Mamata Banerjee sad over how Advaniji and Joshiji have been treated:

In an apparent reference to Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s ‘Main Bhi Chowkidar’ campaign, Mamata Banerjee said she has immense respect for real chowkidars and not for political chowkidars who are trying to derive “political mileage” out of it. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee Wednesday criticised BJP for its “ill treatment” towards party veterans L K Advani and Murli Manohar Joshi and said it is “really sad” to see the way the party is treating its founding members.

“Today I spoke to Advaniji in the morning. I enquired about his health. He said he felt good that I had called him. It is really sad to see the way BJP is treating its founding members. I don’t want to say much more as it is the internal matter of their party,” Banerjee, who is also the Trinamool Congress supremo said.

Adani and Joshi have been denied ticket by BJP to contest the upcoming Lok Sabha polls in their states.

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She also criticised Modi for trying to derive “political mileage” out of the achievements of scientists.

“Has Modi gone to space or has he done any research? He is just trying to gain political mileage out of it,” she said on the prime minister’s announcement that the country had demonstrated anti-satellite missile capability by shooting down a live satellite.

PM Khan tells PPP, PML-N leaders to ‘return nation’s money’ if they want reprieve

Prime Minister Imran Khan, while addressing a rally in Khan Garh, Ghotki, said the government would not let PML-N and PPP leaders off the (accountability) hook “until they give the country’s money back”.

“This country will not forgive you. You have only one route: give the country’s money back and we will leave you be,” the premier said.

Prime Minister Khan noted that earlier, “the Sharif brothers [former prime minister Nawaz Sharif and Leader of Opposition in the National Assembly Shahbaz Sharif] used to say that the former president [Asif Ali Zardari] was corrupt; later, Zardari and his son [Bilawal Bhutto Zardari] used to say that the [Sharif] brothers were corrupt.

“Today, both are trying to come together to save democracy,” he remarked, questioning the sincerity of the two parties’ political moves. He said he wanted to “challenge” the two opposition parties to do whatever they wanted to do, but the government would not back down from holding them accountable.

The prime minister said his opponents “can go ahead with train marches”, a reference to the PPP’s “Caravan-I-Bhutto”, and “can also come to D-Chowk in Islamabad to stage a sit-in (dharna). “The government’s containers are ready,” he offered.

“We will provide you food in the containers,” the premier said, adding he will see how long they can hold their ground.

“We [the PTI] held a dharna for four and a half months — not for our theft, [but] for the country’s democracy and for free and fair elections.”

Balakot airstrike was carried out by jawans, not me, says PM Modi

"As a chowkidar, I will fulfill my responsibility. But, some people who have a narrow mind have stereotyped the image of a chowkidar," PM Modi said. Interacting with people who have pledged their support to the ‘Main Bhi Chowkidar’ campaign across 500 locations through video conferencing, Prime Minister Narendra Modi took a veiled dig at Congress chief Rahul Gandhi and said some people with a “narrow mind” had stereotyped the image of a “chowkidar”.

“As a chowkidar, I will fulfill my responsibility. But, some people who have a narrow mind have stereotyped the image of a chowkidar,” Modi said. Rahul Gandhi has repeatedly hit out at the PM with the ‘chowkidar chor hai’ jibe and has called him a watchman for the wealthy and the rich.

PM Modi also said the country does not need rajas and maharajas while asserting that a chowkidar was a representative of Mahatma Gandhi’s concept of trusteeship. "Country does not need rajas and maharajas. Chowkidar is a spirit, a sentiment. The spirit behind chowkidar is expanding," he said.

PM Modi launched a social media campaign — Main Bhi Chowkidar — and added ‘chowkidar’ to his Twitter handle. A day after the launch, a number of BJP leaders across the country added the prefix ‘chowkidar’ to their Twitter handles.

Lashing out at the Congress, Modi said there were people who were supporting the Pakistan narrative in their effort to attack him. "Elections aren’t a priority for me, the country is. The sad part is, people who are against Modi are supporting the Pakistan narrative in their effort to speak against me," he said.

PM Modi on Balakot airstrike and Pakistan:

On the IAF’s airstrike on terror camps inside Pakistan following the February 14 Pulwama attack on a CRPF convoy that killed 40 personnel, PM Modi said Pakistan was in a dilemma over accepting the Balakot incident.

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"Pakistan is in a dilemma. If they say something happened in Balakot, they’ll have to accept, ‘Yes, we had terrorist camps operating here.’ They kept telling the world, there’s nothing. ‘They haven’t let anyone visit the place in the last 1.5 months,’ he said.

He further said that Pakistan was reconstructing the site of the airstrike to deny any existence of terror camps.

“We’ve been told Balakot area is being reconstructed by Pakistan to show that a school is being run there so that people can be taken there and shown that no terror camp existed there,” he said.

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The PM said it was time to focus on the development of the country rather than waste time on India-Pakistan tussle. "We have wasted a lot of time on India - Pakistan tussle. Let Pakistan suffer the consequences of its actions. It is time to focus on our development," PM Modi said.
Dr. Basheer Ahmed received the humanitarian award for his work of providing human services to indigent residence of Dallas – Fort Worth for the last 25 years. SOCH is the organization of artist and Journalist promoting social conscious through social media and promoting artists and their work in DFW area. The award was presented by a well-known Journalist and TV personality of Pakistan Ms. Nilofer Abbasi.

Azeem A. Quadeer, Dr. Basheer Ahmed and Khaja Mujibuddin at an event in Dallas
Rahul asks JDS& Congress to strive unitedly to defeat Modi

Congress President Rahul Gandhi Sunday asked leaders and workers of the Congress-JDS alliance in Karnataka to strive unitedly to defeat the Modi government in the Lok Sabha polls.

Gandhi's comments come amid reports of deep resentment in several constituencies among local leaders and workers of the Congress and JDS, which are fighting the polls unitedly.

He asked the Congress workers and leaders to work for JDS candidates and made a similar appeal to JDS counterparts, emphasising that their main target was to "defeat Modi."

Gandhi accused the Modi government of benefitting only the rich and his "industrialist friends" and not doing anything to help the farmers who were in distress.

He also raked up the "Yeddyurappa diary" issue, referring to the allegation that the former chief minister had paid Rs 1,800 crore as bribe to the party top brass.

"Whose money is Rs 1,800 crore?" Gandhi asked, as he mentioned about the alleged entries in the diary about payments having been made to senior BJP leaders.

Cops seize Rs 78 lakh, including Rs 1 lakh from BSP candidate

) In two separate operations in the city ahead of the general elections, cash worth Rs 78 lakh, including Rs one lakh from Dr Vijaya Nandurkar, BSP candidate from Bhandara-Gondiya Lok Sabha seat, have been seized, police said on Sunday.

In the first operation, Rs 77 lakh were recovered from a vehicle near Chandrabagh Naka on Saturday night, police said.

Based on a tip-off that some people were carrying huge cash, Tirora police swung into action and found a vehicle parked opposite the Gondia District Central Cooperative Bank (GDCCB). During a search, Rs 77 lakh cash was recovered from a bag and a tin box kept inside the car, police said.

The driver of the vehicle and an accountant, who was accompanying him, failed to give satisfactory answers about the cash, following which it was seized and later handed over to the tehsil treasury in Tirora.

An investigation into this is on, police said.

In the second incident that took place near Karanja T-point on Sunday morning, the static surveillance team (SST) intercepted a car, in which Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) candidate for Bhandara-Gondiya seat Dr Vijaya Nandurkar was travelling along with her husband and a few others.

The SST carried out a search of the vehicle and recovered Rs 1 lakh from Nandurkar's purse. When asked why she was carrying the cash, she failed to provide satisfactory answers, following which it was seized, police said.

When the officials were busy completing the formalities, around six BSP workers came to the spot and entered into an altercation with police, police said.

A case under IPC sections 171 E (bribery), 186 (obstructing public servant in discharge of public functions), and 34 (common intention) others was registered against Nandurkar and others, including the BSP workers.

Election to Bhandara-Gondiya Lok Sabha seat will be held on April 11.

Deputy Collector Subhash Chaudhari said it was perhaps the first time cash was recovered directly from the election candidate.

As per the rules, after the model code of conduct comes into effect, a candidate or his supporter cannot carry over Rs 50,000 in cash.
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From Dr Rashid Chotani:
Happy National Doctors Day to all my colleagues who serve humanity!!!
In the United States, National Doctors’ Day is a day on which the service of physicians to the nation is recognized annually. The idea came from Eudora Brown Almond, wife of Dr. Charles B. Almond, and the date chosen was the anniversary of the first use of general anesthesia in surgery. On March 30, 1842, in Jefferson, Georgia, Dr. Crawford Long used ether to anesthetize a patient, James Venable, and painlessly excised a tumor from his neck.
MIDDLE EAST - PAGES

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From: Kareemullah Biyabani

Riyadh: The Indian Community in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, had accorded the Community Farewell being to His Excellency Mr. Ahmad Javed (Former City Police Commissioner of Mumbai, India and, current outgoing Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia) on Friday corresponding to 8TH March’2019 @ 6pm. Myself seen in the pictures with the Honorable Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, His Excellency Mr. Ahmad Javed (Former City Police Commissioner of Mumbai). Honorable Mr. Ausaf Sayeed will be the new Ambassador to the Kingdom. this would be his third posting to Saudi Arabia after serving there as Consul (Haj) in Jeddah 1995/1996, then moving on to Riyadh as Second/First Secretary 1996/1998 and again as Consul General of India in Jeddah (2004-2008).

The event was attended by all the local Indian community leaders, volunteers (social workers), and leaders of the NGO's in Saudi Arabia acknowledged by the Indian Embassy, in addition to a vast quantity of Indian community which made the event a grand success.
Mohammed Vakil released the Ghazal Album “Ulfat” of Poornima Borah

Riyadh - Distinguished Ghazal and Bollywood Singer Mohammed Vakil enthralled the audience here at Al Mas Restaurant Auditorium in the heart of the city with the performance of popular and Bollywood songs. Musical Waves, Riyadh organized the event. A large number of Indian diaspora attended the event. Ghazal, a popular genre in the subcontinent, is a poetic form with rhyming couplets and a refrain, each line sharing the same meter.

