‘Padmaavat’ box-office collect over Rs. 150 crore so far

Deepika Padukone, Shahid Kapoor and Ranveer Singh starrer ‘Padmaavat’ has managed to win the hearts of the audience and critics with stellar performances from the cast and the sheer brilliance of filmmaker Sanjay Leela Bhansali that took this film to a different level altogether. According to a recent report on BoxofficeIndia.com, the film has earned an estimated Rs 13.25 crore on its sixth day, thus taking its total collection to Rs 137 crore. The film which had a blistering start in Mumbai and South India has now also excelled in the Northern regions. Bhansali’s masterpiece is reportedly in the running to become one of the highest grosser of all time, after ‘Baahubali 2: The Conclusion.’ The multi-starrer did not release in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Haryana after facing protests from fringe groups, but still managed to get a strong footing at the box-office.

The film has already reached the top spot to become Bollywood’s highest opening weekend overseas by collecting nearly $11.60 million. The film which collected Rs 18 crore on its first day at the box-office, entered the Rs 100 crore club in its first weekend in India alone.

The film revolves around Rani Padmavati, the wife of Maharawal Ratan Singh, who is known for her beauty and valour in 13th century India. She captures the fancy of the reigning Sultan of Delhi, the tyrant Alauddin Khilji (Ranveer Singh), who becomes obsessed with her and goes to great lengths to fulfil his greed.

Several Bollywood celebrities have come out praising the film and even took to social media to laud the performances of the actors and to call the film a visual delight because of its impeccable sets and background, which is one of the high points of every Bhansali film.
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NEW DELHI: India has been ranked sixth in the list of wealthiest countries with total wealth of $8,230 billion, while the United States topped the chart, says a report by New World Wealth.

According to the report, the United States is the wealthiest country in the world as the total wealth held in 2017 amounted to $64,584 billion, followed by China at the second place with $24,803 billion and Japan with $19,522 billion at third.

Total wealth refers to the private wealth held by all the individuals living in each country/city. It includes all their assets (property, cash, equities, business interests) less any liabilities. The report, however, excludes government funds from its figures.

Others in the list include United Kingdom (4th, $9,919 billion), Germany (5th, $9,660 billion), France (7th, $6,649 billion), Canada (8th, $6,393 billion), Australia (9th, $6,142 billion) and Italy (10th, $4,276 billion).

The report further noted that India was the best performing wealth market globally in 2017 as its total wealth swelled from $6,584 billion in 2016 to $8,230 billion in 2017, registering a 25 per cent growth.

Meanwhile, during the period under consideration China’s wealth saw an increase of 22 per cent and global wealth rose by 12 per cent (from $192 trillion at the end of 2016 to $215 trillion at the end of 2017).

Over the past decade (2007-2017) India’s total wealth increased from $3,165 billion in 2007 to $8,230 billion in 2017, a jump of 160 per cent.

The report further noted that India, is home to 3,30,400 HNWIs (individuals with $1 million or more in net assets). Globally, India was ranked 9th in this aspect while US topped the list with 50,47,400 HNWIs (high-net-worth individuals).

India is also home to 20,730 multi-millionaires, 7th largest in the world. And in terms of resident billionaires+, India with 119 such individuals was named among the top three countries globally, after the US and China.

A billionaire is defined as an individuals with $1 billion or more in net assets.

“In general, it was a good year for all W10 (wealthiest 10) markets, thanks to strong global stock market gains - the MSCI world index was up 23 per cent and the Dow Jones (DJIA) was up 26 per cent during the year (in US Dollar terms),” the report said, adding “wealth held in China, India, USA, Japan and Australia all grew strongly over the past year.”
Developing Unity among Muslims to combat sectarian divide, hatred and anger

M Basheer Ahmed M.D. – President IQRA

One of the reasons IQRA (Institute of Quranic Knowledge and Inter/Intra Faith Religious Acceptance) was established was to bring together Muslims of all sects in the Dallas Fort Worth area to promote unity and understanding amongst one another. We would like to achieve our goals by facilitating dialogue and furthering community interaction among people of all faiths with a mutual respect and accommodation of differences.

IQRA was established in 2013 and has had seminars, town hall meetings, intra faith dialogues and social interactions by arranging these events at Islamic centers of different Muslims sects including Sunni, Shia, Bohri, Ismaili and Ahmadiyya. The members of the IQRA council consist of 7 Imams and 25 community leaders representing all such sects. After 4 years of hard work, we have finally developed a strong committed council to promote the unity and acceptance we were looking for.

The most recent IQRA council meeting was held on January 25, 2018 at the Texas King Banquet Hall. The major agenda was to promote intra-faith unity among the Muslims in the Dallas Fort Worth area. Five Imams and 30 community leaders participated at the dinner meeting. They represented every local Muslim sect in the area and showed passion and a commitment to develop a sample community comprised of Muslims from all sects.

Dr. Basheer Ahmed, president of IQRA, made his opening remarks by pointing out the challenges that Muslims face locally and globally. He stated that during the past 70 years, as the occupation of Muslim lands in Kashmir and Palestine continued, Muslim genocide in many areas like Palestine, and more recently in Burma, have become worse. Major Muslim majority countries were destroyed including Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia, Libya, Syria and Yemen. Hundreds of thousands of people were killed and millions were displaced. This may be the most serious disaster in Muslim history. The entire Muslim world is plagued with sectarian violence and self destructive behavior. During the last few decades, more Muslims were killed by other Muslims in major Muslim countries like Pakistan, Iraq, Syria, Nigeria, Somalia, Libya, Egypt and Yemen. Muslims are bomb ing Masajids on Fridays and killing hundreds of innocent Muslims who are gathered for prayers. Islam teaches and promotes peace and these so-called Muslims’ behavior does not reflect the true Islamic teaching.

Sectarian divide, hate and violence is destroying the Muslim Ummah and this is a very serious problem. Although the violence is not affected the USA as it is in other Muslim-majority countries, I am afraid that it may be in the future if we do not work to put an end to it as soon as possible. The Quran says “Indeed those who have divided their religion and become sects - you, [O Muhammad], are not [associated] with them in anything. Their affairs are only [left] to Allah; then he will inform them about what they used to do 6:159”. We are a community in the DFW area which is rising above sectarian divides to teach tolerance, dignity and acceptance towards people of different Aqeedas and traditions and to find ways to live in peace and harmony despite our differences. This will hopefully raise the image of Muslims in America. Quran says “Allah will never change our condition unless we first act to change ourselves 13:11”.

Imam Zafer, the Sunni Imam, agreed with our goal and emphasized the need to debate with intellectual knowledge and to keep in mind the constitution that the Prophet proposed in Medina. Imam Abbas, the Shia Imam, described the total devastation in Iraq after the war due to continued sectarian violence resulting in hundreds of thousands of widows and orphans. He made a passionate appeal to all Muslims to be united with open hearts. Imam Khalid Shaheed, an African American Sunni Imam, stated that in his mosque there is no Sunni, Shia, Ahmedi, etc. – everybody is Muslim. He has Shias on his board and the last year’s president of the association was a woman. He also suggested forming a council of Imams from all sects of Islam. Mr. Sakhi Bayani, an Afghan community leader, stated that we all need to come together as Muslims and human beings for the betterment of humanity. Mr. Sher Baz Hakimi, an Afghan Ismaili community leader, stated that if we believe with conviction in the Kalima and Quran, then that is enough for us to be united. Mufti Waseem Khan,
a Sunni, suggested that we should work together to develop joint social service projects. Fatima Biviji a Bhora social activist suggested to hold periodic events to share food with the families in order to develop community bonds. Mrs. Shaheen Salam, a Sunni Muslim Activist, suggested having interfaith iftar and Eid get togethers. Imam Taha, the president of the Imams council, shared a story that a Sahaba killed a person in combat after he said the Shahada. When prophet asked him why he killed the man, he replied, he did only fearing for his life. Prophet peace be upon him responded “Did you open his heart to see if he was lying?” In Deen, focusing on other people is extremism and focus on your self is humility.

The meeting was great success. Everybody present showed support and commitment to the goals and objective of IQRA. Several recommendations were made and the IQRA board will be discussing and implementing these recommendations. There was a unanimous agreement to continue the council meetings to ensure that the Dallas Fort Worth Muslims will develop a sample community of all sects of Muslims and show respect and dignity towards each other, irrespective of their differences in Aqeedas and beliefs.

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Jiah Khan Death Case: Charges Framed Against Sooraj Pancholi

A sessions court here today framed charges against Bollywood actor Sooraj Pancholi for allegedly abetting actress Jiah Khan's suicide. Judge K D Shirbhate framed charges against the 27-year-old actor under section 306 (abetment of suicide) of the Indian Penal Code, to which he pleaded not guilty.

"Sooraj pleaded innocence and the examination of witnesses will start from February 14," his lawyer Prashant Patil said.

According to the chargesheet, Khan, best known for her performance in film Nishabd starring Amitabh Bachchan, was found hanging at her residence on June 3, 2013 by her mother Rabiya. She had left the house of Sooraj Pancholi, where she had been staying for the last two days, in the morning the same day, it said.

According to the CBI, Pancholi had "hidden facts and fabricated information" during questioning. Sooraj Pancholi, the son of Bollywood couple Aditya Pancholi and Zarina Wahab, had refused to undergo polygraph or brain-mapping tests which the agency wanted to conduct to get to the bottom of his alleged role in the incident.

The CBI said a three-page note seized by the Mumbai Police, which earlier probed the case, on June 10, 2013, was written by Khan which narrated her "intimate relationship, physical abuse and mental and physical torture" allegedly at the hands of Pancholi which led her to commit suicide.

It said the letter was not signed and even not addressed to Sooraj Pancholi but it incriminated him.

In October 2013, Rabiya Khan had moved the Bombay High Court alleging that her daughter had been murdered and sought a CBI probe, which was granted.
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The Company You Keep
Bazme Urdu Toastmasters bid farewell to its founder President Arch. A. R. Saleem

Bazme Urdu Toastmasters and Urdu lovers in Riyadh bid farewell to Arch. A. R. Saleem, who served as an Architect for almost four decades and won hearts of many as a community leader. He has been an inspiring figure of Hyderabad tahzeeb (Deccan culture) and a beloved humble person with his multi-faceted personality. President of Bazme Urdu Toastmasters Club Riyadh, Dr. Sayeed Mohiuddin presented the profile of TM Saleem and gave a brief account of the endeavors he had made during his tenure. He applauded him for his countless services to his profession and community, especially underlining the establishment of Bazme Urdu Toastmasters Club and serving as its founder President.

The dazzling audience included towering figures and cream of the society who poured in emotional tributes to Saleem. DTM Saif Ali Shiekh, past LGET described Saleem as banayan tree which provides shelter and protects what comes under it. He said we will miss him a lot but was hopeful that Saleem being very much active on social media will lessen the same feeling.

The Chief Guest of the evening Dr. Hifzur Rahman Azmi, First Secretary, Embassy of India in Saudi Arabia recounted Arch. Saleem's tremendous services to Urdu and his support in conducting Embassy's cultural events. He praised him for initiating commemoration of Maulana Azad's birthday as National Education Day by conducting various speech and essay writing competitions amongst school children. He was praised with many popular Urdu couplets like:

Arch. Mohammed Abdul Rahman Saleem was one of the senior most NRIs in Saudi Arabia who is leaving the Kingdom for good. An ardent lover of Urdu language and literature, he possessed passion to keep Deccani Tahzeeb alive and flourish.
Rajiv Gandhi memorial International Tournament under 19, finals at L.B Stadium, Hyderabad, conducted by former Member of Parliament V Hanumantha Rao ji. Chief guest Mohammed Azharuddin former India's most successful captain who led India for 10 years, also present was former Indian test player Venkatapati Raju, secretary Hyderabad Cricket Association Sheshu Narayan, HCA legal advisor Mir Masood Ali Khan, Srikanth Goud, Uday Raj, Krishna Mushyam Mohammad Fakruddin Minority President TPCC and others

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas mini celebration at Consulate General Office of India at Chicago. Very well attended and nicely organized. Seen in pics is honorable Consul General of India Ms. Neeta Bhushan, Consul B.D Bhatti, Consul O.P Meena, Ms. Smita Shah D/O Mr. Niranjan Shah, Keerthi Ravoori, Ajay Agnihotri, Kishore and Padma Mehta

Top: United Telugu Church under the leadership of Babu Varma, Vijender Doma and Keerthi Kumar organised a well in advance Christmas Carroll singing followed by dinner at Croatia Center. Attended by Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi, Ira Silverstein State Senator, Debra Silverstein Alderwoman 50th. ward, B.D Bhatti senior Consul Indian Consulate office of Chicago, along with many christian community leadership. Asad Mohammad Cricketer and son of legendary India's former most successful Cricket Captain of India also spoke about the Christmas celebration being a universal festival.

