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Vaibhav Gangan



With the 36-year Viswanathan Anand becoming the world champion in chess, India completed a hat-trick of success in sports. First, it was India's cricket team winning the inaugural Twenty20 World Cup, defeating

traditional rivals Pakistan.

This was followed by 22-year old Pankaj Advani winning the World Billiards Championship in Singapore. He was defending the title over six hours.

In chess, Anand regained the World Chess crown in Mexico, replacing Vladimir Kramnik. Anand won the championship after defeating Hungarian Super Grand Master Peter Leko.

He became India's first grandmaster at the age of 18. He has four chess Oscars. He is also involved in fund-raising. He is also one of the richest sportspersons in India.

MAGAZINE CLAIMS TERRORIST IN NZ

TGI correspondent

New Zealand authorities are investigating the possibility of an alleged terrorist having entered the country. According to the Investigate magazine, a terrorist trained in Afghanistan may have obtained work permit and may be working as chef.

Immigration Minister David Cunliffe however does not believe the claims made by the man's former Waikato employer. However the immigration authorities are investigating the matter.

"I am in the process of receiving and considering briefs from Department of Labour officials on this matter," the minister said, and added, "a gentleman, wherever they come from, whatever their name sounds like, is

innocent until proven guilty."

The Investigate magazine, in its report "Jihad in the kitchen", said two Pakistani cousins, Jameel ur Rehman and Muhammed Anwar had links to Lashkar-i-Toiba and arrived in New Zealand in 2002 on false documents. Anwar had been deported but Rehman remained in New Zealand.

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INDIAN WINS GLOBAL FASHION AWARD IN NZ

TGI correspondent

World of Wearable Art, one of the prestigious fashion events in the world, awarded WOW Factor award to Jayaraj, an Indian designer from New Delhi. This years awards were held in Wellington.

Chosen by Suzie Moncrieff as the most innovative garment with 'WOW Factor', Jayaraj received cash prize of NZ\$5,000.

'The WOW experience has been overwhelming, exciting and memorable. I would definitely encourage other design students to take part in the event,' Jayaraj was reported in M&C News.

'Not only have I been able to showcase my talent but have also been acknowledged for my creation with the

award,' he added.

Over one third of the 2007 entries were international injecting a variety of cultural perspectives into the event and turning many creative eyes towards New Zealand.

A new way to experience art and fashion was created in 1987, when Suzie Moncrieff came up with the idea of taking art off the wall and adorning the moving body. That world now attracts designers from the UK, USA, India, Japan, Thailand, Singapore, Canada, Germany, The Netherlands, Iceland, Israel, Dubai, Australia and New Zealand.

Jayaraj was one of the 31 international designers who flew into Wellington to see their garments come to life on stage, alongside an audience of 33,000.

Gladys Perint Palmer, Executive Director of Fashion from the Academy of Art University in San Francisco was the 2007 international guest judge.

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A MILLION TEACHERS, DOCTORS NEEDED

TGI correspondent

India is a country of extremes, says a recent briefing paper released by Oxfam. World-class advanced medical treatment is available for the wealthy and 'medical' tourists, but maternal and infant mortality in India's poorest districts rate worse than sub-Saharan Africa. The country produces world class economists, scientists, engineers and IT professionals, but more people than anywhere else in the world are without access to education. It shows that Indian government spending on health, as a percentage of GDP, is 18th from the bottom among 177 countries.

The briefing paper was part of Oxfam's launch of a global call for "Health and Education For All" in New

Delhi, calling for investment for six million more teachers, nurses and doctors around the world – a million and half in India alone.

Nearly 300 children joined actor Rahul Bose and award-winning classical dancer Geeta Chandran to launch the 'For All' campaign call. The children wore doctors', nurses' and teachers' outfits to symbolise the six million health and education workers which Oxfam estimates are needed worldwide to provide basic healthcare and primary education for every child. At least one and a half million are needed in India alone.

"As India becomes a stronger global player, it is ironic that we still do not provide schooling or health care for millions of our children," said Bollywood actor and Oxfam's Global Ambassador Rahul Bose.