Mohammed Vakil released the Ghazal Album “Ulfat” of Poornima Borah and Dr. Sayeed. He extended his best wishes to the Singers and prayed that this album reaches the hearts of millions. He commended its Music Composer Ramavtar Dayama for its melodious compositions. The Ghazal Album is recorded and produced at Soul Music, Jaipur by renowned duo Rishikesh Soni and Mayank Sharma. Short clips of Ghazals from this album were showcased which were highly applauded by the audience. Apart from CDs the ghazals from ‘Ulfat’ would be available online soon said Dr. Sayeed. As Poornima Borah, the Assames Ghazal Singer could not be present on the occasion, she sent her video message.

Vakil stole the show with his much sought after Qawwali from the Veer Zara “Aaya tere dar pe deewana”. His mesmerizing performance left everyone in the auditorium awe-struck as he rendered traditional ghazals in his unique style and performed timeless Bollywood numbers to shift the tempo and keep the audience spellbound. Vakil said that he enjoys Ghazals because they combine poetry and music, both of which are close to his heart. In Urdu, apart from Ghalib his favorite Urdu poets are Waseem Bareli and Bashir Badr. Along with his masters Ustad Ahmed Hussain and Mohammed Hussain, Vakil admires the Ghazal renditions of Mehdi Hassan, Jagjit Singh and Ghulam Ali. Vakil’s favorite playback singers are legends, such as Mohammed Rafi and Lata Mangeshkar. Sonu Nigam, with whom he has also performed with, is also among his favorite singers.

The 43-year-old singer hails from Jaipur, India, from a family of well-known Ghazal singers. Vakil is from the sixth generation of this family. His grandfather Ustad Afaq Hussain and great grandfather Mohammed Ismail were renowned artists in the field. Praising the city of Riyadh he said, “Tumhare shahar ka mausam bada suhana lage, Main ek chashm churalon agar buraan a lage”. He further mesmerized the music lovers of Riyadh with more soulful renditions of the legends like “Hooton se chulo tum”, “Tum ko dekha to ye khayal aaya”, “Tum itni jo muskura rahi ho”, “Aaj jaane ko zid na karo”, “Chhap tilak sab chheen le”, “Dardadum mast qalander” and others. He presented Ghazals from his own albums too which were greatly liked by the audience. “Ye kasak dil ko di mein chauth teh gayi” was highly applauded by the music loving Riyadh audience. Few of his great admirers travelled all the way from Jubail, 400 km away from Riyadh to listen him live. Vakil thanked everybody present and who supported him since his first visit to the Kingdom, prominent being late Afzal Sanani, renowned personality of Riyadh. Dr. Naderem Tazin, Pervez Rahman and Ghanzanfar Ali Khan. He expressed his gratitude to Dr. Sayeed Mohiuddin, CEO Ghazalsara for promoting him online. He greatly acknowledged the support of the event organizers including Jose A. V. Lucky winners from raffle draw were picked up and presented gifts. The memorable musical event got concluded with traditional south Indian dishes at the dinner.

By: Aymen Zaheer

Pakistan Writers Cub (aka: PWC) and members of its Ladies Chapter (aka: PWC-LC) is an association of the Pakistani expatriate writers, poets and journalists. This past weekend, PWC and PWC-LC hosted one such sitting to remember Insurgent Poet Faiz Ahmad Faiz on his 108th birth anniversary. There was a touch of happiness in the get-together where every member was not only pleased by Faiz’s endeavours.

PWC President Prof. Fayyaz Malik chaired the Literary Sitting and moderated by Yousaf Ali Yousaf. The proceedings of the gathering got underway with the recitation of Holy Quran by Zubair Bhatti. Starting with the Ladies Chapter; Deputy Convener Shumaila Malik read out some beautiful recitations of Faiz’s popular ghazal poetry lines “Aaj bazar mein pabajolan chalo / Chasm-e-nam, jaan-e-shooreda kafi nahn / Tohmat-e-isq-e-posheeda kafi nahn.” She drew audience’s attention towards the dark period of his life and mentioned that even in the hardest days of life he found the glittering hope. Qandeel Aymen expressed that Faiz is one of the most read poets of the Urdu Language. His poetry took a revolutionary turn and left a great legacy for Urdu literature. “His work will be unforgettable for generations, Qandeel added.”

Tahira Kashif said that his poetry is a great blend of romance and lively interpretation of the present world. Dr. Naghma Rehan remarked that Faiz revolutionary couplets became immortal. “His poems are great work of art, Naghma added.” Madhia Noman highlighted that Faiz was a very visionary poet. He has not only beautifully written his pieces, but has made them interesting and full of emotions for the readers. Shaheen Javed mentioned, Faiz is a Marxist poet, and his poetry is the message of peace and compassion.

Ambreen Faiz said that Poets like Faiz are born in centuries. He was a revolutionary and a romanticist at the same time. “His Ghazals are a delight to read and the Ghazals turned into melodies are evergreen, Ambreen mentioned.” Adviser to Convener Madhia Malik said that Faiz in 1963 became the first Asian poet to be awarded the Lenin Peace Prize, the Soviet Union’s equivalent of the Nobel Prize. He was also the recipient of other awards, including the Nigar Awards, HRC Peace Prize, Nishan-e-Imtiaz and Avicenna Prize.

Convenor of Ladies Chapter Dr. Farah Nadia acclaimed that Faiz recognized poet at 18, one of the founders of the Progressive Writers Association in 24, a colossus in his thirties, editor of a national daily at 37 and a Lenin Prize winner at 50. Even 34 years after his death, Aymen Zaheer mentioned that Faiz was a Legendary Romantic poet and author. He is a very emerging and progressive poet of Asia who gave a new life to literature. “His work remains a landmark in Urdu literature, Aymen added.” Zubair Bhatti paid rich tributes to Faiz and described his feelings in his own comic poem satire on this eve and got applause from the audience. Shahjehan Sherazi expressed that Faiz is a great source of inspiration for everyone and appreciated his work a lot. Naveed Ur Rehman also spoke very well on him. He mentioned that Faiz remains a towering figure in Urdu poetry and Pakistan’s cultural and political history. As one observer notes: “Very true, poetry and politics preoccupied Faiz more than anything else.

Asiq Hussein highlighted that Faiz was a groundbreaking poet and his poetry is a companion of our loneliness. Abdul Rauf Mughal said that Faiz was one of the greatest Urdu poets in the last century. His poem Subh-e-Azadi “the Dwan of Independence” was one of the driving force in the battle of Partition of Subcontinent in 1947. Patron-in-Chief Faiz Al-Najdi said, Faiz was a legendary poet. Like any other good person, he was loved and hated at the same time. Those Who did not like or understood his poetry works hated him. “On the contrary, he was liked, loved and admired by those who understood the underlying message of his poetry works,” Najdi opined.
A FLASH BACK

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Waliuddin on Pakistan resolution day with Consulate general Mr. Javed Umrani and Roshan Waliuddin.

Renowned Poet Wali Uddin presenting book to Consul General Mr. Javed Ahmed Umrani @ Pakistan Resolution day event - Holiday Inn Skokie-Chicago

Indian Community of Chicago/Naperville honored and commemorate Honorable Consul General Ms. Neeta Bhushan.

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Pakistan Day celebrated with traditional zeal in Chicago

-Syed Khalil Ullah

More than 400 Pakistani community members from Chicagoland celebrated the Pakistani National Day and paid tribute to the Martyrs of New Zealand Mosque at an event in the Chicago Suburbs on Friday March 22nd, 2019 at Holiday Inn Skokie.

The 79th ‘Pakistan Day’ reception was hosted by the Consulate General of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan; Chicago was also attended by many diplomats from various countries and officials of the State of Illinois Government. Mr. Roger C. Claar, Mayor of Bolingbrook was the chief guest at the event. The master of ceremony was Arshia Hasnain.

The ceremony commenced with a recitation from the Holy Quran by Ali Khan and concluded with prayers for the progress and prosperity of Pakistan and Martyrs of New Zealand Mosque. A minute-silence has been observed in New Zealand a week on from the terror attack at two mosques which killed 50 people including 9 Pakistani.

In this remark on the occasion, Consul General of Pakistan, Chicago Mr. Javed Ahmed Umrani highlighted the priorities of the government, progress in Pakistan-US relations and the various initiatives taken by the Consulate in especially in the last few months. Congratulatory messages of the Governor, JB Pritzker of Illinois, Attorney General Kwame Raoul of Illinois and Mayor Rahm Emanuel of Chicago were also read out at the event by their representatives. Mr. Roger C. Claar of Bolingbrook was the Keynote Speaker who recently visited several Cities in Pakistan last November. Part of the Program sister city between Bolingbrook and Sialkot. Mr. Claar highlighted and explained about his trip to Pakistan. He further said “During Pakistan Village trustee and candidate Sheldon Watts, Village Trustee candidate Mary Basta, also went to Pakistan with me. We were impressed with the very nice reception we received from the Mayors of Lahore, and Sialkot our Sister city, and the Warm welcoming from the citizens.”

Mayor Claar also appreciated the role of the Pakistan Consulate Chicago for its efforts to strengthen ties between both the countries.

At the end, a scrumptious dinner and an elaborate dessert were served to all. The event was Broadcast several News Channels and media from Chicago.
American Telugu Association Celebrates International Women’s Day

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Chicago IL: American Telugu Association, ATA, a 28 year old Telugu organization serving the interests of Telugu people across North America celebrated Women’s day weekend with much fervor & gusto. International Women’s Day Celebrations were held on a grandeur scale with events across Washington DC, New Jersey, Delaware, Detroit, Nashville, Austin, Dallas and Raleigh areas.

Women’s day theme concept of #BetterforBalance focused primarily on addressing the immediate needs and challenges of modern day Indian women and how to strike a balance between eastern and western cultures. Scores of saree clad Indian women enjoyed the festivities across various cities. Fashion shows and thought provoking discussions enthralled the audiences. Sumptuous lunch with various delicacies from both the Telugu states was served. International Women’s day event in Washington DC included Panel discussions with elite panelists from legal, medical, social, civic engagement and business areas to ignite a sense of awareness amongst women regarding Work-Life Balance, legal rights, financial knowledge, Health & Family. ASHA for Women organization explained how women going through domestic violence can get help. Congresswoman Jennifer Wexton was the chief guest of the Event.

