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A DEATH IN INDIA

Helen Ruolsingpui Keivom,
New Zealand



My cousin, Isaac Intoate,
was abducted and
murdered late last month in

Mizoram, next door to our state, Manipur, on the Indo-Burmese border. Manipuri militants were immediately suspected because he had been tortured.

Few people outside India have heard of Manipur, home to 30 Tibeto-Burman tribes, because the region is isolated and foreigners require entry permits, ostensibly for their safety but really to keep the world from discovering the extent of its wretchedness. Despite a high rate of literacy, Manipur's woes include chronic ethnic warfare, endemic corruption, over 50% unemployment, heroin addiction, India's fourth highest rate of HIV, a proposed dam which will displace tens of thousands, a pervasive military presence, militancy and fanatical evangelism. In mainland India, Manipur rarely makes the news.

The Meitei's militant United National Liberation Front were the initial suspects for Isaac's murder because Isaac, as press officer for our chief tribal (Hmar) organisation, had issued a statement regarding the rape of Hmar women by UNLF members. However, it seems UNLF don't kill civilians without prior warning and

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besides, it was someone heard speaking our dialect who abducted Isaac.

There was widespread shock at Isaac's murder because he was well known for his voluntary community service. He was also the son of Lal Dena, esteemed professor of history at Manipur

University. Isaac had been in Mizoram to meet consultants for a business his French brother-in-law was setting up to create jobs. He was also checking on the condition of Hmar refugees who fled to Mizoram after militant attacks. In his capacity as a PhD scholar, Isaac was doing field research on tribal DNA for an Israeli geneticist. His open-minded articles in local newspapers and websites won him many fans.

Reports indicate Isaac was a high profile victim in a power struggle between militant groups, Hmar People's Convention and the Hmar National Army. While Isaac had good relations with HPC, HNA's leader is his cousin.

It doesn't really matter who killed him. We have all lost. We, who were once headhunters, would shame our ancestors at what we have become. Already, many have moved on, marking Isaac down to just another notch on Manipur's bloody belt. Proving good can arise out of evil, Isaac's sister is setting up a memorial foundation to enable impoverished tribal children to attend good schools so that they may have a chance at a better life.

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KNOW INDIA

Sangeeta Anand

There are millions of Indians living outside India, many are second or third generation young Indians who have known India only through the stories and anecdotes they have heard from their parents and grandparents. To give some of them an opportunity to explore the country of their roots, the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs organised Know India Programme in May to be concluded in June. "This is in the nature of an Orientation Programme which will enable exposure to various facets of Indian way of life, culture, spirituality, adventure and sports, creativity and composite character of India and interaction with youth from different parts of the country," informs T R Jatav, Counsellor from the Indian High Commission in Wellington.



As part of the programme, the High Commission has sent two Indian New Zealanders on the four-weeks long programme - Srishti Rai Narayan and Krishneel Mali (pictured L-R). As part of the programme, Krish and Srishti will be meeting two most important people in India – the president, and yes, you guessed it – the prime

minister (who has the distinction of being the most educated prime minister in the world), apart from visiting various places of interest. "Yes we do both feel extremely blessed to have this opportunity," 23-year Fiji-born Srishti told *The Global Indian*.

Both were looking forward to the trip when they spoke with *The Global Indian* before leaving for India. "Very excited but quite stressed after running around sorting travel plans!" said Srishti who just left the Office of Ethnic Affairs where she was employed for the last year. "On my return, I plan to further my experience in the ethnic/migrant/social development sector with an agency which does similar work."

"As a teenager, like almost all migrant youth, I struggled to strike a balance between the traditions of my Indo-Pacific upbringing and the expectations of my 'kiwi' social environment," Wellingtonian Srishti says. "My parents didn't seem to understand my needs and my friends didn't seem to understand my beliefs. I often felt lost, angry, and confused."

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This is not her first visit to India. "I have visited India one time. I was in awe of the country. It felt strangely familiar, yet at the same time it was so foreign to me. This one trip affected my understanding of myself on many levels, but the multiple influences I have had on my life make me richer and more open to the vastness of the world around me. My journey ultimately led me to the conclusion that my identity is not conflicted, it is multifaceted. In it's complexity, my identity is what makes me unique.

