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# India, U.S. Near Trade Pact; Tariff Terms Hinge On Section 301 Relief, Source Says

SHIVANGI ACHARYA AND MANOJ KUMAR

India is likely to discuss Washington's Section 301 investigation and potential tariff measures with U.S. trade officials, as the two nations seek to finalize a deal, an Indian government source said on Monday, June 1, 2026.

A US delegation led by chief negotiator Brendan Lynch will hold three-day talks with Indian trade officials in New Delhi starting Tuesday.

In February, the two nations reached an initial understanding for a trade deal but negotiations slowed down after U.S. President Donald Trump's sweeping tariff measures were struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court.

After the court order, the Trump administration launched investigations under Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974, into unfair trade practices against several trading partners including India, while imposing a blanket 10% tariff.

In talks with Lynch and his team, New Delhi will seek relief from tariffs emerging from the probe, an Indian trade source, who spoke on condition of anonymity as details of the planned talks are confidential, told reporters.

"India has to discuss tariff rate, 301 probe impact, and aim for competitive tariff rate versus direct competition," said the source, adding the deal could be agreed if "we get the terms fair, equitable, and balanced."

India is also seeking tariff treatment that would give it an advantage over competing manufacturing hubs in Asia as it seeks to strengthen its position in global supply chains, the source said.



PHOTO: REUTERS/ FRANCIS MASCARENHAS

A container ship operates in the Arabian Sea off Mumbai, India, May 6, 2026.

The official said India expected preferential tariff rates compared with developing countries in South Asia and Southeast Asia, including Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer could visit India once the broad contours of the agreement are finalised, the source added, signalling progress in the

negotiations.

The talks come as India seeks greater access to the U.S. market while navigating trade frictions over tariffs and other regulatory measures.

-REUTERS

## INDIA

# FIFA Strikes Deal With Zee For World Cup India Broadcast Days Before Kick-Off

FIFA has struck a deal with India's Zee Entertainment to broadcast the 2026 World Cup in the country, ending a months-long standoff over the tournament's availability in one of the last major markets where rights remained unsold.

Financial terms were not disclosed. FIFA had initially sought about \$100 million for the India package covering the 2026 and 2030 World Cups before slashing its asking price to \$60 million, Reuters previously reported.

The deal gives Zee a foothold in India's sports broadcast market, where Reliance-Disney joint venture JioStar holds rights ranging from the Indian Premier League cricket tournament to the English Premier League.

The agreement comes just 10 days before the tournament kicks off on June 11 across the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Shares of Zee were around 7% higher on the day after the announcement.

### TIME ZONE DIFFERENCES

Billionaire Mukesh Ambani's JioStar, which aired the 2022 World Cup through



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A man takes a photo of a replica of the World Cup trophy as the 2026 FIFA World Cup approaches in Mexico at the Museo Yancuic, in Mexico City, Mexico May 15, 2026.

its predecessor Viacom18, had offered about \$20 million for the rights but was rejected by FIFA, Reuters previously reported.

Sony, which held rights for the 2014 and 2018 tournaments, held discussions but did not bid.

Viacom18 paid about \$60 million for rights to the 2022 World Cup, which was hosted in Qatar in time zones far more favourable for Indian audiences. Most of this year's matches will be screened late at night in India due to the time difference, something that dampened broadcaster appetite and com-



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Zee Entertainment logo is seen in this illustration taken July 7, 2025.

plicated FIFA's sales efforts.

Monday's deal covers 39 FIFA events over eight years through 2034, also including the Women's World Cup in 2027, according to a joint statement from FIFA and Zee.

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# FROM VISION TO VICTORY: Project 'Life' & Life Global Celebrates Another Historic Year of Transforming Rural Gujarat



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Project 'Life' remains steadfast in its mission to strengthen rural primary education by rebuilding and modernizing government schools with advanced educational infrastructure and holistic learning support. Beyond infrastructure, the initiative actively promotes Digital Learning, Teachers' Training, Cultural Enrichment, Girls' Education, Deaddiction and Scholarship Support to nurture the over all development of students in rural India.

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# Thousands Attend Gujarati Convention In Orlando Organized By FOGA USA



Swamiji's lighting the lamp to inaugurate the 2026 FOGA USA Gujarati Convention in Florida.



FOGA leaders and Padma Shri recipient Dr. Sudhir Parikh light the lamp.

BY A STAFF WRITER

A four-day convention aimed at uniting the Gujarati community in the United States was held in Orlando, Florida May 22-25, 2026, saw a massive attendance of nearly 4,000 people gathering to enjoy their heritage and network to build a common purpose and identity.

Hosted by the Gujarati Society of Central Florida, the Federation of Gujarati Associations USA Convention 2026 came to a successful conclusion with attendees enjoying the numerous cultural and social events.

The convention was led by founder members Dr. Vasudev Patel, Harshad 'Pakaji' Patel, Prakash (PV) Patel, Chirag Dave, Divyesh Tripathi, the FOGAUSA leadership team, and Jayesh Patel, chairman of the Convention, along with the dedicated Central Florida organizing team.

Organizers estimate that the four-day convention welcomed approximately 3,800 attendees from across the United States, making it one of the largest and most successful gatherings of the Gujarati community in America.

"The event celebrated Gujarati culture, heritage, spirituality, unity, and family values while creating unforgettable experiences for all generations," a press release from organizers said.

The convention featured programs ranging from the educational, to the spiritual, with opportunities for youth, business interests and different age-groups to interact. Gujarati matrimonial networking, leadership forums, women's empowerment sessions, cultural shows and discounted theme park packages were highlights in Orlando. In addition the entertainment programs were designed for attendees of every age group.

"Families from across the country came together to reconnect, network, celebrate traditions, and strengthen community relationships," organizers said.



The leaders of the Federation of Gujarati Associations USA pose for a photo at the united Gujarati Convention in Orlando May 22-25, 2026.



Padma Shri recipient Dr. Sudhir Parikh, President of GAPIO, and Chairman of Parikh Worldwide Media, being recognized at the Gujarati Convention 2026, in Orlando.



Jayesh Patel,  
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Dr. Sudhir Parikh  
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Jayesh Patel, chairman of the Convention, told News India Times it was an honor to serve the community and that "Working alongside an incredible team, building lasting relationships, and creating memories for so many families" was deeply satisfying.

Held at the Renaissance Orlando (SeaWorld), USA, this was the second such convention meant to unite the 1.8 million Gujaratis (organizers' estimate) living in USA, and representing the more than 100 Gujarati associations around the country.

Following are the program highlights for each of the four days provided by FOGA USA:

The convention officially commenced with guest registration and hotel check-in activities. The opening day created an energetic and festive atmosphere with several engaging programs. The evening concluded with music, entertainment, and community networking, setting a positive and enthusiastic tone for the convention weekend.

Friday began with yoga and wellness sessions followed by breakfast gatherings for attendees. The grand inauguration ceremony featured spiritual blessings from Gyanvatsal Swami, along with cultural presentations celebrating Gujarati traditions and values. The day included

a wide range of educational, cultural, and networking activities. The Garba Night became one of the biggest highlights of the convention, with thousands of attendees participating in a vibrant celebration of Gujarati music, dance, culture, and tradition.

The final days of the convention focused on spirituality, wellness, appreciation, and community recognition.

The closing ceremony recognized volunteers, sponsors, organizers, speakers, performers, and community leaders whose dedication and hard work contributed to the tremendous success of the convention.



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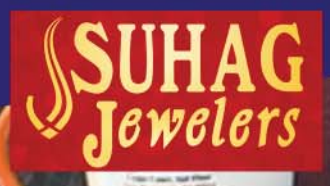


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# Shrey Parikh Is The 2026 Scripps National Spelling Bee Champion!

