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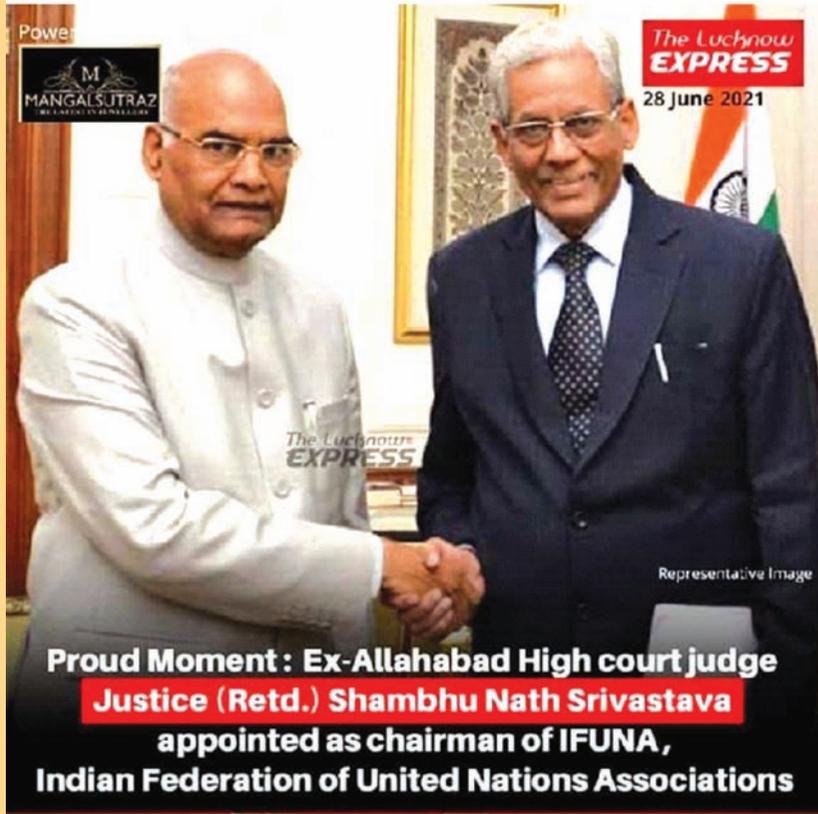
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Justice (rtd.) Shambhu Nath Srivastava with Honourable President Shri Ram Nath Kovind

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IT TOOK hundreds of thousands of years for the world population to grow to 1 billion – then in just another 200 years or so, it grew sevenfold. In 2011, the global population reached the 7 billion mark, and today, it stands at about 7.7 billion, and it's expected to grow to around 8.5 billion in 2030, 9.7 billion in 2050, and 10.9 billion in 2100.

This growth has been driven largely by increasing numbers of people surviving to reproductive age, and has been accompanied by major changes in fertility rates, increasing urbanization and accelerating migration. These trends will have far-reaching implications for generations to come.

Average global lifespans have also risen, from 64.6 years in the early 1990s to 72.6 years in 2019.

The first census conducted in 1951 under 1948 Census of India Act, the population of India had a count of 361,088,090 (1:0.946 male:female). Today after 74 years of independence in 2021 we have a population of 1,393,409,038 in India. The country within this span of time have added 1032420941 people (men and women) in its population. If the same rate of growth continues, within another ten to fifteen years there would be not only a population explosion but may bring catastrophe in the country. India must realise this.

China had realised it and with strict measures have been able to contain the growth. Their population today is 1.41 billion in an area of 9.597 million km², whereas India is having around 1.39 billion in an area of 3.287 million km² (that is almost one third area of China).

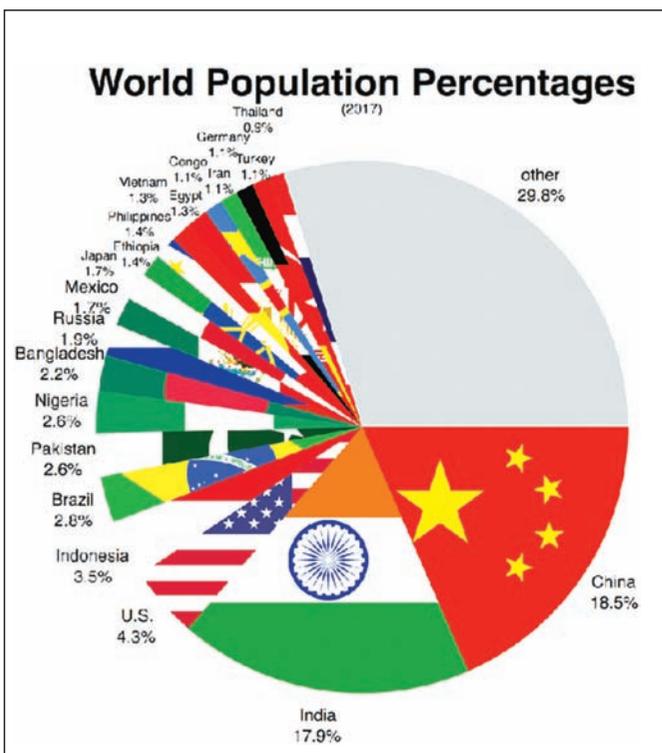
These megatrends have far-reaching implications. They affect economic development, employment, income distribution, poverty and social protections. They also affect efforts to ensure universal access to health care, education, housing, sanitation, water, food and energy.

In addition, the world is seeing high levels of urbanization and accelerating migration including India. 2007 was the first year in which more people lived in urban areas than in rural areas, and by 2050 about 66 per cent of the world population will be living in cities.

It is high time that the Government as well as the people and the socio religious functionary in India alert themselves to prevent this population explosion in the country and must take drastic action in this respect.

Every year on July 11, World Population Day is observed by UN to draw attention towards the issues which are the resultant of a rising population across the globe. The United Nations has set up a population fund (UNFPA) and a population division. This is done to plan programmes and coordinate with other agencies to highlight and spread awareness about population control measures. The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) aims to raise awareness about the sexual and reproductive health (SRH) needs and vulnerabilities of women and girls worldwide. We hope Indian Government will actively associate with UNFPA and create a team to work in this awareness program of the sexual and reproductive health (SRH) needs and vulnerabilities of women and girls, besides taking other legislative and administrative measures.

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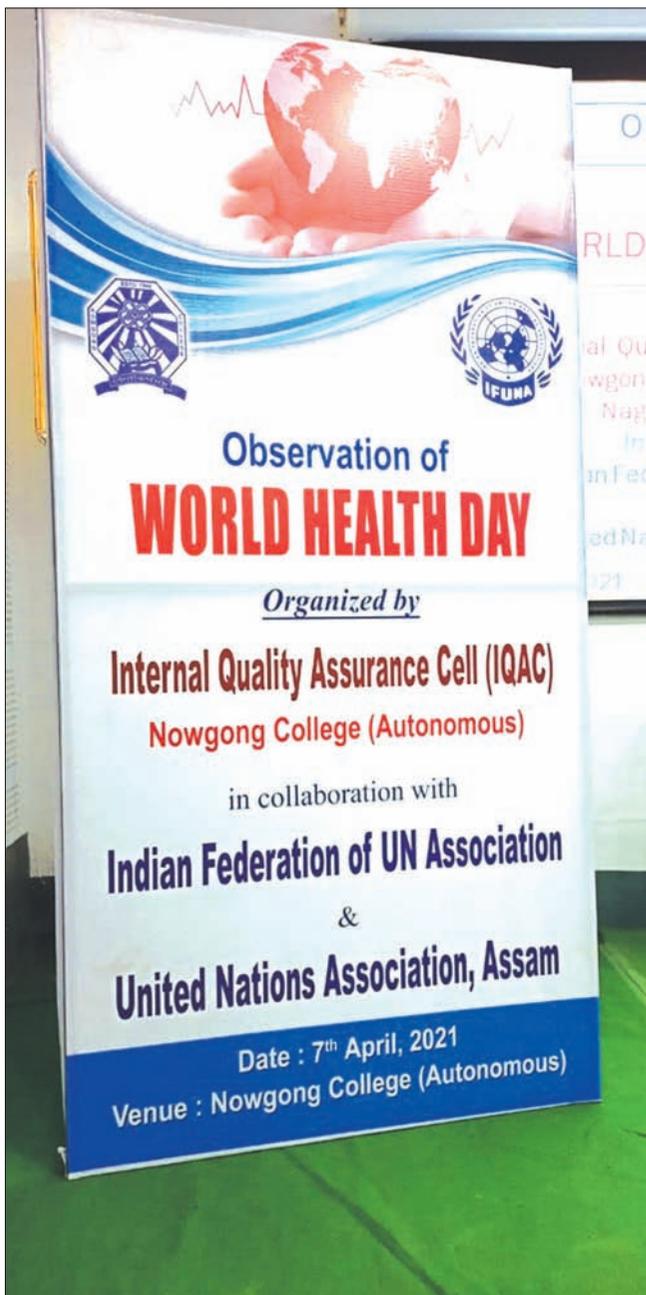


ASSAM UNA with IFUNA
OBSERVES

World Health Day and International Earth Day

A large number of students and teachers of NOWGONG COLLEGE and ABHAYAPURI COLLEGE of ASSAM actively participated, and expressed their views in their respective functions organised by UNA Assam and IFUNA.

