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Ro Khanna Looks On The Bright Side

By Carine Hajjar

It's easy to mistake Ro Khanna's populism for a deep distrust of government. The congressman from California's 17th District has dedicated much of the past two years to unearthing the government's Jeffrey Epstein files and is now turning his energies to blocking tech lords' greed-fueled race toward the apocalypse.

But Khanna is a happy warrior. He's also chatty. When the congressman sat down last week at The Post to talk to me about his 2028 presidential prospects and his plan to shore up his party's working-class support, he told me that he'll talk to anyone, the left's Hasan Piker and right's Megyn Kelly being a couple of examples. "'Are you really gonna go do this Washington Post podcast?'" he recounted a junior staff member asking him. "'They've been writing editorials against you about the wealth tax!'"

Not even a judicious staffer can stop Khanna from spreading his gospel.

Khanna's philosophy is built on a key optimism: Government is capable of solving our biggest problems. That's an intoxicating, possibility-opening proposition, and Khanna certainly believes it applies to the issue dominating Washington right now: How do we keep killer robots from exterminating the human race?

The Silicon Valley representative tells me that reckless tech titans need more "safety and regulation that makes sure that we don't lose control over AI." Setting safety norms for such a volatile industry strikes me as reasonable enough. But can the government really competently govern a technology that Anthropic CEO Dario Amodei warned could hijack the entire internet in a year or so?

Khanna argues that the government has a good record of regulating the up-and-coming: "We've competently regulated electricity, and nuclear energy and aviation." Aviation and power companies don't come to mind when I think of our nation's most efficient industries, but maybe I should take another sip of the Khanna Kool-Aid. To Khanna, the answers to the future are located in the lessons of governments past. "FDR had a New Deal for the industrial age," he said, "I believe we need a next New Deal for the AI age." His party, he says, should be a "New New Deal coalition."

Khanna might add a few more "new"s. He is far from the first politician to tap into FDR nostalgia while proposing a major overhaul in social spending. The New Deal built the foundation of the modern entitlement state with the start of a relatively narrow Social Security program; the following decades saw its expansion and the rise of programs like Medicare and Medicaid.

The entitlement state exists at proportions FDR would have never imagined, in other words. But Khanna's vision for government goes beyond caring for the sick, poor and retired millionaires. It's time, he says, to "reindustrialize America." We need "a plan to have an industrial investment bank that invests in these communities that were hollowed out, a thousand new trade schools, investment in child care jobs, investment in venture capital," he preached. "A vision saying: We understand wealth generation, we know how to build wealth."

It certainly takes a kind vision to assess the current state of federal spending and devise a plan for more. This year the national debt hit $40 trillion, and entitlements are a big reason why. But Khanna is undeterred by that dreary trajectory. One of his deficit-cutting ideas is ending "corporate profiteering" enabled by Medicare Advantage. His plan estimates that getting rid of "upcoding and fraud" would save $83 billion a year. But waste in the military is a particular fixation. "We need more accountability in government, and that to me would be cutting some of the waste in the Pentagon budget," he said. Khanna's deficit-reduction plan proposes ending "unnecessary weapons systems," reducing bureaucracy and cutting excess basing infrastructure abroad.

There's certainly bloat at the Pentagon. But defense spending has tended downward as a share of gross domestic product, while the total federal budget continues to trend upward. If the goal is to go after the most waste possible, there are bigger targets.

Khanna at least acknowledges that cutting waste alone won't finance the reindustrialization of America - or all the other programs he's proposing. A wealth tax, he tells me, will help fix an economy where "the rules have been written to privilege the shareholders, to privilege the executives, to privilege the capital class at the expense of the worker class."

"We need to tax the wealthy more so that we can have free child care, free college, trade schools, Medicare-for-all, health care as a human right, and give people enough," he said.

Still, unlike the decidedly unhappy warriors in his party, Khanna doesn't think billionaires are villains. If anything, he wants to invite them into an exclusive club: "What I'm saying is, be an economic patriot." The price of entry would be 5 percent of their wealth. "No one's saying confiscate your wealth. We're just saying pay some tax so everyone has a shot."

There's already quite a lot of money sloshing around federal coffers. The government spends enough on anti-poverty programming alone to give each family in poverty $181,000 a year. I wondered why the congressman wouldn't start on his quest to root out inefficiencies before creating a new tax regime. "Well, we can walk and chew gum at the same time, right?" he said. It's not a novel idea to suggest that government can fix its existing problems while addressing new ones, but at this point it does take a true optimist to believe it.

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How Warsh Can Be A Fed Chair Of Few Words

By Ramesh Ponnuru

Kevin Warsh aspires to be a Federal Reserve chair of few words. He doesn't think the central bank should provide as much "forward guidance" about the path of interest rates as it has in recent years. He believes Fed policymakers should give fewer speeches and possibly hold fewer meetings. He wants the institution to own fewer assets and to leave a lighter footprint on the economy.

There are good arguments for this humble approach, but that silence could have a cost: Markets won't know what to expect from Warsh and his colleagues in the future, which might undermine the credibility of the policies they're pursuing today. When the Fed raised interest rates on Wednesday for the first time in three years, the yield on Treasury bonds rose, too: a sign, as economic analyst Marcus Nunes wrote, that markets doubt the Fed's commitment to keep rates high enough for long enough to bring inflation back down to its target of 2 percent a year.

Thinking bigger might help the Fed's communications. Some economists have for years advocated that the Federal Reserve adopt a nominal spending target. Their main argument is that this approach would better stabilize the economy. It would also allow the central bank to convey what it needs without any hint of micromanagement.

Under the new target, the Fed would commit to keeping the economy growing at a steady rate, as measured by the number of dollars U.S. households and businesses spend and make in a year. This is different from trying to ensure that the amount of goods and services the country produces expands at the same rate each year. The Fed can't control this "real" growth rate and shouldn't try.

A reasonable goal would be 4 percent spending growth, which would permit inflation to fluctuate within confined bounds. In a year with strong output, real growth might make up 3 of that 4 percent and inflation the other 1. In a weaker year, real growth might run at 1 percent, with inflation at 3.

This approach automatically handles unexpected economic jolts. If an oil shortage drove up gas prices, a central bank targeting inflation would usually feel pressure to raise interest rates, adding to the pain the economy was already enduring. Under a spending target, the Fed would stand back and let prices adjust without crushing total incomes.

Conversely, if an artificial-intelligence productivity boom drove prices down, the Fed wouldn't make the boom bigger to hit an inflation target. It would keep spending steady in either case, which is what central bankers say they want when they speak about "looking through supply shocks."

That is what the Fed implicitly did from 1990 to 2007, a time of relative macroeconomic stability. Subsequent departures from that practice have had unhappy consequences. In 2007 and 2008, the Fed paid too much attention to oil-price spikes and not enough to weak spending, delaying its response to what became a deep recession. A severe drop in spending growth made servicing debts and maintaining payrolls impossible. The Fed made the opposite mistake after the covid pandemic. It delayed reining in accelerating spending while it agonized about the extent to which supply shocks were raising prices.

The forward guidance that Warsh dislikes has asked Fed governors to predict both the course of the economy over coming quarters and how they would respond to it. They frequently erred, as anyone would have, which undermined the Fed's credibility. A commitment to steady spending growth wouldn't require such predictions.

Adopting this policy rule would allow the Fed to communicate more while saying less. It would keep reactions simple: The central bank would increase the money supply when spending is growing too slowly and cut back when it is growing too fast. A productivity boom, supply shortages, higher or lower tariffs, job growth faster or slower than expected, rising or falling stock prices: The Fed would stick with 4 percent spending growth no matter what.

Economists have proposed other possible rules, such as a version of a "Taylor rule" that attempts to set interest rates based on an equation involving the "neutral" interest rate and the gap between the economy's actual and potential output. But nobody can observe those variables. A spending commitment requires much less speculation. The key data point - how much have people and businesses been spending? - is easier to gauge than the inflation rate, which requires a lot of debatable technical specifications.

A common objection to a total-spending target is that the public won't understand it. But only a small portion of the population follows monetary policy, and, in any case, "We're aiming to achieve steady income growth" isn't that difficult to explain. The current policy sometimes makes people wonder why the Fed is deliberately seeking higher inflation.

Warsh has established several task forces to review what the Fed does. One will consider the central bank's communications and another its framework for dealing with inflation. Their work can naturally dovetail: A better policy framework can be a better communications strategy. Make a lot of Fed commentary unnecessary and uninteresting for markets, and adopt a policy that speaks for itself.

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The AI Folks Don't Seem To Understand Intelligence

By Gautam Mukunda

Just three years after OpenAI said its models were good at grade-school math, the company announced they had solved the Navier-Stokes Millennium Prize problem in 88 hours, something that had stumped humanity's greatest mathematical minds since the 1930s. Project that trend forward and you see why OpenAI Chief Executive Officer Sam Altman thinks AI will cure all diseases – and why people are afraid that a rogue AI might harm humanity.

Santa Fe Institute scientists Melanie Mitchell and David Krakauer described AI's mantra as "Scale is all you need." What that means is the bigger the training sets and the more computer you have, the better AI becomes. Altman's vision of AI's exponential growth curve, and the related hopes and fears, are similarly driven by an unspoken assumption that intelligence is all you need. If you're smart enough, you can cure cancer – or destroy the world. But that's not how power and intelligence work.

Anthropic PBC says Claude, its AI model, already writes more than 80% of the code its engineers merge. Push that to 100% and AI would be building its own successors. It could keep racing ahead until finally it understood everything and could control everything. That's the fear and, for some, the hope. AI could create what Anthropic Chief Executive Officer Dario Amodei calls "a country of geniuses in a datacenter."