BY A STAFF WRITER

**S**hrey Parikh, a 14-year-old speller from San Bernardino, California, representing the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, won this year's Bee following the third Spell-off in Bee history, Spellingbee.com announced May 28, 2026.9

Shrey Parikh, a 14-year-old speller from San Bernardino, California, representing the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, won this year's Bee following the third Spell-off in Bee history, Spellingbee.com announced May 28, 2026. Parikh walks away with a cool \$50,000 as well as other prizes.

He correctly spelled 32 words, a new record for the Spell-off. His winning word is "bromocriptine," which is "a polypeptide alkaloid that is a derivative of ergot and mimics the activity of dopamine." This was just the 2nd time in the history of the Bee that a spell-off was used to determine the



14 year old Shrey Parikh holds up the National Spelling Bee trophy May 19, 2026.

PHOTOS: SPELLINGBEE.COM

At this year's Bee, the words ranged from the easy such as 'determination' to tough with "cywyddau," "fais-dodo," and "emeute," which it is doubtful many adults could spell.

#### About Shrey Parikh

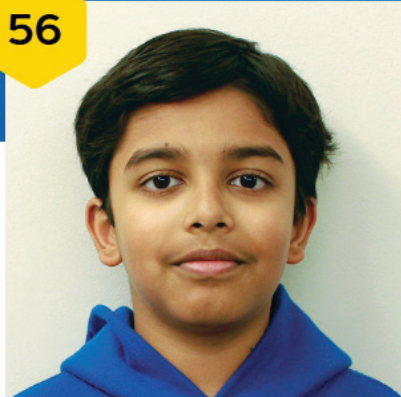
He was sponsored by the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools and is a student at Day Creek Intermediate School.

Shrey competed in 2022 and tied for the 89th place. In 2024, he tied for 3rd place. He has many hobbies, including tennis, reading, math and chess. He plays percussion in his school band and has played snare drum, bass drum, timpani, toms, break drum, triangle, glockenspiel and marimba.

The 14 year old spends his free time either doing math problems or goofing around with his brother and sister. He likes to travel especially to India where his grandparents live.

This year, Shrey qualified for the California state Mathcounts competition.

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Sarv Dharavane



Shrey Parikh balancing the National Spelling Bee Championship Cup on his head.

winner. Parikh spelt 32 words correctly to Gupta's 25.

After a gruelling 3-day competition held in Washington, D.C., Parikh defeated 247 entrants from around the country, including the finalists. In the end it was him against 3 other kids of Indian origin — Kushi Gottimukkula of North Carolina, Sarv Dharavane of Georgia, and Ishaan Gupta of New Jersey. And in the end it was between him and Ishaan Gupta going head-to-head in a "spell-off" which depended more

on speed than anything else, with each of them slamming the buzzer as fast as they could on the road to victory.

Five of the 9 finalists were of Indian origin in this highly anticipated national event that has been dominated by kids of Indian origin for many years now. Started in 1925, a hundred years ago, the Bee is a popular sport in the Indian American community with children joining their school Bee teams and eventually graduating up the ladder to the nationals.

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# Sikhs in Illinois participate in 2026 Memorial Day Parades and Ceremonies in Chicago, Naperville, and Schaumburg

BY A STAFF WRITER

**M**embers of the Sikh community from Chicago and its surrounding suburbs participated in Memorial Day parades and ceremonies in Chicago, Naperville, and Schaumburg, honoring the service and sacrifice of Sikh soldiers in World Wars I and II.

Their floats featured pictorial displays commemorating Sikh soldiers who gave their lives in defense of freedom and in support of Allied forces. Along the parade routes, spectators responded with warm applause and visible appreciation for the tribute.

The Indian American Sikh community in Chicago has participated in Memorial Day ceremonies and parades since 2012. In 2026, members from across the region came together for three separate observances in downtown Chicago, Schaumburg, and Naperville. The Naperville float was sponsored by the Illinois Sikh Community Center, Wheaton Gurdwara Sahib, which also served langar at the parade's end point. Before the procession began, Bhai Mohinder Singh led Sikh Ardaas (prayers).

The Chicago parade began at Lake and Dearborn Streets, continued south along State Street, and concluded at Van Buren Street. Sikh participants, dressed in red turbans and matching shirts, were greeted with thunderous applause from spectators lining the route. The Chicago float was sponsored by Safeway Transportation Services Corp., Pan Oceanic Engineering Co., and Indian Harvest Restaurant of Naperville.

The Sikh contingent was led by two large U.S. flags and the Nishan Sahib, the Sikh flag. As the group approached the main review stand, community members were welcomed and saluted by senior armed forces officers. The float also paid tribute to two local Sikh community members who had previously served in the Indian Army.

One of those honored was Colonel



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Memorial Day Parade 2026 Naperville IL\_Sikh Contingent.



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Memorial Day Parade 2026 Chicago Sikh Contingent.

Nirmal Singh Singha, born in 1938 in the village of Kathe in Hoshiarpur, Punjab. He entered the Indian Military Academy in 1957 and was commissioned as an officer in 1959. During his 30-year military career, he served in the Indian Army and fought in the 1965 and 1971 wars. After retiring in 1987, he immigrated to the United States

with his family and settled in the Chicago area, where he later operated a cab company, an insurance agency, and a gas station.

Chicago has hosted one of the nation's largest Memorial Day parades since 1870. This year's event featured marching bands, ROTC cadets, uniformed soldiers,

veterans' groups, military jeeps, and Humvees. Among the many entries was a prominently decorated Sikh American float honoring Sikh soldiers who lost their lives in World Wars I and II.

The Naperville Memorial Day parade was also well attended, and the Sikh contingent was met with enthusiastic applause, salutations, and standing ovations. In Schaumburg, the Sikh community of Chicago has participated in Memorial Day ceremonies at Saint Peter's Church since 2011, where posters honoring Sikh soldiers have been displayed and free food has been served to attendees.

As the Sikh contingent approached the review stand, the master of ceremonies noted that Sikhs have lived in the United States for more than 120 years. During the 20th century, thousands of Sikhs worked on farms, in lumber mills and mines, and on the Oregon, Pacific & Eastern Railroad.

Today, Sikhs are the world's fifth-largest religious community, with an estimated 30 million Sikhs globally and more than 500,000 living in the United States.

(From information sent by Rajinder Singh Mago).

## Ohio Investment Manager Rathnakishore Giri, Sentenced To Nine Years For \$10M Cryptocurrency Ponzi Scheme

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

**A**n Ohio man was sentenced May 18, 2026, to nine years in prison and three years of supervised release for orchestrating a cryptocurrency investment fraud scheme that raised over \$10 million from investors, many of whom resided in or around

Columbus, Ohio.

According to court documents, Rathnakishore Giri, 31, of New Albany, Ohio, misled investors by fraudulently promoting himself as an expert cryptocurrency trader, with a specialty in trading Bitcoin derivatives. Giri falsely promised investors that he would generate lucrative returns with no risk to their principal investment amount, which he guaranteed to return.

In reality, Giri often used money provided by new investors to repay old investors – a hallmark of a Ponzi scheme. In addition, Giri had a record of investment failures, including a long history of losing investors' principal investments, and misled investors about reasons for delays when they sought to cash out their investments or otherwise obtain the return of their "guaranteed" principal.

In October 2024, Giri pleaded guilty to one count of wire fraud. Following his guilty plea, while on pretrial release pending sentencing, Giri continued to solicit funds from cryptocurrency investors, causing additional harm to new victims. In advance of today's sentencing, Giri admitted to this additional conduct pursuant to an amended plea agreement with the Department.

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By BHAILAL M. PATEL

Industry Leaders Share Critical Updates on AI, Regulations, MLS Changes, and Professional Standards at the O'Hare Lake Office Park in Des Plaines, bringing together REALTORS®, brokers, investors, lenders, appraisers, and business professionals from across the Chicagoland area.

DES PLAINES, IL – May 29, 2026: The Association of South Asian Real Estate Professionals (ASARP) hosted a highly successful educational and networking program, "Legal, Ethical & Professional Landscape in Real Estate."

