

July 4th Celebration of America's 232nd Birthday

Minister of External Affairs Pranab Mukherjee (1) was among those celebrating America's Independence Day on July 4 at Roosevelt House, the residence of Ambassador David C. Mulford. In Kolkata, Consul General Henry V. Jardine hosted 400 guests, including painter Subhprasanna (2) at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on July 3. The fun at the American Center in New Delhi (3) included Srishtee Sahni and other guests posing with cutouts of the U.S. Presidential candidates and "Uncle Sam," played by John Toole. Guests at the home of David T. Hopper, Consul General in Chennai (4), played with American-style July 4th "sparklers," handheld fireworks that twinkle and smoke but don't explode! A choir from the Happy Home School for the Blind (5) sang at the July 4 celebration at the Mumbai Grand Hyatt, the last official engagement for departing Consul

General Michael S. Owen. On July 3, Mumbai's Terence Lewis Contemporary Dance Company (6) premiered Light Traces, which was choreographed by U.S. Department of State CultureConnect Envoy Marin Leggat, at St. Andrews Auditorium.



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PANKAJ DUITTA



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BY MOGADHAR



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SANJAY PERERA



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NEWS SCAPE



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Sana Raof, 17, from Muttontown, New York, won a \$50,000 scholarship from the Intel Foundation, one of the top awards at the world's largest student science fair in Atlanta, Georgia, in May. Raof, whose parents emigrated from New Delhi and Kashmir, was rewarded for her research in mathematical knot theory, which could help resolve classic biochemical problems, such as the knotting of proteins and DNA.

How the Asian honey bee resists Varroa mite infestation, one of the biggest threats to beekeeping in the United States, has been the focus of studies in India this past year by Fulbright scholar Jessica Burtness, a Ph.D student from the University of Minnesota who is affiliated with Raghavendra Gadagkar at the Centre for Ecological Sciences in Bangalore. She also visited the Central Bee Research and Training Institute in Pune, Maharashtra.



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