"So now I celebrate my many influences - ethnicity, religion, nationality, language, family, personality, education, gender, friends, society and life. I hope to spend as much of my life as possible unfolding this celebration. It is an adventure in motion, and one that I hope to continue with another journey through my Motherland - India."

Twenty-year old fellow-Wellingtonian Krish agrees. "It has always been a dream for me to visit the land where my great-grandparents came from and so far I have seen India through movies only. I want to see what its really like to be in that country."

While the cost of air fares are borne by the visitors, accommodation and local travel expenses would be borne by the Government of India.

CENSUS 06: AUCKLAND LEADS

- The provisional census night population count on 7 March 2006 was 4,116,900, up 296,150 (7.8%) from the 2001 Census.
- The greatest growth was in the Auckland region, where the population count indicated an increase of 145,060 (12.4%) to 1,318,700.
- About 75% of people were in the North Island on census night, where the number increased by 231,820 (8.1%) to 3,102,500.
- The South Island provisional census night population count exceeded one million for the first time.

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India-born Hamiltonian Anjum Rahman has been elected the chairperson of the Waikato-Bay of Plenty Regional Council of the New Zealand Labour Party. This is the first appointment in the region of an ethnic minority to the chairperson's role, also making her probably the first person of Indian origin occupying this position.

Anjum was born in India, but has lived in New Zealand since she was a child. She contested the 2005 election as a list candidate for the Labour Party. She believes that she has been judged solely on her ability and performance.

"This is an example of New Zealand values, one of which is equal opportunity for all, regardless of background," Anjum told *The Global Indian* magazine. "I hope that it



will inspire others to get involved in the political process, because they too can have an impact and contribute to our society."

Incidentally, she is also now on the policy council for the New Zealand Labour Party. "I am particularly interested in areas of policy affecting ethnic communities and hope to be able to provide an ethnic perspective in policy development."

What does she expect of the role? "Really, I hope to be able to show that minority status is not a barrier to full participation in the political process, and by doing that, to

encourage others to get involved," she says, before concluding, "We really need ethnic minorities to engage in this process, so that policies that affect us will reflect our needs and concerns."

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IS MEDIA ADDING FUEL TO FIRE?

Ashok Motwani

I think we have more than 17 news channels and all of them show a few seconds' footage repeating it several times giving a kind of special effect. All humans are subject to some kind of control – even the politicians are answerable now-a-days. But a TV journalist does not have to answer anyone. It's really time for introspection: freedom of press at what cost? When are we going to worry about the impact of TRPs rather than quantum of TRPs? (Editor's note: TRP stands for television rating points, a metric to measure the viewership of a TV programme.)

Recently (a certain) TV did not show 18 temples demolished under court orders in Tamil Nadu and another 40 temples demolition but highlighted beyond repair one dargah (mosque) demolition in Gujarat flaring up communal tensions and violence.

I think "news" is not business but a responsibility.

In Madurai several temples were destroyed (see the

photograph). Did the media show it to the world? No! One dargah is being repeatedly shown. TV should be held responsible for such irresponsible action. The 'secular' English media kept silent when temples were demolished in Tamil Nadu. (See www.india-forum.com)

While giving chronology of the events, Deepak Swaroop,

(Vadodara city police commissioner) told rediff.com, "The demolition drive has been on for the last 15 days, as per the master plan of the city. There were orders to demolish any kind of encroachment, whether it's a temple or a mosque or any illegal construction in the house of a senior officer." He added, "As per the order, some temples, too, have been demolished.

Swaroop said, "I used to pray at a Sai Baba temple right across from my house. Even that was demolished a few days back and I could do nothing about it. Today it was the turn of the Dargah of Rashidudin Rahimtullah, a Sufi saint." What is happening in India?

Ashok Motwani is managing editor of DNews and is also part of the Global Organisation of People of Indian Origin based in the United States. (Photo courtesy: the author)



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The economy in India is booming. With over a billion people including a fast-growing middle class of 300 million; a government pushing strongly for free-market economics; close to 8% GDP growth with almost half from the services sector; a tradition of entrepreneurship; and with a fluency in English, India is the coming giant of the 21st century.



The India New Zealand Business Council is

organising a buffet lunch to hear Professor Sunil Ashra and Dr Malcolm Cone present the latest study undertaken by the Asia Institute on the current trends.