The event featured distinguished industry leaders including Rebecca Jensen, President and CEO of MRED LLC; John Gormley, CEO of Mainstreet REALTORS®; and Laurie Murphy, Director of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR), Division of Real Estate. Their presentations provided valuable insights into the rapidly changing real estate environment shaped by technology, regulatory reforms, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and evolving consumer expectations.

ASARP Chairman Pradeep B. Shukla, CPA, CCIM, welcomed attendees and emphasized the importance of embracing change and innovation. He noted that successful professionals are those who continuously adapt to new industry realities while maintaining high ethical standards and professionalism.



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Lt to Rt. Middle Row- sitting- Rebecca Jensen, John Gormley, Laurie Murphy, Pradeep Shukla, Kanti Patel, Rajesh Patel

Top row – Girish Ray, Shantanu Kamra, Rita Shah, Madhu Dave, Harsha Shukla, Divya Dave, Anjali Mohanty, Prakash Mohanty, Shirin Marvi, Kate Sax, Vicki Bhatt, Meha Patel, Mark Gross, Carol Fisher, Gaurav Jain. Bottom row – Chris Aryan, Nick Verma, Pratik Parikh.

In observance of Memorial Day, ASARP also honored U.S. military veteran Chris Aryan for his dedicated service to the nation, reflecting the organization's commitment to recognizing community leadership and sacrifice.

Rebecca Jensen highlighted the growing importance of Multiple Listing Services (MLS) and discussed MRED's innovative Private Listing Network (PLN), which provides brokers and sellers with additional

marketing flexibility while maintaining transparency and compliance. She also addressed current industry discussions regarding listing data protection and the future of real estate technology.

John Gormley shared updates on Mainstreet REALTORS®' expanding member benefits, educational programs, technology enhancements, and advocacy efforts. He emphasized the organization's commitment to helping real estate profes-

sionals remain competitive in a changing marketplace.

Laurie Murphy provided a comprehensive update on Illinois real estate regulations, licensing requirements, and compliance issues. She discussed upcoming changes to the state's licensing system, agency relationships, advertising regulations, and disciplinary procedures. Murphy reminded attendees that while AI and technology can improve efficiency, licensees remain responsible for adhering to legal and ethical standards.

The program concluded with networking opportunities and a South Indian dinner, allowing participants to engage with industry leaders and colleagues while discussing the insights presented throughout the evening.

The successful event reinforced ASARP's mission of promoting education, leadership, ethical business practices, and professional excellence within the real estate industry. As technology and regulations continue to transform the profession, ASARP remains committed to providing valuable educational opportunities that help real estate professionals stay informed, compliant, and prepared for the future.

**About ASARP:** The Association of South Asian Real Estate Professionals (ASARP) is a federally recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing education, leadership, ethical business practices, and professional development within the real estate industry while serving the broader South Asian community.

## ENTERTAINMENT

# Spotify, Netflix Woo Podcaster Jay Shetty From Youtube In New Deal

By ASHLEY CARMAN

Jay Shetty, a popular self-help podcaster, has signed a deal to bring the video version of his show exclusively to Spotify Technology SA and Netflix Inc., in a major coup for both companies' efforts to unseat YouTube as the top platform for video podcasts.

Shetty's deal is worth as much as \$100 million over multiple years, according to people familiar with the arrangement. That puts him in a rare stratosphere of hosts that includes Joe Rogan and Alex Cooper. Netflix and Spotify declined to comment on the size of the deal, although they confirmed the agreement. Shetty's show, called On Purpose, will move to those services on July 13.

As part of the arrangement, Spotify will sell ads on the podcast. Older episodes and clips promoting new ones will still appear on YouTube and other platforms. Shetty previously partnered with iHeartMedia Inc. for ad sales and didn't distribute his video episodes to Spotify.

Shetty, a London-born author, started his podcast seven years ago. Past guests have included Oprah Winfrey, Michelle Obama and Tom Hanks. "This is a historic moment, not just for On



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Jay Shetty

Purpose but for podcasting itself," he said in a statement. "We're entering a new era where interviews can impact culture as powerfully as movies, music, and television on the global stage." This is the first time Netflix and Spotify have teamed up to secure a podcaster. The two companies have had an ongoing relationship, however. The Swedish music streamer has put many of its podcasts on Netflix, including Bill Simmons' program, and Netflix co-Chief Executive Officer Ted Sarandos serves on Spotify's board.

In January, Netflix debuted podcasts on its service via arrangements with iHeart and Spotify. It has also launched its own programs, like The Pete Davidson Show, that are exclusive to the streamer. In February, Shetty's production company announced that it also has two projects in the works with Netflix – one scripted series and one unscripted.

Many online media companies are trying to gain a foothold in podcasts, which could help them retain subscribers or boost consumption during daytime hours. Tubi, an ad-supported streaming service owned by Fox Corp., has signed deals with YouTubers and podcasters to bring their programs to the service. Walt Disney Co.'s Hulu has also licensed podcasts to complement its catalog.

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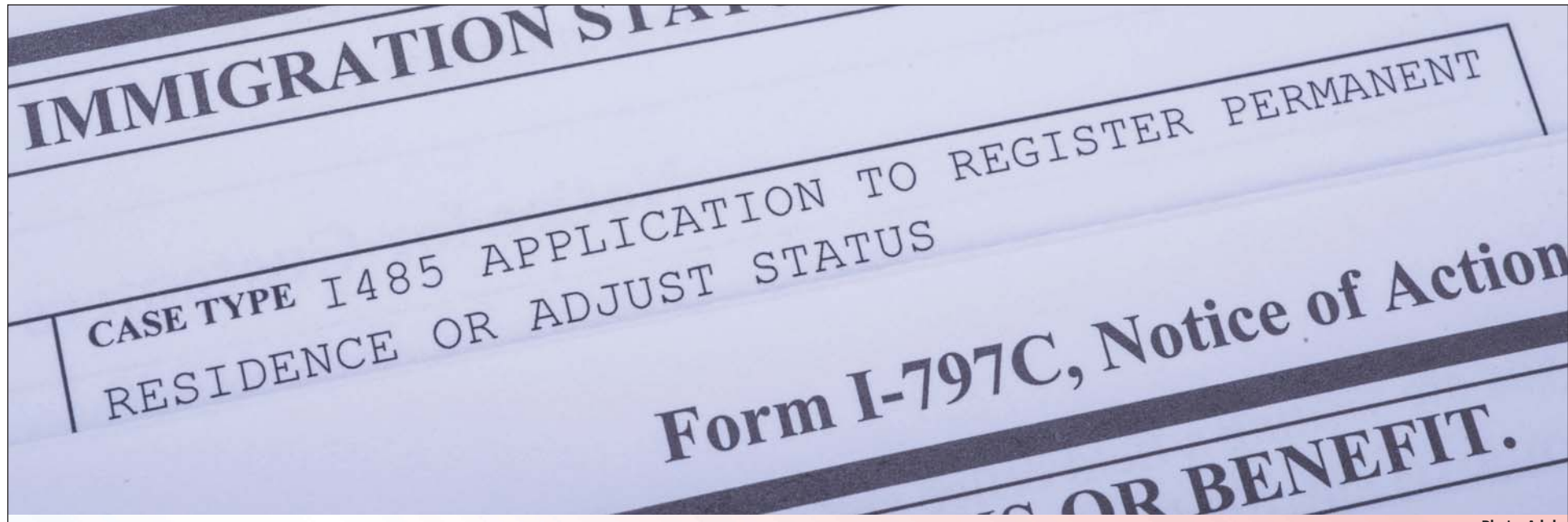


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# What the New USCIS Adjustment of Status Memo Means — and What It Does Not Mean

By David H. Nachman, Esq

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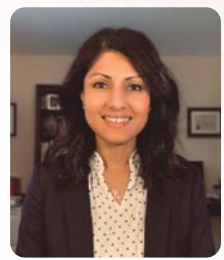
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Recent headlines and social media discussions regarding the new USCIS policy memorandum on Adjustment of Status (AOS) have created significant concern for many individuals and employers pursuing permanent residence in the United States. Some reports have suggested that USCIS is “ending” Adjustment of Status or requiring all applicants to complete immigrant visa processing abroad. The reality is more nuanced.

