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INDIAN WINS RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

He was born to Indian parents in Singapore, came to New Zealand when he was 10, and has probably become the first Kiwi Indian to win the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship. A law and commerce graduate from the University of Auckland, 23-year old Eesvan Krishnan is one of three Rhodes Scholars from New Zealand chosen for 2007.

Eesvan is "absolutely thrilled" to be made a Rhodes Scholar. "I could not have done it without support from my academic mentors, family and friends."

the world's leading universities.

Selected after interviews in Wellington, Eesvan joins an illustrious list of Rhodes Scholars from this country.

Eesvan plans to study civil law, focusing on human rights and the criminal law. After working and travelling overseas, he wants to practise criminal law in New Zealand and, eventually, to pursue an academic career specialising in criminal justice.

Rhodes Scholarships, held at the Oxford University, are the world's oldest (set up in 1904) and are also the world's most respected. They represent the pinnacle of achievement for university graduates wanting to pursue postgraduate study at one of

Eesvan came to New Zealand in 1993



and attended Macleans College at Bucklands Beach.

Last month he graduated LLB with honours and BCom with a double

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major in economics and international business. Staff in the Faculty of Law describe him as the most gifted student they have ever taught. He won the Senior Scholarship in Law for 2005 awarded to the top three qualifying graduates.

In 2004 he was a member of the victorious University of Auckland team in the Global Business Challenge, an international business skills competition held in Seattle. He worked as a student volunteer on the case of Algerian refugee Ahmed Zaoui and co-founded the Equal Justice Project which promotes access to justice in Auckland for people who cannot afford legal services.

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Vaibhav Gangan

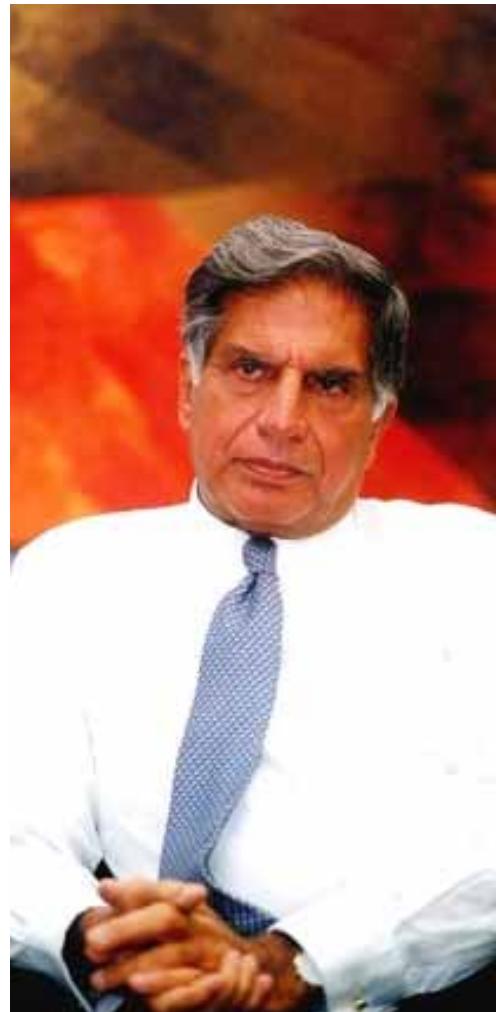
Even before the western business world could get over Lakshmi Mittal's buy of Europe's Arcelor, which made Mittal the largest steel producer in the world, there was another Indian quietly eying the world's second largest steel producer.

It was a bit of a Diwali shopping for Ratan Tata, chairman of India's largest conglomerate—Tata, when he bought Anglo-Dutch Corus, for a whopping NZ\$12 billion.

This will be the biggest ever takeover by an Indian company, if the deal goes through and will make Tata Steel the world's fifth largest steel producer.

For years since the early 20th century, the name Tata could be used interchangeably with the Indian economy. It was a hallmark of business success. If Coca Cola were world's most popular brand, Tata is its Indian equivalent.

This takeover is particularly impressive as it marks the highpoint



in the recent international takeover spree of the group which had operated in a complacent socialist environment between the 1950s and the 1980s. It testifies Ratan Tata's capabilities to dominate not only in protected environment but also in a

free economy and global *laissez faire* conditions. Since 2000, Tata Sons, the holding company, has bought Tyco Global (the US), Daewoo (South Korea), NatSteel (Singapore) and Pierre Hotel (the US), just to name a few.

In the 'shape up or ship out'

The Corus deal will make Tata Steel the world's fifth largest steel producer.

environment of the 1990s, the group rose to the challenges of post-liberalisation India, following a simple yet difficult business mantra that Jack Welch used to revive General Electric – 'if you are not number one or number two in a business, sell it!'

In the group's 136-year history, it has witnessed almost all economic climates – from the anti-Indian industry policies in the British Raj, to nationalist wave of the second half of last century, to open economy in the 1990s, to a globally competitive market of today.



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→ Rarely does one come across a conglomerate, even non-Indian for that matter, which has not only survived and prospered through such turbulent times, but also spread its wings in virtually every industry, with over 100 companies.

It was Jamshetji Tata's vision that a free India needs a strong industry, which drove the vision of the group. He realised that steel was the backbone of any economy. It took him a 20-year battle with the British government, to set up India's first steel plant. If Mahatma Gandhi and team were fighting a political battle against the empire, the Tata family were silently laying industrial foundation for free India.

One shudders to imagine what the

political leaders would have done with an Independent nation without the industry that Tata built – India's first steel plant, first airline, first shipping company, first textile mill and first power plant. Realising that India will need skilled people to boost economic growth, Tata also set up India's first science institute – Tata Institute of Sciences.

