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The Indian American Contenders



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Is success in the political realm a pre-requisite for us Indian Americans to truly entrench ourselves in America and perhaps get the accolades and recognition for our contributions to American society?

Shefali Razdan Duggal, 39, political activist and fundraiser phenom opines that “for a demographic that has been so successful in so many different areas—business, medicine, law, the arts (to name just a few)—we have been very underrepresented politically in the United States. And this often means our voices aren’t heard when it comes to key policy issues and decisions.”

Expectations are high for this upcoming 2012 elections with a record thirteen Indian-American candidates that were contesting for Congress, prior to the primaries. Perhaps there is a strong urge to make the next generation build upon their own success in America or perhaps it is a natural inclination of the new generation wanting to supersede their parents.

Did I say 13 Indian Americans running for Congress? There were thirteen Indian American candidates initially running and this list was whittled down to seven after the primaries. The seven candidates still left in the race are Dr. Ami Bera (D), CA-07, Ranjit “Ricky” Gill (R), CA-09, Tulsi Gabbard (D), HI-02, Dr. Syed Taj (D), MI-11, Upendra Chivukula (D), NJ-07, Dr. Manan Trivedi (D), PA-06 and Jack Uppal CA 04. So, lets meet our seven candidates: