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## INFINITY FOUNDATION HOLDS BOOK LAUNCH OF SNAKES IN THE GANGA

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**F**IA, in association with Seema Singh, Esq., supported the event. The publication, named metaphorically "Snakes in the Ganga" by the New Jersey-based renowned indologist Rajiv Malhotra and Vijaya Vishwanathan, narrates issues that impact India and the Indian-origin community globally.

Present at the occasion were author Rajiv Malhotra, FIA Executive & IAAC President Anil Bansal, FIA Chairman Ankur Vaidya, and Seema Singh – renowned attorney and a long-time friend of the author Rajiv Malhotra.

Seema Singh in her opening statement thanked FIA and Infinity Foundation for the event and said the book unveils uncomfortable truths about India's vulnerabilities and, in brief, tries to highlight the intense warfare against India's Integrity.

Rajiv Malhotra remarked that this book launch is a one-of-a-kind event since this is the very first time that a book launch is held for him in his native state of New Jersey, where he has been living for the last 30 years. In his speech, he drew a parallel with Donald Rumsfeld's famous statement of 'Unknown - Unknown' and that is what he has tried to bring out in the book. He has metaphorically used 'Snakes' to categorize those who are methodically rolling out



a venomous agenda to weaken the fabric of India and Indian heritage. He has made efforts to bring about a paradigm shift in the prevalent narrative wherein the ultra-rich are subconsciously and unknowingly funding agendas and efforts to undermine the

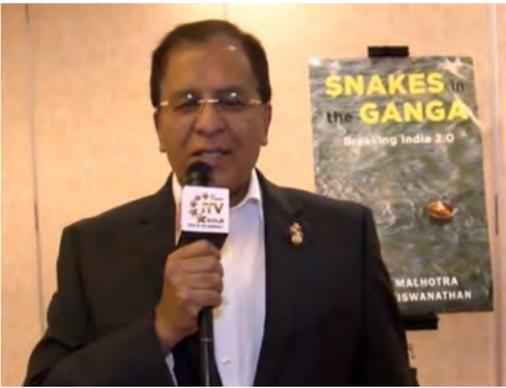
fabric of the motherland, India, and its rich and ancient heritage.

The co-author of the book Vijaya Vishwanathan joined through a phone line and lamented the facts shared by Rajiv Malhotra. She expressed the selfless nature of the effort

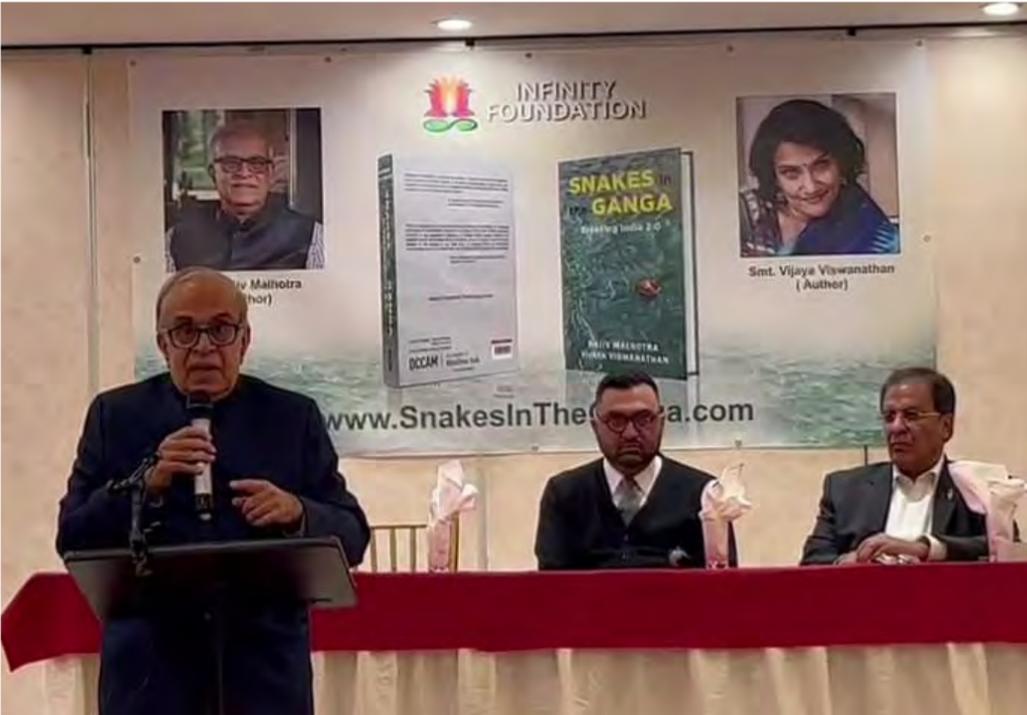
and the sacrifices that have been made by Rajiv Malhotra with the sole objective of achieving this very unique form of community service that has been immensely difficult, expensive and can potentially be dangerous.