The United States ran that experiment at Los Alamos. It put legendary physicists such as Niels Bohr, Richard Feynman and Robert Oppenheimer to work building the atomic bomb. But Alex Wellerstein, a historian of science and nuclear weapons at the Stevens Institute of Technology, calculated that Los Alamos accounted for just 4% of the Manhattan Project's almost $2 billion cost. Eighty percent of the budget went to plants in Tennessee and Washington that produced uranium and plutonium. In his 1945 Congressional testimony, Oppenheimer said that without scientists there would have been no bomb, but "if there had been only scientists, there also would be no atomic bomb."

AI has changed coding, mathematics, and weather forecasting. They all have a vast pool of available training data, rapid feedback, and clear right and wrong answers. These keep models moored to reality, not spiraling off to disaster as the result of compounding small errors.

Constant corrections are why we remember the Wright brothers. The best-funded attempt at flight in 1903 was made by Samuel Langley, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, who had $50,000 in government funds and an engine four times as powerful as the one in the hands of the Wrights. Langley designed a plane that was inherently stable. But his brilliant design plunged into the Potomac River because the models he built didn't scale. The Wright brothers were bicycle mechanics. They didn't have his resources, but they knew that bikes were unstable machines kept upright by constant corrections from the rider. They used that insight, plus wind tunnel tests of as many as 200 wing shapes, to beat their better-funded rival.

Intelligence needs input. The faster and clearer the input, the more powerful intelligence becomes. Math, coding and weather forecasting? Check. Financial markets qualify, too. Hedge fund Two Sigma Investments boasts that its computing power would rank among the world's top five supercomputer sites, and that isn't an accident. Writing fails the tests, hence the deluge of AI slop on LinkedIn. So does curing cancer, because it requires experiments on living systems that take years to respond. Intelligence might improve your hit rate, but it can't get you around that limit.

Intelligence gets used first in the places with the fastest and clearest feedback. What's left are the problems where it's worth less. That's why its power is unlikely to keep climbing. The more you know, the harder it becomes to learn even more. We ran that experiment in theoretical physics. In the early days after the quantum mechanics revolution, progress leapt forward. Over time, despite better instruments and tools, foundational breakthroughs got harder. In a 1975 lecture, the Nobel Prize-winning physicist Paul Dirac said, "It was very easy in those days for any second-rate physicist to do first-rate work. There has not been such a glorious time since then. It is very difficult now for a first-rate physicist to do second-rate work."

Research-heavy industries show the same pattern. In semiconductors, Stanford University economist Nicholas Bloom and three co-authors found that doubling chip density takes more than 18 times as many researchers now as in the early 1970s. Even Tom Davidson and Tom Houlden of the research group Forethought, whose model gives roughly 60% odds that fully automated AI research will compress three years of progress into one, assume the returns fall as software approaches its limits.

So, when Amodei predicts that powerful AI could compress 50 to 100 years of biological progress into five to 10, and that reductions of 95% or more in cancer deaths and new cases seem possible, skepticism is appropriate. The key question, one AI leader wrote, is how much progress each additional increment of intelligence buys, and which other inputs become the constraint when intelligence is plentiful. That leader was Amodei himself, in his 2024 essay "Machines of Loving Grace." In the same essay, he noted that today's particle physicists have no shortage of theories but lack the accelerator data to choose between them, and it's not clear superintelligence would change that. Other Anthropic researchers noted that Amdahl's Law dictates that speeding up one part of a process tends to move bottlenecks, not eliminate them. They even forecast that this would apply to a world dominated by self-improving AI.

That's why we all need to take a breath before plunging into the utopian and apocalyptic forecasts about AI, and to watch the bottlenecks instead. An advantage in thinking isn't an army, a power grid, or a supply chain, and it can't build them overnight. Doing that will take even more time and investment than the roughly $760 billion in capital spending Google parent Alphabet Inc., Amazon.com Inc., Meta Platforms Inc. and Microsoft Corp. alone expect this year. Altman's curve is real in mathematics. Maybe not far beyond it. Transforming coding is important. It's not the first sign of a cybernetic God.

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-Bloomberg

A California City Is Waging A Fight Against Yoga

By Matt Fleming,

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What did yoga ever do to San Diego? For two years, the city has been waging a protracted legal battle against two yoga instructors. Their alleged transgression? Teaching yoga classes supported by donations in a picturesque public park on a cliff overlooking the Pacific Ocean. You know, the kind of park perfect for a relaxing activity like yoga.

The park is open to the public. Visitors can take a walk and look at the ocean, but they should be careful. Bringing a yoga mat and a few friends (at least four, to be exact) might be construed as an illegal yoga session. It's probably safe for a group of joggers to stretch before setting out, but if anyone's wearing yoga pants, that could raise a red flag - hard to tell, because the ordinance is silent and the city wouldn't comment.

And, yes, there's litigation. So far, San Diego is losing.

In June of last year, a federal appeals court ruled that the city violated the First Amendment rights of Steve Hubbard, a.k.a. "NamaSteve," and Amy Baack when it attempted to shut down their yoga classes in 2024 after adopting the ordinance. The court determined that yoga instruction was protected speech and that the yogis did not need a use permit (which would run them about $6 an hour). The classes offered by Hubbard and Baack are free and open to everyone (donations are accepted). Hubbard filed a separate lawsuit this June, claiming that city officials violated his rights again when they cited him three times in May 2025, including giving him a ticket after he filmed a live stream at his home. The ordinance doesn't regulate private property, but viewers were allegedly following along with the class from a park. The city also subpoenaed Hubbard's financial history and the GPS records of some of his students, according to his attorney.

The crackdown started in 2022 as the city took action in response to a state law decriminalizing sidewalk vending. At first, city staff recommended charging street vendors $230 annually for a permit. Negotiations ultimately brought it down to a more realistic annual fee of $38. But the city believed that some vendors took advantage of a loophole to claim free-speech exemptions by accepting donations instead of making direct sales. The city sought to close the loophole by targeting vendors allegedly skirting the rule. But San Diego's aggressive enforcement strategy has sparked a debate over free expression and entangled the city in a legal mess.

The debate ultimately centers on whether these activities fall under the definitions of expressive activities and commercial services, and whether they are protected by the First Amendment protections or require written consent of the city manager.

Cities have a reasonable interest in issuing permits to businesses to collect tax revenue and compel adherence to health and safety standards. San Diego is already dealing with a budget crisis and needs revenue. The city just eliminated dozens of jobs and cut funding for things like recreation centers and public restrooms, all in an effort to close a $118 million budget deficit. Cities also have a responsibility to manage scarce resources, like parks, making them available for everyone and keeping them from being dominated by one vendor or group.

But San Diego lost the plot when it started deploying rangers to keep taxpayers from doing yoga, and possibly playing pickup soccer and volleyball, and considered tracking citizens' whereabouts just to prove a point.

Maybe the city desperately needed the six bucks it could charge yoga instructors for a permit. That deficit won't close itself, after all. Then again, maybe the city shouldn't have risked an extended legal fight, part of which it had already lost, exposing itself to the possibility that it will pay not only its own legal bills but the plaintiffs' as well. Government attorneys aren't cheap, but they are probably a bargain compared with the yoga teachers' defense team.

Is regulating yoga in parks really worth it? This all started because the state wanted to promote street-vending entrepreneurism. San Diego officials apparently interpreted that as a mandate to go after park yoga.

San Diego just settled a lawsuit over single-family trash fees and Balboa Park parking fees, costing the city millions of dollars. If the city can back away from one fee fight, it's hard to see why a minor dispute over $6-an-hour yoga permits was worth two years and several lawsuits. But such is life in California.

As one of the Golden State's favorite sons, Ronald Reagan, once said about the government's view of the economy: "If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it." Unless the lack of movement is the savasana pose at the end of a yoga class.

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From A Press Release

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The city's downtown Early Voting SuperSite at 137 S. State St., at the corner of State and Adams streets, will open at 9 a.m. The Chicago Board of Elections offices at 69 W. Washington St., sixth floor, also will begin offering early voting at 9 a.m.

The Board of Elections will mark the start of early voting with a press conference at 10 a.m. Thursday at the State Street SuperSite. Doors will open for media and press conference attendees at 8:30 a.m.

Marisel A. Hernandez, chairwoman of the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners, will address voters and members of the media in English and Spanish. She will discuss voting options available to Chicago residents, including early voting, Election Day voting and voting by mail. Hernandez also is expected to discuss election security and the Board of Elections' preparations to provide accessible and secure opportunities for Chicago voters to cast their ballots.

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Kamala Harris, Ro Khanna Among Several Democrats Already Making Moves To Run For President

By Matthew Choi

Here's who's doing what

The 2028 presidential primaries are 16 months away, but Democrats are making moves to enter the race at a moment voters are desperate to find a winner.

Former vice president Kamala Harris, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (New York), former transportation secretary Pete Buttigieg, California Gov. Gavin Newsom and Rep. Ro Khanna (California) are among the many Democrats eyed as potential presidential candidates.

Of course, none of them are openly committing to run yet. Presidential hopefuls often wait to publicly announce their plans to run for a host of personal and legal reasons. Sometimes they genuinely don't make up their mind until after months of mulling the decision.

But several indicators can give hints as to who is merely considering a bid, who is dipping their toes in setting up a run and who is running in all but name. These are the key questions we're asking as we watch this shadow presidential primary unfold, and the prospective candidates who stand out:

WHO ISN'T BOTHERING TO BE COY?

A few candidates are more explicit than others in their intentions.