Bose and Chandran were the first signatories for the new global petition

which aims to collect six million signatures by 2010 – the number of qualified teachers and health workers needed globally to give every child the chance to be healthy and to have an education.

The report also shows, however, that success is possible, and that parts of India are making good progress on essential services. A state government initiative in Himachal Pradesh provides an outstanding example of where high rates of literacy have been achieved despite high poverty, lack of access to water, extreme weather and remote access. Himachal's literacy rate was 19 percent in 1951; by 2001 it had gone up to 77 percent – with 96 percent for the 15-19 age group. Where state governments have invested in more teachers and more classrooms, the overall educational achievements are much better.



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FIJI

NEW CEO FOR FBC

Fiji Broadcasting Corporation will be announcing a new CEO to replace Francis Herman, who has allegations of corruption against him. Mr Herman is still being investigated and has been detained in Fiji and is not allowed to leave the country.

SRI LANKA

MILESTONE IN SRI LANKA'S HISTORY

Sri Lanka's growth will receive an impetus with the discovery of oil with the promotion for the Mannar Basin development in the United Kingdom. Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion Minister Sarath Amunugama was speaking in London at the Mannar Basin Oil Exploration Road Show.

The billion-dollar refinery, which will be started in Hambantota next year, will enhance the Sri Lanka growth rate from existing 7% to 8%.

PAKISTAN

MAJOR PROJECT APPROVAL

Pakistan's Sindh irrigation sector has been approved a credit of US\$150.2 million by The World Bank. This project is aimed at improving irrigation water distribution. It is expected to enhance crop yield, employment, and incomes in more than 30 per cent of the irrigated area in the province.

CHINA

NEW FAMILY POLICY

Chinese authorities have introduced new measures to deter the influential people from misusing family planning laws. Chinese province Shaanxi's elite society is having too many children, while poor families are finding it increasingly difficult to make ends meet.

The new legislation will restrict rich individuals from enjoying certain privileges. For example, they will be barred from holding honorary civic positions and also be ineligible to receive any kind of award.

Party and government officials who break the family planning law will face dismissal from their posts or even expulsion from the Party.

Couples with one child will be given 600 Yuan (NZ\$110) per person per year from the age of 55, while those who have lost their only child will receive between 5,000 (NZ\$900) and 30,000 (NZ\$5380) Yuan a year," he said.

AUSTRALIA

GOVT POLICY RACIST

Australia's leader of opposition, Kevin Rudd strongly opposed the government's decision to reduce the number of African refugees entering Australia.

Earlier, Australia's immigration minister had singled out refugees from Sudan, based on concerns that these refugees did not integrate well and were represented adversely in the country's crime rates.

Mr Rudd felt that Howard's government was targeting African refugees in the light of forthcoming elections.

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“I am committed to ensuring the people of Auckland have access to higher quality, appropriately funded health services. I would look at reducing wastage and delivering efficiencies, without compromising service.”



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LAAGA CHUNARI MEIN DAAG

The story is about a poor yet happy family with simple values.

Banaras-based Batki (Rani Mukerji) and Chutki (Konkona Sen Sharma) are the daughters of Shivshankar Sahay (Anupam Kher) and Sabitri (Jaya Bachchan). Batki is protective of her family and wants to make sure Chutki completes her education.

The father is not able to cope with a dismissal at the college and becomes bitter. As a result Bakti's education is stopped.

Batki comes to Mumbai to earn bread for her family. Her journey of trouble and upheavals starts here.

She transforms into a new personality and begins to lead a secret double-life.

When Chutki comes to Mumbai to work, things take a dramatic turn. Chutki falls in love with Vivaan (Kunal Kapoor), a Mumbai city boy.

Batki too, finds love with Rohan (Abhishek Bachchan), a top city lawyer, but runs away from him



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thinking that it is not part of her destiny. Instead, she battles menace and blackmail alone, not letting these dark shadows fall on Chutki or her family.

But her dual life is revealed, and the two sisters face each other in a confrontation. And when love beckons Batki again, the whole family is thrown in a tumultuous storm. Everything threatens to explode, destroying all of them in this moving drama.

