

Indian-American Named Dean Of Harvard B-School

Boston: (IANS) Professor Nitin Nohria, an alumnus of the Indian Institute of Technology in Mumbai, has been named the first Indian-American dean of the prestigious Harvard Business School, a role he will take up from July 1.



Currently the Richard P. Chapman Professor of Business Administration at the century-old institution and co-chair of its Leadership Initiative, Nohria will serve as

the 10th dean of Harvard Business School.

"I feel a profound sense of responsibility for continuing Harvard Business School's proud legacy of ground-breaking ideas and transformational educational experiences," said the chemical engineer-turned-management expert who has co-authored 16 books.

"With business education at an inflection point, we must strive to equip future leaders with the competence and character to address emerging global business and social challenges," Nohria added.

Some of his students also recall how he, along with his brother-in-law Bharat N. Anand, the Henry R. Byers Professor of Business Administration at Harvard, are known for their hospitality and the receptions to celebrate Indian festivals and its culture.

"As his student, I found his discussion techniques and detailing immensely informative and thought provoking," said Manoj Kumar, managing partner with the Hahhurabi and Solomon, a legal and corporate consultancy firm.

"Prof. Nohria also made the curriculum and case studies very relevant to issues in the Indian business context. He deserves a special mention for making the programme so very insightful," Kumar added.

Nohria received his degree in chemical engineering in 1984 from the Indian Institute of Technology in Mumbai, which also awarded him with its distinguished alumnus medal in 2007.

He then received his doctoral degree in management from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Sloan School of Management in 1988 where he earned an outstanding doctoral thesis award in behavioral and policy sciences.

Following that, he joined the Harvard faculty as an assistant professor in 1988, became an associate professor five years later and then served as the Richard P. Chapman Professor of Business Administration since 1999.

His current academic interests include the theory and practice of leadership, the study of human motivation, the analysis of management practices critical to corporate success, and the strategic and organisational challenges of globalisation.

"Nitin Nohria will be a wonderful dean of Harvard Business School," said Jay Light about his successor. "He is widely respected within our extended community as a perceptive scholar of leadership and as a thoughtful and able academic leader."

Headley-Shahzad Connection Not Ruled Out, Says US

Washington: (IANS) The United States has not ruled out a connection between two Pakistani Americans, key Mumbai terror plotter David Coleman Headley and failed Times square bombing suspect Faisal Shahzad, as it probes all angles of the case.

"Well, it could be - there have been multiple plots that have involved the United States and Pakistan, citizens on both sides who have chosen to take these actions," a State Department spokesman said Friday when asked if there was any connection between the two cases.

"I'm not aware that there's any specific connection, but clearly, we are looking to see, while this individual was in Pakistan, who he met with, what support, if any, was provided," spokesman Philip J. Crowley told reporters.

"And that is the reason why we are working so closely with Pakistan on this investigation."

Asked whether the US was in touch with India about the Times Square incident, Crowley noted the two countries have a regular dialogue on counter-terrorism issues, but could not say at this point if there was an Indian link.

"I mean, we have regular dialogue with India, including on counter-terrorism issues," he said. "I

can't say at this point there's an Indian link to this case, but we do have dialogue with India on a regular basis on terrorism issues."

Earlier, ABC News citing unnamed sources traced Shahzad's links to another Pakistani militant outfit Jaish-e-Mohammad and suggested he was a childhood friend of one of the alleged masterminds of the 2008 Mumbai massacre.

However, the television network did not identify the Pakistani mastermind.

The Pakistani

Taliban are denying any role in the failed car bombing, but have praised Shahzad for a "brave job done", ABC said noting the suspected bomber was also in contact with former Tehreek-e-Taliban chief Baitullah Mehsud who was killed in a US missile strike in 2009.

"The Mehsuds had been family friends of Shahzad, who is a son of a former high ranking Pakistani military officer," ABC News said quoting Pakistani sources.

Shahzad was reported to be in touch with a man named Mohammad Rehan, a suspected Jaish militant who helped him to travel to Peshawar and then to Waziristan and introduced him to Taliban.



Indian American Doctor Killed By Former Chinese Colleague

Washington: (IANS) A Chinese doctor allegedly murdered his former Indian American supervisor after stalking the victim who he blamed for getting him fired, according to prosecutors.

