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Indian Diaspora Wishes Prime Minister Modi On His Birthday With Billboard @Times Square



Message in Hindi and English wishing PM Modi a Happy Birthday, on the tallest billboard at Times Square September 17, 2026.

BY A STAFF WRITER

On September 17, 2026, around 9 am, members of the Federation of Indian Associations NYNJCTNE, a community organization of Indian Americans, celebrated the birthday of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi by displaying his image at the 'Crossroads of the World' - another term used to describe Times Square. Members of the organization and representatives of religious organizations posed for a photo under the billboard. Community members praised FIA and extended their best wishes to the Prime Minister including Padma Shri recipient Dr. Sudhir Parikh, chairman of Parikh Worldwide Media which publishes News India Times and Desi Talk.

Federation of Indian Associations NY-NJ-NE is one of the oldest and largest non-profit grass-root umbrella organization, Established in 1970. In a post on the X.com site of FIA-NYNJCTNE - the organization added the following:



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Satya Nadella Addresses “IDEAS4INDIA”: Indian American Tech CEOs Forum Hosted By Indian Consulate, Seattle



Scenes from the Participants of the Ideas4India: Indian American Tech CEOs Forum (17 September 2026, Seattle). Clockwise, Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella with Indian Ambassador to US Vinay Mohan Kwatra; Few of the participating executives at the Forum; Consul General of India Prakash Gupta with Nadella; and Nadella addressing the Forum.

BY A STAFF WRITER

The Consulate General of India in Seattle hosted “Ideas4India: Indian American Tech CEOs Forum | Unlocking the Tech Dividend” September 17, 2026. The event was envisaged as a follow-up to the India AI Impact Summit 2026 with an aim to learn from the unique expertise pool of the Indian American Tech community based out of Greater Seattle, a press release from the Consulate said.

The Forum brought together leading Indian-origin Tech CEOs, several of whom have spent over three decades at the frontiers of cutting-edge technologies, including in Artificial Intelligence (AI), quantum computing, semiconductors, cloud infrastructure, aerospace and enterprise software.

Chairman and CEO of Microsoft Satya Nadella, was the Guest of Honour. He said he was proud to have watched the Seattle technology community grow over roughly 35 years and was pleased to see it forming and strengthening its relationship with India. He described artificial intelligence as a general-purpose technology whose benefits would depend on its broad diffusion across countries, communities and sectors.

More than 40 Indian-origin CEOs and CTOs participated, including from Microsoft, Amazon, Boeing, OpenAI, Anthropic, Intel, Veeam Software, Helion,



Rhythms AI, Zenoti, Anicca Data, Seek-Out, Stanley, Viome Life Sciences, Edifecs, Gates Foundation, Orange Theory, Stanley 1913, Blink Health, CoralBricks AI, Qubra.ai, Cantina Labs, Waymakers and from other leading technology companies in the Pacific Northwest.

The forum featured an interactive session, in which the participating CEOs shared their ideas and suggestions for strengthening the India – US technology partnership. These ranged from AI infrastructure to data centers, semiconductor design and manufacturing, quantum research collaboration, talent and skilling, aerospace and advanced manufacturing.

Ambassador of India to the United States, Vinay Mohan Kwatra praised the participants’ strong desire to further deepen India USA Tech partnership and reaffirmed Government of India’s com-



mitment to working with all relevant stakeholders in ensuring that India’s AI Mission remains firmly anchored on the principles of inclusivity, openness, sovereignty, democratized access, safety and trust.

The Indian American TECH CEOs Forum began with a minute’s silence to honor the memory of two distinguished Indian origin technology stalwarts from Seattle, who had passed away recently – Samir Bodas, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Icetris, and S. Somasegar, Managing Director of Madrona Venture Group and formerly Corporate Vice President at Microsoft. Their contributions to scaling up Seattle’s technology ecosystem and to supporting Indian origin start-ups were fondly recalled and appreciated by the participants.

Padma Shri recipient Ajay Bhatt,

Inventor of the USB C drive (formerly with Intel) also participated in the deliberations.

Several of the companies represented at the forum maintain substantial engineering, research and business operations in India. In addition, Microsoft has announced an investment of \$17.5 billion in India over four years from 2026 to 2029, its largest ever in Asia, to advance the cloud and AI infrastructure, skilling and operations. Amazon has announced a total investment of \$48 billion between 2026 and 2030, including expansion of AWS data center capacity at Mumbai and Hyderabad. Costco, is also establishing its first Global Capability Center at Hyderabad.

According to the Seattle Consulate, this was the first time that such a gathering of Indian American Technology leaders was convened in Seattle and it is expected that “Ideas4India” Forum will continue to serve as an important platform for strengthening the India USA Technology partnership, including under the India-US TRUST Initiative (Transforming the Relationship Utilizing Strategic Technology).

Under the India-US TRUST Initiative, both countries are working to connect their respective innovation ecosystems and to advance collaboration, including co-development and co-production, in artificial intelligence, quantum, semiconductors, space, telecom and biotechnology.

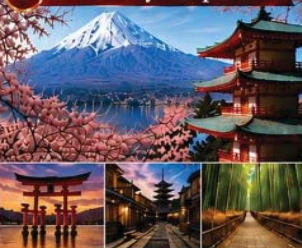


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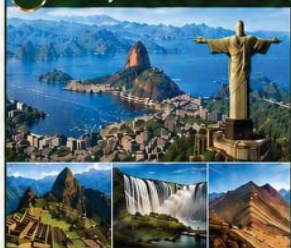
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Akshaya Patra Holds Successful Fundraiser In Minnesota; Donors Once Again Open Hearts & Wallets



The distinguished guests and supporters were felicitated at the event by the chapter team.



A section of the more than 300 community leaders, philanthropists, entrepreneurs, and supporters who attended the September 12, 2026, fundraiser hosted by Akshaya Patra Minnesota Chapter.

BY A STAFF WRITER

Minnesota once again opened its heart and extended its generous hands in support of Akshaya Patra's mission, as more than 300 guests gathered September 12, 2026, for the Akshaya Patra Minnesota Chapter Annual Musical Fundraiser driven by a shared commitment to ensuring that no child is held back by hunger.

The evening brought together community leaders, philanthropists, entrepreneurs, longtime supporters, volunteers, and friends of Akshaya Patra, all united by a powerful belief: when a child is nourished, a child can learn, dream, and build a brighter future.

Chapter Chairs Kavita Reddy and Ishita Gawde welcomed guests and thanked the Minnesota community for continuing to embrace and support the Akshaya Patra cause. Chapter Chair Mona Tirukavalluri also thanked the volunteers, supporters, and community members for their dedication, time, and tireless efforts which made the evening possible.

The evening's keynote speakers, Neha Markanda and Raj Dash, shared perspectives on leadership, transformation, and the extraordinary power of philanthropy.

Markanda spoke about the inseparable relationship



Community leader and philanthropist Raj Dash addressing the gathering.

between food and education, emphasizing that both must go hand in hand.