On May 21, 2026, USCIS issued Policy Memorandum PM-602-0199 discussing how officers should exercise discretion when adjudicating Adjustment of Status applications under INA Section 245. Shortly thereafter, USCIS released a public announcement emphasizing that Adjustment of Status is considered a discretionary immigration benefit.

While the memorandum has generated widespread discussion in the immigration community, it is important to understand what the memo actually says — and what it does not say.

### The Law Has Not Changed

The memorandum does not eliminate Adjustment of Status eligibility. It also does not create new statutory eligibility requirements for filing Form I-485 applications.

Applicants who were eligible to apply for Adjustment of Status before the memorandum remain eligible to apply now.

USCIS continues to recognize Adjustment of Status as a lawful pathway to permanent residence for eligible employment-based applicants, family-based applicants, and other qualifying individuals already present in the United States.

### What USCIS Is Emphasizing

The memorandum reminds officers that Adjustment of Status has always been discretionary under the immigration laws.

USCIS states that officers should evaluate applications on a case-by-case basis and review the totality of the circumstances when exercising discretion. The memorandum also reiterates that immigrant visa processing through U.S. consulates abroad remains the ordinary immigration process in many situations.

At the same time, USCIS policy guidance continues to require officers to consider both positive and negative factors when making discretionary determinations.

### What Factors May Be Reviewed?

According to the memorandum, officers may consider issues such as:

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The memorandum also acknowledges that certain visa classifications permit dual intent and that applying for Adjustment of Status is not automatically inconsistent with maintaining lawful status in those categories.

### What This May Mean Practically

Although the law itself has not changed, the memorandum may result in closer discretionary review in certain cases, particularly where there are prior immigration violations, complicated immigration histories, or other negative discretionary factors.

Individuals with clean immigration histories, maintained lawful status, and properly prepared applications should not assume that Adjustment of Status is no longer available.

At the same time, applicants with prior overstays, unauthorized employment, status violations, or complex immigration histories may benefit from careful legal review before filing applications.

# Fortune Magazine Names 7 Indians (6 In US) On Most Powerful Women List

BY A STAFF WRITER

**F**ortune Magazine recently announced its list of 100 Most Powerful Women in the world. In the list are 7 women of Indian origin, of which 6 are based in the United States and 1 in India.

This is the 29th year of the list which “highlights the leaders commanding boardrooms, markets, and industries,” Fortune says. In its breakdown of the list, Fortune notes the 100 women lead 94 companies employing 11.8 million people, and generating \$7.3 trillion in annual revenue. Women in the US dominate the list, followed far behind by mainland China with 9, France and UK with 6 each.

The Indian women listed and ranked include – from the US – Reshma Kewalramani, 9th; Gunjan Kedia, 14th; Jayshree Ullal, 31st; Bela Bajaria, 35th; Meena Lakdavalva-Flynn, 74th; and Revathi Advaiti, 75th.

Roshni Nadar-Malhotra, 33rd is the only one from India.



Gunjan Kedia

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**Kedia** has 30 years of financial services experience to her role. Before joining U.S. Bancorp in 2016, she led the investment servicing business in the Americas at State Street Financial and was a member of its Managing Committee. In 2004, Kedia joined Bank of New York Mellon, where she served as an executive vice president and head of global product management for its global asset servicing business. Previously, she was a partner at McKinsey & Co. and a core leader of its financial services practice. She began her career at Price Waterhouse Coopers (PwC).

Kedia serves on the boards of the American Red Cross, PBS and the Carnegie Mellon Business School. She has a bachelor's degree with distinction in engineering from the Delhi School of Engineering and an MBA with distinction from Carnegie Mellon University.



Reshma Kewalramani

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**Kewalramani** is the Chief Executive Officer and President at Vertex, a Fortune 500, global biotechnology company. She trained in internal medicine and nephrology before entering the biopharmaceutical industry, where she has dedicated her career to discovering and developing new medicines, her biography on the company website says. She joined Vertex in 2017, served as Chief Medical Officer and Executive Vice President of Global Medicines Development and Medical Affairs, and became CEO in 2020. She has received numerous honors and awards for her leadership and contributions to science and innovation.

Born in Mumbai, Kewalramani came to the US at the age of 11.

Kedia is the chairman of the board and chief executive officer of U.S. Bancorp, the fifth-largest commercial bank in the country. The company website notes she became CEO in April 2025 after serving as president since 2024. She was appointed chairman in 2026. She previously served as vice chair of Wealth,



Jayshree Ullal

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**Ullal** is Founding CEO since 2008 and now Chairperson of Arista. She is responsible for Arista's thought-leadership in modern AI, Cloud and enterprise networking.

She has led the company to a historic IPO in June 2014, and driven rapid growth, from zero to a multi-billion-dollar S&P 500 company with a \$200+B market cap, the company website notes.

Formerly, Ullal was Senior Vice President at Cisco, responsible for a \$10B business in datacenter, switching and services. With more than 40 years of networking and technology experience in the silicon valley, she is the recipient of numerous awards including E&Y's "Entrepreneur of the Year" in 2015, Barron's "World's Best CEOs" in 2018 and one of Fortune's "Top 20 Business Persons" in 2019. She was awarded "Global Indian of the Year" by the Economic Times in 2023 and was named a "Silicon Valley Power 100" in the Silicon Valley Business Journal in 2023 and 2024.

**Bajaria** joined Netflix in 2016 and rose to become Chief Content Officer in January 2023. She oversees



Bela Bajaria

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the teams responsible for all Netflix content from around the world, the company says, including series 'Stranger Things,' 'Squid Game,' 'Wednesday,' 'Bridgerton,' 'Heeramandi' and 'Lupin,' and films including 'Leave the World Behind,' 'Beverly Hills Cop: Axel F' and Oscar® winners 'All Quiet on the Western Front' and 'Guillermo del Toro's Pinocchio.'

Bajaria led Netflix's push into live events and sports with specials such as 'Chris Rock: Selective Outrage,' 'The Roast of Tom Brady' and multiyear deals with the NFL and WWE.

Prior to Netflix, she was President of Universal Television.

Bajaria serves on the board of The Coca-Cola Company, the LA Board of Governors for the Paley Center, the board of LA's Saban Community Clinic and the Board of Trustees for Meridian International Center.

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**Lakdavala-Flynn** is co-head of global Private Wealth Management (PWM). She is also co-head of One Goldman Sachs, the firm's cross-business strategy to provide a comprehensive and integrated approach to serving the company's global client franchise, the website says.

Additionally, Flynn serves as vice chair of the Firmwide Client Franchise Committee, is a member of the Partnership Committee and serves on the Wealth Management Operating Group.

Prior to her current role, Lakdavala-Flynn was global head of the Markets Group (MSG).

According to her bio on the company website, earlier in her career, she served as head of the Markets Coverage Group within MSG. She joined Goldman Sachs in 2000, was named managing director in 2008 and partner in 2014. Prior to joining the firm, Flynn worked at JP Morgan in the Global Capital Markets Group within the Investment Banking Division.



Meena Lakdavala Flynn

Lakdavala Flynn is a member of the UNICEF International Council and the Athletic Advisory Council for George Washington University. She graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from George Washington University with a BA in Economics. She is a chartered financial analyst.

**Advaithi** is the CEO of Flex, the end to end manu-



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Revathi Advaithi

facturing partner that helps leading brands design, source, build, deliver and manage products.

Since 2019, Advaithi has led Flex's workforce spanning 30 countries "in a transformation to define a new era in manufacturing," the company website says about her.

