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Reading US Politics Through An Indian Lens

By Vivek Wadhwa

America has given both parties another chance to find some balance. Democrats should remember who handed them this victory, and Republicans should remember why

The Democrats are gleefully celebrating their mid-term electoral triumph. Before they convince themselves that the US has embraced their progressive agenda, they should send the Republicans a thank-you note.

The Republicans had an opportunity to build a commanding majority around economic growth, competent government, and frustration with the excesses of the far Left. Instead, they pandered to their own extremists and handed the Democrats their heads on a silver platter. MAGA turned potential allies into reluctant Democrats or people who simply stayed home.

I was one of those who could not bring himself to support the extremes on either side.

For Indian-Americans, the Republican failure is particularly frustrating because they talk about merit, hard work, family values, and enterprise. They should be championing people like us, who study hard, build businesses, create jobs, and give their children a better future. Instead, arguments about H-1B visas became attacks on our accents, food, religion, and loyalty.

People who had spent decades contributing to America were told they did not belong. The Republicans betrayed the very principles that could have built them a lasting majority.

The Democrats should not confuse this alienation with enthusiasm for their policies. Many of the policies being marketed as "progressive" look horribly familiar to those of us who remember socialist India: Government-directed investment, wealth redistribution, and ration shops. We recognise the furniture, even if someone has changed the curtains.

Being driven away by hateful politics doesn't mean we have accepted these regressive policies. American politics now resembles two pendulums swinging towards opposite extremes. One side scapegoats immigrants, while the other wants government to direct more of the economy, redistribute more wealth, and drag families into endless cultural battles.

The example that troubles me personally is that of Congressman Ro Khanna, a rising political leader I have long known and respected. Representing Silicon Valley, Khanna understands technology, entrepreneurship, and American competitiveness. He has thought seriously about how to revive manufacturing and bring opportunity to communities left behind. He knows that businesses create the wealth that politicians promise to distribute.

He is right that Silicon Valley's prosperity has not reached everyone. But his remedies sound just like those that kept India mired in poverty. He calls this "progressive capitalism". He has proposed a 5% tax on billionaire wealth alongside Bernie Sanders. He has also proposed a national industrial bank, with legislation directing up to $15 billion annually from existing China tariff revenues into loans, grants, and equity investments in manufacturers.

Using tariff revenue does not make the money free; we still have to pay for it, and the government gets to decide what business to fund. India's Licence Raj taught us what happens in this scenario: Entrepreneurs compete to cultivate officials rather than gain customers, and bribery becomes a norm.

The wealth tax creates another problem: A founder's wealth typically comes from ownership in a company rather than cash sitting in a bank. Taxing that ownership changes the incentives to invest in, build, and hold assets. India spent decades treating private success with suspicion, then wo dered why so many of us fled the country.

Khanna should understand the difference between making more people prosperous and reassigning prosperity.

Then there is Zohran Mamdani, a brilliant communicator and inspirational political figure whose affordability agenda includes establishing municipal grocery stores and freezing rents on apartments. His grocery proposal brings back memories of India's ration shops. Affordable essentials were the promise — yet poor-quality grain, missing supplies, and food diverted before reaching families were the realities. Stamping a government-determined price on food did not ensure that it reached the person desperately waiting for it.

New York can give the idea a fresh coat of paint — but still has to explain how its stores will avoid the nightmares that Indians remember.

Then, there is rent control. You can freeze the rent, but the plumbing, insurance, and repair bills keep increasing. If controls make rental housing less attractive to maintain or provide, the family already inside gets relief while the family searching for a home faces fewer choices.

The common mistake is to focus on controlling prices and distributing existing wealth while neglecting the incentives to produce more. Governments end up distributing poverty rather than sharing wealth. India's liberalisation showed what becomes possible when the economy is set free. The lesson was simple: Remove the obstacles to creating wealth before expanding the bureaucracy that decides how everyone should share it.

All that is missing in the Democrats' progressive agenda are the five-year plans that India long abandoned. The good news is that politicians, in America as in India, always discover pragmatism when they actually have to fulfil campaign promises. Governing has a way of introducing slogans to arithmetic.

Even Mamdani's grocery plan relies on experienced outside operators. Fortunately, the Democrats' huge congressional majority gives them room to implement sensible policies without listening to their most extreme members. And voters often show more common sense than politicians: Deep-blue California rejected a proposed tax on billionaires' wealth.

I even expect my friend, Ro Khanna, to return to the centre. He understands innovation and knows that the US needs more people creating wealth, more businesses growing, and more families sharing in the gains.

The Republicans have an equally important lesson to learn: You cannot build a lasting majority by driving away people who share the values you claim to defend.

America has given both parties another chance to find some balance. The Democrats should remember who handed them this victory, and the Republicans should remember why...



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UK's Prince William, Princess Kate Begin India Visit With Street Cricket

Britain's Prince William and Kate Middleton took part in a game of street cricket in Mumbai on Monday, the first day of a three-day trip that marks the Princess of Wales' most high-profile overseas visit since undergoing treatment for cancer in 2024.

As musicians wearing traditional headgear played ceremonial drums, William and Kate fielded balls from legendary cricketer Sachin Tendulkar as well as local children. They also laughed and chatted with spectators.

The game took place in an alley in Ballard Estate, a heritage neighbourhood in South Mumbai. Alley cricket — played at all times of the day and night — is deeply associated with Mumbai, a city that is home to almost 13 million but with few sports grounds.

Later in the day, the couple will ride on the financial capital's metro rail system, a symbol of how Britain and India have worked together to support economic growth and promote climate-friendly commuting options.



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Britain's William, Prince of Wales, reacts after playing a shot during a game of gully cricket as the royals visit the Ballard Estate on the first day of their visit for the sixth annual Earthshot Prize Awards in Mumbai, India, November 16, 2026.

They will then meet the finalists for the Earthshot Prize awards, which will be announced on Tuesday.

Founded in 2020 by heir-to-the-throne William, the Earthshot Prize aims to find solutions to climate change, and awards five winners £1 million ($1.3 million) each to scale up their projects.

The couple will conclude their visit with a meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi.

Kate, 44, underwent preventative chemotherapy for an unspecified form of cancer, after which she significantly reduced her official workload.

Now in remission, she has gradually increased her public appearances, but had not joined William on previous foreign trips.

Her only significant overseas visit since 2024 was in May, when she travelled alone to Italy for two days as part of her work focusing on early childhood development.

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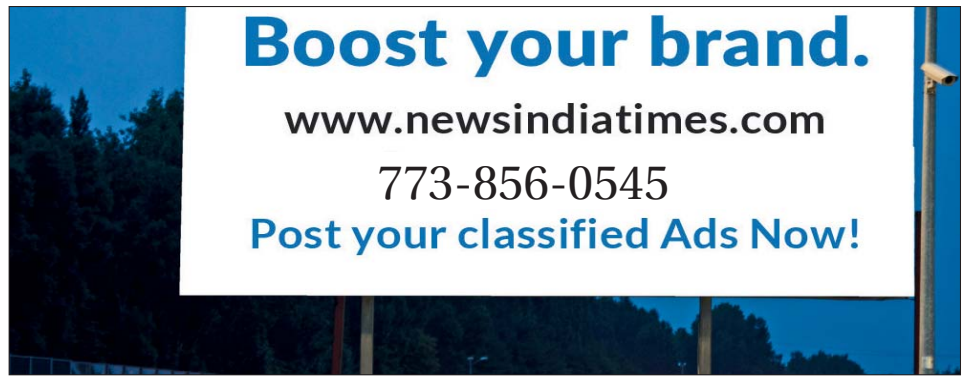



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Stopping Anti-India Hate, Reclaiming Tariff Powers Priorities: Congressman-Elect Amish Shah

Indian-American Congressman-elect Dr Amish Shah on Wednesday, November 11, said that addressing anti-India hate in the United States and restoring Congress's authority over tariffs by taking the power away from the White House will be among his top priorities when he assumes office on January 3.