Dash offered a deeply personal reflection on giving, speaking about growing up in a family with a strong tradition of philanthropy. He spoke about the importance of carrying forward a legacy of generosity and understanding that giving is not simply an act of charity, but a responsibility, a privilege, and an opportunity to transform lives.

Longtime Akshaya Patra supporter Charu Mehta also offered a personal reflection on the meaning of giving, sharing, and leaving behind a legacy of compassion. Her heartfelt story reminded the audience of the profound comfort that comes from knowing that one's generosity can continue to serve a meaningful purpose, even beyond one's lifetime, and can positively impact children for generations to come.

Well known entrepreneur Mahendra Nath also emphasized the importance of standing behind children and investing in their brighter future. Dr. Dilip Mehta of Akshaya Patra shared details about one of the organization's important recent initiatives, the Forever Plate Sustainability Fund. The initiative represents a commitment to creating sustainable, long-term support for Akshaya Patra's mission, helping ensure that children continue to receive the nourishment they need to attend school, learn, grow, and build brighter futures for generations to come.

Musical entertainment was provided by a talented band from Tampa, Florida, led by Sanjay Vasita, Pratyasha Dash and team.

The evening carried one message above all others: A plate of food can nourish a child for today. An education can empower that child for a lifetime. Together, they can transform a future.

Indian American Physicians Critical Of CY 2027 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule; Call For Withdrawal

BY A STAFF WRITER

When the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released the CY 2027 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) Proposed Rule this July, the reaction across the physician community was immediate — and deeply concerned.

For the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI), the nation's largest ethnic medical organization, "the proposal represents more than a technical payment adjustment. It is a turning point that could reshape how physicians deliver care and how patients access it," a press release from AAPI said.

AAPI is urging CMS to withdraw



Dr. Meher Medavaram, President AAPI.

the policy and pursue targeted, evidence-based alternatives. The AMA has issued the same call. Both organizations stress that payment reform must be grounded in data, not assumptions.

CMS proposes paying physicians 50% less for any same-day service performed alongside an office or outpatient evaluation and management (E/M) visit. Whether it is a biopsy, a joint injection, a lesion removal, or a minor procedure with a 0-, 10-, or 90-day global period, the rule would pay 100% for the highest-valued service and half for everything else — regardless of specialty, clinical context, or medical necessity, AAPI noted, calling it a "sweeping change."

AAPI President Dr. Meher Medavaram calls the proposal "a fundamental mis-

understanding of how care is delivered in real clinical settings." She adds, "A 50% across-the-board cut is not a correction — it is a presumption of duplication applied to every physician, in every specialty, without evidence."

CMS argues that same-day care creates "efficiencies" that may duplicate work. But AAPI and the AMA point out that the existing RUC valuation process already accounts for overlapping tasks between E/M visits and procedures. The proposed rule, they argue, is not a refinement — "it is a blunt instrument," the professional organizations say.

Sending out a call to AAPI members to oppose this new rule, the organization said, "CMS has not produced data show-

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FIA Chicago (1980) Marks 25th Anniversary Of 9/11 With Tribute And Educational Program

By BHAILAL M. PATEL

The Federation of Indian Associations (FIA-Chicago), established in 1980, in a memorial meeting for victims of the 9/11 attack in 2001, called for education, vigilance, and united action against terrorism. The commemoration remembered the victims, honored the heroes and examined the continuing challenge of terrorism and violent extremism.

FIA trustees, executives, directors, delegates, community leaders, organizational representatives attended the program, which combined remembrance with discussion about the lessons of 9/11 and the responsibility to educate future generations.

The event began with the American National Anthem. A documentary on the September 11 attacks and terrorism in the years that followed, compiled by FIA-Chicago President Hemant Patel, was presented.

FIA Executive Amar Upadhyay led a moment of silence in memory of nearly 3,000 people killed in the September 11 attacks and victims of terrorism around the world.

Several participants described the documentary as eye-opening and thought-provoking.

The presentation generated discussion about whether younger generations fully understood what occurred on September 11, why the attacks remain historically significant and how terrorism continues to affect societies around the world.

Hemant Patel emphasized that remembering 9/11 should involve more than an annual ceremony. He called for greater education and an open, fact-based exami-



FIA Executive committee and trustees of The Federation of Indian Associations (FIA-Chicago), established in 1980.

nation of terrorism, including the ideologies, financing, recruitment methods, organizational networks and other factors that can contribute to radicalization and extremist violence.

Patel expressed concern that propaganda, misinformation and incomplete knowledge can make it more difficult for communities to understand and confront extremist threats.

He emphasized the importance of distinguishing between peaceful members of religious communities and individuals or organizations advocating or committing violence. According to Patel, difficult discussions about extremism should be conducted responsibly and should not become a basis for prejudice against an entire religion or community. He also encouraged attendees to conduct their own research, consult credible and original sources where possible, and critically examine information presented through

social media and political commentary.

Patel noted that despite extensive counterterrorism efforts undertaken by the United States and other countries since September 11, extremist organizations and methods have continued to evolve. He called for continued vigilance, education, cooperation and practical measures aimed at preventing radicalization and future attacks.

Dr. Manish Brahmabhatt encouraged attendees to participate responsibly in the democratic process and educate themselves about issues involving public safety and national security.

Community leaders Sanjay Vora and Vitthal Desai encouraged citizens to ask elected officials and political candidates substantive questions about how they would address terrorism, violent extremism, radicalization and threats to American communities.

Raja Babu encouraged participants

to study religious and historical texts for themselves and consider their broader context rather than relying solely on interpretations presented by others.

During the program, FIA-Chicago executives passed a resolution condemning terrorism and extremist violence. FIA representatives said the resolution would be forwarded to appropriate government authorities as an expression of the organization's opposition to terrorism and commitment to public safety and peaceful coexistence.

The evening concluded with a shared message: Remember the victims, honor the heroes, learn from history, educate future generations and work together to prevent such tragedies from happening again.

FIA-Chicago also paid tribute to the firefighters, police officers, emergency personnel, military members, medical professionals and ordinary citizens whose courage and sacrifice became enduring symbols of America's response to September 11.

Twenty-five years later, FIA-Chicago emphasized that remembrance carries a responsibility to preserve the lessons of history while promoting vigilance, unity, education and peaceful civic engagement.

About FIA-Chicago. The Federation of Indian Associations (FIA-Chicago), established in 1980, has served the Indian-American community for more than 45 years, promoting values of "Unity, Heritage, Service and Community."

Representing more than 60 member organizations, FIA-Chicago organizes cultural, patriotic, educational and community-service initiatives throughout Chicagoland.

Indian American Physicians Critical Of CY 2027 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule; Call For Withdrawal

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ing widespread duplication of work across specialties. Instead, the proposal assumes duplication and applies a universal cut."

Dr. Medavaram said, "This proposal does not create efficiency. It creates exit — physicians reducing services, limiting Medicare panels, or closing practices."

In its own examples, CMS shows reimbursement falling beneath direct practice expenses. "For small and solo practices — many of which are run by AAPI physicians — this is not a theoretical concern. It is a financial breaking point," AAPI believes.