Right: All Saints's group of institutions Annual Sports day at a newly acquired Caramel Montfort school in Chintacheru Village in Medak district on January 27th, 2018. So nice of Rector Shajon Anthony and Brother Chako to invite me along with Mr. Ch. Madhusudan Reddy Garu present MLA Narsapur and Medak district leaders.
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GRAND OPENING OF HINDI LIBRARY BY HINDI LOVERS CLUB
26th January 2018 was a celebration of 69th Republic Day of India in Indian origins all over Chicagoland. But there was another big event was celebrated by Hindi Lovers Club of Illinois. It was the grand opening of its Hindi library at 2545 W. Devon Ave., Chicago IL. (Inside the Ganesh Temple of Chicago). This is one more attempt to promote Hindi overseas. The event started with the cutting of the ribbon of the library room by Chief Guest Consul Birpal Anand. Then the lighting of the lamp in front of the library in the room by the Consul and distinguished guests. Followed by the Saraswati vandana by the famous Chicagoland singer Bharti Desai. Then the event started outside with the Ganesh Vandana dance by young Pujita Jain, song aye malik tere bande hum by veteran singer Rewati ji. The kids and adult students from the Hindi class of Hindi lovers club showcased their Hindi learnings. Rakesh Malhotra, Anil Yesudas and Rajashree entertained more than sixty plus audience by their Hindi poetry recitals. Afterwards Consul Birpal Anand ji congratulated the clubs founder Gurbachan Kaur Neelam to take the initiative to promote Hindi in Chicagoland and promised to give full support to Hindi library from the consulate office. Guest of Honors Nimish Jani ji, Sunil Shah ji and Ram Krishna Shah ji gave brief speeches to encourage the work of the Hindi Lovers Club. The event ended with the thank you note by Gurbachan Kaur Neelam, a brief intro of the clubs new monthly discussion forum Tea and Talk by Sanjana Das Shongha and Shobhna Johri’s briefing on the upcoming elections need of Hindi judges. Evening ended with the serving of refreshments.

TAGC 2018 Sankranthi and Republic Day Celebrations - Asian Media USA
30 programs with 330 local talents, followed by Chicago famous singers Praveen Jagi-gar kuru. Sailaja gara and Madhavi Merugu gara who entertained audiences with different movie songs.
TAGC President-elect Ramu Bilkakanti gara welcomed and wished good health, prosperity and wealth to all the guests on behalf of President Jyothi Chintalapani garu. President garu thanked all Sponsors, Volunteers, and encouraged to take membership by all attendees.
The program started with Lord Ganesha prayer along with the cultural team and Board of Directors. In the Sankranti and India Republic cultural event 330 participants performed a variety of programs and shows keeping the audience entertained and involved. The program highlight was 36 person fashion show, Men’s skit “Pandu gadi Kotu Gola” and Women’s skit “Mahillalu – Maharanulu”
TAGC President elect thanked and congratulated Cultural Committee Chair Ranga Reddy Lenkala Co-chair Swetha Janamanchi and Uma Avadhuta along with Madhavi Konakalla, Madhavi Kondam and coordinators/volunteers who worked for more than 8 weeks to make the event grand success.

TAGC Sankranthi cultural Celebration also included delicious dinner served by Volunteers. In food “Ghee Arisela” became the top attraction, which was specially brought from India. Along with Arisela, more than 10 items were served which include Pongal, Indian Peas curry, Vada and Pizza for kids. Volunteer team led by Food Chair Mr. Srinivas Kandru has streamlined the process and made the lines disappear with minimal wait for more than 1000 guests within an hour. TAGC Board thanked Bawarchi restaurant for providing a tasty food with lot of varieties for a nominal price. All the board members, various committee chairs/co-chairs, volunteers under the direction of the current President Mrs. Jyothi Chinthalapani, President-elect Mr. Ram Bilkakanti worked hard with dedication, passion and great enthusiasm to make first event grand successful and memorable with festive experience to guests and participants who attended the event. Youth Volunteers helped in the event in membership validation, ticket distribution and Food serving. All the event was driven by volunteers and did a smooth execution.
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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Retrogrades: When Planets Go “Backward”

You know those times when everything goes haywire, and you can’t figure out why? Look up, stargazer: A planet could be retrograde—meaning that from the vantage point of Earth, it appears to be spinning backward. What’s really happening? Well, the Earth is completing its orbit around the Sun faster than other planets outside its orbit. Periodically, it will outpace them—and that’s when retrograde mayhem breaks loose.

Much like a speeding car or train passing a slower one, the planet that’s being passed will appear to stop and move backward—which is the apparent retrograde period. Then, once the Earth completely passes this planet in its orbit, the motion appears normal again, and the planet is said to be “direct” or “prograde” (to use the snappy scientific term). Chances are, you’ve been in a vehicle that felt like it was moving in reverse when it was passed, so you know the feeling!

Each retrograde cycle has a “shadow period”—the awkward adjustment of the retrograde planet from apparent backward to forward motion—and vice-versa. For that reason, you may feel the stirrings of a retrograde cycle for several days, even weeks, before it officially begins.

While retrograde planets are just an illusion, astrology followers can attest to experiencing their effects. The areas that a retrograde planet rules can become weak, challenging or troublesome during this cycle.

All planets go retrograde periodically, so we need to embrace these inevitable cycles as a fact of life, and an opportunity to build character. As the Buddha said, “No mud, no lotus.” Sometimes, it takes a challenge for us to develop the inner strength and self-knowledge we need to evolve as humans.

The planets, retrograde:

The most commonly-known retrograde is Mercury—planet of communication, transportation, travel and technology—which goes retrograde for three weeks, three or four times a year. During a Mercury retrograde cycle, arguments and misunderstandings rage, plans fall apart, cars break down, and computers crash suddenly. Astrologers advise precautions—back up your digital files before this period begins, postpone any deals, and plan to be repeat or explain yourself a few extra times.

Love planet Venus goes retrograde every 18 months, which can reveal any weak links in a relationship or bring back past paramours. Astrologers advise against proposals, weddings, and any major relationship moves during this 4-6 week period, although the tabloids are predictably peppered with celebrity breakups each time Venus goes rogue. Mars is retrograde every two years for about two months, which can stir up conflict and fighting. The “outer planets”—Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto—all go retrograde for four to five months every year. So forget about hiding under a rock, because most of the time at least one planet, if not more, is retrograde.

So what’s good about retrogrades?
The prefix re- means to go back—and retrogrades are a time to polish up projects already in the works, or to dig up ones you’ve set aside. Retrogrades turn our attention to the past, and can actually be cosmic “grace periods” when we can finish all the things we’ve started or strengthen our plans, ensuring that we don’t move forward on a shaky foundation. Old friends, lovers and past issues can resurface, giving you a chance to reconnect or revise. This can be a useful time to resolve any arguments, revisit old ideas, research an idea or renew a commitment. Tighten up your routines and plans during these periods, and you’ll be ready to rock when the retrograde period ends.

How to proactively use every retrograde:

Mercury retrograde: Get in touch with old friends and contacts, back up devices and data, edit and clarify your thoughts, dust off an old writing project or course of study. Polish up your social media profiles.

Venus retrograde: Heal any issues in your relationship or blocks to love. Recognize when you’re in the wrong match and move on. Gain closure with an ex…or reunite if the timing is better. Make peace with a woman in your life.

Mars retrograde: Learn how to handle pressure and conflict more effectively. Release a grudge, lay down your swords. Slow down and stop rushing to avoid accidents. Have sex with an ex (with caution!). Work on practicing patience. Get back to an old sport or exercise routine. Find the courage to confront someone. Make peace with a man in your life.

Jupiter retrograde: Slow down the risk-taking and evaluate before rushing ahead. Travel to an old favorite place. Pick up an abandoned entrepreneurial venture. Go back to school, finish a degree or certification.

Saturn retrograde: Tighten up your plans, rethink your goals and career path. Practice self-discipline and delay instant gratification. Work through father issues and codependence. Cut the energy vampires out of your life.

Neptune retrograde: Resume a creative, musical or artistic project. Dive into your subconscious, do healing work and therapy, explore and question your spiritual beliefs. Meditate to get more in tune with your intuition. Watch out for denial and codependence. Cut the energy vampires out of your life.

Pluto retrograde: Explore your “shadow side” and delve into old fears, limiting beliefs and entrenched unconscious patterns. Remove toxic energies from your world via Feng Shui, space clearing, burning sage, decluttering. Protect yourself against unsafe people and situations. Recognize where you are being bullied or dominated—or where you may be overpowering someone else—and resolve the situation. Watch out for projecting your own unconscious baggage onto others. Access mystical or buried parts of yourself through past-life regressions, working with a psychic medium, hypnotherapy.
A total of 169 players were sold among 8 franchises in the IPL 2018 players’ auction on 27-28 January in Bengaluru. Team owners spent Rs 431.7 crore in total during the mega event. It was a very interesting auction, considering the fact that most of the franchises have managed to come out with balanced units. Royal Challengers Bangalore, who have always relied on their batters, now have bowlers such as Umesh Yadav and Nathan Coulter-Nile. Along with Sunrisers Hyderabad, RCB seems to be the most compact unit this season.

Here’s a look at how each franchise fared at the event.

1. Chennai Super Kings

Chennai Super Kings have been one of the first, when it comes to acquiring players at the auction. But this time they seemed to have lost their steam. They bought not-so-agile players, such as Ke- dar Jadhav and Ambati Rayudu. Surprisingly, CSK decided to take the stars of the olden days – Shane Watson and Harbhajan Singh. The CSK team management will have to live on the hope that these players stay fit for the next three years. If Jadhav and Rayudu score runs, then it will be great, but there is a chance of them conceding some easy runs on the field. They also saved the most amount of money at the end of the auction – Rs 6.5 crore.

2. Delhi Daredevils

Delhi Daredevils had one of their best times at the auction this year. This time they didn’t go over the top, when it came to spend- ing for particular players. Their most expensive player is Glenn Maxwell for Rs 9 crore. They have acquired Gautam Gambhir, who knows how to mould a successful side. Delhi’s only issue will be the middle-order. They will heavily rely on the young guns – Shreyas Iyer and Rishabh Pant. They had a hot and cold season last year. If the duo don’t fire, then Delhi could be in big trouble.

3. Mumbai Indians

Mumbai Indians have a fantastic bowling line-up in Mustafizur Rahman, Pat Cummins and Jas- prit Bumrah, but the blue brigade will struggle with their batting. They have two great top-order batters in Chris Lynn and Robin Uthappa. But an even better bowling attack in Sunil Narine, Mitchell Starc and Kuldeep Yadav. Dinesh Karthik and Andre Russell can do the job for them in the middle order. KKR’s biggest problem is that they don’t have a captain material player in their side. They might look towards Robin Uthappa to lead.

4. Rajasthan Royals

Rajasthan Royals scalped two of the most expensive buys in the auction. They acquired Ben Stokes for Rs 12.5 crore and Jaydev Unadkat for Rs 11.5 crore. Rajasthan will have no issues in putting the runs on the board with the likes of Ajinkya Rahane, Rahul Tripathi, Steve Smith, Sanju Samson and Jos Buttler in their side.

However, all the pressure will fall on Unadkat, when it comes to bowling. Steve Smith will certainly look to chase in most of the matches.

5. Kolkata Knight Riders

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6. Kings XI Punjab

Kings XI Punjab made the boldest moves at the auction this year, and at times it worked wonders for them. They can have a settled opening pair in KL Rahul and Aaron Finch. They will surely try Chris Gayle in the first few games and if he scores big, then Punjab could easily be one of the contenders to win the IPL. They have good finish- ers in David Miller and Marcus Stoinis, and also an experienced off-spinner in Ravichandran Ashwin. The only department Kings XI Punjab lack in is an experienced set of fast bowlers.

7. Royal Challengers Ban- galore

Royal Challengers Ban- galore have finally got a good bowling attack. Umesh Yadav and Nathan Coulter-Nile will lead the pace attack and they will be supported by the spinners Washington Sundar and Yuz- vendra Chahal. And if the likes of Quinton de Kock, Virat Kohli and AB de Villiers shine with the bat, then RCB could be the team to look out for in the IPL.

8. Sunrisers Hyderabad

The Sunrisers Hyder- abad seem to have the most com- pact side after the IPL Auction 2018. Shikhar Dhawan and David Warner can provide good starts consistently at the top, Manish Pandey, Shakib Al Hasan and Wriddhiman Saha can man the middle order.

Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Sandeep Sharma and Rashid Khan are more than able to keep perform- ing consistently for their side.

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The Big Bang theory states that around 12-15 billion years ago the universe came into existence from one single extremely hot and dense point, and that something triggered the expansion of this point that brought about the beginning of the universe. The universe, since then, has been expanding from this single point.

In 1929, well-known American astronomer Edwin Hubble, soon after publishing his theory, he went on to discover that not only were galaxies moving away from the Earth, but were also moving away from one another. This meant that the universe happened to be expanding in every direction, in the same way a balloon expands when filled with air. Hubble’s new findings placed the foundations for the Big Bang theory.

Yet, astonishingly well before telescopes were even invented and well before Hubble published his Law, Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) used to recite a verse of the Quran to his companions that ultimately stated that the universe is expanding.

“But the heaven We created with might, and indeed We created the earth. Yet, due to the limitations of space, and technology and that at the time of the revelation of the Quran (and for centuries to follow), no scholar was able to give much detail about how exactly the heavens and earth were created.

With the introduction of the Big Bang theory, it soon became clear to Muslims scholars that the details mentioned with regards to the theory go identically hand in hand with the description of the creation of the universe in verse 30 of chapter 21 of the Quran. The theory states that all the matter in the universe came into existence from one single extremely hot and dense point that exploded and brought about the beginning of the universe, matches what is mentioned in the verse that the heaven and Earth (thus the universe) where once joined together, and then split apart. Once again, the only possible explanation is that Prophet Muhammad(pbuh) had truly received divine revelation from God, The Creator and Originator of the universe.