World Health Day



On 7th April, 2021 World Health day was Observed by Nowgong College with Una Assam in Collaboration with Ifuna.

International Earth Day



International Earth Day was observed on 23rd April 21 at Abhayapuri College, Assam, in Collaboration with Ifuna and Una Assam. Secretary General, Assam Una, Aswani Sharma is seen sitting 3rd from right with Students and Professors of the College.

IFUNA AND CHANDIGARH UNA **Honours Cricketeer Harbhajan Singh**



CRICKETEER HARBHAJAN SINGH WITH MEMBERS OF CHANDIGARH UNA

THE INDIA Federation of United Nations Associations (IFUNA) along with Chandigarh UNA honoured veteran cricketer Harbhajan Singh for his exemplary contribution to the society amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

Dr. Harcharan Singh Ranauta, Vice President – IFUNA and President Chandigarh UNA honoured Harbhajan Singh at simple ceremony in Chandigarh recently.

Harbhajan Singh has played over 100 cricket test matches and 236 ODIs

During the Covid -19 lockdown in India, Harbhajan has gone beyond the call of duty to provide high quantities of ration supplies to the needy.

He has also helped affected people helping and arranging transport essential, finances and medicines.

Ranauta and other members of the UN wished the sportsman the best and added that



IFUNA VICE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT OF CHANDIGARH UNA HARCHARAN SINGH RANAUTA (L) HONOURING CRICKETEER HARBHAJAN SINGH



UNA Chandigarh is doing best efforts and help during the worst crisis human history has ever faced. Our kudos to Harcharan Singh Ranuta and Manu Ranuta and their Team.says *Suresh Srivastava,Secretary General*

A GLIMPSE OF RELIEF WORKS BEING TAKEN BY IFUNA ALONG WITH CHANDIGARH UNA DURING CORONA PERIOD.



IFUNA stood by him in such future contributions to noble causes.

The Indian Federation of United Nations Associations was established more than six decades to promote the objectives of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies. It is a Non-governmental, voluntary, Non-profit organization working for International Peace and Understanding. The Indian Federation of United Nations Associations is affiliated to the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA).

IFUNA strive to focus its programs and activities around the vital concerns of the United Nations like Peace, International Understanding, Environment and Human Rights. In conducting all these activities and programmes, effort is made to involve the leadership from all sections of society so as to make them broad based and effective.

IFUNA maintains close liaisons with Government Organization, Press and Diplomatic Mission interested in United Nations activities. IFUNA has already created a niche for itself in the academic and social circles of the country through its varied activities like Lectures, Seminars, Symposiums, and Observance of U.N. Days, Debates, Competitions and Exhibitions of U.N. Subjects.

Report: By Deepak Arora

BRICS MEET

Afraid of isolation China changing its stand on UN reform?



screenshot of BRICS Foreign Ministers virtual meeting on Tuesday June 01, 2021.

IN THE backdrop of QUAD and pressure from BRICS partner On Monday 31st May, China President Xi Jinping told senior communist party leaders that China needed a grip on its tone in its communication with the world, and should be more open and confident, and also modest and humble.

Xi Jiping on May 31, addressing the CPC Politburo 30th group study session is reported to have said, "China is committed to an independent foreign policy of peace, firmly upholds national sovereignty, security and development interests, actively promotes the building of a new type of international relations, and joins hands with other countries to build a community with a shared future for mankind. I would like to point out that to strengthen and improve international communication and enhance capacity-building in this regard so as to have a greater voice on the world stage in keeping with China's comprehensive national strength and international standing will foster a

favorable external environment in terms of public opinion for China's reform, development and stability, and contribute to the building of a community with a shared future for mankind. This is consistent with the need for China's peaceful development, the requirements to advance reform and opening-up in China, and the global trend of peace and development. It benefits both China and the world."

Does this speech mean that China would be taking a different approach in its diplomatic efforts?

Next day on June 1, addressing a virtual meeting of Brics, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi expressed solidarity with India over the recent surge in COVID-19 cases, and said the grouping was ready to assist the country to fight the pandemic "as long as needed". The Chinese Foreign Minister also agreed on reforming the multilateral system, which was the "first time" that such a consensus was reached. No doubt it is a significant change in China attitude and policy.

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External Affairs Minister of the Republic of India, Dr. S. Jaishankar, chaired the meeting of BRICS Ministers of Foreign Affairs/International Relations through video conferencing on 1 June, 2021. The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federative Republic of Brazil, Ambassador Carlos Alberto Franco França, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Amb. Sergey Lavrov, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, Mr. Wang Yi, and the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of South Africa, Ms. Grace Naledi Mandisa Pandor, led their respective delegations.

Besides exchanging views on social and economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Ministers also discussed the need for reform of the Multilateral System. They also exchanged views on the Global and regional issues of concern, sustainable development, Countering Terrorism and discussing ways to enhance intra-BRICS cooperation.

On this occasion, they adopted and released the 'BRICS Joint Ministerial Statement on Strengthening and Reforming of the Multilateral System' stressing urgent need for comprehensive strengthening and reforming of the entire multilateral architecture, including the United Nations and its principal organs- the Security Council, the General Assembly, the Secretariat and the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC); international financial architecture represented by the IMF and the World bank; the multilateral trading system represented by the WTO and UNCTAD and the global health governance system with the WHO at its core. The Ministers called for making global governance more inclusive, representative and participatory to facilitate greater and more meaningful participation of developing and least developed countries in global decision-making processes and structures and make it better attuned to contemporary realities

They also adopted the Media Statement covering various issues of common interest. The Ministers reviewed progress in intra-BRICS cooperation. The Ministers while discussing the



External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi.

Covid-19 pandemic situation called for timely establishment and operationalization of the BRICS Vaccine Research and Development Center. The Ministers reiterated their commitment to Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development and in this regard, stressed the importance of financing for development, capacity building and transfer of technology to developing countries. The Ministers also expressed their support for Paris Agreement as adopted under the principles of UNFCCC, including that of CBDR-RC. They also called for the comprehensive implementation of the Strategy for BRICS Economic Partnership 2025 through all means for its effective realization.

The Ministers expressed strong condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, whenever, wherever, and by whom-so-ever committed. They expressed their commitment to fully implement BRICS Counter Terrorism Strategy, including by way of a result-oriented Action Plan.

They welcomed the developments and meetings in both B2B and P2P formats, and looked forward to greater cooperation in these

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The BRICS Ministers of Foreign Affairs/International Relations held their annual meeting on the margins of the 74th session of the United Nations General Assembly

areas. BRICS partners appreciated India's efforts in keeping up the momentum of BRICS cooperation.

The Foreign Ministers of the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) grouping on Tuesday expressed "grave concern" with regard to the global COVID-19 pandemic.

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"The Ministers expressed grave concern over the continuing public health, societal and economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic globally. They expressed condolences for lives lost and pledged solidarity with the affected families," a statement issued after the meeting said.

The gathering described the pandemic as one of the most serious challenges before the world, while also highlighting the importance of "respect for territorial integrity" and the "sovereign equality" of states.

In his comments, Mr. Wang said, "At this trying time, China stands in solidarity with India and all the BRICS countries. As long as it is needed by India, I believe that all BRICS partners, including China, will provide further support and assistance at any time. We are fully confident that India will certainly overcome the pandemic."

No doubt this remarkable stand of China has to be keenly watched. Only the time will tell. How far they are keeping their words in their words in their future actions and cooperation in UN Reform.

-P.M.Parvatiyar

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Prime Minister Modi participating (virtually) in G7 Summit

"One Earth- One Health"

PM Modi Mantra To G7

PRIME MINISTER SHRI NARENDRA MODI PARTICIPATING (VIRTUALLY) IN THE FIRST OUTREACH SESSION OF THE G7 SUMMIT ON 12TH JUNE SESSION, TITLED 'BUILDING BACK STRONGER - HEALTH', FOCUSED ON GLOBAL

PPRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi mantra ONE NATION -ONE HEALTH in the first Outreach Session of G7 Summit on June 12 , got a wide support from various member countries as well as other nations of the Globe. German Chancellor Angela Merkel specifically referred to Narendra Modi's mantra and conveyed strong support .

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participating (virtually) in the first Outreach Session of the G7 Summit on 12th june session, titled 'Building Back Stronger - Health', focused on global recovery from the coronavirus pandemic and on strengthening resilience against future pandemics.

During the session, Prime Minister expressed

appreciation for the support extended by the G7 and other guest countries during the recent wave of COVID infections in India.

He highlighted India's 'whole of society' approach to fight the pandemic, synergising the efforts of all levels of the government, industry and civil society.

He also explained India's successful use of open source digital tools for contact tracing and vaccine management, and conveyed India's willingness to share its experience and expertise with other developing countries.