Shah defeated Republican Jay Feely to win Arizona's 1st Congressional District in the 2026 midterm elections of November 3, becoming the first South Asian American to represent Arizona in the US Congress in the history of this country.

Speaking to ANI on the sidelines of a press conference organized by the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), Shah said members of the Indian-American community had raised concerns about anti-India hate as well as the impact of tariffs on Indian entrepreneurs and businesses.

"One of the top priorities that the Indian American community told me about, besides stopping Indian hate, is that they also talked clearly about how the tariffs were hurting our Indian entrepreneurs and the Indian business community," Shah told ANI.

Emphasizing the need to roll back tariffs and restore congressional authority over trade-related decisions, the Congressman-elect said these measures would also help small businesses, including those operating in his constituency.

"Rolling back those tariffs, reasserting Congress's authority over tariffs, and taking it away from the White House will be a top priority as well. We want to help all the small businesses, including all the ones in my district," he said.

Shah further said tariffs were increasing the cost of basic goods for American consumers and stressed that addressing the issue would be a priority for the incoming Congress.

"You cannot have these basic things cost more for the American people out there because of these tariffs. We are going to be the ones who have to stop that," Shah told ANI.

Speaking about his engagement with the Indian-American community in Congress, Shah said he planned to join the India Caucus.

Shah also outlined the domestic issues that he intends to prioritise, including the rising cost of living, the economy, healthcare affordability, access to coverage and water supply in his district.

"The American people made it very clear that they want us to focus on costs, the economy, health care and bringing down those premiums and covering everybody. People of my district sent me here because we are also worried about our water supply. All of those are our top priorities here, as well as tackling the corruption we have seen over the last couple of years that has caused economic hardship," Shah said.

Reiterating his commitment to acting on the concerns raised by voters, Shah said the incoming members would begin addressing these issues from their first day in office.

"We have not forgotten the clear message that was sent, and that is going to be what we are going to do on day one, January 3rd," he said.

According to CNN's election results updated on November 10, with an estimated 99 per cent of the votes counted, Shah secured 52.4 per cent of the vote, while Feely received 45.4 per cent.

-ANI



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Congressman-Elect Dr. Amish Shah, D- Arizona.



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Emergency doctor. Dr. Amish Shah



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Dr. Amish Shah, NFL physician who worked on sidelines providing emergency care to the New York Jets.



Dr. Amish Shah, a pilot who flew himself to treat patients in underserved communities.

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Arizona Senate Democrats Choose Indian American Priya Sundareshan For President

By a Staff Writer

Indian American Priya Sundareshan, a Democrat re-elected to the state Senate in Arizona on November 3, 2026, was declared the President of the upper house November 6, by her fellow party leadership.

In an announcement November 6, the Democrats in the Arizona Senate announce their leadership team for the 58th Legislature, as the party prepared to hold an outright Senate major4ity for the first time in more than 30 years.

"The incoming majority will make lowering costs for Arizona's working families its top priority," the press release said.

"We heard you loud and clear. Arizonans rejected partisan extremism and chose a new direction," Senate President-elect Sundareshan is quoted saying.

"I am proud of what we accomplished together during my time as minority leader, and I'm ready to lead us into the next chapter."

Sundareshan first assumed office as a member of the State Senate representing District 18 on January 9, 2023. She was selected as Senate minority leader on January 13, 2025.

Since November 2024, Sundareshan served as Senate Democratic Leader, taking up issues close to her heart, such as renewable energy, water resources conservation, full funding of public schools etc.

Known as a "climate champion" the Indian American politician was born and raised in District 18.

"I love Tucson and the opportunities I had for an excellent public education and exploring the outdoors," she said on her website. Until 2023, Sundareshan taught natural resources law at the University of Arizona, and previously advocated for sustainable resource management with the Environmental Defense Fund.

She has led voter protection efforts and redistricting engagement within the Arizona Democratic Party.

A graduate in engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Sundareshan did natural resource economics at the University of Arizona.

"I know we need more science-based decision-making in politics, especially when it comes to preserving our beautiful state for future generations," she says.

Sundareshan was announced as President-elect of the Senate when results for some seats were still being counted.

"Early returns show our caucus is on track to grow from 13 to 20 members, a historic supermajority," she declared. "We don't take that trust for granted. I'm excited to build on the work of our talented returning elected senators and welcome the newly elected members whoi will bring fresh ideas and perspectives tour caucus," Sundareshan went on to say. "We're united in our commitment to earn your trust every day by delivering results you can feel in your daily life."

That, she said, means lowering costs for working families, keeping communities safe and giving every Arizonan a fair shot at getting ahead. Wherever you live and whoever you voted for, we're are here to work for you," she concluded.

In the same announcement, her colleagues Christine Marsh (District 5) was selected Senate Majority Leader-elect; and Analise Ortiz, District 24, was made Senate Majority Whip-elect.



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Arizona Senator-elect Priya Sundareshan.



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Senate Majority leadership which shows Priya Sundareshan was elected President.



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Arizona State Senate Caucus. Priya Sundareshan, front center.

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As part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations of NVBS and the 10th Anniversary of Life Global UK, a fundraising initiative with a target of £100,000 for women's empowerment brought together over 500 supporters from the UK and overseas. This collective commitment to social transformation took a meaningful step forward with the virtual inauguration of the Women Empowerment Training Programme on 10 October 2026, benefiting over 350 underprivileged women in Ahmedabad District, Gujarat. The initiative marks the fulfilment of the commitment made through "The 250 Challenge – 'Change a Life'," translating the generosity of donors into practical opportunities for vocational training, sustainable livelihoods and financial independence.

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The virtual inauguration was graced by Bina and Mayur Sanghvi (Chair), Avni Mehta (Ambassador) Life Global UK; Anna & Mitesh Vekaria (Vascroft Foundation), Jaswant Doshi (President, Navnat Vanik Association of UK), Sushma Shah (President) and Saroj Varia (Former President) of NVBS, Sangeeta & Dilip Bavisha, Manish Mehta, Bharati & Ramesh Shah and Bhogilal Sanghvi (Trustees, Life Global UK), Piyush Vora, Amit Lathia, and esteemed supporters of NVBS & Life Global UK. Representing Project 'Life', India, were Shashikant Koticha (Managing Trustee), Kirit Vassa (Joint Executive Trustee), Meetal Koticha Shah (Joint Executive Trustee & CEO) & Rushikesh Pandya (Chief Development & Operating Officer).


