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## **PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA LAUNCHED - AZADI AMRIT MAHOTSAV- IT MEANS ELIXIR OF ENERGY OF INDEPENDENCE - HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY TO ALL!!**

India and Indian diaspora have been celebrating the day that India got freedom, August 15, 1947, with great pride. India had a great civilized past but lost their freedom to Britishers. Living under the rules of a foreign government made many people suffer economically and socially. It made people restless and they launched a movement to fight for their freedom. History books showcase the lives of those who sacrificed their lives to achieve freedom for India.

Knowing that our ancestors made numerous sacrifices to achieve freedom, we remember them each year, and we owe them a debt of gratitude. India has been enjoying freedom and is now engaged in building its infrastructure. We, living in all parts of the world are happy to know that our extended families are walking with "head held high" in a free, multi-religious, and most populous and diverse country in the World. We also feel good that our birth country and adopted country are engaged in mutually beneficial, peaceful and progressive path.



The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi flagged off the 'Padyatra' (Freedom March) from Sabarmati Ashram, Ahmedabad and inaugurated the curtain raiser activities of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' (India@75). He also launched various other cultural and digital initiatives for the India@75 celebrations. Governor of Gujarat Shri Acharya Devvrat, Union MoS (I/C) Shri Prahald Singh Patel and Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Vijay Rupani were present on the occasion. Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav is a series of events to be organized by the

Government of India to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of India's Independence. The Mahotsav will be celebrated as a Jan-Utsav in the spirit of Jan-Bhagidari. Addressing the gathering at Sabarmati Ashram, the Prime Minister noted the launch of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' 75 weeks before 15 August 2020 which will continue till 15 August, 2023. He paid homage to Mahatma Gandhi and great personalities who laid down their lives in the freedom struggle.

The Prime Minister reiterated five pillars i.e., Freedom Struggle, Ideas at 75, Achievements at 75, Actions at 75 and resolves at 75 as guiding force for moving forward keeping dreams and duties as inspiration. The Prime Minister asserted that Azadi Amrit Mahotsav means elixir of energy of independence. It means elixir of inspirations of the warriors of freedom struggle; elixir of new ideas and pledges and nectar of Aatmnirbharta.

*Angela Anand, NFIA Immediate Past President, Editor of the newsletter*

## **SO-CAL INDIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY CELEBRATES INDIA@75 AS "AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV":**

Under the guidance of a newly formed umbrella of Southern California Indian Community India@75 Organizing Committee with Chairman Kewal Kanda celebrated India's 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day as "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" at Joy of Sharing Community Center on Saturday, August 14, 2021. Due to CDC protocol and its guidelines, the entry was restricted. Face covering was mandatory. The program was also live streamed over YouTube channel and was watched by 321 people which in addition to 300 plus in person.



The program started with traditional Lamp Lighting. The Committee Members joined on stage with Chairman of Organizing Committee, Kewal Kanda, City of Artesia Mayor Renee Trevino, Council members Ali Taj and Tony Lima to light the Lamp. Aarti Garg sang the American National Anthem followed by the entire organizing team and the audience singing Indian National Anthem. Veena Singh, followed with patriotic songs to highlight the theme of the celebration. All dignitaries congratulated the audience on India's Independence Day.