Prime Minister Modi committed India's support for collective endeavours to improve global health governance. He sought the G7's support for the proposal moved at the WTO by



US President Joe Biden, Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson, Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, France's President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Italy's Prime Minister Mario Draghi, Japan's Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and European Council President Charles Michel at a session during the G7 summit in Carbis Bay, Cornwall, Britain, June 11, 2021. (Reuters)



France's President Emmanuel Macron, US President Joe Biden, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and Italy's Prime Minister Mario Draghi walk along the boardwalk during the G7 summit in Carbis Bay, Cornwall, Britain, June 11, 2021. (Reuters)

India and South Africa, for a TRIPS (Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights) waiver on COVID-related technologies waiver on COVID related technologies.

Modi called on the members and invitees of G7 nations that today's meeting should send out a message of "ONE EARTH- ONE HEALTH" for the whole world. Calling for global unity, leadership, and solidarity to prevent future pandemics and emphasized the special responsibility of democratic and transparent societies in this regard.

Prime Minister Modi also sought support of the G7 for a proposal moved at the WTO by India and South Africa for patent waiver on COVID related technologies. Calling for global unity, leadership, and solidarity to prevent future pandemics, Modi emphasised the special responsibility of democratic and transparent societies to deal with the challenge COVID-19. He emphasised the special responsibility of



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In a virtual address at a session on 'open societies and open economies' at the G-7 summit on June 13, the prime minister highlighted India's civilisational commitment to democracy, freedom of thought and liberty.

Narendra Modi addressing (virtually) the G7 Summit said India is a natural ally for the G-7 countries in defending the shared values from a host of threats stemming from authoritarianism, terrorism and violent extremism, disinformation and economic coercion. He further assured that India will remain deeply engaged with the G7 and guest partners on all major issues, including health governance, access to vaccines and climate action.

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According to P Harish, additional secretary,

External Affairs, Govt. of India, there was widespread support at the G7 deliberations for text-based negotiations on a proposal by India and South Africa for patent waiver on Covid vaccines. UK conveyed to us (India) that while PM Boris Johnson was disappointed at not being able to welcome PM Modi in person at the summit. He was understanding and supportive of his decision said P. Harish. India's participation at the G7 sessions reflected understanding within the bloc that resolution to "the biggest global crisis of our time" is not possible without India's involvement and support, he said, in a reference to the coronavirus pandemic.

India and South Africa, who took part in the G7 talks as guests, had pressed for the gathering to waive intellectual property rights on Western vaccines.

UK Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab said that officials 'compared notes' over the theory that Covid-19 pandemic may have originated from a leak from a lab in Wuhan, calling for further investigations

Britain's Boris Johnson greets President Emmanuel Macron as their spouses, Carrie Johnson and Brigitte Macron stand at the side during arrivals for the G7 meeting at the Carbis Bay Hotel in Carbis Bay, Cornwall, England. Macron has welcomed the decision of the United States to donate 500 million doses of Covid-19 vaccines to the poorest countries. (AP)



Leaders of the G7 pose during a group photo at the G7 meeting at the Carbis Bay Hotel in Carbis Bay, St. Ives, Cornwall, England, Friday, June 11, 2021. Leaders of the G7 begin their first of three days of meetings on Friday, in which they will discuss Covid-19, climate, foreign policy and the economy. (AP)

G7 LEADERS ON SUNDAY JUNE 13 VOWED TO START DELIVERING ONE BILLION DOSES OF COVID VACCINES AND TO STEP UP ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE, IN A SUMMIT CALL TO ARMS BY A REVIVED DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE THAT ALSO CONFRONTED CHINA AND RUSSIA.

The Group of Seven (G7) comprises the UK, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States. As chair of G7, the UK invited India, Australia, South Korea, South Africa to the summit as guest countries. The leaders of the world's advanced economies held a summit in Cornwall in the UK from June 11-13. It is for the first time the leaders of the grouping met in person since the coronavirus pandemic began.

G7 leaders on Sunday June 13 vowed to start delivering one billion doses of Covid vaccines and to step up action on climate change, in a summit call to arms by a revived democratic alliance that also confronted China and Russia.

In a final communique issued at their first physical summit in nearly two years, the leaders of the elite club largely hewed to US President Joe Biden's push to regain the West's cohesion after the tumultuous era of his predecessor Donald Trump.

"We will harness the power of democracy, freedom, equality, the rule of law and respect for

human rights to answer the biggest questions and overcome the greatest challenges," the leaders said.

But the pledge on vaccines for poorer nations fell drastically short of the 11 billion doses that campaigners say are needed to end a pandemic that has claimed nearly four million lives and wrecked economies around the globe.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, the summit's host, said the G7 wanted to "drive a global Green Industrial Revolution to transform the way we live. There is a direct relationship between reducing emissions, restoring nature, creating jobs and ensuring long-term economic growth," Johnson also touted a G7 pledge to get 40 million more girls into schools over the next five years, as part of the post-pandemic reconstruction.

A White House official agreed the three-day gathering in Cornwall, southwest England, had been an "unusually substantive and productive G7".

HISTORIC Quad Summit

"Important pillar of stability in the region" -Narendra Modi

QUAD Members resolved to work together with other countries to support, strengthen, and enhance actions globally.

QUADRILATERAL SECURITY Dialogue (QSD) or Quad the informal collaboration of like minded democratic nations consisting of India, the USA, Japan and Australia ,across the Indian and the Pacific Ocean to ensure and support a "free, open and prosperous" Indo-Pacific region was first mooted by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in 2007. However, the idea couldn't move ahead after Australia pulled out of it, apparently due to Chinese pressure.

The recent power change in the US and China's aggressive posture in its neighbourhood made this recent Quad Summit an important one.

The COVID-19 pandemic, China's bullying nature, changing geo-economic interests in the region, etc. helped it evolve faster, in 2020. This resulted in the recent Quad meeting and the upcoming virtual Quad summit on 12th March 2021

Initially the Quad was seen as a security co-operation. But in recent months it evolved into the Quad Framework, the co-operation widened to include resilience supply chain initiatives, collaboration in the emergence of critical technologies, etc. The recent development of the Quad summit is a clear example of that evolution. India is much more central to the entire Quad framework. The terming the Indo-Pacific is itself an example of that. By taking a leadership role along with countries like the US, Australia and Japan, India showcases its capability to other countries in Indo-Pacific.

The Focus area of Quad fulfils the demand of the Indo-Pacific maritime domain. The Indo-Pacific maritime region is at present dominated by China. Chinese dominate since there is no maritime security collaboration to oppose them. The Quad will counter the Chinese dominance in the region.

Since the grouping brings together the major countries under one ambit. It can influence other south-east nations to gradually stand up against any illogical claims by China like the South-China Sea dispute, etc

Members of the Quadrilateral Framework or 'Quad'



will become "closer than ever before", said Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday March 12, in his address to the first ever leadership summit of the grouping. Addressing the virtual summit, Mr. Modi, President Joe Biden of the United States, Japanese Premier Yoshihide Suga and Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison highlighted cooperation among the member countries to beat the global COVID-19 pandemic, with joint partnership on vaccines, and emphasised the need for an "open" and "free" Indo-Pacific region.

"We are united by our democratic values and our commitment to a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific. Our agenda, covering areas like vaccines, climate change, and emerging technologies make the Quad a force for global good. We will work together, closer than ever before on advancing our shared values and promoting a secure, stable and prosperous Indo-Pacific," said Mr. Modi, who described the Quadrilateral Framework as an "important pillar of stability in the region."

The member nations agreed to ensure "equitable" access to vaccines to counter the pandemic. A joint

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US Lawmakers And Experts Support Historic Indo-Pacific Quad Summit

TOP AMERICAN lawmakers and experts have applauded the first Quad summit of leaders from the US, India, Australia and Japan and supported the move of President Joe Biden to address the challenge posed by China in the Indo-Pacific region.

On March 12, Joe Biden opened the first Quad Leaders' Summit held virtually and attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga.

The Indo-Pacific is the most consequential region for American foreign policy, with enormous challenges but also great opportunities, Indian-American Congressman Dr Ami Bera, Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, Central Asia, and Nonproliferation, said on Friday.

During a Congressional hearing on America's Way Forward in the Indo-Pacific, chaired by him, Mr Bera said from increased aggression in the South and East China sea, to the use of coercive trade measures, China is the greatest geopolitical challenge they have faced in decades.

The Indo-Pacific also holds significant promise and opportunity for the United States, in large part because of the friendship and partnership of our regional actors and organisations, he said.



REP. AMI BERA, D-CA, FOREIGN AFFAIRS SUBCMTE. ON ASIA CHAIR C-SPAN2

The evolving situation in the Indo-Pacific region in the wake of China's increasing military muscle-flexing has become a major talking point among leading global powers. The US has been favouring making Quad a security architecture to check China's growing assertiveness.

China is engaged in hotly contested territorial disputes in the South and East China Seas. Beijing has also made substantial progress in militarising its man-made islands in the past few years.

Beijing claims sovereignty over all of the South China Sea. But Vietnam, Malaysia, the Philippines, Brunei and Taiwan have counterclaims. In the East China Sea, China has territorial disputes with Japan.

Experts who testified before the Congressional subcommittee were Richard Haas, president of the Council on Foreign Relations and Former Director of Policy Planning at the US Department of State; Randall G. Schriver; chairman of the Project 2049 Institute and Former Assistant Secretary of Defence for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs; and Nadege Rolland Senior Fellow for Political and Security Affairs at the National Bureau of Asian Research.