Harris, Buttigieg, Khanna, Gov. Andy Beshear of Kentucky, former New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu and Sens. Ruben Gallego (Arizona), Chris Van Hollen (Maryland), Mark Kelly (Arizona) and Cory Booker (New Jersey) have all said they are considering a run – some more decisively than others. Buttigieg said he is "more inclined than not" to run while Van Hollen said he was "kicking the tires."

Newsom has said numerous times he is seriously looking at a run but is waiting until after the midterms to make a decision. He also told CNN's Jake Tapper that he would not run if fellow Californian Harris ran, saying it would force their shared supporters to split into different camps.

Ocasio-Cortez recently told the New York Times that she is weighing a presidential campaign. She did not rule out challenging Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer in the 2028 primary if she felt it was a more effective opportunity to advance progressive policy than running for the White House.

WHO IS BEING COY?

Candidates often deflect on their presidential plans to bringing up races on the immediate horizon.

Sen. Raphael Warnock (Georgia) and Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker both avoided commenting on 2028, saying for now they are focused on races this year.

Others take more circuitous paths to signaling their plans. When asked by interviewers about potential 2028 runs, Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro said he wants to be "part of that debate" and Maryland Gov. Wes Moore said he is "going to be part of a bigger conversation going forward."

Sen. Chris Murphy (Connecticut) told Punchbowl in November that he is "certainly not planning on it right now."

Sen. Jon Ossoff (Georgia), whose name often get floated for a 2028 presidential run, has repeatedly explicitly said he is not interested. Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer did too in May, but then she backtracked, saying: "I never thought I would run for governor. So I guess I should know better to never say never."



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Kamala Harris and husband Doug Emhoff t September 11 commemoration.

WHO IS LAYING OUT THEIR VISION FOR THE COUNTRY?

One of the clearest indications of presidential ambitions is if politicians start talking, well, presidentially. Book releases, major speeches and media tours can help presidential hopefuls both introduce themselves early to the wider electorate and occupy their ideological lane.

Harris, Newsom, Whitmer, Murphy, Warnock and Booker have released books in the past two years, and Beshear released one this week. The books range from personal memoirs, like Newsom's, to musings on the biggest problems facing American democracy, like Warnock's.

High-profile speeches can also stake out the foundations of a potential candidate's positions. Former congressman, Chicago mayor and ambassador Rahm Emanuel, a longtime Israel supporter but frequent critic of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, made a landmark speech in Tel Aviv in July calling to end unconditional aid to Israel, responding to a growing sentiment in his party.

Ocasio-Cortez delivered a speech on voting rights in Montgomery, Alabama, in May and went on a "Fighting Oligarchy" tour with Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vermont) (who himself would be 87 in 2028 and has dismissed the idea of a third presidential run). She also attempted to demonstrate her foreign policy chops at the Munich Security Conference in February, though her jumbled response on whether the U.S. should commit troops to defending Taiwan attracted scrutiny.

WHO IS VISITING EARLY STATES?

Historically, visits to Iowa were a surefire indicator of a candidate's presidential ambitions. Democrats changed the order of their presidential primaries in August, making the new order of first states South Carolina, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Michigan and Virginia.

Kelly, Gallego, Moore, Harris, Beshear, Newsom, Booker, Emanuel, Murphy, Khanna and Buttigieg have visited South Carolina in the past year. Shapiro spoke to the South Carolina delegation during the 2024 Democratic National Convention, telling delegates he was planning future visits to the state.

Michigan has also been a common stop for potential 2028 candidates, particularly with the state's competitive Senate race this year. Buttigieg, a former mayor of South Bend, Indiana, has settled in the state since leaving the Biden administration and frequently stumps for Michigan Democrats and speaks at major events in the state. Ocasio-Cortez went to Michigan in July to rally for progressive Senate candidate Abdul El-Sayed ahead of his competitive August primary.

Beshear made a stop there in April to speak at the state Democratic Party's annual fundraiser. The governor has also visited Nevada and New Hampshire in recent months.

WHO IS HITTING THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL?

Running for president requires allies, and a great way to make allies is to support them in their own campaigns. Endorsements and campaign contributions for downballot races during this year's midterms could translate into important surrogates for presidential candidates in 2028.

Buttigieg has been a uniquely prolific stumper this year, backing candidates across the country in races ranging from the Indiana state House to the U.S. House in New Jersey. Kelly has spoken at events for Democratic House and Senate candidates in Ohio, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Georgia and his home state of Arizona.

Shapiro, who is up for reelection this year, has focused on four competitive House races in his home state, arguing that the path to Democrats taking back the House in 2026 runs through his state, which is also pivotal in presidential elections.

Harris, who at times clashed with the left flank of her party in her 2024 run, included an event Tuesday with El-Sayed in Detroit, among her midterm campaign stops.

WHO IS MAKING KEY ENDORSEMENTS?

Endorsements can also telegraph a candidate's hopes for the future of the party. Gallego has endorsed and donated money to more moderate candidates in competitive primaries, such as Senate candidates Haley Stevens in Michigan and Angie Craig in Minnesota, both of whom lost to more liberal candidates. He has also backed candidates in competitive races where Democrats are hoping to win back Latino voters who went for President Donald Trump in 2024, such as in Texas.

Meanwhile, Ocasio-Cortez backed more progressive candidates who have swept through primaries this year, including El-Sayed, Analilia Mejia for a New Jersey U.S. House seat and several progressive candidates for the New York state legislature. Ocasio-Cortez has been selective in her endorsements, declining to back some more controversial candidates like Graham Platner in Maine.

WHO IS RAISING MONEY THAT CAN BE USED FOR A WHITE HOUSE BID?

Presidential campaigns are expensive. Several potential candidates are sitting on large cash reserves from past federal campaigns that can be used on presidential runs.

Kelly, who is not up for reelection this year, and Booker, who does not face a serious challenge, both have more than $20 million sitting in their campaign accounts. Murphy, whose next election is in 2030, has more than $11 million. Khanna has nearly $17 million and Ocasio-

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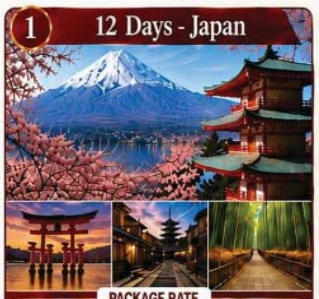
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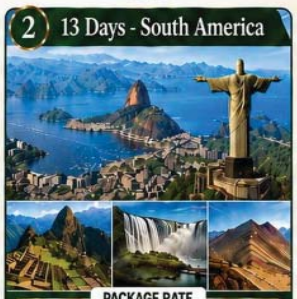


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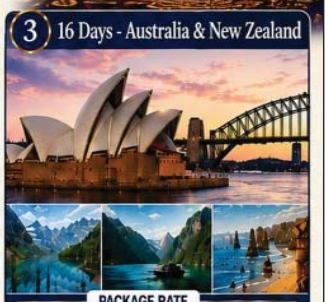
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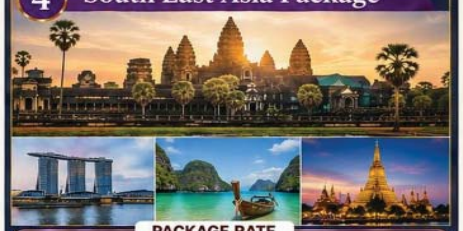


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Kamala Harris, Ro Khanna Among Several Democrats Already Making Moves To Run For President

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Cortez has nearly $16 million, significant sums for a House member.

Potential candidates can also demonstrate their fundraising prowess through leadership PACs, where they often bring in millions of dollars, but those funds are largely reserved for supporting other campaigns.

Some former presidential candidates have set up new organizations to house their money. Harris repurposed her campaign into Fight for the People PAC, which she could turn back into a campaign committee. It had a modest $837,000 in the bank as of the end of June. Buttigieg's Win the Era PAC had more than $6 million in the bank by the end of August, and he has given extensively from the organization to downballot candidates this year. Pritzker, a billionaire, has personally given at least $12 million to Democrats in the midterms and launched a PAC to spend another $20 million, including for several Black Democrats running in red districts.

WHO IS RAISING THEIR PROFILE?

Being well-known is one of the biggest advantages a candidate can have going into a presidential primary. Several potential candidates are already household names, such as Harris and Ocasio-Cortez. Others are working to get there.

Podcasting has emerged as a major platform to reach voters who don't engage with more traditional sources of news. Kelly, Khanna, Pritzker, Warnock, Newsom, Murphy, Harris, Buttigieg, Gallego and Ocasio-Cortez have all gone on high-profile podcasts. While some like Beshear and Newsom have focused on politics- or policy-oriented shows such as "Pod Save America" or "The Ezra Klein Show," others like Kelly and Khanna have dabbled in pop-culture or influencer-led shows such as "The Dan Le Batard Show" or "Drama Queens." Ossoff recently spoke on rapper Killer Mike's podcast, where Sanders spoke in past election cycles.

Several candidates have done more traditional cable news hits recently, but Booker, Khanna and Kelly stand out for the volume of appearances.

-The Washington Post

American Cricket Council Unveils National School And Collegiate Cricket Initiative

By a Staff Writer

The American Cricket Council (ACC) announced September 24, 2026, a nationwide initiative to "transform" school and collegiate cricket across the United States, a press release from the organization said. The ACC headquarters is in North Brunswick, NJ.

The ACC says it is dedicated to professionalizing and expanding school and college cricket in the United States through structured leagues, coaching certification, and academic scholarship pathways.

"Designed to align cricket with the established American sports ecosystem—modeled after the NFHS (National Federation of State High School Associations, est. 1920) and the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association, est. 1906)—the program creates structured grassroots pathways, high-performance coaching, and scholarship opportunities for student-athletes," ACC said.