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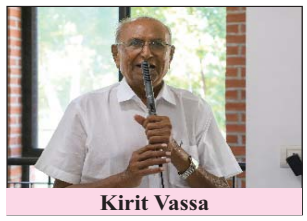
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Moksh Dham Supporters Renew Commitment At Diwali Gathering

By Bhailal M. Patel

Community members set their sights on completing a dedicated center for Hindu and other Sanatani final rites.

Supporters of Moksh Dham Cremations Inc. gathered at Maharaj Banquets on Nov. 7, in Franklin Park, Illinois, to celebrate Diwali and the New Year—and renew their commitment to completing a dedicated center for final rites in the Chicago area.

The gathering brought together Super Trustees, Trustees, members, donors and sevaks. In her remarks, Dr. Rashmi Patel, president of Moksh Dham Cremations Inc., called on supporters to unite around the project, a press release from Asian Media USA said.

"This year, let us all work together with one mission for Mokshdham and make it a great success," Patel said. "Our goal is to complete the Mokshdham building before next year."

Organizers recognized Grand Sponsors Dilip Parikh, Dr. Mistry, Mafatbhai Patel, Dr. Vinod Parikh, Dr. A. J. Patel and Devan Parikh for their early and substantial support.

Moksh Dham Cremations Inc. is a nonprofit organization formed to provide a place where families can observe Antim Agni Sanskar—the final sacred rite—with religious dignity and at an affordable cost. The organization says the Chicago metropolitan area has an estimated 250,000 Hindus, Jains, Sikhs, Buddhists and other followers of Sanatan Dharma, including many senior residents, and that families need a facility designed to accommodate their religious and cultural practices.



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Mokshdham Supporters Gather for Diwali and New Year on November 7, 2026.

The proposed center is planned for an approximately 4.6-acre site at 5N047 Route 83 near Bensenville. According to the organization, the proposal received 16–2 approval from the DuPage County Board after earlier endorsements from the county's zoning board of appeals and development committee. Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi also formally supported the proposal, organizers said.

The proposal has drawn concerns from Bensenville officials about the site's proximity to homes, schools and parks. DuPage County board member Sam Tornatore, who chairs the development committee, said earlier plans for the property had been rejected and that the current design includes improvements to stormwater management and wetland conditions. Organizers say cremation chambers will be engineered to prevent smoke and odor emissions.

Plans call for a two-story building of approximately 13,100 square feet, with two prayer and gathering halls that can accommodate up to 400 visitors for ceremonies, bhajans and memorials. The site is planned to include parking for more than 200 vehicles and a temple dedicated to Lord Shiva.

The center is also expected to offer technology for remote participation through closed-circuit cameras and internet broadcasting. Planned services include access to qualified priests, guidance for families, rental caskets with disposable containers, documented return of remains, assistance with Asthi Visarjan and future grief-support resources.

Moksh Dham says its founders, officers and board members serve without compensation. The project is funded through charitable donations, corporate philanthropy, fundraising events and non-interest-bearing loans. Sponsorship and membership opportunities include building naming rights, the Shiva Temple, prayer halls, cremation chambers, a mortuary van, Super Trustee and Trustee memberships, lifetime memberships, memorial benches and commemorative bricks.

At the Nov. 7 gathering, the celebration's festive spirit was paired with a shared focus on completing the project. Supporters said the center would provide families with a dedicated place to honor loved ones according to their traditions.

Those interested in supporting the project or learning about sponsorship and membership opportunities may contact Dr. Rashmi Patel at (773) 592-9501 or Mokshdhaminc@gmail.com. More information is available at MokshDham.org.

Naperville Councilman Ashfaq Syed Honored For Decade Of Community Service At ICN Fundraiser

By a Staff Writer

Naperville City Councilman Ashfaq Syed received the Special Community Recognition Award at the Islamic Center of Naperville's annual fundraising dinner, honoring more than a decade of volunteer service, community engagement and contributions to the organization and the broader Chicago area.

The event drew more than 800 community members, bringing together supporters, volunteers and community leaders to celebrate service and strengthen the center's community initiatives.

ICN President Dr. Atif Fakruddin presented the award on behalf of the organization, recognizing Syed's longstanding dedication, leadership and commitment to community service.

In his acceptance remarks, Syed expressed gratitude to Fakruddin, the ICN board of directors and the organization's leadership for the honor. He described receiving recognition from his own mosque and community as one of the most emotional and memorable moments of his life.

"ICN has never been just a place of worship. It is a place of belonging, brotherhood, friendship, and togetherness," Syed said. "Being able to give back to a community that has given me so much has been one of the most meaningful experiences of my life."

Syed also acknowledged the important role his family has played in supporting his years of volunteer work and public service. He thanked his wife, Ayeisha Osman Bakhateeb, and their children, Juveria, Amaan and Amaar, for their patience, understanding and encouragement throughout his journey.

Paying tribute to his parents, Syed remembered his late father, Masood Syed, and expressed appreciation for his mother, Aziz Fatima. He credited their guidance, values and upbringing with inspiring his commitment to helping others and giving back to society.

The recognition highlighted Syed's contributions to ICN over the past decade, as well as his continued engagement with the wider community while serving in public office.

Syed reaffirmed his commitment to serving others with humility, compassion and dedication, emphasizing the importance of community involvement and the values of service and togetherness.

He concluded his remarks with a prayer: "May Allah SWT continue to bless us with the strength, wisdom, and opportunities to serve our community and humanity. Ameen."



PHOTO: ASHFAQ SYED

Naperville City Councilman Ashfaq Syed, right, receives the Special Community Recognition Award from Islamic Center of Naperville President Dr. Atif Fakruddin during the organization's annual fundraising dinner in the Chicago area. The award recognizes Syed's more than 10 years of volunteer service and contributions to the community. More than 800 people attended the event.



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Blink-Powered Glasses Developed By Northwestern U Team Led By Indian American Could Keep An Eye On Health

By a Staff Writer

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From blinking and smiling to jaw clenching and eyebrow raising, faces are constantly in motion — and generating tiny amounts of energy along the way.

Now, Northwestern University engineers are putting that energy to work.

In a new study, the team developed a wholly new type of smart glasses equipped with tiny sensors that harvest mechanical energy from facial movements and convert it into electrical power. Even a quick blink or an artery's faint pulsing provides enough mechanical energy to activate the highly sensitive sensors.

To put their self-powered sensors to the test, researchers used the glasses to detect jaw clenching, teeth tapping, blinking and eyebrow raising. Not only did the glasses distinguish these movements from everyday activities like talking and eating, but it also recognized teeth tapping with 99% accuracy and jaw clenching with 96% accuracy.

The advance could pave the way for common glasses to seamlessly monitor cardiovascular health, bruxism (inadvertent jaw clenching and teeth grinding), fatigue, eating behaviors and other activities throughout the day — without bulky batteries or regular charging.

The researchers will present this work, called GlassTENG, at 4 p.m. China Standard Time (4 a.m. EDT) on Thursday, Oct. 15 at UbiComp/ISWC 2026, a premier conference for ubiquitous, pervasive and wearable computing. "GlassTENG: Self-powered triboelectric nanogenerator based sensing of pulse, jaw and upper facial activity from everyday glasses," is a part of the session "Eyewear Computing." The paper is available in the Proceedings of the 2026 ACM International Symposium on Wearable Computers.