Start of this century marked the beginning of natural justice of sorts for the group. Tatas, who fought the British policies suppressing Indian industry to protect their own a century ago, were buying one of the most English companies – Tetley, at the turn of the century.

The concept of corporate social responsibility became a buzzword in the west only recently. But the Tata

JUDGE BECOMES DOCTOR

The University of Auckland is to award the Governor-General, Anand Satyanand, an honorary Doctor of Law degree.

"Anand Satyanand is one of our most successful and respected alumni and his recent elevation to the highest

office in New Zealand sets the seal on a stellar career," says Vice-Chancellor Stuart McCutcheon.

"As a lawyer, a District Court judge and Parliamentary Ombudsman he served with distinction over a long period. He has a well-earned reputation for sound judgment and his ability to relate to people from all walks of life."

group had integrated their social responsibility in its strategy as early as 1900. Jamshetji believed in not just building a plant, but a whole city. The city of Jamshedpur received its name in 1904.

"Tata Steel introduced a series of worker benefits that would become common only much later in the West, such as the eight-hour working day in 1912, maternity benefits in 1928 and profit sharing in 1934," Alex Perry wrote in the TIME. "Today Jamshedpur, with free housing, free hospitals and free schools, sports stadiums and clean streets, remains the envy of the country. In 2004, the U.N. chose it — along with Melbourne and San Francisco — as one of six examples of urban-planning excellence."

Says Professor McCutcheon, "He has maintained an enduring interest in our Law School, from which he graduated in 1970, and spent a sabbatical period there while a judge."

Anand Satyanand will receive his degree on 13 November.

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AUCKLAND DAIRY OWNER FINED

A dairy owner from Mt Roskill, Auckland has recently been prosecuted by the Ministry of Health for illegally selling chewing tobacco.

"We carried out sting operation," Smokefree Officer from Auckland Regional Public Health Service, Sunder Lokhande, told *The Global Indian*.

New Zealand legislation prohibits the import of all forms of oral tobacco products for sale, supply or

Selling chewing tobacco is prohibited in New Zealand.



distribution," Sunder says.

The Auckland Regional Public Health

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And yes, that too in Mahatma Gandhi's state of birth. The Gujarat University, located in the western Indian state of Gujarat, will admit students from New Zealand, Australia, the UK, the US and the Middle East, to its 'Semester in India' programme to be launched in August next year.

The 10-week programme comprises two semesters and 12 courses, and



Service (ARPHS) is working with the Ministry of Health to stamp out the illegal sale.

"The use of these products is of real concern and successful prosecutions will act as deterrents," Sunder adds.

"Using chewing tobacco significantly increases the risk of oral cancers and it is highly addictive", he says.

Further enforcement initiatives are planned in the Auckland region.

In India, some states like Uttar Pradesh have banned the sale of these products, known as gutkha, for similar reasons.

concludes in February 2008, Express New Service reports.

The courses include: Gandhian Philosophy, Artistic and Cultural Identities in India, Indian Philosophy, Indian Poetics, Tribal Culture of Gujarat, Meditation, Indian Business Practices, Indian Rural Management Skills, Indian Languages, and Classical and Folk Dances.

The course fees is US\$5425 per semester. Fore details, email the programme administrator at: gujsem@vsnl.net.

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I JUST CALLED TO SAY, DON'T CALL

Deepak Tandelbar, Bangalore

If you love someone don't phone them on their mobile, or at least that seems to be the message of a recent study. Americans researchers studying the effects of mobile phones on fertility turned to Mumbai in India - because the city with 20 million people offered easy access to both heavy-users and non-users of mobile phones.

And the study has reiterated earlier health warnings by existing research – use of mobile phones can reduce fertility among men. The study's findings can be alarming for over a billion mobile users worldwide.

The sperm is said to be temperature

sensitive which is why, it is stored away from the body. When the weather is cold, the testicles draw closer to the body to absorb heat, and in hot conditions, they move away to lose heat.

When laptops or mobiles are used in the lap, their heat can adversely affect sperm's quality and quantity, according to existing research. In extreme cases, heavy users (using mobile for over four hours a day) may become infertile.

Scientists from the Reproductive Research Centre at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Ohio, tested the sperm of 364 men.

"People use mobile phones without thinking what the consequences may be," Professor Ashok Agarwal, director of the research centre, who



led the study, told the UK's Independent. "It is like using a toothbrush - but mobiles could be having a devastating effect on fertility. It still has to be proved, but it could have a huge impact because mobiles are so much part of our lives."

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NEW ZEALAND CELEBRATES DIWALI

Top left: Over 300 people attended the Diwali and Annakut festival at the BAPS Swaminarayan temple in Auckland. The devotees worked hard for preparing the Annakut in which 620 vegetarian delicacies were offered to the deities. A similar event in Wellington attracted 175 people where devotees offered 110 vegetarian delicacies.

Top right: Leader of Opposition Dr Don Brash (left) and National's Asian spokesperson Pansy Wong (right) visited *The Global Indian* stall to convey Diwali greetings to its directors, Vaibhav Gangan and Sangeeta Anand.

Bottom left: Prime Minister Helen Clark, Ethnic Affairs Minister Chris Carter (left), and Governor General Anand Satyanand (right) with Diwali festival performers in Wellington (Photo Kelvin Hui).

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EXPLOITED INDIAN STUDENT FINDS REPRIEVE

He did not come to New Zealand chasing the famous dollar dream. He simply wanted to educate himself and earn enough to support his poor parents in South India.