Topics covered will include an overview of the Indian economy, foreign trade regime, recent fiscal reforms, and the current trade and economic relations between India and New Zealand. There will also be discussion

around the structure, performance, current trends, investment, and future possibilities of some of the high performing and high potential sectors including Biotechnology, Finance, Information Technology, Agriculture and Food Processing.

Speakers: Professor Sunil Ashra - Area Chairperson (Economics) and Associate Professor, Management Development Institute India

Dr Malcolm Cone - Senior Lecturer, Department of Management, University of Otago

Paul Vaughan - Trade Commissioner to India, New Zealand Trade & Enterprise

AUCKLAND: 19 June, 12 – 2pm, Langham Hotel;

WELLINGTON: 21 June, 12 – 2pm Duxton Hotel;

CHRISTCHURCH: 23 June, 12 – 2pm Millennium Hotel

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SURRENDER OF PASSPORT

Under Government of India rules, when an Indian citizen acquires New Zealand citizenship, he or she should surrender the Indian Passport to the High Commission of India immediately, an *Indian High Commission* release said. "In case he/she fails to do so, a penal fee of NZ\$200 would be imposed whenever the person concerned approaches the High Commission for any

services subsequently," the release added.

On a separate note, T R Jatav, Counsellor at the *Commission* informed *The Global Indian* that visas for India are being issued the same day. "PCC and other consular services are also being given the same day. Passport services in 98% cases are also being rendered the same day," Jatav added. "OCI is taking time as it is controlled and prepared in India."

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NRI MP WALKS THE TALK

Madhu S Yaskhi, a lone NRI MP (Non Resident Indian who is a Member of Parliament) in the Indian Parliament, perfectly proves the point that the world has become a global village.

Madhu hit the news headlines last month when he dared to stop work at the Babli project in Maharashtra. Undeterred by the stand of Maharashtra government, he approached Congress leader Sonia Gandhi, and Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh to immediately stall the project works as it would leave havoc in the lives of farmers of the upper reaches of Andhra Pradesh.

A few days later, he guided a delegation of eleven Members of Parliament from India on behalf of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) to hold important talks with the US Government and business leaders in New York, Washington DC and Atlanta.

Born in 1960 in a modest agricultural family in Andhra Pradesh, Madhu completed higher studies in law from Delhi University before migrating to the US in 1989. During his studies, Madhu continued his sway as students' union leader, testifying that he would one day be a leader of the masses. Dr. Suche, whom he married in 1991, relentlessly attached herself to the social service activities undertaken by him. His father's death in a road accident in the late 90s moved Madhu, who later took



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active part in extending emergency healthcare to the rural people.

He read the tragic news in the *New York Times*, of the serial suicide deaths of farmers in the perennially drought-hit region of Nizamabad in Andhra Pradesh in 2003. He took the first flight to India and arrived at the doorsteps of India's bread-earners. He extensively toured the impoverished agrarian villages and came out with liberal financial assistance on his personal count.

Madhu took the plight of the farmers to the government. With little or nothing materialising, he resolved to take a direct plunge into political front. Madhu contested general elections in 2004 and won by a lead of nearly 200,000 votes.

Completing two years of his five-year tenure as MP, he says: “Whether in US or India, my options are clear. If you want to serve people, nothing will stop you. Physical and geographical barriers don't really count. It gives me immense happiness to be among my constituency people. They knew I would never betray their hopes.”

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BUDGET 2006

ROADS, ROADS—CULLEN

Cash surplus: \$1.8 billion "As the effects of the slowdown flow through there will be a significant impact on the fiscal position. Lower nominal GDP growth, smaller profits, and a small rise in unemployment means that 2005/06 is expected to be the last year with a cash surplus for some time." – Michael Cullen. The deficits through to 2010 will total some \$7.4 billion.

Super Fund To Reach \$10 billion: The assets in the New Zealand Superannuation Fund will reach \$10 billion this month. "New Zealand is in a far stronger position to financially cope with the demographic transformation which will occur over the next 30 to 40 years."

\$1.3 Billion In Transport Funding in the next five days: "Roads, roads, more roads" is how the Dominion Post described the recent budget. The funding will mainly come from in the form of a \$800 million dividend following sale of Meridian's Australian Southern Hydro assets.