"The human face is a goldmine for health data, making everyday glasses the perfect wearable," said Northwestern's Nivedita Arora, who led the work. "Generally, wearables track health data, like heart rate, through the wrist. But people have to remember to wear those trackers and take them off to recharge. Our idea is based on the fact that half the population already wears glasses. We can turn those glasses into wearables without asking people to change their habits and behaviors."

An expert in self-powered electronics, Arora is the Breed Chair Assistant Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering and Computer Science at Northwestern's McCormick School of Engineering, where she leads the Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (VAK) Embodied Systems Lab. Raj Dave, Jovanis Prodanich and Yung-ching Lai — all master's students in the VAK Embodied Systems Lab — are the study's co-first authors.



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Nivedita Arora, Allen K. and Johnnie Cordell Breed Junior Professor of Design, Northwestern University, Illinois.

A LITTLE STATIC GOES A LONG WAY

At the heart of the new glasses are three paper-thin devices called triboelectric nanogenerators (TENGs). Although the name sounds complicated, the phenomenon behind them is familiar: static electricity.

Anyone who has rubbed a balloon against their hair or pet a cat's fur on a dry winter day has experienced the triboelectric effect. When two different materials come into contact and then separate, electrons can transfer from one material to the other, generating a brief electrical charge.

GlassTENG takes advantage of that same basic phenomenon. Each flexible sensor contains layers of materials that repeatedly press together and separate in response to facial movements. A blink, for example, pushes against one sensor. A clenched jaw activates another. Even the subtle pressure produced by blood pumping through an artery can push the sensors.

"As the layers touch and separate, they generate a tiny voltage," Arora said. "That means the very movement being measured supplies the mechanical energy needed to power its detection. In other words, a blink helps power the sensor that detects the blink."



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Professor Nivedita Arora of Northwestern U, who is leading the team developing these eyeglasses.

THREE SENSORS, MANY SIGNALS

To capture as much information as possible, Arora and her team positioned three sensors at strategic locations around the glasses frame. One sits at the bridge of the nose, near the angular artery and muscles surrounding the eyes. There, it can pick up the pulse as well as blinking and eyebrow movements. Another sensor sits near the temple, where it detects the superficial temporal artery along with jaw movements. A third sensor sits closer to the ear, where it detects movements from chewing and clenching.

Together, the three sensors give the glasses different vantage points from which to "feel" the face's movements. And the sensors are sensitive to a range of forces. An arterial pulse — the lightest force the researchers tested — generated electrical signals of about 50 to 100 millivolts. Blinks and eyebrow raises produced roughly 200 to 500 millivolts. Stronger jaw movements, including chewing and clenching, generated signals as high as 1.5 volts.

"These differences give various facial activities their own recognizable electrical signatures," Arora said.

While wearing GlassTENG, 20 participants performed six activities: blinking, raising their eyebrows, clenching their teeth, tapping their teeth, eating and talking. The research team then used machine-learning algorithms to analyze patterns in the electrical signals and determine which activity each participant performed. Across the six activities, the system achieved 93.8% accuracy.

"One of the most exciting possibilities is using this technology to turn unconscious behaviors into opportunities for meaningful behavior," said study coauthor Nabil Alshurafa, an associate professor of preventive medicine, computer science and electrical and computer engineering at Northwestern, where he has appointments at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and McCormick. "Imagine glasses that recognize when someone is clenching their jaw and gently prompt them to relax or detect eating and encourage mindful awareness of their habits. By combining cardiovascular and behavioral sensing within the same ultra-low-power platform, GlassTENG opens the door to studying how physiological states and everyday behaviors interact and to delivering personalized interventions at the moments they may be most helpful."

ULTRA-LOW POWER, BIG BENEFITS

Beyond what GlassTENG can do, another big advantage is what it doesn't need: electricity. Many existing wearables continuously draw power. Constant power consumption leads to bigger energy demands that require bigger batteries, which add weight and bulk. Batteries also need regular recharging, which presents another barrier to truly continuous health monitoring.

GlassTENG's three sensors consume just 4.1 microwatts of power combined — orders of magnitude less power than many conventional sensing technologies. From there, it uses Bluetooth to stream data straight to a smart phone or tablet.

"In the long-term, we want to do on-device computation," Arora said. "If it detected a physiological event, it could have on-device intelligence in a battery-free way that could give immediate feedback. For example, if it detected jaw clenching, it could immediately alert the user to relax their jaw. I think it's only a matter of time until the glasses we wear everyday can monitor our health."

"The future isn't just wearables that tell us what we did," Alshurafa said, "but wearables that help us recognize and change what we're doing in the moment."

The study, "GlassTENG: Self-powered triboelectric nanogenerator based sensing of pulse, jaw and upper facial activity from everyday glasses," was partially supported by the Ansys, Inc.

Travel Considerations While Your Extension or Change of Status Is Pending

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If you have applied for an extension of stay (EOS) or change of status (COS), you may wonder what happens if your current nonimmigrant status expires before USCIS makes a decision.

Understanding the difference between lawful immigration status and a period of authorized stay is important, especially before making travel plans.

What does a pending application mean?

A timely filed, nonfrivolous EOS or COS application generally prevents unlawful presence from accruing while it remains pending, provided applicable requirements are met, including restrictions on unauthorized employment.

However, that protection does not itself extend or grant lawful nonimmigrant status. USCIS explains that a pending application does not automatically protect someone from removal proceedings after their existing status expires. If USCIS approves the application, the approval may retroactively cover the period after the prior status expired.

Being out of status and accruing unlawful presence are different legal concepts. Your circumstances and immigration history determine how these rules apply to you.

What should you do before traveling?

If your current status has expired and your EOS or COS application remains pending, consult your immigration attorney before making travel plans, including domestic flights.

Consider these practical steps:

- Review your records. Check your most recent I-94 and any prior USCIS approval notices with your attorney.
- Keep relevant documents accessible. Receipt notices and filing records document your pending request but do not themselves grant lawful status.
- Discuss international travel separately. Leaving the United States may affect your pending request and ability to return.
- Ask about processing options. Your attorney can determine whether premium processing is available and appropriate for your filing.
- A pending application does not mean that enforcement action will occur. The purpose of this reminder is to help you understand your circumstances and obtain individual guidance before traveling.

For questions about this or other immigration and nationality matters, please contact the immigration and nationality lawyers at Nachman, Phulwani, Zimovcak & Batra Law Group, P.C. Email info@visaserve.com or visit www.visaserve.com.

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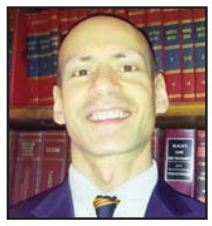
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Indian-American Astronaut Sunita Williams Honored As Grand Marshal Of NY Veterans Day Parade

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Indian American astronaut Sunita Wlliams, right, was the Grand Marshal at the New York City Veterans Day Parade November 11, 2026. She is seen here with NYC Mayor Zohran Mamdani, left.

Indian-American astronaut Sunita Williams was honored as Grand Marshal of the Veterans Day Parade, November 11, which pays tribute to military members.

The celebrated spacefarer, who is a retired Navy captain, spearheaded a massive procession of 20,000 participants along Manhattan's Fifth Avenue on Wednesday.