The following are some comments of scientists[1] on the scientific miracles in the Holy Quran.

1) Dr. Yoshihide Koizai is Professor Emeritus at Tokyo University, Tokyo, Japan, and was the Director of the National Astronomical Observatory, Mitaka, Tokyo, Japan. He said:

“I am very much impressed by finding true astronomical facts in [the] Quran, and for us the modern astronomers have been studying very small pieces of the universe. We’ve concentrated our efforts for understanding of [a] very small part. Because by using telescopes, we can see only very few parts of [the] sky without thinking about the whole universe. So, by reading [the] Quran and by answering to the questions, I think I can find my future way for investigation of the universe.”

2) Professor Tejatat Tejasen is the Chairman of the Department of Anatomy at Chiang Mai University, Chiang Thailand. Previously, he was the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the same university. During the Eighth Saudi Medical Conference in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Professor Tejasen stood up and said:

“During the last three years, I became interested in the Quran . . . From my study and what I have learned from this conference, I believe that everything that has been recorded in the Quran fourteen hundred years ago must be the truth, that can be proved by the scientific means. Since the Prophet Muhammad could neither read nor write, Muhammad must be a messenger who relayed this truth, which was revealed to him as an enlightenment by the one who is eligible [as the] creator. This creator must be God. Therefore, I think this is the time to say La ilaha illa Allah, there is no god to worship except Allah (God), Muhammadur rasoolu Allah, Muhammad is Messenger (Prophet) of Allah (God). Lastly, I must congratulate for the excellent and highly successful arrangement for this conference . . . I have gained not only from the scientific point of view and religious point of view but also the great chance of meeting many well-known scientists and making many new friends among the participants. The most precious thing of all that I have gained by coming to this place is La ilaha illa Allah, Muhammadur rasoolu Allah, and to have become a Muslim.”

After all these examples we have seen about the scientific miracles in the Holy Quran and all these scientists’ comments on this, let us ask ourselves these questions:

- Could it be a coincidence that all this recently discovered scientific information from different fields was mentioned in the Quran, which was revealed fourteen centuries ago?
- Could this Quran have been authored by Muhammad, may the mercy and blessings of God be upon him, or by any other human being?
- The only possible answer is that this Quran must be the literal word of God, revealed by Him.
Renowned thinker and writer and Head of Chair in Islamic Studies at Yenepoya University, Dr. Javed Jamil has called upon Muslims to launch “Peace and Friendship Offensive for the unity of the Nation.” He was speaking as Chief Guest at a convention on “Future of Muslims in India and Role of Professionals” organised by Muslim Professionals of Bangalore on Saturday, the 20th January, 2018. It was part of the “Truth and Justice” conclave organised by Jamat-e Islami-e Hind at Bangalore. He said that despite some genuine concerns about the threats to the minority communities, “the future of Muslims in India is safe and secure provided they play their cards with sagacity, wisdom and sustained patience”.

Dr. Jamil argued that India is a country of a several minority sections and there is no clear ideological or social majority group in the country and asked Muslims to go on Peace and Friendship Offensive with each of these groups on the basis of “common grounds”. These groups include religious minorities including Muslims, Dalits, Hindu Backward Classes, Hindutvaavadis and Secular Hindus. He argued that there should be a dialogue with the so-called Hindutva forces and “we must stress upon them to shun the campaign based on Religious identity and instead realize the commonness of Religious Morality between Islam, Hinduism and other religions.” He argued that no movement in India can succeed if it is based on hatred associated with religious identity and the biggest losers will be the very forces that use this for gaining political and economic hegemony.

Dr. Jamil said that if Muslims have to empower themselves they must make multidimensional, multisectoral, comprehensive, well-coordinated and sustained efforts in that direction. He said that “Ideological Empowerment, Social Empowerment, Economic Empowerment and Political Empowerment” are the four keys to progress, safety and prosperity. Social Empowerment includes educational Empowerment, Empowerment of women within Islamic framework, improvement of health standards and fight against the social vices like alcohol, drugs, gambling and sex outside the boundaries of marriage.

Dr. Jamil advised Muslims to give up the “Reactive Politics,” only reacting to the politics played by others and instead engage themselves in “Prosactive Politics.” raising issues related to the concerns not only of Muslims but the entire humanity and the ration. “Muslims must fight against even galloping Economic Inequality, rising crimes, lawlessness, injustices and commercialization of human weaknesses”, he argued. He asked “why Muslims have not taken to the streets to demand total ban on alcohol, drugs, prostitution, nudity and pornography, abortions of human fetuses and promiscuity and for realization of women’s rights in inheritance”. He urged them to launch a full-fledged campaign against the designs of the forces of economics that “seek to commercialize both problems and solutions and both crimes and justice delivery”. “It is high time “total ideological onslaught is launched against false ideologies, concepts, programmes and policies”, he said, “but care must be taken not to antagonize people, communities, sects and countries”.

Dr. Javed Jamil was on three-day trip of Bangalore and delivered four talks including those on Advocates’ Forum, Doctors of Humanity and Darul Uloom, Sirirangapatnam.
Global Dictator Trump becoming US president is yet another tragedy after the Sept-11 hoax that struck America in 2001. Trump has belittled USA, insulted Americans in possible violation of the Anti-Defamation Law. He stands for unilateralism and Zionist fascism. Pakistan, a close ally before and after Sept-11 attacks, has been insulted and threatened by the 'superpower' once again. It is Pakistan that built the world's second largest nuclear arsenal. No wonder that the US Congress, most of whom have no idea what the two superpowers are, were briefed by a Yale University student to explain their ignorance of the world. It was Pakistan that brought USA close to USA but USA is annoyed with Pakistan for close collaboration with China because the USA both like and hate China.

The change of US color toward one of its non-NATO ally is indeed a big surprise as it thinks it can insult and threaten Pakistan by being a Muslim nation can get Indian money under many guises, including FDI for its support for Indian position on Jammu Kashmir. USA appears to make to India happy, its TV channels celebrate victory not only in dividing the allies but also attacking the superpower towards Pakistan. It appears as US President is reporting and helping the USA and NATO fight the so-called terrorists in Af-Pak. Eventually, the American administration targeting Pakistan citizens, the Islamabad woke up US threat to Pakistan and other Muslims. USA and Israel have been secret strategic partners engaging in covert terror operations across the globe much before Trump became US president to openly threaten the world peace on behalf of Israel and his Jewish son in law who is Trump’s ownership of Jerusalem. In 2016 the CIA reported that Vladimir Putin is representing a fascistic duo. Subservient regimes in Eastern Europe, corrupt regimes in Latin America and banana-stans) voted with the Trump-Haley decision to recognize Jerusalem to Zio-fascism. Washington had a majority vote in the ‘gifting’ of Jerusalem to Zion-fascism.

The Trump regime clearly defined the style and substance of US imperial dictates Trump and his bottom American nuclear forces backed by narco-thugs rejected the crude blackmail of the US-Israel agenda, opposition from the entire UN National Security Council and the overwhelming majority of the General Assembly. In the style of a typical authoritarian, US President groomed former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, while tearing at the throats of his ‘inferior’, the 193 member nations of the General Assembly. What makes the damage the most striking is the fact that all major allies and most of the biggest allies are against the US threats. Eight of the ten biggest US aid recipients voted against Trump–Netanyahu conspiracy. In contrast to Netanyahu’s beaming success, the US suffered a historic diplomatic defeat. Fourteen times as many nations voted against the demands of the US President over–Netanyahu’s grab of Jerusalem.

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Setback for Tablighi Jamaat’s plan to build ‘mega mosque’ in London

TABLIGH Jamaat’s (TJ) plan to build Europe's biggest mosque in East London suffered another blow when a high court judge last week threw out their petition seeking suspension of an injunction for the demolition of a smaller mosque located on the site.

The high court judge also disallowed the TJ plea for an appeal against the judgement reviving chances of the demolition of existing structures starting within weeks.

Only a restraining order from the European Court of Human Rights, where trustees had filed an application in the second week of this month, can save Masjid Ilyas and stop council bulldozers rolling into the 17-acre land which remained under a chemical factory for a century before trustees of UK Tabligh Jamaat bought it in 1995 for 1.6 million pounds.

In the absence of any restraining order from the European Court of Human Rights, the Newham Borough Council can start demolition of the mosque if it is not pulled down by the trustees within six months. The council can also initiate legal proceedings to get a CPO (Compulsory Purchase Order) if it faced resistance from the TJ trustees or their followers.

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Judge Walden-Smith sitting on the bench as a judge of the High Court also ordered trustees of Tablighi Jamaat to pay London Borough of Newham £22,207 as costs within four weeks.

The council can initiate enforcement proceedings for the recovery of cost if the trustees failed to pay the cost by Feb 23. Various local groups have announced plans to build pressure on the local authority for an early demolition of the existing mosque.

"Tablighi Jamaat has procrastinated and delayed, has ridden roughshod over planning regulations and regularly broken the law," Alan Craig, campaign director of Newham Concern, a local group campaigning against the construction of 9,500-capacity mosque, told Dawn.

"Their plans have been rejected by every level of authority from Newham Council to the High Court, their latest appeal has been thrown out of court," he said. "It is now time for Newham Council to send in the bulldozers and knock down the illegal temporary mosque on the site and liberate the land for a mixed use development that will benefit the whole community," he concluded. Another local group has announced holding a prayer meeting in front of the mosque next Saturday.

"Stop #Mega-Mosque. Prayer meeting Saturday 3rd February at Abbey Mills, West Ham, Newham London 10.30am — 12.30, Postcode E15 3ND. Tablighi Jamaat has just failed in latest legal attempt to overturn Newham’s Council’s refusal so TJ are off to the European Court of Human Rights," Gracey Knoll, a member of the group tweeted after the announcement of the judgement on Friday.

There is unlikely to be any major disruption for the majority of TJ members as a group led by TJ’s London emir has already shifted Thursday weekly Mashwara or consultative meeting to 800-capacity old London Markaz in Tower Hamlet area. The petition to suspend the demolition injunction for one year was filed on behalf of three trustees of Tablighi Jamaat.

During the latest hearing of the case on Jan 19, the court was told that there was currently a mosque with a capacity for 2,500 worshippers and a large parking area on the site. A large number of Tablighi Jamaat members from different parts of London gather at the mosque every Thursday night for listening to sermons of senior clerics and go out for their missionary work involving door-knocking in different areas, inviting ordinary Muslims to mosque for prayers. The counsel for the London Borough of Newham informed the court that it wanted to demolish the mosque, parking lot and other structures which it considered illegal after trustees appeal against Secretary of State’s decision to disallow temporary planning permission was rejected by the Appeals Court in July 2017.

Moiz-ur-Rahman, a representative of the trustees, informed the court that they were in touch with a group of developers and could sign agreements with it in days if given an opportunity with extension in the current suspension order. He said the TJ was a different organisation where all the decisions are made through consensus and after consultations with elders. He said that the trustees wanted to move fast but things were not in their control.

Mr Rahman also informed the court that there would be considerable disturbance in the large number of people in the Muslim community as it catered to the large catchment area in and around Greater London Authority. He informed the court there was a possibility of return of protests previously organised by the Newham Community Alliance.

The judge, however, disregarded the hardship resulting from the enforcement saying that the current activity at the site was unlawful and it had to stop and the court wanted to hold the trustees to account for legally binding undertakings they had given during the court proceedings in the past.

The judge said that of the 12-month suspension period sought by the trustees, five months had already passed and there was very little progress on the part of trustees to find policy compliance partners to develop the 6.5 hectare of land located in the "arch of opportunity" in East London in line with the development aspirations of London Borough of Newham.

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LIFELONG DISQUALIFICATION IS A VIOLATION OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS, LAWYER TELLS SC

The Supreme Court allowed a lawyer representing ousted prime minister Nawaz Sharif a week’s time to prepare his arguments for a case concerning the interpretation of Article 62(1)(f) of the Constitution — the same article under which Sharif was disqualified last year.

The case is focused on ascertaining the period of disqualification of a member of parliament under the constitutional article 8 is being heard by a five-member bench of the apex court headed by Chief Justice Saqib Nisar and comprising Justice Sheikh Armat Saeed, Justice Umar Ata Bandial, Justice Ijaz-ul-Ahsan and Justice Sajjad Ali Shah.

Advocate Azam Tarar, the lawyer representing Sharif, told the bench during hearing that he was asked to appear in court only yesterday evening. He asked for three days to prepare his arguments.

Accepting his request, the court gave the lawyer until next week

Appearing before the court, human rights lawyer and activist Aasia Jahangir said, “There are some people who are affected by article 62(1)(f); ordinary people who want to be part of this case as well.” In response, the chief justice told her, “They can jointly appoint a lawyer to represent them.”

During the hearing, the chief justice wondered whether a person disqualified by the court can contest by-polls, given that the elections are held within three months of the disqualification.

"Disqualification lasts for five years," Tariq Mahmood, the counsel representing Samina Khawar Hayat, who was disqualified in a fake degree case in 2013, told the bench. Mahmood also recalled that the court had disqualified Pervaiz Musharraf for life in 2013.

"Lifelong disqualification is a violation of human rights" Munir Malik, serving as amicus curiae (friend of the court), began his arguments, stating that Articles 62 and 63 of the Constitution should be read in a manner that foundational rights are not affected.