Prior to Flex, she was president and chief operating officer for the electrical sector business at Eaton, with corporate responsibility for the Europe, Middle East, and Africa regions. During her tenure, she led several strategic initiatives, including digital technology transformation and globally distributed innovation centers. In addition to her time at Eaton, Advaithi worked at Honeywell for six years in leadership roles spanning manufacturing, procurement, supply chain, and sourcing.

She is a recognized advocate for public-private collaboration in manufacturing. In 2023, she was appointed to the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations and the Advisory Committee on Supply Chain Competitiveness by the U.S. President. She serves on the Boards of Uber and the MIT Presidential CEO Advisory Board, and is a member of the Business Roundtable. She has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the Birla Institute of Technology and Science in Pilani, India, and earned an MBA from the Thunderbird School of Global Management.

**Nadar-Malhotra** is the Chairperson of HCLTech, a leading global technology organization with a market

capitalization of \$55 billion, and the Chairperson of its CSR Board Committee.

She is a Trustee of the Shiv Nadar Foundation. Since its inception, the Shiv Nadar Foundation has invested \$1.5 billion in nation building institutions and driving transformational leadership.

Nadar-Malhotra is also the Chairperson and driving force behind VidyaGyan, a leadership academy for the economically underprivileged, meritorious, rural students of Uttar Pradesh, and has been working towards nurturing future leaders from rural India who can be catalysts of change for their communities, villages and the nation at large, her company profile says.

In the wildlife and conservation field, she established The Habitats Trust in 2018, to work towards protecting India's natural habitats and its indigenous species. Since 2019, she has been producing an award-winning episode series on the most endangered wildlife species in India - 'On The Brink'.

She is a member of the Dean's Advisory Council at the MIT School of Engineering, USA and also a mem-



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Roshni Nadar Malhotra

ber of the Kellogg School of Management Executive Board for Asia. She serves on the board of directors of US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) and is on the global board of directors of The Nature Conservancy (TNC). She is also an independent director on the board of the HDFC Asset Management Company.

Nadar-Malhotra graduated in Communications from Northwestern University and earned an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management.



The Indian women listed and ranked include –

**From the US:**

- Reshma Kewalramani, 9th;
- Gunjan Kedia, 14th;
- Jayshree Ullal, 31st;

- Bela Bajaria, 35th;
- Meena Lakdavala-Flynn, 74th;
- and Revathi Advaithi, 75th.

**From India:**

- Roshni Nadar-Malhotra, 33rd

## ASTROLOGY

## This week for you



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**ARIES:** This week brings peace. Professional life may witness progress. Taking care of well-being will reflect in relationships. Building contacts can open doors. Romance may surprise you. Handling family matters will ease tensions. Some may enjoy island destinations. A family gain may come your way soon. Students are likely to shine. Your charm could make you the centre of attention.

**TAURUS:** A rewarding week lies ahead. Career growth is indicated. Financial matters look good. Relationships may rekindle warmth. Natural remedies could improve health concerns. Guidance may be needed. Relaxation will uplift your mood. Be cautious about property-related issues. Academic prospects appear promising. Overall, luck seems to be on your side.

**GEMINI:** Expect a productive week. Strong leadership and planning skills will help you manage responsibilities. Financial support may come easily. Romantic life may feel intense. A positive mindset can improve health. Forgiveness may restore peace. Travel planning could go smoothly. Stay alert in property matters. Academic success may come through teamwork. Your integrity will earn admiration.

**CANCER:** Adventure may define your week. Smart financial handling can strengthen your savings. Family bonds, especially with in-laws, may grow. Someone you admire might notice you. Preventive care will keep health issues away. Taking risks at work brings recognition. Travel may excite you. Property management will require assistance. Consistent effort will bring success. Your ability to resolve conflicts will stand out.

**LEO:** A fulfilling phase awaits. Networking can boost your career visibility. Business-minded individuals may see encouraging results. Emotional understanding will strengthen bonds. Alternative therapies may bring health relief. Travel could inspire creativity. Property disputes may be resolved. Avoid procrastination to prevent stress. Missing opportunities due to delay is possible.

**VIRGO:** This week may bring growth and prosperity. Financial achievements could reach new heights. Family support will help resolve sibling disagreements. Small compromises can improve love life. Wellness activities may refresh your body and mind. Freelancing opportunities may benefit young professionals. A spiritual visit can bring peace. Property investments may prove profitable. Academic recognition is likely. Your dreams may start taking shape.

**LIBRA:** A balanced week is ahead. Skill development will help you move forward. Business expansion may be possible. Family gatherings will bring joy. Love may enter your life unexpectedly. Healthy choices will improve well-being. Travel plans may face minor delays, so stay prepared. Buying a vacation home is possible. Knowledge of legal matters can be beneficial. You may finally gain recognition.

**SCORPIO:** The week begins on a pleasant note. Teamwork will enhance growth. Investments yield good returns. Family elders' blessings can guide. Avoid making impulsive decisions and overexertion. Heritage sites may fascinate. Selling property could be smooth. Improving communication skills will boost confidence. Passion brings satisfaction.

**SAGITTARIUS:** A joyful time is expected. Job opportunities may arise. Financial stability may improve. Research is key before choosing wellness treatments. A family reunion may bring happiness. You may prefer focusing on self-growth. Travel opportunities look exciting. Suitable commercial property options may appear. Creative ideas will be appreciated. Positive karma may support your progress.

**CAPRICORN:** This week appears promising overall. Dedication may help you settle into a new role. Paying attention will improve stability. Relaxation techniques can reduce stress. Emotional moments may deepen your bond with your partner. Handle family disagreements calmly. A romantic getaway may refresh your mind. Property matters will remain clear and stable. Business knowledge will prove useful. Your individuality will help you stand out.

**AQUARIUS:** An energetic week is on the horizon. Guidance will help you manage responsibilities. Financial strategies may bring gains. Health issues may need care. Adjusting to family changes will maintain harmony. Honest conversations resolve issues. Travel plans may turn out exciting. Joint property deals could be profitable. Academic efforts bring excellent results. Your ambition will keep you motivated.

**PISCES:** A week full of growth awaits. Constructive feedback may help you improve. Profits from foreign investments are likely. Family members will support your decisions. Proper care and remedies may help a child recover. Thoughtful gestures will strengthen your relationship. Work-related travel may be demanding. Property matters may be handled fairly. Academic performance looks positive. Curiosity will lead to learning and progress.

## A HEARTFELT REQUEST TO ALL

Mr. Parth Ashokbhai Patel (IT Engineer) and his wife Dharti Parth Patel (Physiotherapist), who were residing in San Francisco, USA, got married in Ahmedabad in February 2026.

On the occasion of Dharti's birthday, they went for a walk at Sequoia National Park. While taking a photo near the Seal Beach waterfall, Dharti's foot suddenly slipped and she started falling into the deep water of the river. To save her, Parthbhai also jumped into the water, but very sadly, both of them got pulled into the water and died. This tragic incident has happened.

His residence:  
Parth Patel  
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Parthbhai's elder brother Shri Darshan Ashokbhai Patel, who currently lives in Canada, has left for San Francisco immediately.

On this very sad and tragic occasion, it is a humble appeal to all Indians to stand with the family emotionally and provide possible support.

Parthbhai's father Shri Ashokbhai has been serving faithfully at Gandhi Ashram Parivar, Ahmedabad for more than 35 years. Matashree Nayanaben is also involved in social service through Swadhyay Parivar and various service activities.

The family needs your cooperation, prayers and condolences at this tragic time.

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May God grant peace to the departed souls and give the family the strength to bear this unbearable grief.

## IMMIGRATION

## What the New USCIS Adjustment of Status Memo Means — and What It Does Not Mean

By DAVID H. NACHMAN, ESQ

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**F**amily-Based and Employment-Based Applicants  
The memorandum potentially affects both family-based and employment-based Adjustment of Status cases.

For employment-based applicants, maintaining lawful nonimmigrant status and documenting compliance with visa requirements may become increasingly important during the adjudication process.

For family-based applicants, particularly immediate relatives of U.S. citizens, Adjustment of Status remains an important and legally recognized pathway to permanent residence.