But all his hope was gone when he realised he was sponsored by people who only wanted to take benefit of

his situation. According to reports, he was made to work 18 hours a day, starting at 3.00am in the morning, toiling at a farm in rural Greymouth. The last straw was drawn when he was asked to marry a 17-year old Mexican girl he did not love.

For 22-year old Venkata Siva Rayavarapu, there was no option but to run away from the Gloriavale Christian Community that had sponsored him to study English and

agriculture.

With the sponsorship support gone, his permit was revoked, which made him an illegal migrant, unless he obtained another permit within 42 days.

Thankfully, Royal Business College principal, Ron Greaves, offered him a scholarship to study horticulture. Hopefully, this should be a happy end to Venkata's rough time in New Zealand.

CLARK SEES WIDER ROLE FOR INDIA IN UN

Prime Minister Helen Clark hopes for India to play a prominent role in the United Nations Security Council.

"We (New Zealand) are working as one of the group of countries led by Mexico -- called 'Friends of UN reforms' -- and what we are looking for is a change in the Security Council which reflects the 21st century rather than 1945," she told Indian media during her recent India visit, India's PTI reported.

"However, it's not so easy to change 1945.... and there are many competing interests," she said. "But

we see a role for enhanced regional representation and we find it hard to see that India will not have a bigger role."

According to PTI, she said she was not aiming to sign any agreement with India during this visit.

"We are at present negotiating an education cooperation agreement (with India). We hope that it will then be the framework within which universities can start strategic partnering," Clarke said.

Helen was hopeful of working closely with India. "We are seeing this (her trip) as a genuine effort by both countries to step the relationship up

from the 1950s style of relationship, recognising that both New Zealand and India have changed a lot.

"The Indian community in New Zealand has grown quite a lot," she said.

"Sectors like information technology where we can collaborate, (but) we still have some issues around agriculture access which must be pursued."

Helen was accompanied by husband Peter Davis and a business delegation who visited Infosys and Indian biotech major Biocon Limited, PTI added.

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LIGHT FINGERED CROOKS

In a hard hitting article published in the Parnell Business Association newsletter (Auckland), the author noted that up to \$1.9 million is shoplifted every day in New Zealand.

Amongst the statistics:

44% of shoplifters intend to steal when they enter a store

But 56% shoplift on a whim - if they see they can get away with it

Shoplifters range in age from the very young to the very old - granny pack shoplifting is becoming common!

Shoplifters take an average of 5

AIRPORT RELIES ON INDIA, CHINA

Auckland International Airport's outgoing chairman, Wayne Boyd, says there were compelling signs of growth from markets such as China and India. New Zealand's flagship carrier is expected to start direct flights to Shanghai later this month.

items each time and they like repeat business, hitting the same store an average of 3 times a fortnight

Shoplifters offend an average of 100 times before they are caught; with such good odds it's no wonder 74% re-offend

18% of shoplifters work with a partner, 11% work in league with an employee.

85 - 90% of employees ignore shoplifting - it's too awkward to handle, they lack confidence and haven't had the training to know what to do.

Sent by National Party's justice spokesperson, Richard Worth

As the New Zealand economy is expected to continue its slowdown and experience a soft landing, domestic passenger traffic too has suffered. However, international passenger numbers increased 3.1% in September year, according to Wayne. He was talking at the company's annual meeting.

AUCKLAND FIRM GOES TO INDIA

Auckland company QLBS.com says it is set to take its software product global after teaming up with an IT subsidiary of India's largest company.

Mumbai-based CMC has agreed to sell, install and support QLBS.com's performance management software.

CMC will promote the software to its customers, and customers of its majority shareholder TATA Group. TATA is India's largest company, with annual revenue of US\$22 billion.

CRICKET ANYONE?

Papatoetoe Cricket Club (Auckland) needs your help to bring various ethnic communities from Indian sub-continent to come forward and enjoy cricket.

Over the last five decades a lot of exciting players of Indian and Pakistani origins have played and brought success to the club. The club is currently taking registration for 2006-2007 season for all grades and years – Boys Girls Men and Women's teams. Please visit www.papatoetoeccricket.co.nz or ring Alan Mone, (09) 278 2106

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INDIA, CHINA WILL PROVIDE LABOUR

India and China will provide almost all the increases in working age populations in the Asian region to 2015 with the Philippines and Indonesia making up much of the remainder, according to a new report commissioned by the Asia New Zealand Foundation.

A key finding of the report entitled Labour Mobility and Migration Trends in the Asian Region, notes that in light of worldwide trends, New Zealand needs to be aware of labour mobility so that the country's

employment and immigration policies may be up-to-date and adaptable.

According to the report, India's business environment is expected to improve by 2014. "Export-driven sectors such as information technology (IT) will continue to perform strongly throughout the forecast period (2005-14), and India's domestic market is becoming important in its own right," the report says. "The recent surge in car sales demonstrates the increasing purchasing power of India's urban middle class."

The report is very optimistic about India's growth. India's growing

integration with the global economy and the government's recognition that infrastructure needs to be overhauled are likely to ensure that the trend rate of growth increases in the next decade. So too will rising productivity in some industries, lower industrial tariffs (and the resulting lower input costs) and higher levels of foreign investment, the report says.

But agriculture needs attention. The report warns that without substantial reforms to the agricultural sector during the next ten years, India's economy will become even more unbalanced.

network—National Radio.

Ethnic media such as Triangle TV and the Indian Tribune too covered the survey results.

Many readers now hope that policy makers and industry will come forward to work with the community to find solutions. "We hope that our survey has highlighted the need to create a platform where employers and migrants can openly discuss concerns," says Vaibhav.

JOB SURVEY GETS WIDE PUBLICITY

Indians considering migration to New Zealand will now be able to make more informed decisions, thanks to the awareness created by *The Global Indian* magazine.