Telecommunications: Following the Telecom leak, the government announced unbundling the local loop, provision for naked DSL, and removing the upstream limit on bitstream unbundling.



BONDI BUDGET—BRASH

Michael Cullen delivered his seventh Budget. And the news is that 290,000 Kiwis just got a tax cut. In Australia.

On the tax side of the ledger, the Budget does absolutely nothing! No recognition that Labour's tax revenues have grown by 50% since 2000, twice as fast as the inflation rate over that period. No recognition that the net outflow of Kiwis to Australia has doubled in the last two years - from 10,000 in the year to January '04, to 16,000 in the year to January '05, to 21,000 in the year to January '06.



Six years ago, our company tax was the same as it is today, 33%. Six years ago, that was below the average company tax in the 30 countries of the OECD, at 35%. Now, the average company tax rate in the OECD is 30% and it's continuing to fall. Now we are above that average.

Government spending on health has increased strongly. But we also know that that vast increase in spending has bought almost nothing - the number of operations performed has barely changed over the last six years; many tens of thousands of people, sick, in pain, and often very frightened, are on waiting lists.

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NZ LESS COMPETITIVE

Richard Worth

The World Competitiveness Scoreboard for 2006 (released on 11 May 2006) has New Zealand falling from 16th to 22nd. Meanwhile Australia has risen from 9th to 6th place.

The scoreboard ranks the competitiveness of 61 national and regional economies based on 312 criteria.

The section on New Zealand lists the challenges facing the country as improving broadband, encouraging skilled migrants, ensuring secure and affordable energy and water, improving workplace productivity, management and business capability, and reducing compliance costs.

Throwing open the prison doors

Government has a plan to release a third of prisoners. Last year, violent crime went up by 7%. Within that figure, grievous assaults were up 13%, homicides up 27%, intimidation and threats up 11%, robberies up 12% and serious assaults up 7%. Overall, violent crime has increased 16% since 2000.

Immigration – a second look

Skilled migrants may require good English but business investors are in a quite different category.

A well-designed business investor programme would bring significant capital flows to New Zealand and business investors are well able to afford staff to assist



them in their daily lives in New Zealand.

Samuel Goldwyn who emigrated from Poland to New York and went on to create the famous film studio MGM knew nothing of English when he left from Poland.

Criticism of congestion charging

The Government is seeking comment on proposals including establishing cordons in various parts of the city and charging motorists as they pass through those cordons. Other options are also proposed including area charges.

The Auckland Business Forum which comprises a cross-section of Auckland industry and commerce is strongly opposed to the proposals primarily because Auckland does not yet have a comprehensive frequent and reliable passenger transport system, and also because the western ring route should be in place before a pricing scheme is introduced.

Richard is Shadow Minister of Justice. A law school topper, he was chairman of New Zealand's largest law firm, Simpson Grierson.

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AUCKLAND—For a website that claims to have registered users



more than New Zealand's population, shaadi.com made an entry into New Zealand's market last month. "We currently have 8000 users in New Zealand," shaadi.com's business associate for New Zealand, Sheetal Walia, informed *The Global Indian* magazine.

Of course, this is not a dating site. "Shaadi in Hindi means marriage. The name is self-explanatory for our matrimonial website." Shaadi.com claims to have five million registered users worldwide. "We are introducing pre-paid cards that people can use to pay for their membership," Sheetal added.

FIJI

MEGA FUN CENTRE
FOR FIJI

AUCKLAND—Fiji will get a multimillion-dollar Fun World Centre from a Fijian New Zealander. It will be built in Martintar, Nadi and will include a 400-room luxury hotel, a 300-shop mall, a modern emergency medical centre, and manmade waterways.

The announcement was made by Mohammed Sahil Shah, the managing director of Shah group of companies, one of which is the Auckland-based Hindi radio station Apna 990 AM, while celebrating the first anniversary of the radio station.

Describing the Fun World Centre for Fiji as his most cherished dream, Shah said that when complete, the value of the centre would be about a billion Fijian dollars. "This is my way of giving something back to the country which was my first home," he added.

WORLD

NRI DOCTORS TO
HELP RURAL INDIA

NEW DELHI: Taking forward their commitment to help India improve healthcare in rural areas, the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI) will be launching project in Bihar and Andhra Pradesh, the Hindustan Times reported.