PHOTO: COURTESY AMERICAN CRICKET COUNCIL

Shivnaraine Chanderpaul, left and Jatin Patel.

Former West Indies captain and Cricket Hall of Famer Shivnarine Chanderpaul will head high-performance coaching, Center for Excellence for players, and a dedicated coach training center.

Chanderpaul, who previously served as the USA Women's head coach and led Jamaica Tallawahs team to a Caribbean Premier League (CPL) championship, will lead the initiative alongside multisport coach Jatin Patel and a team of professional coaches across North America.

Orlando, Florida will serve as ACC's second home for high-performance training camps to support Inter-School and College Super Cup events and leagues.

"Our goal is to integrate cricket directly into the fabric of American high school and college sports culture," Chair Patel is quoted saying. "By combining high-performance coaching, standardized educational curricula, and clear scholarship pathways, we are providing young athletes with a legitimate career and academic future in sport Cricket."

National registration for schools, colleges, academies, and individual student-athletes officially opens on October 2, 2026. Comprehensive program guidelines, tournament structures, and scholarship criteria will be fully unveiled after the official launch event, ACC said.

Two Indian Nationals Charged In Alleged Transnational Counterfeit Ozempic Scheme



Representational photo.

By a Staff Writer

A federal grand jury in the Middle District of Florida charged two individuals, Swapnadip Roy, 33, and Vicky Ramancha, 37, both Indian nationals, with conspiracy and smuggling related to an alleged transnational counterfeit prescription drug distribution scheme.

The indictment alleges that Roy, Ramancha, and their co-conspirators sold counterfeit Ozempic to distributors in the United States at deeply discounted prices. Roy was extradited from Italy to the United States and made his initial appearance in Tampa, Florida, September 29, 2026.

An indictment is merely an allegation. All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

According to court documents, beginning in at least July 2023 and continuing to April 2024, Roy and Ramancha allegedly obtained counterfeit Ozempic from unauthorized sources in China. The counterfeit Ozempic allegedly distributed by Roy, Ramancha, and their co-conspirators included counterfeit packaging, package inserts, pen labels, and needles meant to deceive downstream customers into believing they were purchasing authentic Ozempic authorized by the manufacturer.

The scheme continued even after the FDA seized some of the counterfeit Ozempic in December 2023 and issued a public warning regarding the products, the press release says.

Roy and Ramancha are charged with one count of conspiracy to commit smuggling and to defraud the United States, three counts of smuggling, and two counts of selling counterfeit drugs and holding counterfeit drugs for sale. If convicted, Roy and Ramancha each face a maximum penalty of 71 years in prison.

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"Stay Tuned" On US-India Trade Deal, "90 Percent-Plus" Done; Potential For India Waiver In Russia Sanctions Bill

By a Staff Writer

The US-India trade deal is very near completion, a senior State Department official indicated at a press briefing September 24, 2026, but stayed away from concluding that Secretary of State Marco Rubio's planned October visit to India could be the decisive conclusion.

"I would say stay tuned, which we keep saying, but we are – we are very close – it's like a 90-percent-plus there and just those final things being worked out, so I hope you're going to see something very soon on that," the official said, "And that's really going to just unleash another level of U.S.-India relations, something that hasn't really – we haven't been able to get there in decades when it comes to trade. This has always been the most sticking point in the relationship. And so I think we're very close and it's going to be, I think, very, very exciting when we get there."

The official spoke on numerous issues relating to India and the rest of the countries in South Asia, including the Lindsey Graham bill focused on Russia sanctions, an issue India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar raised as of great concern to India when he met Secretary of State Marco Rubio on the sidelines of the ongoing UN General Assembly meetings taking place in New York.

Regarding the Graham bill on Russia sanctions, the State Department official indicated it may not necessarily result in a heavy handed treatment of India and that the possibility of a waiver for India exists. The Graham bill gave President Trump "a new tool in his toolbox," the official characterized it. "That doesn't necessarily mean he deploys it tomorrow, but he has the opportunity to. His focus is on ending this war. It's been something he campaigned on and something he's been dedicated to from the beginning. We're looking for our friends, especially like India, to help support that effort, but I think you'll have to stay tuned on how the bill gets implemented. But there is a broad national security waiver, so you can imagine also the President – there's a scenario the President uses that as well."

The official said they did not want to get ahead of the Rubio India visit, describing it for now as "all part of the continuous growth and attention to the U.S.-India partnership. There's a lot happening," in future G20 meetings as well as the Quad partnership of India, Japan, Australia and US.

As you said, we're also going to have – we're going to be hosting them for the G20, and so stay tuned for some big announcements on that front. There's just a lot happening in the relationship. The spokesperson said the Quad meeting later in October may result in "some other exciting things."

Regarding the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor, IMEC, backed by Washington and New Delhi, the senior State Department Official described it as a huge priority for the two countries but one that is being held up by the volatile situation in the Middle East. President Trump, in a meeting with the Gulf Cooperation Council on the sidelines of the UNGA in New York, indicated he was in favor of the IMEC alternative route for shipping oil to the rest of the world.

The official noted that it was a priority for US and India, but that the countries in the Middle East including Saudi Arabia, UAE, Jordan, as well as Israel, have to iron out issues.



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U.S. President Donald Trump attends a bilateral meeting with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the G7 Summit in Evian-les-Bains, France, June 17, 2026.

"IMEC is absolutely a huge priority of the United States and of India. The problem – I shouldn't say the problem. The challenge is that so much of it lies in the Middle East. And that's where – I think on the India side and on the U.S. side, we're ready to go. But because of some of the challenges we've had over the years, starting from the beginning of the administration – the President came in and we were still dealing with Israel/Gaza. That certainly paused things," the official said.

"…. when things can stabilize, you're really going to see IMEC take off," the official contended.



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India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar meets US Secretary of State Marco Rubio at UN, September 23, 2026.

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The IMEC was launched in September 2023 at the G20 Summit in New Delhi, with a founding memorandum signed by India, the United States, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, the European Union, Italy, France and Germany.

The corridor has two main strands – an eastern leg connecting India to the Gulf, and a northern leg linking the Gulf to Europe via West Asia and the Mediterranean.

The project is intended to improve connectivity, cut transport costs, strengthen regional supply chains, widen trade access, and build closer energy and digital ties.

Rather than a single rail line or pipeline, the corridor is envisaged as a linked chain of ports and railways: goods from Indian ports would travel by sea to a Gulf port such as Fujairah, then by rail through Saudi Arabia and Jordan to Israel's Mediterranean coast — with Haifa as a key hub — before continuing by sea to ports in France, Italy and Greece.

Trump described IMEC in February 2025 as "one of the greatest trade routes in all of history," but analysts continue to view it as a long-term infrastructure ambition rather than a near-term alternative to existing energy transit routes.

BREAKING H-1B UPDATE: Trump Renews $100,000 Payment Requirement and Adds Layoff-Related Scrutiny

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President Trump signed two H-1B-related actions on September 18, 2026: a proclamation extending the $100,000 H-1B fee originally imposed in September 2025 for another 12 months, and a separate Executive Order directing agencies to weigh an employer's recent layoffs when reviewing its H-1B petitions. The fee extension takes effect at 12:01 a.m. Eastern time on September 21, 2026, right as the original one-year restriction was set to expire. The restriction is scheduled to remain in effect for 12 months, absent another extension, modification, or court action.

What the New Proclamation Does

The core requirement is unchanged from the original 2025 proclamation: entry into the U.S. as an H-1B specialty occupation worker is restricted unless the petition is accompanied or supplemented by a $100,000 payment. The proclamation generally targets H-1B petitions involving beneficiaries outside the United States who must seek admission to activate the petition approval, including through consular processing, port-of-entry admission, or pre-flight inspection. Employers should obtain case-specific advice concerning extensions, amendments, changes of status, and international travel. The Secretary of Homeland Security retains discretion to exempt an individual worker, an entire company, or an entire industry from the restriction if doing so is found to serve the national interest and does not threaten U.S. security or welfare. Employers must obtain and retain documentation of payment before filing, and the State Department is directed to verify payment before approving the visa.

The White House cites steep drops in H-1B filings by large IT staffing and outsourcing firms as evidence the original restriction worked as intended, along with a shift toward higher-paid, higher-skilled registrants in the FY 2027 cap season. Those figures come from the administration's own account of the policy's effects and are worth reading with that in mind.

A Complicated Legal Backdrop

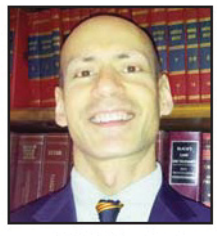
This renewal doesn't arrive on settled legal ground. The original $100,000 fee has been through a genuinely messy run in the courts over the past several months. A coalition of 20 state attorneys general sued in Massachusetts, and on June 8, 2026, a federal judge there vacated the policy implementing the fee, calling it an unlawful tax. A separate lawsuit in D.C., brought by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Association of American Universities, went the other way, with that court upholding the fee. Both rulings are on appeal, and in July, the First Circuit denied the government's request to pause the Massachusetts vacatur while its appeal moves forward.

Because the renewed proclamation is a newly issued presidential action rather than simply a continuation of the one that was vacated, its relationship to the existing court rulings will likely require further legal analysis and may generate additional litigation. Whether the same plaintiffs, or new ones, challenge this renewal on the same grounds, and how quickly, remains to be seen. Employers should not assume the litigation history is behind them just because a new proclamation has been signed.

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Chicago South Asian Film Festival Honors 2026's Standout Films and Filmmakers

By Bhailal M Patel

CHICAGO, IL — The Chicago South Asian Film Festival (CSAFF) concluded its 17th edition with the announcement of its 2026 Audience Choice and Jury Award winners, bringing to a close four days of cinema, cultural performances, filmmaker conversations and special events held September 17–20 at AMC River East in downtown Chicago.