"The Constitution is based on fundamental rights," he said, adding that lifelong disqualification is a violation of basic human rights.

The clauses under Article 63 are distributed into two parts B the first part relating to continued mistakes and the second to past mistakes in conduct, Malik explained.

He noted that after the 18th Amendment, changes were made to the clauses under Article 63.

"Before the 18th amendment, past mistakes in conduct would result in disqualification for life," he said. Malik said that there are no differences between Article 62 and Article 63; adding that in the latter, under the 18 Amendment, the period of disqualification was changed to last five years.

"When the court disqualifies a person under Article 62, it is a declaration by the court, not a sentence," Justice Sheikh Azmat observed. "What will the effect of Article 62(1)(f) be in such a case?"

"No trial can be conducted on writ of quo warranto," Malik told the judge. "We will have to see for how long curbs to contest elections apply on disqualified individu- als.

Appeals against disqualification Taking up 17 appeals against the disqualification of lawmakers, the SC had issued notices to Nawaz and former Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) secretary general Jahangir Tareen to appear in person or through their counsel during the hearing of appeals involving the interpretation of Article 62(1)(f) — the provision under which both had been disqualified.

While Tareen was present in court for the hearing on Tuesday, the PML-N head was not, as he had appeared in an accountability court hearing references against him.

During hearing, the court had contemplated the article’s interpretation and implementation, and wondered whether sadiq (truthful) and aameen (righteous) should be considered as one trait or two separate ones.
Chittorgarh, Rajasthan: A few miles ahead of the Chittorgarh fort, there are a bunch of men in khaki waiting, stopping every car that passes. “Tourist?” one of them peeps in through the window to check. The past few days have been rough. On the 69th Republic Day, the fort had opened its gates to visitors after staying shut for three days following the threats of attack from men and women who vowed to commit jauhar. Sprawled over 690 acres, the fort that acts as a canopy to the entire city, is all about legends, bravery, valour and in turn, myths. Sunil, the guide, starts with the story of jauhar. “This fort has seen jauhar thrice,” he says as he shows a garden, surrounded by barricades. He points at the elevated structure from where queen Padmini had apparently jumped into the fire with 15,999 other women—to save themselves from the lustful eyes of Alauddin Khilji. There’s a jauhar mela that happens every year inside the fort. Sometime in February, Rajput women come together to walk around the city to commemorate Rani Padmini’s jauhar. It’s a celebration to honour and respect the brave act of the queen.

“’The Mughals destroyed everything,’ he said. Sunil then goes on to describe the beauty of Ratan Sen’s second queen. “You could see the food pass through her throat,” he said, indicating how fair the queen from Sri Lanka was. By the time I finished taking a trip of the fort that had a twisty road leading to seven gateways guarded by a watch tower and iron-spiked doors, I had heard the words “Padmini, Padmavati, jauhar and bravery” multiple times. For the people in this Rajasthan city, that’s about 300 kilometers away from Jaipur, Padmini, who became Padmavati through a poem written by Muhammad Jayasi in 1540, is very real — no matter what the historians say. For 29-year-old Gayetri*, who has grown up inside a one-room apartment inside the fort, Rani Padmini’s jauhar isn’t her idea of bravery. “I know she was very beautiful, but I don’t think she was brave,” she said. Gayetri cannot walk, she has never been able to. “When the doctors found out I had polio, I was about 3 years old,” she said. She was married to a deaf and dumb man when she was barely 13 years old. When her parents forced her, she laid down one condition—“I wanted to study.” And, she continued studying with very little help either from her parents or her in-laws. When she was 19 years old, her husband married another woman. This is when she decided that she didn’t want to live with him. She filed for a divorce. Despite her parents and neighbours telling her that she won’t be able to find a husband, Gayetri was sure. “I didn’t need to be someone’s wife to live my life,” she said.

Ten years later, Gayetri has a part-time job at a computer training centre and sells purses and churni to take care of parents and her two elder brothers. In Gayetri’s dictionary, being brave is to step out of the four walls. Gayetri, too, like any of those women from the Kashatriya community in Chittorgarh who threatened to perform jauhar if Sanjay Leela Bhansali’s movie wasn’t stopped, have heard the stories of Padmavati and her bravery all through her childhood. But, she has questions. “Wouldn’t it be braver of her to fight Khilji’s warriors instead of committing suicide?” she asks. Before I can say anything, she responds to her own question. “But back then, it may not have been easy. Women were supposed to live inside and not step out. Ghoonghat was the norm. Maybe this was the only step Padmini could have taken,” she said.

Months before the Deepika Padukone-starrer was released, and Padmavati became Padmaavat, the Rajput Karni Sena and other fringe groups in Rajasthan had blocked the entrance of the fort and shots were fired. And months before that, a bunch of men vandalised the fort and broke mirrors installed at the Padmini Palace. “They were not ready to see any portrayal of Rani Padmini that wouldn’t glorify her act of ‘bravery’,” Shazida, who lives in Suwawa, with her husband and her two children—a daughter and a son—has become an education campaigner of sorts in her village. “For a long time people felt that girls don’t need to study, but things are changing now,” said the 36-year-old woman.

Two years ago, after she received a formal training from CUTS Centre for Human Development, an NGO that works on improving education conditions and women empowerment, she went around door to door encouraging people to send their daughters to schools. “It was often humiliating. But I knew I had to talk to these families who have a very rigid mindset and wouldn’t send their daughters to school,” she said.
Watch Making: Elephants Cannot Dance
By M.S.Zahed, Ex-CMD, HMT Ltd.,

Wrist Watches were on a negative list of imports for a long time and therefore, smugglers thrived till 1961 when the Government realized the importance of watch-making industry and permitted a collaboration of HMT with Citizen. Swiss had declined to give collaboration. India had no means of developing horological precision industry, required for watches and similar instruments. Few small players entered and vanished. Citizen too gave technology only for Hand Wound Mechanical, Automatic and Hand Wound for women. HMT entered the market with range of models and which would become a rage. Indians were proud to wear an Indian made wrist watch. It became a must as a party of Dowry and Dower. It is even said many Barat in the north returned if the HMT watch was not presented to bridegroom. Employees working in the Watch factory were qualified for premium bribes, as they earned hefty bonuses. Watch factory was a cash cow to HMT group and there was no looking back almost till 1991.

Watch as a product consists of a Movement, the appearance parts Case, Back Cover, Dial, Crown, Crystal and the strap. Watches with beautiful designs costs more, cases could be machined or cast. Plastics have added to the productivity. In the Western world it is always considered as a part of jewelry since it is worn and looks considered very important. Swiss pioneered the watch craft and to this day are considered as the best in the business. Swatch was an innovation by Swiss. The essential quality of watch is determined by the movement and the other parts only make it appear beautiful and of course, the label lends a huge snob value such as Rolex, Rado, Omega, TAG Heuer, Gucci, Cartier, Swatch, etc. Watch manufacturing with mechanical parts took a beating with the arrival of electronics Quartz being more accurate and could be produced automatically in billions. The space for mechanical remained only for less expensive made by HMT, Citizen and Seiko etc., and very expensive names from Swiss and Europe.

As an exporter, I have attended International Watch and Jewelry fairs at Basel, in Switzerland and have seen incredibly expensive price tags of thousands of Dollars from the zerland and have seen incredibly expensive price tags of thousands of Dollars from the Chinese mainland and have seen incredibly expensive price tags of thousands of Dollars from the watch factory at Bangalore, India.

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Three HMT Automatics to choose from: Stainless Steel, Avenue, Blau, or white dial. And the HMT with gold-plated model.

The Company’s strength was only its brand name and marketing network. Amongst weaknesses was manufacture of spurious watches with our brand name with the complicity of corrupt authorities. It was very troubled time with inability to feed nearly 6000 employees and remain in the market without any assistance. In order to be in the market and also to earn sufficient profits. The management came up with a plan that to buy Completely Knocked Downs of Watches from Hong Kong, get assembled them in our factories and to market through the network. This would ensure turnover and some profits to the watch subsidiary, and the Board could be satisfied for a risk-free investment as it would amount to trading. A team headed for Hong Kong and the Watch subsidiary had made all the arrangement and had short listed a company and had arranged a display of designs and other commercial details. In about two days, an experienced hand identified some 80 models and with different dials, they could end up as some 300 types of watches. This was a substantial business for the HK co. The next two days we went to see the component manufacture at Guangzhou. The drive as some 300 types of watches. This was a substantial business for the HK co. The next two days we went to see the component manufacture at Guangzhou. The drive from HK to Shangri La hotel, may be about 100 kms were lined up with nonstop buildings on either side of beautiful road consisting of both residential and small factory buildings with many floors and you could see the heavy machines in all the floors, lighted and booming with activity. I did not see a patch of open land and reminded of early career when I use to visit Howrah and you could see machines working on mezzanine floors even inside a very small road side work shop and workers even children in penury working for long hours. The next day we were taken to a factory which was producing, mainly assembly and testing two million watches per annum in a dust free air conditioned factory with all the care. I could see they had employed only about 60 girls of ages 18-25 years working like robots. I was shocked as we had more than thousand workers to do similar work back home. As regards quality of workers my host explained that here in the area the rural children trained will work till they are 25 years of age, then they retire with savings, marry and live like house wives for the rest of their life and cycle goes on. The dexterity in fingers which is with women is very important for watch assembly. But, our labour laws guarantee the job till they are 60 years of age, compounded by unionism, all reflecting poor quality and productivity. It’s time to wind up. The Government has already wound up the watch business, but the name of HMT watches from the spurious manufacturers would continue to live, perhaps. There is no business for the Government to be in this business and to borrow a phrase from my predecessor “Elephants cannot dance.” The author can be reached at m.szahed@hotmail.com
Oatmeal is the ideal comfort meal to begin already freezing? Many distractions exist while driving, but cell phones are a top distraction because so many drivers use them for long periods of time each day. Almost every day you see a driver distracted by a cell phone, but when you are the one distracted, you often don’t realize that driver is you.

New technology in vehicles is causing us to become more distracted behind the wheel than ever before. Fifty-three percent of drivers believe if manufacturers put “infotainment” dashboards and hands-free technology in vehicles, they must be safe. And, with some state laws focusing on handheld bans, many drivers honestly believe they are making the safe choice by using a hands-free device. But in fact, these technologies distract our brains even long after you’ve used them.

Make no mistake: This multitasking technology is about convenience, not safety.

Cell Phone Distracted Driving

Multitasking is a myth

Driving and cell phone conversations both require a great deal of thought. When doing them at the same time, your brain is unable to do either well. For example, it’s nearly impossible to read a book and have a phone conversation. While driving, this often results in crashes due to delayed braking times and not seeing traffic signals.

The Great Multitasking Lie

Cell phone crashes are under-reported

We know cell phone-related car crashes are a problem. We just don’t know how big the problem is. Unfortunately, no breathalyzer-like test exists for cell phone use behind the wheel and drivers in crashes are often reluctant to admit use. This creates a huge gap in the data. Even when talking hands-free, drivers can mislead it by half of what’s around them because they are engaged in a cell phone conversation. Teens and Young Drivers ward off a cold.

1. A dose of vitamin D

Have you ever noticed that cold season hits when sunlight is at a minimum? In fact medical studies link an intake of 800 to 1000 IU of vitamin D3 a day to decreasing your chances of coming down with a winter cold.

2. Gobble some garlic

Long used as a traditional home remedy for its antiviral prowess, garlic can help you get a cold. Plus, it boosts beneficial bacteria in the gut, and influences how the body stores up fat, due to a ton of prebiotic fiber within. Top your hot oats with Greek yogurt for more probiotic goodness, plus a touch of natural sweetness with banana or apple slices, honey or real maple syrup. 3. Swiss Chard Did you know that Swiss Chard is the official green of the season? It’s chalk full of the nutrient duo, calcium and magnesium. While calcium and magnesium are linked to helping keep bones strong, these two super nutrients also work to help satiate appetite. That means after a side of Swiss chard you’ll be less likely to haul out a bag of chips to munch on after dinner. Butternut Squash! The squashes get a lot of attention in fall, but butternut squash is one veggie that you can continue to find in droves at the local market, even in winter. Plus, the sweet and earthy flavor of butternut squash makes it the perfect addition to cold-weather soups, casseroles, and even chili. Butternut squash is good for you! You can also simply cut a butternut squash in half and roast it with a bit of olive oil. 6. 8 to 10 mini cabbages.