During the hearing, Mr Bera noted that the US and China will get more competitive in the future. However, the US desire is not to have a direct confrontation and to use the rule of law as a foundation for a strategy in the Indo-Pacific.

IN HIS ADDRESS SCOTT JOHN MORRISON PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA SAID, "WE JOIN TOGETHER AS LEADERS OF NATIONS TO WELCOME, WHAT I THINK WILL BE A NEW DAWN IN THE INDO-PACIFIC THROUGH OUR GATHERING."

statement, titled 'The Spirit of the Quad', said: "We will join forces to expand safe, affordable, and effective vaccine production and equitable access to speed economic recovery and benefit global health."

Addressing the meeting, President Biden emphasised that the Indo-Pacific region should be governed in accordance to human rights."And we're renewing our commitment to ensure that our region is governed by international law, committed to upholding universal values and free from coercion. We've got a big agenda ahead of us," said Mr. Biden.

In his address Scott John Morrison Prime Minister of Australia said, "We join together as leaders of nations to welcome, what I think will be a new dawn

in the Indo-Pacific through our gathering."

Japan Prime Minister Suga acknowledged the new dynamism that Quad has received because of the meeting of the top leaders of the member countries."With the four countries working together, I wish to firmly advance our cooperation to realise, a free and open Indo Pacific, and to make a tangible contribution to the peace, stability, and prosperity of the region, including overcoming COVID-19," he said.

The 'Quad', has been taken to the "apex level", said Foreign Secretary of India Harsh Vardhan Shringla during a special briefing on the leaders' summit."We are all committed to free and open, inclusive, secure and prosperous Indo-Pacific. Today's summit



adopted a positive vision to address contemporary issues with vaccine cooperation. Leaders agreed to strengthen, peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region," said Mr Shringla, who described the focus on the vaccines as the "most pressing".

He also informed that Japan, U.S. and Australia will finance the vaccine initiative that India has welcomed. "We look forward to participating in the initiative whole-heartedly. During the discussion there was wholesome appreciation of the Vaccine Maitri initiative," said Mr Shringla. The vaccine expert working group, a critical and emerging technology working group, and a climate working group for technology, capacity building and climate finance have been cleared during the summit. The Foreign Secretary also said the Quad leaders have agreed to meet in person during the coming months.

"The Quad does not stand against anything, it stands for something," said Mr Shringla, explaining that Quad is a value-based grouping that is trying to deal with the need for vaccines, climate change and other such issues. He also informed that the issue of military takeover in Myanmar came up during the discussion among the leaders

We have identified the climate challenge as a priority for the Quad and the Indo-Pacific region. We will establish a new Quad Climate Working Group focused on: Cooperation, both among ourselves and with other countries, to strengthen implementation of the Paris Agreement, including to keep a Paris-aligned temperature limit within reach; Working together and with other countries to support, strengthen, and enhance actions globally; Committing to advancing low-emissions technology solutions to support emissions reduction; Cooperation on climate mitigation, adaptation, resilience, technology, capacity-building, and climate finance.

Quad leaders also recognized that a free, open, inclusive, and resilient Indo-Pacific requires that critical and emerging technology is governed and operates according to shared interests and values. In that spirit, we will convene a Critical and Emerging Technology Working Group, which will: Develop a statement of prin-



Prime Minister Narendra Modi taking part in the First Quad Leaders' Virtual Summit with US President Joe Biden, Australian PM Scott Morrison and Japanese PM Suga. (ANI Photo)



Quad Summit

principles on technology design, development, and use; Facilitate coordination on technology standards development, including between our national technology standards bodies and working with a broad range of partners; Encourage cooperation on telecommunications deployment, diversification of equipment suppliers, and future telecommunications, including through close cooperation with our private sectors and industry; Facilitate cooperation to monitor trends and opportunities related to developments in critical and emerging technology, including biotechnology".

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Pygmies stand on toes to appear taller



By Chander P Mahajan

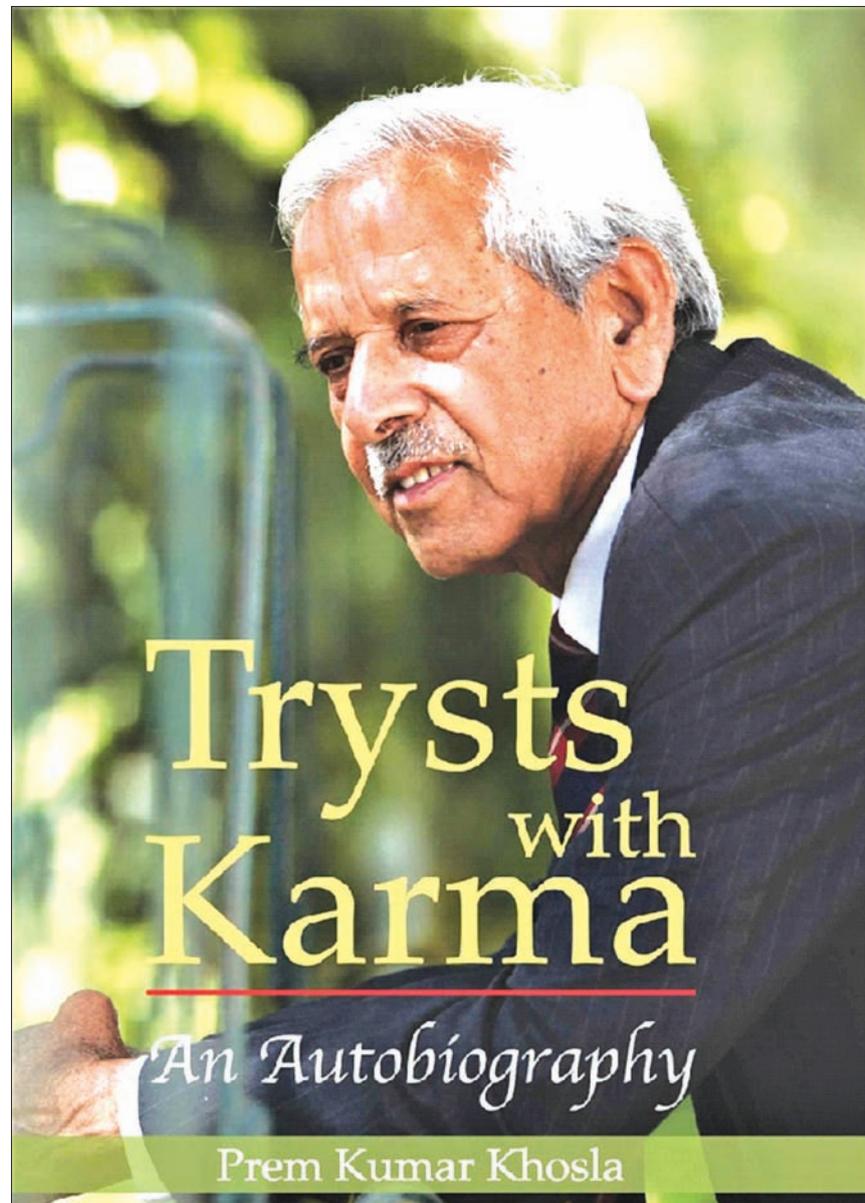
MOST OF the secretaries in the government treat Vice Chancellors rather casually.

'Late Prof. Vishnu Kant Shastri, the then Governor of Himachal Pradesh, a Saint Chancellor - believed that the post of a Vice Chancellor is the highest position amongst academicians. He is no way less than a state cabinet minister. Ministers and secretaries working in different departments should appreciate the fact that Vice Chancellors are nation builders and any honour bestowed on them is like an investment for the bright future of our society.'

'Create your own queue to stand upright amongst colleagues. In my childhood I played common street games of yester years - gillidanda, kho-kho and Pithu and then kabaddi . . It also helped in developing my teamwork and leadership qualities.'

'Mahatma Gandhi once said, First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win.'

' I was selected from the crowd of Indian scientists for a study tour to twenty five forestry schools in Europe, US, Australia and South Eastern countries to gain first-hand knowledge of global forestry. I became more vocal in my plea that forestry education in universities



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should comprise a distinct entity. At times, I earned the ill will of friends from the forest service;.. once a conservator of Forests chopped off my wings.'

'In order to confirm the veracity of past events, over the years I never kept a diary .I have tried to be truthful and objective with my



Writer's Possession - Gold Medal University of Roorkee

emotions, facts and narrative.'

'My mother imbibed moral and ethical values in me .I saw wisdom in my mother's propounding the belief that ill-gotten wealth is a curse. I am a student of Karma Yoga blending compassion, service and dedication.'