The timing compounds the impact, it argues. "The temporary annual 2.5% Congressional increase expires at the end of 2026, meaning physicians already face

declining reimbursement before this new cut is applied. Rising staffing costs, supply shortages, and technology investments only intensify the pressure."

Specialties that rely on same-day care will be hit hardest, AAPI points out. Dermatology, otolaryngology, podiatry, colorectal surgery, and hand surgery are among the specialties where evaluating and treating a problem in one visit is standard, it notes.

"For these physicians, same-day care is not an efficiency — it is the model of care itself," AAPI says, adding, "The proposed rule would force many to split visits unnecessarily. For patients, especially those in rural counties, this means: two trips; two copays; and, two delays." In addition, it says, for some, that second visit is the

point at which care stops.

"Physicians should not be penalized for doing in one visit what would otherwise take two," Dr. Medavaram said.

AAPI physicians serve communities where access is fragile, the Indian American organization points out. Dr. Vijaya Maurya, Chair of AAPI Board of Trusted said, "AAPI members practice in solo offices, academic centers, and rural regions where they may be the only specialist within an hour's drive. In these communities, same-day care is not a convenience — it is a lifeline."

"Our members practice in every specialty and nearly every state — in academic centers, in solo offices, and in rural communities where we are often the only specialist within an hour's drive," Dr. Kris-

han Kumar, President-Elect of AAPI, notes. "Fair physician payment is not a physician issue. It is a patient access issue."

AAPI is mobilizing physicians nationwide to submit individualized comments before September 14, 2026, describing real same-day care scenarios, financial impacts, and consequences for patient access. AAPI also urged its members to contact their Representatives and senators to express their concerns regarding CY 2027 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule.

Describing the CY 2027 MPFS proposal "a defining moment for physician advocacy" AAPI said it stood firmly with its physicians and patients.

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ISKCON Chicago Celebrates Sri Radhastami With Grand Pushpa Abhishek And Devotional Festivities

By BHAILAL M. PATEL

The International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) Chicago celebrated the sacred festival of Sri Radhastami, the Devotees Offer Thousands of Fragrant Rose Petals in Honor of Srimati Radharani's Divine Appearance Day, the divine appearance day of Srimati Radharani, with great devotion, spiritual joy, melodious kirtan and an extraordinary shower of fragrant rose petals on Friday, September 18, 2026, at the historic ISKCON Chicago temple, 1716 W. Lunt Avenue in Chicago.

The colorful celebration brought together devotees, families and community members for an evening of prayer, sacred chanting, spiritual teachings, arati, abhishek, flower offerings and prasadam, creating a devotional atmosphere reminiscent of Vrindavan, the sacred land eternally associated with the divine pastimes of Sri Radha and Krishna.

Celebrating the Divine Appearance of Srimati Radharani is among the most auspicious and spiritually significant festivals in the Vaishnava tradition. It commemorates the divine appearance of Srimati Radharani, the eternal consort of Lord Sri Krishna and revered as the supreme embodiment of pure devotional love, compassion, humility and selfless service.

For devotees, Radhastami is not only a festive occasion but also an opportunity for spiritual reflection and renewal. The celebration encourages devotees to contemplate Srimati Radharani's unconditional devotion to Lord Krishna and to cultivate those same qualities of love, humility, kindness, purity and service in their own lives.

Evening Begins with Gaura Arati. The evening program began with Gaura Arati, as devotees assembled before the beautifully decorated altar and joined together in congregational chanting of the holy names.

The sound of melodious kirtan filled the temple as devotees sang, prayed and participated in the sacred worship. The beautifully adorned deities and colorful floral decorations added to the joyous spiritual atmosphere.

An Altar Abhishek, the ceremonial bathing of the deities, was also performed with great reverence. The sacred ritual represented the devotees' love, gratitude and surrender to Sri Sri Radha and Krishna.

His Holiness Bhakti Raghava Swami Delivers Festival Address, a special spiritual discourse was delivered by His Holiness Bhakti Raghava Swami, who spoke about the exalted position of Srimati Radharani and the profound spiritual meaning of Her unconditional love and devotion to Lord Krishna.

His address encouraged devotees to follow the example of Srimati Radharani by developing humility, compassion, purity and selfless devotional service.

The message emphasized that genuine spiritual advancement is expressed not merely through ritual but also through kindness, service to others and sincere remembrance of God in everyday life.

Thousands of Rose Petals Offered in Grand Pushpa Abhishek, the centerpiece of the celebration was the magnificent Pushpa Abhishek, or ceremonial flower offering.

In an inspiring display of devotion, devotees lovingly offered thousands of fragrant rose petals at the lotus feet of Srimati Radharani.

As colorful petals showered the beautifully adorned divine forms of Sri Sri Kishore Kishori,

PHOTOS: SATYABRATA MAHAPATRA FROM ISKCON CHICAGO



The beautifully adorned deities of Sri Sri Radha-Krishna grace ISKCON Chicago's Sri Radhastami celebration on Friday, September 18, 2026.

the temple was transformed into a breathtaking spiritual setting filled with color, fragrance, music and devotion.

The magnificent shower of roses evoked the devotional mood of Vrindavan and provided devotees of all ages with an opportunity to personally participate in the offering.

The Pushpa Abhishek beautifully reflected ISKCON Chicago's festival message: "Offer Roses, Offer Love." Every flower offered before Srimati Radharani became a symbolic expression of gratitude, surrender and devotion.

Temple organizers had envisioned making this year's flower offering even more abundant than the previous year so that every devotee would have the opportunity to participate freely. The result was a joyful shower of rose petals that filled the temple with the beauty, fragrance

and devotional spirit associated with Vrindavan.

Celebration Concludes with Prasadam, following the devotional programs and flower offering, the celebration concluded with the distribution of prasadam, sanctified vegetarian food lovingly prepared and first offered to the Lord.

Devotees, families and visitors shared the blessed meal together in an atmosphere of fellowship, happiness and spiritual unity.

The prasadam distribution reflected another important aspect of the Vaishnava tradition—bringing people together through service and sharing food offered with devotion.

Spiritual Significance of Sri Radhastami celebrates Srimati Radharani as the supreme devotee of Lord Krishna and the personification of divine love.

Within the Gaudiya Vaishnava tradition, devotees seek Srimati Radharani's mercy and blessings as they aspire to develop sincere devotion and loving service to Lord Krishna.

Her life and divine qualities represent unconditional love, humility, mercy, compassion and complete dedication to God—qualities that devotees are encouraged to bring into their own spiritual lives and relationships with others.

ISKCON Chicago- Chicago's First Hindu Temple; ISKCON Chicago, recognized as Chicago's first Hindu temple, has served the Chicagoland community for more than five decades, becoming an important spiritual and cultural institution for generations of devotees, families and visitors.

Through regular worship, spiritual education, Bhagavad-gita teachings, kirtan, festivals, youth and family activities, vegetarian prasadam distribution and community outreach, the temple has helped preserve and share India's ancient Vaishnava spiritual heritage in the Chicago area.