Reflecting on her central role, the Grand Marshal remarked that it was "an incredible honor", noting, "My time in the Navy shaped who I am and prepared me for every challenge that followed."

She added, "I'm proud to join New Yorkers and Americans from around the country in honoring the service, sacrifice, and commitment of veterans from every generation."

Before joining the space agency, she served as a test pilot, subsequently undertaking three missions spanning a cumulative 608 days in orbit. During her career, she established a record for the most spacewalks by a woman, completing nine spacewalks totalling 62 hours.

Williams said she looked forward to train future service members who would do things one could not even dream of today. She went on to say, "What an amazing day. What a great place to be. Great showing of how we honor our veterans,... I joined the military. I never (thought) for a moment that I would actually be a veteran. ... But my first step in the military showed me the foundation, (with) which I led my life - courage, honor, commitment - from the Navy as well as working with our Marine Corps brethren. And then having the opportunity to work jointly with folks in the Army, the Air Force, the Coast Guard all over the world. And that's to get the opportunity to work and live in Space with people from all over the world as well as our military. That foundation allows us to do incredible things."

Marking its 107th annual Veterans Day Parade, the landmark procession brought together thousands of former military personnel alongside various armed forces units, municipal law enforcement officers, civic societies, educational institutions and musical brass bands. Commercial enterprises also contributed significantly, rolling out elaborate floats that highlighted former military personnel in their corporate workforce.

On the eve of the parade, the decorated captain participated in ceremonial observances on board the USS San Antonio to mark the 251st anniversary of the Marine Corps' founding.

On the occasion, Mayor Mamdani posted on X.com, "This Veterans Day, let us renew our commitment to those who served by confronting the injustices too many veterans still face, from homelessness and isolation to the threat of deportation. Our responsibility to those who served does not end when they come home.

Williams, the daughter of Deepak Pandya, a neuroanatomist, and Ursuline Pandya, who is of Slovenian heritage, Williams previously made headlines when a scheduled eight-day expedition to the orbital laboratory during the first crewed flight of Boeing's Starliner capsule abruptly transformed into an extended nine-month odyssey. The prolonged stay stemmed from persistent technical problems with the spacecraft, ultimately requiring a rescue mission by a SpaceX Crew-9 vehicle to bring her and fellow stranded astronaut Butch Wilmore back home.

Williams who remains connected to her cultural roots, famously took a copy of the Bhagavad Gita aloft in 2006, followed by the Upanishads in 2012.



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NASA astronaut Suni Williams at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station's Naval Ordnance Test Unit basin in Florida on March 28, 2018.



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Retired astronaut Sunita Williams addressing the NYC Veterans Day Parade.

Discovery & Innovation Q&A: Might A University Of Virginia Discovery Reverse Multiple Sclerosis?

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A drug developed by Dr. Jayakrishna Ambati of UVA's School of Medicine has, in some cases, reversed the course of the disease – lost eyesight restored, lost movement regained. Ambati's breakthrough is an example of how UVA is pursuing meaningful research by fostering innovation, investing in world-class faculty and facilities, and advancing discoveries that improve lives and address society's most pressing challenges.

The early findings are so promising that government agencies have hailed it as "groundbreaking research," and the director of the National Institutes of Health posted a video about UVA's work.

While still early in the process, Ambati says this new drug could represent a significant leap forward for treating patients with MS. Ambati's breakthrough was recently heralded by the director of the National Institutes of Health. (Photo by Lathan Goumas, UVA Communications)

UVA Today caught up with Ambati to talk about the promise of this new drug.

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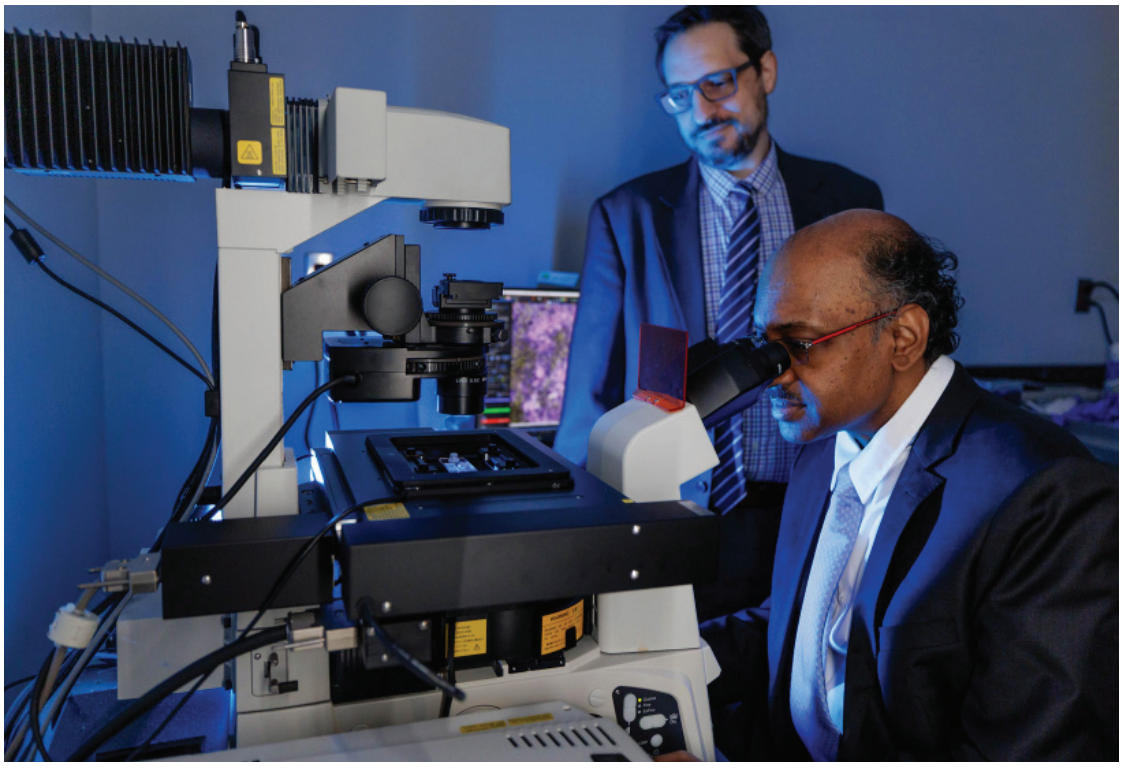
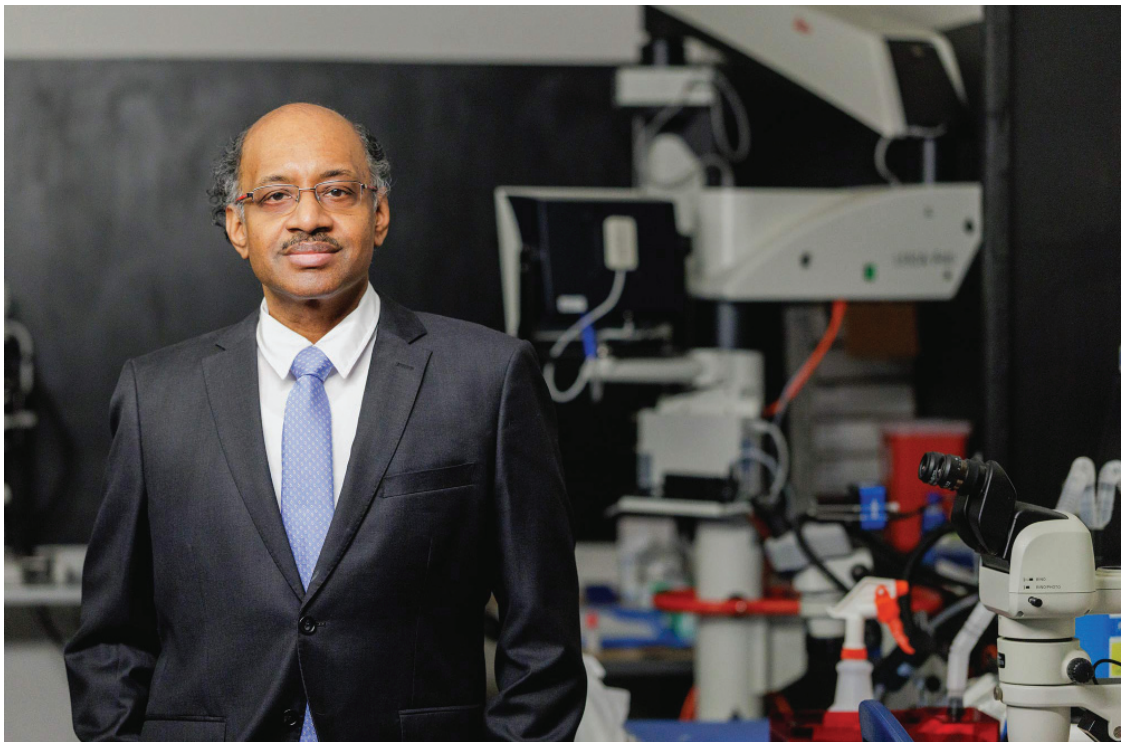