Cultural Programs were the highlight of the evening and enthralled the audiences. ATA President elect Bhuvanesh Boojala & Team spearheaded the event in DC Metro. New Jersey Women’s day event included seminars on homeopathy, yoga & business entrepreneurship. Immigration Attorney Prashanti Reddy was felicitated for her contribution to the Indian community especially in matters related to the immigration issues. In Dallas International women’s day event offered prayers to the fallen and wounded Indian soldiers of Pulwama attack. Panel discussions were held on the causes of depression, addiction in kids and precautionary measures to be taken to avoid such situations. Awareness sessions on financial planning was conducted. Raleigh doctors educated women about breast cancer menace along with statistics and mammograms. Organizers dedicated time to honor pioneering women and to discuss several serious issues women face on a daily basis. Prominent Teachers of regional Indian languages were felicitated in Greater Nashville area. Free for Life international organization shared details about worldwide Human Trafficking and funds were raised via silent auction for helping Women victims.

ATA President Parmesh Bheemreddy Garu along with Lt. Governor of Delaware Bethany Hall Long inaugurated the event by lighting the lamp in Delaware. ATA President congratulated women for their outstanding contributions to the society and quoted that ATA has always been a front runner in protecting women’s rights and believes in Women Empowerment. Mr. Bheemreddy was proud to announce that current team has 25 positions held by women in various capacities and some of the past presidents were Women as well. ATA President encouraged & welcomed more participation of women in community related activities. Past President Karunakar Asireddy Reddy garu announced that ATA is raising funds for a Girl empowerment projects in India. ATA executive team recognized the sponsors, appreciated the local organizations & volunteers for their continuous support.
The Competition between Children on Pakistan Day turns into one of the most popular event in Chicago.

Report & Pictures Syed Khalil Ullah

Pakistan Day, also known as Republic Day or in Urdu language Youm e Pakistan, this is a National holiday in Pakistan which happen annually on March 23rd but many places a day before or a day after.

Several dozen children of all the ages participate Annual Children Competition and attended by a large crowd of Community members gathered on Sunday, March 24th, 2019, to take part in the Qirat (Quran Recitation), Nasheed, Quiz and Speech competitions among the Pakistani American Children from Chicago area and its suburbs to celebrate Pakistan Day Youm e Pakistan in Chicago.

The program was held in Chicago at The Badri Devon Banquet Hall. The event was arranged by the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Chicago Chapter. This Pakistani Organization successfully conducting this event since last 19 years in Chicago. This Competition turns into one of the most Popular Competitions in Chicago.

During an interview with event Organizer Mohammad Yaseen Chohan, and Mian Saqlain said, "Our Organization provided an opportunity for the talented Pakistan American Children who born and raised in the USA to focus on Pakistan Day to commemorate the adoption of the Pakistan Resolution."

Program concludes in several sections. Mian Saqlain, Mohammad Yaseen Chohan and Deedar Ali Shah were the emcees of the Program. The program started with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an and follow by Nasheed by Ghalam Mustafa Anjum. Both Pakistan and American national anthem sung at the event.

First session of the program was for children's Quran Recitation. several children participated. Second session of the program was Nasheed Recitation. several children participated. Third session of the program was speech competition.

Quiz sessions among all the children conduct by Syed Ghulam Mustafa Anjum. Both Pakistan and American Children Competition and attended by a large crowd of Community members gathered on Sunday, March 23rd, 2019, to take part in the Qirat (Quran Recitation), Nasheed, Quiz and Speech competitions among the Pakistani American Children from Chicago area and its suburbs.

Second session of the program was speech competition among all the children conduct by Syed Mohammad Y aseen Chohan and Deedar Ali Shah more than 30 Children won Prizes.

Professor Zahid Bukhari was a keynote speaker of the event he highlighted the purpose of the day. He said that the objective of celebrating Pakistan Day is to make the new generation aware of Pakistan History the other speakers of the event were Saleem Shaikh, Ali Bakhtari Raja Muhammad Yaqoob. Hon. Jesse Reyes Illinois appellate judge and Alderman Debra Silverstein Speakers highlighted the purpose day is celebrated in the memory to commemorate the event when the Muslim League adopted the Pakistan resolution at the Minar-e-Pakistan that called for establishing an independent federation comprising provinces with Muslim majority located in north-western and north-eastern region of British controlled territories in India on 23 March 1940. In the remarks on the occasion, Consul General of Pakistan, Chicago Mr. Javed Ahmed Umrani highlighted the important of the day.

Few Informative Video Clips was Shown to Audience by Shan Bakhtiari. National songs were conducted well known singer Rubin Sadiq and Birjees Tahmoori.

The Children who won the competition of Qirat, Ahmed came first, Hussain came second and Ali Javed was third. The winners of the Naat (Nasheed) Competition were Jon Mohammad And Own Mohammad who was first in position, Sarah Shaikh came second Syed Abdan Ullah came was third. The winners of the Speech competitions were Syed Abdan Ullah first in position and Zehra Ali Bhuktari came second place.

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Assad says Syria facing ‘economic siege’

Damascus (AFP) – President Bashar al-Assad said on Sunday Syria was suffering an “economic siege” as his regime faces a raft of international sanctions over the eight-year civil war.

“The war on Syria has taken on a new form that is basically siege and economic war,” he said, according to a statement released by the presidency.

“International political tools have changed,” he said, as he met Chinese assistant foreign minister Chen Xiaodong in Damascus.

Instead of dialogue, foreign powers have adopted “a different approach consisting of boycott, ambassador withdrawal, economic siege, and the use of terrorism”, he said.

The president describes both rebels and jihadists as “terrorists”.

The United States and the European Union have slapped a series of sanctions on Syrian officials since the war started in 2011.

Many foreign nations closed their embassies in Damascus while others scaled down their representation, and Syria was suspended from the Arab League in 2011.

As the war enters its ninth year this month, the country is gripped by a fuel crisis that has seen price hikes and long queues for cooking gas.

The United States has moved to stem petroleum shipping to Syria, and major oil and gas fields remain out of the government’s control in the northeast of the country.

Syria’s conflict has killed 360,000 people and displaced millions since it started with the repression of anti-government protests.

But the war is also estimated to have set Syria’s economy back by three decades, destroying infrastructure and paralysing the production of electricity and oil.

After a series of victories against rebels and jihadists since a Russia military intervention in 2015, the regime now controls almost two-thirds of Syria.

It also appears to be making a timid comeback on the regional stage.

In December, Sudan’s President Omar al-Bashir made the first visit by any Arab leader to the Syrian capital since 2011, and the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain reopened their embassies in Damascus.

Countries including Lebanon and Tunisia have called for it to be readmitted to the Arab League.
During his time as a renowned professor and researcher in academia, Dr. Mohammed T. AliNiazee recognized the increasing tuition rates, increasing student loans and debts, and increasing time periods required for acquiring a college degree. Confronting this imbalance, NWSC is here to make a difference by offering more student guidance, smaller classes, and three full terms per year (rather than two). A culmination of his longtime dream of establishing a world class center of education founded on the principles of service, compassion, and quality, Professor AliNiazee took early retirement after nearly 40 years of a successful career in academia to establish NWSC. Dr. AliNiazee and the NWSC team are dedicated to building a private, non-profit school of higher education that provides affordable and quality education dedicated to science, medicine, and the humanities.

A cultural hub with numerous advanced centers for healthcare and medicine, Chicago was selected as the city to establish NWSC. In 2008, President AliNiazee acquired the property in Rolling Meadows, IL that is now NWSC. After establishing the Corporate Board and the Board of Regents, M.A.Q. Khan (late), a retired professor of biology for the University of Illinois at Chicago joined NWSC as the Chairman of the Board of Regents, and was appointed as the college’s Vice President. Dr. Khan was instrumental in this formative period at NWSC. Additional faculty and staff were hired by Dr. AliNiazee as the school started to grow.

Since its founding in 2008, NWSC has made great progress and continues to diligently work toward providing the very best educational environment. Currently, NWSC is an accredited institution offering accelerated degree seeking and healthcare certification programs. Since NWSC’s first two students in 2009, nearly 500 students have graduated over the past six years. Recent highlights of NWSC’s journey include attaining Title IV funding approval in May 2016 and initial institutional accreditation by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS) in August 2014. If past performance is any indicator, NWSC has a bright future ahead.

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Illinois has a new political networking group – Asian Political Network of America (APNA USA), (www.apnaura.org), which hopes to mobilize Asian American votes for 2019 and 2020 elections. Currently, APNA USA has endorsed over three dozen candidates, whose details can be found on the website.

“Our goal is to develop Asian Americans into a critical mass and make this group into a political bloc and powerhouse. Their votes should not be divided based on native nationality, ethnicity, race, faith, and language. We must work together as a political juggernaut,” said Moon Khan, the president of APNA USA.

Mohammed Faheem, who is contesting as a Trustee of Plainfield echoes similar enthusiasm and optimism. “Illinois is going through a new demographic revolution and evolution. Every electoral district is interspersed with Asian American voters who can play a catalyst like role in electing a winner,” said Faheem, who is APNA USA’s Secretary.

Gautam Bhatia, Vice President of APNA and the chairperson of the Indian American Community Outreach Advisory Board of the City of Aurora, envisions a new emerging reality. “APNA USA is creating a ‘ripple effect’ by encouraging Asian-Americans to participate in the political process and represent our community’s interests by standing for elected positions,” Gautam said.

Gautam is currently running for the District 204 School Board, the elections to which are scheduled for April 2nd.

Moin Haque, another Vice President of APNA USA, does not want to run for any office right now, but supports the organizations mission. “Being a real estate professional, I notice the overwhelming presence of Asians Americans in terms of houses, businesses, and population. They generate more tax dollars than any ethnic groups. However, they are not on the political decision-making tables,” said Haque, a native of Naperville in Will County.

Pete (Prahlad) Tapaskar, Treasurer of APNA USA, encourages Asian American businesses to donate funds so this organization succeeds in reaching out to thousands of voters.