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*FIA Executive Anil Bansal, FIA Executive Alok Kumar and FIA Joint Secretary Srujal Parikh addressing the media at the event*



*Rajiv Malhotra addressing the gathering at the Book Launch of Snakes in the Ganga*



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Anil Bansal said that he has personally been very overwhelmed by what Rajiv Malhotra has tried to bring out in the book and was not aware that such a narrative exists. He said that as Indian Americans we should be conscious of such maligned agendas transpiring just under the surface and not

be nonchalant about the fact that India's culture and heritage have survived despite the rule of foreign powers for over a thousand years.

Ankur Vaidya expressed his pleasure on behalf of FIA to be of assistance. He appreciated the sacrifice and efforts by both authors and praised Rajiv Malhotra for sticking his neck out without fear of consequences.

Community leaders in attendance included Srujal Parikh, Alok Kumar, Dr. Avinash Gupta, Anurag Kumar, Hemant Bhatt, Peter Kothari, Nikunj Trivedi, Gulshan Chabra, Rakesh Kaul, Rajiv Malhotra, Rajiv Krishna, Rajiv Bhambri and Rahul Walia, among a host of other leaders.

Seema Singh and Srujal Parikh provided a vote of thanks.

Gratitude was extended to the family members, friends, and supporters who attended the event. Rahul Walia and the team were also complimented for their support. Rahul Walia urged all the attendees to spread the word and to buy the book, read it and share it among friends and family to bring about a realistic recognition of issues that our community as a whole face.

# India's G20 Will Be Inclusive, Ambitious: PM Narendra Modi

**At the end of the two-day G20 meeting in Bali, which was hosted by Indonesia, the presidency of the influential bloc was passed to India**

**I**ndia is taking charge of the G20 at a time when the world is simultaneously grappling with geopolitical tensions, economic slowdown, rising food and energy prices, and the long-term ill-effects of the pandemic," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said.

"At such a time, the world is looking at the G20 with hope. Today, I want to assure that India's G20 presidency will be inclusive, ambitious, decisive, and action-oriented," he said.

India will officially assume the G20 Presidency from December 1, 2022

The next G20 Leaders' Summit at the level of Heads of State / Government is scheduled to be held on September 9 and 10 in New Delhi.

The prime minister said India's presidency of the G20 is a proud occasion for every Indian and that the country will organize G20 meetings in different cities and states.

"Our guests will get a full experience of India's amazing diversity, inclusive traditions, and cultural richness. We wish that all of you will participate in this unique celebration in India, the 'Mother of Democracy'. Together, we will make the G20, a catalyst for global change," he said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi also listed India's priorities for the G20.



Photo: moneycontrol

**"Over the next one year, we will strive to ensure that the G20 acts as a global prime mover to envision new ideas and accelerate collective action," he said.**

**"The sense of ownership over natural resources is giving rise to conflict today, and has become the main cause of the plight of the environment. For the safe future of the planet, the sense of trusteeship is the solution," he added.**

**PM Modi noted that LiFE, which is a 'Lifestyle for Environment' campaign, can make a big contribution to this. "Its purpose is to make sustainable lifestyles a mass movement." The prime minister emphasized that the benefits of development are universal and all-inclusive.**

**"We have to extend the benefits of development to all human beings with compassion and solidarity. Global development is not possible without women's participation," he said.**

**PM Modi said the G20 has to convey a strong message in favour of peace and harmony.**

**"All these priorities are fully embodied in the theme of India's G20 Chairmanship -- 'One Earth, One Family, One Future'," he said.**

**Narendra Modi, Prime Minister, India**

# US Commits to Get Eric Garcetti as India Envoy: White House



Photo: indianewengland

**T**he Biden administration is committed to getting Eric Garcetti as the US envoy to New Delhi, the White House has said, hoping that the Senate will confirm his nomination soon.