In Zoology, ridicule by a classmate named Pushpa became the turning point in his life and paved the way for him to become a topper in later degrees; 'I owe my first position in B.Sc. (Hons.) Botany, the university gold medal, in 1961 to her'

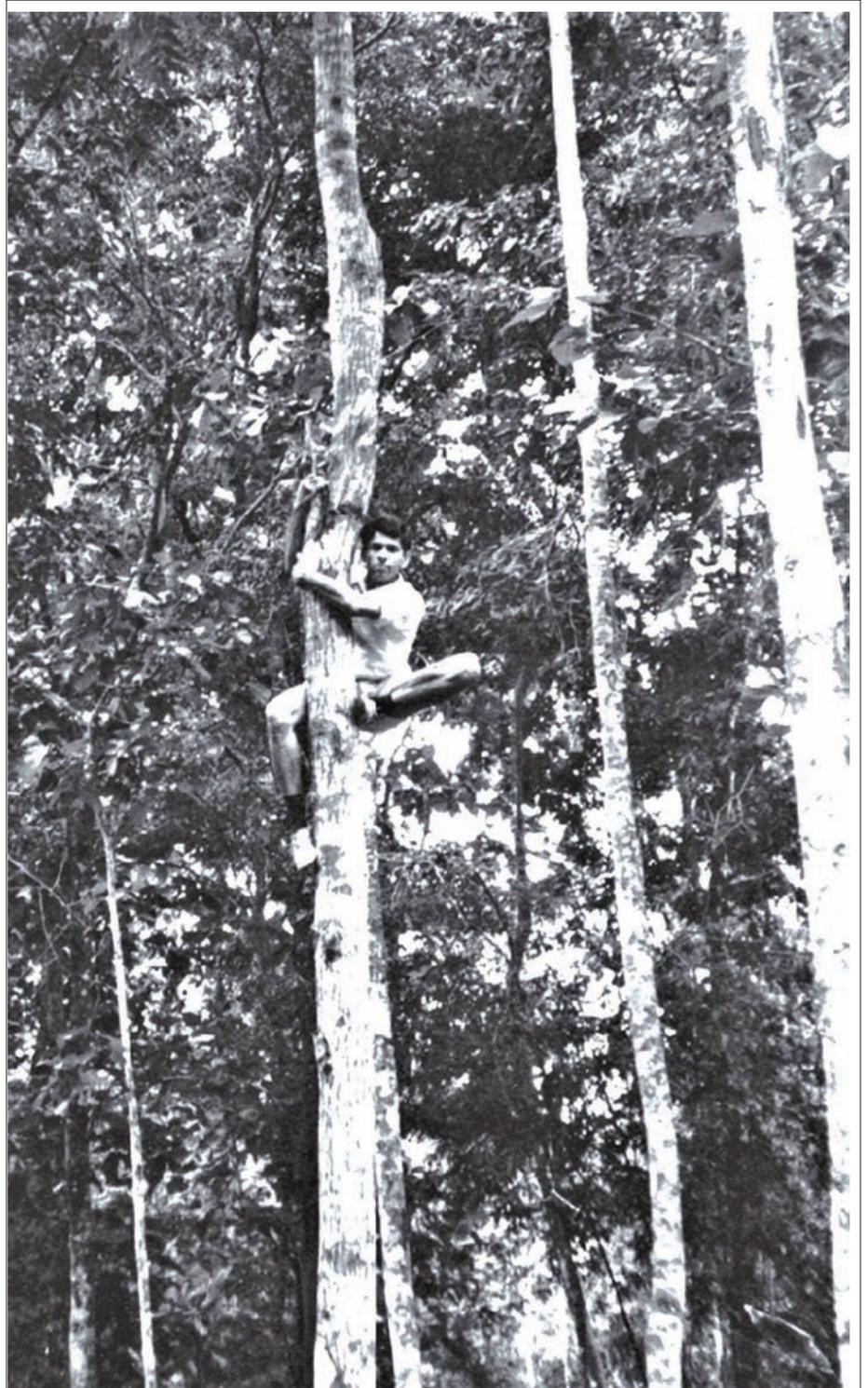
■ Today, I rejoice my own excitement of the 'Gold Medal' I won from the University of Roorkee in the post graduation; Dr. Vishav Kirti, the woman behind me was commended PHT (Pushing the Husband Through) by the Asian African Association.

■ From a meager study seat 'a three feet square carved out from a wall with small bricks' the scholar has graciously risen to the Chancellor's chair, tallest in the world of Education. 'You are a bad subordinate but an excellent boss.' Says Saroj, his wife.

'I transitioned from Botany to Forestry Science after two years of Post-doctoral in Forestry from Oxford University. Our two years at Oxford were enjoyable'

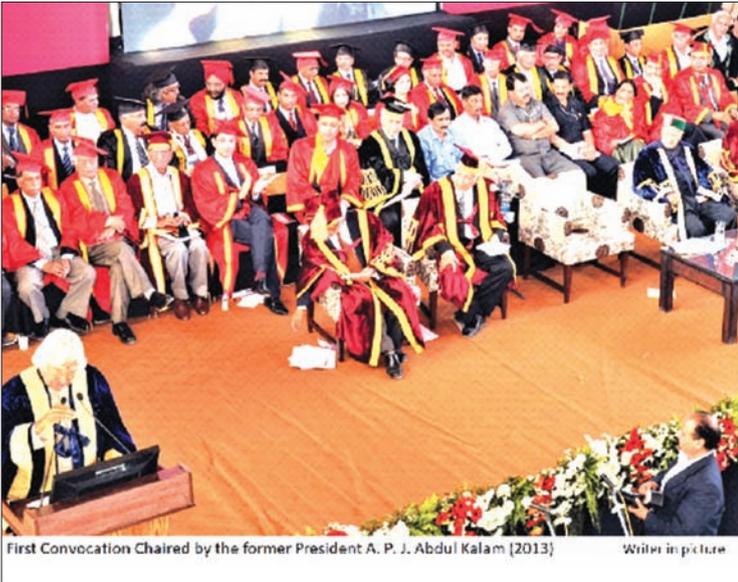
■ With my son, Aseem Mahajan, a scholar from Oxford & in the Indian Foreign Service, I know how special it feels to be an Oxonian.

Forestry is no easy matter for any one;



Prem climbing a tree to collect flower buds from the tree canopy

'memories of night stays in those tents- days without salt and sugar, In Darjeeling, in the company of Himalayan flora and fauna are still fresh in my mind. In a 'Near-Death' experience; unconscious I could become prey to wild animals. I stood up, continued to move, walk, stumble and crawl in the darkness; I fought back.'



First Convocation Chaired by the former President A. P. J. Abdul Kalam [2013] Writer in picture



Divine Partnership (left to right): Vishal Anand, Ashok Anand, Prem, Renee, Ramesh, Saroj, Satish Anand & Atul

'HIMACHAL PRADESH BECAME THE FIRST STATE IN THE COUNTRY TO FORMULATE ITS BIOTECH POLICY.' 'I HAD DEVELOPED THE PLAN TO ESTABLISH HIMACHAL'S BIOTECHNOLOGY PARK. THE PROJECT WAS SANCTIONED WITH A FINANCIAL OUTLAY OF OVER THIRTY-EIGHT CRORE RUPEES. UNFORTUNATELY, THAT PROPOSAL HAS NOT SEEN LIGHT OF THE DAY EVEN AFTER SIXTEEN YEARS!'

■ Preferring to be a scholar rather than a second lieutenant in the Indian army; her family giving Saroj's hand in wedding to him over an option of a well settled army officer; he was destined to land up in the army, but a suspect 'Pakistani Paratrooper'. 'The crowd started swelling. I was handed over to the local police by the army.'

'Establishing Indian Society of Tree Scientists, as it's Founding Secretary, offered me the unique opportunity to strengthen forestry education and research in the Indian university system.'

I became the first ever Indian scientist on the IUFRO (International Union of Forestry Research Organisations) Executive Board as a nominee from Asia.

'In 2013, I was conferred the title of an Entrepreneur at a conference of Vice Chancellors at Bangalore.'

■ October Same year, I had the honour of interacting with the UGC Expert Committee, as professor of Eminence at Shoolini, having much more to learn.

■ Prof. Khosla's entrepreneurship with Ramesh Mehan's support, and Vishal Anand's superb specimens of construction; a telltale of a breakthrough success of the trio has shown up a unique temple of learning. The life-like, life-size statue of Gurudeva, sculpted by Sri Rahul Das makes it, yet, outstanding.

'Today when I look at Shoolini University and its precincts with its 250 teachers, 350 staffers and over 4000 students, I feel that the original prototype of the university was designed in the astral world. The key challenge is to reach and

maintain global standards of research excellence.' The book reads.

'Himachal Pradesh became the first state in the country to formulate its Biotech Policy.' 'I had developed the plan to establish Himachal's Biotechnology Park. The project was sanctioned with a financial outlay of over thirty-eight crore rupees. Unfortunately, that proposal has not seen light of the day even after sixteen years!'

'From a proposal to allocate a hundred acres, in Kotla Barog near Giri River with a thinking to shift the park to Palampur and also a suggestion in favour of Baddi - at that point I left my assignment and shifted to Solan.'

'I feel that even today HIMCOSTE is the right agency to take the Biotech Park to its logical conclusion.'

■ Miracles happen to those who believe in miracles. The book is an encyclopedia of 'Ironies of fate into mysteries of life'. In his rip-roaring expressions, Prof Khosla aspires to clasp 'the foot prints in sands in time' in his fist.

