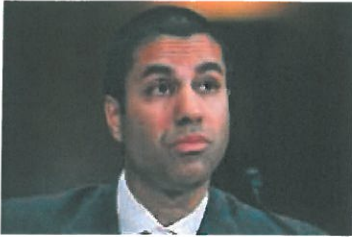


DONALD TRUMP NOMINATES AJIT PAI FOR FCC SECOND TERM



US President Trump has nominated yet another Indian-American, Ajit Pai, to serve another term at the powerful Federal Communications Commission. The FCC is an independent agency

created by Congressional statute to regulate interstate communications by radio, television, wire, satellite, and cable in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and US territories. Ajit had previously served as Commissioner at the FCC. After becoming President, Trump had designated Pai as acting Chairman of Federal Communications (FCC). Trump had then said, "These dedicated men and women will help me and the rest of the Administration as we continue our work to make America great again. I am grateful for their willingness to serve and honoured that they will be joining my team." Ajit pai, before joining the FCC, was a Partner at Jenner & Block LLP from 2011 until 2012, and Deputy General Counsel, Associate General Counsel, and Special Advisor to the General Counsel at the FCC from 2007 until 2011. The son of immigrants from India, Pai grew up in Parsons, Kansas. Pai says he looks forward to bring digital opportunity to all Americans. "High-speed Internet access, or broadband, is critical to economic opportunity, but there are still too many parts of this country where broadband is unavailable or unaffordable. There is a real and growing digital divide in America. In wealthier, metropolitan areas, 4G LTE is ubiquitous, and gigabit fixed service is expanding.

10-YR OLD INDIAN GIRL FROM DENMARK WINS CODING CHALLENGE

'The Chilly Girls' ç Jivina Harwani (Indian), Maja Baird (Norwegian) and Nicole Zi Yi Ooi (Malaysian) from Copenhagen ç have won the first prize in a global Coding Challenge. DXC Technology of Canada had issued a challenge to kids aged 10-13 years around the globe in January 2017, to create an adventure game using the online coding tool 'Scratch.' The aim was to recognize *STEM* (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) skills such as coding from aspiring young technologists. There was tremendous response, with over 1700 kids pulling together 575 teams in 13 countries, submitting hundreds of really amazing and creative games. 130 judges from across the world juried to review and evaluate each project, helping identify local winners and projects. The semi-finalist 1st and 2nd place winners received fabulous prizes and progressed to the next level of the challenge, competing for the global championship. Three 10 year olds ç all girls - from the Copenhagen International School, Denmark won the first prize both Nationally and Globally in category 10 & 11 years old. In the same category, the second prize went to 'The Sharkoders' from the United States. In category 12 & 13 years old, teams 'Koding Kings' and 'The Three Potatoes' from Australia tied for the first prize. The award ceremonies were held around the world, viz., in Sydney, Melbourne, Copenhagen, London, Chorley, Berlin, Bangalore, Chennai, Hyderabad, Noida, Avilés, Hartford (CT), St. Louis (MO), Tysons (VA), and Ho Chi Minh City. Three cheers to the chilli girls!



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PIOS RAISE US\$ 100K FOR 'HERO' WHO TOOK BULLET FOR DESIS

It's a story of humanitarian heroism that generally gets buried in the blizzard of bad news. The bullet that American hero Ian Grillo took standing-up to xenophobic hate against two Indian engineers in Kansas last month was worth more than the US\$ 100,000 Indian-Americans have succeeded in raising for him. Still, in a mood of virulent intolerance towards foreigners in conservative redoubts in America, desis in Houston celebrated Grillo's heroism. áWhatever you have done to save the life of a stranger, you represent the true America, you are the true hero ...



money cannot compensate you for your heroism, but I hope you will accept this cheque and utilise it towards buying your house, community leaders, India's ambassador Navtej Sarna and Houston Consul General Anupam Ray told

Grillo. The incident has left a deep impression on Indian-Americans, many of them at the receiving end of American resentment for their success, rather than legality. The US\$ 100,000 that has been raised comes on top of US\$ 473,000 that came from a campaign launched by Grillo's sister. A similar campaign for family of Kuchibhotla raised US\$ 682,793. Many community activists blame President Trump for engendering a permissive atmosphere for right-wing elements to express xenophobia, which they say is resulting in attacks on many naturalised citizens.