"India is a very important relationship that we have. You saw the President (Biden) greet and meet very briefly with

Prime Minister (Narendra) Modi just last week when he was in Bali. So clearly, it's an important relationship that we truly respect," White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters.

She exuded confidence that the presidential nominee for the US Ambassador to India, Garcetti, would be soon confirmed by

the Senate. The nomination has been pending before the upper chamber of the US Congress for more than a year now.

"As for Mayor Garcetti, we are committed to getting him through the process. We're continuing to talk to the Senate about making that happen. That is a priority of ours," Jean-Pierre said.

# Air India Launches Non-stop Flights to United States

**B**eginning on February 14, 2023, a daily B777-200LR flight will connect Mumbai with John F. Kennedy International Airport.

Air India is moving ahead with its expansion plans, expanding its domestic and international flight networks. In the same effort on November 23 saw the inauguration of new flights connecting Mumbai with New York, Paris,

and Frankfurt. In addition, non-stop service between Delhi and Milan, Copenhagen and Vienna has been restarted.

"This expansion comes as the airline continues to make progress in augmenting its fleet with newly leased aircraft, and the return of existing aircraft to

active service," Air India said in a release.

"A key element of our five-year transformation plan, *Vihaan.AI*, is to strengthen India's global network, connecting India's major cities with even more destinations. The introduction of these new

non-stop flights to New York, Milan, Vienna, Copenhagen, Paris and Frankfurt is another step in that journey, which will accelerate as our aircraft fleet expands," said Campbell Wilson, CEO and MD of Air India.



# Indians at Grammys 2023

**B**erklee Indian Ensemble, Ricky Kej, and Anoushka Shankar all received significant nods on the *Grammy Awards 2023* nominees list, which was recently released.

Kej took to Instagram to talk about the nomination: "Overjoyed and humbled. I just got nominated for my third *Grammy® Award!* This time for 'Best Immersive Audio Album' for *Divine Tides*. Stewart Copeland and I are immensely grateful to the entire team of *Divine Tides*, especially immersive mix engineer Eric Schilling and mix

producer Herbert Waltl. This feels absolutely surreal."

Shankar posted a video talking about the news and said, "I just got two Grammy nominations! For *Between Us*, my album and my dear friend Arooj Aftab's song 'Udhero Na'. These are my eighth and ninth nominations. Thank you so much!"

Berklee Indian Ensemble's debut album *Shuruaat* - which puts together 10 of their most sought-after original collaborations - has grabbed a nomination for Best Global Music Album.



Photo: rollingstoneindia

# THE FORTNIGHT THAT WAS

## India Discontinues Air Suvidha Forms for International Passengers

The Ministry of Civil Aviation on Sunday 20 November announced that the self-declaration form, which had to be filled in by incoming international passengers on the Air Suvidha portal, has now been discontinued.

"In the light of sustained declining Covid-19 trajectory and significant advances being made in Covid-19 vaccination coverage, both globally as well as in India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has issued revised 'Guidelines for International Arrivals,' a notice from the Civil Aviation ministry read.

Indian Americans will have one less form and requirement to fill out when making travel plans to India. The self-declaration forms for Covid vaccination that had to be filled in by incoming international passengers on the Air Suvidha portal will no longer be necessary, with immediate effect, the Indian government has said.



Photo: hindustantimes

## India Defence Minister Rajnath Singh Pitches for Greater Defence Industrial Collaboration with US

During a meeting with US Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin on November 22, in Cambodia, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh called for the creation of a plan for higher defense industrial collaboration between the two nations.