APNA USA is holding a MEET AND GREET LAW MAKERS AND CANDIDATES on April 19th, Friday, at 6 PM, at 660 Industrial Drive, Elmhurst, Illinois at the headquarters of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Union, Administrative District Council 1 of Illinois. State Representatives Dianne Pappas, Karina Villa, Terra Howard, and Deb Conroy are sponsoring this event. Dinner will be served. APNA USA is trying to make this event free. All the municipal and other candidates will be recognized on the occasion.
Dear Friend,

In continuation to our earlier email dated 28 February 2019 regarding registration of overseas Indian voter for voting in elections in India, I am happy to inform that the Election Commission of India has created an informational and motivational TVC for overseas Indians encouraging them to participate in the forthcoming elections. The same can be downloaded from the following link:

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You are requested to bring this to the notice of Non Resident Indians (NRIs) and popularize among the community to encourage the NRIs to register as a voter and take part in the election process.

Warm regards,

Anurag Kumar
Minister (Community Affairs)
Embassy of India
Washington DC

Alia Bhatt thanks her ‘special one’ after bagging a Filmfare for Raazi

Alia Bhatt has been receiving a lot of love for her portrayal of Sehmat in the Meghna Gulzar directorial Raazi. The actor grabbed Best Actor in a Leading Role (Female) award for Raazi at the recently held Filmfare awards.

Later, the 26-year-old shared a note on Instagram in which she penned a few words for the “special one” of her life. By the end of the note, she thanked the said person and wrote, “And last but not the least MY special one – the one that makes my heart smile and eyes shine And shine I will.. Because there’s soo much to do in life.. And this is just the beginning.”

Alia started off the note by expressing her gratitude for filmmaker Meghna Gulzar, “A big feeling I have been feeling off-late is gratitude. Meghna Gulzar – to me first – Raazi and everything about Raazi is you. Your effort, your tears, your love, your care it's you and just you. I love you main chick. The entire crew, all actors including my beautiful mother, Jaideep Ahlawat and Vicky Kaushal my Iqbal without whom this world wouldn’t have come alive. This is your win too so thank you.”

“I have so much to be thankful for. My mom and dad who has always let me breathe & been my friends first. My friends Ayan, Abhi, Kanch – my pillars - who are like my brothers and sisters. My sister Shaleen Bhatt for just being my sister. My team, my tribe – Grish, Punnu, Boru, Sanju, Ami, Amol, Sunil.. everything I achieve is yours first then mine,” Alia added.

“Thanking Filmfare for the honour, the actor wrote, “Thank you for my award and for once again making me want to dream & scream… The audience the people that are the reason I or any of us are here.. I promise to always work as hard as I can to try and always entertain.”

“My mentor, my guardian angel and my fashion police… who tells me how proud he is but also how I need to stay simple… Thank you Karan for making my life so so so special…”, the Raazi star expressed her love for mentor Karan Johar before thanking her special one.

Although Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor have never confirmed their relationship publicly, the two have often hinted about the same on various platforms. The actors were also seen walking hand-in-hand at an event recently. In fact, they also posed together for a picture, which was later shared by Neetu Kapoor on her Instagram profile with a caption that read, “AND moments like these make you forget all the stress congratulations so proud n happy Filmfareawards #bestactor #bestactress.”
Kamala Harris says older Democratic leaders need to know when to ‘pass the baton’

The 54-year-old senator from California is one of the younger candidates seeking the Democratic Party’s presidential nomination. Harris sent a subtle signal to the old-guard of Democratic politics that every era has its end.

At an Atlanta church service dedicated to youth Sunday, the presidential candidate compared leadership to a relay race in which each generation must ask themselves "what do we do during that period of time when we carry that baton?"

Then she added with a smile that for "the older leaders, it also becomes a question of let’s also know when to pass the baton.”

The 54-year-old senator — one of the younger contenders for the White House in 2020 — did not mention any other presidential hopeful or tie her remarks to the Democratic presidential scramble. Her spokeswoman said she only wanted to encourage the youth at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Her commentary to the congregation once led by Martin Luther King Jr. comes as former Vice President Joe Biden, 76, considers whether to join a field that already includes Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, who is 77. Both men have run for president before and fallen short.

Biden and Sanders are seen as strong contenders for the Democratic nomination, though other candidates and some party leaders have emphasized the need for a more youthful approach to try and beat President Donald Trump in the general election. Several other candidates in the race, including two governors, are also in their late sixties.

Harris noted Sunday that King was 26 when he led the Montgomery Bus Boycott that pushed him to the forefront of the civil rights movement.

Later Sunday, Harris told a rally at Morehouse College in Atlanta that Attorney General William Barr should testify under oath on Capitol Hill, rather than just submit the written summary of special counsel Robert Mueller's report on the Russia investigation.

The Justice Department said Sunday that Mueller’s team did not find evidence that Trump’s campaign “conspired or coordinated” with Russia to influence the 2016 presidential election. Mueller also investigated whether Trump obstructed justice but did not come to a definitive answer.

Kirsten Gillibrand Democratic presidential candidate Kirsten Gillibrand assailed President Donald Trump as a coward who is “tearing apart the moral fabric of the vulnerable,” as she officially started her campaign for president.

The senator spoke in New York Sunday, feet away from one of Trump's signature properties, the Trump International Hotel and Tower.

She said that instead of building walls as Trump wants to do along the U.S.-Mexico border, Americans build bridges, community and hope. Gillibrand also called for full release of Mueller's report in the Russia investigation. Attorney General William Barr released a summary Sunday afternoon, but Democrats want to see the full details.

The Massachusetts senator and Democratic presidential candidate tells a campaign rally that if seven children were dying from a mysterious virus, "we'd pull out all the stops till we figured out what was wrong." But in terms of gun violence, she said the NRA "keeps calling the shots in Washington."

Warren finished a two-day campaign trip to New Hampshire with an event at a middle school in Conway Sunday afternoon, but Democrats want to see the full details.

Warren focused much of her speech on her approach to economics, but paid special attention to unions Sunday. She said more power needs to be put back in the hands of workers.

Beto O’Rourke

Democratic presidential candidate Beto O’Rourke told voters in Las Vegas Sunday that President Donald Trump bears blame for the separation of families at the U.S.-Mexico border but responsibility lies with everyone in the country to fix the situation.

O’Rourke spoke Sunday to more than 200 people packed into and snaking around a taco shop on the city's north end. He said immigrant families are leaving their home countries and journeying on foot because they have no other choice.

The former Texas congressman said desperate families were broken up in the U.S. when they were at their most vulnerable and desperate moments, and what happened to them “is on every single one of us.”

What Every Parent Needs to Know About Doing Their Taxes This Year

New tax rules that went into effect last year mean big changes to the way millions of Americans do their taxes — and especially parents. While most families should see a tax cut, that’s not true for everybody.

When Congress passed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act in 2017, among the biggest goals were to simplify and lower taxes for everyday tax payers. The law did this by nearly doubling the standard deduction — the amount taxpayers who don’t itemize are allowed to lop off their taxable income before figuring what they owe — to $24,000 from $12,000 for married filers (and to $12,000 from $6,500 for singles.)

The enlarged standard deduction is a big boon for taxpayers, potentially saving many families hundreds or even thousands of dollars a year. But to make it possible, policymakers had to rejigger many other parts of the tax code, including some that have long benefited parents.

To offset the cost of expanding the standard deduction, one of the bill’s most expensive provisions, Congress eliminated another longtime perk: the $4,050 personal exemption that taxpayers could previously claim for themselves, a spouse, and each dependent. Because taxpayers could claim an exemption for each child, simply eliminating the provision would have meant tilting the benefits of the tax code away from parents.

To fix this, Congresssweetened another perk targeted at families — doubling the value of the Child Tax Credit to $2,000 from $1,000 and dramatically raising the income threshold at which it begins to phase out, to $400,000 for couples from $100,000, ensuring that many more families will be able to take it. The change “will benefit families across the income spectrum,” says Tax Foundation analyst Erica York.

How Families Fare

A married couple with two small children who earn $80,000 and don’t itemize will end up owing about $2,240 less in 2019, according to the Tax Policy Center’s tax calculator. With a third child, their savings would increase to nearly $2,620.

The New Credit’s Limits

Some tax experts have complained the new Child Tax Credit isn’t as generous to low-income families as it might have been. While the old $1,000 version was refundable (with certain restrictions), only $1,400 of the new credit is. That means families without $2,000 of income tax liability per child won’t be able to claim the full amount.

Kids’ Ages Matter

Under the old rules you could claim an exemption for each child under age 19, as well as any child age 19 to 24 who was also a student. By contrast, the new, expanded Child Tax Credit is available only for kids age 16 and under. To address this discrepancy, Congress created yet another new perk: a $500 nonrefundable tax credit for any dependent who isn’t eligible for the Child Tax Credit.
Commenting on PML-N 'supreme leader' Nawaz Sharif’s refusal to seek medical treatment within Pakistan, Prime Minister Imran Khan on Monday asked why, if the Sharifs were in power for 30 years, they were unable to "build one hospital where they themselves could be treated!"

The remark came during an interaction with journalists in Islamabad, where the premier was also reported to have complained that: "The Sharifs should be ashamed they created 30 factories out of one, but could not build a single proper hospital for the people."

"Ishaq Dar’s farther used to sell bicycles; even he [Dar] gets his treatment in London now," the prime minister further remarked.

He also made it clear that he would not allow any convict to cut deals with the government, while stressing that the law does not allow any prisoner to be accorded treatment that 150,000 other incarcerated individuals cannot receive. Financial matters
Speaking about the financial situation of the country, Prime Minister Khan said that his government had inherited its financial crisis.

"The previous government left a record debt behind: they sent the debt soaring to Rs30 trillion. If my government takes on less loans than they did, it means we are in the right direction."

"We have taken steps to stop money laundering. Our foreign exchange [reserves] are increasing and investors are coming to Pakistan. Our foreign policy is in the right direction."

"The same US that used to tell us to do more, is praising us today. It acknowledges that there can’t be peace in Afghanistan without Pakistan," he said.

Speaking about the National Accountability Bureau, the premier stated that the organisation is independent of the government and noted that all corruption cases being pursued against leaders of other political parties are ‘old’.

"Bilawal Bhutto is making a lot of noise, [but he forgets that] the fake bank accounts case has been under investigation since 2016. Corruption in this country will only end when the major players are held accountable," he said.

Relations with India
Commenting on India’s continued anti-Pakistan narrative, the premier said that Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi “is stuck in war hysteria.”

“He has turned hatred for Pakistan into a political campaign,” the prime minister regretted.