The suspect, Lishan Wang, 44, was arraigned on charges that he shot Dr. Vajinder Pal Toor, 34, five times in Branford, Connecticut recently in the parking lot of Dr. Toor's condominium complex. Wang had been fired two years ago from a Brooklyn hospital after a confrontation with Toor, the assistant US attorney Devant Joiner said at the arraignment at New Haven Superior Court.

Police said he also had 1,000 rounds of ammunition, enough for a massacre, New York Daily News said. Unemployed Wang did not enter a plea or even look up at his arraignment and is being held on \$2 million bail. The next date of hearing has been set as May 11.

Joiner said cops found two loaded handguns, printed directions to Dr. Vajinder Toor's home and a photo of the doc, a former colleague with whom Wang had clashed at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Centre in Brooklyn.

The police report said he also had printouts for two other doctors who were directly involved in Wang's 2008 firing from Kingsbrook.

A neighbor told the Daily News he saw Wang,

who lives near Atlanta, sitting in his red 1996 Dodge Caravan outside the home in Branford where Toor lived with his pregnant wife and 3-year-old son. It was 5:30 a.m. Sunday - more than 24 hours before Wang allegedly opened fire.

"He had his window open. I looked right into his face and he looked into mine. His face was expressionless. It creeped me out," Kalani Lopa, 56, was quoted as saying. "He was casing the place. He was stalking that poor family. It's beyond tragic."

Another witness told police that when she saw Wang he appeared to have draped a pink towel over his head. When Toor, 34, emerged just before 8 a.m. Monday to go to work at Yale Medical School, Wang allegedly got

out of his van and shot him five times at point blank range, once to the head.

Toor's wife Parneeta Sidhu, who yelled "what are you doing to my husband" before having to dive behind a car because Wang fired wildly at her, told the Daily News she was having trouble coping with her terrible loss.

"I'm devastated," she was cited as saying. She finally managed to tell her son that his dad was not coming home, according to a relative. "How do you tell a child their father is gone? It's awful. Just awful," the relative said.



Dr. Vajinder Pal Toor

Subhashini Chandran Named 2010 Yale World Fellow

Washington: (IANS) Subhashini Chandran, a business and social entrepreneur who owns and manages the largest privately owned tea plantation business in India, has been named of one the 15 Yale World Fellows for 2010.

Chandran, the CEO of the Woodbriar Group and the Managing Director of the Tea Estates India Ltd, has diversified interests in insurance services and real estate.

The New Haven, Connecticut based Yale University President Richard C. Levin Monday announced the Fellows for 2010 for what is considered the university's signature global leadership development initiative and a core element of Yale's ongoing commitment to internationalisation.

Expressing his admiration for the 2010 Fellows' achievements, Levin said: "Over the last nine years, the World Fellows Program has significantly broadened the Yale community's perspective on international affairs and helped develop the next generation of global leaders."

Previous Yale World Fellows from India have included: Nachiket Mor, President, ICICI Foundation for Inclusive Growth (2004); Unmesh Brahme, Senior Vice President, Corporate Sustainability, HSBC India (2009); Chetna Gala-Sinha, Chair, Mann Deshi Mahila Group (2002); Amit Wanchoo, Managing Director, Eaton Laboratories (2007); Celine D'Cruz, Associate Director, Society for the Promotion of Area Resource Centres (2003); and Paromita Goswami, Founder, Elgar Pratishthan, and Founder, Shramik Elgar (2005).

Indian Is UN Assistant Secretary-General For Peacekeeping

United Nations: (IANS) UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has appointed Atul Khare, a former Indian Foreign Service officer, as Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

Khare, a former Secretary-General's Special Representative for Timor-Leste and head of the UN Integrated Mission there (UNMIT), replaces Edmond Mulet of Guatemala, who was last month appointed as the Secretary-General's Special Representative for Haiti for one year. Announcing the appointment, Ban said he served the UN with distinction in Timor-Leste from December 2006 to December 2009.

He had earlier worked as the Chief of Staff and later as Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General with the UN Mission of Support in East Timor (UNMISSET). Before joining the UN, Khare worked in India's missions in France, Mauritius, Senegal, Thailand and the United Kingdom and in the Permanent Mission of India to the UN.

Ban expressed his gratitude to Mulet, saying he had successfully led the Office of Operations in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations since September 2007.



Atul Khare