Photo: thehindubusinessline

Defence Minister Singh suggested India's growing expertise in aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) and ship-building, repairs and refits and suggested specific areas where US defence companies can look for technology cooperation and manufacturing opportunities with Indian partners in India, the ministry said in an official statement.

Secretary Austin welcomed the suggestions and assured Singh of cooperation in this regard. "Great meeting with my friend Rajnath Singh at the ADMM-Plus today. We're continuing to make strides in enhancing our defence cooperation as we advance our shared vision for a free and open Indo-Pacific," Austin later tweeted.

## 2 Students from Telangana Drown In US

In a tragic incident on 26 November, two Indian students from Telangana drowned in the Lake of the Ozarks in the US state of Missouri during the Thanksgiving weekend, according to police.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol named the victims as Uthej Kunta, 24, and Shiva Kelligari, 25. Telangana minister K T Rama Rao in a tweet said that he has asked his team to assist the victims' families in getting the bodies back as soon as possible.

The incident took place when Kunta who went swimming in the lake failed to surface. His friend Kelligari then jumped into the lake to rescue Kunta but failed to come back up too, the police statement said.

## Community News

### RTGS- An effort to Nurture and Promote the game of Golf in the Indian Community

RTGS Golf Academy is a group of passionate golfers dedicated to pursuing excellence in golf. It took birth in 2020 and is the brainchild of Nimesh Dave and Dr. Raghu Sundaram, who are avid golfers themselves, with Anmol Kamble being their key partner in building the community. When one thinks of golf, the words that come to mind are: elitist, exacting, expensive, and time-consuming. Hence, most give up on the sport even before they start! RTGS Academy seeks to dispel this train of thought and introduce the joys of this great sport to adults and youngsters alike.

The mission of this academy is to create a community of golfers from all walks of life that will create everlasting memories. Since its inception, it has created more than 50 active golf members. Rookies are introduced to basic golfing techniques by experienced golfers and are allowed to develop at their own pace, thus creating a nurturing environment.

An excellent example is that of 15-year-old Tanush Patil, who went from never having picked up a golf club before to participating in NJ PGA Jr. tournaments. In just 2 years, he has ranked in the top 10 in NJ PGA Jr. in the 13–15-year-old category and has been part of the winning NJ team for the Jon M. Pritsch Memorial Cup in 2022. Another passionate youngster from the group that has competed in NJ PGA Jr. is 11-year-old Aneesha Kamble, who has competed in the junior girl's category.

RTGS Academy has conducted several tournaments, including outings on marquee golf courses, while building a diverse community of passionate golfers at various stages of their golfing journey. It concluded the 2022 golf season with an amateur open tournament, which was won by Vikrant Patil, Raghu Sundaram, Viral Desai, and Srikant Nandy in their respective categories. The Spring Stableford tournament was held at the beautiful West Point Army Golf Course in New York, with Poonacha Bollera winning the Stableford trophy, Bala Sankaran winning the least number of putts, Vikrant Patil and Raj Mukhija winning the closest to pin. The Summer Scramble tournament champions were Vikrant Patil and Anirudha Joshi; Atul Anand and Dr. Raghunandan Sundaram were the runner-up team. The Fall Stableford tournament at the picturesque Berkshire Valley Golf Course in New Jersey was a great success, with Tanush Patil winning the Stableford trophy along with the least number of putts and closest to the pin trophies. The other closest to the pin trophy was won by Selva Sundaram; Vikrant Patil won the most number of fairways while the longest drive was won by Anuj Pandey.

The future goals of RTGS are to increase the number of American Indians to take up this sport, train golfers to achieve lower handicaps, and expand this vibrant and diverse community of golfers and most importantly to simply enjoy the sport! Anyone wishing to be a part of this exciting journey can reach out through the Facebook page [www.facebook.com/rtgsgolfacademy/](http://www.facebook.com/rtgsgolfacademy/) or [RTGSGolf@gmail.com](mailto:RTGSGolf@gmail.com).