A recent job survey of Indian migrants, funded and conducted by the popular Indian magazine, was widely reported by many of India's largest newspapers including, the Times of India, the Economic Times,

the Hindustan Times and the DNA. The combined circulation of English language newspapers in India is over 27 million. "We received many emails from India," says Sangeeta Anand, the magazine's publisher. A few are published in the [Letters to Editor](#) page of this issue.

New Zealand media too widely reported the survey, with the magazine's managing editor, Vaibhav Gangan, being interviewed on the country's largest broadcaster, the TVNZ, and on the largest radio

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INDIAN JOURNALIST HEADS UK INSTITUTE

Renowned Kolkata-based journalist Sarmila Bose will head a journalism institute set up by Reuters, the world's oldest wire agency. Sarmila will be the director of the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism in the University of Oxford, to be inaugurated later this month.

"As the institute is international and comparative in its perspective, and India is an open society with thriving media, I certainly expect India to feature in our research projects and events, including participants from India", Sarmila told the IANS wire agency. She has taught earlier at Harvard University, Warwick University and George Washington University and India's premier the Tata Institute of Social Sciences.

SPEAK YOUR RESUME

India's leading job portal, TimesJobs, and NowPos Online Services have launched voice-based resume service. The voice resume service, according to news website ContentSutra, is being targeted at India's growing outsourcing sector.

Candidates can apparently speak and record their resumes online, answer questions orally, and read out a passage. The entire voice suite is available on TimesJobs site. This application can be used for audition tests too, the website added.

SHABANA WINS GANDHI PEACE PRIZE

It was a 'first' in more than one ways when Shabana was awarded the UK's Gandhi Peace Prize in London. She became the first Indian to win this award, which put her in the league of the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu – the earlier recipients. She received the award in London and also delivered the annual Gandhi lecture at the House of Lords on October 26. This is the first time that both the prize and the lecture are being

conferred on the same person.

"In today's strife-ridden world, Gandhian values of non-violence as a means of conflict resolution have gained great significance. Nowadays, people talk about Gandhigiri, thanks to Lage Raho Munnabhai," she told Rediff. This is Shabana's fourth international award. Earlier she received International Human Rights award along with Mother Teresa in Paris in 1989, followed by Martin Luther King award in the US in 2000 and another one at the World Economic Forum earlier this year.

PARIS TO INDIA

If Indians were deprived of Paris Hilton's steaming video, *Stars Are Blind*, they have a chance to see the real thing. Courtesy an Indian friend, the 25-year old singer and heiress to the Hilton hotel is reported to be visiting India. She is promoting the launch of a premium eveningwear for

India's rich and famous, and the man behind the launch is Anand Jon, an American fashion designer of Indian origin. Paris's video, *Stars Are Blind*, is banned on Indian television, as it has received adult certificate from the Indian censor board.

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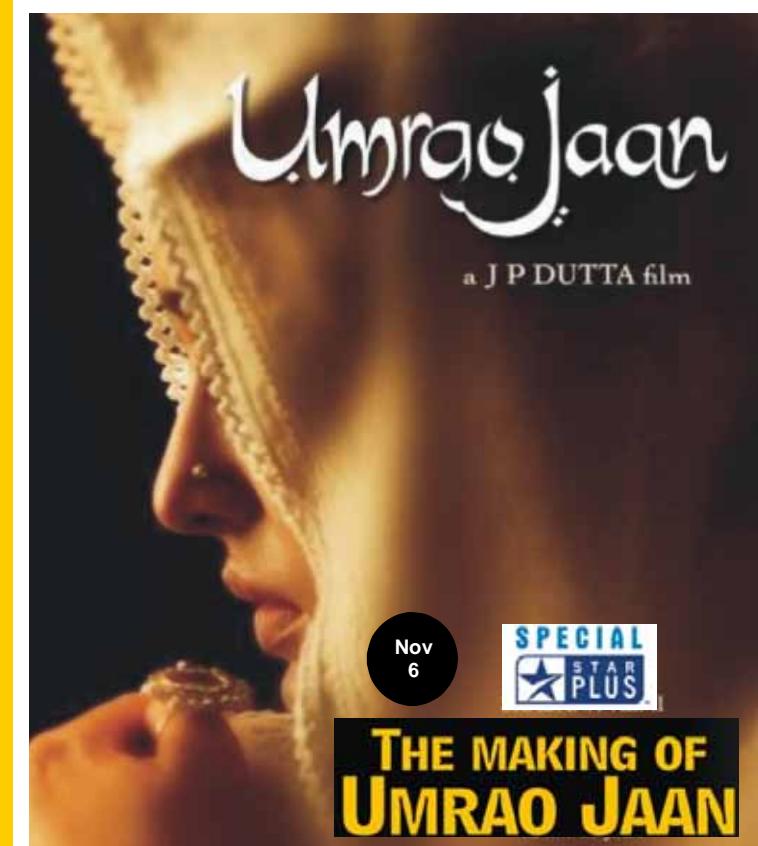
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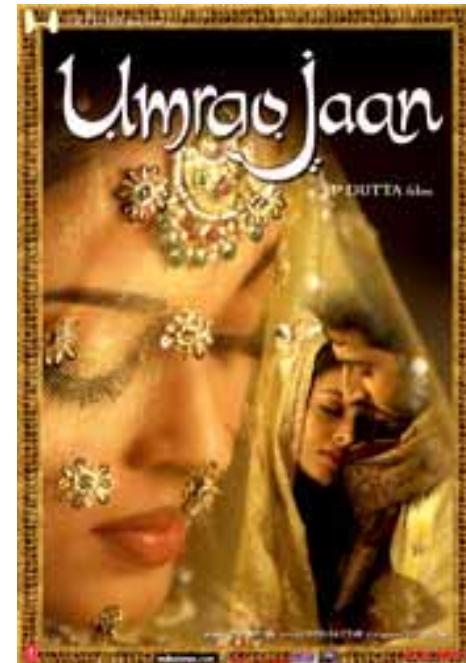
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STAR OF THE MONTH



UMRAO JAAN

After Don, it is memorable classic Umrao Jaan which is being remade, this time with a J P Datta touch.