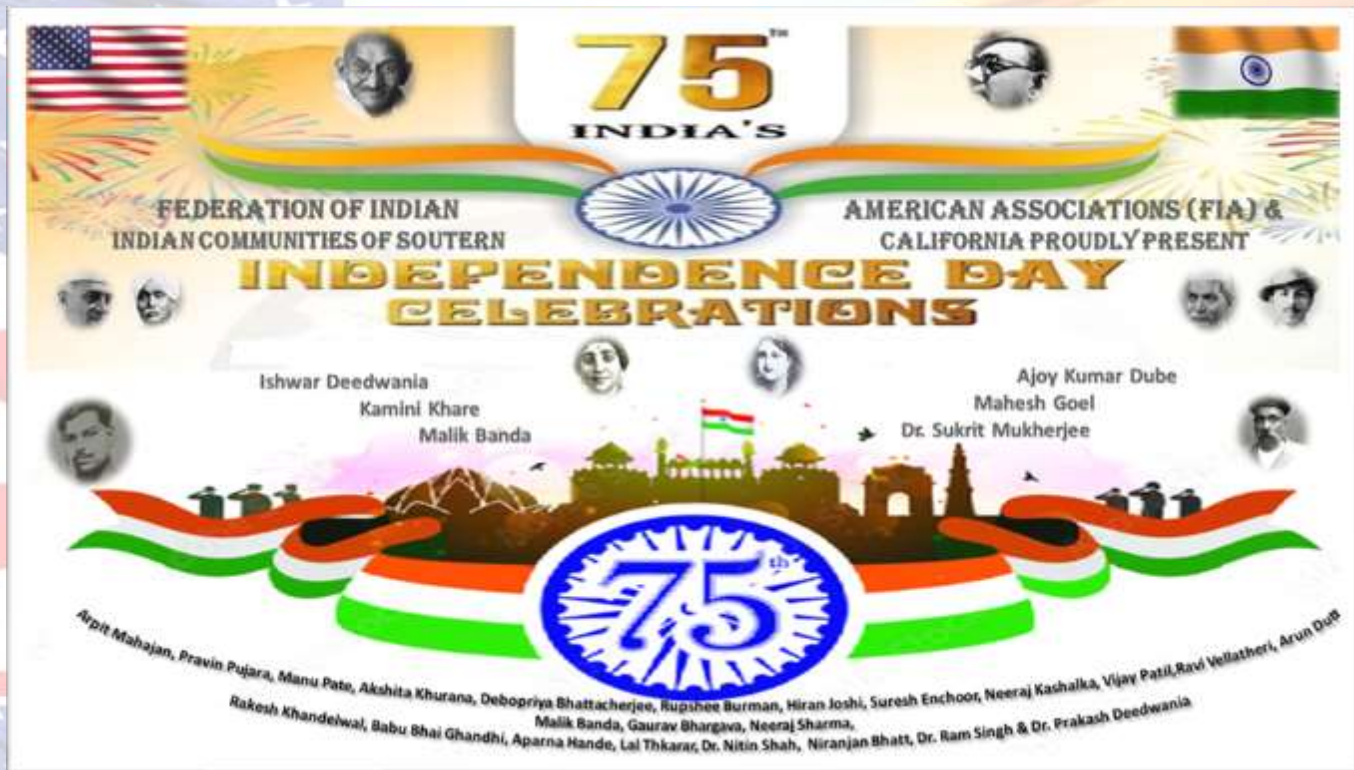
Cultural program part one presented the Indian diversity through different states of India. It was followed by the discussion on Modern India - In forefront of Technology. Speakers were Alok Kumar Chatterjee, Interface manager at NASA Jet Propulsion Lab, Mr. Kamal Bhadada, President of Communications, Media, and Information Services at TCS, and Mr. Pranav Mehta, chairman National Solar and Sustainable Energy - Federation of India. Mr. Gunjan Bagla, CEO of Amritt Inc. moderated the discussion. The highlight of this session was showing of satellite launch by ISRO and the largest (in the world) solar panel display in India.

Youth dressed up as Dr. Ambedkar, Subhash Chander Bose, Sarojini Naidoo, Bhagat Singh and other freedom fighters to say what were their expectations and vision of India was when they were fighting for freedom of India. Chairman Kanda invited Mr. Harry Sidhu, the Mayor of Anaheim to address the audience. Mr. Sidhu, as keynote speaker, encouraged people to participate in American political System. He congratulated everyone and presented a proclamation on behalf of City of Anaheim to Chairman of India@75 Organizing Committee, Kewal Kanda in recognition of India's 75th Independence Day. He also offered to help secure a good venue in Anaheim for the final program next year subject to the availability and timely request.

