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MANOJ TO VISIT FACEBOOK HQ

The actor who will be in California to attend an international film festival will also be heading to Facebook headquarters in San Jose

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After receiving several awards at international film festivals, Manoj Bajpayee who has been receiving immense love from audiences worldwide, has now been invited by Facebook to visit their headquarters in San Jose, USA and have an interaction with his fans.

According to sources, Manoj will be visiting California for the Festival of Globe (FOG) where he will be honoured with FOG Pride of Indian Cinema for his contribution to the industry in the last 20 years. The source says, "Manoj will also lead the India Day Parade as the chief guest and grand marshal to mark the landmark 70th Independence Day of India on August 13. Post the festival, Manoj will be heading to San

Jose for his personal and professional commitments, and during this time, he will be visiting the Facebook headquarters.

Confirming the news, the actor says, "Yes, I will be visiting Facebook office during my visit to United States. I am grateful to the organisers of the Festival of Globe who are giving me such a great honour and acknowledging my journey. I will be leaving for the festival in the second week of August and it will be a quick trip lasting around five-six days. This will be my first visit to the Facebook headquarters, and I am looking forward to having some pleasant time there."

Post all these international commitments, he will fly straight to Delhi, where he will join the team of Aiyaary, his next film, to finish the last schedule of the film. The first two schedules of the film were shot in Kashmir and London, UK, respectively.

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one life and many roles — we often say that we are juggling between roles to make it sound difficult, but that's not true. We only play one role at any given moment and that role should be important," said the actor. "The correct word is 'managing world' because we are managing human beings. So just live your roles uniquely," he added. He shared that he enjoys playing different characters, whether it is in films or life.



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"There are many facets that make your life interesting. Just like a diamond, you need to bring them all out to shine and to begin with it, you need to start respecting yourself," he expressed. "Those facets you can enhance only when you start communicating with yourself and then communicate with the world with those words, that's when you live fully and you gift yourself to the world," he added.

The *Haider* actor explained how we end up submitting to peer pressure. "They bought it, so I too will. That's when we follow others and get into comparison. We think about what people are going

Prashantt to lead
India at US film fest

This Jaipur actor has been chosen as ambassador for The Festival of Globe for the third year in a row

Kopal Batra

This year, a film festival in Silicon Valley California is creating new avenues for Indian filmmakers to gain access to US-based technologists/investors as way of celebrating the 70th Independence year of India. Jaipur's Prashantt Guptha has been chosen as the entertainment festival's ambassador.

The Festival of Globe (FOG) takes place in San Jose between August 5 to 13, and can be the new destination for Indian cinema in America. This initiative has been founded by NRI doctor Romesh Japra. It is a cultural, business and entertainment platform that showcases film screenings and specialised entertainment summits and hosts celebrities from Bollywood and around the world, with attendance of investors and high net-worth individuals, politicians and technology professionals.



Prashantt Guptha

Apart from that, a film by Jaipur-based producer and director Lom Harsh, *Yeh Hai India* has been chosen as the closing night film in honour of its patriotism towards India.

The highlight of the festival is that actor Manoj Bajpayee will be the recipient of the highest honour of the closing night evening for his contribution to Indian cinema. He will further lead the India Day Parade as its chief guest and Grand Marshal to mark the landmark 70th independence of India, and is being invited



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Indian American Doctor's Film Festival Is A Solid Platform

That Indian cinema can use a major boost in content and platforms of exploitation is something the entire film industry and its audiences would agree with. The overseas population of NRIs have been lapping up Bollywood films for decades and in recent years, cities like New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Dallas and San Francisco have launched film festivals that have created outlets for independent and more art-house Indian cinema that otherwise doesn't find a major commercial success domestically. A fine new example would be The Festival of Globe, which takes place in San Jose, California, in the heart of the Silicon Valley. Founded by local community leader and renowned cardiologist Dr. Romesh Japra, the platform has been created with the purpose of not only creating a unique outlet to showcase Indian cinema, but to unite regional cultures of India onto one platform and create a confluence of technologists, investors and filmmakers to take the industry ahead on the global level. Now in its fourth year, it has grown from a 3 day event to 10 event, and has hosted the likes of Krishika Lulla, Divya Khosla Kumar, Saurabh Shukla, Rajat Kapoor, Richa Chaddha, Guneet Monga, Gulshan Grover, Bappi Lahiri, Prosenjit Chatterjee and Raima Sen in the past. Actor Prashantt Guptha serves as the Indian Ambassador of this platform. To take place in August, the event will culminate with the grand India Day Parade marking the 70th Independence of India, and as a unique showcasing, will screen 3 pre-selected patriotic films.