ISKCON Chicago operates under the worldwide International Society for Krishna Consciousness, founded in New York City in 1966 by His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

Srila Prabhupada brought the teachings of Lord Krishna, the Bhagavad-gita and the practice of bhakti-yoga to audiences around the world. Today, ISKCON communities continue his mission through temples, spiritual education, sacred music, festivals, vegetarian food distribution and service activities.

A Celebration of Love, Devotion and Service. ISKCON Chicago's 2026 Sri Radhastami celebration offered devotees and visitors an opportunity not only to participate in a beautiful religious festival but also to reflect upon the timeless spiritual qualities represented by Srimati Radharani.

With melodious kirtan, illuminating spiritual teachings, sacred rituals, Gaura Arati, Altar Abhishek, prasadam and an unforgettable Pushpa Abhishek featuring thousands of fragrant rose petals, the celebration became a heartfelt expression of faith, gratitude and devotion.

Above all, the festival carried a simple but powerful spiritual message: true love for the Divine is expressed through humility, compassion, remembrance and selfless service.

As thousands of rose petals descended upon Sri Sri Radha-Krishna, devotees celebrated the divine appearance of Srimati Radharani with hearts filled with prayer, joy and devotion—transforming ISKCON Chicago into a beautiful reflection of the spiritual atmosphere of Vrindavan.



Devotees lovingly offered thousands of fragrant rose petals at the lotus feet of Srimati Radharani.

Navigating the September 2026 Visa Bulletin: Major Family-Based Advances as Employment-Based India Remains Stalled

IN MEMORIAM

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The September 2026 Visa Bulletin closes out Fiscal Year 2026 with significant forward movement in several family-sponsored categories, while the major employment-based categories remain largely unchanged from August. For applicants chargeable to India, EB-2 and EB-5 Unreserved remain unavailable, EB-1 remains at October 15, 2022, and DOS continues to warn that additional visa-number pressure could affect availability before September 30.

Employment-Based Preferences: Final Action Dates

- **EB-1: Priority Workers:** India remains at October 15, 2022. DOS is warning that if India's pro-rated EB-1 limit is reached before September 30, the category could be made unavailable. China remains at July 1, 2023. All other countries remain current.
- **EB-2: Advanced Degree / Exceptional Ability:** India remains unavailable for Final Action Dates through the end of FY 2026. DOS warns that demand in EB-2 broadly — including for China — could trigger retrogression or unavailability before the fiscal year ends. China remains at September 1, 2021. All other countries remain current.
- **EB-3: Skilled Workers & Professionals:** India remains at January 1, 2014. China remains at January 1, 2022. All other countries remain at September 1, 2024.
- **EB-3 Other Workers:** India remains at January 1, 2014. China is at May 1, 2019. All other countries remain at April 1, 2022.
- **EB-4: Certain Special Immigrants:** All countries advance from October 15, 2022 to December 15, 2022. The Certain Religious Workers (SR) category is also at December 15, 2022.
- **EB-5: Unreserved:** India remains unavailable for Final Action Dates. DOS warns the EB-5 unreserved category broadly could face retrogression or unavailability before September 30 if demand continues. China remains at December 1, 2016. All other countries remain current.

EB-5 Set-Asides (Rural, High Unemployment, Infrastructure)

All chargeability areas remain current.

Family-Based Preferences: Final Action Dates

- **F1 (Unmarried Sons and Daughters of U.S. Citizens):** India/China/Other Countries: January 22, 2020 | Mexico: January 1, 2008 | Philippines: May 1, 2013
- **F2A (Spouses and Children of Permanent Residents):** All Countries: August 22, 2026 | Mexico: August 22, 2025
- **F2B (Unmarried Sons and Daughters of Permanent Residents):** India/China/Other Countries: August 22, 2019 | Mexico: February 15, 2009 | Philippines: June 1, 2013
- **F3 (Married Sons and Daughters of U.S. Citizens):** All Countries: October 22, 2014 | Mexico: July 1, 2001 | Philippines: February 22, 2006
- **F4 (Siblings of U.S. Citizens):** India: November 1, 2006 | Mexico: April 8, 2001 | Philippines: August 22, 2007 | Others: October 22, 2011

Key Takeaways

EB-2 India and EB-5 Unreserved India remain unavailable on the Final Action Date chart through the end of FY 2026. However, their Dates for Filing remain open — EB-2 India at January 15, 2015 and EB-5 Unreserved India at May 1, 2024 — so applicants should check www.uscis.gov/visabulletininfo to confirm whether USCIS has authorized use of those charts this month.

EB-1 India holds at October 15, 2022, but DOS is actively monitoring the category and has flagged it could become unavailable before September 30 if the pro-rated limit is reached.

Several family-based categories saw forward movement this month. F1, F2B, F3, and F4 advanced for most chargeability areas, though not every country benefited equally — F4 India, for example, remains at November 1, 2006.

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Lawmakers Introduce Resolution To Block Rule Restricting International Students, Exchange Visitors, And Foreign Journalists

By A STAFF WRITER

Several Democratic US Senators and Representatives introduced a resolution September 15, 2026, to block a regulation, entitled “Establishing a Fixed Time Period of Admission and an Extension of Stay Procedure for Nonimmigrant Academic Students, Exchange Visitors, and Representatives of Foreign Information Media.”

The regulation changes how international students, exchange visitors, and foreign journalists maintain their immigration status.

Those leading the legislation in the House Representatives include Pramila Jayapal (D-Wash.-07) and Jamie Raskin (D-Md.-08).

“International students make our institutions of higher learning better for all students and create pipelines to ensure the best and brightest lend their talents to strengthen our economy and American innovation,” Rep. Jayapal said. “We should be welcoming students, not wrapping the processes to obtain visas in layers of red tape.” She accused President Trump and his advisor Stephen Miller of having a plan “to prevent all forms of legal immigration,” and noted, “I first came to this country on a student visa and understand deeply just how important these visas



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Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal.

are.”

In the US Senate, Senator Alex Padilla (D-Calif.), Ranking Member of the Senate Judiciary Immigration Subcommittee, U.S. Senate Democratic Whip Dick Durbin (D-Ill.), Ranking Member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and U.S. Senators Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) and Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.), members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, introduced a Congressional Review Act (CRA) joint resolution of disapproval.

For more than 40 years, F-1 visa students, J-1 visa exchange visitors, and I visa international journalists have been permitted to remain in the U.S. for as long

as they engage in the activity that qualifies them for the visa, known as “duration of status,” the press release from Padilla’s office noted.

However, on July 17, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) published a final rule that eliminates duration of status and requires recipients of F-1 student visas and J-1 exchange visas to enter the U.S. for a fixed admission period capped at a maximum of four years. Similarly, recipients of I visas would be admitted for the length of their project in the U.S. or a maximum of 240 days.

The rule also includes significant limitations on transfers and changes of educational objectives for student visa recipients.

Lawmakers said educational institutions, labor unions, and medical associations have raised serious concerns about this rule’s impacts on the nation’s ability to attract the best and brightest students to U.S. universities and to retain doctors in American communities that desperately need them.

The rule was scheduled to go into effect on September 15 but is currently paused by court order.