Dr. Jayakrishna Ambati, seated, has developed a drug that could reverse damage caused by multiple sclerosis. With him is Bradley Gelfand, who has a doctorate in biomedical engineering and works with Ambati.



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Q. Briefly, what is multiple sclerosis, or MS?

A. Multiple sclerosis is an autoimmune disease in which the immune system attacks the brain, spinal cord and optic nerves. The immune system primarily attacks myelin, which is the insulation that wraps nerve fibers and enables them to carry electrical signals rapidly. When myelin and the nerve fibers are damaged, people can lose vision, strength, sensation and coordination.

MS is the most common disabling neurological disease of young adults, affecting nearly a million Americans. Most people first have attacks followed by partial recovery, but many later develop steadily worsening disability.

Q. How has MS been treated, and what are the limitations of those treatments?

A. There are more than 20 FDA-approved drugs that modify the course of MS. They can reduce new inflammatory attacks and reduce the rate of relapses. However, they are designed to prevent the next attack, not to repair damage that's already occurred. So, function that's been lost generally doesn't return.

They also have a limited effect on the slow, progressive phase of the disease. Also, because these drugs broadly suppress the immune system, some of them can result in serious infections.

Q. In lay terms, how is the drug you developed, Kamuvudine, or K-9, different? What promise does it have that other drugs lack?

A. K-9 works differently from existing MS drugs. It blocks very specific immune pathways called inflammasomes, which are a sort of molecular detonator inside cells that kill nerve cells and their surrounding myelin sheath. In mice with an MS-like disease, we administered K-9 only after paralysis and vision loss had already occurred. Remarkably, the mice recovered movement and vision, their nerve fibers and myelin were preserved, and a blood marker of nerve damage stopped rising.

Mice given a standard MS drug, however, did not recover lost function. The ability of K-9 to restore lost function, not just prevent new attacks, is what's strikingly different from current MS drugs. K-9 is also an oral medication that would be more convenient than many existing drugs.

Q. It is early in the process, but how are you feeling about this discovery? Is it a breakthrough? Is it a reason for hope for those living with MS?

A. I am excited and encouraged, but cautious. Seeing mice recover movement and vision after the disease had set in was remarkable, and no other treatment we tested came close. Human data point in the same direction: In insurance records from more than 3 million people, those taking NRTIs, the HIV drugs K-9 is derived from, were 41% less likely to develop MS, and those with MS had 36% fewer relapses per year. (NRTIs are antiviral medications.)

Still, these are mouse results and associative human data. Randomized, controlled clinical trials in patients will tell us K-9's true breakthrough potential. It is definitely a reason for optimism and hope.

Q. What are the next steps?

A. The next step is to conduct a randomized, controlled clinical trial in people with MS. K-9 has already been given to people in clinical trials for diabetic macular edema and thyroid eye disease, providing us human safety experience to build on. An MS trial would test whether K-9 lowers neurofilament light chain, the blood marker of nerve damage that was reduced in our mice, and whether it slows or reverses disability. We are seeking funding and partners for such a trial. We also plan to study K-9 in ALS, Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's disease, where the inflammasome is also a key driver..

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ASTROLOGY



This week for you

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ARIES: A workplace matter may require your attention. Your original approach can help you perform well . Recognition may boost confidence. Your guidance and connections could help a younger family member move forward. A thoughtful approach will bring warmth to your romantic life. Travel to a destination may become possible. An invitation to participate in an event or contest could come your way.

TAURUS: You may get an opportunity to contribute to a project. Trying to control others could lead to disappointment. Differences with your spouse need careful handling. Rising expenses may strain your savings, and delayed payments could add to the pressure. A disagreement may take time to settle. A change of place can help you relax. Pay attention to your well-being.

GEMINI: A demanding schedule may keep you occupied. Learning a new skill can improve your prospects. Some may get an opportunity to travel. An investment could generate encouraging gains. An unexpected romantic connection may develop for a few. Your willingness to support will earn appreciation. Choosing nutritious meals can benefit your health. Finding a house may require patience.

CANCER: Pleasant interactions can make this week memorable. Someone in the family may offer timely assistance. At work, your ability to manage a colleague's error could prevent complications. Greater understanding will make married life more rewarding. Your financial position looks steady, and health looks steady. Those hoping to find love may encounter a prospect. Academic performance is also likely to remain encouraging.

LEO: Maintaining a flexible attitude helps. An understanding with someone close may improve. A professional concern is likely to find a favourable resolution. A promising business idea could show financial potential. Romantic relationships should remain harmonious, and money management strengthen security. Students can benefit from encouragement. Road journeys are pleasant, and health should remain stable.

VIRGO: A person may approach you with a proposal worth considering. Spending time with loved ones can bring satisfaction. An encounter with a former romantic interest may revive memories. At work, distractions could affect your efficiency. Your efforts to secure a salary increase may not receive an immediate response. Before committing funds to any new venture, assess its risks and likely returns carefully.

LIBRA: A new responsibility may test your confidence, but approaching it methodically can make the task easier. Appreciation could acknowledge your recent efforts. Discussions about career advancement or a pay revision may gain momentum. Improving your habits can have a positive impact. You may feel concerned about a relative. Spending meaningful time with your partner will bring comfort.

SCORPIO: Keeping your commitments will be essential. Work-related developments may not unfold as expected. Think before making remarks. Romantic relationships may face a difficult phase. Avoid experimenting with an unfamiliar vehicle in heavy traffic. Property-related disagreements could become complicated. Careful budgeting will help.

