing *Rashmi Rocket*.

Shah Rukh Khan gears up for action thriller *Pathan*

Bollywood's King Khan, Shah Rukh Khan, has been absent from the silver screen since 2018, making his next movie a "comeback." The actor is reclaiming his space on the big screen with Yash Raj's next high octane film *Pathan*, which also stars John Abraham and Deepika Padukone. The actors reunited for the umpteenth time while they wrapped up shoots for their emotional scenes in *Pathan*.



The film makers are now focused on executing critical and high impact action scenes. Sources say that a team of 25 members caught flights to the United Arab Emirates to look for suitable locations for these action sequences. The team surveyed the Liwa Oasis and Ferrari World, which is supposedly the world's first Ferrari themed recreational park. The team also visited Business Bay, which is the top financial district of Dubai. A long drawn action sequence was shot near the architectural icon Meydan Bridge. The Meydan Bridge also served as a grand backdrop for Tom Cruise's famous *Mission Impossible* series movie *Ghost Protocol*.

Meanwhile SRK fans are super excited to see King Khan back in action, and this time in the literal sense. *Pathan* will also mark the first collaborative venture of John Abraham and Shahrukh as it's their first film together. Deepika and John teamed up earlier for the *Race 2* movie that was also an action thriller. The movie also stars Dimple Kapadia, who recently grabbed attention with her scintillating performance as Anuradha in Amazon Prime's new web series *Tandav*. *Pathan* is Shahrukh's next movie after the 2018 film *Zero*, which did not fare well at the box office.



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Sanjana Sanghvi begins filming for *Om*



Sanjana Sanghvi wooed the world with her impressive portrayal as the love struck girl with a deadly disease in the cinematic adaptation of the smash hit book by John Greene, *Fault in our Stars*. The film *Dil Bechara* was also co-star Sushant Singh Rajput's last movie, earning good results at the box office. Currently, the actress is working on a completely different genre of film, *Om: the Battle Within*, which stars Aditya Roy Kapur. As of now, film makers are not sure about release dates given the pandemic situation in India.

Sanjana was also seen in Guru Randhawa's latest song "Mehendi Wale Haath." The hit video features a soulful love song about a soldier who has to leave for his patriotic duties leaving behind his new bride. The picturesque song was shot in Himachal Pradesh and stars Guru Randhawa along with Sanjana.

The actress also shared an Instagram post recently about the late Sushant Singh Rajput whose birthday was January 22. Sharing a picture of the two of them happily grinning on sets, the actress posted that she wished for Sushant to keep smiling forever wherever he was. In an earlier interview, Sanjana mentioned that she used to balance shooting and education when she began working and was glad that she had a supportive school environment.

The actress was a mere 13 years old when she appeared in Imtiaz Ali's *Rockstar* with Ranbir Kapoor and Nargis Fakhri. The actress revealed that her practice papers used to be posted to her! "It is this kind of support that has helped me secure my future," reveals Sanjana.

Vicky Kaushal reveals COVID filming challenges

The Indian government only recently gave the go ahead to begin filming, which is welcome news for directors and producers who have been excited about getting their projects off the ground. However, filming in a country that is currently battling a pandemic has its fair share of complications as revealed by Vicky Kaushal. The popular actor, who will soon resume his shoot for *Immortal Aswatthama* penned by Aditya Dhar, opens up about the transformational changes that have swept the filmmaking ecosystem.



In a recent interview, Vicky stated that post-pandemic there has been a new set of "normal practices." Each person involved in the shoot has to be tested for coronavirus, quarantined and put into bio bubbles. The film industry has developed a separate set of protocols that will ensure the safety of the entire staff and noted that safety needs to be a collaborative venture right now.

Though it is majorly the production team's work to ensure that everything moves forward smoothly, the actor revealed that schedule management with the new protocols in place was a tough job indeed and everyone is putting in the effort to adapt. The actor expressed his hopes for the pandemic to subside by the time *Ashwatthama* is screened.