Amiran is kidnapped and sold into the flesh trade by escaped convict Dilawar Khan. Khanum (the high priestess of the kotha), the "world's perfect courtesan", christens Amiran as Umrao Jaan.

Khanum's (Shabana Azmi) commanding words are sharp and stinging, but are also alluring and persuasive. Her greed keeps her coffers overflowing.

Umrao Jaan (Aishwarya Rai) becomes a refined courtesan, who

sings and dances for the elite Nawabs, and a literary genius. Even with all this fame, she keeps searching for true love.

Nawab Sultan (Abhishek Bachchan) is mesmerised by Umrao Jaan. He senses that in her heart she reflected his passion.

Faiz Ali (Suniel Shetty) is a much-feared dacoit. Ostensibly a compulsive gangster and hardened outlaw, he has a soft heart for Umrao Jaan. Will either Faiz or Nawab Sultan ever win Umrao Jaan? Or will Khanum selfishly keep her caged in the kotha forever? Venture to the theatres on November 3rd to find out.

and villainous roles, Shetty won Filmfare's Best Villain Award for his highly praised performance as Dev in 'Dhadkan' (2000). He has done several comic roles in movies like Hulchul, Hera Pheri and Phir Hera Pheri. His next film, Umrao Jaan, will characterise him as a notorious dacoit with a soft heart for none other than Aishwarya Rai, in his role as Faiz Ali. A black belt,

Shetty is married with two children and owns a hotel chain and Mischief Garment Outlet in addition to a production company.

Written by Judi Silva, a US-based freelance writer, publicist and author. She has written for many Indian publications in the US. She brings Bollywood briefs for The Global Indian readers.



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NEHA WHO?

Sandeep Chandra, Auckland

It seems Neha Dhupia received the glamorous attention in New Zealand she can only dream of receiving in India.

After over 20 flop films and four years, Neha is yet to make her presence felt for her acting skills. People remember Neha's *Julie* for reasons other than her performance. (Let's leave it at that!)

And who will think this 26-year old extrovert was crowned Miss India in 2002? After all, isn't a Miss India someone who is cultural and brand ambassador of the country? And here was Neha talking to the *New Zealand Herald*'s Claire Trevett, criticising everything Indian, from pollution to her very own industry – Bollywood.

"I think Hollywood is about half a century ahead of Bollywood in every way." Well Neha, you are probably right since you have spent four long years in the industry.

Why does Amitabh Bachchan then talks so proudly about Bollywood when he talks on a public platform in the US or the UK? He has spent only four decades in the industry.

And the "helping the needy and working for the poor" talks that the Miss India aspirants use to win the crown soon go out the window, even before they pass on the crown to the successor. "I'd like to be rich and famous," Neha tells the

Herald. Very rarely you see a Sushmita Sen who walks the talk, and adopts a child, or an Angelina Jolie who spends time with the downtrodden in Africa.

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KOREANS FEEL LEFT OUT BY KIWIS

Koreans in New Zealand have told researchers they find it hard to get to know Kiwis, they feel rejected and almost all have experienced some kind of harassment.

The researchers, whose study was funded by the Families Commission, interviewed 36 immigrants.

The report, *Korean Migrant Families in Christchurch: Expectations and Experiences*, was prepared by Canterbury University researchers Suzana Chang, Carolyn Morris and Richard Vokes.

Once in New Zealand, they said that they found few work opportunities outside of the Korean community, partly due to a lack of English skills, but also in some cases because of discrimination.

One woman, who achieved top marks in New Zealand teaching and maths examinations, finally gave up trying to find a teaching position, despite a reported shortage of qualified maths teachers.

The migrants also said they experienced harassment in their daily lives. The researchers say that without prompting many of the Koreans wanted to discuss the harassment they had experienced.

This included being yelled at; one group of teenagers threw stones at a woman out walking, others had eggs thrown at them, some were sworn at, others reported racial insults.

Many Koreans have only been able to find social support among other Koreans and within Korean churches. They all wanted to get to know Kiwis and become part of society but the general feeling was that they had been rebuffed.

In the light of these findings, National's Asian liaison spokeswoman, Pansy Wong, wants to know how the \$20 million spent on migrant settlement services in the past five years has helped migrants.

New Zealand's reputation as a



many Koreans have only been able to find social support among other Koreans.

migrant destination is being slammed in the Korean media, following the release of this report, Pansy says.

"...the figures speak for themselves. In the past two years, New Zealand has lost more than 1,200 Koreans," Pansy adds.

The researchers suggest strengthening local and national social and institutional support for new migrants.

Families Commission Chief Commissioner Rajen Prasad says, "Migrant families can be devastated by harassment and while it's natural to seek support from their own circles this can mean they miss out on the opportunity to participate fully in New Zealand society."

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CHANGING RULES OF THE GAME

Anjum Rahman, Labour Party

The controversial report of the Auditor-General (AG) on election spending has caused a lot of comment but little in-depth analysis. Yet the report's wide definition of electioneering upturns the previously clear understanding of the rules: you couldn't explicitly ask for votes, money or party membership. Anything explaining party policies was allowed.