The beauty of the program was the presentation of diversity of Indian landscape through LED screens and lighting, and sound system by Audi Tech team headed by Sunny Gill. It created an ambience of theatrical presentation and dinner was provided to all in attendance. Ashok Patnaik and Anju Garg were Master of Ceremonies. Cultural part including youth presentation was handled by Vasu Pawar and Charu Shivakumar. Aparna Hande delivered the Vote of Thanks. Special thanks were conveyed to Platinum Sponsors Uma & Avadhesh Agarwal and BU & Pushpaben Patel for providing the facility free of cost for the program. Many others thanked include: Hasmukh Modi, Hark Vasa, Prof. Keshav Patel, Surekha Modi, Yatri Shukla, Geeta Bhatt, Subhash Bhatt, Aarti Kaushal Chopra, Radhika Patel, Nila Parikh, Dr. Manorama Gupta, Rajinder Dhunna, Sunil Garg, Baljinder Tahim, Navin Gupta, Amrit Bhandari, Rani Kuusto, Dr. Sinduri Jayasinghe, Rachna Srivastav, Jitu Patel, Vilas Jadhav, Dr. Rangaesh Gadasalli, Harish Dhruv, Lata Ahir, Arvind Patel, and Sudip Gorakshakar.

## **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS CELEBRATED INDIA INDEPENDENCE DAY TOGETHER UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF FIA:**

A grand event was organized in a virtual platform by Federation of Indian Associations (FIA) along with Indian Communities leaders of Southern California. The celebration featured the theme of 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of India. The program was spearheaded by Mr. Ishwar Deedwania, President of FIA, Mr. Ajoy Dube, President of NFIA, Mrs. Kamini Khare, Chairwoman of Indian Association of Southern California, Mr. Malik Banda, Mr. Mahesh



Goel and by Dr. Sukrit Mukherjee, President of Brahman Samaj of North America Los Angeles Chapter. Mr. Mukherjee also served as the master of ceremony. On August 16, 2021, the event unfolded in Southern CA with Virtual Lamp lighting Ceremony, followed by US National Anthem and Virtual Flag hoisting along with Indian National Anthem and hoisting of Indian Flag Virtually. It was followed by welcome speeches by the Organizers and Past Presidents of FIA and other dignitaries. There was address about the significance of Independence Day by Mr. Teddy Kaput, District Attorney in the County for Los Angeles.

A special Presentation was broadcast via a Video sent to FIA by Ministry of Culture, Government of India that portrayed the significance of 75 year of Independence. This program was virtual and was also broadcast live over YouTube for others joining from different areas. Dr. Sukrit Mukherjee served the master of ceremony.

Some patriotic Bollywood songs were performed by Sabri Girish and his daughter live followed by Seema Maethel. A Gujrati Folk Dance "Vyaago Re Dhol" By Shailaja, Payal K., Swati, Laxmi, Dipal and Payal P was of interest. This was followed by Kathak Dance by Dhvani Dance Academy and Bollywood mix Dance by Young Artists presented by the same Dance Academy.

A song was presented by Mr. Kailsh Dhamija and also by Rani Sood, and Bharat Natyam Dance by Swetha Sarath and a Kuchupudi Dance - koluvaithiva Rangasai by Telegu Association of Southern California. The program came to an end with Thank You Note from the Organizers and ended with a specially choreographed dance on Indian National Anthem "Jana Gana Mana" by Students of Debapriya Bhattacharya. The event was attended by several former NFIA presidents, Niraj Baxi and Harish Panchal, along with several other officers of NFIA and other area organizations leaderships.

## **GOPIO AND NFIA CELEBRATED 75<sup>TH</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY OF INDIA VIRTUALLY ON AUGUST 15, 2021:**

The event was full of glamor, politics, and cultural segments. Several dignitaries and VIPs were in attendance and the program began with the address of India's Consul General in New York, Honorable Randhir Kumar Jaiswal who greeted the participants, the diaspora, and supporters of the Indian community around the World as India turned 74 years old since Independence achieved in 1947. Consul General Jaiswal, well known to Indian community, also on behalf of the government of India had previously worked at the United Nation, New York, was introduced by GOPIO, founding president of GOPIO New York chapter and executive trustee of GOPIO, Mr. Lal Motwani, who had served previously as president and chairman of NFIA.