Vicky made his debut with the critically acclaimed *Maasaan* that also starred Richa Chaddha. The actor subsequently starred in the Sanjay Dutt biopic *Sanju*, but it was *Raazi* that shot him to fame and *Uri* that cemented his position as a superstar. The actor is currently rumored to be dating Katrina Kaif.

SSR's Instagram Account Temporarily Disabled

Sushant Singh Rajput committed suicide last year and his fans along with the rest of tinsel town have not been able to live down the memory of his sudden departure. On his birth anniversary, many Bollywood stars and Sushant's fans decided to walk down memory lane and came up with many emotional and inventive posts. A throwback post by Sushant's good friend and *Pavitra Rishta*'s director Kushal Zaveri generated interesting responses. The post showed the late actor sharing a screenshot stating that he had an issue with Instagram blocking his account all the time. Sushant indignantly wrote that he was real and responds to fans questions and comments in real time. And he was super quick in his responses which is why there were so many responses. Instagram has a policy restriction on the number of responses made in a particular time frame on a particular post.

Popular pages on Instagram have a limit on the number of fan responses, and Sushant Singh Rajput's account seems to have gone over the limit, prompting Instagram to block him,



albeit temporarily. The late actor was known for his friendly and down to earth attitude and he used to respond to fans joyfully. Sushant Singh shot to fame with his scintillating performance as M.S Dhoni in the biopic *Dhoni*. His last movie was *Dil Bechara*, which starred Sanjana Sanghvi and Sashwata Chatterjee. Sushant made his debut with the popular soap *Pavitra Rishta* that co-starred his ex-girlfriend Ankitia Lokhande.



Bigg Boss 14 food waste controversy

No, it is not just Rubina Dilaik, even Nikki Tamboli joins her to slam Sonali Phogat's habit of throwing food into the garbage showing that actions are open to criticism on the show.

The camera pans to the kitchen where viewers see Arshi busy cooking food and Sonali as she munches on breakfast. Arshi tells Sonali that food is limited, and then yells that he gave Sonali the share of parathas that should go to Rakhi Sawant and that he also gave up his share and that Sonali has already had four parathas. How much does she want, he wails.

Understandably, this upsets Sonali so much so that she stands up and hurls the food into the garbage and breaks down into a flood of tears. Arshi, the good chap that he is, does not console her, but goes to Nikki, Rubina and Abhinav Shukla and tells them what Sonali did to the food. Understandably, they all howl in protest at this act without knowing that Arshi had, in the first place, yelled at her.

Rubina states that Sonali



gives herself airs and that they are adjusting to her nature, but it does not give Sonali the right to disrespect food. For good measure she tells Sonali to go home and dump food in the garbage there. Nikki too jumps in to lambast Sonali and yells at Sonali that she is shamelessly wasting food. Millions do not get food and here she is, wasting food and that she is totally stupid.

This possibly enrages Sonali who grabs Nikki by her hand, but Vikas Gupta and Aly Goni jump in. Sonali asks Bigg Boss to intervene and send her home. She declares she does not wish to continue. Throwing food seems to be second nature to Sonali. Earlier, she had thrown food after her altercation with Nikki.

The audience watches all these going-ons with bated breath.

Siddharth Nigam confirms Aladdin will go off air

It is official. Siddharth Nigam, who plays the lead Aladdin in the super hit *Aladdin: Naam toh Suna Hoga*, is all set to go off air. The show has been running for two and a half years and many viewers watched it with fascination.

Woefully, the show will come to an end. Siddharth is at a loose end and stated that he will find it difficult to live without playing Aladdin. Even the other cast and crew members are sad as February 5, the last air date of the show approaches.

In two years, Siddharth grew into the role of Aladdin. He filmed for 12 hours every day. He lived and breathed Aladdin. Therefore, it is understandable that he should be at a loss now that the show will go off air. He will have to find something just as interesting to occupy his time and talent.