# NEWSMAKERS

## Rhodes Scholarship 2023: 5 Indian-American students among 32 Scholars

Five Indian-American students were chosen from a pool of 840 applicants to become Rhodes Scholars Class of 2023. The Rhodes Scholarship is a fully funded, fellowship awarded by the University of Oxford since 1903.

Shreyas Hallur, Atharv Gupta, Veer Sangha,

Amisha Kambath and Jupneet K. Singh are among 32 scholars who will begin their graduate studies at Oxford in October next year.

Atharv Gupta from Fairfax, Virginia, is a senior at Georgetown University, where he is pursuing major in Science, Technology, and International Affairs.

Jupneet K. Singh from Somis, California, is a senior at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where she is doing major in Chemistry with a focus in biomedical engineering and minoring in history.

Veer Sangha of Columbia, Missouri, is doing major in computer science at Yale

University.

Shreyas Hallur of Phoenix, Arizona, is an undergraduate student in statistics and public policy at Duke University.

Amisha Kambath, San Ramon, California, is a senior at Harvard College where she majors in Social Studies.



Photo: Georgetown University

**Atharv Gupta**



Photo: Massachusetts Institute of Technology

**Jupneet K. Singh**



Photo: Yale University

**Veer Sangha**



Photo: Duke University

**Shreyas Hallur**

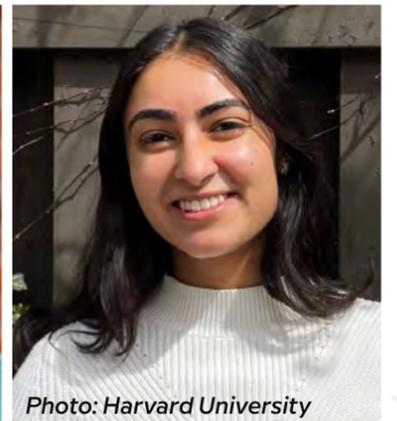


Photo: Harvard University

**Amisha Kambath**

## Sunil Kumar Named President of Tufts University, Massachusetts

Indian American academician Sunil Kumar has been appointed the next president of Tufts University.

"Sunil Kumar brings Tufts a lifelong commitment to excellence in higher education and an exceptionally strong record as a leader, teacher, and colleague," said Peter Dolan, Chair of the Board of Trustees and Chair of the presidential search

committee.

"He will be an outstanding successor to President (Anthony P.) Monaco, who has strengthened Tufts in so many ways in the past 11 years. Sunil's commitment to research and learning, along with civic engagement and innovation, will help bolster Tufts' mission to improve the world," Dolan said in a university

statement, which was released on November 17.

"It would not have been possible for me as a son of a police officer to do anything else. And therefore, affordability is not a theoretical concept for me. I hope I represent an example of somebody who benefited from an institution opening its doors wide," Kumar said in a video posted on the Tufts website. "And I would like

even more people to have the same opportunity. Diversity and inclusion are indispensable values," he added.



Photo: Tufts University

# Dr. Jasmeet Bains Becomes First Indian-origin Sikh Woman to be Elected to Assembly

Dr. Jasmeet Kaur Bains made history by becoming the first Sikh woman of Indian origin to be elected to the California Assembly. She is a family physician from Bakersfield.

"I voted in person with my Mom!!! Mom immigrated to America from India at the age of 17..." tweeted Dr. Jasmeet Kaur Bains.

In a Democrat vs Democrat race for the 35th Assembly District in Kern County, Bains took an early lead over her opponent Leticia Perez. According to the Kern County election

results website, Dr. Bains led the vote count with 10,827 votes (58.9%) while her opponent Leticia Perez remained at 7,555 votes (41.1%).

"It's an exciting night... I'm encouraged by the early returns and couldn't be more grateful for the support we've received across Kern County," she wrote in a text message to the Bakersfield Californian.

"I love being a doctor," Bains said, explaining why the decision to enter the Assembly contest was not an easy decision.

"If I want to be the

physician that I always dreamed of being, I need to make sure that we have the

correct legislation in place," she told the Bakersfield Californian.