Winter Foods for Weight Loss

Yum! Winter squashes like this one help protect immune health (and lower your chances of falling ill) with decent doses of vitamin C and beta-carotene. Plus the fiber within will fill you up on a veggie that is still relatively low in calories (roughly 63-calories per uncooked cup of butternut squash). Brussels Sprouts

You and your family have just found the kiddos to get them to eat just one Brussels sprout. That’s perfectly alright, more for you! Plentiful during the colder months, this cruciferous veggie (it does resemble a baby cabbage) actually contains an impressive bit of protein compared to other “green things” at 6-grams per serving (that’s about 8 to 10 mini cabbages). Plus, Brussels sprouts on your plate will ensure you’re getting enough fiber. And as we’ve already covered fibrous veggies fill you up so you don’t cave to snack cravings during cold winter months. Pomegranates

This luscious crimson fruit is sort of synonymous with winter. You may even have been the recipient of a pome in your Christmas stocking (if Santa deemed you a good boy or girl). But how do you choose to nosh on your pomegranate seeds is another story altogether. I like mine sprinkled on salads or hot oats due to the addictive natural sweetness. Luckily, pome seeds are not only super low in calories, they’re also jam-packed with satiating fiber and magnesium, a key component to resisting the urge for a cold weather binge. Chicken Soup

Come winter, chicken soup is good for the soul, but it’s also beneficial for your waistline too! You can sneak a whole load of vegetables in a broth-based soup to cash in on your daily recommended amounts (i.e., celery, carrots, corn, sweet potatoes, spinach, bell peppers, and more). Broth based soups vs. cream-based soups are typically low in calories so you don’t have to feel guilty about this comfort food. Filled with lean protein (use chicken breast as the meat), this soup will also help boost immunity and ward off winter colds. Sweet Potatoes

After slamming back all of those mashed potatoes between Thanksgiving and New Year’s, your body is probably crying out for a healthier spud. Luckily, sweet potatoes show up their starchy, white counterparts because they weigh in lower on the glycemic index. Not only do sweet potatoes keep blood sugars level during the winter months, they are still packed with equal amounts of satiating fiber as white potatoes, which fills you up. Plus, they’re super versatile, try adding these sweets to winter stews, soups, curries, casseroles and more!
President Putin likely to have a cake walk in the March presidential poll

-Dr. Abdul Ruff Colachal

Russians who had made a Socialist revolution in 1917 for a new communist society for providing the people equality they sought by systemic change and who later in 1990 joined President Michael Gorbachev and Boris Yeltsin to dismantle communist system and erase its legacy and still later in 2000 they elected a former KGB personnel Vladimir Putin as their President, will again go to the polls on 19 March for the country's seventh presidential election and in all likelihood incumbent President Vladimir Putin would get reelected to the Kremlin for a fourth term in office.

The election results would make President Putin the leader with the longest tenure in executive authority of any of the world's major powers.

The Kremlin factions and clans do not approve of the choice of Putin's successor and that would be will be incentivized to consider following the color revolution playbook as a way to offset their rivals begins to increase.

Weak, divided opposition

Like in India, Russian opposition is also split, making Putin's win fairly easy. Indeed, it is fascinating that several of the candidates running in March's election, especially Boris Titov, representing the old "Right Cause" (now the Party of Growth) and to a lesser extent the new face of the Russian Communists, Pavel Grudinin, replacing the old perennial stalwart Gennady Zhuygkanov, do not expect to win election but are using the campaign to push their respective pro-privatization and anti-globalization programs, in an effort to influence the direction the Russian government will take in the coming years.

With Alexei Navalny sidelined after energizing thousands of Russians in towns and cities across the country to protest in recent months, Sobchak could be an alternative opposition voice. In 2012, billionaire Mikhail Prokhorov ran for president. He came nowhere close to victory — finishing third with nearly 8 percent of the vote — but many believed that had never been the point. Prokhorov, they argued, was a spoiler candidate: a tool for Putin to channel anger at the Kremlin into a non-threatening vote.

Since former reality TV star Ksenia Sobchak announced her candidacy for presidency, deciphering her motivations has become a national obsession. She is the daughter of Anatoly Sobchak, the first democratically-elected mayor of Saint Petersburg and a former mentor of President Vladimir Putin. Russian presidential candidate Sobchak is running on an “against all” platform from the Civic Initiative Party in Russia's presidential elections in March.

Sobchak, 35, has a wide-reaching public persona. She is a socialite and former reality TV presenter, turned opposition activist, then opposition journalist and — now — presidential candidate. Her candidacy has come as a shock to many — often referred to as the Russian Paris Hilton, her more than 5 million followers on Instagram are served daily photos of fashion shows, expensive restaurants and far-flung beach holidays.

Ksenia Sobchak's campaign is bringing issues into the public realm — and her ability to pose a question in her capacity as a reporter to Putin at December's marathon press conference and to signal that, even if she is not expected to win, her candidacy is part of the necessary process to consider what happens to Russian politics after Putin retires or departs from this mortal realm.

Many believe Sobchak has been handpicked by the Kremlin to inject vitality in Russia’s presidential elections and bolster turnout on March 18, 2018. Is she just the latest Kremlin stooge? Is she a spoiler candidate — someone co-opted by the Kremlin to split the opposition vote — or will she actually further the opposition’s cause?

As an independent candidate, she would have to gather 300,000 votes in a matter of weeks — a practically insurmountable challenge. Many see that as evidence that Sobchak has been given the Kremlin's assurance she will be allowed to run — a claim she denies.

During a meeting with Vladimir Putin several weeks ago to discuss a documentary about her father, she said, she had told Putin personally about her decision to run. "He said that every person can make their own decision as and take responsibility for them too," she said.

Many say, immediately after the presidential elections, Ksenia Sobchak will disappear from the political arena.

A problem that will not be solved by the March election is the question of Russia's role in the Eurasian region and the world. In the West, there remains the assumption that US foreign-policy problems with Russia are personal: that they stem from Putin.

Russia won’t be able to turn a new leaf in US-Russian relations with a President Navalny, or Sobchak, or even a Titov, not to mention the long-established liberal reformer Grigory Yavlinsky, who has also thrown his hat into the ring.

It goes without saying, however, that a President Grudinin — or a President Maxim Suraykin, who is running under the banner of the neo-Stalinist "Communists of Russia" and released his "Ten Stalinist Strikes on Capitalism and American Imperialism" platform, or the perennial contender Vladimir Zhirinovsky, in for his seventh attempt to become Russia's president — would not be interested in improving relations with Washington.

Most of the candidates have similar views with Putin. A different candidate might terminate the Syria intervention, be more flexible on the Ukraine question, be less confrontational and more accommodative to US demands. But no one stands for Russia giving up its position if not as a super power at least as the regional leader or as one of the great powers who should be consulted on the important matters of the global agenda.

Putin Putin Putin

The current Russian political system was constructed for one person and can only be managed and controlled by one person — Vladimir Putin.

Today, Putin — not Trump - is the most important leader of the world with some amount of dignity, Russians love and respect him and look forward to his forthright actions to weaken the unipolar, dictatorial and fascist mindset of USA.

Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin was born on 7 October 1952 in Leningrad (now Saint Petersburg) in the Soviet Union, served as President of the Russian Federation since 7 May 2012, previously holding the position from 2000 until 2008. He was Prime Minister of the Russian Federation from 1999 until 2000, and again from 2008 until 2012. He studied law at the Saint Petersburg State University, graduating in 1975. Putin was a KGB foreign intelligence officer for 16 years, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel before retiring in 1991 to enter politics in Saint Petersburg. He moved to Moscow in 1996 and joined President Boris Yeltsin’s administration, rising quickly through the ranks and becoming Acting President on 3 December 1999, when Yeltsin resigned. Putin won the subsequent 2000 presidential election by a 53% to 30% margin, thus avoiding a runoff with his Communist Party of the Russian Federation opponent, Gennady Zhugykanov. He was re-elected President in 2004 with 72% of the vote.

In Putin’s first term (2000–2004), he was the emergency man called to take the helm of Russia and stop its slide into catastrophe following the breakup of mighty Soviet Union. The second term was marked by the theme of rebuilding and reconstructing what had been lost during the disasters of the 1990s.

During Vladimir Putin’s first presidency, the Russian economy grew for eight straight years, and GDP measured in purchasing power increased by 72%. The growth was a result of the 2000s commodities boom, high oil prices, and prudent economic and fiscal policies. Because of constitutionally mandated term limits, Putin was ineligible to run for a third consecutive presidential term in 2008. The 2008 presidential election was won by Dmitry Medvedev, Putin became Prime Minister.

In September 2011, after presidential terms were extended from four to six years Putin announced he would seek a third term as president. The election will be held in March 2018, with a term until 2024. Putin has enjoyed high domestic approval ratings during his career (mostly higher than 70%), and received extensive international attention as one of the world’s most powerful leaders.

Putin won the March 2012 presidential election with 64% of the vote. Falling oil prices coupled with international sanctions imposed at the beginning of 2014 after Russia’s annexation of Crimea and military intervention in Eastern Ukraine led to GDP shrinking by 3.7% in 2015, though the Russian economy rebounded in 2016 with 0.3% GDP growth and is officially out of the recession during Putin’s first eight years in office, industry grew substantially, as did production, construction, real incomes, credit, and the middle class. Putin has also been praised for eliminating widespread barter and thus boosting the economy. Inflation and corruption remained a problem however. A fund for oil revenue allowed Russia to repay all of the Soviet Union’s debts by 200.

The goal of Putin’s activity was to create a ruling party, along the lines of the postwar liberal Democrats in Japan that could maintain decades of electoral supremacy, serve as a big-tent grouping allowing for differing factions to exist but remain united in a single political entity, and would develop sustainable mechanisms for leader development and renewal of cadres.

Human rights are of great concern in Russia.

Color revolutions in Europe and elsewhere have not solved any problems and slowly they brought back the old system.

Putin is known for his often tough and sharp language, often alluding to Russian jokes and folk sayings. An Orthodox Christian, Putin is said to attend church services on important dates and holidays on a regular basis and has had a long history of encouraging the construction and restoration of thousands of churches in the region.

In 2014, he was reportedly nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize. In 1980, Putin met his future wife, Lyudmila, who was working as a flight attendant at the time. The couple married in 1983 and had two daughters: Maria, born in 1985, and Yekaterina, born in 1986. In early June 2013, after nearly 30 years of marriage, Russia’s first couple announced that they were getting a divorce, providing little explanation for the decision, but assuring that they came to it mutually and amicably.

So, on March 19, 2018 when Russians voters queue up for voting, nothing will have changed and nothing is going to change even after that date. But the looming problems that the election will not solve will still be there.
The month of February is pleasant and is perfect to visit any region in India. During this period the climate of India remains neither too cold nor too hot. Thus, it makes the journey joyful and comfortable. If you are thinking to take a break from your busy schedule and spend some quality time in India then the season of spring or February would be the best time to be in some of these top places mentioned below.

1. Kaziranga National Park
   Kaziranga National Park is famous world-wide for sheltering one-horned rhinoceros. Kaziranga National Park houses about two-thirds of the world’s one-horned rhinoceros population. It is a perfect place for Wildlife enthusiasts as they can find other animals such as tigers, wild water buffalo, elephants and swamp deer. Kaziranga is an excellent place to spend time in India during February.

2. Thekkady
   Nature & wildlife lovers, peace seekers and photographers must visit Thekkady once in their lifetime to experience the mesmerizing natural beauty and varied species of wildlife. This place with picturesque landscapes can also make a perfect destination for family trips. You can visit Periyar National Park, which is the biggest Tiger Reserve in India. It is considered as one of the best places to be visited in February. Not only tigers, the reserve shelters other species such as Sambar, Deer, Nilgiri Langurs, Elephants, etc. Another activity is in your list i.e. unique bamboo rafting in Periyar River. Besides watching wildlife, you can also carry out adventurous activities like Border Hiking and Bamboo Rafting. Therefore, plan a trip to Thekkady in Kerala this February as the weather remains pleasant at this time and it starts getting warmer after this.

3. Bir
   Bir which is located in Himachal Pradesh is one of the frequented places in India during the month of February. Adventurous souls can visit this place as it offers wide scope to carry out various activities like paragliding and trekking. It is known for hosting the annual World Paragliding Championship. The picturesque landscape of Bir draws travelers from across the world to spend time in this place.

4. Yercaud
   Yercaud is a hill station in Tamil Nadu known as the ‘Bengaluru of the Nilgiris’. It is a perfect place to spend time in India in February. Adventurous souls can spend quality time and enjoys the lush green flora while trekking. It is one of the best places to visit in February. Yercaud is a beautiful hill station located in the Salem District of Tamil Nadu, India. It is an economical version of Ooty nestled in the Eastern Ghats. It is one of the best places to visit in the month of February. One can find lush forests, sprawling coffee plantations and water in abundance that adds to the beauty of the place. Yercaud is a peaceful and tranquil place, which is perfect for nature enthusiasts. Even the adventurous people may visit this place for trekking.

5. Jaisalmer
   One of the most frequented places in India among tourists is Jaisalmer. It is one of the best places to visit in February. Jaisalmer is an ideal place for desert safari enthusiasts and adventure seekers. This colorful city is located near the border of Pakistan which has the renowned Rajputana havells. Jaisalmer fort, popularly known as Sonar Quila is located at Jaisalmer. The city has earned the title of ‘Golden City’ because of the Sandstone architecture that provides a golden hue to the city.

6. Agra
   Agra is one of the major cities thronged by numerous visitors every year. It was once the capital of the Mughals and has many splendid architectural structures. Popular for one of the Seven Wonders of the World, Taj Mahal, the city boosts tourism in India. February will be a perfect time to visit Agra, as one can be a part of Taj Mahotsav that takes place in the month of February. This 10 day festival of music & dance, art & crafts and cuisines will make your trip memorable. 7. Goa
   Though Goa can be visited throughout the year and receives tourists in large number from all across the globe. It has been famous all over the world as a beach spot. It is also popular for its amazing nightlife, architectural churches and adventurous sports. The Canacona Taluk in Goa is known for its beautiful Kuskem waterfalls, which remains at its best during the monsoon and winter. The Southern Goa is famous for one of the most scenic beaches and for viewing animals & birds. Therefore, you can have a pleasant winter vacation on the sunny beaches of Goa.