Consul in his address emphasized the importance of the role of the Indian diaspora in strengthening India and US relations and thanked them for their support in providing medical equipment to their motherland during the COVID crisis.



Other notable VIPs included Congressman Tom Suozzi, representing the 3rd Congressional district of New York who was introduced by RVP Rastogi of NFIA. She described him as a "friend of India" and our voice in Washington DC. Also present were Senators Todd Kaminsky, Kevin Thomas, John Liu and Anna Kaplan who all greeted and thanked the organizers, participants and lauded the Indian diaspora's contribution to the United States. Also present were council member Paul Vallone and Queens County District Attorney Melinda Katz who echoed the wonderful contribution that the Indo-Americans have made.

On behalf of NFIA Introductory remarks were made by the NFIA President Ajoy Dube. GOPIO and NFIA together presented a potpourri of great dances and traditional music of India "Shehnai" by special arrangements made by Ms. Rastogi of NFIA. Shree Bhaskar Nath from India, a student of Padma Vibhushan Vocalist pandit Jasraj presented a scintillating shehnai recital which delighted the viewers locally and internationally. Young students of RVP Prashanti Harathi of NFIA gave dances to provide a patriotic flavor. Participation of local and international artists, especially from Paris, a dance by Aparna Sreedhar, along with Master of ceremony GOPIO New York President Ms. Beena Kothari and the glamor quotient provided by India Beauty Pageant of Dharmatma Saran, and the leadership from GOPIO local as well as international, local and international as well as from NFIA - past presidents Subash Razdan, Angela Anand, Sudip Gorakshakar and vice presidents Raj Razdan, Pat Patnaik and many more officers made the event memorable.

## **NATIONAL COUNCIL OF INDIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATIONS, VA (NCAIA, VA), ORGANIZED INDIA INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION VIRTUALLY:**

NCAIA, VA, in close collaboration with other area organizations celebrated India's 75th Independence Day-- Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav with colorful dances, patriotic songs, and speeches with grand success. The program held on August 21, 2021, was coordinated by Dr. Yogendra Gupta. The program started with Ambassador Taranjit Singh Sandhu's message followed by welcome address by President of NCAIA Mrs. Nayna Desai and a very eloquent speech by the Chairman Mr. Sunil K Singh who saluted the Martyrs of Freedom Movement (Men and Women who sacrificed their precious lives to free India from the brutality of the British rule) and cited examples of how India had progressed in every sphere of life's endeavors over the past 75 years. Mr. Anshul Sharma, Counselor, Education and Economics, Embassy of India, Mr. Pankaj Singh, MLA, UP (son of Foreign Minister Sri Rajnath Singh.)