Photo: twitter -DrJasmeetBains

# 2 Indian Americans in Fortune's 40 Under 40 List

Two Indian-American entrepreneurs – Kanav Kariya, President of *Jump Crypto* and Ankit Gupta, founder and CEO of *Bicycle Health* made it to the list of Fortune's '40 Under 40'.

"The founders,

executives, investors, and activists on this year's list are creating and seizing opportunity," says the US business magazine. "They're empowering others. They're exploring new treatments for

diseases that affect millions. They're connecting people.

"They're building upon their successes as athletes and entertainers. They're trailblazing in their industries," it says. "And they're even building new ones."

Kariya told *Fortune* that he wants *Jump Crypto* to be a "key infrastructure builder that is part of the furniture of the industry as it scales." *Fortune* notes that *Jump Crypto* "is undeterred, and has invested in more than 100 crypto companies in a year.

In 2020, Gupta's *Bicycle Health* debuted its virtual care platform, offering specialist telehealth services for opioid use disorder. The company began in 2017 with a single clinic in Redwood City, California.

It seeks to improve opioid use disorder sufferers' access to high-quality, integrated medical and behavioural healthcare. Since then, the business has treated 20,000 patients, expanded to 29 states, and raised \$83 million in venture funding.



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# Religious Events

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[www.venkateswaratemple.org](http://www.venkateswaratemple.org)

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Dec 6, Kartika Deepam - 5:00 pm

Dec 7, Sri Satyanarayana Pooja - 5:00 pm

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# BARBARIAN

(2022 / Horror / Mystery / Disney Hotstar)

**INTRIGUE, UNEXPECTED, PULSATING TENSION AND RACING HEART BEATS!**

**Director** Zach Cregger

**Cast** Georgina Campbell, Bill Skarsgard, Justin Long, Matthew Patrick Davis



Photo: Barbarian trailer

A young woman arrives at her pre-booked Airbnb to find someone already staying there.

A sold-out hotel inventory in the town leaves her with no choice but to stay with the stranger for the night.

But don't you worry.

Neither the stranger turns out to be a problem nor her lack of options.

I have realized that the sticky situations characters find themselves in horror flicks are often the result of their silly and overtly bold decisions.

But much as you wish that

they didn't, they are ultimately the source of your adrenaline bursts, frayed nerves, and thumping hearts — the very reason we watch horror.

And *Barbarian* fares fairly high in these aspects.

In the first act, it revs up a tension so high that your nerves are taut enough to create a twang. There were scenes where I had to take a break just to give a breather to my pulse rate.

It's amazing how they have created that effect just by maintaining an intrigue, impending threat, a looming

fear and you do not even know, of what, if you delve into this film without any prior knowledge.

What works wonders in a horror story is the fear of the unknown. And that is what the makers encash on, in the first act. For best results, I would suggest avoid watching the trailer or reviews with spoilers.

The second act flings you out of the claustrophobia and relentless fear. It was almost a relief to be out back in the world under the skies. But the relief is short-lived, and the third act brings back with it, the terror,

the tension, and the urgency to escape.

It takes a while, but the story finally connects the dots. Yes, there is a story too, and the climax was quite a run for the pulse rate.

*Barbarian* is no ordinary, run-of-the-mill horror. It thrives on intrigue, the unexpected, and pulsating tension.

So, tighten your seat belts for this thrilling ride, and do not try to find out in advance where the flight is headed ... i.e., if you are a horror buff.

Others to stay away.

Photos: Barbarian trailer



# BARBARIAN

# UUNCHAI

(2022 / Drama / Cinema Release)

## HEART-WARMING STORY THAT STRIKES A CHORD!

**Director** Sooraj Barjatya

**Cast** Amitabh Bachchan, Anupam Kher, Danny Denzongpa, Sarika, Neena Gupta, Boman Irani, Parineeti Chopra

Photo: Uunchai Trailer



*Uunchai* celebrates the 75th anniversary of Rajshri Productions and happens to be their 60th film.

And to commemorate this, Sooraj Barjatya delivers a film that makes a departure from his trademark "overtly sweet family drama with pristine love"-laden stories.

Three septuagenarians embark on a near-impossible journey as a tribute to their best friend and eventually rediscover themselves with a renewed understanding of life and relationships.