The festival's official opening-night program featured Naval's Lifetime Achievement Award presentation, followed by the screening of Boong.

Consul General of India in Chicago Dr. M. Anand Prakash who assumed charge in September this year, presented the Lifetime Achievement Award to Deepti Naval, recognizing her remarkable contribution to Indian cinema and her lasting artistic legacy.

Naval has enjoyed a celebrated career spanning decades and is particularly associated with India's parallel and art-cinema movement. Through memorable and sensitive portrayals of ordinary women and the complexities of everyday life, she established a distinctive place in Indian cinema.

Dr. Prakash, who assumed charge as Consul General of India in Chicago in September 2026, addressed the gathering. In his remarks he highlighted the enduring legacy of Indian cinema and its ability to transcend geographical and cultural boundaries, connect people, inspire audiences and bring communities together through the universal power of storytelling.

The annual festival once again brought together filmmakers, actors, artists and film enthusiasts from Chicago and around the world. The festival, which has celebrated South Asian cinema in Chicago since 2010, featured screenings, red-carpet appearances, filmmaker Q&A sessions and opportunities for audiences and artists to engage directly with one another. The official 2026 program ran from September 17 through September 20, with the closing-night awards ceremony held September 20.

The 2026 Audience Choice Awards, determined by festivalgoers, recognized four films across documentary and fiction categories:

Documentary Feature: Marriage Cops, directed by Shashwati Talukdar and Cheryl Hess. Documentary Short: Threading the American Dream, directed by Ashish Shrestha. Fiction Feature: Lala & Poppy, directed by Kaizad Gustad. Fiction Short: Meethi, directed by Shreya Saini.

The recognition of Meethi provided a special Chicago connection to this year's festival. Directed by Chicago-based filmmaker Shreya Saini, the film underscored CSAFF's dual role in bringing international South Asian cinema to Chicago while also providing a platform for filmmakers and stories emerging from the city's own creative community.

Jury Awards Spotlight Pakistani Filmmakers. The festival's jury honored The Gymnasts of Fisherman Colony, directed by Pakistani-born filmmaker Habiba Nosheen, in the Documentary Feature category.

The Fiction Feature Jury Award went to Ghost School, directed by British-Pakistani filmmaker Seemab Gul.

The honors highlighted the breadth of Pakistani filmmaking represented within a festival dedicated to showcasing the diverse voices, languages, cultures and experiences of South Asia and its diaspora. Both Ghost School and The Gymnasts of Fisherman Colony were included in CSAFF's official 2026 program.

The opening night featured Boong, directed by Lakshmipriya Devi, who joined festivalgoers for a post-screening conversation.

The evening also celebrated the cultural traditions of Manipur with a colorful Manipuri dance performance on the red carpet, which CSAFF board member Arup Raha described as one of the memorable highlights of this year's festival.

Another memorable moment came following the screening of centerpiece film Lali, when audience members continued discussing and debating their interpretations of the film's ending even after the screening had concluded.

Raha described the festival as a conduit between storytellers and viewers—a place where films can spark conversations, challenge perspectives and create connections among people from different backgrounds.



PHOTOS: CHICAGO SOUTH ASIAN FILM FESTIVAL

Consul General of India in Chicago Dr. M. Anand Prakash, presented the Lifetime Achievement Award to acclaimed actress Deepti Naval, honoring her remarkable contribution to Indian cinema and her lasting artistic legacy



Scenes from the Red Carpet at CSAFF



Manipuri dance performance at the CSAFF



Scenes from the Red Carpet at CSAFF

Rohit Malhotra, Candidate For Fulton County Commission, Georgia, Gets Important Endorsement

By a Staff Writer



PHOTO: VOTEROHIT.COM

Banner photo on website for Rohit Malhotra.

Rohit Malhotra, running as a Democrat for Fulton County Commissioner in District 4, which covers Atlanta, Georgia, was endorsed September 28, 2026, by political activist Stacey Abrams. He has already been endorsed by Congressman Ro Khanna, D-California.

The Commission's mandate is to manage elections, hospital, the justice system, libraries, art and culture programs and additional public services for more than a million residents in Georgia.

Malhotra, founder of the Center for Civic Innovation which supports small businesses, non profits, and entrepreneurs, is an Ash Innovation Fellow during the Obama Administration. He also ran an unsuccessful campaign in 2025, for Atlanta City Council President, which however garnered nearly 50,000 votes, his election website voterohit.com says. According to Ballotpedia, Malhotra got 48.5 percent of the vote to Marci Collier Overstreet (nonpartisan)'s 51.5 percent.

If elected to the Fulton County Commission on November 3, he says he would be the first millennial and first Asian American to serve on that body. Currently, four candidates, two Democrats and two nonpartisan, are running for the special general election. The others are Aaron Sampson, Democrat, Natalie Hall, Nonpartisan, and Karen Rene, Nonpartisan

"This campaign builds off of something special we built last year that fundamentally changed our local politics," Malhotra says, adding, "And our coalition, since then, has only grown. It is multi-racial, multi-ethnic, multi-neighborhood, and multi-generational."

He has already been endorsed by the Working Families Party, Georgia Equality, Run For Something, the Atlanta Labor Concil, and other organizations. He is also supported by State Rep. Phil Olaleye, State Senator Nan Orrock, and a number of elected leaders and candidates for office.

"Democracy and voting rights leader Stacey Abrams joins a growing coalition of community leaders, elected progressive and Democrat officials, labor, and democracy organizations," in her endorsement of Malhotra. "Rohit is the most progressive Democrat on the ballot this November in this special election for County Commissioner," the press release from his campaign office says.

Abrams gives him a ringing endorsement as "the bold, smart, and courageous leadership we need in this moment for Georgia and for Fulton County." She describes him as "a talented leader who has spent much of his life and career in public service. We must elect Democrats like Rohit, those who are fiercely committed to protecting our elections and delivering real solutions for health, safety, the economy and justice," urging people to vote for him.

"The seeds of Stacey Abrams's decades of work and sacrifice have shaped and continue to shift Georgia, the South, and the country," said Malhotra. "Her greatest contribution will be the doors she broke down and the ceilings she shattered for others— including me. Stacey Abrams may not be on the ballot this November, but the fruit of her labor is. I am forever grateful for her guidance, mentorship, and leadership— and now, her endorsement."

Malhotra's website declares his agenda as one of addressing economic inequality "head on".

"While the city sees historic growth, Atlanta ranks last in the nation for economic mobility. That means children born into poverty here are less likely to escape it than anywhere else in the country. As a result, Atlanta now has the highest income inequality in the U.S.." Malhotra points out, adding, "This campaign will tackle the root causes of inequality with bold, targeted policies and investments that ensure that every family, small business, and community in Atlanta has a real shot at success, not just survival. We have an opportunity to transform the City Council from a reactive legislative body into a bold, accessible, and transparent force for progress."

U.S. Announces New Visa Restrictions To Crack Down On Birth Tourism

By a Staff Writer

Trump administration targets foreign networks, visa agents and medical providers accused of helping overseas clients obtain U.S. citizenship for their children through fraudulent travel arrangements.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio announced a new visa restriction policy Wednesday targeting foreign nationals and commercial networks involved in birth tourism, a practice in which people travel to the United States primarily to give birth so their children can obtain American citizenship.

The new policy, introduced under Section 212(a)(3)(C) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, is aimed at individuals who knowingly participate in or facilitate birth tourism, including those who operate businesses that arrange travel and childbirth in the United States.

In a statement, Rubio accused foreign commercial birth tourism networks of exploiting the American immigration system by selling services designed to help overseas clients secure U.S. citizenship for their newborn children.

According to the State Department, some of these networks charge clients tens of thousands of dollars to arrange travel, accommodations and medical services. The department alleges that certain operators also coach clients to provide false information on their visa applications or conceal the true purpose of their visits.

The restrictions could affect business owners, operators and managers of commercial birth tourism networks, visa agents who encourage applicants to commit fraud and foreign medical providers who knowingly assist such arrangements. Individuals involved in facilitating fraudulent use of Medicaid, the government-funded health insurance program for eligible low-income Americans, are also among those targeted.

The policy applies to individuals who currently engage in such activities, those who have participated in them previously and others who knowingly support or enable commercial birth tourism. Certain family members may also face visa restrictions.

WHAT IS BIRTH TOURISM?

Birth tourism generally refers to traveling to another country primarily to give birth so the child can obtain citizenship there. In the United States, the practice has raised concerns about immigration fraud, the misuse of public benefits and commercial businesses that profit from arranging such trips.

Under existing U.S. visa regulations, traveling primarily to give birth for the purpose of obtaining American citizenship for a child is not a permissible use of a visitor visa. However, foreign nationals may still seek visitor visas for legitimate medical treatment, provided they meet the necessary requirements.

The United States previously tightened its rules on birth tourism in January 2020, when the State Department authorized consular officers to deny visitor visas if they had reason to believe an applicant's primary purpose was to give birth in the country to obtain citizenship for the child.

Wednesday's announcement expands the administration's approach by specifically targeting individuals and organizations that knowingly facilitate commercial birth tourism, rather than focusing solely on travelers applying for visitor visas.

CONCERNS OVER FRAUD AND TAXPAYER-FUNDED BENEFITS

The Trump administration says the new restrictions are intended to protect the integrity of the U.S. immigration system and prevent the misuse of taxpayer-funded public benefits.

The State Department identified visa fraud and fraudulent Medicaid use as concerns associated with certain commercial birth tourism operations. It said some networks help foreign nationals misrepresent their travel intentions while arranging for their children to be born in the United States.