Arguing that international students deserve fair opportunities to receive an education in the United States, Padilla added, “Diversity is our country’s strength, and international students and exchange

visitors support American innovation, job growth, higher education, and global competitiveness. We have a responsibility to protect these visa holders, including international students who contribute to the culture of American universities and eventually to our nation’s economy.”

Pointing to negative effects of a previous similar effort when the federal government implemented a fixed period of admission for these visa categories in the 1970s, the lawmakers pointed to significant backlogs.

“This new regulation will likely yield the same result, as the most recent available data shows the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) processing backlog at 12 million cases,” the press release noted.

Universities and Medical associations have raised concerns about the impacts of the rule, the lawmakers said.

In addition to Padilla, Durbin, Blumenthal, and Whitehouse, the CRA resolution was cosponsored by U.S. Senators Ed Markey (D-Mass.), Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.), Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), Peter Welch (D-Vt.), Angus King (I-Maine), Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.), Tim Kaine (D-Va.), and Cory Booker (D-N.J.).

The CRA resolution of disapproval is endorsed by a slew of professional organizations, medical bodies and universities.

Congresswoman Jayapal Hosts Hearing On Big Tech And Surveillance AI

By A STAFF WRITER

U.S. Representative Pramila Jayapal (WA-07), co-chair of the Monopoly Busters Caucus, hosted a hearing on the future of Artificial Intelligence (AI) policy.

According to Jayapal, “Big Tech monopolists aim to take over the industry and

find new ways to profit off the surveillance of Americans.”

The hearing examined the harms of surveillance AI and Members heard testimony from Dr. Jason Sattizahn, a former Meta employee and whistleblower; Leila Turner-Scott, a mother whose son died after following so-called safety guidance from ChatGPT; Amba Kak, the Co-Executive Director of the AI Now Institute and

former Senior Advisor on AI at the Federal Trade Commission and; and Eliza Pan, the co-founder of Amazon Employees for Climate Justice.

“This hearing could not be more timely. After months of communities speaking out and organizing across the country against data centers and threats of artificial intelligence, now top researchers and even CEOs from those AI companies are

also beginning to speak out about their own concerns that artificial intelligence is advancing so rapidly and recklessly that even they believe it could lead to the extinction of humanity,” Jayapal said, adding, structural change was needed and that she would soon be releasing a bill that seeks to establish a “national federal charter” for AI companies, similar to what applies to banks.

OPINION

Fed’s Kashkari Says Inflation Reaching All Corners Of US Economy

By CATARINA SARAIVA

Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis President Neel Kashkari said inflation remains too high and that pressures have broadened beyond the oil-price shock of the Iran war.

“The inflation that the American people are feeling every day is much beyond just oil prices - it’s in all aspects of the economy,” Kashkari said in an interview

on Fox News’ Sunday Morning Futures.

Fed policymakers voted unanimously to raise interest rates by a quarter percentage point at their Sept. 15-16 meeting, the first rate hike since 2023. The move was a bid to help cool inflation that hasn’t hit the Fed’s 2% target in more than five years.

Fed officials have grown increasingly concerned that inflation isn’t just contained to the categories impacted by the conflicts in the Middle East or tariffs. Kashkari said there’s evidence of inflation

in the service sector, as well. He said it’s the Fed’s job to cool inflation to target and that the US central bank has the tools to do so.

The Minneapolis Fed chief was one of three officials who dissented from a decision to hold rates steady in July, preferring instead to hike at that point. He warned that waiting too long to raise rates could risk inflation becoming entrenched and requiring more aggressive action from the Fed.

Kashkari said the US economy has been very resilient despite geopolitical conflicts and trade issues, and the labor market remains strong.

“My hope is - as some of those conflicts go to the background - that the growth can really take over and hopefully bring inflation down,” Kashkari said. “Hopefully disinflation can take over, which will make the Fed’s job a lot easier.”

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Krishnamoorthi, Thanedar, Subramanyam, Jayapal, Bera Blast Trump DHS For Targeting Sikh Identity In Anti-Immigrant Post

PRESS RELEASE

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Representatives Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL), Shri Thanedar (D-MI), Suhas Subramanyam (D-VA), Pramila Jayapal (D-WA), and Ami Bera (D-CA) today blasted the Trump Department of Homeland Security for using Sikh identity to portray a dangerous, unwanted foreigner while promoting immigration enforcement, warning that the now-deleted “Mr. Singh” post fuels growing racist and xenophobic hostility toward Sikh and South Asian Americans.

The DHS post depicted a brown, bearded man identified as “Mr. Singh,” told him to “get off our roads,” and warned him to “self-deport or find out.” “Singh” is intimately associated with Sikh identity, and the Members warned that its use in the post was not incidental, but degrading.

In the letter, the Members write:

“We write to express grave concern about the increasingly open racial and xenophobic hostility directed at South Asian Americans, particularly Sikh Americans, and about the ways federal rhetoric surrounding immigration and visa policy can reinforce the idea that these communities are suspect, disposable, or less American. South Asians are increasingly cast as economic interlopers, immigration cheats, people unwilling to assimilate, or simply people who do not belong here. Against that backdrop, it was appalling to



Indian American lawmakers on Capitol Hill, from left, Suhas Subramanyam, D-Virginia, Raja Krishnamoorthi, D-Illinois, Shri Thanedar, D-Michigan, Ami Bera, D-California, and Pramila Jayapal, D-Washington.

see an agency of the United States government turn a man called ‘Mr. Singh’ into a racialized movie villain to be driven from the country.”

The Members also raised concerns that DHS used the post to promote its new ICE tipline for reporting suspected commercial driver’s license fraud, while its social media messaging urged the public to report “illegal aliens on American roads.” They warned that, paired with the depiction of “Mr. Singh,” the campaign invites

the public to treat perceived ethnicity, religion, or foreignness, rather than evidence of wrongdoing, as grounds for suspicion and creates an “obvious risk” of race-based profiling.

The letter cites growing hostility toward South Asian Americans. Stop AAPI Hate found that anti-South Asian slurs in monitored online spaces increased 109 percent between January 2023 and December 2025 and that South Asians accounted for 71 percent of anti-Asian online threats of

violence identified between August 2024 and December 2025. The Members also pointed to recent anti-Indian hostility in Frisco, Texas, including rhetoric about an “Indian takeover,” “invaders,” and “anchor babies,” and a mayoral candidate referring to South Asian immigrants as “rats.”

The Members write:

“When the federal government itself uses a recognizably Sikh identity as shorthand for someone dangerous, incompetent, and unwanted, it reinforces associations that have already had real consequences for Sikh Americans.”

The Members are urging President Trump to direct his agencies, particularly DHS, to publicly acknowledge the harm caused by the post, establish and enforce standards prohibiting federal communications that traffic in racial, ethnic, religious, or national-origin stereotypes, and make clear that immigration enforcement must never be used to stigmatize South Asian communities.

The Members conclude:

“South Asian Americans are not abstractions in an immigration debate, nor are they convenient symbols of foreignness. They belong in the communities they have helped build. For millions, this is their country and their home. There should be no room for such hate in our country.”