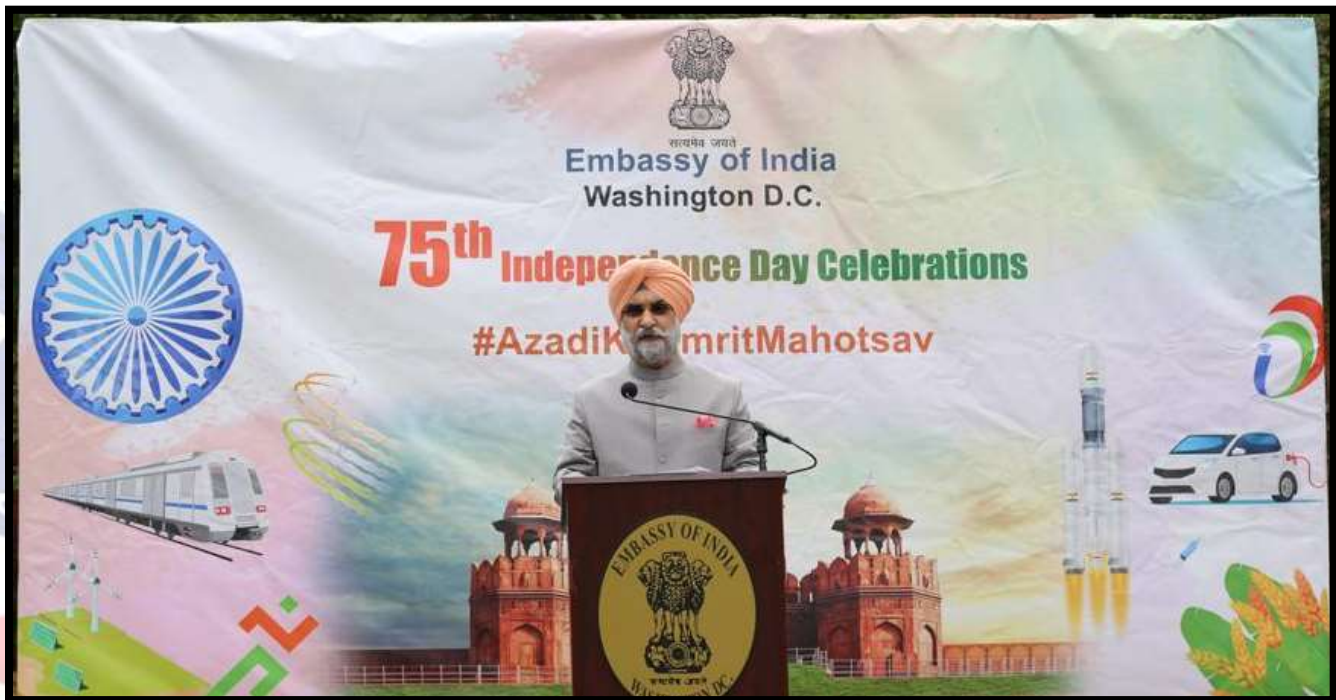


Mr. Subhendu Awasthi, spokesperson, BJP, Delhi, as well as Dr. Har Swarup Singh and, Kripa Shanker Singh (who gave vote of thanks in the form of a poem) spoke on this occasion touching on various aspects of India's progress and accomplishments. The talented vocal singers from the Nation's capital area comprising of Mrs. Urmila Prasad, Mrs. Alka Batra, Dr. Kshma Garg, Mr. Vidyasagar, Mrs. Asha Vardhan and Mr. Rajiv Kamal and a host of others delighted the audience with their patriotic songs. The program was organized by the officers and include Dr. Yogendra Gupta, Mr. Sunil Singh, Mr. Kripa S. Singh, Mr. Harish Kolasani, Dr. Har Swarup Singh, Mrs. Nayna Desai, Mrs. Sashi Aggarwal, Mr. Gopinath Durgayanaidu, Mr. Rajiv Kamal and others. NCAIA plans to celebrate Azaadi ka Amrit Mahotsav in a grandest manner during the 75th weeks of its celebration. NCAIA wishes everyone a very Happy India's 75th Independence Day.

## **WASHINGTON D.C. AND MANY CONSULATES AND METROPOLITAN CITIES IN THE UNITED STATES OBSERVED THE 75<sup>TH</sup> INDEPENDENCE OF INDIA WITH CELEBRATIONS:**

The 75th Independence Day of India was celebrated with fervor across the United States. In Washington D. C. Ambassador Taranjit Singh Sandhu unfurled the tricolor, which was followed by National Anthem. In his remarks, the Ambassador underlined that it was an occasion to rededicate oneself to transforming the dreams and aspirations of 1.3 billion Indian people into reality. The Ambassador also highlighted Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, being celebrated to mark 75 years of India's Independence. He noted that the India – US relations have come a long way; however, given the true potential of the relations, there is a lot more that could be done. He expressed keenness to connect the youth of both the countries, including through education and knowledge partnership. The message from Hon. Rashtrapatiji was played during the event, followed by a cultural program. The celebrations were attended by representatives from the community in-person in accordance with health guidelines, while many Indians, members of Indian – American community and friends of India joined virtually.