A story with a tinge of occultism; a blend of spiritualism and mythical Hinduism- dash of yoga, a spice of metaphysics with a touch of reality, makes it a complete narration.

The park is gone with the wind. Let us see which way the wind blows.

'A thought provoking, interesting read.' I complimented the author on WhatsApp.

The writer is Professor of Eminence, Electronics & Electrical Engineering, Shoolini University.

Visiting Professor, UIIT, H P University.

He honourably quit as 'Emeritus Professor, Engineering,' APG, University.

UPDATED NOTIFIED LEGISLATION

Rights of Overseas Citizen of India Cardholder

The Central Government via notification dated March 04, 2021 specifies the following rights to which an Overseas Citizen of India Cardholder is entitled :

1. Grant of multiple entry lifelong visa for visiting India for any purpose:

Provided that for undertaking the following activities, the OCI cardholder shall be required to obtain a special permission or a Special Permit, as the case may be, from the competent authority or the Foreigners Regional Registration Officer or the Indian Mission concerned, namely:-

- (i) to undertake research;
- (ii) to undertake any Missionary or Tabligh or Mountaineering or Journalistic activities;
- (iii) to undertake internship in any foreign Diplomatic Missions or foreign Government organisations in India or to take up employment in any foreign Diplomatic Missions in India;

(iv) to visit any place which falls within the Protected or Restricted or prohibited areas as notified by the Central Government or competent authority;

2. Exemption from registration with the Foreigners Regional Registration Officer or Foreigners Registration Officer for any length of stay in India:

Provided that the OCI cardholders who are normally resident in India shall intimate the jurisdictional Foreigners Regional Registration Officer or the Foreigners Registration Officer by email whenever there is a change in permanent residential address and in their occupation;

3. Parity with Indian nationals in the matter of,-

- (i) tariffs in air fares in domestic sectors in India; and
- (ii) entry fees to be charged for visiting national parks, wildlife sanctuaries, the national monuments, historical sites and museums in India;

4. Parity with Non-Resident Indians in the matter of,-

- (i) inter-country adoption of Indian children subject to the compliance of the procedure as laid down by the competent authority for such adoption;



(ii) appearing for the all India entrance tests such as National Eligibility cum Entrance Test, Joint Entrance Examination (Mains), Joint Entrance Examination (Advanced) or such other tests to make them eligible for admission only against any Non-Resident Indian seat or any supernumerary seat: Provided that the OCI cardholder shall not be eligible for admission against any seat reserved exclusively for Indian citizens;

(iii) purchase or sale of immovable properties other than agricultural land or farm house or plantation property; and

(iv) pursuing the following professions in India as per the provisions contained in the applicable relevant statutes or Acts as the case may be, namely:- (a) doctors, dentists, nurses and pharmacists; (b) advocates; (c) architects; (d) chartered accountants;

5. In respect of all other economic, financial and educational fields not specified in this notification or the rights and privileges not covered by the notifications made by the Reserve Bank of India under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999), the OCI cardholder shall have the same rights and privileges as a foreigner.

PROVIDED THAT THE OCI CARDHOLDERS WHO ARE NORMALLY RESIDENT IN INDIA SHALL INTIMATE THE JURISDICTIONAL FOREIGNERS REGIONAL REGISTRATION OFFICER OR THE FOREIGNERS REGISTRATION OFFICER BY EMAIL WHENEVER THERE IS A CHANGE IN PERMANENT RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS AND IN THEIR OCCUPATION.

SUGGESTED FOOD TO BOOST IMMUNITY

Continuously living in the hormones of stress, fear and anxiety will just invite more diseases. Instead let us start living with more awareness and right knowledge

IMMUNITY BOOSTING FOODS



DRUMSTICKS - Drumstick is one of the superfoods which helps in boosting your immunity and acts as a shield for any virus to grow.

COCONUT WATER WITH LEMON - Intake of Coconut water should always be fresh. When you add half a lemon to fresh coconut water, vitamin C shoots up by 10 times. Once everyday, for the next few days, having coconut water with lemon is a must. (Note: Kidney patients should not have coconut water)

GARLIC, ONION & TURMERIC - These three are natural superfoods that will help kill the bad bacteria that thrive within us.





PUMPKIN SEEDS - Just by having 3-4 spoons of pumpkin seeds everyday can provide you with substantial quantities of healthy fats, magnesium and zinc which are vital for immune functions.

RED CAPSICUM - Vitamin C present in Red Capsicum is 3 times higher than the Vitamin C found in an orange. Ensure to have red capsicum in your salad everyday before meals.



HAND WASH - Wash your hands at regular intervals - Make this a habit, in every 3-4 hours wash your hands for 10-20 seconds thoroughly.



RIGHT EATING PATTERN - **COOKED FOOD** - Restrict the number of cooked meals to ONLY TWICE A DAY (Lunch and Dinner). Eat more raw vegetables and fruits.

EMPTY STOMACH FRUITS-Empty stomach fruits works miraculously and is highly recommended for making the system alkaline & building good health.



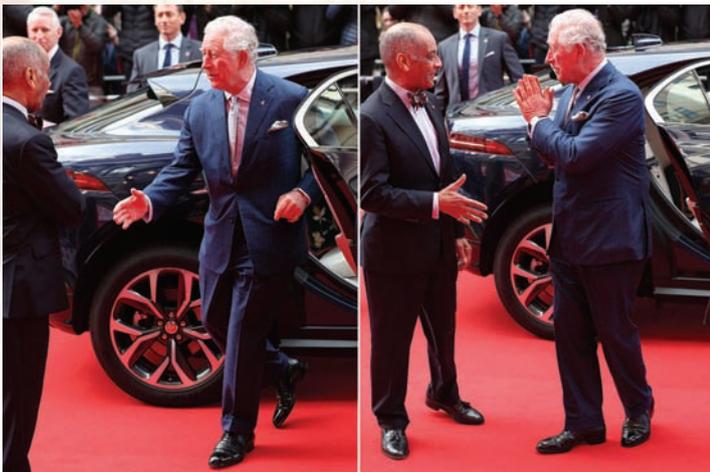
CUCUMBER AND CARROT- One small bowl to be had before lunch and dinner every day for making our body alkaline



WATER - At Least 2 litres of water everyday. Drinking sufficient water will not only help flush out toxins but maintain a healthy fluid balance.



NO UNHEALTHY FOOD - Avoid junk foods / dairy / Maida / Non-Veg / Deep fried / Packaged food as much as possible.



WHAT TO AVOID - Avoid Handshakes - The Indian Namaste works best !!



WHAT TO AVOID - Avoid crowded places and quarantine yourself - We can all do this not only for ourselves but also for the safety of others too.



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Indo Pacific Vision is new currency says Indian envoy to Japan :Sanjay Verma Also Backs Tokyo Olympics

INDIA'S ENVOY to Japan Sanjay Verma has said that Indo Pacific vision is the 'new currency' even as he listed out how Quad is a grouping of 'convergence of principles'. Japan, along with India, US and Australia are members of the Quad grouping and back the Indo Pacific vision that geographically sees Indian and Pacific oceans as one unit.

In response to a question, Sanjay Verma speaking at foreign correspondents club of Japan, said, "There is no conflict between the concept of Indo Pacific and Asia Pacific, which is an old concept. In fact, Indo Pacific has become the new currency, as compared to the old currency, which used to be Asia Pacific. Indo Pacific replaces Asia Pacific."

He explained that the Indo Pacific vision is shared by 'many countries' and groupings like ASEAN and 'many countries beyond Asia, which also share' the vision like the US and Australia. Indo Pacific is a region seen from eastern shores of Africa to the western coast of the US and a region driving the world's economy and hosting a large portion of world's population.

Asked about Quad, and India aligning itself to specific groups, Verma highlighted that, "Quad doesn't force us to leave or give up our independent foreign policy. It is autonomous and



Indian envoy to Japan, Sanjay Verma

completely independent. It doesn't preclude the convergence of principles."

Adding, "Quad has certain principles, which have convergence and reverbrance with the Indian foreign policy ethos and that is very much there."

Earlier, this year saw the first-ever Quad leadership summit virtually in which leaders of all four member countries participated. Later, this year could see, first-ever in-person summit. While the Quad's history goes back to the aftermath of the 2004 Indian ocean Tsunami when these four countries worked together, but it is only in the last few years that the pace of regular engagement has

increased.

"In Quad, the countries, which have come together, follow principles like democracy", envoy pointed out, saying "there is dialogue and deliverables coming out of quad and I don't see quad going against the philosophy and principle of having an independent foreign policy by a country."

The emergence of groupings like Quad and Indo Pacific vision come at a time when world and Asia has seen an increase in Chinese aggressiveness. China has been aggressive with all four Quad countries, with India it has been creating troubles at LAC in Eastern Ladakh, with Japan over Senkaku islands, with Australia there have been trade issues and with US, from trade to Taiwan.

The Indian envoy also spoke on Tokyo Olympics which Japan will be hosting next month, saying "our athletes are early waiting to come and join the event and try to do the best they can in the sporting event."

The Olympics were to take place last year but got postponed due to the Covid crisis. This year, the Olympics are taking place amid heightened protocols to deal with the Covid virus.