The Members’ letter is available here. <https://krishnamoorthi.house.gov/Krish>

Republican Candidate For Texas Railroad Commission Blasted By Democrats And Republicans For Racist Post

BY A STAFF WRITER

Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi, D-Illinois, condemned Texas Republican Railroad Commission nominee Bo French for what he described as a “racist and xenophobic tweet targeting South Asian students at the University of Texas.” Republican lawmakers led by Senator John Cornyn, R-Texas, also blasted French for his post targeting Indian students.

They were responding after French posted photos of students celebrating a Longhorns football victory and portrayed them as evidence that Americans are being “displaced by foreigners.”

“Bo French’s xenophobic hate toward South Asian students is disgraceful and part of a broader rise in attacks targeting South Asian Americans across the country. These young people were cheering for their

university, and he chose to demonize them based solely on how they look. South Asian Americans are as American as anyone, and this kind of hatred has no place in our politics or our country,” Krishnamoorthi said.

He also posted a direct response to French on Facebook.

Cornyn, who will not be running for re-election in November, tweeted, “This is the Republican nominee for statewide office. Are other Republican elected officials going to condemn the intolerance and racism, or look the other way while it becomes normalized. This is how great political parties self-destruct. Sad.”

Other Indian American organizations also condemned French’s post. The Indian American Advocacy Council called it a “disgusting and racist post against brown students...” The Hindu American Foundation condemned French’s tweet, while praising Sen. Jon Cornyn for criticizing the GOP candidate.

Like body-cams exposed criminals, social media is exposing how many Americans have been displaced by foreigners. It’s everywhere and far worse than any of us could imagine.



Image and comments posted by Texas Republican Railroad Commission nominee Bo French.



Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi, D-IL.



Senator John Cornyn.

ASTROLOGY

This week for you

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ARIES: Encouraging possibilities for your finances. Professional life may gain momentum. Family matters can bring warmth. Romance may remain relatively quiet. A short adventure or exciting outing can refresh your mood. Property matters may also attract your attention. Social interactions can support your growth, while consistent academic efforts may bring satisfying results.

TAURUS: The week brings enthusiasm. Following a routine can help. Financially, favourable gains are possible. Skill development brings opportunities. Family relationships feel warm. Romantic connections may become deeper. Explore interesting places nearby. Property investments may appreciate, while disciplined study habits can help students improve.

GEMINI: A productive week awaits you. Mindful self-care supports your wellbeing. Financial security may improve. Career prospects can become more encouraging. Family support can provide emotional stability. Romantic matters may take a relaxed approach. Friends may introduce you to an exciting destination. Property goals can progress, while students should remain open to new learning experiences.

CANCER: The week can begin with health developments. Financial prospects appear. Professional growth may be steady. Family matters may need additional patience. On the romantic front, affection can bring happiness. Short journeys may offer enjoyable experiences and a refreshing change. Property investments could provide useful gains. Social interactions may inspire, while students can benefit from exploring new subjects.

LEO: You may experience a refreshing boost in energy. Financial matters can remain stable. New possibilities could emerge. Support from family brings confidence. Romantic relationships may also move toward greater understanding. Excan help you discover new interests. Prop plans may deserve attention. Students can sharpen both analytical and creative abilities through focused learning.

VIRGO: Travel can become an enjoyable highlight. Financial matters may require planning. Career progress could feel gradual, but persistence can help. Family relationships may become more dependable. Romantic matters can benefit from spending meaningful time together. Educational pursuits keep you motivated. Property holdings may need careful evaluation. Students who remain organised can perform confidently in examinations.

LIBRA: Encouraging experiences this week. Your health can support an active schedule. Financial growth may come. Career matters can gain momentums. Family harmony can be maintained through patience. Romantic relationships may feel satisfying. A road trip can bring excitement. Property decisions require comparison. Students can continue making steady academic progress

SCORPIO: Mix of experiences, keeps you motivated. Good energy levels. Financial resources can be managed. Career prospects look encouraging. Family matters may require patience. Romantic life can bring excitement. Travel could strengthen your bond. Property matters may remain steady, while community involvement can be rewarding. Students can progress well.

SAGITTARIUS: An energetic week. Professionals with experience may receive encouraging developments. Financial planning can help improve stability. Maintaining physical strength support your wellbeing. Family life may feel peaceful. Romantic matters could remain subdued. Property-related matters may need careful attention, while students can overcome exam pressure through preparation.

CAPRICORN: You may feel strong, as the week begins. Your energy can help you handle responsibilities efficiently. Financial conditions appear encouraging. Career matters may demand patience. Family support can provide comfort. Singles may discover new emotional possibilities. Travel plans are likely to remain comfortable and well organised. Property matters may develop positively, while students could benefit from scholarships or grants.

AQUARIUS: This week can bring a positive rhythm. Maintaining healthy habits can help sustain your energy. Financial discipline will be useful. Career progress may accelerate. Family relationships can improve. Romantic possibilities may emerge. A short outing can provide a pleasant break from routine. Property developments may require attention. Community involvement can bring fulfilment.

PISCES: Financial matters can bring developments. Business efforts show results. Professional responsibilities could feel demanding. Support from family members can create harmony at home. Romantic matters may require gentle communication. A weekend getaway can refresh your mind. Property investments may offer opportunities. Volunteering can build confidence, while students should actively pursue every chance to learn and grow.

IMMIGRATION

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By David H. Nachman, Esq

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DOS also notes that immigrant visa issuance rates have decreased in FY 2026 due to administration policy changes since January 2025, and that retrogression across additional categories remains possible in the coming weeks.

This is the last bulletin of FY 2026. October 2026 will open a new fiscal year with new annual limits, and categories like EB-2 India are expected to advance at that time.

FAQ: September 2026 Visa Bulletin
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Q1: Why are EB-2 India and EB-5 India still unavailable?

A: Both categories exhausted India's pro-rated annual allocation earlier in FY 2026. No additional immigrant visas can be issued under those Final Action Date categories until the new fiscal year begins October 1, 2026.

Q2: Can I still file for adjustment of status if EB-2 India is unavailable on the Final Action Date chart?

A: Possibly. The Dates for Filing chart still shows January 15, 2015 for EB-2 India. Whether USCIS will accept filings under that chart depends on guidance posted at www.uscis.gov/visabulletininfo each month.

Q3: Is EB-1 India at risk of becoming

unavailable before September 30?

A: Yes. DOS has specifically flagged this in the September bulletin and will continue monitoring. If India's EB-1 pro-rated limit is reached before the fiscal year ends, the category could be made unavailable without additional notice.

Q4: What happens to EB-2 India in October 2026?

A: DOS indicated earlier this year that the category is expected to advance again at the start of FY 2027, though the exact date will depend on demand and the new annual allocation.

Q5: Are EB-5 Set-Aside categories still available?

A: Yes. The Rural, High Unemployment, and Infrastructure EB-5 Set-Aside categories remain current for all chargeability areas.

Q6: What does "Final Action Date" vs. "Dates for Filing" mean?

