



## Mahatma Gandhi's 152nd birth anniversary celebrated across the US



India's Ambassador to the US Taranjit Singh Sandhu pays respects to Father of the Indian Nation Mahatma Gandhi at the Gandhi Memorial in Washington, DC on October 2, 2021

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### I.S. SALUJA

WASHINGTON, DC (TIP): The Indian Embassy in Washington organized an event on Saturday, October 2 at the Gandhi Memorial opposite the Embassy where India's Ambassador to the US Taranjit Singh Sandhu paid his respects to the Father of the Indian Nation.

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# Senate Approves Bill to Raise Debt Ceiling and Avert Default, for Now

WASHINGTON, DC (TIP): The Senate passed legislation on Thursday, October 7, to raise the debt ceiling through early December, after a small cluster of Republicans temporarily put aside their objections and allowed action to stave off the threat of a first-ever federal default.

The action came the day after Senator Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the Republican leader, partly backed down from his blockade on raising the debt limit, offering a temporary reprieve as political pressure mounted to avoid being blamed for a fiscal calamity.

But the fragile deal to move ahead was in doubt until the very end, with some Republicans reluctant to drop their objections. Mr. McConnell and his top deputies labored into the evening on Thursday to persuade enough members to clear the way for a vote. Ultimately, 11 Republicans joined every Democrat in voting to take up the bill, clearing the 60-vote threshold needed to break the G.O.P. filibuster.



Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York speaks on Thursday following a cloture vote on a measure to raise the debt ceiling - Screengrab / C-Span

The final vote was 50 to 48, with Democrats unanimously in support and Republicans united in opposition. It goes next to the House, where Democratic leaders were prepared to call lawmakers back for a vote.

## NOBEL PEACE PRIZE: JOURNALISTS MARIA RESSA AND DMITRY MURATOV SHARE AWARD



Maria Ressa (L) co-founder and CEO of the Philippines-based news website Rappler, and Dmitry Muratov (R) editor-in-Chief of Russia's main opposition newspaper Novaya Gazeta jointly won the 2021 Nobel Peace Prize

OSLO (TIP): Journalists Maria Ressa and Dmitry Muratov have won the Nobel Peace Prize for their fights to defend freedom of expression in the Philippines and Russia, according to a BBC report.

The Nobel committee called the pair "representatives of all journalists who stand up for this ideal".

The editors are known for hard-hitting investigations that have angered their countries' rulers, and both have faced significant threats.

They were chosen out of 329 candidates.

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## Eminent Indian Americans recognized for excellence by GOPIO



GOPIO Virginia president Jay Bhandari addressing the gathering.

Seen in the picture from L to R: Mrs. Beyer, Congressman Don Beyer, Congressman Gerald E. Connolly, Ambassador Purmanund Jhugroo

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VIENNA, VA (TIP): Eminent Indian Americans were on Sunday, October 3, recognized for their excellence in community service by Virginia State Chapter of the Global Organization of People of Indian Origin (GOPIO).

Dr V K Raju was presented the award for excellence in the field of Medicine, Dr Vikram Raya in Entrepreneurship, Prof. Ram B Gupta in Education, Korak

Ray in Innovation and Research, Prof. Indrajit S Saluja in Journalism, Nilima Mehra in Media, Vinita Tiwari in Arts and Culture and Jenetha Reddy in Philanthropy and Advocacy.

"Indian Americans have significantly contributed to building strong relationships between India and the United States towards economic, social, educational, and cultural progress of

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## TATAS REPOSSESS AIR INDIA WITH INR 18,000 CRORE BID AFTER 70 YEARS

NEW DELHI (TIP): For Air India, it is homecoming after 70 years. Tatas have won the bid to acquire debt-laden state-run Air India offering Rs 18,000 crore for acquiring 100 per cent shareholding, a senior government official said on Friday, October 8-a development that means that the airline has come a full circle and now heads back to its original founders.

An SPV of Tata Sons-the holding company of conglomerate-has emerged as a successful bidder, Tuhin Kanta

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