Now, any activity that might persuade people to vote for you has been disallowed. Sending out a regular newsletter is now unlawful. Richard Prebble's ad for a public meeting was unlawful – even though he didn't know when the election would be held and he wasn't a candidate.

Some say the rules changed after the 2002 election. Others say the AG warned parties prior to the election that items such as the pledge card would not be allowed. Not true – he only gave a general warning that advertising would be reviewed after the election.



If he had been clear, then no party would have breached the rules. Yet all parties did, except for Jim Anderton's Progressives.

More disturbing is the lack of scrutiny into spending of other parties. The pledge card has been specifically highlighted. Yet National also spent its leader's budget during the campaign. There has been little questioning as to whether that spending was lawful, because National won't provide details.

However, Dr Brash has been pushed to reveal that expenditure for Bryan

Sinclair, the Australian strategist, came from taxpayer funds. Mr Sinclair was employed solely as a campaign advisor, and had previously advised John Howard. Mr Howard's anti-immigrant stance was a key factor in his election victory.

A positive result should be more clarity and transparency.

It was not surprising that Dr Brash started to talk about "mainstream" New Zealanders, "bedrock" values and "one-law-for-all".

Rules around election funding will now change. A positive result should be more clarity and transparency.

The fact is that open democracy benefits us all. State-funding of political parties ensures that those with large sums of cash don't buy policies to benefit themselves by using taxpayer money. We can only hope that the review of electoral spending and subsequent legislation provides greater transparency and certainty.

Anjum was a Labour candidate in the last election.

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DEAR NEW ZEALAND

Sandeep Chandra

While most Miss India pageant contestants promise to do charity work, a few do follow through. Wellingtonian Vanisa Dhiru, a finalist at the Miss India New Zealand contest this year wants to make a difference to the society she lives in. And the 26-year old has joined hands with six other like-minded young New Zealanders to approach the vision in an innovative fashion – by publishing a book addressed to the nation.

Young New Zealanders aged 15-30 years will have their chance to speak up and write a letter voicing their opinion in a project called Dear New Zealand.

“...and we need to share with the rest of New Zealand our feelings and thoughts as New Zealand Indians.”

Dear New Zealand will be a collection of letters expressing the raw emotion of our youth on issues that are distinctly relevant to our country.



“Our goal is to raise awareness and challenge an apathetic mindset among New Zealanders in these relevant areas,” says Vanisa, who is marketing programme manager for New Zealand Trade and Enterprise in Wellington, and vice president of YWCA Wellington-Hutt Valley.

She urges young Kiwi Indians to contribute their share of voice to this

book.

“Indians, along with all other ethnicities, have a strong presence within the bigger identity that we call New Zealand, and we need to share with the rest of New Zealand our feelings and thoughts as New Zealand Indians,” she told *The Global Indian*. “Our contribution to the ‘Kiwi Culture’ needs to include our Indian voice and help continue to shape our nation’s cultural harmony.”

The team believes that the book will leave a legacy in a way no other medium can. “It is timeless and extremely effective in instigating ongoing conversation and recording perspectives for future generations,” Vanisa adds.

Vanisa met the group behind Dear New Zealand while completing Future Leaders course run by the New Zealand Leadership Institute. Their idea has already won the Spark Aspire Challenge, an award from the University of Auckland designed to promote social entrepreneurship.

Dear New Zealand is supported by Oxfam New Zealand and Greenpeace. www.dearnewzealand.org

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CELEBRATING SUCCESS

When India's noted economist Dr Narendra Jadhav was not able to explain his work to his illiterate parents, they said, "If your knowledge cannot be explained to a layman, it is of no use."

India's legendary novelist, late Munshi Premchand, was famous for a peculiar habit. After completing a new novel, he would read it out to his domestic help. If she did not enjoy it, he would re-write it.

That's how Bangladeshi economist Muhammad Yunus (*pictured*) felt in 1974 after a famine. "I felt empty because my knowledge in economics meant little to the people suffering," he told the TIME magazine.

What he did subsequently has won him a Nobel prize for peace this year.

This 66-year old Bangladeshi introduced the concept of micro-finance which has pulled thousands of people, especially women, out of poverty. But for Muhammad, charity began at home. Feeling helpless after the 1974 famine, he loaned his own money (US\$27) to poor women,



because banks were unwilling to lend money to these women. Yunus's Nobel prize has made people from the sub-continent very proud, and given hope to many that if there is will, anyone can make a difference.

But it wasn't just Muhammad Yunus that brought laurels to the global Indian community last month. There were more reasons to be proud global Indians.

Closer home, Auckland University's Eesvan Krishnan was awarded the prestigious Rhodes scholarship, and Governor General Anand Satyanand has been chosen to receive a honorary doctorate.

In the UK, Indian writer Kiran Desai became the youngest woman to win

the Booker Prize, one of the world's most prestigious literary awards. Kiran's mother, renowned novelist Anita Desai, was shortlisted for the Booker three times. Till now, the youngest woman to win the Booker was also an Indian – Arundhati Roy.

Also joining the list of successful Indians was Shabana Azmi who was awarded the UK's Gandhi Peace Prize. Shabana is first Indian recipient of this award. Also sharing the limelight in the UK were two icons of India, Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and Bollywood legend, Amitabh Bachchan. Dr Singh last month visited his alma mater, Cambridge University, five decades after his graduation, to receive an honorary degree. Amitabh was conferred honorary Doctorate of Arts by UK's De Montford University in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the movie business in India.

The *Global Indian* magazine has celebrated such success since first issue in 2004. These people are not only leading their professions successfully, they are also proving one common theme—do the best wherever you are, and success will find you.