A: The Final Action Date is when a visa can actually be issued or an adjustment of status approved. The Dates for Filing is an earlier date that — when authorized by USCIS — allows applicants to submit their paperwork ahead of the Final Action Date becoming current.

Visa Bulletin changes can significantly affect your green card filing strategy and timeline. If you have questions about how the September 2026 Visa Bulletin affects your case, contact NPZ Law Group at info@visaserve.com or call 551-276-1864, ext. 104. Visit www.visaserve.com to stay informed on the latest immigration updates.

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Bollywood Sweetheart Bhumi Pednekar A Showstopper @NY-FashionWeek Unveiling Of Nazranaa's Samskriti 2.0 Couture



Bhumi Pednekar in the showstopper at New York Fashion Week September 16, 2026.



From left Shivangi Gupta Singh, Bhumi Satish Pednekar, and Shashank Gupta at New York Fashion Week.

BY A STAFF WRITER

SS27 collection celebrates India's architecture, spirituality, literature and intellectual legacy through couture

Nazranaa, the leading South Asian fashion and bridalwear brand founded by sibling designer duo Shivangi Gupta Singh and Shashank Gupta, unveiled its SS27 collection, Samskriti 2.0, during New York Fashion Week on September 16 at Refectory Chelsea in New York City.

Popular Bollywood actress Bhumi Pednekar closed the runway as the evening's showstopper, which showcased the collection's celebration of Indian heritage and craftsmanship.

Building on last year's Samskriti, Samskriti 2.0 draws from India's architecture, spirituality, festivals, literature, mathematics and poetry, translating centuries-old ideas into contemporary couture, a press release from Nazranaa said.

"For us, Samskriti was a defining moment in our design language," said Shashank Gupta, co-founder and designer of Nazranaa. "With Samskriti 2.0, we continue using fashion to bring India's extraordinary temples, texts and intellectual traditions to a global audience. We want each garment to spark curiosity about the story behind it."

References to the Meenakshi Temple, Prem Mandir, the Jagannath Puri Rath Yatra, Holi and Raas Leela were part of the show. A Meenakshi-in-

spired lehenga evoked the temple's intricate sculpture, and a Vrindavan-inspired piece honored Radha and Krishna.

"Some of the most personal pieces come from stories we have known since childhood," said Shivangi Gupta Singh, co-founder of Nazranaa. "Our mother was born in Mathura, and we grew up spending time in Mathura and Vrindavan, surrounded by stories of Radha and Krishna. Samskriti 2.0 brings that emotional connection to a New York runway."



Model on the catwalk during Nazranaa's Samskriti 2.0 show, Sept. 16, 2024, at New York Fashion Week.

India's mathematical and literary history also appears in two menswear jackets. One interprets Acharya Pingala's Meru Prastara, a pattern of long



Nazranaa Katapayadi

and short Vedic syllables that predates Pascal's Triangle and the Fibonacci sequence, through Laghu, Guru, 1 and 0. The other transforms 7th-century

Sanskrit poet Mgha's Sarvatobhadra, a multidirectional pattern poem, into a reversible geometric design.

Among the high-profile guests in the audience were Apoorva Mukhija, popularly known as The Rebel Kid, Actor Aryan Simhadri, Actor Saara Chaudry, Creators Aviva Mehta, Anip Patel, Kripa Joshi, and model Ritika Khatnani.

Pednekar wore a hand-embroidered velvet lehenga and blouse inspired by the Ramakrishna Temple at Belur Math, whose architecture brings together elements of Hindu temples, mosques and churches as a reflection of beauty in diversity and the idea of a universal faith. The swan, representing the Paramatman or Supreme Self in Swami Vivekananda's emblem, formed the central focus of the skirt, while a net veil was finished with scalloped lotuses throughout.

"There is something very special about seeing Indian culture celebrated on a global stage like New York Fashion Week," said Bhumi Pednekar. "Closing the show for Nazranaa's Samskriti 2.0 felt incredibly special because of the way they took stories, symbols and traditions that are so deeply rooted in India and translated them into beautiful, modern couture. The craftsmanship of Belur Math-inspired look was extraordinary, and wearing something with so much thought and meaning behind every detail made the moment feel extremely powerful."



Aviva Mehta, Saara Chaudry, Aryan Simhadri

The Washington Post

Evangelists say they are heeding a biblical command to preach on flights

By Hannah Sampson

Mark Roberts was on a Spirit Airlines flight from Philadelphia to Chicago last year when a woman stood up across the aisle before takeoff and greeted her fellow passengers.

She started talking about Jesus with a bright smile, he recalled. “Super cheery and super excited about everything and ready to have fun,” said Roberts, 25, a content creator and frequent traveler who described the scene on TikTok. “But she was talking about, like, the scariest stories in the Bible.”

To small crowds on airplanes - and often to much larger audiences via social media - self-described evangelists are seizing the opportunity to share their faith with other passengers, whether fellow travelers asked for the word or not.

Where some people see admirable boldness, many recoil at the thought of an unwanted sermon.

“That would be my nightmare,” someone wrote in response to an “open air airplane preaching” video posted on TikTok in June. “Can’t even walk away.”

“The way I would open that emergency exit,” another person wrote. Someone else weighed in: “This is why I drive.”

Airline policies differ slightly depending on the carrier, but they generally require passengers to obey the instructions of flight crews and avoid offensive, annoying or disruptive behavior.



(Photo courtesy of Lina Shah)

“God had you there for that specific opportunity and you missed your shot.”

Often, plane preachers say, their messages are met with affirmations and amens - even from some flight attendants. But there are also in-person protests, not to mention pushback online.

“I’ve gotten cursed at, I’ve gotten heckled, ‘shut up,’ ‘sit down,’” said Lynn, who is also an influencer. “I’ve gotten eye rolls.”

She said Las Vegas tourists have been an especially tough crowd since she calls out “Sin City” specifically. She also documented an instance where police responded to a call about her preaching in an airport.

Writer and retired pastor Rodney Kennedy, who calls himself a “progressive preacher,” is not a fan of plane evangelism. He wrote a criticism of the practice after a widely viewed video in 2022 showed people singing praise songs during a flight.

“I don’t have any problems with people articulating their faith,” he said. “But I think it requires a relationship and level of trust and a level of permission.”

Kennedy said there’s a history of American evangelicals declaring their

They have no choice but to hear the truth,” said Whitney Lynn, an evangelist, producer and singer-songwriter from Orlando who said she preaches on most flights she takes, filming the proclamations for social media. “When I have a gift and I have a life raft, if you’re drowning, I want to give you that life raft so you can be saved.”

A video she posted earlier this month showed a postflight preaching session given as passengers waited to disembark in San Diego. Almost no one looked around as Lynn, 40, spoke for a little over a minute about the weather, Jesus, sin, hell, redemption and heaven. Beneath the clip, she wrote: “I just love a captive audience.”

There have been viral guitar-led worship services in the air, hours-long prayer and song sessions, and quick messages during a flight delay.

Airlines do not specifically address preaching on flights.