‘PM Khan using NAB as tactic to hide own incompetence’

Naresh Goyal steps down as Jet Airways Chairman, lenders to pump in Rs 1,500 cr

Mumbai (Maharashtra) [India], Mar 25 (ANI): Jet Airways Chairman Naresh Goyal stepped down on Monday, paving way for lenders to bail out the financially troubled airline he set up 25 years ago.

The board meeting held here also decided on ways to procure interim funding, an official statement said.

“Two nominees of promoter -- Naresh Goyal and Anita Goyal -- besides one nominee of Etihad Airways will step down from the board,” the statement said.

“An interim management committee at the instructions of lenders will manage and monitor daily operations and cash flow of the airline,” said the statement.

The board said there will be immediate funding support of up to Rs 1,500 crore by lenders by way of issue of appropriate debt instrument against the security of the assets of Jet Airways.

According to the statement issued by Kuldeep Sharma, vice president-Global Compliance and Company Secretary, “the bidding process will be initiated by lenders for sale/issue of shares to new investor(s),” and the “process is expected to be completed in June quarter” of the current financial year.

The airline has over one billion dollars in debt and has to repay money to banks, lessors of planes and suppliers besides clearing pending salaries to its pilots.

Jet has been suffering bruising competition from low-cost airlines, fluctuating crude prices and a weak rupee.

On March 20 this year, SBI Chairman Rajnish Kumar had said that the resolution plan is almost ready and it will not involve a bailout for any individual.

At the same time, talks with Abu Dhabi-based airline Etihad to secure a rescue deal are still on, he said adding there is also a possibility of bringing in another investor.

“We believe Jet Airways is a good aviation property and it is in every body’s interest that it continues to fly,” Kumar had said.

(ANI)
Israel's Netanyahu to Rep. Ilhan Omar: ‘From this Benjamin:

WASHINGTON – Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday took direct aim at freshman Democratic Rep. Ilhan Omar over her suggestion that pro-American political leaders, Omar responded on Tuesday by highlighting Netanyahu's political troubles in Israel. “This from a man facing indictments for bribery and other crimes in three separate public corruption affairs. Next!” she tweeted. Israel's attorney general announced in February that he intends to indict Netanyahu on bribery, fraud and breach of trust charges. The charges stem from three cases in which he's accused of trading government concessions for favorable media coverage and for allegedly accepting gifts from wealthy business figures. The indictments will only take place after a hearing, a process that could take many months.

For his part, Netanyahu's remarks marked an unusual foray by a world leader into a domestic American political skirmish. The Israeli leader seemed to be taking a cue from President Donald Trump, who has tried to portray Democrats as anti-Semitic and has predicted that American Jews, long a loyal Democratic constituency, will flock to the GOP in the next election because of his pro-Israel policies.

Democrats pushed back sharply on the suggestion that their party was anti-Semitic and suggested Trump was playing a dangerous partisan game.

"I cannot stay silent when the entire Democratic Party is castigated as 'Jew-haters' when what we really need is leadership that unites this nation and the world against the rise of anti-Semitism, hatred and white supremacy across the globe," Sen. Bob Menendez, the top Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told the crowd at AIPAC.

"... History warns us against letting anyone use the Jewish community as a pawn in a political game," Menendez said.

In his remarks Tuesday, Netanyahu said U.S. policymakers support Israel not because of money but because of shared values.

"It's because America and Israel share a love of freedom and democracy. It's because we cherish individual rights and the rule of law," he said.

Netanyahu met with Trump at the White House on Monday, where the president signed an official proclamation recognizing Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights, a disputed territory the United Nations considers "occupied" by Israel. He was initially scheduled to address the AIPAC gathering in person but cut his trip to Washington short because of rocket attacks from the Gaza Strip on Monday that struck a house in central Israel and wounded seven people.
The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) on Monday announced that it had received 15 billion Renminbi (RMB) — also known as yuan — equivalent to $2.2 billion, as proceeds for a loan extended to Pakistan by the Chinese government.

Finance ministry adviser and spokesperson Dr Khagha Hassan Naejee confirmed the development to DawnNewsTV.

Last week, the Ministry of Finance had announced that the SBP would receive a 15 billion yuan loan, equivalent to $2.1bn, from China by Monday (today).

Dr Naejee had said that “all procedural formalities” for the transfer of the loan being provided to Pakistan by the Chinese government have been completed, and “the funds will be deposited in the SBP account by Monday, March 25”.

The loan facility, the spokesperson had said, “will further strengthen foreign exchange reserves and ensure balance of payment stability.”

Following a meeting between Chinese Premier Li Keqiang and Prime Minister Imran Khan in November 2018, China had said that it was willing to offer assistance to Pakistan to help it weather its current fiscal woes, but that the terms of such aid were still being discussed.

Shortly after, Chinese Consul General Long Dingbin had said during an interview that in order to “boost Pakistan’s economy”, Beijing is investing in multiple sectors and launching business ventures instead of providing loans.

In February this year, in response to a Financial Times report which said that China had pledged to lend at least $2bn to Pakistan to shore up its foreign exchange reserves and prevent further devaluation of the rupee against the dollar, Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Lu Kang had tentatively acknowledged that it was extending financial assistance to help Pakistan.

“The Chinese side has offered and will continue to offer its best through assistance, trade, investment and all-around practical cooperation to support and boost Pakistan’s economic and social development,” Kang had said.

At the time, it was the first official confirmation by a Chinese official that Beijing had planned to extend a financial package to Islamabad. The terms of the package, however, had remained elusive until last week.

Additionally, Dr Naejee today said that after receiving the Chinese loan, the foreign exchange reserves held by the SBP had hit the double-digit mark of $10.67bn.

He said the “implementation of a successful strategy” had resulted in the total foreign exchange reserves of the country rising to $17.58bn.

**Talk to Pakistan, former Modi ally urges India amid Kashmir tension**

By **Fayaz Bukhari**

SRINAGAR, India (Reuters) - India should talk to Pakistan and separatists in Kashmir to defuse tension arising from a suicide attack on an Indian paramilitary convoy that was claimed by Pakistan-based militants, a former chief minister of the state said.

Mehbooba Mufti, who was chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir from early 2014 to June last year when Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s Hindu nationalist party withdrew support for her regional party, said an ongoing crackdown on militants and those supporting secession could further alienate the people.

India has vowed to kill all the militants in the country’s only Muslim-majority state if they do not give up arms, after a 20-year-old local man killed 40 paramilitary troops in a suicide attack last month. Indian security forces have killed 18 militants in Kashmir since then, the army said on Monday.

The attack nearly led to another war between arch-rival India and Pakistan, both of which claim the Himalayan region in full but rule in part.

“I strongly feel that there has to be a dialogue process internally as well as externally, with Pakistan,” Mufti said in an interview on Friday. “The situation is going to get worse if some kind of political process is not initiated on the ground now.”

Indian officials have repeatedly ruled out talks with Pakistan unless it acts against militant groups based there. India says its warplanes late last month bombed a militant camp in Pakistan, which responded with an aerial attack the next day.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo met in Washington with Indian Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale and told him the United States stands with India against terrorism.

“Secretary Pompeo and Foreign Secretary Gokhale discussed the importance of bringing those responsible for the attack to justice and the urgency of Pakistan taking meaningful action against terrorist groups operating on its soil,” the State Department said in a statement.

Gokhale said on the day of the strike that it had killed many Jaish-e-Mohammed ‘terrorists’. Pakistan said no one was killed.

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan, who has sought to speak with Modi amid the hostility, said no militant group would be allowed to operate from his territory to carry out attacks abroad, days after his government announced a sweeping crackdown against Islamist militant organizations.

“This confrontational attitude - no talks, no discussion - has an impact,” Mufti said.

Whatever relationship we have with Pakistan, it has a direct impact on Jammu and Kashmir and we are the worst sufferers of this animosity,” Mufti said in a statement.

Indian authorities have arrested many separatist leaders in Kashmir in the past few weeks, and the chief of Modi’s Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) said recently that the government had made it clear to them that “if they want to live in India, they will have to speak the language of India, not Pakistan’s”.

Mufti, whose father was also a chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir, said the tough stance by India would only lead to “some calm on the surface”. India killed 248 militants in Kashmir in 2018 - the highest in a decade.

“Once you start choking the space for dissent in a democracy, people feel pushed to the wall and then it leads to further dissent and alienation,” she said.

Mufti said India’s general election - starting April 11 and whose results will be declared on May 23 - could delay the process of any inter-party talks on Kashmir.

“ELIMINATING MILITANTS”

Lieutenant-General Kanwal Jeet Singh Dhillon, India’s top military commander in Kashmir, said on Monday that security forces had killed 10 local and eight foreign militants in the region in the past three weeks.

He said most of the dead were from Jaish-e-Mohammed, which claimed responsibility for the attack on the paramilitary convoy in the district of Pulwama on Feb. 14.

“Our main emphasis after the convoy attack was to eliminate the JeM leadership and we have been successful in that,” he told a press conference in Srinagar, the summer capital of the state.

“We have reasonably succeeded in eliminating JeM militants so that a Pulwama-type attack does not take place.”
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Raghuram Rajan says capitalism is ‘under serious threat’

London: Former RBI governor Raghuram Rajan on Tuesday warned that capitalism is under “serious threat” of a “revolt” as the economic and political system has stopped providing for the people, especially after the 2008 global financial meltdown.

Rajan, now a professor at the University of Chicago, told BBC Radio 4’s Today Programme that governments across the world cannot afford to ignore social inequality when considering the economy.

“I think capitalism is under serious threat because it's stopped providing for the many, and when that happens, the many revolt against capitalism,” the former chief economist at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said.

Rajan said he believes that capitalism is breaking down because it is not providing equal opportunities.

“It’s not providing equal opportunity and in fact the people who are falling off are in a much worse situation,” he said.

He said authoritarian regimes arise “when you socialise all the means of production”.

“A balance is needed, you can’t pick and choose - what you need to do is improve opportunity,” he said.

Rajan, tipped by some as a possible successor to take over from Mark Carney as governor of the Bank of England, said it was possible in the past to obtain a middle class job with “modest education”.

But the landscape has changed in the wake of the 2008 global financial crisis and the resulting austerity. “Now, if you really want to succeed, you need a really good education,” he said.