The announcement also describes the policy as a national security measure, although it does not identify specific security incidents linked to birth tourism.

The department did not disclose how many individuals or companies may face restrictions, which countries are home to the networks being targeted or the financial losses allegedly associated with the activities.

WHAT THE POLICY MEANS FOR FOREIGN TRAVELERS

The new policy could prevent foreign nationals identified as participants or facilitators of commercial birth tourism from obtaining U.S. visas. It also covers individuals who knowingly help organize, finance or support such operations.

The announcement does not establish a blanket prohibition on pregnant women visiting the United States or prohibit travel for legitimate medical care. Rather, it focuses on birth tourism and individuals involved in facilitating the practice.

The measures concern visa eligibility and do not, by themselves, change the citizenship status of children already born in the United States.

Rubio said the administration would use available immigration enforcement tools to protect American public benefits, taxpayers and the country's citizenship system.

The State Department has not announced a timetable for identifying individuals subject to the new restrictions or provided details about how many visas may be affected.

The announcement marks another step in the Trump administration's efforts to tighten immigration enforcement, with its latest measures extending scrutiny beyond visa applicants to the international businesses and individuals that arrange their travel.

ASTROLOGY



This week for you

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ARIES: Take a practical approach toward future planning. Professional matters demand patience. Family support can bring warmth. Singles may enjoy meeting someone interesting, while couples can strengthen their connection. A getaway could refresh your mood. Property-related investments may prove beneficial. Manage your schedule wisely. Students can gain through practical learning.

TAURUS: Your energy can help you handle responsibilities. Finances become stable, while professional growth require consistency. Family members need understanding. Romantic matters can become fulfilling. Travel bring experiences. Protect your property interests Community activities can inspire ideas. Students should focus on study techniques.

GEMINI: The week brings renewed enthusiasm. Your efforts toward financial stability can give you greater confidence. Work may remain demanding. Support from family can help you manage pressure. Singles experience aromantic phase, while couples deepen understanding. A trip could be refreshing. Property decisions should be made after carefully. Dedicated preparation can help students.

CANCER: A balanced approach will help. Regular income can provide financial reassurance. Family relationships can remain warm. Romantic prospects look encouraging. Give priority to nutritious meals, exercise and adequate rest. Travel plans may need some flexibility. Commercial property could offer promising opportunities. Use this period for personal development. Students can make meaningful progress through focused learning.

LEO: Financial prospects may strengthen. Professional opportunities can also open. Family environment may provide valuable encouragement. Singles could experience interesting romantic encounters, while ex relationships may become engaging. Progress is possible in property-related matters. Staying active helps. A trip brings excitement. Students can benefit from teamwork and personal development..

VIRGO: This week brings development. A disciplined diet can help. Financial planning will strengthen security. Professional support may make responsibilities easier. A family gathering could provide an opportunity to reconnect. Romantic developments may bring surprises. Spiritual activities can restore inner balance. Property investments may add value. Students should refresh their approach to explore creative methods to regain enthusiasm.

LIBRA: Achievements can make this an encouraging week. Your efforts are likely to receive appreciation. Financial progress may take time. Strengthening communication can bring harmony. Support from elders may add warmth to your romantic life. A celebratory journey could be planned. Property renovation be worthwhile. Study groups can broaden your knowledge and strengthen your performance.

SCORPIO: A healthier lifestyle helps. Thoughtful financial decisions create opportunities. Professional advancement is possible. Family matters require patience. Romantic relationships can benefit from expressing your feelings. Business travel may deliver outcomes. Some may explore opportunities involving ancestral property. Students can expand knowledge.

SAGITTARIUS: Travel opportunities may add excitement. Those with long-term health concerns may notice greater comfort. Open communication can help settle family misunderstandings. Professional growth may come . Property prospects appear encouraging. Social interactions may introduce you to influential people. Students should create a healthy balance. A well-managed routine can help you enjoy.

CAPRICORN: This week can bring encouraging progress. Financial conditions may remain supportive. Guidance and may help you overcome challenges. Romantic matters may require patience. Make thoughtful use of property-related opportunities. Your creative side may become stronger, encouraging you to showcase original ideas. Educational networking can introduce valuable connections. Overall, consistent effort can help.

AQUARIUS: The week may open doors. Strengthening relationships helps. Students may benefit from guidance. Overseas travel plans could move closer to reality. Financial improvement require you to rethink existing business strategies. Real estate could prove to be a worthwhile. Be mindful of your words and behaviour in romantic relationships. Exploring new subjects can broaden your outlook.

PISCES: A productive phase may bring greater stability. Professional learning can help improves efficiency. Financial matters become more secure. Continue giving attention to overall well-being. Family connections may bring you closer. Couples can revive romance. A short outing may offer a refreshing change. A priced property opportunity could emerge through trusted contacts. Students may perform strongly in important examinations or competitions.

IMMIGRATION

BREAKING H-1B UPDATE: Trump Renews $100,000 Payment Requirement and Adds Layoff-Related Scrutiny

By David H. Nachman, Esq

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A Second Action: New Scrutiny Tied to Layoffs

The fee renewal wasn't the only thing signed on September 18. President Trump also signed a separate Executive Order aimed at H-1B program integrity and interagency coordination. Unlike the proclamation, this order doesn't attach a new dollar figure to anything. Instead, it changes how H-1B petitions get evaluated behind the scenes.

The order directs the Secretaries of State, Labor, and Homeland Security to consult with the Secretaries of Commerce and Education, along with the Small Business Administration, to gather additional data on wages, industry conditions, and employment specialization for use in administering the H-1B program. More notably for employers, it also directs those same three agencies to factor in a petitioning employer's recent or planned layoffs of similarly situated U.S. workers when reviewing that employer's H-1B visa applications.

That layoff-related scrutiny is worth flagging on its own. An employer that has recently reduced its U.S. workforce in a role comparable to the one it's sponsoring may now face closer examination of its H-1B petitions specifically because of that layoff history, separate and apart from anything having to do with the $100,000 fee.

How This Fits With the Separate $103,265 Fee Proposal

This proclamation is entirely separate from the proposed $103,265 DHS regulatory fee on cap-subject H-1B petitions, which is still only a proposal. That rule's public comment period closes September 24, 2026, and it would still need to be finalized before taking effect. If it is finalized as drafted, some employers could end up owing both the $100,000 payment under this proclamation and the separate $103,265 fee on the same case.

What Employers Should Do Now

Employers with H-1B workers currently outside the United States, or with petitions in progress that will require consular processing, should confirm now whether the $100,000 payment applies to their situation and build it into filing timelines and budgets going forward. Employers who have recently conducted or are planning layoffs should also be aware that those decisions may now draw closer scrutiny on any H-1B petitions filed for comparable roles. Given how quickly this area has moved between vacated, reinstated, and now renewed, employers should stay alert for further litigation developments rather than treating either action as the final word.

Frequently Asked Questions

Does the $100,000 fee apply to H-1B workers already in the U.S.?

The proclamation generally targets H-1B beneficiaries outside the United States who must seek admission to activate the petition approval. Employers should obtain case-specific advice concerning extensions, amendments, changes of status, and international travel, rather than assuming a given filing falls outside the restriction.

Is this the same as the $103,265 fee I've heard about?

No, these are two separate fees from two different processes. This $100,000 payment requirement comes from a presidential proclamation and takes effect September 21, 2026. The $103,265 fee is a separate DHS regulatory proposal that has not been finalized and is still in its public comment period.

Is the $100,000 fee actually enforceable right now, given the litigation?

This is genuinely unsettled. Litigation over the original 2025 proclamation produced conflicting rulings, and the fee's enforceability shifted more than once over the summer. This new proclamation is a separate legal instrument, and how it interacts with the existing litigation is not yet clear. Employers should consult counsel before assuming the fee does or doesn't apply to a specific filing.

Are there any exceptions to the fee?

The proclamation allows the Secretary of Homeland Security to exempt a specific worker, an entire company, or an entire industry if doing so is found to be in the national interest and does not pose a security or welfare risk. The proclamation does not list specific industries that automatically qualify.

How long will this restriction stay in effect?

The restriction is scheduled to remain in effect for 12 months from its September 21, 2026 effective date, absent another extension, modification, or court action.

What is the separate Executive Order, and how is it different from the fee?

The Executive Order signed the same day doesn't involve a payment at all. It directs State, Labor, and DHS to consider an employer's recent or planned layoffs of similarly situated U.S. workers as a factor when reviewing that employer's H-1B petitions, and to coordinate with other agencies to gather more data on wages and industry conditions for the program generally.

NPZ Law Group is closely monitoring this proclamation and the related litigation and will provide updates as developments occur. If you or your family members have questions about how this or other immigration and nationality matters may affect you, please do not hesitate to contact the immigration and nationality lawyers at NPZ Law Group. You can reach us by emailing info@visaserve.com or by visiting our website at www.visaserve.com for more information.

Meta Description: Trump has renewed the $100,000 H-1B fee and signed a new order adding layoff-related scrutiny to H-1B reviews, effective September 21, 2026. Here is what changed.

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A Male ABCD Celebrates The Female Spirit Of Navratri

By Akshay Nadkarni

As an American-Born [very] Confused Desi in his mid-40's, my knowledge of Indian rituals and culture is embarrassingly limited. It's the sum of the little I remember from Sunday school, staying at a temple summer sleep-away camp during high school and now from sheepishly scraping what I can from AI.

When the calendar signals the nine-day festival of Navrati each Fall, I usually find out by a bombardment of texts from family members containing religious images and blessings. Normally we will attend at least one garba dance event at a local high school, but more of the celebration tends to happen around Diwali, which comes after the end of Navratri and is infinitely more popularized. I don't blame my lack of knowledge on my Indian-born parents (who can also be confused about the significance of certain rituals), but I think each generation can do a better job of explaining the reasons behind our cultural ceremonies to the next. (Just for the record, my wife, sister and most of my cousins are as clueless as I am.)