No Need for Panic

The memorandum has created understandable concern, but USCIS has not announced a suspension of Adjustment of Status filings, nor has the agency stated that eligible applicants should stop filing Adjustment of Status applications.

The immigration community continues to evaluate how USCIS will apply this guidance in practice, and additional

clarification or future policy guidance may follow.

Applicants should avoid making major immigration decisions based solely upon social media commentary or alarming headlines without first consulting experienced immigration counsel.

The Importance of Careful Preparation  
Given the discretionary nature of Adjustment of Status adjudications, applicants should ensure that filings are accurate, complete, and carefully documented.

Individuals with prior immigration issues or complex case histories may especially benefit from legal guidance regarding case strategy, supporting documentation, and potential alternatives, including consular processing where appropriate.

Contact NPZ Law Group

If you have questions regarding Adjustment of Status, consular processing, employment-based immigration, family-based immigration, or other U.S. immigration matters, the immigration attorneys at NPZ Law Group may be able to assist you.

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# How To Stay Happy In A Relationship, According To Long-Married Couples

By MAGGIE PENMAN

**W**hen comedian Zarna Garg was in her early 20s, she decided she was ready to find a life partner. This was years before dating apps, so she posted an ad on an Indian singles website:

“To some, I am too short or too plump. Too dark or too argumentative. But enough about me. This is what I need from you: A husband and a partner, somebody who is ambitious but not ruthless, confident but not arrogant, and humble but not timid. Most of all, he is honest. I am on a mission to build a very successful life, and you must be ready to go with me.”

She concluded with a request for respondents’ most recent tax returns and medical records.

The ad worked. Her inbox was flooded with replies, including one from her future husband, Shalabh Garg, asking if it was a joke. They immediately had chemistry, and nearly 30 years later, they are happily married with three kids.

They say their marriage is healthy due in part to two things: humor and a shared purpose.

They both had the same goals of financial security, building a family and creating a sense of belonging. Starting with a plan from the beginning was clarifying for the young couple.

“We were both poor immigrant kids,” Zarna said. “We wanted to make a life.”

The Washington Post interviewed couples who have been married for decades, and we asked them, apart from love, what ingredients make a marriage last. Here’s some of their best advice about that, and how they work through conflicts.

## LEARN TO ARGUE

Julie Schwartz Gottman and John Gottman, who have been married for 39 years, work together as counselors and researchers studying what makes a good marriage. They co-founded the Gottman Institute and have become known for watching couples argue, often accurately predicting whether they will get divorced. The ones who are headed for divorce attack each other rather than the problem they are trying to work through.

Schwartz Gottman said a lot of traditional marriage advice isn’t backed by research, including the classic, “Don’t go to bed angry.”

“Folks can go to bed angry. ... It’s not the end of the world. It’s an emotion. It’s hardwired in,” she said.

Sometimes it can even be helpful to take a break during an argument, especially if you are getting worked up. In fight-or-flight mode, it’s difficult to listen thoughtfully and solve a problem.

Don’t just walk out in a huff. Schwartz Gottman offered two pieces of guidance when pausing an argument: Agree with your partner on a time to revisit the conversation, and don’t stew about the fight. Try to distract yourself and think about something else.

“We found that 69 percent of problems that couples have between them are perpetual. They never go away,” Schwartz Gottman said. “You’re always going to have some kind of conflict.”

Often these disagreements are differences in personality or how you were raised. But they don’t have to spell disaster – as long as couples can come to terms with their differences. And avoid what the Gottmans call the four horsemen of the apocalypse: criticism, contempt, defensiveness and stonewalling. If you are stuck in that cycle and unhappy, it’s important to seek help, they said.

The Gottmans said even they slip up sometimes in their own marriage and find themselves being defensive or critical. When that happens, Schwartz Gottman said,



PHOTO: COURTESY OF ZARNA GARG

Shalabh and Zarna Garg early in their relationship.

they will gently call each other out or catch themselves and apologize.

“We make a repair, just like everybody else,” Schwartz Gottman said. “We’re in the same soup.”

Say thank you. For everything.

Pam and Bob Nolan met in a bar nearly 50 years ago when they were both in their early 20s. They have now been married for 47 years.

At first she thought he wasn’t her type. She had always dated tall guys, and he was on the shorter side. She had dated older guys, and he was younger than her. And yet, she said, she had this feeling that this would be an

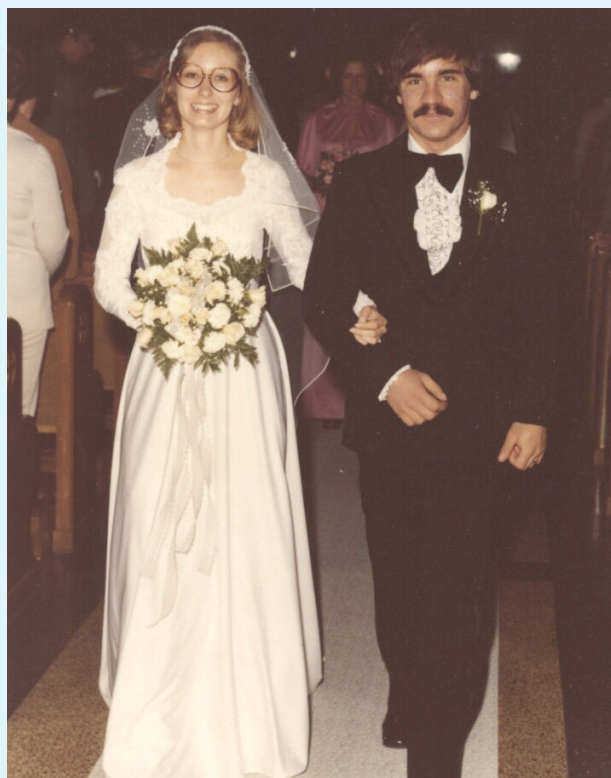


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Pam and Bob Nolan on their wedding day, Oct. 7, 1978.



PHOTO: COURTESY OF ZARNA GARG

Zarna Garg’s bridal portrait.

important person in her life.

“I had this little zing,” Pam said. They got engaged two months later.

“My biggest advice is to let your partner know that you appreciate everything that they do,” Pam said. “We thank each other for everything.”

No act of service is too small to notice in the Nolans’ marriage. Bob lets out the dog? Pam says, “Thank you for letting the dog out.” Pam unloads the dishwasher? Bob says, “Thank you for unloading the dishwasher.”

The benefits of gratitude are well-documented, both for relationships and individual mental health. And research shows we often underestimate how much our thanks will be appreciated.

“I think it’s really important,” Pam said. “I’ve written it in wedding cards.”

## BELIEVE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WILL LAST

The Gargs sometimes have had conflict about how to raise their children, handle their businesses or other matters. In fact, if you watch their family podcast or Zarna’s stand-up, you’ll learn they often disagree vehemently (and hilariously – a lot of her comedy is about their marriage). But they always try to be respectful to each other and both say that they believe they are where they’re supposed to be. That’s what carries them through the challenges.

“We have a good thing going, but it’s a work in progress,” Zarna said. “I think it’s a decision that you make every day, that you’re better off as a unit than you would be alone.”

Several years ago, Zarna and Shalabh started taking daily walks together, and they were surprised by how much it helped them connect.

“It’s impossible not to feel gratitude when you’re moving,” Zarna said.

She also said it helps that they have always been committed to the idea of their marriage.

“Believing you’re going to make it is going to help you make it,” Zarna said.

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# A sketch artist's illustrated journey up the East Coast

By Dylan Moriarty

Keeping a travel sketchbook is a commitment, but one I love.

It keeps my eyes open while traveling, encouraging exploration and helping me focus on the textures of a destination. With sketches to make ahead of me, I'm snapping pictures of flowers, building facades and, of course, the people met along the way.

Last year, I traveled up the East Coast to attend a movie premiere and to explore new-to-me cities including Baltimore; Philadelphia; Salem, Massachusetts; Pawtucket, Rhode Island; Portland, Maine; and a trip back to New York City.