“Unfortunately, the very communities that are hit by the forces of global trade and global information tend to be communities which have deteriorating schools, rising crime, rising social illnesses and are unable to prepare their members for the global economy,” he said.

A recent report from S&P Global Ratings suggests another global credit downturn is possible, with a 50 per cent surge in worldwide debt since the global financial crisis.

It said since 2008, government debt has risen 77 per cent while corporate debt is up 51 per cent.

However, the analysts said the next downturn is unlikely to be as severe as the 2008 financial crisis.

In discussing the state of the global economy, Rajan also pointed to the challenges of putting limits on the trade of goods.

“If you put up those barriers, then down the line they’ll put up barriers to our goods. How are you going to keep the goods flowing across those borders when we need to send them?” he asked.

Mukesh Ambani offers gentle lesson to Anil in brotherly bailout, shows he’s worthy inheritor of Dhirubhai legacy

In British writer Jeffrey Archer’s bestseller, Kane and Abel, it turns out somewhere that William Kane, the worthy inheritor challenged by a self-made Polish immigrant in a storied American rivalry, is actually a secret benefactor for Abel Rosnovski in a gripping tale full of twists and turns.

Mukesh Ambani’s rescue act to help his brother Anil evade jail after a courtroom battle in a saga of loans and business deals gone wrong is reminiscent of that episode in the novel. Perhaps in a less dramatic way but more interesting. Truth is indeed stranger than fiction.

Rs 453 crore is not a big sum for the elder son of Dhirubhai Hirachand Ambani. As the leading inheritor of the textiles-to-telecom conglomeration with an estimated personal worth of $54 billion, the chairman of Reliance Industries loses more money on paper on a bad hair day for the Sensex. But, in eliciting a public note of gratitude from his impetuous younger sibling, he has set India’s imagination on fire on what could happen when a closely knit family whose bonds were built in a Bombay chawl tenement grows tentacles to become India’s most valued private company by market value. All we need perhaps is a visually pleasing helicopter shot to make the brothers meet in a moment of reconciliation in front of a happy mother to say, “Take that, Bollywood!”

Reliance Communications shares zoomed after the brotherly deal, showing that blessings can visibly enhance net worth where family goodwill meets public companies.

Questions still need to be patiently answered: Why does Anil, who is still a Forbes list dollar billionaire with an estimated personal worth of Rs 13,800 crore, need this amount so badly in a private deal to pay off Ericsson for money owed in a Reliance Communications contract that went awry? What are the official contours of the bailout deal, just for the record? What went on behind the scenes?

Why did not Mukesh, who went on to found India’s hottest telecom network in Reliance Jio after relinquishing the original telecom business he built to his brother in a bitter family division of inherited assets, simply acquire some of those RCom assets in a fire sale? What happens to the slew of other assets that Anil Ambani is supposed to own through holdings in companies involved in everything from mutual funds to electricity generation? Where does all this leave the younger Ambani’s nationally controversial Reliance Defence venture?

Chartered accountants or financial analysts may spoil the party for fiction writers by making it all less dramatic but it appears that Mukesh Ambani does not confuse personal affections with corporate governance. He has done his corporate deals based on business logic but seems to have shown maturity and financial magnanimity in a big brother way as he helped his younger sibling in a personal role. As traders say in their native Gujarati: “Business is business.”

This much is clear. The effervescent, go-for-broke style of Anil Ambani contrasts the patient project management approach of Mukesh, who acts more like a custodian carefully balancing the interests of customers, shareholders, bankers, policy makers and employees in a complex web of enterprises. In that sense, he is clearly the worthy inheritor of the legacy of the late Dhirubhai, who had a knack for building an array of businesses and managing varied economic and political interests linked to his phenomenal rise in the 1980s.

Anil, as the archetypal young man in a hurry, may take solace from the fact that his Reliance Entertainment co-produced an Oscar winner in Steven Spielberg’s biopic, Lincoln. Mukesh’s franchises now extend to cricket and football, but art is something else.

When historians look back, Dhirubhai may go down, despite the criticism he faced in political circles for his proximity to powerful leaders and bureaucrats, as a pioneer in wealth creation in India based on a culture of shareholder value. Mukesh has taken the Reliance conglomeration to the Digital Age, but the passion for shareholder value remains.

Speculation is rife that RCom may get help from Mukesh. Anil Ambani has still a big mess to clear in building the new ventures that he started after the painful division of family assets and in juggling what remains of the ones he inherited. It is not clear if he would seek advice from the elder sibling on all that. But he could well do with some.
A muscular ring called the lower esophageal sphincter (LES) separates the esophagus from the stomach. Normally, the LES works something like a gate. The muscle relaxes when you swallow, opening the passage between the esophagus and stomach and allowing food to pass into the stomach. When the sphincter tightens, it closes the passage, keeping food and acidic stomach juices from flowing back into the esophagus. In people with acid reflux (gastroesophageal reflux disease or GERD), the LES relaxes when it shouldn’t or becomes weak and doesn’t close tightly. Either problem allows the contents of the stomach to rise up into the esophagus. The LES is controlled by various nerves and hormones. As a result, foods, drugs, and certain emotions such as anxiety or anger can impair its function, causing or worsening acid reflux.

The following factors are under your power to change:

- Certain foods. Coffee, tea, cocoa, cola drinks, and other caffeine-containing products loosen the LES and stimulate gastric acid production. Mints and chocolate, often served to cap off a meal, can make things worse by relaxing the LES. Fried and fatty foods contribute to heartburn. Some people say that onions and garlic give them heartburn. Others have trouble with citrus fruits or tomato products, which irritate the esophageal lining.
- Eating patterns. How you eat can be as important as what you eat. Skipping breakfast or lunch and then consuming a huge meal at day’s end can increase pressure in the stomach and the possibility of reflux. Lying down soon after eating will make the problem worse.
- Smoking. Smoking can irritate the entire gastrointestinal tract. In addition, frequent sucking on a cigarette can cause reflex to swallow air. This increases pressure inside the stomach, which encourages reflux. Smoking can also relax the LES. Overweight and obesity. Being overweight or obese increases the odds of having GERD and experiencing heartburn. Actually, any weight gain increases the risk of frequent GERD symptoms. In addition, eating larger meals distends the stomach, pushes the contents up toward the esophagus and loosens the LES.
- Certain medications. Some prescription drugs can add to the woes of heartburn. Oral contraceptives or postmenopausal hormone preparations containing progesterone are known culprits. Aspirin and other nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) such as ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin) and naproxen (Aleve, Naprosyn) can irritate the stomach lining. Other drugs—such as alendronate (Fosamax), used to prevent and treat osteoporosis—can irritate the esophagus. And some antidepressants, bronchodilators, tranquilizers, and calcium-channel blockers can contribute to reflux by relaxing the LES.

Fear can be a helpful signal; it can bring your attention to problems—such as a balance disorder, reduced vision, or muscle weakness—that keep you from moving confidently. But fear can also undermine you. Persistent worrying about a fall, if it’s unwarranted, may cause you to limit your range of motion unnecessarily and avoid activities that you’re capable of. It’s estimated that one-third to one-half of older adults are concerned enough about potential falls that they have begun to restrict or avoid activities that would be beneficial for their health.

How can you build your confidence? If you don’t trust yourself when walking, it’s important to talk with your doctor to understand the cause of the fear. Is it a sign of a health problem—perhaps a vision problem or arthritis pain—that you need to address? Do you need a hip replacement or a new pair of glasses? Or are you worried about your sense of balance?

Exercise is essential for helping to maintain strength in your legs, buttocks, and core, all of which are important for balance. Certain types of exercise, such as Pilates, yoga, and tai chi are particularly helpful for balance. Measures like these can help build your confidence—and prevent devastating falls.

If you’ve already had a fall, think about building confidence back gradually as you recover. Depending on how badly you’ve been injured, you may need to work with a physical therapist to regain your strength and range of motion.

One type of therapy you can do with a physical therapist is called gait training. In this therapy, you work not just on strengthening muscles, but also improving posture and developing good walking form, so that you move more fluidly. Once people recover 90% of their normal strength, they start to regain their confidence.

If you’ve been prescribed a cane or walker, don’t hesitate to rely on it for balance and support. If strong relatives can accompany you on walks, so much the better. Stick to walking in familiar places that you know well, and avoid walking at night or in wet or icy conditions. If you’re afraid of falling, try exercises that don’t require much risk of falling, like riding an exercise bike, swimming, or doing pool aerobics, so the water supports you.

Overcoming the fear of falling

Do you sometimes feel like the Energizer Bunny when his battery runs low? You might start the day strong, but by mid-morning, you can’t quite keep going and going.

Fatigue affects everyone at one time or another. Assuming your doctor has ruled out serious medical causes, there are a few basic steps you can take to “recharge your batteries.”

- Pace yourself. If you’re a go-getter, you probably like to keep going—but don’t risk overtaxing yourself. For example, instead of burning through all your “battery life” in two hours, spread it out among morning tasks, afternoon tasks, and evening activities—with rest and meals in between.
- Take a walk or a nap. There’s nothing more satisfying than a short power nap when you’re pooped out. However, if you have trouble sleeping at night, know that a nap can irritate your gastroesophageal reflux disease or GERD, the LES relaxes when it shouldn’t or becomes weak and doesn’t close tightly. Either problem allows the contents of the stomach to rise up into the esophagus. The LES is controlled by various nerves and hormones. As a result, foods, drugs, and certain emotions such as anxiety or anger can impair its function, causing or worsening acid reflux.スキップして次のセクションに進むことができます。

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- Iron. Iron only improves energy if you are clearly deficient, which a doctor can check with a blood test. Otherwise, you don’t need to take it—and getting too much iron can be harmful.
- B vitamins. It is true that B vitamins (B1, B2, B6, B12) help the body convert food into energy. But taking more B vitamins doesn’t supercharge your cells.

- Fiber. A sugary roll from the bakery delivers plenty of calories, but your body tends to metabolize them quickly, leaving you feeling hungry again too soon.
- Protein and unrefined carbohydrates. Try yogurt with a sprinkling of nuts, raisins, and honey. Your body will take in the carb-fiber-protein mix more gradually.
- Coffee. Along with loads of sugar.

But to get the energizing effects of caffeine, you have to use it judiciously. It can cause insomnia, especially when consumed in large amounts or after 2 p.m. (or noon if you’re caffeine sensitive). Some people are so sensitive to the effects of caffeine that having a single cup of coffee in the morning can interfere with their sleep at night.