Director: Pradeep Sarkar

Cast: Jaya Bachchan, Rani Mukerji, Konkona Sen Sharma, Abhishek Bachchan, Kunal Kapoor, Anupam Kher, Kirron Kher, Farida Jalal

GOAL

Southall United football club is going through a major crisis. The team has no stars, no sponsors, no spectators and most importantly, no coach.

The members still have faith that the club will win the cup this year.

Anne, and Johnny Patel, a sports commentator, to acquire a large piece of land that belongs to the club. They emphasise the club's poor performance and threaten to take the land from them, unless their performance improves.

Hanif, the captain of Southall United, hopes to win by playing n a well-known ex-player to coach them.

And then, there is Sunny Bhasin (John Abraham) who hopes to become a member of a top team and play premiership football - the dream of every aspiring British footballer.

He gains moral support from his

Written by Seema Patel. Seema is a Malaysia-based freelance writer and a movie buff. Starting this issue, she brings an exclusive Bollywood feature for The Global Indian readers.

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Om (Shah Rukh Khan) grows up in the 1970s and meets Shanti (Dipika Padukone). They fall in love. Om soon dies in an unfortunate incident.

Om is reincarnated and in his present life he is constantly haunted by memories of his past life and his love. Om attempts to solve the mystery of his death, and also reunite with Shanti.

The supporting cast includes Arjun Rampal (recently seen in the film Don) and Shreyas Talpade (of Iqbal fame). A lighted comedy coupled with excellent musical score, this entertainer is destined to be a box office money



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spinner this November.

Director: Farah Khan

Cast: Shah Rukh Khan, Shreyas

Talpade, Deepika Padukone, Arjun Rampal, and Malaika Arora Khan.

Written by Seema Patel.

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PUTTING PATIENTS FIRST

John Key

Our public health system is in trouble. Hospitals are lurching from crisis to crisis. Emergency departments are treating patients on trolleys in corridors. The entire system is characterised by growing bureaucracy and endless waiting.

Despite increasing the annual health budget by \$5 billion since coming to office, Labour has failed to deliver the extra operations, treatment, and care that patients rightly expect. Too much of your money is being wasted, and too few improvements are being made.



That's why, last week, I launched National's Health Discussion Paper 'Better, Sooner, More Convenient', which looks at how we can improve healthcare.

It examines what we need to do to reduce waiting times, improve quality and performance, and build a more trusted and motivated health workforce. And it puts forward a number of proposals to put patients at the centre of our public health system.

These include:

- **Moving more services closer to home.** Some hospital services should be relocated to Integrated Family Health Centres. These will be one-stop shops



Key notes

John Key MP

NATIONAL PARTY LEADER

with GPs, nurses, pharmacists, physios, podiatrists, dieticians and other health professionals providing a wider range of services for patients.

- **Smarter use of the private sector.** Public-private partnerships should be used to boost elective surgery availability and cut waiting times for patients.

- **A new partnership with the health professions.** Doctors, nurses, and other health professionals should be more involved in the operation of the public health system. Clinical networks should be established across regions to help treat patients.

- **Smarter use of GPs.** National wants GPs with special interests to be able to provide patients with a wider range of minor surgery in their clinics.

The discussion paper is not an exhaustive study of every issue in the sector, but looks at the key areas of poor performance and what we can do to fix them. It also seeks your feedback.

You can download a copy of the paper, a full list of our proposals, and a feedback form here. We look forward to your comments.

(John Key is the leader of National Party. This is an extract from his latest newsletter.)

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NZ WINES ENTER INDIAN MARKET

TGI correspondent

Family-owned winery, Saint Clair Estate Wines, is sharing its passion of wine with an emerging wine drinking nation, India.

Although Saint Clair already imports to over forty markets around the globe, its newest market, India, is exciting because the nation is just beginning to discover the full varieties of wines available.

The Indian wine industry is growing at an exponential rate. Last year Indian wine drinkers consumed 635,000 cases of wine, and approximately 20 per cent of this total is imported wine. These figures are expected to grow by 30 per cent annually over the next ten years. By 2010 the estimated consumption will be 1.8 million cases and 10 million cases by 2015!