The cast was filming as usual when he walked the producers who dropped the bombshell announce-



ment. Siddharth was upset, but he did his shift and returned home, visibly disturbed and pained. He became emotional, but consoled himself with the fact that he gave it his best shot and that the show prepped him for better things in life and made him into a better actor. He also stated that he was happy the show ended on a good note. Despite Avneet Kaur's exit the other crew did well to fill the gap and her departure did not leave a big void.

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Kulwant in *Choti Sardarni* could lose eyesight

Choti Sardarni is full of complications. Sarab and Meher romance each other, declaring undying love for each other. They dance and sing as heroes and heroines in Hindi movies and serials are supposed to do. Even Param enjoys dancing with Karan with Amrita and Jagga joining them in the fun.

However, things are not going well for Kulwant. She is seen pouring kerosene on furniture in preparation to light a bonfire in her house. She will not let Amrita and Meher overpower her. In the meanwhile, something hits her hard on the head and she falls down in a faint even as the furniture starts to burn. Meher and Jagga rush to the house along with Amrita only to find Kulwant in danger. Kulwant complains that she cannot see anything and blames Amrita for her sorry state. Jagga asks Amrita to leave the house as he calls for



a doctor. The doctor duly arrives, checks and states that Kulwant's condition is serious and that she could lose her eyesight.

Jagga, in turn, blames Meher for Kulwant's condition. Meher objects, stating that Kulwant is her mother whom she loves so how can she be blamed. She states that Kulwant and her ego are to blame. The fault, she says, lies in the coaching center, which they should never have started. So, while Kulwant stares sightlessly at a bleak future, the others are hotly engaged in playing the blame game. Now is the time for the Gods to intervene and, in the next episode, restore her eyesight.

Shubhangi Atre of *Bhabhi Ji Ghar Par Hai* misses Saumya Tandon

There were rumors that Shubhangi Atre and Saumya Tandon do not get along with each other. However, Shubhangi put to rest all such rumors by declaring that she misses Saumya very much. She said that both gave their best to the show.

If they had misunderstandings, it was natural, but they always respected each other and behaved properly.

The makers of the show loved the fact that both behaved well despite their differences of opinion and that they gave their best to the show.

Nehha Pendse replaced Saumya. She will now take on the role of Anita Bhabhi. In the meanwhile, the entire load is on Shubhangi. However, she rose up to the challenge and did her part. Nehha brings in a whiff of fresh air and, hopefully, the two share a wonderful chemistry on and off set.



Shubhangi says that Nehha is a great person and great actor too. Variety is the spice of life and one good thing leads to another, as they say. Nehha has just tied the knot with Shardul Bayas. Aasif Sheikh states that Nehha Pendse is the perfect Bhabhi. Saumya too chimes in by saying that Nehha is perfect for the role.

What are Saumya Tandon's plans? The *Jab We Met* actor may have set sights high and could be on the lookout for greater opportunities. As for Angoori Bhabhi, Shubhangi says 2020 gave her remarkable lessons.

Veer's life upside down due to Bani lookalike Rani in *Naagin 5*

Just when you think life's car was in cruise control, here comes along a pothole or bump to set the car off course. In *Naagin 5*, poor Veer is in for an upset and all because of Bani lookalike Rani.

Before we get to that part, the two, namely Veer and the Bani duplicate Rani, take part in a bike race. When the race is over, she shows him her face and



Veer is shell shocked. WTH, this Rani looks exactly like Bani. That leaves him wondering who this Rani really is. Can't blame the poor guy.

The show is likely to end in *Naagin 5* but before it does, it wakes viewers from

their stupor by throwing in this twist. Sharad Malhotra chants on Twitter "Bani bani Rani ya Rani bani Bani." To tell the truth it could be either.

Surbhi, who plays Bani, also has questions: "Yeh Rani Kon Hai?" Maybe we should call in Sherlock.

Fact is, Surbhi Chandna gets a makeover and could possibly be the double role Rani aka Bani. Is she, really? Who knows? Keep up with *Naagin 5* as a revamped Surbhi could dazzle and the end could leave you gasping but for very different reasons.



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