Well, the central premise is not pathbreaking. In the

beginning, you might also feel an element of predictability and implausibility. But gradually, as the story proceeds, it begins to win you over.

The characters might look unreal, but their vibes, banter, tussles, emotions, and encounters are very relatable. The travel, the places, their experiences as they go on, touch you at many points. I found myself smiling, chuckling and quite often moist-eyed too.

The film might be centred around friendship of four people but in course, through the life of its characters, it shares many pearls that are and will

always stay relevant, about life, love, ageing, generation gaps, relationships, freedom, space, and expectations. It reminds, reawakens and inspires and I am not talking about climbing Mount Everest.

But yes, the film has its flaws too. It is far longer than required. There are portions that lag and sequences that could have been done without. It shines in parts but is inconsistent. During the lags, the ace cast shoulders it ably and they are the ones that make that film reach its *Uunchai* but ironically the same can't be said about each

of their performances. Perhaps that is so because the veteran actors have all delivered such outstanding performances before and set their own bars so high.

*Uunchai* might not be a perfect film but it is a beautiful film with a relevant theme, strikes a chord and touches your heart in so many ways.

I found it heart-warming, inspiring and heart tugging.

**Score 3 on 5**



# Mindy Kaling to Receive 2023 Norman Lear Award from Producers Guild of America

Photos: imdb

**T**he Producers Guild of America (PGA) have announced that Mindy Kaling will be given the Guild's *Norman Lear Achievement Award* at the 34th annual Producers Guild Awards on Saturday, February 25, 2023 at The Beverly Hilton.

A producer or production team gets honored with the Norman Lear Award for their outstanding television-related work.

Kaling is a writer, producer, actress, director and New York

Times bestselling author and most recently a Tony Award winner.

"Kaling is known for her trailblazing work on *The Office*, a widely loved and infinitely rewatchable contemporary classic, but it's her work producing series from diverse female perspectives that is reshaping the industry. From *The Mindy Project*, to *Never Have I Ever*, to *The Sex Lives of College Girls*, Kaling has proven just how much audiences have been

craving funny, relatable stories about characters we've rarely see as television protagonists. We are so happy to present her with the Norman Lear Award at this year's PGA Awards ceremony."

"It is such an honor to be asked to receive the Norman Lear Award, a prize named after the prolific and ground-breaking producer I am so inspired by. To be included in this prestigious group of past recipients is humbling, and I'm so grateful to the Producers Guild for this recognition", said Kaling.



# Bradley Cooper to Star in Steven Spielberg's 'Bullitt' Remake

**A**ctor Bradley Cooper will star in Steven Spielberg's next film, which is based on the no-nonsense San Francisco officer Frank Bullitt, who was portrayed by Steve McQueen in the 1968 action-thriller *Bullitt*.

Variety reported that Josh Singer has been roped in to write the screenplay for the film, which is currently in development at Warner Bros. Though plot details haven't been revealed,



the forthcoming production is expected to follow *Bullitt* on an entirely different story than the McQueen original's

Cooper will also produce the film along with Spielberg and his producing partner Kristie Macosko Krieger.

Warner Bros released the original "Bullitt" which was directed by Peter Yates and based on the 1963 novel "Mute Witness."

# Chris Hemsworth to 'Take Time Off Acting'

**T**he actor had been working on an episode of his National Geographic's 'Limitless' series which focused on death and quickly realised that he wants to spend more time with his family while he still can.

He said: "Doing an episode on death and facing your own mortality made me go, 'Oh God, I'm not ready to go yet. I want to sit and be in this space with a greater sense of stillness and gratitude. And then you start talking about kids and family and going, 'Oh my God, they're getting older, they're growing up and I keep slapping another movie on top of another movie.' Before you know it, they're 18 and they've moved out of the house, and I missed the window. It really

triggered something in me to want to take some time off."

The 'Thor' actor is currently on a publicity tour for his docuseries but explained that as soon as he has completed that, he will be taking a "good chunk" of time away so that he can "simplify" his life.