SAGITTARIUS: Building positive relationships with colleagues can prove useful. Those living away from their families may miss home. Instead of worrying about professional rivals, concentrate on delivering quality results. Your finances appear manageable. Home will offer a welcome opportunity. Singles and couples alike may need to make a effort to bring greater warmth into their romantic lives.

CAPRICORN: Addressing an important matter now can prevent it from becoming a bigger concern later. Some may move closer to purchasing their own home. Repetitive assignments at work could leave you questioning their value,. A family decision involving a younger member may require prompt action. Your partner is likely to respond positively to your romantic gestures. When evaluating investment opportunities, compare the choices.

AQUARIUS: Taking a little time away from your usual routine can help. Those recovering from illness may notice improvement. Following consistent habits will support your well-being. Business activities could bring mixed results, so remain adaptable. Encouragement from family members may give you the confidence to accept a new challenge. You may also accompany someone on a journey.

PISCES: A delay in an important matter may test your patience. A family concern could occupy your thoughts. If your love life feels unsettled, taking the initiative to resolve misunderstandings may help. Repeated requests from someone for daily transportation could become inconvenient. Your professional circumstances may become stable. Identifying practical ways to strengthen your finances will be important.



Five Turkey Tips For Thanksgiving Success

By Olga Massov



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Want your turkey to look like this? Follow a few simple tips.

Every Thanksgiving, I look forward to roasting the turkey. It is one of my favorite things to cook and also one of the least fussy. (Yes, really.) Sometimes it's a bird I've specially reserved from my favorite stand at the farmers market. Other times I've managed to snag it on sale or order it from my butcher. But no matter its provenance, the result is always a juicy, flavorful turkey, with lacquered, crispy skin. It never fails to impress, and it's because I follow a few simple tips that all but guarantee success. And because I want everyone to confidently produce a delicious Thanksgiving turkey, I'm sharing these suggestions with you here.

DRY THE TURKEY WELL BEFORE ROASTING

The most enviable Thanksgiving spreads include a beautifully burnished turkey, with skin so crisp you can almost hear it shattering when you bite down. To achieve that, you need to thoroughly pat dry the meat inside and out – with plenty of paper towels – because any residual moisture will cause the turkey to steam instead of roast. Make sure that you also do the turkey cavity, too, as it always harbors more liquid than you might think. (While you're at it, make sure you've removed the giblets, if they're included.)

If time (and refrigerator space) are no object, a great way of drying the turkey is by seasoning it all over with salt up to three days before cooking and letting it sit in the fridge uncovered. The dry brine flavors the meat, while the refrigerator air will remove excess moisture from the bird and tighten the skin, which will render it crispier.

PROTECT THE WHITE MEAT

White meat is leaner than dark meat, and the longer it cooks, the drier it gets. Dark meat, on the other hand, has a more forgiving temperature range and "becomes more tender the longer it cooks, as more connective tissue breaks down," writes former staff writer Aaron Hutcherson. The differences in timing and response to heat present a conundrum if you're roasting the turkey whole, which many people do. To keep the breast meat tender and moist, slow down its cooking by tenting it with a double layer of heavy-duty aluminum foil. This will allow for the white and dark meat to finish at roughly the same time. Another way to even out the cook time is by spatchcocking the turkey – removing its backbone and cracking its breastbone for a flattened bird.



Give the turkey time to rest before carving.

DON'T BASTE THE TURKEY

Last year I started a small kitchen controversy by telling readers to stop basting their turkeys. I confessed that I stopped this practice more than 20 years ago, all because of Alton Brown's science-based explanation. According to Brown, basting is not only ineffective but also inefficient. The basting juices can't penetrate the turkey skin, plus you are adding more moisture to the skin, which not only will not make the meat moist but also will prevent the skin from crisping up. Additionally, a water-based basting liquid causes significant cooling, and when that energy is drawn out of the turkey, it extends the cook time, thus drying out the meat.

USE A LEAVE-IN PROBE THERMOMETER

Whenever I hear from people that they don't like turkey because it's dry, I suspect it's because they've been eating meat that's been overcooked. But this doesn't have to happen to you! To ensure turkey success, invest in a leave-in probe thermometer – many come with an alarm that goes off when the desired temperature is reached – to keep track of the temperature without having to constantly open and close the oven, which can slow down the cooking and contribute to a drier bird. I've used the inexpensive Polder Deluxe Preset In-Oven Thermometer for years, and have also gifted it to friends and family.

To use it, stick the probe of the thermometer into the thickest part of the thigh away from the bone, and remove the turkey from the oven once the temperature reaches 150 degrees. Let the turkey sit, still with the probe in its thigh, until the carryover cooking pushes the internal temperature to 165 degrees.

And if you think you don't need a probe thermometer because many turkeys are sold with those plastic pop-out timers, let me give you some useful advice: Ignore them. They are notoriously inaccurate, and by the time they pop out of a turkey, it's about as juicy as particle board.

LET THE TURKEY REST BEFORE CARVING

While the desire to dig into your Thanksgiving turkey might be great – after all, you've been waiting for hours, your kitchen smells amazing, and you and your guests are hungry – you need to let the bird rest, for at least 30 minutes and up to 1 hour (but no more than 2!) before you slice it. The resting time allows for carryover cooking and for the meat to start cooling down a bit. This also lets the internal pressure of the bird decrease, which will help minimize the loss of juices. Don't tent it with foil, as that will slow down the cooling process. Instead, use that waiting time to transform the turkey drippings into delicious gravy.

-The Washington Post









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With flights canceled, some travelers turned to U-Haul

By Hannah Sampson

Greg Swan had to get creative when his flight home to Minneapolis from a work trip in Austin was halted by Friday's ground stop and the rescheduled flight was canceled.

"Me not getting home was not an option," said Swan, who works in public relations.

What creativity looked like: 21 hours driving a rented U-Haul with a colleague through six states, $350 worth of gas and a lot of caffeine. He said the cost was $800 plus some fees, as well as a significant loss of personal comfort.

"The ride was absolutely terrible," he said Monday. "You have to mash your foot down for 21 hours. I was icing my calf yesterday."

But he made it back in time for family obligations while other colleagues remained stuck in Austin early Monday, hoping to get back later in the day. The idea came to him via Muse, an AI agent, as he searched for options after flights and rental cars were sold out.

All around the country, travelers found themselves pivoting on Friday when a telecommunications outage halted air traffic for more than four hours. More than 18,000 flights were canceled between Friday and Sunday, according to the flight tracking service FlightAware.

Many travelers hopped in the car and drove to their vacations instead of flying. News reports featured some who took lengthy Ubers to get to their destination or home. Some cruise lines held up departures to give delayed passengers a chance to make it on board.

And some enterprising, desperate travelers turned to an option better known for transporting household goods than people - though tourists have opted for U-Hauls at other difficult travel moments in the past.

Tracey Edwards was at Walt Disney World in Florida with her husband to celebrate his birthday Friday when friends started sending messages asking about their flight home. That's when they learned about the ground stop, and that their flight to Richmond, the next day was canceled.

During a holiday party at the Magic Kingdom, she started searching for car rentals and coming up empty. She finally snagged a reservation to pick up the next day at noon, but wasn't confident it would be available.