## Philadelphia

Since I had never been to Philadelphia, I dropped myself downtown for impromptu exploration. That led to an unsuccessful visit to the Free Library of Pennsylvania's map collection (sometimes you need an appointment) and a successful venture to the titan Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. Lunch in Chinatown turned into a challenge of finding the smallest bite on each menu so I could sample as much food from as many restaurants as possible. I'm still dreaming of the steamed pork buns.

Other highlights included a trip to Thunderbird Salvage, a remarkable thrift store set up in the guts of a 19th-century church in Kensington, and a walk-through of the Eastern State Penitentiary, which featured a surprise narration by Steve Buscemi.

## Baltimore

Baltimore has one of the most unique art museums in the country. In lieu of portraits of people you don't know and by art school prodigies, the American Visionary Art Museum features art from umpires, cabbies and dressmakers who became self-taught artists.

The National Gallery in Washington has intricate portraits by Renaissance masters; the AVAM has intricately painted baseballs by a minor league umpire who wanted to memorialize his favorite players and moments. The Museum of Modern Art in New York may have "The Starry Night"; AVAM has a tree manipulated into the shape of a latticed phone booth by a farmer with a dream.

It is a downright magical place.

## Salem

When you think Salem, you probably think witch trials - and that's hard to forget while there. There's a constant stream of ghost tour groups, memorials to the innocent women killed during the horrific witch trials, and shops catering to wizarding world enthusiasts. But Salem's lesser-known interesting aspect is its ability to uproot and move old whole structures. The Peabody Essex Museum has collected buildings of distinction from around the town and plopped them in the span of a few blocks, as if they were Lego pieces. The museum has shipped a 19th-century Chinese house from Anhui Province in China and reconstructed it in the museum, where you can walk through the structure. While in this area, I attended the aforementioned film premiere of "Evil Puddle." Matt Farley and Charles Roxburgh may not be household names, but they've made nearly 20 films. Each is a no-budget affair but humorous and at times legitimately touching. Much like Wes Anderson has his reoccurring stable of performers, Farley and Roxburgh's work features a troupe of a former boss, local public-access legends, parents and spouses across each flick.

Farley is a definition of a showman, taking the film premiere and stretching it out to a three-day festival with basketball and a short hike to a rock, and featuring two evening musical performances. In addition to the filmography, he releases music

under all sorts of monikers, to date putting out nearly 26,000 songs.

The festivities had an energy akin to a summer camp, a small moving village of people all interested enough in these artists to make the pilgrimage.

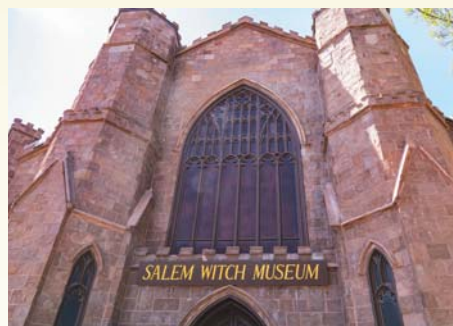
The crowd may not have been huge, but at each evening event they roared with delight.

Can't recommend enough supporting the local artists you find and love. Especially if you have to travel to do so.

## Portland

The weekend was quite socially exhausting. Thankfully, I planned two days to explore solo in Portland for my first visit to Maine. The city was perfect for a respite: It's small, geographically beautiful and rich with good seafood.

Hiking during the day to the Portland Head Light lighthouse and around the Eastern Promenade put my conscience at ease to feast on lobster rolls and scallops in the evening. As a cartographer, I enjoyed stopping by the University of Southern Maine's Osher Map Library. In addition to a vast collection of 17th-century celestial globes, it had a phenomenal exhibition on 19th-century maps - the peak era for personifying countries and waterways as forlorn lovers. Another recommendation while traveling: If you have a hobby that can be moved, why not look up online whether there are local meetups for it? I found a figure-drawing group and



Photos: Adobe

enjoyed a few hours of doodling, while asking locals what I should hit up the following day.

## New York

The last stop on the venture was this mess of a city that I love. It's perhaps exemplified best by riding the subway where the theater of life is unavoidable, overwhelming and intoxicating.

It's hard to hit up NYC and not see a show of some sort. I opted for "Cabaret," one of my favorite musicals, which incidentally was a brilliant way to see Orville Peck live for the first time.

But the bulk of the visit was spent catching up with old friends, former roommates and colleagues.

While the trip was built around catching "Premiere Weekend" and exploration, it was tailored to hit up as many pals as possible. Checking out new places is exciting and educational, but the most fulfilling part of travel is watering my gardens of friendship.

In Baltimore, I helped a friend build a shoe rack; in Philly, I stayed at Fishtown's secret zoo.

While in Salem, I drove two hours out of the way to Pawtucket to talk maps and shop with a local vendor. I started making travel sketchbooks as a journal of sorts, but the real goal was to create little celebrations of those moments, big and small.

A little gift, for the people and places that shared their time and brilliance for a short bit.

The gardens freshly watered, I returned back to D.C., exhausted and delighted.

## Playback Singer Suman Kalyanpur Passes Away At 89

**P**adma Bhushan recipient Suman Kalyanpur, who is known for her songs in the Hindi and Marathi film industry, passed away at the age of 89, and was mourned nationally and by colleagues in the industry.

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and other ministers paid tribute to the veteran singer and remembered her contribution to Indian music.

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari called the demise of Suman Kalyanpur “heartbreaking”, describing it as a “great loss to the Indian music world.”

“The news of the passing of Padma Bhushan Suman Kalyanpur, the popular, legendary, and senior playback singer in the Indian music world, is extremely heartbreaking. My heartfelt tribute to her. Suman Kalyanpur’s departure is a great loss to the Indian music world. In Marathi, Hindi, and many other languages, she immortalised thousands of songs with her voice. Popular Marathi songs like ‘Ketakichya Bani Tithe’, ‘Sang Kadhi Kal-nar Tula’, ‘Nimbonyachya Jhadamaghe’ in Sumanji’s sweet voice are still on the lips of music lovers today. Her unparalleled contribution to the Indian music field is immense. May God grant peace to the departed soul and give strength to Sumanji’s near and dear ones to recover from this sorrow. Om Shanti,” wrote Gadkari on his X handle.

Maharashtra’s Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde paid tribute to the singer by calling her songs evergreen, which will “resonate in the firmament of Indian music.”

“With her candid, pure, and sattvic notes that restored sanctity to music, the sad demise of the senior and supreme singer Suman Kalyanpur has snapped a melodious thread that connected two generations of music lovers. Through her voice, she expressed the emotions of many generations, gave words to love, melody to devotion, and the companionship of music to life’s tender moments.



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With the strength of her gentle, pure, and emotionally resonant voice, she carved out a unique place for herself in the world of music,” wrote Shinde on his X handle.

“Over the past seven decades, she satiated connoisseurs with countless immortal songs. In the Hindi film industry, her many duets sung alongside Mohammed Rafi remain fresh in the memory of listeners even today. Songs like “Na Tum Humen Jano” and “Aaj Kal Tere Mere Pyar Ke Charche” further solidified the enchantment of her voice,” he continued.

He also remembered the singer’s contribution to devotional and film songs. “In Marathi sentimental songs, devotional songs, and film songs as well, she left an indel-

ible mark with her singing. Not just in Marathi, but in Hindi, Gujarati, and Bengali languages too, she sang numerous compositions. In recognition of her boundless service to music, the Government of India honoured her in 2023 with the ‘Padma Bhushan’ award, one of the country’s highest civilian honours. Though she is no longer with us today, her voice remains eternal. Time will march on, generations will change, but Suman Kalyanpur’s sweet, sattvic, and soul-touching voice will forever resonate in the firmament of Indian music. A heartfelt tribute...”

