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Pakistan inflation rockets to record 37.97 percent

Pakistan's year-on-year inflation hit a record 37.97 percent in May, official data revealed, with the nation on the brink of economic collapse and crucial bailout talks stalled.

Non-perishable foods and transport costs climbed more than 50 percent over May 2022, while average inflation for the past 12 months was 29.16 percent, the latest Pakistan Bureau of Statistics data showed.

"This level of inflation badly affects poor and middle-class families of the country, whose income is evaporating with each percentage point," said Mohammad Sohail, a financier in Karachi.

Years of financial mismanagement have pushed Pakistan's economy to the limit, exacerbated by a global energy crisis and devastating floods that submerged a third of the country in 2022.

A political crisis has added another layer of uncertainty -- with opposition leader Imran Khan's brief arrest last month sparking deadly street violence and a days-long state-ordered mobile internet blackout.

In the background, negotiations to unlock a crucial tranche of a \$6.5 billion loan deal agreed with the International Monetary Fund have been deadlocked for months.

Pakistan needs billions of dollars in financing to service staggering levels of external debt, and foreign exchange reserves have dwindled to just \$4.2 billion, barely enough for a month of imports.

Elections are due no later than October, and the government has already bowed to IMF demands to end popular subsidies on gas and electricity which cushioned the cost-of-living crisis.

"Everyone is worried," said 42-year-old Muhammad Safeer in an Islamabad bazaar. "Where will we get the money from? Personal debt can only go up."

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's government is due to present its annual budget next week, and the nation has already downgraded its growth forecast for the year ending June 30 from five percent to 0.3 percent.

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Tipu Sultan's sword sold for 14 million pounds at London auction

Tipu Sultan's sword was sold for 14 million pounds at an auction in London. It was created by Mughal swordsmiths using a German blade design.

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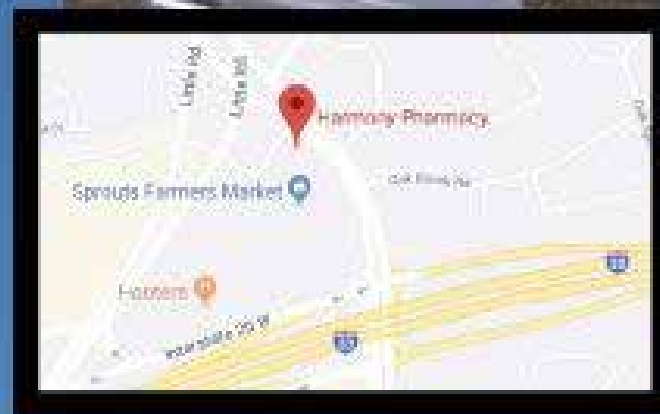
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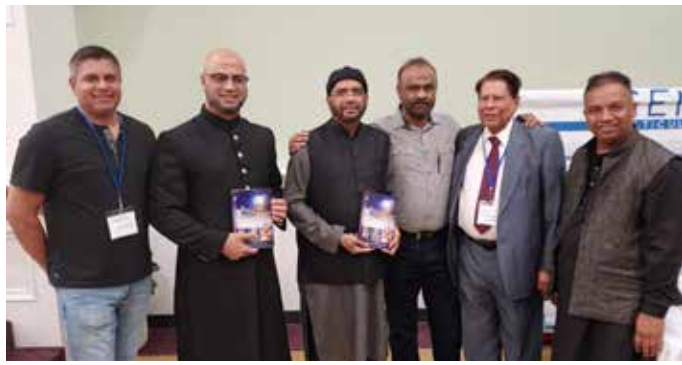
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“Al-Noor International Texas has presented a unique program in Dallas, Texas on Friday, May 12th, 2023. This is the first time an organization has recognized and presented awards to twelve individuals for their lifetime work. The awards were given to Indians, Pakistanis, Christians, Muslims, Hindus, and Sikhs for their work as an artist, poet, philanthropist, scientist, and community leaders. This was a good example of interfaith and intercommunity celebration.

Dr. Basheer Ahmed from Hyderabad, India, a prominent community leader, was recognized and received a lifetime achievement award in appreciation of his outstanding contributions and excellent service for the Asian community and Urdu.”

Dr. Basheer Ahmed Sahab was recognized for his remarkable philanthropic efforts and his contributions in motivating young individuals to excel in their communities, awarding him with the title of “Roshan Chiragh.” This honor acknowledges his dedication to charitable causes and his efforts to inspire and empower the youth to make a positive impact in society. He has recently wrote a book “ The Rise and Fall of Muslim Civilization” which received the prestigious “The Next Generation Indie Book Awards”.



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Abdur Rauf Khan received prestigious Presidential Life Time Achievement Award from the US President Joe Biden. Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee and Consul General of Pakistan are presenting it in an Eid Millan gathering at Stafford Center Missouri City Texas.



From Left: MJCET Engineering classmates Azeem A. Quadeer, P.E., CEO Asia Times US, Engr Mohammed Naseeruddin (visiting from Hyderabad to attend son's graduation in Chicago) Syed Afsar, P.E. President GeoScience Dallas, Also seen in the picture Dr. Habeeb ur Rahman Mohammed and Mohammed Ameenuddin (recent MS graduate)

3 North Texas spelling bee contestants advance to quarterfinals

Sriya Gomatam is a 13-year-old 7th grader who attends Coppell Middle School North. She loves reading, solving puzzles, and crafting, according to her bio on the spelling bee website. Faizan Zaki is an 11-year-old in the 5th grade at Skaggs Elementary School in Plano. He reportedly has a variety of interests and talents including coding, speed stacking, and solving Rubik's cubes. This is his second time in the competition.