The couple needed to return to their home northwest of Richmond to get back to the business they own, and Edwards was due back at her other job driving a school bus on Monday.

When her husband took an Uber to the car rental center the next day, someone with a clipboard told him he would be on the wait list when a truck with more cars showed up that afternoon. After that, the next delivery would not be for another day, the worker told him.

"He was like, 'No, we have to get back,'" Edwards said. "It's very, very hard for us to take off in the first place."

In the car rental parking lot, he decided to shift gears and get a U-Haul. He drove it back to the Disney resort, where Edwards said she was "laughing all the way out to the parking lot." She snapped a photo of their bags in the back.

"Not the most comfortable ride for sure, but PLENTY of space for our luggage!" she wrote in a post on Facebook.

Multiple commenters brought up the scene in "Home Alone" where Kevin McCallister's mother, played by Catherine O'Hara, gets a ride in the back of a moving truck with a polka band as she tries to return to her son.

Edwards said the seats were cushioned, but there was no way to move them back or recline. Driving over bridges, she said, was "very exciting."

They made it to the Richmond airport, where their car was parked, in a little more than 11 hours and didn't get home until about 12:30 a.m. Sunday. The option cost a little more than $1,000 plus gas, but the couple will be refunded for their canceled flight home.

"It was an adventure," Edwards said.

Veteran Telegu Actor Giri Babu Dies Aged 80; YS Jagan Mohan Reddy Pays Tribute

Veteran Telugu actor Giri Babu, who entertained audiences with several memorable roles over the years, passed away on Saturday at the age of 80. His death has left the Telugu film industry mourning the loss of an actor who remained part of the industry for several decades.

YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) president and former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy also paid tribute to the actor, remembering his association with his family and his contribution to Telugu cinema.

In a post that he shared on X, Reddy recalled that Giri Babu was a close friend of his father and an active member of his party. He also spoke about the actor's contribution as a performer and filmmaker. "The news of the passing of Giribabu garu, a close friend of my father and an active member of our party, has deeply saddened me. Through his distinctive acting, he brought many characters to life and earned a special place in the hearts of Telugu audiences. Giribabu garu's contributions to Telugu cinema as an actor, director and producer will be remembered forever. Praying for peace to his soul, I convey my deepest condolences to his family members."



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According to reports, the actor passed away while undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Kondapur, Hyderabad.

Born on June 8, 1946, in Ravinuthala village of Andhra Pradesh's Prakasam district, Giri Babu made his acting debut with the 1973 film 'Jagame Maya.' He initially appeared in negative roles before going on to play a variety of characters, including heroes and character artists.

Apart from acting, Giri Babu also worked as a producer and director. He produced films such as 'Simha Garjana,' 'Merupudadi' and 'Indrajith.' As a director, he was associated with films including 'Ranarangam,' 'Indrajith' and 'Nee Sukhame Ne Korukunna.'

His last screen appearance was in the 2023 Telugu film 'Anni Manchi Sakunamule.'

On the personal front, Giri Babu lost his wife in 2016 following an illness. He is survived by his two sons, Bose Babu and popular Telugu actor and comedian Raghu Babu.

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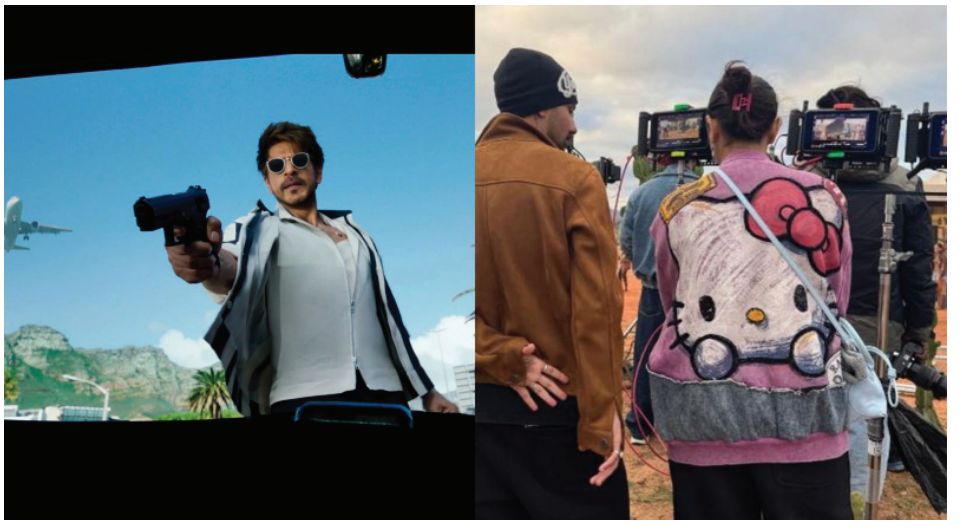
'King': Choreographer Gives Fans BTS Peek Into SRK-Deepika's Song Shoot

Shah Rukh Khan and Deepika Padukone's on-screen chemistry in 'Tu Mil Jaaye' from their upcoming film 'King' has caught the attention of fans.

Now, choreographer Piyush Bhagat has shared a few behind-the-scenes moments from the song's shoot, giving fans a glimpse of what went on behind the camera.

In a social media post shared on Sunday, Bhagat, who choreographed the song along with Shazia Samji, posted a series of pictures from the Cape Town schedule. The pictures offer a glimpse of the cast and crew during the shoot, along with some fun moments from the sets.

Sharing the pictures, Piyush also added a playful caption about one of the shots featuring Shah Rukh Khan. He wrote, "We shot SRK from this car booth. (Duh…Not with a phone)"



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The song 'Tu Mil Jaaye' was released on November 2, coinciding with Shah Rukh Khan's 61st birthday. Featuring Shah Rukh Khan and Deepika Padukone, the track gives audiences a glimpse of their romantic pairing in the upcoming film.

The song has been sung by Arijit Singh and Madhubanti Bagchi, while its English rap has been written by Ed Sheeran. Sachin-Jigar have composed the track, with lyrics penned by Kumaar.

Directed by Siddharth Anand and produced by Red Chillies Entertainment and Marflix Pictures, 'King' is scheduled to release in theatres worldwide on December 24, 2026.

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Superstar Shah Rukh Khan Congratulates Jay Shah On His Re-Election As ICC Chair

Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan penned a congratulatory message for Jay Shah on his unopposed reappointment as Chair of the International Cricket Council (ICC) for a second term.

Shah Rukh Khan shared the message on X and acknowledged his role in leading world cricket and expanding the game globally.

"Congratulations Jay Shah bhai on being reappointed as ICC Chairman for a second term! Your leadership in administering world cricket and taking the game we love to newer heights is greatly appreciated."

He added, "The 2028 Olympics will mark a significant milestone for cricket and its continued growth, especially in the USA. Big hugs and all the best for your next endeavours!"

Indian Test and ODI captain Shubman Gill, T20 World Cup-winning skipper Suryakumar Yadav, all-rounder Hardik Pandya and pacer Jasprit Bumrah on Monday congratulated Jay Shah on his re-election as Chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC) for a second consecutive term.

The ICC Board announced the unopposed reappointment of Jay for a second term as ICC Chair following a proposal by the ICC directors at the global governing body's Board meetings in Bali.

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