NCP-SCP chief Sharad Pawar called Suman Kalyanpur’s demise “heartbreaking”. He described her death as the end of the “era of gold in the realm of Indian classical and light music.”

“The news of the passing of veteran playback singer Suman Kalyanpur is extremely heartbreaking. With her sweet, melodious, and soul-stirring voice, she enriched the world of Indian music. Her immortal songs in Hindi, Marathi, and numerous other regional languages have reigned supreme over the emotional realms of generations. With her demise, an era of gold in the realm of Indian classical and light music has drawn the curtain. I offer my heartfelt tribute to her and extend my condolences to her family,” Pawar said.

Suman Kalyanpur lent her vocals to timeless classics such as ‘Aaj Kal Tere Mere Pyaar Ke Charche’ and ‘Naa Naa Karte Pyar Tumhin Se Kar Baithe’. Her voice was often mistaken for that of Lata Mangeshkar’s.

She also sang two duets with Mangeshkar before charting a successful career as a playback singer.

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## Ravi Mohan Joins Lokesh Cinematic Universe, To Star In Film ‘Benz’

**A**ctor Ravi Mohan is set to join the Lokesh Cinematic Universe for the movie ‘Benz’. The movie also stars Nivin Pauly and Raghava Lawrence in the lead roles.

Lokesh Kanagaraj shared the announcement on his X handle to welcome Ravi Mohan to his film. The movie is written and directed by Bakkiyaraj Kannan and produced by Lokesh Kanagaraj. The music of the film is composed by Sai Abhyankar.

“Welcome to the universe, Ravi Mohan sir,” wrote Lokesh Kanagaraj.

Meanwhile, Tamil actor Ravi Mohan recently grabbed headlines after addressing the speculations around his personal life, announcing that he would not continue acting in films until his divorce is finalised.

While addressing a press conference in Chennai’s Alwarpet, a visibly emotional Ravi Mohan addressed the media at a private studio.

“I think remaining silent all these years was extremely foolish on my part. Many people want to provoke the calm person I used to be. My films will no longer be released in theatres. Until I get a divorce, none of my films will be released on screen. I am unable to act until I receive my divorce,” he said.

Noting that he has worked hard in the film industry for over two decades, Ravi Mohan



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remarked, “I earned my awards through my own efforts. There were four years when neither my father nor my brother worked. My mistake was staying silent all these years. For 14 years, I remained silent and tolerated everything.”

Levelling serious claims against his in-laws, the actor said, “If anything happens to Keneeshaa or to me, they (Aarti Ravi’s family) will be responsible. They think I should not stay alive. I will deal with everyone and leave with a smile on my face. They are not allowing me to see my children. The annual fee for my two children is Rs 50 lakhs. I paid for it and took care of everything. I tolerated everything all these years.”

He went on to allege that Aarti Ravi blackmailed him for getting married by injuring herself.

“From day one, many injustices have happened. Aarthi married me only after blackmailing me by cutting her hand. Before one film produced by their family banner would even finish, they would ask me to sign another. I was not supposed to act in outside productions. I was expected to remain there like a serial actor,” the actor said.

Ravi Mohan was last seen in the film ‘Parasakthi’. It was directed by Sudha Kongara.

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Petition for Probate of the Last Will and Testament alongwith Codicil of Shubhangi Dinkar Nadkarni alias Shubhangi D Nadkarni alias Shubhangi Nadkarni Hindu, Indian Inhabitant of Mumbai, Widow, Occ: Retired who was Permanently residing at B-1, Oliver Mansion, Mogal Lane, Mahim, Mumbai - 400016 But was Ordinarily residing at the time of her death at Sahabhav Kartar Niwas, Plot No. 122, Shere Punjab Colony, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400093.  
..... **Deceased.**  
VIDYA GIRISH WAGLE, Aged: 74years, Occ: retired Hindu, Indian Inhabitant of Mumbai residing at 21, Parth CHS, Ganesh Peth Lane, Dadar (West), Mumbai - 400028 being the One of the Executor named under the Will of the Deceased above named  
..... **Petitioner.**  
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**2) MRS. JAYA GIRISH MAZUMDAR,** Residing at 155, East 54<sup>th</sup> Ave, Vancouver, British Columbia, V5X 1K 7, Canada  
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**7) MS. NINA ASHOK MUZUMDAR,** Residing at 21, Homestead Avenue Ottawa, Ontario K2E 7N9.  
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Witness **MR. SHREE CHANDRASHEKHAR,** Chief Justice, at Bombay, aforesaid this **10<sup>th</sup> April 2026.**  
  
Sd/-  
**For Prothonotary and Senior Master.**  
**SEALER**  
**Jyoti Vijay Badgujar,**  
Advocate for the Petitioner, B2, Amit Apartment CHS Ltd, Vadavali Road, Ambarnath East - 421501, Thane, 9890448934.  
  
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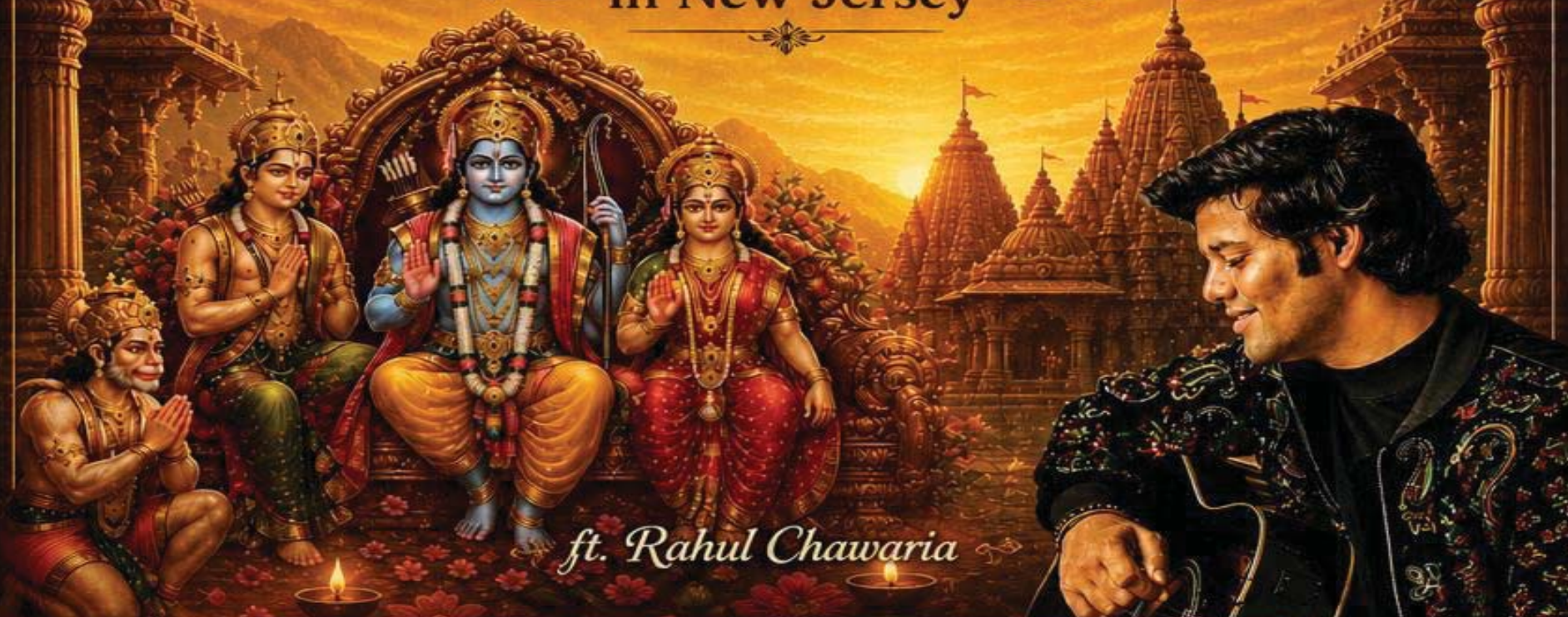
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