Verma said, "The Olympics should generally be held on time so that athletes, who would participate, do not get disappointed", elaborating that "It is a global event, for which the world waits for four years and therefore, our view is that, with safety is of paramount importance. There cannot be a compromise with health issues. Neither for the athletes, nor for visitors or Japanese residents."

So far, 140 Indian athletes are confirmed to go to Japan for the Olympics. The number can increase as many qualifying events remain.

Expressing confidence on smooth Olympics, the envoy said, "Olympics should go ahead and I am sure, given the precautions taken by the Japanese govt and Japanese Olympic committee, we do not foresee any difficulty in going ahead with the event."



A look at the stadiums and venues for Tokyo Olympics

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भोपाल: भारत का भगवान मंदिरों में नहीं प्रकृति में विद्यमान था। हमारी संस्कृति दोहन की रही है लेकिन वर्तमान शिक्षा पद्धति ने उसे शोषण की प्रवृत्ति में बदल दिया है, जिसके कारण पृथ्वी पर पर्यावरणीय संकट पैदा हुआ। विश्व पर्यावरण दिवस के अवसर पर यह बात देश के जाने माने पर्यावरणविद और जल संरक्षक डॉ. राजेंद्र सिंह ने ऑनलाइन संबोधन में कही।

शनिवार को विश्व पर्यावरण दिवस के अवसर पर माखनलाल चतुर्वेदी राष्ट्रीय पत्रकारिता एवं संचार विश्वविद्यालय ने इंडियन फेडरेशन ऑफ यूनाइटेड नेशंस एसोसिएशन नयी दिल्ली के साथ मिलकर 'जल संरक्षण, पर्यावरण और युवा' विषय पर विशेष उद्बोधन का आयोजन किया।

कार्यक्रम में मुख्य वक्ता के रूप में बोलते हुए डॉ. राजेंद्र सिंह ने कहा कि दुनिया के कई हिस्सों में पानी खत्म हो रहा है और लोग बेघर हो शरणार्थी बन रहे हैं। यह इकोलॉजिकल डिजास्टर चूंकि मनुष्य के लालची विकास का ही परिणाम है। इसलिए मनुष्य को ही सुधार की पहल करनी होगी। उन्होंने कहा कि साधारण भाषा में जिसे जलवायु चक्र की गड़बड़ी कहा जाता है उसे मैं धरती का बीमार होना कहता हूं, जिसके इलाज की आवश्यकता है। डॉक्टर राजेंद्र सिंह ने पीपीटी के माध्यम से उनके द्वारा अपनाए गए परंपरागत भारतीय जल संरक्षण मॉडल की सक्सेस स्टोरीज को समझाया।

इससे पूर्व स्वागत उद्बोधन में इंडियन फेडरेशन ऑफ यूनाइटेड नेशंस एसोसिएशन नई दिल्ली के महासचिव सुरेश श्रीवास्तव ने कहा कि पारिस्थितिकीय संतुलन धरती के लिए आवश्यक है, सस्टेनेबल डेवलपमेंट के बिना पर्यावरण संरक्षण नहीं हो सकता। उन्होंने बताया कि



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कार्यक्रम में इंडियन फेडरेशन यूनाइटेड नेशंस एसोसिएशन के मीडिया सलाहकार और वरिष्ठ पत्रकार एवं ग्लोबलबिहारी.कॉम के प्रधान संपादक पत्रकार दीपक पर्वतियार ने कहा कि जल संरक्षण के लिए परिणामजनक कार्य करने के लिए तपस्या और जुनून की आवश्यकता होती है, सिर्फ सुधार के बारे में सोचना ही पर्याप्त नहीं है।

अध्यक्षीय उद्बोधन में कुलपति प्रो. के.जी. सुरेश ने कहा कि पर्यावरण सामाजिक सरोकार और पर्यावरण संरक्षण में युवा पत्रकार बहुत महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभा सकते हैं। विश्व पर्यावरण दिवस के अवसर पर विद्यार्थियों द्वारा तैयार किये गए समाचार पत्र 'संज्ञान' का ऑनलाइन विमोचन करते हुए उन्होंने कहा कि समाज में पर्यावरण के प्रति जागरूकता जाने में पत्रकारिता एक प्रभावी माध्यम है।

उन्होंने कहा कि विश्वविद्यालय सामाजिक सरोकारों के लिए प्रतिबद्ध है। विश्वविद्यालय जैसी संस्थाएं आइसोलेट होकर कार्य नहीं कर सकती। समाज के प्रति उनकी कुछ जिम्मेदारियां एवं दायित्व होते हैं। कोरोना संकट के दौरान माखनलाल चतुर्वेदी राष्ट्रीय पत्रकारिता एवं संचार विश्वविद्यालय ने अपने सामाजिक दायित्व का निर्वहन करने का प्रयास किया है।

इस अवसर पर विश्वविद्यालय की शोध जर्नल **मीडिया मीमांसा** और छात्रों की अभ्यास पत्रिका **संज्ञान** के नवीन अंको का विमोचन भी डॉ. सिंह के कर कमलों द्वारा किया गया। इस ऑनलाइन परिचर्चा का संयोजन सहायक प्राध्यापक सूर्य प्रकाश ने किया, कार्यक्रम के अंत में विश्वविद्यालय के कुलसचिव प्रो. पवित्र श्रीवास्तव ने आभार व्यक्त किया।

आयुर्वेद और कोरोना



डॉ. राजेंद्र सिंह

वायरस सार्स क्राइसिस-1 से सार्स क्राइसिस-2 बिल्कुल अलग नहीं मिलते-जुलते हैं दोनों ही बहुरूपिया है। इसका जेनेटिक मटेरियल जो प्रोटीन और लिपिड कवर के अंदर होता है। जब यह मानव शरीर से बाहर रहता है तो वह निर्जीव होता है। यह जब मानवीय शरीर की कोशिकाओं पर आक्रमण करता है, तो उनके मेटाबोलिज्म को हाईजेक कर अपने को सजीव बना लेता है। कोरोना कोविड-19, सार्स-2 अपने जैसे ही असंख्य वायरसों का निर्माण करके, अपनी तादाद बढ़ता रहता है। इसलिए इसको मानव शरीर से बाहर रहने पर, जीव कहना ठीक नहीं है, बल्कि यह एक निर्जीव पदार्थ के जैविक रसायन से बनता है। इसकी विशिष्टता है कि यह अपने जैसे करोड़ों वायरसों को बहुत ही कम समय में ही बनवा लेता है।

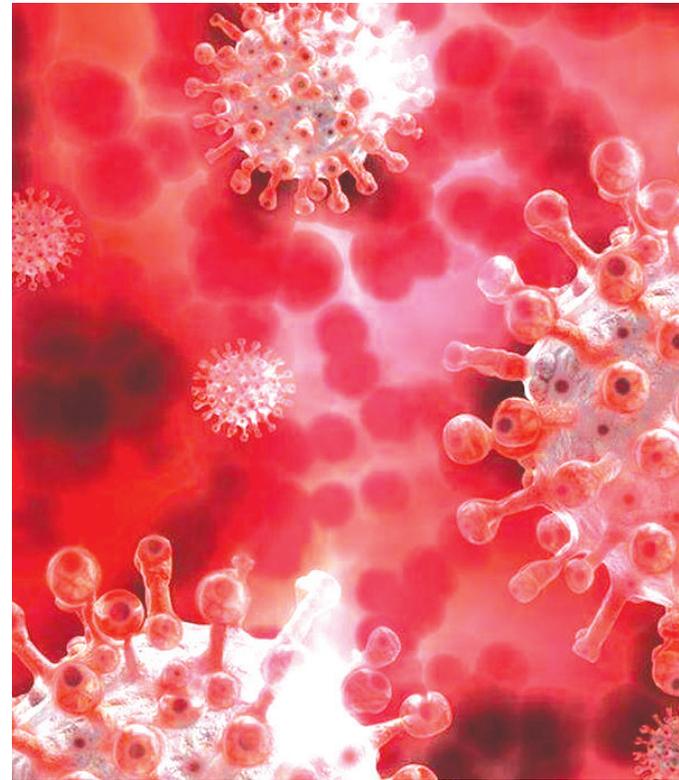
यह छोटी जीन वाला है। फेंफड़े के संवेदनशील क्षेत्र जहाँ पर जहरीली गैसों CO2 को O2 प्राण वायु में बदलने वाली झिल्ली होती है, वहाँ जब यह प्रवेश कर जाता है, तब मानवीय कोशिकाओं द्वारा मिलकर हल्ला बोलने से झिल्ली में सूजन आज जाती है। प्राण वायु बनना रुक जाता है। श्वास क्रिया बंद होने लगती है। यह मृत्यु काल के बहुत करीब होता है। यह जीवन का तूफान होता है। यह देखने में छोटन लगे, घाव करे गंभीर वाला वायरस है।

आयुर्वेद और कोरोना: वेदों से आयुर्वेद है जो हमारे जीने की पद्धति निर्धारित करता है