Flag hoisting ceremonies were also held in all the five Consulates of India in US namely New York, Chicago, Atlanta, Houston and San Francisco. Events were held in iconic and historic locations including Times Square in New York, Gadar Memorial and City Halls in San Francisco and State Capitol Building in Providence and Rhode Island. Several events including India Day parades, India festivals, lectures, Battery Dance etc. were organized across the US by perse community organizations as well as local administration to mark the occasion. Special receptions are being held in Houston, Atlanta and Chicago, with participation of dignitaries from US.



In honor of India's 75th Independence Day, prominent buildings in US including the Empire State Building, New York, One World Trade Centre in Manhattan, the State Capitol Building in Providence, Rhode Island, Twin Towers in Dallas, Governor's mansion in Austin, City Hall of San Francisco; and Gandhi Statue at King Center Atlanta are being illuminated in tricolor lights. Commemorative resolutions and proclamations were issued by various US

States. The New York State Assembly passed a Resolution commemorating India's 75th Independence Day on 15 August and recognizing August 2021 as Indian American Heritage Month. Governor of Texas issued a Proclamation on the occasion. Leaders from the US including senior members of Senate and House, State Administrations and legislators and dignitaries from perse fields such as business, arts, sports, science, etc. conveyed their greetings.

Prominent members of Indo-American community including representatives of various socio-cultural organizations, members of the business community and others also expressed their felicitations. In the run up to the Independence Day celebrations, there was enthusiastic participation from US in the Rashtragaan initiative, with Indians and friends of India joining actively. A series of events will be held in US in coming months to celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, marking seventy-five years of India's independence.

## **HOMAGE TO GANDHI & KING THROUGH THE LIGHTING OF KNHP WITH THE TRICOLORS OF INDIAN FLAG ON INDIA'S INDEPENDENCE EVE WAS ELECTRIFYING:**

On the eve of August 15, the Consulate General of India in Atlanta along with the Gandhi Foundation of USA with due permissions from the National Park Service and the King Center endeavored to highlight the non-violent spiritual connection of King and Gandhi by illumination through the tri-color lights of the Indian flag. Mahatma Gandhi helped lead India's Independence movement in the early 1900s. Gandhi, through his activism organized peaceful protests against British rule. He inspired people all over the world, including civil rights leaders in the USA, in particular Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



So how did Atlanta, that houses Gandhi Room and the statue of Gandhi, pay tribute to India's freedom struggle? As Subash Razdan, Chairman and Co-Founder of Gandhi Foundation USA (GFUSA) puts it, "Remembering Gandhi Ji and befittingly connecting Gandhi and King in spirit and deeds, by garlanding the Gandhi statue and by lighting up the Gandhi statue and the Freedom Hall in the hallowed grounds of King National Historical Park (KNHP) of Atlanta."

"The inspiration and concept for GFUSA came from Swati ji [Dr. Swati Kulkarni, Consul General of Atlanta, India] to connect Gandhi & King by lighting up the hallowed grounds of KNHP.

On the eve of India's Independence, the majestic Gandhi statue and its vicinity and the historic Freedom Hall which houses the Gandhi Room/museum at the King National Historic Park in Atlanta glimmered in the glorious tricolor of Indian Flag. The lighting was created by Prashant Kollipara of Bytegraph Events.

The enthusiasm this time described by spectators was palpable because it marked the launch of the start of the 75th anniversary of India's Independence and the idea was amazing. "The lighting of lights and the support therein was creative and indicative of the ongoing importance, respect and appreciation for all that Gandhiji stood for which is relevant for even now," Razdan observed.