This expected increase is being fuelled by a number of factors, including the growth of the tourism and hospitality industry (because almost all imported wine is consumed in hotels and independent restaurants) and because the younger generation is being introduced to wine, who look set to create wine drinking habits.

Neal Ibbotson, owner of Saint Clair Estate Wines comments, "Traditionally, Indian's have been spirit drinkers, so it is exciting for us to be able to be part of the industry introducing wine to a nation who are just discovering it. We hope they love it as much as our other export markets do!"

Saint Clair's first order from Indian distributors was one



Saint Clair winemaking team: Kyle Thompson, Matt Thomson, Louise Hume, Hamish Clark, Pete

of its most awarded wines, Saint Clair Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2006.

Liquor advertisements are banned in India, so distribution through respected hotels or good outlets, and word of mouth are vital to a brand's success. Consequently Saint Clair has been in discussion with several five star hotels in India.

"We're delighted that the trade commissioner of New Zealand in India, who after a wine tasting, enjoyed the Sauvignon Blanc 2006 so much, that he has said he will promote Saint Clair in India along with the help of the New Zealand embassy," says Ibbotson.

Saint Clair is leaving no vine unturned as it successfully takes its award-winning wine to new markets around the globe.



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CHEWING TOBACCO A MAJOR HEALTH RISK

TGI correspondent

People using chewing tobacco, or 'Gutkha', are putting their health at risk says the Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS).

Sunder Lokhande, Smoke-free Officer at ARPHS said at a poster presentation at the recent Oceania

Gutkha is increasingly being used by New Zealanders of South Asian extraction – Indian, Pakistani and Bangladeshi.

Tobacco Control Conference held in Auckland, there are many health risks for people that use chewing tobacco.

"Chewing tobacco significantly increases the risk of oral cancers and is highly addictive," he said.

"It can cause decay of exposed tooth roots, sores or white patches in the mouth, pulling away of the gums from the teeth, difficulty opening the mouth and Submucous Fibrosis."

According to ARPHS, anecdotal evidence suggests that Gutkha is increasingly being used by New Zealanders of South Asian extraction – Indian, Pakistani and Bangladeshi.

Gutkha is a type of chewing tobacco that is a pre-packed combination of crushed betel nut, tobacco and a sweet or savoury filling.

It is manufactured in many South Asian countries and, in these countries, is part of a multi million dollar chewing



tobacco industry. The World Health Organization (WHO) reports 65% of Indian men use some form of tobacco.

The Auckland Regional Public Health Service is working with the Ministry of Health to stamp out the illegal sale, supply and distribution of chewing tobacco.

Mr Lokhande says they do this through 'controlled purchase operations' which are similar to 'sting' operations.

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

Gutkha or chewing tobacco enters New Zealand with people travelling from countries where it is legal. Gutkha sales carry high profit margins on the New Zealand black market, tempting people to smuggle it into the country and sell it illegally.

Alleged black market trade happens from private homes, car boots and from shops such as dairies.

Prosecutions are for breach of Section 29 of the Smoke-free Environments Act 1990.

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FACIAL YOGA: AN UPCOMING FAD

Sumit Batra, Indore, India

Heard of facial yoga? Not yet, then read on.

A new technique, which is less painful and cheaper than other methods, has invaded urban India. Previously inclined towards plastic surgery or botox, several people are now moving in this direction.

Imagine treatment that promises to get rid of wrinkles without any after effects and without any cost. Sounds too good to be true?

Females of all age and size are opting for facial yoga for looking younger.

Facial yoga works on the technique that erases fine lines and wrinkles. It also reduces skin sagging and restores a radiant, youthful look to face and complexion.

The exercises, which are highly specialised, aim to tone, lift and firm all the face and neck muscles resulting in a firm, smooth, and glowing facial appearance.

The exercises are simple enough to be practised at work. One such exercise is the eye socket exercise, which relieves tension and stress from areas around the eyes.

Like any yoga, facial yoga relieves muscles of stress and strain. It helps body to relax.

Here are a few facial yoga exercises that can be done

Facial yoga works on the technique that erases fine lines and wrinkles.

anywhere, anytime. These can be performed by people of any age or sex.

