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## Mumbai's Jeeves

By Roopa Ramamurthi

Mumbai—a curtain of rain flutters and falls. It's nice watching the rain from the shelter of a 12th floor flat. Not in the *jhopudputti*, the slum where my father's attendant Suresh lives. There the water seeps in so high that he is afraid his young children will drown.

Years ago, when my father was in the IAS—Indian Administrative Service and was Textile Commissioner, Suresh had worked at the canteen in the same building, serving *chai*. He remembered my father from then, but now as my father liked to say he was no longer a distinguished but instead an extinguished IAS officer. Now he and Suresh performed this intricate dance where Suresh steadied the walker and then my father clutched the walker from the bed.



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## Landmark Sikh Photo Exhibition

By Simar Khanna

A music composer. A deputy sheriff. A technology executive. An Eagle Scout. They sound like every-day Americans but what sets them apart is they are all Sikhs. And that combination is the reason they are subjects in a landmark photo exhibition that originated in New York, appeared at venues across the country and now has landed in Sacramento.

## YouTube Documentary Released on Kailash Satyarthi

By Pavani Kaushik

YouTube Original documentary *The Price of Free* launches today – November 27, 2018 free for fans around the world on **SoulPancake's YouTube Channel**. The award-winning film follows Nobel Peace Laureate Kailash Satyarthi and his team around the world through gripping secret raids to rescue children.

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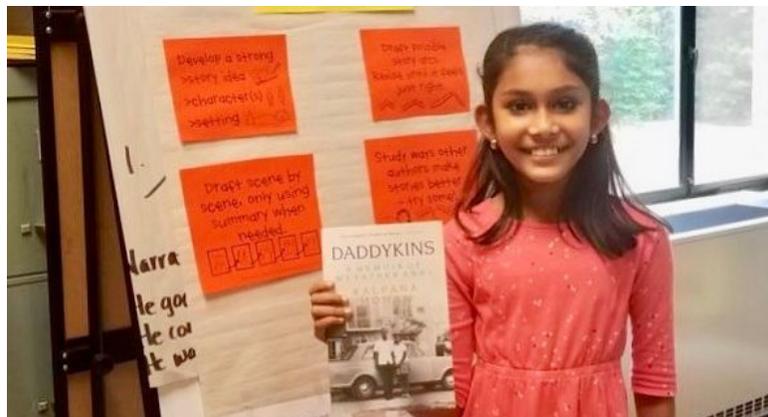
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## Daddykins Makes A Splash at Fourth Grade

By Geetika Pathania Jain



Kalpana Mohan, whose India Currents article won an award this month at the **2018 San Francisco Peninsula Press Club Awards**, is excited about her forthcoming book Daddykins. Her column in this magazine was eagerly anticipated. Kalpana's ability to create a word picture with authority are clear from a charming piece on her Facebook page, which recounted her niece taking Daddykins for "Show and Tell" — guerrilla marketing at its best!

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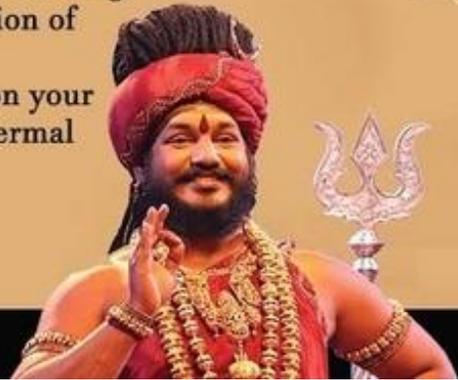
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## From Wrestling Pits To Chef

By Maya Punjwani

Mukesh Khatri toasts *naan*, stirs *dal* and pours sizzling sweet *chai* for hungry diners at Indus Modern Kitchen. The aroma of cumin and sweet chutney fills the restaurant. Mukesh, wearing a flour-stained apron over Adidas joggers and headphones tucked behind his ears, approaches his clientele with an excited grin.

“Do you want to try a dish called *halwa poori*, on the house?” Mukesh asks. Mukesh goes out of his way to have Colorado Springs locals taste Indian dishes that are unfamiliar to them.

## The Veena Maker

By Anirudh Prabhu

Like most teenagers my age, I go to Google for answers. Several months ago when I turned to Google yet again, this time for information on veena makers, I realized that there is very little out there. While I found some YouTube videos on the art of veena making, there wasn't much recorded on the people who make this beautiful instrument.

At the age of nine, while my friends were beginning their violin and piano lessons, I began lessons on the veena, a seven-stringed instrument, with roots in the Carnatic tradition of southern India, and the oldest continuously played instrument of the

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### November 29th Thursday

**Taste of Eastern India by Kankana Saxena at Books Inc..** Bengali native Kankana Saxena shares her cookbook, *Taste of Eastern India: Delicious, Authentic Bengali Meals You Need to Try*. Brimming with culinary tradition and adventure, this rich collection of recipes transports you to the bustling streets of Kolkata, where the food is as fun to make as it is to eat. Samples will be served! 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Books Inc. Mountain View, 317 Castro St. Mountain View, CA. (650) 428-1234. [weborders@booksinc.net](mailto:weborders@booksinc.net), <https://www.booksinc.net/event/kankana-saxena-books-inc-mountain-view>.

### November 30th Friday

**The Jewel of Abundance – an evening of Readings & Ragas.** Yogacharya O'Brian will read from her new book, *The Jewel of Abundance: Finding Prosperity through the Ancient Wisdom of Yoga*. The readings will be accompanied by Steve Oda on sarode, Michael Lewis on tabla, and Pushpa Oda on tanpura. 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, 1146 University Avenue San Jose , CA . (408) 775-8463. [info@csecenter.org](mailto:info@csecenter.org), [https://www.csecenter.org/Events/Info/The\\_Jewel\\_of\\_Abundance\\_An\\_Enchanted\\_Evening\\_of\\_Readings\\_and\\_Ragas-2964](https://www.csecenter.org/Events/Info/The_Jewel_of_Abundance_An_Enchanted_Evening_of_Readings_and_Ragas-2964).

### December 1st Saturday

**Meditation Training Program.** This two day class (Dec 1 and Dec 2, 2018) provides an introduction to Natural Path or Pranahuti Supported Meditation (PSM) to prospective students. 9:30 am – 5:30 pm. UCSF Mission Bay Housing Community Room, 525 Nelson Rising Lane san francisco, CA. (408) 896-5784. [psm.sanfrancisco@gmail.com](mailto:psm.sanfrancisco@gmail.com), <https://www.meditationtrainingclass.org>.

**Sri Sundarakhanda Ramayana.** Monthly recitation of Sri Sunderakhanda Ramayana which focuses on the exploits of Sri Hanuman. 2:30 pm – 5:30 pm. Badarikashrama, 15602 Maubert Ave. San Leandro, CA. (510) 278-2444. [badarik@pacbell.net](mailto:badarik@pacbell.net), <http://www.badarikashrama.org>.

### December 2nd Sunday

**Samuhika Sri Satyanarayana Swami Puja.** Biannual Samuhika Sri Satyanarayana Swami pooja. Bhajans by Rita Sahai. All sponsors receive kalasha and pooja samagree. Followed by Aarati & Mahaprasad. **10:30 am – 1:00 pm.** Badarikashrama, 15602 Maubert Ave. San Leandro, CA. (510) 278-2444. badarik@pacbell.net, <http://www.badarikashrama.org>.

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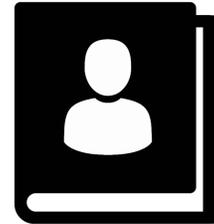
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