## **SOUTH ASIAN WOMEN'S NETWORK CULTURAL CHAIR LED THE PARADE OF INDIA INDEPENDENCE DAY ALONG WITH POOJA BATRA, CELEBRITY OF BOLLYWOOD IN ATLANTA:**

India American Cultural Association (IACA) invited Ms. Indrani Davaluri as special guest along with Bollywood actress Pooja Batra for an event to celebrate India Independence Day. The 300 Ft long Indian National Flag made me very Nostalgic and filled me up with humility and Pride at the same time, said Davaluri. She also performed in the cultural show arranged by the organizers.

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Indrani Davaluri has acted in films in India and is now producing and acting in a film that is going in production soon. She is the creative director of her dance school and has been active in the South Asian Women's Network for the last three years. Women's Network wishes her lots of luck in producing the movie.

### **NFIA REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT – SATISH GABHAWALA AND HIS PROFILE:**

Elected in 201 as the regional vice - President of NFIA, Mr. Gabhawala has been very active for the last eight months in the association and has been volunteering to take care of the tasks that required solution. He is also Known as "Sunny" and is representing his association from the Chicago, Illinois region.

Besides the current role as an RVP, Sunny has served in different committees within NFIA such as the by-laws committee where he was responsible for working with the amendments and helped in providing clarity on some major issues related to articles contained in the by-laws that were prepared some time ago.



Mr. Gabhawala, in addition to NFIA, also serves on several non-profit organizations such as: Trustee-FIA Chicago; Trustee board member of Vaishnav Samaj Mandir. He helps in several community related activities all over the United States.

Sunny is currently the president of Care Hospitality Management and serves as a Governor of Best Western Worldwide. He is a popular speaker in several hospitality related conferences such as the American Asian Hospitality Association popularly known as AAHOA. He is a native of Gujarat, India and resides permanently in Crawfordsville, Indiana. Meet one of the new members of the NFIA board, Mr. Sunny Gabhawala. NFIA welcomes him as the board member representing Midwest.



## **NFIA MEMBER ASSOCIATION – INDIAN MINORITY ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT’S PROFILE:**

Mr. Minhaj Akhtar is a NFIA elected member-at-large Director. He has been with the organization for several years. He is also president of Indian Minority Association based in Chicago and trustee of Chicago FIA. His association supports students from India who are seeking help while pursuing their careers in this country.



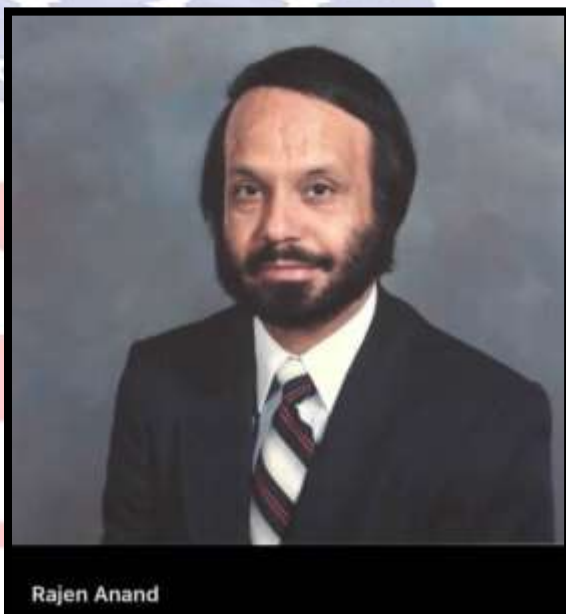
His association has been a member of FIA Chicago since 2008 and also a member of NFIA. He is actively engaged in organizing social, religious, and cultural activities in the Chicago area. His polite speech and congenial nature may belie his determination and strong desire to help minorities of Midwest to know their legal rights in this country.

He is knowledgeable and aware how to help and tell his community how to seek help when needed and from what agencies. He is much committed and takes pride in helping his community.

His educational background includes graduation with emphasis on Economics. Professionally he is in business and has been successful. NFIA welcomes his ongoing support to NFIA and wish him success in pursuing his efforts to help community of Midwest. We are proud of his community service to his compatriots.