Cheek

Improve blood circulation in your cheeks by squeezing them and grabbing bits of flesh. Repeat about three times.

Forehead

Keep middle and index fingers of both hands in the middle of your forehead. Rub your forehead by making small circles with your fingers and continue the massage across your brow to your temple, where we hold tension and give that area a gentle massage.

Eye Socket

Sit in a relaxed way with back position straight.

Put your index and middle fingers on either sides of your nose just below the bridge. Rub your fingers up to the bridge and along the eyebrows. Then, follow the line of your socket and back to your originating place beside your nose. Repeat the exercise five times.

Muscles around eyes

Sitting in a relaxed posture, focus on your breath as you inhale and exhale. Feel the cool air entering your nostrils and warm air that you exhale. Rub your palms together rapidly and then cup them over your closed eye sockets. Do this exercise as many times as you can during the day.

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14,000 STUDENTS BRUSH TEETH TOGETHER

About 14,000 students from various city schools brushed their teeth together at Nehru stadium here to enter the Guinness Book of World Records.

"As many as 75 schools participated in the programme organised to make school children aware about the importance of dental care," said Dr Rangarajan, Secretary of Indian Dental Association, which organised the event.

The attempt also sought to beat the previous world record of brushing in a group set by some 10,000 people in Manila, he said.

Source: *Spirit India*

THE THIEF WHO GIVES

A burglar has broken into a New Zealand house three times - leaving \$150 in cash in the recent visit, reports the Otago Daily Times.

Queenstown-based Graeme Glass found the cash near his front door.

Interestingly this was the third time that the burglar had returned to Graeme's house—not to steal, but to give.

On an earlier occasion, the burglar smashed Graeme's window when no one was home and returned some of Graeme's own property, plus gloves and a basketball, "stacked neatly on their kitchen table", the newspaper reported.

He also left a note to say sorry and explained how the thief had been overcome with remorse.

After stealing Mr Glass' \$1200 laptop, camera and wallet, the burglar had returned the items later the same day - as well as purchases made using Mr Glass's American Express credit card, the newspaper report said.

The thief even promised to leave cash to pay for the damaged window "when I have enough money".

The burglar's behaviour is making the Glass family worried. "He's obviously somewhere around, not too far away," Mr Glass told the South Island newspaper.

Mr Glass and his wife are worried about their safety.

Detective Constable Lisa Scott said police inquiries were continuing despite the thief's efforts to make amends.



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QUIZ

1. The maker doesn't want it; the buyer doesn't use it; and the user doesn't see it. What is it?
2. A child is born in Boston, Massachusetts to parents who were both born in Boston, Massachusetts. The child is not a United States citizen. How is this possible?
3. Before Mount Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain on Earth?
4. Clara Clatter was born on December 27th, yet her birthday is always in the summer. How is this possible?
5. Captain Frank and some of the boys were exchanging old war stories. Art Bragg offered one about how his grandfather led a battalion against a German division during World War I.

Through brilliant maneuvers, he defeated them and captured valuable territory. After the battle he was presented with a sword bearing the inscription "To Captain Bragg for Bravery, Daring and Leadership. World War I. From the Men of Battalion "Captain Frank looked at Art and said, "You really don't expect anyone to believe that yarn, do you?" What's wrong with the story?

6. What is one thing that all wise men, regardless of their religion or politics, agree is between heaven and earth?
7. In what year did Christmas and New Year's fall in the same year?
8. Why are 1990 American dollar bills worth more than 1989 American dollar bills?
9. A farmer has 17 sheep and all but 9 die. How many are left?

ANSWERS FOLLOW:

1. A coffin.
2. The child was born before 1776.
3. Mount Everest (it just hadn't been discovered).
4. Clara lives in the southern hemisphere.
5. World War I wasn't called "World War I" until World War II.
6. The word "and".
7. They fall in the same year every year. New Year's Day just arrives very early in the year and Christmas arrives very late in the same year.
8. One thousand nine hundred and ninety dollar bills are worth one dollar more than one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine dollar bills.
9. Nine.

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