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PATEL RAP

Jignesh Bidwai

Do you remember Dipak Patel who played for New Zealand in the 1990s? Well, Black Caps have another Patel playing for them this season, and you guessed it right, he is a spinner, and an off-spinner at that.

"They said `You're Indian so you should be able to spin the ball'," 26-year old Jeetan Patel told the *Sunday Star Times* last month.

In October, he went to India with Black Caps to play the Champions Trophy. His father and his friends flew to Mumbai to watch Jeetan play in the land of his ancestors.

Jeetan's parents migrated to New Zealand from Gujarat and settled in Wellington where Jeetan was born.

Born: 7 May 1980, Style: Right-hand batsman, Right-arm offbreak

One-Day Career Batting and Fielding

M	I	NO	Runs HS	Ave	100	50	SRate	Ct
47	22	7	126	22*	8.40	0	72.83	14

One-Day Career Bowling

Balls	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BB	Ave	4wl	5wl	SRate	Econ
2267	10	1770	50	3-11	35.40	0	0	45.34	4.68



Like most Indians, Jeetan's father is very fond of cricket and played with his son in the backyard. Jeetan has since played for many teams in New Zealand including being part of Team A. He says he has experienced racial comments in New Zealand, but says does not take them too seriously.

"You get the odd comment but it's well over the top of my head. I'm a little bit bigger than that. I won't jump on the bandwagon and start hurling abuse

back. I'd like to consider myself a bit smarter than that sort of behaviour," he told the newspaper.

Modest Jeetan does not think he is a role model for young Indians in New Zealand, but realises that he has earned their respect. "I'm not sure if I'm a role model but I've spoken to a couple of youngsters and they seem to love the fact that I'm an Indian playing international cricket."



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POSTCARD FROM FRANKFURT

Jasbindar Singh

Picture this. An hour before I am due at the San Francisco airport, en route to Frankfurt, my feet managed to take on the might of the steel base of my sister's couch. Needless to say, the couch won.

And now I know all about the challenges of making a reverse call to one's insurer from AT&T (forget it - just dial straight, if you can), the bowels of San Francisco Airport Medical Centre who despite an x-ray managed to miss the fracture until some days later, and the extra helpful Lufthansa ground staff and stewards who not only gave me a seat where I could put my leg up avoiding risk of blood clot but who rigorously supplied me with ice packs every few hours to accompany my pain killers and anti-inflammatory tablets and who even made me a cup of chamomile tea, which really managed to warm the cockles of my heart!

And yes – I ensured that Lufthansa customer services people knew of their happy new customer. I had to apply all of my SQ wisdom and insight in coming to grips with this as being one of those ironies that life boots out occasionally (excuse the pun).

For those of you unfamiliar with a book fair, it is all about walking and getting around the ultra vast span that the

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fair occupies. It is almost hard to visualise this until you see it. The interesting thing was I got very attuned to noticing those other people who were hobbling around on foot or crutches.... even counting this interesting phenomena at one stage!

"Things could always be a lot worse than what we consider to be a current challenge..."

But wait ...there is more... and this is great news. From my perspective, it was one of those lifetime experiences and I would not have missed at all for anything... fractured toes and all. There was really good interest in my book "Get Your Groove Back". We even managed to sign our very first international deal, which was very exciting.

So here is a lesson I learned. Things could always be a lot worse than what we consider to be a current challenge or problem. And that often times, these very challenges come bearing gifts, which can be hard to see at the time.

I certainly received a few. A question for you then – Is there something in your work or home life that seems like a challenge currently?

What might be the gift of this challenge? And how about embracing the AI (appreciative inquiry) model and focusing on all that which is still working well and/or is a boon in your life?

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MALAI KOFTA

Ingredients (for kofta)

Potatoes 4 med size, Paneer 200gms

Onions - 2 med size (finely chopped)

Ginger paste - 25 gms

Green Chillies - 3-4 (finely chopped)

Coriander Leaves - 1 bunch (finely chopped)

Salt - To taste, Cornflour - a pinch

Cooking Method for kofta

Boil and mash potatoes. Mash paneer. Mix mashed potato and paneer, onions, ginger paste, green

chillies, coriander leaves, salt and corn flour. Mix well and make into small balls (golf ball sized). Deep fry in hot oil and set aside on a paper towel.

Ingredients (for gravy)

Cashewnuts - 100gms

Poppy Seeds - 100gms

Onions - 250 gms, Ginger - 25 gms

Garlic 1-2 cloves, Green Chillies 3-4

Fresh Cream - 100ml

Oil - 1-2 tablespoons

Cooking Method for gravy

Make a paste of cashewnuts and poppy seeds (use water as needed).

Make a paste out of the onions, ginger, garlic and green chillies. Add this paste to hot oil and cook till light brown. Add cashew and poppy seed paste, and continue to cook for a few more minutes, stirring constantly. Add cream and cooked koftas, and cook on low heat for a further couple of minutes (stir gently, so that the koftas do not break)

Remove from stove, transfer into serving vessel, and garnish with whole/chopped cashewnuts and chopped coriander.

