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World Malayalee Council 12th Global Conference 2020 in Trivandrum

World Malayalee Council will be celebrating the 25th anniversary (Silver Jubilee) in 2020. Grand scale celebrations are planned as part of the 12th Global Conference of WMC from July 17th to July 19, 2020 in Trivandrum under the leadership of Baby Mathew Somatheeram as the General Convener and Sajan Veloor, Dr.Vijayalakhmi and Dr.Sunanda Kumari as co-Conveners. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this historic event.

WMC was formed on July 3, 1995 on the last day of the first World Malayalee Convention in New Jersey USA as a networking organization for Malayalees across the globe. Subsequent biennial confer-

ences were held in Kochi, Kerala in January 1998; Dallas, Texas, USA in 2000; Dingden, Germany in 2002; Bahrain, in 2004; Kochi, Kerala in 2006; Singapore in 2008; Doha, Qatar in 2010; Dallas, Texas in 2012; Kumarakam, Kochi in 2014; Colombo, Sri Lanka in 2016; Bonn, Germany in 2018.

WMC provides a global connectivity fostering friendship and fellowship among Malayalees worldwide while providing several platforms under its umbrella for training, empowerment, service, support and charity.



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World Malayalee Council Ranni Unit President Shri Jacob Lukose (Soban) is elected as the President of Ranni Pazhavangadi Service Co-operative Bank. He is being honored at the Family meet of WMC Ranni Unit. WMC family is proud of you Soban.



World Malayalee Council Global Vice President Shri John Mathai donating a home to the homeless Singer Shivaganga. Congratulations Johnachaya!



World Malayalee Council Global Vice Chairman Shri Baby Mathew So-matheeram was awarded the coveted National Tourism Award. Congratulations Baby Mathew





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**WMC Europe Region Meet
&**

**Inauguration of
WMC Russia Province**

on

19th October 2019

at

Hotel Darbars

Prospekt Mira

12/1 Moscow.

Interaction session

Discussions

Cultural programmes

all are cordially invited

Tea Seller's Daughter from India Wins Opportunity to Visit NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida

Neither of the rigorous immigration norms, strict border restrictions and extreme vetting policy in the current political regime of the United States can be a barricade for talent from any part of the world. The inflow of talent from India to the US, which has been continuing for decades, bears testimony. In 2018, Jaykumar Vaidya from a slum in Mumbai made it to the University of Virginia as a research scientist.



A tea seller's daughter from India is all set to leave for a 9-day visit to NASA in the US. 15-year-old J. Dhaanya Thasnem, the winner of the National Space Science Contest 2019, has made it to the global selection of students for the most coveted educational NASA tour in the US state of Florida. She is a native of Madurai, a temple town in Tamil Nadu. J. Dhaanya Thasnem is one

of the three Indian winners of the National Space Science Contest 2019. Sai Pujitha from Andhra Pradesh and Abhishek Sharma from Maharashtra are the other two who have been selected for the tour of Kennedy Space Center near Miami, Florida. They have already got their flight tickets to USA from India.

An exclusive opportunity to meet and interact with NASA scientists and astronauts at Kennedy Space Center is what makes the US trip interesting to Dhaanya Thasnem and others. During the 9-day tour, the National Space Science Contest 2019 winners from across the globe will write an exam. Only five students will be selected. They will be awarded a \$10,000 scholarship each and an opportunity to study at the Florida Institute of Technology. An admirer of Kalpana Chawla and a believer of Dr. Kalam, J. Dhaanya Thasnem is all thanks to Go4Guru, an online tutoring and educational tour services company operating from the US. In 2017, Go4Guru launched the National Space Science Contest to facilitate Indian students' exposure to NASA and other international space science organizations, regardless of the students' socio-economic backgrounds.

Impeachment stalls immigration reforms

There is no deadline as to when normalcy could be restored. The wrenching timing has hit hard especially, legal immigrants in limbo for a Green Card, as well as those overseas hoping for permanent residency to join extended family members.

Caught in the wretched mess is the highly anticipated bill “Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act of 2019,” or S.386. The bill sought to increase the per-country cap on family-based Green Cards from the current 7 percent to 15 percent, and to eliminate the 7 percent cap for employment-based Green Cards. It would have expedited Green Card for especially Indian nationals.

S. 386 has strong bipartisan support in both the House and the Senate. There were minor irritants along the way, with only one Senator stalling it from moving ahead.

It seemed that hurdle would be crossed within days or matter of weeks, with smart lobbying and bargaining with the Senator. Then hell broke out over Ukraine. Democrats demand for impeachment. S. 386 is perhaps the last thing on their mind to take care of. If high skilled immigrants were hoping this new bill would yet see daylight before the impeachment situation came to an end, came yet another blow through a TV interview which made it clear that the Trump administration is in no mood to give any relief for legal immigrants already here.

Europe Region Meeting and inauguration of Russian Province

A regional meeting of WMC Europe region will be held on 19th October 2019 at 15.00 Hrs.

at Restaurant Darbars, Prospekt Mira, 12/1 Moscow.

Agenda:

1. WMC regional meeting
2. Opening of the Moscow Province.

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