From what I understand, Navrati is a nine-night festival celebrating the Goddess Durga and her victory of good over evil. It's a time to honor the divine feminine. Her nine female avatars reflect a host of powerful attributes including purity, inner strength, leadership, bravery, determination, protection, justice, wisdom, creativity and compassion. Tragically, there's a disconnect between worshipping the divine female like Durga, and the real-world lack of gender equality, safety and social respect given to women in India and around the world.



PHOTOS: PROVIDED

"Yatra"
Acrylic, silkscreen on canvas
48" x 36"

LEARNING THROUGH ART

One effective and powerful way for me to understand a religious or cultural event is through art. Just consider the impact of Da Vinci's "Last Supper" in transmitting a pivotal story of Catholicism. Not as well know, but no less effective in sharing our cultural heritage, is the work of the talented contemporary artist Ela Shah. Her work is infinitely more appealing and memorable than Sunday school lectures. It's not only colorful, artistically sophisticated and beautifully rendered, but it sparks conversation and learning.

Shah reinforces the most positive attributes of Durga's avatars while "bringing them down to earth" by making them relatable in human form. More so, she brings them to America with Western influences reflecting her own journey from Bombay to the NJ/NY area. Here's just a sample.

In "On Go" you first notice a woman with multiple arms, a direct reference to the traditional depictions of the multi-armed Durga. However, when looking deeper, you notice that instead of carrying Durga's array of weapons, she's carrying various modern-day tools and items, such as a spoon, brush, food and children's clothing. To me, this represents the strength and reality of a modern-day woman who must constantly multi-task to balance her professional work and family life. She is simultaneously skating down a slope and climbing up an incline, perhaps representing the ups and downs of her daily battles. Despite how much she has going on, she makes it look easy while exuding beauty and thoughtfulness.

"Hang in There" spotlights a woman wearing a hybrid outfit featuring more Americanized colors and a Wonder Woman-like superhero top. She has only four arms this time, but she is managing to carry the weight of an ancient Indian structure on her head while skating on one foot through New York City. Is this heroine attempting to hang on to her roots in India while navigating her new world in a busy city? Does the ladder vs. tennis racket represent a work hard, play hard dynamic?

The vibrance and energy of Navratri is evident in "Yatra." At the base is what looks like traditional Indian men and women representing traditions and rituals. Above their heads, they are carrying a snake-like spirit emerging from a lamp, upon which a version of Big Bird (a popular character used in many of Shah's paintings) is standing. The main heroine balances on his head while her friends on each side celebrate her. With the beautiful mix of colors, the confetti-like spots and the feeling of movement, this painting truly evokes the spirit of Navratri.

Art can be a powerful vehicle for opening minds and understanding the intentions behind beloved rituals. Ela Shah's work bridges the gap from reverence for feminine divinity to admiration for real, modern women juggling, climbing, skating, dancing and thriving on earth. The original intentions of Navratri may have been for people to not only honor Durga's triumph over evil, but also to honor and celebrate the triumph of all the powerful women around us. Now with all of that said, I need to remember to tell my kids what I learned Navratri is all about before I become my parents…

Note: I'm proud to have recently joined the Board of her new non-profit foundation, the Ela and Dr. Bipin Shah Family Foundation, which is focused on bringing higher visibility of contemporary South Asian artists like her in America while supporting philanthropy for struggling widows and children.



"On the Go"
Mixed media on wood
62"x19"x1"



"Hang in There"
Gold leaf, Mixmedia on Wood
50"x18"x2"

The Washington Post

Is it ever okay to miss school for vacation? The answers can be controversial.

By Hannah Sampson



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Last year, Amanda Mann picked up her 11-year-old from school in Upstate New York for an appointment - which turned out to be a surprise trip to Southern California, featuring a ride on the Amtrak Pacific Surfliner to San Diego, a museum visit and two days at Disneyland.

Her child missed a couple of school days during the trip, but Mann was not concerned. She typically works to schedule absences around breaks to minimize the number of missed days, but she said her kids have gained life experience and maturity from travel that they couldn't learn in a classroom.

"As long as my kids are on top of their grades, I have zero problems with the number of days they miss," said Mann, who owns a travel agency called Living With the Magic Vacations.

As parents weigh overcrowded destinations, high travel prices and school calendars - not to mention their own work schedules - many are opting for off-peak family trips that take children out of the classroom. The choice is not without controversy.

Gail Johnson, a retired principal from the Atlanta area who still works as a substitute teacher, waded into the debate in a post on X last year saying that she could never support kids missing school just to go on vacation for a bargain. It was a request she fielded frequently as an administrator - and a type of absence she declined to excuse.

Parents shot back in reply, calling her arrogant, a heartless bureaucrat and "reason #4,683 to homeschool."

"I was absolutely, I think they call it, ratioed," she said. Her comment struck a nerve amid a larger debate around how much control parents should have over children's educations. The conversation made it to a "Today Show" segment called "The Internet's Divided."

"I felt like this was a very superficial thing, a vacation," Johnson said. "Boy, did I learn it was not."

A popular choice

The topic will often come up in conversation with clients, Mann said, especially when traveling during the school year can bring significant savings.

She said the "mom guilt" can be strong as parents question whether the trip is worth missing school.

"They're not looking at all the positive aspects of travel," she said.

"They're looking at vacation as being this silly little thing."

But families aren't immune to the benefits of traveling during off-peak "shoulder season."

Intrepid Travel, a small-group tour company, said October is its biggest month for North American families traveling outside the usual school-break times.

Overall, the company's North American family bookings have increased 32 percent year over year.

Leigh Barnes, president of Intrepid Travel North America, said in a statement that the company is seeing families maximize shorter school breaks outside of summer and take trips in May, September and October, months when school is typically in session.

Intrepid has added more family departures in October, February and March in response.



Rules of thumb

School districts generally excuse absences for illness, a family member's death or religious holidays.And educators interviewed for this article agreed that some trips warrant missed school days. But they said students in all grade levels can suffer from missing time in the classroom. And the impact could spill over to classmates and teachers, who may need to spend extra time to help the traveling student catch up."If you can avoid taking a family vacation during school days, you should avoid it," said Hedy Chang, founder and CEO of Attendance Works, a nonprofit that works with school districts to reduce chronic absences. Depending on the district, missing too much school without an approved excuse can trigger penalties. In D.C., for example, the public school system will send an attendance notification to a student's family in collaboration with police after seven full-day unexcused absences. If a student age 5 to 13 reaches 10 unexcused absences, the school system will refer them to the District's Child and Family Services Agency. "What's a mistake is to assume you can just miss school and there are no consequences," Chang said. "It may not be punitive. But there could still be consequences to your kids' learning and development."

The downside

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Learning from vacation

Carrie Kirby, who writes the travel blog Miles on a Dime, went with her family on a two-week trip to Australia in 2016 for a cousin's wedding. The trip required taking her three children out of school, but they were not considered absent because they arranged to bring work assignments on the trip under education rules in California.

The kids learned about venomous spiders at the Australian Reptile Park, hiked in national parks, swam in the ocean, encountered a kangaroo at Taronga Zoo Sydney and toured a botanic garden. They also brought work with them for a two-week trip to England and Denmark in 2015 for a vacation planned around a different wedding, and to Lake Tahoe for a week.

"My overall philosophy was definitely that I felt like there were a lot of things they could learn out in the world," said Kirby, though the long trips stopped as the children got older and felt as though they couldn't miss as much class time.

Elizabeth Richardson's kids, in kindergarten and fourth grade, go to a year-round school in North Carolina that gets a shorter summer break but longer breaks throughout the year than traditional schools.

"So they're often telling us: 'You really shouldn't be missing school to go on vacation because we have a lot of breaks during off time,'" said Richardson, an author who works in communications at a university.

But early last year, when the family had a chance to go to Costa Rica for a week, she applied for an educational absence for her older son. He got a packet with homework and wrote about what he did and learned on the trip. Then that era ended when the school said it would no longer approve educational absences.

Richardson, whose husband is a principal at another school, said she will keep making the most of the kids' breaks. She wants to take them to London but knows missing a week of school for a trip to Europe, for example, wouldn't fly. "I'm not going to get away with that," she said.

Why Is Dev Anand Forever Young?

By Archana Adalja

He would have been 103. Dev Anand, on September 26. If he was here – in this twenty first century when the world has changed and when cinema has shifted from an integrated whole to a done-in-parts-sometimes-with-AI fragments joined together.

But then, classics always remain, even after centuries. No one can disregard Shakespeare. No one can disregard Guru Dutt. And no one can disregard Dev Anand. Even today.

While some would write him off as a film hero of the old times, with precise mannerisms, Dev Anand's tremendous contribution to the spirit and mental makeup of the urban youth in the newly independent India needs more than fleeting attention.

Dev Anand's filmography reveals a deeply empathetic actor. Holding a Bachelor's degree in English Literature from Lahore College, he excelled at navigating the complex emotional landscapes of a rapidly changing India, capturing both its optimistic dreams and its dark, gritty underbellies.

In the 1950s, as a newly independent India witnessed a massive migratory shift from rural landscapes to bustling cities, Dev Anand became the definitive screen avatar of the displaced urban youth. He dressed in Western outfits, and spoke rapidly without a local accent, even in Hindi.

Unlike the tragic, brooding figures or the idealized rural heroes of his contemporaries, his characters belonged entirely to the asphalt and neon lights of the metropolis. Unlike the traditional romantic leads of his era, Dev Anand rarely played a passive "rich heir" or zamindar's son who simply loitered around a mansion.