**VALENTINE’S DAY 14 FEBRUARY**

What is Valentine’s Day? St Valentine’s Day is an annual festival to celebrate romantic love, friendship and admiration. Every year on 14 February people celebrate this day by sending messages of love and affection to partners, family and friends. Couples send Valentine’s Day cards and flowers and spend special time together to honour their love for each other.

The Early History of Valentine’s Day

Valentine, a Catholic priest who lived in Rome in the 3rd Century. There are many stories about St Valentine and over time these stories grew into the legend we know today.

At the time of Valentine’s life, many Romans were converting to Christianity, but the Emperor Claudius II was a pagan and created strict laws about what Christians were allowed to do. Claudius believed that Roman soldiers should be completely devoted to Rome and therefore passed a law preventing them from marrying. St Valentine began to marry these soldiers in secret Christian ceremonies and this was the beginning of his reputation for believing in the importance of love.

Eventually Valentine was found out and jailed for his crimes against Claudius. While imprisoned, Valentine cared for his fellow prisoners and also his jailor’s blind daughter. Legend has it that Valentine cured the girl’s blindness and that his final act before being executed was to write her a love message signed ‘from your Valentine’.

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Raghuram Govinda Rajan (born 3 February 1963) is an Indian economist and an international academic who is the Katherine Dusak Miller Distinguished Service Professor of Finance at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. He served as the 23rd Governor of the Reserve Bank of India between September 2013 and September 2016.[3] Between 2003 and 2006, Rajan was the Chief Economist and Director of Research at the International Monetary Fund.[3] In 2015, during his tenure at the Indian Reserve Bank he also became Vice-Chairman of the Bank’s board of directors. At the Federal Reserve Annual Jackson Hole conference in 2005, Rajan warned about the growing risks in the financial system and proposed policies that would reduce such risks. Former U.S. Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers called the warnings “misguided” and called himself a “luddite.”[6] However, following the 2008 economic crisis, Rajan’s views came to be seen as prescient and he was extensively interviewed for the Oscar-winning documentary Inside Job (2010).

In 2003, Rajan received the inaugural Fischer Black Prize, given every two years by the American Finance Association to the financial economist younger than 40 who has made the most significant contribution to the theory and practice of finance. His book, Fault Lines: How Hidden Fractures Still Threaten the World Economy, won the Financial Times/Goldman Sachs Business Book of the Year award in 2010. In 2016, he was named by Time (magazine) in the list of the ‘100 Most Influential People in the World.’

Early life and education Raghuram Rajan was born on 3 February 1963 in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh[9][10] into a Tamil Brahmin family. He is the third of four children of R Govindarajan, an Indian Police Service officer who topped his 1953 batch. Assigned to the Intelligence Bureau, R Govindarajan, as R Govindarajan, to India in 1966. In 1968 he joined the newly created external intelligence unit of the Intelligence Bureau, Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW) where he served as staff officer under spymaster R. N. Kao and became part of the “Kaboys.” In 1970 he was posted to Sri Lanka, where Raghuram Rajan missed school one year because of political turmoil. After Sri Lanka, R Govindarajan was posted to Belgium where the children attended a French school. In 1974 the family returned to India.[9] Throughout his childhood, Rajan presumed his father to be a diplomat since the family traveled on diplomatic passports.[12] He was a half-term student of Campion School, Bhopal until 1974.

From 1974 to 1980, he attended Delhi Public School, RR Puram,[13][14] In 1981 he enrolled at Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi for a bachelor's degree in Electrical engineering.[15] In the final year of his four-year degree, he headed the Student Affairs Council. He graduated in 1985 and was awarded the Director's Gold Medal as the best all-round student. In 1987, he earned a PostGraduate Diploma in Business Administration from the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad. After graduation, he joined Tata Administrative Services as a management trainee but left after a few months to join the doctoral program in management at the MIT Sloan School of Management.[9][19] In 1991, he received a PhD for his thesis titled Essays on Banking under the supervision of Stewart Myers.Rajan’s research interests were in banking, corporate finance, and economic development, especially the role finance plays in it.

In 1991, Rajan joined the Booth School of Business at the University of Chicago and went on to become a Professor of Finance. In 2003, he taught an MBA course in international corporate finance and a PhD course in the theory of financial decisions.


In 2009, he became a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 2011, he served as President of the American Finance Association. In 2012, he became a member of the Group of Thirty. In September 2013, UPA government had appointed Ra- jan as the 23rd governor of Reserve Bank of India.

Policy Making Raghuram Rajan meeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2014. International Monetary FundFrom October 2003 to December 2006 he served as Chief Economist at the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Reserve Bank of India.On 6 August 2013 it was announced that Rajan would take over as the next Reserve Bank of India Governor for a term of 3 years, succeeding Duvvuri Subbarao.[21] On 5 September 2013 he took charge as the 23rd Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, at which point he took a leave of absence from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. In his first speech as RBI governor, Rajan promised banking reforms and eased curbs on foreign banking, following which the BSE Sensex rose by 333 points or 1.83%. After his first day at office, the rupee rose 2.1% against the US dollar. As Governor of the RBI, Rajan made curbing inflation his primary focus, bringing down retail inflation from 9.8% in September 2013 to 3.78% in July 2015 – the lowest since the 1990s. Wholesale inflation came down from 6.1% in September 2013 to a historic low of -0.45% in July 2015. Under Rajan, the RBI adopted consumer price index (CPI) as the key indicator of inflation, which is the global norm, despite the government recommending otherwise. Foreign exchange reserves of India grew by about 30% to the tune of $380 billion in two years. Under Rajan, the RBI has licensed two universal banks and approved eleven payments banks to extend banking services to the nearly two-thirds of the population who are still deprived of banking facilities.

Economic and political views Rajan advocates giving financial markets a greater role in the economy. In the book Saving Capitalism from the Capitalists: Unleashing the Power of Financial Markets to Create Wealth and Spread Opportunity authored with Luigi Zingales, the two authors argue in favour of deregulated financial markets in all sectors of the economy, not structural or supply-side factors. They argue that the causes of the ongoing economic crisis in the US and Europe in the 2008–2012 period were substantially due to workforce competitiveness issues in the globalisation era, which politicians attempted to “paper-over” with easy credit. He proposed supply-side solutions of a long-term structural or national competitiveness nature: “The in- dustrial countries should treat the crisis as a wake-up call and move to fix all that has been papered over in the last few decades... Rather than attempting to return to their artificially inflated GDP numbers from before the crisis, governments need to address the underlying flaws in their economies. In the United States, that means educating or retraining the workers who are falling behind, encouraging entrepreneurship and innovation, and harnessing the power of the financial sector to do good while preventing it from going off track. In southern Europe, by contrast, it means removing the regulations that protect firms and workers from competition and shrinking the govern- ment’s presence in a number of areas, in the process eliminating unnecessary, unproductive jobs.”

In May 2012, Rajan and Paul Krugman expressed differing views on how to reinvigorate the economies in the US and Europe, with Krugman mentioning Rajan by name in an opinion editorial. This debate occurred against the backdrop of a significant “austerity vs stimulus” debate occurring at the time, with some economists arguing one side or the other or a combination of both strategies.

In an article in Foreign Affairs magazine, Rajan advocated structural or supply-side reforms to improve competitiveness of the workforce to better adapt to globalisation, while also supporting fiscal austerity measures (e.g., raising taxes and cutting spending), although he conceded that austerity could slow economies in the short-run and cause significant “pain” for certain constituencies.[31][35] Krugman rejected this focus on structural reforms combined with fiscal austerity. Instead he advocated traditional Keynesian fiscal (government spending and investment) and monetary stimulus, arguing that the primary factor slowing the developed econo- mies at that time was a general shortfall in demand across all sectors of the economy, not structural or supply-side factors that affected particular sectors.

In 2003, Rajan won the inaugural Fischer Black Prize awarded by the American Finance Association for contributions to the theory and practice of finance by an economist under age 40.[5] In 2010, he was awarded the Clarivate Citation Laureate (2017) award by Euromoney Magazine. In 2014, he was conferred the Best Central Bank Governor for a term of 3 years, succeeding Duvvuri Subbarao. From October 2003 to December 2006 he served as Chief Economist at the International Monetary Fund. He was the 23rd Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, succeeding Duvvuri Subbarao. In September 2013, UPA government had appointed Rajan as the 23rd governor of Reserve Bank of India.

In 2011 he received the Infosys Prize for Social Sciences – Economics for his work in analyzing the contribution of financial development to economic growth, as well as the potentially harmful effects of dysfunctional incentives that lead to excessive risk-taking. In 2013, he was awarded the fifth Deutsche Bank Prize in Financial Economics for his “ground-breaking research work which influenced financial and macro-economic policies around the world.” In 2014, he was conferred the Best Central Bank Governor award by Euromoney Magazine. In 2014 he was conferred the Governor of the Year Award 2014 from London-based financial journal Central Banking/Clarivate Citation Laureate (2017)
The common flu, which is medically known as influenza, is a contagious infection caused by a virus. Like the name suggests, it is a common phenomenon and almost every individual has the flu multiple times through the course of his life. While most bouts of influenza do not last longer than 2 – 3 weeks, if the symptoms persist for longer, the risk of complications such as viral pneumonia and sinus infections increases. Therefore, it is recommended that an individual having the common flu should undertake proper remedial measures immediately. Here are the signs to watch out for that signal the onset of an influenza attack.

1. Fever
Most flu cases begin with the fever that can last anywhere from 4 to 5 days before breaking. As common flu viruses cannot multiply during high temperatures, your body raises the temperature as a defence mechanism, which results in a fever. Although low-grade fever may occur in the case of colds, very high temperatures are characteristic of influenza soaring between 102 – 106 degrees (38 – 39 °C). However, it might be difficult to differentiate common flu and influenza in children, because their body temperatures are on average slightly higher than adults, whether it comes to the flu or a cold.

2. Muscle Pain
One of the reasons why you feel awful when you have the flu is aching muscles. When you move, even the slightest, everything starts hurting. Pay attention to red and swollen joints – if they appear, you should immediately go and see the doctor. Mostly, muscle tenderness would be noticeable in the chest, back, and your legs (especially if the cough is chronic). The reason for aching muscles is busy white blood cells – they are fighting the flu, thus causing your muscles and joints sore. The good news is that all this is temporary, as the flu goes away, your white blood cells will return to their usual job.

3. Fatigue
An intense feeling of weakness and exhaustion is common when a person is suffering from common flu. Fatigue may last several weeks before your return to good health. In the case of influenza virus, expect fatigue and pain in the body. Weakness and exhaustion can last to up to 3 weeks or longer in with elder people, especially if they are suffering from chronic illness or weakened immune system. In the case of colds, fatigue and exhaustion take less time, usually several days. Common flu can drain your body, especially when accompanied by aching joints and a headache.

4. Shortness of Breath
Asthma is common in winter and influenza in children, because their body temperatures are on average slightly higher than adults, whether it comes to the flu or a cold.

5. Breathing Difficulty
Shortness of breath is a common and worrisome symptom of common flu that occurs because of congestion and stuffy nose. The feeling that you can

don’t have enough air to move. This can cause chest congestion and an inability to breathe deeply. This is often called asthma. If you have asthma, you may notice that your chest is tighter and more difficult to breathe.

6. Sneezing
Sneezing is a common symptom of the flu. It is caused by the immune system’s reaction to fight off the flu virus. Sneezing helps to clear mucus from the nose and throat, which can help to prevent the spread of the flu virus.

7. Loss Of Appetite
People with the flu often lose their appetite. They may not feel like eating or may have a decreased appetite.

8. Headache
Headaches are a common symptom of the flu. They can be mild to severe and may be accompanied by a fever.

9. Nasal Congestion
Nasal congestion is a common symptom of the flu. It is caused by the immune system’s reaction to fight off the flu virus. Nasal congestion can make it difficult to breath.

10. Ear Pain
Ear pain is a common symptom of the flu. It can be caused by a sinus infection, which is common in the fall and winter months.

Another option for life-threatening allergic reactions

For some people, many foods, medicines, and bee stings mean life-threatening allergic reactions that require immediate treatment with injectable epinephrine. For many people, January means the start of a new drug deductible to be met. In June 2017 the FDA approved a new form of emergency epinephrine called Symjepi, which may be good news for people who must be prepared in the event of a life-threatening allergic reaction. The seriousness of a severe allergic reaction

Severe allergic reactions affect anywhere from 5% to 70% of persons, depending on age and prior exposure. Anaphylactic or “type 1” (immediate hypersensitivity) reactions are the most severe forms of allergic reaction to a substance: insect venom, foods, or some drugs. People who have had prior exposure to an allergen substance are “sensitized” and when they are re-exposed, can have a reaction within seconds to minutes. Anaphylactic reactions are caused by the release of histamine and other chemicals throughout the body, resulting in leaky blood vessels that contribute to swelling of tissues in the mouth and airway and very low blood pressure. These symptoms can lead to difficulty swallowing and speaking, wheezing and severe shortness of breath, and death. Treating severe allergic reactions

The treatment for severe allergic reactions is the administration of epinephrine (adrenaline) at the first sign of symptoms. Epinephrine is one of the chemicals in the body that raises blood pressure and heart rate. Epinephrine can be administered through an IV in the hospital, but since the 1980s, epinephrine has been available as a pre-filled syringe that can be obtained with a prescription and immediately injected into the thigh muscle when severe allergic symptoms are recognized.