## **IN MEMORIAM – FORMER PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF NFIA REMEMBERED BY FRIENDS AND FAMILY:**

Dr. Rajen Anand left this world in August four years ago to join angels. He loved democracy, two-party system, and community work. He is remembered by his friends, co-workers, mentees, and family fondly. He worked hard for anything that he was part of and that included Nargis Memorial Dutt Foundation to raise funds for cancer patients in India, local FIA in Los Angeles, and served its president and secretary, IAPA – an Indian American Political Association to popularize the concept of civic service and political involvement, and India Cultural Coordination Committee and National Council Association Indian Americans in Washington DC and for National Federation of Indian American Association (NFIA). He wrote procedures, policies, vision statements and by-laws for many of these association. He served as President and Chairman of the National Federation of Indian American Associations (NFIA).

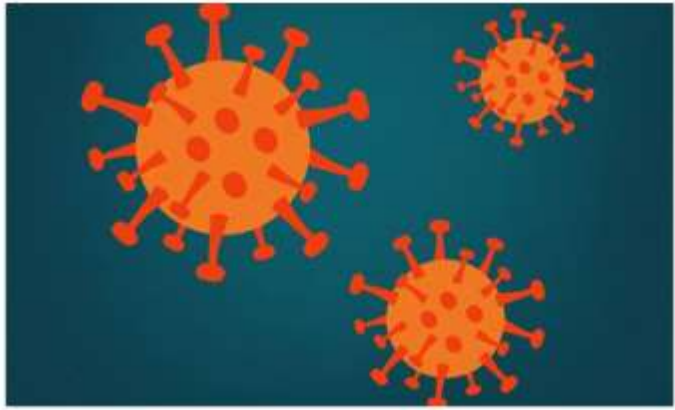


Anand served as the Executive Director, USDA Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion (CNPP) in Washington, 1995-2001 in the Clinton administration; He was once again appointed by President Obama in July 2009 to serve as the Executive Director CNPP. He served as Professor of Physiology at California State University, Long Beach CA, 1970-2008.

He was the member of the California Democratic Party for over 25 years, served on its Executive Board for 4 years and chair of its Asian American and Pacific Islander Caucus for 4 years. Free-lance Journalist having authored articles for LA Times, OC Register, Sacramento Bee, India West, India Abroad, Asian Weekly etc. He pioneered Indian American political activism. He served during both the Clinton and Obama administrations at the U.S. Department of Agriculture and is missed by many for his contributions to work, politics, and community work.

## **COVID DEATHS AND CASES ARE SURGING IN THE UNITED STATES RECENTLY – FDA GIVES FULL APPROVAL TO PFIZER FOR THE FIRST COVID 19 VACCINE:**

The Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center maintains an ongoing count of the COVID-19 cases and deaths in the United States and worldwide. As of 5:40 p.m. on August 27, 2021, the tally is:



Total cases worldwide: 215,106,535 (up from 214,346,831 Thursday)

Total deaths worldwide: 4,480,969 (up from 4,470,113 Thursday)

Total cases in the United States: 38,500,016 (up from 38,300,233 Thursday)

Total deaths in the United States: 634,438 (up from 632,889 Thursday)

The most recent assuring information from The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regarding vaccine was released last week. It was announced that Pfizer now have been granted full approval for the first COVID-19 vaccine. The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine will now be marketed as Comirnaty, for the prevention of COVID-19 disease in individuals 16 years of age and older. As is known that the vaccine has been authorized for emergency use since mid-December previously and most people were given two shots with a gap of one week in-between the first and the second shot.

President Joe Biden last week urged more Americans to get their shots. "With today's FDA full approval, there's another good reason to get vaccinated," Biden said. "Those who have been waiting for approval should go get your shot now. The vaccination is free. It's easy. It's safe and it's effective, and it's convenient."

India has been now experiencing decline in the spread of second wave of Covid and the number of hospitalizations and deaths. There are still restrictions on travel but the virus spread appears to be again getting under control.

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