(Courtesy: Jewel of India)

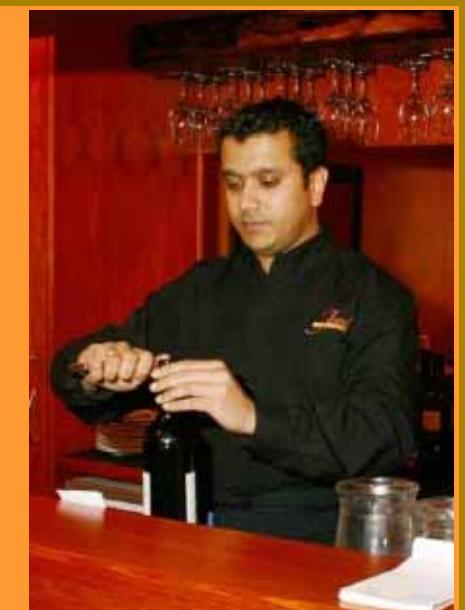
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ALLAH MADE ME FUNNY

After their success in North America and the UK, American Muslim stand-up comedians Preacher Moss and Azhar Usman (of Indian origin) are bringing their show to New Zealand. In the American tradition of maligned communities finding their voice through stand-up, *Allah Made Me Funny* is a show put together by a group of American Muslim comics Preacher Moss, Azeem and Azhar Usman to counter the negative stereotypes and attitudes about Muslims and Arabs by poking fun at themselves, their



communities and the prejudices they face. "As Muslims we cannot be isolationist; my choice of dialogue is laughter, with a message of overall commitment to improving society as a whole," said Moss, a former writer for *Saturday Night Live*.

His comedy stylings are sculpted from the everyday relevance of life. "This project means people are

coming out to not only be entertained, but also educated about the truths of Muslims' and non-Muslims' existence in America following 9/11, but also preceding it. It involves the courage to step out of the shadows of silence, and fear and reach out and build bridges. We're building these bridges through humour, and understanding to make that journey a little easier for all of us," explains Moss.

For tickets, visit www.ticketek.co.nz

THE MAGICAL 70S RECREATED

Indian music from the 1970s is still popular with most people, and appeals to every age group. The Magical 70s Show, to be held on December 9 at Dorothy Winstone Centre, aims to take the audience through the journey of Indian music where it started out with a strong 60s initially, evolving to take its own character in the mid-late 70s and then merging into the melodious 80s style music.

Performing at the event are Auckland singers Arpita Chanda (pictured, winner of Moyesha Voice Search 2004 and Voice of Auckland 2006), Chaitra, Arun Khotkar, Paramjit, Shriram (the Taal se Taal Mila

sensation) and Om (winner of V4U Dhoom 2 Nite). The music performance will be interspersed with an informative script and audio-visual clips to recreate on-stage the magic from the 70s. Tickets at \$10 (\$15 reserved) are reasonably priced and will be available at all Rhythm Video outlets from November. To get tickets delivered at your doorstep, contact Arpita or Roopak on 8180514 or email heartbeats.nz@gmail.com.



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PHONE BILL

The phone bill was exceptionally high and the man of the house called a family meeting.

Dad: People this is unacceptable. You have to limit the use of the

phone. I do not use this phone, I use the one at the office.

Mum: Same here, I hardly use this home telephone as I use my work telephone.

Son: Me too, I never use the home phone. I always use my company

mobile.

Maid: So what is the problem? We all use the telephone at our work place.

Contributed by Brian D'Silva,
Auckland

INDIA'S FINANCE MINISTER TO SPEAK IN WELLINGTON

The India New Zealand Business Council and the Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce are hosting an address by India's Finance Minister P. Chidambaram, talking on

the developments and challenges for the economy of the world's largest democracy, at 7.30am on 23 November, at The Wellington Club, 88 The Terrace, Wellington.

The Harvard Business School-educated minister is known as one of the architects of the India's current programme of economic reforms,

and is a key part of what the Indian financial press has called India's economic 'dream team'.

The registration fee is \$40 for Council and Wellington Chamber members and \$60 for others. Contact: Fergus McClean on (04)475 8955.

NEXT STOP INDIA

India is recognised as an enormous market with great potential for New Zealand exporters. It is a very challenging market to succeed in. So Asia:NZ Foundation and Export New Zealand are organising seminars for New Zealand businesses on 6 November in Auckland, 8 November in Wellington and 9 November in Christchurch. These seminars are based on the research by the School of Marketing and International

Business at Victoria University.

One of the speakers is Ashish Hemrajani who is founder of Bigtree Entertainment, Mumbai. "You cannot take the marketing mix – product, price, place, promotion – out of another country and apply it to India. It is going to definitely fail," says Ashish who founded Bigtree Entertainment in 1999, partnering with New Zealand software company Vista; in seven years Bigtree has grown to now having a 90% share of the Multiplex Cinema ticketing

market.

Another speaker, Ken Penniall, is Export Group Manager for Tasman Insulation NZ Ltd and Fletcher Insulation Australia. Ken has helped secure export orders in India. Ken will discuss his experiences of the benefits and challenges building and maintaining export business relationships with Indian companies.

To register, visit: exportnewzealand.org.nz

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MOVED BACK HAPPILY

I really commend the team of Global Indian for producing great Issues. I have to add that the team has put in a tremendous effort into the latest one. The survey was a great insight into the reality of life in New Zealand and perhaps this sort of a survey should be made available to potential migrants so that they could themselves do a due diligence/reality check before they burn their bridges back home.

I have relocated to India after being in New Zealand for four years and Global Indian has made it possible for me to be in touch with "my life that was" !!!! I sincerely thank you for that and my best wishes to the entire team.

Renuka Kapadia

SHOULD WE MOVE TO NZ?

We plan to be in New Zealand by second week of November 2006 once and for all after winding up totally in India. However, I was quite surprised to read one of your surveys in Times Of India (5 October), Delhi edition. Kindly let me have your valuable advice/views so that we can take a suitable decision.

Name supplied, Delhi

(Editor—Please refer to our survey results and decide for yourself. Pay a visit to New Zealand, before burning your bridges in India.)

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