Brett Raio, 24, a Maine-based music artist and producer, said he has been nervous before urging people to seek Jesus on planes. But he feels compelled to follow the biblical teaching to go into the world and preach the gospel to all creatures. He said he only speaks up on a plane when he feels led by God to do so, and takes seriously the thought that anyone could be spending their last day on Earth.

“You might not listen to God then that person goes and perishes,” he said of his motivation.

faith in public places; he was required to preach on Bourbon Street in New Orleans during his own seminary experience. Christians might feel they are failing to be true disciples if they don’t share their faith publicly.

But Kennedy said he thinks the message doesn’t reach the target when it’s forced on an audience.

“I think that ultimately it’s a turnoff and it kind of reinforces the ideas that they already had about Christians,” he said.

On the Spirit flight Roberts took last year, he said a flight attendant told the preacher across the aisle from him to sit down, and she complied quietly. But after the plane took off, Roberts said she got up with her Bible and started blessing people, including him. He thought he felt liquid and saw her moving her hands. “I could have sworn it was holy water,” Roberts said. “That’s what it gave.” She didn’t get far before a flight attendant walked her back to her seat, Roberts said. He said the passenger seemed like she was on a mission. “She’s probably like an honest person meaning no harm, but maybe she just didn’t see how she was being a little bit too pushy,” he said. “We’re a trapped audience and I feel like if you want to get a message across, maybe try to do it more so people have agency in a way.”

Disney Names Karandeep Anand As Its First Chief Technology Officer

BY A STAFF WRITER

The Walt Disney Company announced September 18, 2026, that Karandeep Anand, previously CEO of Character.AI and technology leader at Meta and Microsoft, will join the company as Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer. The newly created position will become effective October 2. Anand will report directly to Disney Chief Executive Officer Josh D'Amaro.

"Karandeep brings a rare mix of experience across infrastructure, consumer technology and AI, and will be a vital addition to Disney's senior leadership team as we further our three priorities: great storytelling as our North Star, technology in service of creativity, and operating as One Disney," said D'Amaro. "He is an expert builder and strategist, technical and product-minded, with sharp instincts for what fans actually want. He also has real enthusiasm and respect for Disney, a clear sense of where technology and creativity meet, and shares our belief that technol-

ogy creates the most value when it helps people do their best work."

Anand will oversee enterprise technology, infrastructure, data and AI platforms, product, and engineering. He will be working across the company's segment technology teams to further modernize how Disney builds and delivers technology company-wide.

Along with Anand's appointment, a number of Character.AI's technical team are expected to join Disney, the Company revealed.



Karandeep Anand

"This Is A Representation Of All Films From India": 'Gondhal' Director Santosh Davakhar On Oscar Entry

The team of 'Gondhal' is gearing up for the next phase of its Oscar journey. The film's director said the team had been preparing for the possibility of making an international awards push for nearly a year.

The approximately two-hour long Marathi film is directed by Santosh Davakhar and stars Kishor Kadam, Ishita Deshmukh, Yogesh Sohoni, Nishad Bhoir and Anuj Prabhu in the lead roles. The movie was selected from the films entered for consideration by the Film Federation of India.

Speaking to ANI about the film's selection as India's official entry, director-producer Santosh Davakhar said the team had always been confident in the product they had created.

"We were confident that the entire Gondhal team had made a good product. For the last year, we have been preparing for this. We were going to attempt the Oscars one way or the other," he said.

He described being chosen as India's official entry as a "great blessing" and said the selection also brought a significant responsibility for the entire team.

"When you go in front of the Oscars voters, that means you are representing your nation. It's a big responsibility for our team, for Team Gondhal, and for me as a director as well," he said.

According to the director, the months ahead will involve an intensive campaign to introduce the film to members of the Academy. "The next few months are going to be full of hard work, as we will need to gain at least



'Gondhal' Director Santosh Davakhar.

6,000 to 7,000 votes," he said.

The director also spoke about the way 'Gondhal' was conceived, saying he wanted the film to eventually attract the attention of people across India's film industry.

"I made the film in a way that there will come a time when all the technicians in India who are connected to the film line from some angle, everyone will look for this film," he said.

Rather than viewing the Oscar selection as a competi-

tion against other Indian films, the director said he sees 'Gondhal' as a representation of the wider Indian film industry.

"Gondhal is not defeating anyone. This is a representation of all these films from India," he said, noting that several films, including major commercial successes and critically appreciated titles from different parts of the country, had been part of the conversation around Indian cinema.

He also pointed to films from the South and Marathi cinema, saying the breadth of Indian filmmaking was reflected in the selection process.

"This is the representation of all these films. The jury felt that Gondhal can do well internationally. So, it's a complete representation of Indian films," he said.

The director also expressed gratitude to the Indian government, the Film Federation of India and the jury that selected the film.

"We are really excited, and we are really thankful to the Indian government. We are really thankful to the Film Federation of India and the distinguished jury," he said.

For the Gondhal team, he added, the film's international campaign is rooted in its connection to Indian heritage.

On Friday, the Film Federation of India (FFI) announced that Marathi thriller 'Gondhal' has been selected as the official entry from India for the International Feature Film category at the Oscars 2027.

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Vidya Balan's First Look From Rajinikanth's 'Jailer 2' Out

The makers of Rajinikanth's 'Jailer 2' have revealed the first look of Vidya Balan from the movie on Sunday. The actress will play the role of Kantha in the movie.

Vidya Balan is the new addition to the cast of 'Jailer 2', the sequel to one of the biggest blockbusters helmed by Rajinikanth in 2023. The movie is directed by Nelson Dilipkumar, while its music is composed by Anirudh Ravichander.

Sun Pictures, the official production studio of the movie, shared the first look of Vidya Balan from the film.

They shared a video which featured the actress wearing a saree and smoking a cigarette. She also delivers a dialogue in Tamil in the video.

Sun Pictures shared the first look of Vidya Balan on their Instagram handle.

"Introducing Vidya Balan as Kantha from the world of Jailer 2," wrote Sun Pictures.

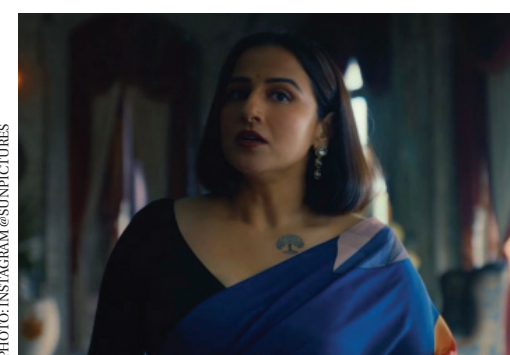
Earlier, Jailer 2 makers also introduced SJ Suryah's character from the upcoming film. He will play the role of Bodhi in the film.

On Friday, September 18, Sun Pic-

tures also shared the first-look video of actor Suraj Venjaramoodu on its X handle, in which he was seen smoking a cigarette while showcasing his power. He will play the character of Dileep in the movie.

In the sequel to the blockbuster 'Jailer', Rajinikanth will return as Tiger Muthuvel Pandian, with Nelson Dilipkumar once again directing the film. Anirudh Ravichander is also back as the music composer.

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