And that can definitely lower your energy. If you’re such a person, it’s best to avoid caffeine entirely.
Erdogan says attackers targeting Turkey will go home ‘in caskets’

ANKARA (Reuters) - President Tayyip Erdogan on Monday described a mass shooting which killed 50 people at two New Zealand mosques as part of a wider attack on Turkey and threatened to send back “in caskets” anyone who tried to take the battle to Istanbul.

Erdogan, who is seeking to rally support for his Islamist-rooted AK Party in March 31 local elections, has invoked the New Zealand attack as evidence of global anti-Muslim sentiment.

“They are testing us from 16,500 km away, from New Zealand, with the messages they are giving from there. This isn’t an individual act, this is organized,” he said, without elaborating.

Australian Brenton Tarrant, 28, a suspected white supremacist, was charged on Saturday after a lone gunman killed 50 people at mosques in the city of Christchurch.

At weekend election rallies Erdogan showed video footage of the shootings, which the gunman had broadcast on Facebook, earning a rebuke from New Zealand’s foreign minister who said it could endanger New Zealanders abroad.

Erdogan also displayed extracts from a “manifesto” posted online by the attacker and later taken down.

He has said the gunman issued threats against Turkey and the president himself, and wanted to drive Turks from Turkey’s peninsula, a gateway to Istanbul.

Erdogan also displayed extracts from a letter by the gunman which the source said.

“Your grandparents came here... and they returned in caskets,” he said. “Have no doubt we will send you back like your grandfathers.”

Erdogan was re-elected last year with new powers but his AK Party, which has ruled Turkey since 2002, is battling for votes as the economy tips into recession after years of strong growth. He has cast the local elections as a “matter of survival” in the face of threats including Kurdish militants and attacks on Muslims such as the New Zealand shootings.

Speaking after a meeting of New Zealand’s cabinet, Foreign Minister Winston Peters said he told his Turkish counterpart that Erdogan’s use of the footage in an election campaign was wrong.

“Anything of that nature that misrepresents this country, given that this was a non-New Zealand citizen, imperils the future and safety of the New Zealand people and our people abroad, and that is totally unfair,” Peters said.

Turkish relations with New Zealand have generally been good, strengthened by Gallipoli commemorations which emphasize shared sacrifices in battle as much as the confrontation itself.

Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu, who was in Christchurch and visited Turkish citizens wounded in the attack, said Muslims around the world were worried about Islamophobia and racism.

A senior Turkish security source said Tarrant had entered Turkey twice in 2016 - for a week in March and for more than a month in September. Turkish authorities have begun investigating everything from hotel records to camera footage to try to ascertain the reason for his visits, the source said.
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No powerful ruler transfers power unless his/her reign is threatened and he/she can no longer continue. Allama Mashriqi’s private army of Khaksars in British India was indeed instrumental in bringing about the end of the British Raj in the Indian sub-continent. On March 19, 1940, a large number of Khaksar freedom fighters were massacred while marching in protest of restrictions imposed on their activities (which were meant to bring freedom to the Indian sub-continent). In order to mark this historic day, rare photos of the Khaksar Movement (Khaksar Tehrik), which were part of a historic Khaksar album, have been made available from my collection at the following web site: https://www.facebook.com/KhaksarMovement. These pictures, captured during the 1930s, depict Mashriqi and his Khaksar Movement’s fight against the British Raj. They provide a snapshot of the Khaksar movement and its activities, as the Movement rose to prominence and became the most powerful private army the Indian sub-continent has ever known.

In 1930, Allama Mashriqi founded the Khaksar Movement to end British rule in the Indian sub-continent. The Khaksar Movement sought to instill a spirit of discipline and unity among the masses; the Khaksars wore uniforms, carried spades (symbolizing dignity and power of the common man), and held parades and mock wars to inspire Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs, and other communities and prepare them to seek independence. The Khaksars, hailing from all faiths, sects, genders, ages, and classes worked tirelessly to mobilize the public towards freedom. In support of their efforts, thousands of copies of Khaksar photo albums were published and distributed among the Khaksars and to the masses in villages and cities. Photo slides were also displayed in cinemas. Furthermore, the Khaksars used to organize public gatherings across the Indian sub-continent to show Khaksar activities and photos and also to distribute Khaksar pamphlets, flyers, and copies of the “Al-Islah” newspaper.

Through such endeavors, the Khaksars were able to enroll over five million people into the Movement; the Movement spread all over the Indian sub-continent and established branches across many regions around the world – from Asia to Africa to Europe (specific countries are listed in various historical documents). Creating such a large army (even larger than many present-day armies) without a formal military academy or funding (from domestic or foreign sources) was unprecedented.

With its rapid growth and remarkable influence in India and overseas, the Khaksar Tehrik became a grave threat to the powerful British Empire. As Mashriqi moved to overturn British rule on March 19, 1940, Mashriqi and his two sons, along with many Khaksars, were arrested; it is on this same date that police killed or injured a large number of Khaksars in Lahore (including Mashriqi’s third son, Ehsanullah Khan Aslam, who later died). More details on the massacre are reported in my published works, for example, “Khaksar and Jallianwala Bagh Massacres: The Bloodbaths that Ignited the Freedom Movement.”

In order to further suppress the movement, Khaksar materials, including a large number of the Movement’s photo albums were confiscated. Copies of some of the seized albums were sent to the British rulers (for example, the Viceroy of India Lord Linlithgow, relevant authorities in London, and British Governors in India). Following Mashriqi’s arrest, the Viceroy of India held a conference with high officials to discuss and formulate an action plan with regards to the Khaksar threat; those present at the said meeting (besides the Viceroy) were: the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army, Sir Maurice Garnier Hallett (Governor of then United Provinces), Sir Henry Duffield Craik (Governor of Punjab), Sir Reginald Maxwell (Home Member), H.S. Stephenson (Secretary to the Governor of the United Provinces [U.P.]), and Sir John Gilbert Laithwaite (Viceroy’s Private Secretary). They discussed the serious threat Mashriqi’s army had created for British rule and devised a strategy to crush the Movement.

The British undertook a number of strong steps to try and stop the Khaksar movement. Since they controlled the media in India, they launched a vigorous anti-Mashriqi and anti-Khaksar campaign. Mashriqi, who was once the Under Secretary for the Education Department and was offered Knighthood and an Ambassadorship, was now called a “rebell” or “dictator” or “fascist.” The Khaksars were also falsely referred to as “fifth columnists” or “terrorists.” Foreign newspapers also followed suit. For example, on September 19, 1944, Australian newspaper The News published an item about the Khaksars under the title “India’s Three Million Lawful Fascists” (along with falsely labeling the Khaksars as fascists, the paper underreported the size of the movement, which by this time was over five million people). This propaganda and suppression backfired and the freedom movement instead gained even greater momentum. Mashriqi’s Khaksar Movement also brushed aside all the Government actions and propaganda and remained steadfastly committed to their mission of bringing freedom to the Indian sub-continent. The Movement began a vigorous resistance and civil disobedience campaign. And when Mashriqi was finally released from prison, he became even more determined to topple British rule and refused to engage in impractical negotiations or bargains with the rulers. He rigorously worked until British rule came to an end in 1947. During his political life, Mashriqi endured imprisonments, warnings, intimidations, restrictions, and life threatening attacks, but still he refused to relent.

The recently released Khaksar images are significant because they feature Mashriqi and the Khaksars participating in various activities – parad-ing (in uniform with spades) in the streets to bring up-rise among the masses, engaging in military activities, displaying cannons as a demonstration of their intent and power, and holding mock wars to show their preparation for the battle to overthrow the British Raj. The strength of Mashriqi’s disciplined private army also generated great interest among prominent men, who visited the Khaksar camps at different times. Some of the photos show these men at Khaksar camps watching their activities. Among the visitors were the Premier of then North West Frontier Province Sir Abdul Qayyum Khan, Punjab Premier Sir Sikander Hayat Khan, Bacha Khan, and Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi.

The availability of these rare and extraordinary Khaksar photos on social media shall go a long way in educating the public about the activities of these unsung heroes of the freedom movement.

The writer, Nasim Yousaf, is a grandson of Allama Mashriqi and a researcher based in the US.
Chandigarh, March 25: Indian Air Force (IAF) Chief B S Dhanoa on Monday said after Rafale jets come in India, the nation's air defence will get a major boost and Pakistan won't dare to come near the Line of Control (LoC) or the international border. Dhanoa said Rafale jets will be the best combat aircraft in the Indian sub-continent. He added saying that once the Rafale jets are inducted, they will ensure that the deterrence of the IAF. In an exclusive talk with ANI on Rafale's air-to-air capability in a combat situation, the IAF Chief said, “When the Rafale comes in, India will possess that kind of capability for which presently they (Pakistan) don’t have an answer”. Rafale Deal Documents Stolen From Defence Ministry. The first Rafale aircraft under a 36-plane deal with France is scheduled to be delivered in September to the IAF. “We are going to get Rafale in the month of September. Rafale will give a tremendous jump to our capability and it is superior to all the aircraft in the inventory of both our adversaries,” he said.

The Rafales will be armed with Meteor air-to-air missiles which have the capability of shooting down enemy planes at strikes ranges up to 150 kmos. On the side-lines of a function organised for the induction of four US-made Chinoook helicopters in Chandigarh, Dhanoa also outlined the salient features of the Chinoook helicopters and said that these aircraft will be very useful for the IAF in high-altitude regions. Rafale Deal Controversy: Congress Launches Fresh Salvo at Narendra Modi, Accuses BIP-Led Government of Buying Aircraft at Higher Prices. Dhanoa asserted that at present, Rafale is going to be the best aircraft in terms of the weapons capability in the Indian sub-continent and would be also the best in comparison with what China and Pakistan have. In his address during his visit to the Air Force Station at Jodhpur in 2018, he had said, “Rafale is always a need for the Air Force. It (fighter jets) took a long time to come. Others have upgraded their squadrons.”

In the last few months, the political slugfest on Rafale deal gained momentum with the Congress alleging irregularities in the deal for 36 aircraft. The Congress launched a scathing attack on the Modi government and claimed that the government is buying them at a price much higher than the one that was being negotiated by the previous government.