Instead of focusing only on improvement of primary healthcare as committed under a MoU signed during the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas - the annual conclave of the Indian diaspora - with the government, AAPI has decided to expand the scope of its work to help in early detection of diseases.

The programme will be monitored by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs (MOIA) and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

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WHAT ARE THE REAL ISSUES?

Simple things are the most difficult to comprehend. This is so true with technology. Look at the way technology has changed the world around us. Through Voice over IP (VoIP) people can make internet phone calls for free through software like Skype. MTNL, India's equivalent of Telecom, recently announced that calls between Mumbai and Delhi will be charged at local call rates. In other words, for less than a cent a minute, we can speak over a distance of 1200 kms – that's equivalent of distance between Auckland and Dunedin. Broadband in India is available for as less as NZ\$8 a month. I am not trying to boast India's advanced ICT sector. The point I am drawing home is how technology is making lives easier for everyone.

That's why improving broadband penetration in New Zealand is so crucial. It becomes all the more important because a large part of New Zealand's population is overseas-born. Also, nearly two million Kiwis live overseas. In this globalised world, communicating effectively (quality and cost-wise) with friends and relatives spread across the continents not only improves the quality of life but also has impact on our culture.

As one of the founders of AEN Network (www.aen.org.nz), Andy Williamson, puts it, "Broadband is a vitally important tool in maintaining the Diaspora and for keeping the new generation in touch with their traditions - all so easily lost when migrating." Andy's AEN email list

is an example of how technology can be put to effective use to assist communication among New Zealand's many ethnicities. The Global Indian is another such example,

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where in less than two years, it is providing quality journalism for Australasia's

Indian community. Both these ventures are furthering the dialogue so that the migration and assimilation experience for the minority communities is pleasant.

Success of intra- and inter-community communication will be largely driven by technology, and most of it will be led by Internet. Are we equipped for it yet?

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PANKAJ UDHAS SHINES

Indians' love for music is well documented. And when it comes to one of the traditional forms of music, the ghazals, the mood was particularly festive at Auckland's Logan Campbell centre. As the Indians thronged at the main gate, the half-kilometre queue of cars took over 20 minutes to clear, delaying the start. What followed for the next four hours was a musical treat to be remembered.

Not only did it show Pankaj's mastery over his craft, but also showcased his 25 years of experience of stage shows. The audience was treated with time-less classics like 'chandi jaisa ang hai tera' and 'la pila de saaqiya', but also a new ghazal from his yet-to-be released album. The concert reached its pinnacle with much-awaited "chitthi aai" which is close to heart for many an NRI. There were many 'once more' requests from the audience for the legendary ghazal from the movie 'naam'. Pankaj's discipline in performing the songs showed his thorough professionalism. Last word must go to the orchestra crew which profiled their talent in a jugal-bandi performance and was greeted by a deep applause. Organisers will do well to improve the inconvenient horizontal seating arrangement and the parking issues.



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Those who attended the event for the first time were not impressed with the organisation, with multiple lapses in acoustics and stage performances. "They need to hire a professional event organiser," one scribe said. The Global Indian reporter could not take photos during the event because the security were not briefed. We managed to sneak a few at the end, though (journalism training from India comes handy in such situations).

For the 'loyal' repeat audiences, this year's event was "less chaotic" than last year's, and some also commented that the "calibre of candidates was better." The results too surprised a few people. Seen here is Mr India NZ 2006 of the winner of the contest, Jay Singh.

Congratulations to Vibha Handa of Epsom who won a ticket for the show at the Global Indian lucky draw contest. We thank all the participants of our draw!

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IIFA AWARDS IN DUBAI NOMINEES

Staff correspondent

The International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards would be held in Dubai from June 14 to 17, 2006 culminating with the glittering Idea IIFA Awards presentation ceremony on June 16 at the spectacular Airport Expo in Dubai, under the patronage of HH Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, President, Dubai Civil Aviation, Chairman of the Emirates Group and Chairman of the Dubai Shopping Festival and Dubai Shopping Surprises.

The IIFA Weekend promises to be packed with action, with a film festival, the world premiere of a blockbuster Indian film and the FICCI - IIFA Global Business Forum.

Amitabh Bachchan, Brand Ambassador of IIFA, said, "I am proud to be associated with IIFA for the past seven years and my commitment is even more firm. I am looking forward to the celebrations in Dubai this year."