He told *Vanity Fair* magazine: "Since we finished the show, I've been completing the things I was already contracted to do. Now when I finish this tour this week, I'm going home and I'm going to have a good chunk of time off and just simplify. Be with the kids, be with my wife.

"I felt like I'd been in a sprint for 10 years, and all these moments that were dream scenarios would fly by. Moments that I should have been stepping back and

going, 'Wow, this is incredible,' I was inundated with other kinds of requests and asks and being

pulled in different directions. [I was] not really kind of enjoying what was right in front of me."





## Chiranjeevi Named Indian Film Personality of The Year at IFFI 2022

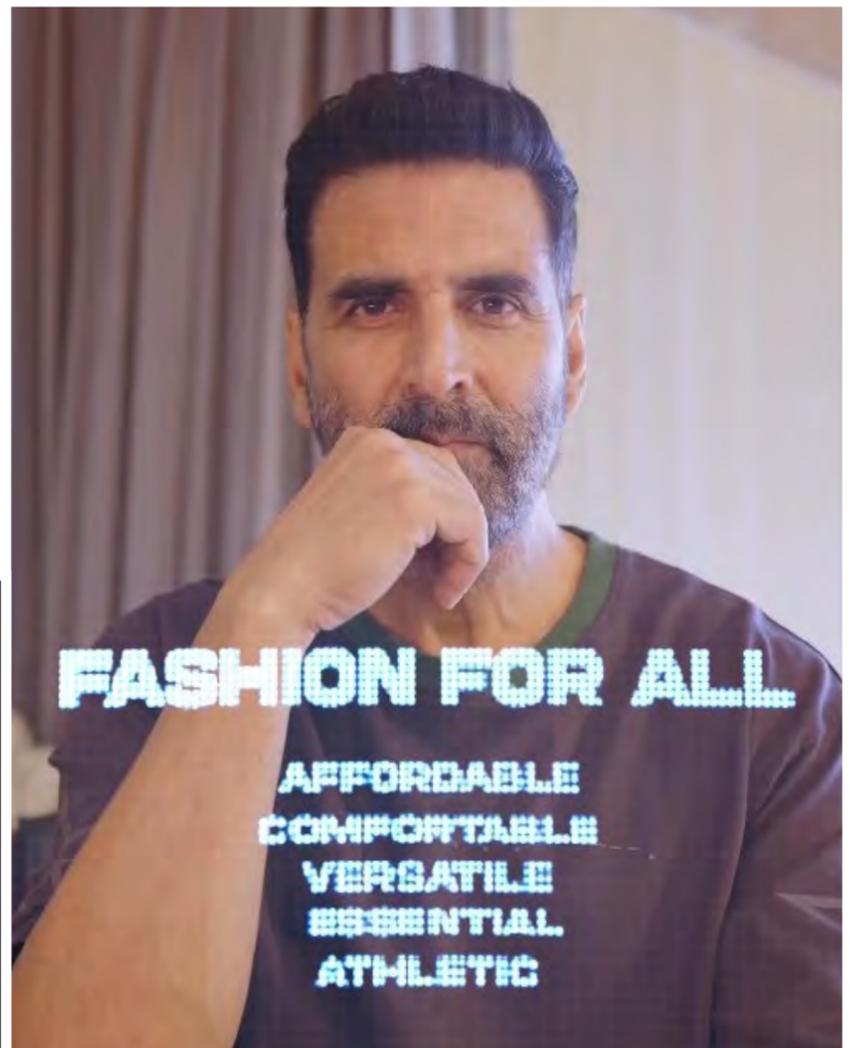
**U**nion Minister for Information & Broadcasting Anurag Thakur announced on November 20 that the Indian Film Personality of the Year award will be conferred upon megastar Chiranjeevi. The prestigious award was announced during the inauguration of the 53rd International Film Festival of India (IFFI).



# Akshay Kumar Launches His Apparel Brand Force IX

**B**ollywood actor Akshay Kumar has finally announced his own clothing line. On November 18, 2022, the actor took his social media space and announced the name of his passion project.

The brand, which is 'engineered with emotion', is titled FORCE IX and as per the short video shared by Akshay, it will be launched soon.



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