He was the pioneer of the working-class urban hero in Bollywood. His characters were almost always working professionals, self-employed hustlers, or ambitious lower-middle-class men navigating the daily grind of city life.

In seminal noir classics like Baazi (1951), Taxi Driver (1954), and Kala Bazar (1960), he embodied the struggles of the marginalized city dweller. These characters, whether a desperate gambler, a cynical cabbie, or a black-marketer, reflected the survival instincts of a youth caught between traditional morality and the harsh economic realities of urban life.

He brought an effortless, bohemian cool to these roles, making the disenfranchised youth feel seen, understood, and ultimately, humanized.

What set Dev Anand apart in these urban narratives was his ability to infuse morally ambiguous characters with profound emotional vulnerability. He rarely played saints; instead, he played deeply flawed men driven to the edge by circumstance.

His emotional range shone brightest when his characters faced intense internal conflicts. Baazi (1951), Taxi Driver (1954), Kala Bazar (1960), Bambai Ka Babu (1960), Guide (1965) were films where he perfectly captured the anxiety of a man compromising his ideals for survival, showcasing the heavy guilt that hid beneath a charming exterior.

Behind the fast-talking façade of the characters lay an aching loneliness, a yearning for genuine human connection amidst the cold, unforgiving machinery of the big city, and Dev Anand conveyed this beautifully. Many a tears were shed with him and for him in Fantoosh when he sang 'Dukhi Man Mere".

Even when backed into a corner, his characters exhibited a resilient optimism, a refusal to let the city crush their spirit, encapsulating Dev Anand's definitive 'Urban Optimist' archetype, which he pioneered in his 1950s Bombay noir and crime thrillers such as C.I.D., Kala Bazar and more.

This duality of the characters he portrayed and the manner in which he portrayed them struck home with the young audiences who could identify with him, feeling he was one of them.



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Indo American Society felicitates Dev Anand.

As India industrialized, the youth aspired to modern, respectable careers. Dev Anand stepped into these specialized professions, using them as backdrops to examine the emotional and psychological fracturing of the educated middle class.



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Dev Anand and Sadhana in film Hum Dono

By grounding his characters in distinct urban professions such as the architect in Tere Ghar Ke Samne, the doctor in Tere Mere Sapne, the journalist in Solva Saal, and the white-collar accountant in Munimji , he gave a realistic face to the aspirations and emotional tribulations of the post-independence urban youth.

Good looking, well dressed and young, Dev Anand also became master of nuanced romance and melancholy in the 1960s. His portrayal of the urban youth evolved to encompass deeper psychological and romantic complexities. Teen Devian (1965) portrayed this softer anti-hero who dated three women simultaneously. Instead of relying on melodramatic clichés, Anand's romantic on-screen relationships during that era felt modern, progressive and respectful.

His performance in Guide (1965) marked the absolute zenith of this evolution. As Raju, he portrayed a man traversing the entire spectrum of human emotion, from a charming romantic and a materialistic urban smooth-talker to a deeply conflicted lover and, ultimately, a flawed man seeking spiritual absolution.

He represented a youth that viewed love not just as a familial duty, but as a deeply personal, emotional, and sometimes painful choice.

The melancholy in his romantic setbacks was never passive. It was filled with a restless, poetic energy that defined the aspirations and heartbreaks of a generation. Through this unique blend of style, grit, and raw emotional vulnerability, Dev Anand didn't just play roles: he mirrored the soul of modernizing India.



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Dev Anand stamp of India.

Dev Anand gave some soulful performances too, while he famously captured the kinetic energy of the modern Indian metropolis. His most impactful roles focused heavily on internal conflict, psychological fragility, and moral compromise.

Dev Anand's true brilliance lay in portraying characters whose slick, confident exteriors masked an aching vulnerability. He was the master of "urban melancholy," playing men who were not inherently evil but were pushed into moral ambiguity by the unforgiving machinery of the big city.

In Kala Bazar (1960), where he plays an opportunistic black-marketer, beneath whose suave charm, Anand exposes a raw, shifting conscience. The emotional weight of the character hinges on his sudden, agonizing awakening to his own degradation when he falls in love with a progressive woman. The transition from cocky defiance to deep remorse showcases Anand's ability to portray the intense guilt plaguing a displaced youth trying to reconcile survival with integrity.

In Baazi (1951), his portrayal of a desperate gambler is laced with a palpable anxiety. He doesn't play the criminal with hardened malice; instead, his expressive eyes convey the sheer terror and loneliness of an urban youth backed into a corner, gambling not for greed, but to save his family.

The absolute peak of Dev Anand's emotional range occurred when he stripped away his professional armor entirely to examine identity and existential dread. In Hum Dono, playing a double role as two military officers, he masterfully portrays the psychological trauma of war and the agonizing burden of stolen identity. His performance as Captain Anand, forced to comfort a dying comrade's family while pretending to be him, is a master class in suppressed grief and emotional claustrophobia.

This culminated in Guide, where his character, Raju, transitions from a smooth-talking local professional into a fragmented, broken man who loses his wealth, his love, and his freedom. In the final act, mistaken for a spiritual saint during a catastrophic drought, Anand achieves an acting zenith. His performance ceases to be about urban style; it becomes a raw, agonizing exploration of a flawed man's superego battling his own ego.

Through all this, Anand's younger brother Vijay (Goldie) Anand took his natural style and channeled it into complex, emotionally heavy spaces. Vijay Anand possessed an ahead-of-time understanding of film grammar, camera movement, and character psychology. He transformed the breezy star Dev Anand into a serious dramatic actor, pioneering sophisticated framing of internal guilt and identity crises in character portrayals. S.D. Burman created urban soundscapes with modern instruments like guitar and violin for these revelations.

Working in perfect unison, the two Anands and Burman made sure that Dev Anand's characters were never one –dimensional. Vijay Anand gave the urban youth a sharp, psychological mirror to look into. S.D. Burman gave him a voice to sing his sorrows.

Through such specific, deeply humanized professional and emotional arcs, Dev Anand didn't just entertain post-independence India: he profoundly validated the internal struggles of its evolving youth. Together, the three created an immortal template of modern Indian masculinity. Dev Anand remains that master template in most memories!

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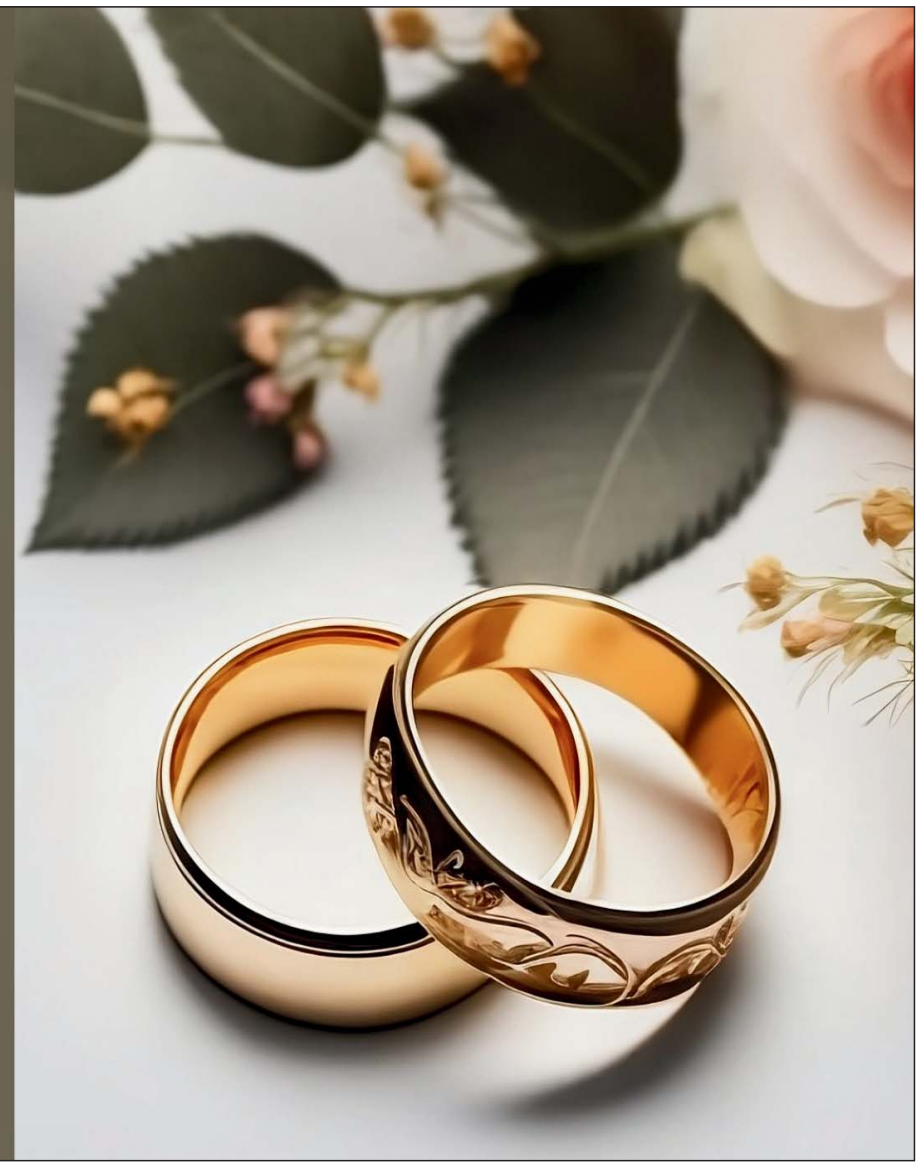
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