यह कोरोना वायरस यसारस -2, कोविड -19, पृथ्वी पर जीव बनने से पहले का, प्रारंभिक चरण का वायरस है। इसके इतिहास को समझने के लिए हमें जानना होगा कि 2002 में जब चाईना में कोरोना वायरस-1 पहली बार प्रभावी हुआ था, वहाँ से सबसे पहले यह कनाडा और अमेरिका पहुँचा था। कनाडा के उस काल में स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय के अध्यक्ष एवं मंत्री माउंट सिनाई अस्पताल के संचालक डॉ. डोन लो ने निर्णय किया था कि, इसे कनाडा से बाहर नहीं जाने देंगे। उस समय कोरोना वायरस नं-1 को सार्स क्राइसिस-1 नाम

से जाना जाता था। उन्होंने वायरस को अपने देश से बाहर नहीं निकलने दिया था और इसके लिए वैक्सीन भी नहीं बनने दी थी। क्योंकि इन्हें इसके बहुरूपियापन म्यूटिड होने का पता था। यह दुनिया के लिए भयानक होता है। इन्होंने दोनों का 18 वर्ष पहले चीन से आकर कनाडा में प्रभावी हुआ सार्स क्राइसिस-1 ए को डोन लो ने अपने देश से बाहर नहीं निकलने दिया था। उनके प्रयासों से सार्स क्राइसिस-1 कनाडा में ही सिमित हो गया था। उस समय कनाडा ने दिखा दिया कि ऐसी परिस्थिति को कैसे काबू करना है। अब यही भारत का आयुर्वेद दिखा सकता है। पर कोविड-19 सार्स क्राइसिस-2 के मामले में ऐसा नहीं हुआ और यह दुनिया भर में फैल रहा है। इसको जहाँ जितनी अनुकूलता मिलीए उतनी तेजी से ही यह बढ़ता गया, क्योंकि यह प्राकृतिक अनुकूलन की पालना करना जानता है। इसने अपने आप को चालाकी से फैलाया। इस

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वायरस ने चार्ल्स डार्विन के सिद्धांत को भी सिद्ध किया है।

भारतए जो की प्राकृतिक आरोग्य रक्षण की पद्धति में विश्वास रखता हैय प्रकृति के साथ अधिक सम्मान से जीता है। भारत के सामने विकट परिस्थिति बनी है किन्तु राष्ट्रहित को देखते हुए भारत में जल्द से जल्द सकारात्मक विचारों के साथ आर्थिक व मानवीय हानि को रोकने का प्रयास आयुर्वेद द्वारा होना था। इस प्रयास में लाभ से अधिक शुभ का ख्याल रखना अच्छा होगा। आयुर्वेद एवं आयुष से कोरोना का इलाज अधिक कारगर हो सकता है। दूसरी पद्धति में इसका इलाज नहीं है। आज जरूरत है कि हम अपनी पद्धति में भी इसके इलाज की खोज करें।

हमारे स्वास्थ्य विशेषज्ञ यदि दिसम्बर 2019 में ही इस वायरस के चरित्र के बारे में सरकारों को समझाकर, भारत में बाहर से आने वाले विदेशियों व स्वदेशियों को आने पर रोक लगा देते तो अच्छा होता। ऐसे में भारत में भी कोई डोन लो जैसा स्वास्थ्य विशेषज्ञ खड़ा होकर सरकार को समझाने में सफल होता। इसी रास्ते से हम इस संकट से बच सकते थे। हमारे स्वास्थ्य सक्षम जीव वैज्ञानिकों को भी इस वायरस की मार को स्वयं समझकर भारत को इससे बचाना चाहिए था। सार्स काइसिस-1, सार्स काइसिस-2 दोनों ही चीन की उपज



है। ये दोनों ही बहुत धोखेबाज हैं। इन पर हमारा अहिंसक आयुर्वेद ही सफल होगा।

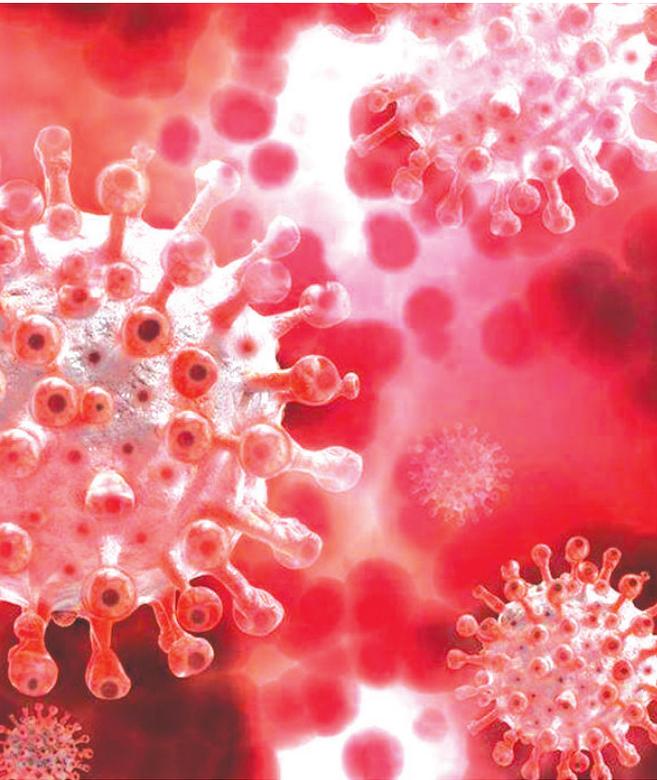
भारत के किसान-मजदूर अपना पेट भरने के लिए शहरों से निकलकर वापस गाँव में आने लगे हैं। उन्हें आज भी कोरोना महामारी से बचने के लिए अपने गाँव की हरियाली, पानी, मिट्टी ज्यादा सुरक्षित दिख रही है। इसलिए इस लॉकडाउन से त्रस्त होकर लोग गाँवों की तरफ जैस-तैसे दौड़ रहे हैं। बहुत सारे लोग रास्ते में मर रहे हैं, फिर भी अपने गाँव पहुँचना उन्हें ज्यादा सुरक्षित दिख रहा है। भारतीय स्वास्थ्य रक्षण आयुष में सरकार को विश्वास रखकर, अपनी जनता को अपने घरों में पहुँचाने की जल्द से जल्द व्यवस्था करनी चाहिए। गाँवों में जाने से पहले इनका स्वास्थ्य निरीक्षण व जाँच होना अत्यंत आवश्यक है।

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हमें दुनिया के हित का काम करने का यह अवसर कोविड -19 से मिला है। पूरा भारत एक होकर कोरोना से होने वाली सांस्कृतिक, सामाजिक, आर्थिक व स्वास्थ्य संबंधी हानि को रोकें।

लेखक पूर्व आयुर्वेदाचार्य हैं तथा जलपुरुष के नाम से विख्यात, मैग्सेसे और स्टॉकहोल्म वॉटर प्राइज से सम्मानित, पर्यावरणविद हैं। प्रकाशित लेख उनके निजी विचार हैं।

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OBITUARY



Mr. A. A. SYED

We the members of Indian Federation of United Nations Associations deeply mourn demise of Shri A A syed, Secretary General of Maharashtra U N Association. His valuable association with us span back to more then thirty years. He has given a great contribution to the cause of the United Nations. He was a firm believer of peace full coexistence for all human beings.

We have lost a comrade in arms and void left by him is difficult to fill in. We equally share the grief and sorrow. May god give his family members enough of strength to bear this loss.



Ms. MOHINI MATHUR

We, the Members of Indian Federation of UN Associations are greatly distressed and deeply saddened by the second blow within a week time after passing away of Late Shri A.A. Syed of Maharashtra UN Association. Destiny has snatched our highly respected Mrs. MOHINI MATHUR who had given a great contribution spanning more than five decades to Maharashtra UN Association and IFUNA.

After she shifted from Mumbai to Delhi, NCR she actively participated in all the activities of IFUNA, Vice President and the void created by her demise is difficult to fill in.

May God give courage to the family members of Mrs. Mohini Mathur to bear this loss. We equally share grief and sorrow of the family members of Mrs. Mohini Mathur.

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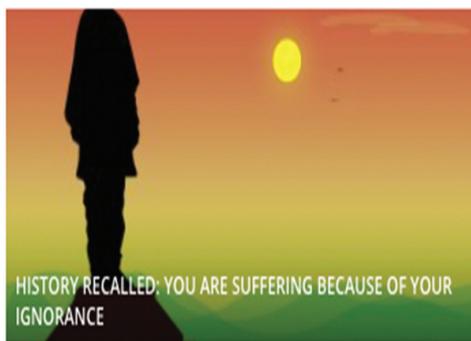
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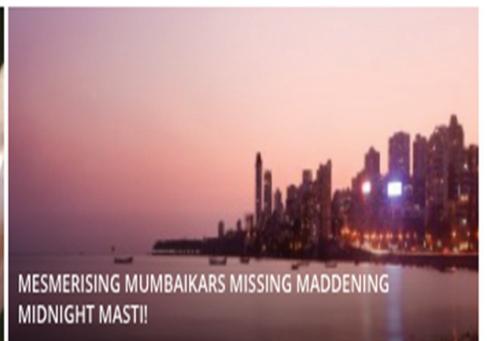
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