The prevalence of severe allergies has been increasing since 2000. Anaphylaxis to some external chemical or allergen occurs in 2% of the population, and it is estimated that approximately 500 people die from anaphylactic reactions per year in the US. Because of this, more and more people need to have epinephrine available wherever they are (home, school, when traveling). So it is no surprise that the manufacture and marketing of pre-filled epinephrine syringes has been big news in the last two years.

Keeping epinephrine at the ready

Spring-loaded autoinjectors that contain epinephrine have been manufactured by several companies since 1987. In the last 30 years, changes in pharmaceutical companies and patent transfers resulted in a near-monopoly in the production of pre-filled epinephrine products. From 2009 to 2016, one company with a 90% market share dramatically increased the consumer cost for epinephrine injectors, resulting in an investigation and eventual settlement with the US Department of Justice.

Although not a spring-loaded autoinjector, Symjepi consists of two single-dose, pre-filled syringes of epinephrine, for the emergency treatment of anaphylactic and severe allergic reactions in adults. Each pre-filled syringe contains 0.3 mg epinephrine, the recommended initial dose for emergency treatment of anaphylaxis.

At an anticipated lower cost and small size, Symjepi could be an attractive addition to this slice of the pharmaceutical world. In November 2017, the company also submitted a second new drug application to the FDA for a junior version (0.15 mg dose for children between 33 and 65 pounds).

Given the growing prevalence of life-threatening allergies, a new, lower-cost alternative should place the availability of this potentially life-saving drug within greater reach.
Word Search

Valentine  Hugs  Card  Chocolate
Heart     Kisses  Flowers  Gift
Roses     February  Diamond  Suitors
Candy     Lovers    Arrow   Cupid
Romance   Couples   Be Mine  Friendship
Jayaram Jayalalithaa[a] (born Komalavalli; 24 February 1948 – 5 December 2016) was an Indian actress and politician who served six terms as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for over fourteen years between 1991 and 2016. Jayalalithaa first came into prominence as a leading film actress in the mid-1960s. Though she had entered the profession reluctantly, upon the urging of her mother to support the family, Jayalalithaa worked prolifically. She appeared in 140 films between 1961 and 1980, primarily in the Tamil, Telugu and Kannada languages.

Jayalalithaa gained the role of the queen of Tamil cinema. She became very busy in films. It was during this period that she first worked with director Shankar Giri, the son of the former Indian President V. V. Giri, saw her small role in the English play Tea Houses of August Moon and was impressed. Shankar Giri approached her mother Sandhya and said that he wanted to cast her daughter in an English film called The Epistle. Sandhya reluctantly agreed, with the condition that shooting should be held only during weekends or school holidays.

Sandhya had acted in the 1964 Tamil film Karnam, produced and directed by Kannada filmmaker B. R. Panthulu. Jayalalitha accompanied her mother to a party related to the film and was spot- ted by Panthulu, who then decided to cast her opposite Kalyankumar in the Kannada movie Chinnada Gombe. He promised to finish all shooting within two months in order not to interfere with her education. Since Jayalalitha would be studying for her PUC in two months’ time, Sandhya and Ambujavalli declined the offer for the role as her pet dogs. But after death of Julie, a spirit, in 1998, she could not bear the loss of her pet dogs and hence discontinued keeping pet dogs at her home.

Early career: In Chennai, Jayalalitha was trained in Carnatic music, western classical piano and various forms of classical dance, including Bharatanatyan, Kuchipudi, Mohiniyattam, Manipuri and Kathak. She learned Bharatnatyam and dance from K. J. Sarasa. She became an accomplished dancer and gave her debut dance performance at the Rasiya Ranjani Sabha in Mysore in 1960. The Chief Guest at the Arangetram was Shyaji Ganesan, who expressed his wish that Jayalalitha should become a film star in future. While a child, Jayalalitha acted in the Kannada-language film Sri Shaila Mahathme (1961), which had Rajkumar and Krishna Kumari in lead roles. She had been taken to the studio by her mother as she was shooting in the same premises for a different film. While Jayalalitha was watching the shooting, a problem arose as the child actor playing the Goddess Parvathy in a school drama scene in the film failed to show up and the producer Neerlahalli Thalikerappa and director Aroor Pattabhi asked Sandhya if Jayalalitha could be asked to act in the dance sequence. Sandhya agreed and Jayalalitha was swiftly dressed up as Parvathy and the scene was shot. She played Krishna in a three-minute dance sequence held on stage in the Hindi film Mannmaa (1962) and danced with Kumari Naaz, who played Radha. Y. G. Parthasarathy ran the drama troupe United Artistes (UA), which staged English and Tamil plays. Soon, Jayalalitha, while a schoolgirl, began acting in some plays of Parthasarathy and played the character of a salesgirl in the drama. Her performance caused Parthasarathy to make her the lead heroine in a drama named Malathy.

Meanwhile, Jayalalitha continued acting in Parthasarathy's plays. She played the leading role in plays such as Malathy. The Whole Truth and the dance drama Kaveri Thanda Kalai selvi between 1960 and 1966. She made her debut as the lead actress in Kannada films while still in school, age 15, in Chinnada Gombe (1964). She appeared in a dance sequence of a song named "Malligeya Hoovinathana" in the movie Amarashilpi Jakannachari (1964). She made her debut in Tamil theatre in April 1964, when she played a sales girl in the drama named Undersecretary. Parthasarathy and Sandhya were the lead characters, while Jayalalitha and Cho Ramaswamy were paired together and A. R. Srinivasan was also involved. The play was based on the lives of a middle aged couple and Jayalalitha played the role of a salesgirl in the drama. Her performance caused Parthasarathy to make her the lead heroine in a drama named Malathy. Meanwhile, the films she had shot during her vacation in April–May 1964 – Chinnada Gombe and Manushulu Mamathala – became blockbusters. By end of 1965, she had become popular among film producers and directors. She was approached by C. V. Sridhar for her Tamil film debut in 1966, alongside his mother and aunt. She acted in small roles in plays such as Tea House of the August Moon and Undersecretary between 1960-64.

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Jayalalithaa's debut in Tamil cinema was the leading role in Vennira Aadai (1965), directed by C. V. Sridhar. She made her debut in Telugu films as lead actress in Manushulu Mamathala, opposite Akkineni Nageswara Rao. Her last Telugu release was also opposite Akkineni Nageswara Rao in the film Nayakudu Vinayakudu, which was released in 1980. [29] She was the first heroine to appear in skirts in Tamil films. [30] She acted in one Hindi film called Izazat, with Dharmendra as her male costar in 1968. [31] She starred in 28 box-office hits films with M.G. Ramachadran between 1965 and 1973. The first with MGR was B.R. Panthulu's Aayirathil Oruvan in 1965 and their last film together was Pattikattu Ponnaiya in 1973.

Jayalalitha donated gold jewelleries she had to the then Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri during the 1965 Indo-Pak war. She had 11 successful releases in Tamil in 1966. In the opening credits of Arasa Katalai, for the first time, her name was written with the phrase Karavetti Kanni.[32] In 1967, she bought her bungalow Veda Nilayam, in Poes Gardens for ₹1.32 lakh (equivalent to ₹70 lakh or US$97,000 in 2017)

Sandal M. M. A. Chinnavpafi Thevar was on the lookout for a regular heroine for his production after he had a fight with the actress Savithri after the release of Vetaikkaran, and he signed Jayalalitha on in 1965. She became a regular heroine for production house Deva films from 1969. She quoted on M.G. Ramachandran, "He was a very warm and caring kind of a person. And after Mother died, he replaced her in my life. He was everything to me. He was mother, father, brother, friend, philosopher, guide. Everything. He sort of took over my life." In many of her interviews, she often said that she entered films on being asked by her mother and entered politics on request by M.G. Ramachandran.

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Morarji Desai (29 February 1896 – 10 April 1995) was an Indian independence activist and served between 1977 and 1979 as the 4th Prime Minister of India for the government formed by the Janata Party. During his long career in politics, he held several important posts in government such as: Chief Minister of Bombay State, Home Minister, Finance Minister and 2nd Deputy Prime Minister of India. On the international scene, Desai holds international fame for his peace activism and made efforts to initiate peace between two rival South Asian states, Pakistan and India (citation needed). After the 1971 Indo-Pak war, the first nuclear explosion in 1974, Desai helped restore friendly relations with China and Pakistan, and vowed to avoid armed conflict such as Indo-Pakistani war of 1971. He was also accused of scaling down the Indian covert operations agency, the R&AW.

Rising in Congress leadership, as a fierce nationalist with anti-corruption leanings, Desai was at odd with Prime Minister Nehru and his allies, and with Nehru's age and health failing, he was considered as a possible contender for the position of Prime Minister. Outflanked in the leadership contest after Nehru's death in 1964 by the Nehru-van Lal Bahadur Shastri, Desai remained content to build support within the ranks.

In early 1966, the unexpected passing away of Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri after only 18 months in power made Morarji Desai once again a contender for the top position. However, he was defeated by Nehru's daughter, Indira Gandhi, in the Congress party leadership election by a narrow margin. Desai served as Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister of India in the Indira Gandhi government until 1969 when Prime Minister Gandhi took the finance portfolio from him. At the same time, she also nationalized the fourteen largest banks in India. These acts compelled Morarji Desai to resign from the Gandhi cabinet. In the subsequent split of the Congress party, Morarji joined the Indian National Congress (Organisation) faction of the party and Gandhi formed a new faction called Indian National Congress (Ruling). Alternatively, the two factions of Desai and Indira were called Syndicate and Indicate respectively. The 1971 general elections to the Indian parliament were won by Indira Gandhi. In a landslide, Morarji, Desai, however, was elected as a member of the Lok Sabha or lower house of Parliament. Morarji Desai went on indefinite hunger strike on 12 March 1975 to support Nav Nirman movement of Gujarat.

In 1975, Indira Gandhi was convicted of electoral fraud by the Allahabad High Court, after opponents alleged she had used government civil servants and equipment during the campaign for the 1971 General Elections. During the subsequent Emergency rule in 1975–77, in a massive crackdown, Desai and other opposition leaders were jailed by the Indira Gandhi government.

Emergency Wave: The popular anti-corruption movement led by Jayaprakash Narayan and the anti-Emergency wave in 1977 led to the complete routing of the Congress party in Northern India, and a landslide victory for the opposition Janata alliance in the national elections held in March 1977. Morarji Desai was selected by the Janata alliance, later Janata Party as their parliamentary leader, and thus became the first non-Congress Prime Minister of India. Prime Minister of India (1977–79)Main article: Premier-ship of Morarji Desai

Morarji Desai, the third from right, front row with US President Jimmy Carter during his January 1978 visit to India. Desai with Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu in Delhi in May 1978. Desai and Carter in the Oval Office in June 1978. First Term as a Prime MinisteAfter Indira Gandhi decided to lift the Emergency, general elections were held. Janata Party registered a landslide victory in the election and Morarji Desai became the Prime Minister. Desai worked to improve relations with neighbour and arch-rival Pakistan and restored normal relations with China, for the first time since the 1962 war. He communicated with Zia-ul-Haq and established friendly relations. Diplomatic relations were also re-established with China. His government undid many amendments made to the constitution during emergency and made it difficult for any future government to impose a national emergency. However, the Janata Party coalition, was full of personal and policy friction and thus failed to achieve much owing to continuous in-wrangling and much controversy. With no party in leadership of the coalition, rival groups vied to unseat Desai, Controversial trials of prominent Congress leaders, including Lala Lajpat Rai and Madan Mohan Malaviya were institutionalized by the emergency era abuses worsened the fortunes of his administration. First Nuclear Test [Since India’s first nuclear test in 1974, Desai kept India’s nuclear reactors stating “they will never be used for atomic bombs, and I will see to it if I can help it!”]. In 1977, the Carter administration offered to sell India, heavy water and uranium for its nuclear reactors but required American on-site inspection of nuclear materi- als. Desai declined, seeing the American stance as con- tradictory, in light of its own nuclear arsenal. Javed Alam was Pakistan’s PM that time. Decimation of R&AW[edit] Morarji Desai had described the Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW), India’s external intelligence agency, as the praetorian guard of Indira Gandhi and had promised to stop all activities of the R&AW after becoming prime minister. He closed down much of the agency, and reduced its budget and operations, [8] such as closing its Information Division.B. Raman, the former head of the Counter-Terrorism Division of R&AW and noted security analyst, reveals that, in an informal discussion, Morarji Desai indirectly told Pakistan’s Chief Martial Law Ad- minister General Zia ul-Haq that his government was well aware of Pakistan’s nuclear development. Retiremen- tin 1979, Raj Narain and Charan Singh pulled out of the Janata Party, forcing Desai to resign from office and retire from politics at the age of 83. The chief reason for the collapse was the demand by the duo and other left leaning members like Madhu Limaye, Krishan Kant and George Fernandes that no member of the Janata party could simultaneously be a member of an alternative social or political organisation. This attack on “dual membership” was directed specifically at members of the Janata party who had been members of the Jan Sangh’s ideological parent, the Bharatiya Janata Party.

Morarji Desai campaigned for the Janata Party in the 1980 General Election as a senior politician but did not contest the election himself. In retirement, he lived in Mumbai and died on 10 April 1995. When he died, the age of 99, from 13 December 1994, when former French Prime Minister Antoine Pinay died until his own death, Desai was the world’s oldest living former head of state. He was much honoured in his last years as a freedom-fighter of his generation.