Best Picture

Parineeta - The Married Woman

Iqbal

Black

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Bunty aur Babli

No Entry

Direction

Pradeep

Sarkar -



Parineeta - The Married Woman

Nagesh Kukunoor - Iqbal

Sanjay Leela Bhansali - Black

Madhur Bhandarkar - Page 3

Prakash Jha - Apaharan

Performance in a Leading Role (Male)

Saif Ali Khan - Salaam Namaste

Amitabh Bachchan - Sarkar

Amitabh Bachchan - Black

Saif Ali Khan - Parineeta - The Married Woman

Shahrukh Khan - Paheli - The Riddle

Performance in a Leading Role (Female)

Vidya Balan - Parineeta - The Married Woman

Rani Mukherji - Bunty aur Babli

Rani Mukherji - Black

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Preity Zinta - Salaam Namaste

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36 CHINA TOWN

Madam Sushmita (Isha Koppikar) a casino owner is dead? Whodunit? Was it the butler (Paresh Rawal) in the palace with the candlestick?

In a game of clues and suspects, Inspector Akshay (Akshaye Khanna) has to pt the pieces together and come up with the correct suspect. Was it Raj (Shahid) and Priya (Kareena) who were returning the victim's son for the reward money? One of two other couples? Or Rocky (Upen Patel), the high-society playboy? Watch it to find out.



MOVIE PREVIEWS

CHUP CHUP KE

The team of Shahid-Kareena-Paresh is together again, this time for a romantic comedy of errors. Jeetu (Shahid), a small town hustler deep in debt, decides to drown himself so that the insurance money will help his parents. He is rescued by two fishermen, Bandy (Paresh Rawal) and Gundy (Rajpal Yadav). Thinking Jeetu is a millionaire, they plot to trade his services to Prabhat Singh Chauhan (Om Puri) in exchange for the money that they owe. For survival, Jeetu now pretends to be a deaf-mute. What happens when Chauhan's niece Shruti (Kareena), who really is mute (but not deaf), her brother Mangal Singh Chauhan (Suniel Shetty) and their cousin Meenakshi (Neha Dhupia) come into his life though? Will they keep his secret?

Let's just say that Jeetu's life will never be the same. But you'll have to watch to find out.

STAR OF THE MONTH

UPEN PATEL

Finished with fashion shows and advertising shoots, the newcomer's modeling days are over. The young, blue-eyed hit sensation of '36 China Town', Upen Patel (pictured), says he's a quiet storm that's about to hit the Hindi film industry in a big way.

After eight months of Hindi language lessons (he could not speak Hindi), he's ready. Also look out for Upen in 'Namaste London', the remake of 'Achanak' and two yet untitled films, both Suneel Darshan and Abbas-Mustan's next ventures.

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SUPER 14

"Nobody in Rugby should be called a genius. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein." Jono Gibbs, Chiefs

"I'm going to graduate on time, no matter how long it takes." Rodney So'ialo, Hurricanes

"You guys line up alphabetically by height." Colin Cooper, Hurricanes head coach

Chris Masoe (Hurricanes) on whether he had visited the Pyramids during his visit to Egypt: "I can't really remember the names of the clubs that we went to."

"He's a guy who gets up at six o'clock in the morning regardless of what time it is." Colin Cooper on Paul Tito

David Nosafora (Auckland) talking about Troy Flavell "I told him, 'Son, what is it with you. Is it ignorance or apathy?' He said, 'David, I don't know and I don't care.'

David Holwell (Hurricanes) when asked about the upcoming season: "I

want to reach for 150 or 200 points this season, whichever comes first."

NO WONDER ENGLISH IS SO CONFUSING

They were too close to the door to close it.

I shed a tear when I saw the tear in my clothes.

I spent last evening evening out a pile of dirt.

The present is a good time to present the present.

HAVE YOU WONDERED...

Birds of a feather flock together and crap on your car.

When I'm feeling down, I like to whistle. It makes the neighbor's dog run to the end of his chain and gag himself.

If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right

time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

If you think there is good in everybody, you haven't met everybody.

If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.

FACTS

If you are right handed, you will tend to chew your food on your right side.

If you stop getting thirsty, you need to drink more water. For when a human body is dehydrated, its thirst mechanism shuts off.

Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying.

