

Emma Stone steps out for date night with beau Dave McCary

Hollywood actor Emma Stone stepped out with her rumoured beau Dave McCary for a rare public date night and it seems like the two don't want to keep their relationship under wraps anymore. **P14**

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US urges coalitions against Iran

Davos

The US wants to build more coalitions in the Middle East to counter the "very real" threat of Iran's malign meddling in the region, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo told the World Economic Forum in Davos yesterday.

Speaking via video link, Pompeo said the US was committed to a "secure and stable" Middle East and had assembled a "global coalition of nations to confront Iran and support the aspirations of the Iranian people."

Assad blocks access for EU envoys

Brussels

Syria's Bashar Assad has revoked special visas for EU diplomats and officials traveling regularly between Beirut and Damascus, complicating efforts to distribute aid to civil war victims, three senior EU diplomats said.

Since conflict broke out in Syria in 2011, the EU has used the Lebanese capital, the nearest major city, for its diplomatic base while closing most embassies in Damascus in protest over what they describe as Assad's brutal assault on the opposition.



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King Salman receives Shaikh Khalid at Al Yamamah Palace in Riyadh.

Saudi stances backed

Shaikh Khalid hails Saudi role as the essential pillar of peace and security in the region

The Minister of Foreign Affairs stressed that the Kingdom will remain strongly supportive of the leading role played by Saudi Arabia, under the wise leadership of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques.

Riyadh

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, has conveyed to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the greetings of His Majesty King

Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, His Royal Highness the Prime Minister, Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, extending their wishes for his health and wellness, and to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and its brotherly people further progress and prosperity.

This came when the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques yesterday received Shaikh Khalid in his office at Al Yamamah Palace in Riyadh.

The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques tasked the Minister of Foreign Affairs to convey his greetings to HM the King, HRH Premier and HRH Crown Prince, and affirmed his appreciation for the solid

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brotherly relations between the two countries and their brotherly peoples, wishing the Kingdom of Bahrain further progress and prosperity.

The minister expressed the Kingdom of Bahrain's pride in the deep-rooted brotherly relations with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which, he said, are growing stronger due to the unwavering support of His

Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and their keenness to co-ordinate and consult on various issues, which further embodies the two countries' distinctive brotherly relations, and the extent of cohesion between them and which showcases their mutual and brotherly ties.

The minister also affirmed that the Kingdom of Bahrain has long chosen to stand by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for its belief in the unity of destiny and objectives between the two countries.

He noted Bahrain's appreciation of the fraternal positions of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and its historical and supportive role in preserving the unity of the Arab nation, and enhanc-

ing solidarity among Islamic countries.

He also highlighted the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's significant role and influence on the regional and international arenas, making it an essential pillar of peace and security in the region and the world as a whole.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs stressed that the Kingdom will remain strongly supportive of the leading role played by Saudi Arabia, under the wise leadership of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques.

He also affirmed that Bahrain is constantly in solidarity with the great efforts and contributions exerted by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which is further developing on various political, economic and security levels.

RARE FEAT

Bahrain resident among those considered for top Indian expatriate award

TDT | New Delhi

Bahrain's Al Hilal Hospital vice-chairman and leading businessman V T Vinod and Indian-American economist Gita Gopinath are among the awardee list of the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman, constituted by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs in conjunction with the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (Non-Resident Indian Day).

The award will be distributed today at the the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention (PBD 2019) being held at Varanasi, India.

V T Vinod is the Managing Director of Badr Al Samaa Group of Hospitals in Oman.

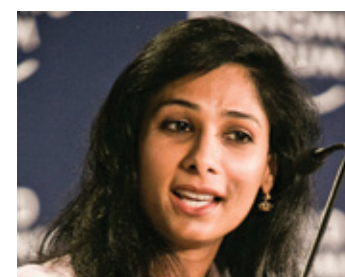
The Pravasi Bharatiya Samman honours exceptional and meritorious contribution in their chosen field/profession. The award is given by the President of India.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday inaugurated the plenary session of the 15th edition of Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas at Deendayal Hastkala Sankul in Varanasi.

Chief Guest of PBD 2019, Prime Minister of Mauritius, Pravind Jugnauth, Governor of



Mr Vinod



Ms Gopinath

Uttar Pradesh Ram Naik, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj along with UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Chief Minister of Haryana, Manohar

Lal Khattar, Chief Minister of Uttarakhand Trivendra Singh Rawat, Union Minister of State for Overseas Indian Affairs Retd General V K Singh and several

other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

In his address, Modi said it is the love and affection of the diaspora for the land of their forefathers which has brought them to India. He called upon the NRI community to join hands for building a new India.

He said the NRIs are not only the brand ambassadors of India but also represent its strength, capabilities and characteristics.

He urged the diaspora to participate in building a New India specially in research and innovation.