**Deepika Padukone Plays Acid Attack Survivor in Chhapaak: How Acid Throwing Affects Victims physically and Psychologically**

The first look of the much-anticipated movie Chhapaak, based on the life of acid-attack survivor Laxmi is finally out. Deepika Padukone, who plays the lead, has surprised everyone with her look as Malti, the character based on Laxmi. The image of a smiling Deepika as Malti obscures the tragedy that the character has undergone. While the makeup artist has tried to replicate the scars of the acid attack, the mental agony and physical that an acid-attack victim undergoes perhaps cannot be essayed by even the most ac- complished actors. The consequences of acid attacks don't stop at the skin. They go beyond that. Who is Laxmi Agarwal, The Acid-Attack Survivor Played by Deepika Padukone?

What are Acid Attacks? Acid attack is a violent form of assault where the perpetrator throws acid on the victim's face out of a sense of revenge. Corrosive substances such as hydrochlo- ric, nitric or sulphuric acid are usually thrown at the victim. The intention is to either kill the victim or maim him or her for life, usually as punishment for romantic rejection. Here's What Acid At- tack Survivor Laxmi Agarwal Has To Say About Deepika Padukone Playing Her In The Biopic.

The attack leaves the victim with grave physical deformities like burnt skin, exposed bones, blindness and permanent scarring. And some of the psychological and social impacts of acid throwing are also long-lasting. Such attacks are commonly seen in India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nepal and Cambodia. Even developed coun- tries like the UK have been seeing a spurt in acid throwing in recent years. While it's not necessarily a gendered crime, 80 percent of the victims are women.

In India, acid attacks, especially on women are due to the perceived inferior status of women in a male-dominated society. Acid sales are also not regulated in India where anyone can buy them for cheap.

Till recently, there were no laws against acid attacks in India. But Section 326 A in the Indian Penal Code was introduced in the 2013 Amendment Act that punished acid attacks with 10 years of imprison- ment.

Physical Effects of Acid Attacks Acid is a corrosive agent, which reacts violently with water, causing an exothermic reaction. Human skin is 60 percent water. So when acid is thrown on it, it reacts with the water, increasing the corrosive action of the acid.

Victims also don't find employment due to the physical deformities and crippling fear of being judged. It takes a lot of survivors to rise from their tragedy and live their lives again. With role models like Laxmi and others, acid attack survivors are slowly finding the strength to face the world with dignity and confidence. Let us hope that movies like Chhapaak also changes the way the world perceives survi- vors of acid attacks.

**Can Rajinikanth and Kamal Haasan Convert Popularity into Votes?**

Even Rajinikanth’s entry onto Tamil movie screens, in 1975, was larger than life. Confidently pushing open a gate and strid- ing into the frame in Apoorva Raagangal, the swag that would define his career was unmistakable even beneath the ill-fitting costume and scuffed exterior (his character had returned to his village to help his estranged wife Bhaivarti (Srividiya) after being diagnosed with blood cancer). And the first person he speaks to? Kamal Haasan’s Prasanna, an ebullient young man hopelessly in love with Bhaivarti.

By the time Rajinikanth made his debut, Kamal Haasan had already been working in films for more than a decade. But Rajini only got his first lead role in K Balachan- der’s cult classic, which brought together two powerful actors who would dominate the Tamil film industry for the next few decades. It was only fitting that many years later, both would formally announce their political ambitions at almost the same time. While this may seem like a coincidence, it was the absence of the biggest Dravid- ian leaders in Tamil Nadu that had set the stage for uncertainty and political churn by then—AIADMK leader J Jayalalitha had died in 2016, and DMK chief M Karunanidhi, her bitter rival who had been suffering from various illnesses for a couple of years, succumbed in 2018.

While both Rajini and Kamal’s entry into politics sent fans into a frenzy, as the general elections draw nearer, the state seems to be settling back into the familiar pattern of alliances and partnerships. Adding to this, both stars have an- nounced that they won’t be contesting the election themselves—while Rajinikanth, whose political party is still an amorphous entity that doesn’t even have a name yet, made this clear last month, Kamal Haasan, whose Makkal Needhi Maiam is contesting all 39 seats in the state, broke the suspense on Sunday while releasing the party's ambitious manifesto which promises 50 lakh jobs.
Movie is based on Ravindra Kaushik. He was an Ex RAW agent. His spy mind benefitted India in 1971 war and many more secrets revealed by him. He went to major post in Pak Army and through their he was leaking the details and giving to India.

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The Kapil Sharma Show: Yesteryear beauties Waheeda Rehman, Helen and Asha Parekh are the next guests on the show.

The season 2 of The Kapil Sharma Show is getting bigger and grand with each passing day. The show which recently welcomed the 1983 cricket World Cup winning team, will now host yesteryear beauties Waheeda Rehman, Helen and Asha Parekh. The team recently shot for the episode and Krushna Abhishek shared picture of the team posing with the three Bollywood legends.

Krushna captioned the pictures as, “With the legends next week #there is so much of learning from them even now. Had a blast with all, specially the tribute given to them.” The cast of the show Krushna, Bharti and Sumona can be seen in get-ups which were donned by the actresses in their films.

Krushna also mentioned in the caption that they had a blast shooting for paying a tribute to the beautiful ladies. Viewers were in awe of writer Salim Khan when he recently came on the show for the first time and shared many anecdotes about the Bollywood industry. He also revealed many stories from superstar Salman Khan’s childhood which made viewers laugh out loud.

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64th Filmfare Awards 2019: Ranveer Singh and Alia Bhatt’s Selfie Will Remind You of Their ‘Murad-Safeena’ Moments From Gully Boy

The 64th Filmfare Awards 2019 ceremony was all of glamour, glitter and accolades! The function saw who’s who from the industry. That’s the best thing which the true filmy fans get to see. Watching their favourite celebs mingle happily off-screen and apart from work is something rare and precious. This is what happened when Gully Boy stars Ranveer Singh and Alia Bhatt too was spotted having the ‘Murad and Safeena’ moment! 64th Vimal Filmfare Awards: We So Want To Be A Part Of This Deepika Padukone, Ranbir Kapoor and Alia Bhatt’s Intriguing Conversation In The selfie, there were also their ‘Takht’ co-stars Vicky Kaushal, Karan Johar. For the uninitiated, the stars will be next seen in this magnum opus that will be directed by KJo. The multi-starrer also has Janhvi Kapoor, Kareena Kapoor Khan, Bhumi Pednekar, Anil Kapoor in the lead. Speaking of Gully Boy, the Zoya Akhtar directed rap-drama was a rage amongst the cine-goers. As much as the fans were in love with the story and songs, there is a separate fan base for the chemistry between Murad and Safeena. ‘The bonding between this low-key guy and a bold girl was something totally out of the box. Their pairing in the travel commercials is also quite popular among the fan base.

Watching such popular jodis collaborate off-screen is bliss. Just like them, even stars Ranbir Kapoor and Deepika Padukone won the hearts with their mushy presence. Alia joined the ex-flames in a conversation and the picture went viral in no time. Obviously, award ceremonies these days are more about the tales of such camaraderie and fashion statements and then comes the actual awards. But fans don’t complain anyway! Are you excited to watch them sizzle on the screen soon? It has been over a year since we saw Deepika Padukone on the big screen. The actress was last seen in Sanjay Leela Bhansali’s Padmaavat. She took her time after that, but picked the best possible project to do next. Deepika will be seen playing the role of an acid attack victim in Meghna Gulzar’s next film, titled Chhapaak. The movie’s shooting began today, and to announce the same Deepika shared her look from the film. Complete with prosthetics and a wide smile, Deepika’s look bowled everyone. Too many celebrities have commented on the picture in Instagram. Adding his name to that list is Deepika’s husband, Ranveer Singh. Chhapaak First Look: Who is Laxmi Agarwal, The Acid-Attack Survivor Played by Deepika Padukone?

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On the lighter side....

What is the definition of adult?

ADULT:
A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

Two roofers, Larry and Joe, were on the roof laying tile, when a sudden win gust came and knocked down their ladder.

"I have an idea," said Larry. "We'll throw you down, and then you can pick up the ladder."

"What, do you think that I'm stupid?" replied Joe. "I have and idea! I'll shine my flashlight, and you can climb down on the beam of light."

Larry wasn't having it. "What, do you think that I'm stupid? You'll just turn off the flashlight when I'm halfway down."

A man was driving the wrong way down a one-way street. He was stopped by a policeman. "This is a one-way street," said the officer.

"I know," said the motorist, "I'm only going one way."

Myra was going to the office party but needed a new party dress.

In the clothing store she asked, "May I try on that dress in the window, please?"

"Certainly not, madam," responded the salesgirl. "You'll have to use the fitting room like everyone else."

A thief got married to a thief. They decided to give up their old ways and begin a family.

Fifteen months after getting married, they were expecting a son. At the hospital their son was born and his hand was closed.

They went for a closer look. They opened up his hand and were surprised by what they found.

The wristwatch of the doctor who delivered him.

The Law of Equality states:

The time taken by a wife when she says "I'll be ready in 5 minutes" is exactly equal to the to the time taken by husband when he says "I'll call you in 5 mins."

At a store, a lady stood in line waiting to pay for her items. Three men stood before her in the line. After 15 minutes she realized that the line wasn't moving at all.

She shouted at the cashier, "Is this line going to take all day long?"

The cashier replied, "Please step aside ma'am and come here. You are standing behind three mannequins."

Blood may be thicker than water, but baseball beats them both.

I learned this after explaining to my two boys that they were half-Lithuanian on their father's side, and half-Yankee, meaning their other set of parents came from an old New England family.

My younger son looked worried. "But we're still a hundred percent Red Sox, right, Mom?"

A college student could not take his seminar final exam because of a funeral.

"No problem," the teacher told him. "Make it up the following week." That week came, and again he couldn't take the test due to another funeral.

"You'll have to take the test early next week," the professor insisted. "I can't keep postponing it."

"I'll take the test next week if no one dies," the undergrad replied.

By now I the instructor was suspicious. "How can you have so many people you know pass away in three weeks?"

"I don't know any of these people," the student exclaimed. "But I'm the only gravedigger in town."

Little Susie: Did you know carrots are really good for your eyes?

Little Ralph: How do you know that?

Little Susie: Well, have you ever seen a rabbit with glasses?