The Mercedes-Benz motto is 'Das Beste oder Nichts' meaning 'the best or nothing'.

(Contributed by Brian D'Souza, Auckland)

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BHINDI DOPIAZA

(stuffed fried okra)

Ingredients (serves four)

600 gm Okra

2 chopped onions

1 tablespoon chili powder

2 teaspoons ground turmeric

2 teaspoons ground coriander

1/2 teaspoon salt

Vegetable oil

Chopped fresh coriander and 2 lemons or lime

Preparation time: 10 minutes

Cooking time: 25-30 minutes

Method

Take a small bowl. Put chili powder, turmeric, coriander,



and salt.

With a sharp knife, cut slit (lengthwise) in each okra but do not to cut completely through.

Stuff each pod with a little of the spice mixture.

In a medium saucepan, heat the oil over high heat.

Add onions and cook, stirring regularly until browned.

Lower the heat and put the okra.

Add some water if the mixture looks dry.

Cook, covered for about 15 minutes, but make sure the okra retains it's colour.

Garnish with coriander and lemon and serve hot.

You can serve with rice, naan or pita bread.

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POWER OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Jasbindar Singh

Take a minute and recall a recent situation when quite someone acknowledged you for something unexpectedly or in a way that was unexpected. Did it not leave you feeling warm and appreciative, even if briefly, before some other, more pressing matter occupied your mind or focus again? That sudden lift in mood, morale or sense of well-being! Being acknowledged is a fundamental human need and when done authentically can be a potent source of inspiration, motivation and behaviour change.

In a recent video-conference organised by the New Zealand Institute of Management, Barry

Posner (who co-wrote "The Leadership Challenge") views 'encouraging the

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heart' as one of the key practices and commitments of exemplary leadership. So when was the last you acknowledged, encouraged or praised someone for a job well done in your team? Perhaps it was the extra initiative the employee or team member displayed beyond the call of duties in the job description. The opportunities for praise can range from a seemingly small act of helping out when needed, to handsomely meeting the quarterly targets. These instances can be great in not just boosting

the morale and confidence of the person concerned but in reinforcing behaviour and attitudes that feed into and reinforce organisational values and culture.

On this issue, one CEO'S response was "the performance structure looks after this." This may well be so. However, one should never underestimate the power of the good old

It takes so little to boost another's mood, yet the effects are contagious.

words of acknowledgement and encouragement whether publicly or privately delivered. The best time to give praise or positive feedback is on the spot or as close as you can to the good deed or performance achieved. Too often we can leave things to the performance review time – the commonly heard mantra "we have performance reviews coming up next month" - thereby missing out and not capitalising on the opportunities right in front of us to reinforce behaviour and culture change as they occur.

In the words of poet Walt Whitman "Among the most treasured presents you can offer people is you - your time, your genuine appreciation, a few words of acknowledgment such as 'You've made my day.' It takes so little to boost another's mood, yet the effects are contagious. Those you touch will feel more abundant and they will pass on their abundance to others."

Look out for those special moments and make a point to acknowledge someone today.

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HARISH DOGRA ISSUE

Namaste, just wanted to know why the Harish Dogra debacle, the biggest (Indian) story to hit our shores in recent years have been left out from your publication.

Bharat Jamnadas, Senior Reporter/Director, Asia Down Under

(Editor: The issues surrounding Mr Dogra's recall have been widely reported in the media (mainstream and ethnic) and the story has been done to death. We did not have any additional information that was not already public knowledge. Also, *The Global Indian* is a magazine and unlike a newspaper which covers news, our focus is on feature stories and articles.

The Global Indian believes in social journalism, using the medium to address issues that will improve our quality of life (for e.g., the domestic violence lead story).

NO EMAILS?

I have enjoyed reading the material in the issues of e-zine from New Zealand. However, I have not received it many months. Have you discontinued emailing or no

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longer do this service?

Deepika Patel, Toronto/Mississauga Ontario Canada

(We responded to Deepika that maybe her email address has changed. She has confirmed, "Thank you for your prompt response. I just realised that the bounce back may have been because I had a name change and therefore the emails you were sending were to my old address." Deepika has been a subscriber since Oct 2004)

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Lovely magazine! Congratulations on another fantastic read!

Dave Moskovitz, President, Wellington Progressive Jewish Congregation

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