Morarji Desai was a strict follower of Mahatma Gandhi’s principles and a moralist. He was a vegetarian “both by birth and by conviction. Social serviceMorarji Desai was a Gandhian follower, social worker, institution builder and a great reformer. He was the Chancellor of Gujarat University, professor at the University of Bombay, and later joined Bai Ava Bai High School, Valsad. After graduating from Wilson College, Mumbai, he joined the civil service in Gujarat. Desai resigned as deputy collector of Godhra in May 1939 after being found guilty of going soft on the VHP. Between 1927–28, Desai, who had been a freedom fighter, joined the Freedom struggle under Mahatma Gandhi and joined the civil disobedience movement against British rule in India. He spent many years in jail during the freedom struggle and owing to his sharp leadership skills and tough spirit, he became a favourite amongst freedom fighters and an important leader of the Indian National Congress in the Gujarat region. When provincial elections were held in 1934 and 1937, Desai was elected and served as the Revenue Minister and Home Minister of the Bombay Presidency.

In government Chief Minister of Bombay and Partition of two state Morarji Desai in 1937, as Congress Home Minis- ter of Bombay Presidency Before the independence of India, he became Bombay’s Home Minister and later was elected as Chief Minister of Bombay State in 1952. The state was a bi-lingual state, home to Gujarati-speaking and Marathi-speaking people. Since 1956, activist organization Samyukta Maharashtra Samiti led a movement for a Marathi-only speaking state of Maharashtra. A staunch nationalist himself, Morarji Desai was opposed to such movements, including the Mahagujarat Movement led by Indulal Yagnik demanding a new state called Mehsana. It is alleged that under Gandhi’s sentence, Desai met a group of politicians (as coined by earlier Koli inhabitants), be made into a union territory or a separate develop- ment region to suit its cosmopolitan nature, due to its long-settled citizens from diverse settings across various linguistic, cultural, and religious backgrounds spanning several generations. In opposition to his alleged Gandhian thoughts, Desai ordered police to fire on demonstrators of the Mumbai-ut Samyukta Maharashtra Samiti at Flora Fountain who had gathered there to demonstrate against government. The protesters were led by Senapati Bapat, a bishop who was killed 105 protesters including an eleven-year-old girl during the incident. This escalated the issue and is believed to have forced the Federal Government to agree to two separate states based on language. After the formation of the present State of Maharashtra, Bombay, now Mumbai became its state capital. Flora Fountain “Hutatma Chowk” (‘Martyrs’ Square’ in Marathi) to honour the 105 people killed in the firing. Later Desai moved to Delhi when he was inducted as Home Minister in the cabinet of Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. Home Minister, Desai outlawed any portrayals of indecency (which included “kissing” scenes) in films and theatrical productions. Being a staunch Gandhian, Desai was socially conservative, pro-business, and in favour of free enterprise systems, as opposed to Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru’s socialistic policies.
Jagjit Singh, born Jagmohan Singh Dhiman (8 February 1941 – 10 October 2011), was an Indian ghazal singer, composer and musician. Known as the “Ghazal King”, he gained acclaim together with his wife, another renowned Indian ghazal singer Chitra Singh in the 1970s and 1980s. Their combination album comprising music from the films, Arth and Saath Saath is the HMV’s largest selling combination album of all time.[citation needed] Saajda (An Offering, 1991), Jagjit Singh’s magnum opus double album with Lata Mangeshkar holds the same record in non-fiction albums. Singh was regarded as one of India’s most influential artists. With sitar legend Ravi Shankar, he recorded songs released in India. He was regarded as genre-defining. He is the only composer whose music has been regarded as one of the finest. He collaborated with Lata Mangeshkar on the album titled Saajda, an Urdu word meaning “prostration.” Singh’s work in film[9] encompassed playback singing for productions such as Arth, Saath Saath and Premgeet. He composed all of the songs for the latter, as well as for the TV serial Mirza Ghalib that was based on the life of the eponymous poet, Mirza Ghalib.[citation needed]

On 10 May 2007, in the presence of numerous political and diplomatic luminaries at an event held in the Central Hall of the Parliament of India, Jagjit Singh rendered Bahadur Shah Zafar’s famous ghazal Latga nahin hai dil mera to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Indian Rebellion of 1857. In 1990, Vivek (Jagjit Singh and Chitra’s son) died in a road accident at the age of 20. This affected by the death of Vivek. The Guardian notes that he “suffered from depression and his anguish was often evident in his live performances.” Aside from occupying himself with solo projects, he performed in several languages,[7] he collaborated with Lata Mangeshkar on an album titled Saajda, an Urdu word meaning “prostration.” Singh’s work in film[9] encompassed playback singing for productions such as Arth, Saath Saath and Premgeet. He composed all of the songs for the latter, as well as for the TV serial Mirza Ghalib that was based on the life of the eponymous poet, Mirza Ghalib.[citation needed]

Death Singh toured the UK in 2011 and was due to perform with Gulham Ali in Mumbai.[5] but suffered a brain haemorrhage on 23 September 2011. He was in a coma for over two weeks and died on 10 October at Lilavati Hospital, in Mumbai. He was cremated the following day at Juhu crematorium near Marine Lines in Mumbai. A number of tributes have been paid to Singh after his death some tried to cash in on his popularity, which was criticised by his wife.

Legacy A biography of Singh, entitled Beyond Time based on about 40 hours of interviews with him, was released in 2011. The book was transcribed and edited by Ashrani Mathur.

The film directed by Brahmanand S. Singh is currently available on Amazon Prime Video in India. It is expected to see worldwide release soon.

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Get ready for some ‘madness’ because your favourite stars Karan Johar, Sonakshi Sinha and Diljit Dosanjh are all set for Welcome To New York. Yes, that’s the title of their new film. On Thursday, the makers of the film revealed the first poster of their upcoming film Welcome To New York. The poster, which looks quite cool, features the lead actors of the film such as Karan Johar (Yes, he will also star in the film), Riteish Deshmukh, Sonakshi Sinha, Roman Irani, Lara Dutta and Rana Daggubati.

With the film’s first poster, the makers also revealed that Welcome To New York will be India’s first comedy in 3D. The film will hit the theatres on February 23rd.

Here’s the first poster of Welcome To New York, shared by trade analyst Taran Adarsh.

Not only the poster, the makers also shared a ‘leaked’ video chat of the star cast of the film. The video is about a phone call between Diljit and Sonakshi that later turns into a conference call with the other actors joining in, all saying ‘meri film hai.’ The video also gives us a hint that Salman Khan might also make an appearance in Welcome To New York.

Actor Manoj Bajpayee, who is all excited over his forthcoming film ‘Ayiyaari,’ says that it is definitely going to be one of the best films of his career. Present at the trailer launch of ‘Ayiyaari’ Manoj, who was asked to share his experience of working with Neeraj Pandey with whom he has done films like ‘Special 26’ and ‘Baby,’ praised his director, saying he was sick during shooting, “but still he kept the team together and kept the spirit really high all the time”.

“It made the entire difficult task look so easy. We shot the film in different locations and they have their own challenges apart from our director not feeling well. But the result we saw during dubbing is amazing and I feel so proud of this film. This is definitely going to be one of the best film of my career,” said Manoj.

The entire team of the film including Sidharth Malhotra, Neeraj Pandey and Pooja Chopra were present at the trailer launch.

Pandey, asked if he ever thought about making ‘Ayiyaari’ a part of the ‘Baby’ franchise since the films seem to have a similar backdrop from the trailer, said: “Not at all. These are completely different films actually. ‘Baby’ was an espionage action-thriller and ‘Ayiyaari,’ in my opinion, is a drama thriller.”

Performing in the film along with many veterans like Anupam Kher, Naseeruddin Shah, and Manoj, Sidharth, when asked if he felt any pressure to perform, said, “More than pressure I was more excited to share the screen with so many actors I admire. Even the director... I have been a big fan of his work.”

“I think there was an excitement to be in the same frame and do such work with Manoj sir who is dramatic and the whole film is based on a relationship between these two character they share,” he added.

The trailer of Rani Mukerji’s new film Hichki is unique, funny and has a message on the education system. Rani plays Naina Mathur, who believes that she was “born to be a teacher” - only she has a speech defect because of Tourette syndrome, which makes her an oddball teacher. She is given a class of students, who are also oddballs - 14 students from lower income group enrolled in an “elite school, thanks to Right to Education.” Irrespective of her mood - happy, angry or even when she is addressing a serious matter - Naina involuntarily makes a sound “chuck-chuck,” which her colleagues and of course, students, find funny. There’s also a hint of ER Brathwaite’s To Sir, With Love.
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इस नहा पंक्ति गोंडले से निकला उठने हर अलम बाल देता उपर तारीह और आगे झूल भरा हर तकि सम नाह हर तिहा ही दिने कुछ अर्हि आवश्यक न हो रहा उसकी बाहर उसकी मीठी उसकी भातिदेता उस पत्र की पाठिश के तभि कुल बुद्धा

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राम नगर बिहत हो मधुर बिहत है। राम नगर कहते ही मन भाषा की अलम शारीरिक मिलनी है। इसी ही अलम भाषा में अब भी लोग अबस में मिलते है तो यह कहते है - राम राम जी। अब एक दुरार से निकल ले है की कहते है - राम राम - अब चलता है। राम के पीछे भी भाषा है यह है यह है की उनकी हम सब का किशोर रति। निभाते हुए भी और निभाते देख हुए।

तुम्हारा दस जो निवासिय ग्रंथ भाषा मानक के बालक में हेकी अभिवेदन आया है:

"भयंकर अनन्त अलास्क - नाम ज्ञात मंगल दिति दहार्न"।

"पुराने सो मान मूल मानता - क्यों नहीं ल्यातिहारा। माता।"

इसका शोध लोगी आई है - क्वरी की पारंपरिक भाषा (भाषा) से हो ती निकल निर्देश भाषा भाषा (भाषा) से हो ती निर्देश भाषा से राम राम का विस्तार करना है। तो है उस पर यानी का हमारा अवश्य हुआ की भी हो। ऐसा विद्वान जो राम नाम बिखरने करता है, तस्वीर निर्देशी के चरण में अपना मामला देखता है, किसी जागरूक का हमारा साधन भी है।

कभी राम का कभी अपना उपक्रम है। कभी नीति का बिखरने से हुआ होता है। आप सामने की राम चरित मानस कार्यकर्ता एक अत्यन्त प्रायोजनीय छठा भाषा के समान का - अपनी राम नाम राम
Ghazals compiled by Janab Hasan Chishti Sb
Chicago

Hajiyya's Ghazal

By a favor of his father, {
He was raised as his son:}

This child is one of his sons,
And has been given the gift of speech.

His father taught him the art of speaking,
And his mother taught him the art of writing.

He has become a scholar in all branches of knowledge,
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HR: “This is your revised salary. We recommend you keep it confidential.”

Employee: “Don’t worry. I’m equally ashamed of it.”

Two young boys were out playing. One of them was showing off his new water pistol.

“Tell your mom you want one of these too. Then we can shoot water at each other!” he exclaimed.

“I don’t think so,” said the other boy. “My mom says we have hard water!”

A football coach walked into the locker room before a big game, looked over to his star player and said, “I’m not supposed to let you play since you failed math, but we really need you in there. So, what I have to do is ask you a math question, and if you get it right, you can play.”

The player agreed, so the coach looked into his eyes intently and asked, “Okay, now concentrate hard and tell me the answer to this... What is two plus two?”

The player thought for a moment and then answered, “Four!”

Suddenly, all the other players on the team began screaming, “Come on coach, give him another chance!”

“Did you say four?” the coach exclaimed, excited that he had given the right answer.

A husband comes in from the garage. His wife asks, “What’s wrong?”

He replies, “I lost something. I thought I had put it somewhere safe in the garage.”

“How many safe places are there in the garage?” she asks.

“Clearly one more than I can remember.”

“What would you like for your birthday?”

“Nothing would make me happier than a guitar!”

“Great, I’ll get you nothing then.”

Billy Brown decided it was time to buy a new house, so he decided to sell his old house and put the matter in a real estate agent’s hands.

The agent wrote up a sales blurb for the house that made wonderful reading. After Bill read it, he turned to the agent and asked, “Does my house have everything your ad says it does?”

The agent said, “It certainly does. Why do you ask?”

Bill replied, “Cancel the sale. It’s exactly what I’m looking for!”

A woman reported the disappearance of her husband to the police.

The officer looked at the guy’s photograph, questioned her, and then asked if she wanted to give her husband any message if they found him.

“Y es,” she replied. “Please tell him Mother didn’t come after all.”

Two guys on a double bike where pedaling up a hill. It took forever to get to the top. When they finally got to the top the first guy said in a pant, “Whew, that was so hard.”

The second replied, “Yeah, good thing I was pushing the brakes the whole time or we would have rolled down backwards.”

“Darling,” said the young man to his new bride. “Now that we are married, do you think you will be able to live on my modest income?”

“Of course, dearest, no trouble,” she answered. “But what will you live on?”

A little boy returned from the grocery store with his mom. While his mom put away the groceries, the little boy opened his box of animal crackers and spread them all over the kitchen table.

“What are you doing?” asked his mom.

“The box says you shouldn’t eat them if the seal is broken,” said the little boy. “I’m looking for the seal.”

I was playing badminton.

So I took some classes and they are paying off.

Now, I play goodminton.

“Great, I’ll get you nothing then.”