Brihasa Vedura is 10 and attends 5th grade at Bear Creek Intermediate School in Keller. She enjoys traveling, reading, drawing, clay modeling, and reportedly composes her own music on the piano.

A panel of 21 people including five former champions plucked a long list of words hoping to challenge the young minds. Fox4News



Sriya Gomatam



Faizan Zaki



Brihasa Vedura

Muslim community of city of Parker, TX

came together on May 7th, 2023 to celebrate their first Eid Milan event.

City of Parker with its unique country living has attracted many muslims, resulting in a significant growth in the city's muslim population. About 80 families with about 120 members attended this event. This event was hosted at Pearl banquet in Plano. The event started with Quran recitation, followed by Raffle, prizes and a sumptuous lunch. Several kid's activities were held and winners received gift cards.



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- Mr Rajput an Asian Indian Community Leader bagged a greatest award of his life when he was nominated by the Illinois Governor Honorable JB Pritzker, however due to Illinois assembly being in session, the Governor assigned Illinois State Secretary Honorable Micheal Frerichs who presented the Governor's award to Mr Rajput for his long time services and leadership to Asian Indian Community

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Mohammed Azharuddin former cricket captain of india , at Bar B Q Grill of Moiz



Overseas Congress USA celebrates Karnataka state congress victory with Sam Pitroda Global Chairman of overseas congress & Mohammad Azharuddin at Stone Gate Banquets in Hoffman Estate, Illinois.



Trip to Kawaii , Hawaii with family.



Mohammed Azharuddin with Mansoor Lakhani owner of Holiday Inn group of Hotels



Overseas Congress USA celebrated Karnataka state congress victory with Sam Pitroda, Global Chairman of overseas congress & Mohammad Azharuddin at Stone Gate Banquets in Hoffman Estate, Illinois.





Shakeel Ullah Khan with friends at his neice's wedding



Mohammed Hafeez and Mohammed Azaruddin

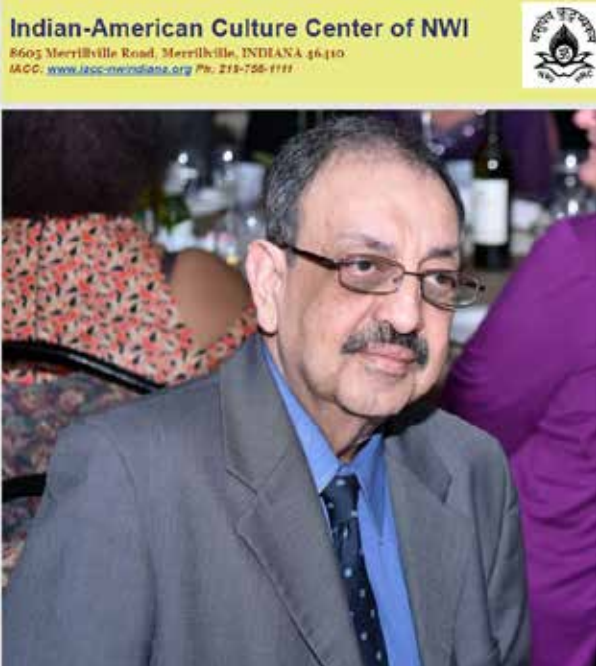


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Pakistani American Physician Dr. Tariq Butt Receives The Lifetime Achievement Award at Indian American Medical Association



Shri. Kewmars Noshir Bamboat

Kewmars Noshir Bamboat, age 69, of Munster, IN, passed away on Saturday, May 8, 2023 after battling pancreatic cancer for the last year. Kewmars was born in Bombay and attended St. Xavier's High School and HR College of Commerce and Economics in Bombay. Kewmars was married to his loving wife, Tanaz, for 44 years. He is survived by her, his beloved children Jennifer Shah (Birav) and Darius Bamboat (Khushnaz), precious three grandchildren Sofia, Dilan, and Cyrus, and his sister Firoza Bilmoria (Yaz) and family. Kewmars was known in the community as a very caring and successful financial advisor as well as a trusted friend. He will be missed by many. He is preceded in death by his parents Noshir and Meher Bamboat. A public memorial/funeral service will be held on Tuesday, May 9 2023 between 3:00-5:00 PM followed by a private cremation(ONLY for immediate family) at Solan Pruzin Funeral Home located at 14 Kennedy Avenue in Schererville, IN

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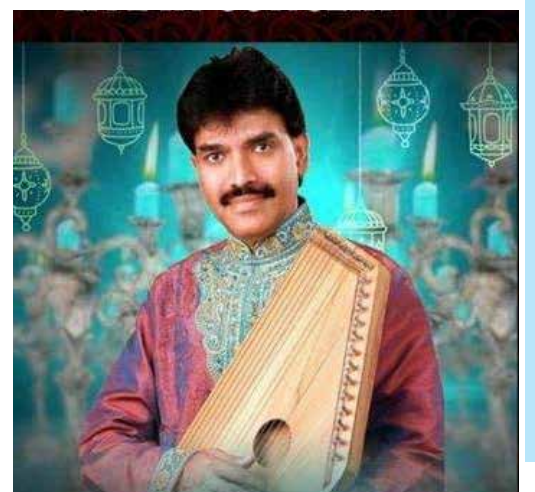
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Farah Laman took oath as Hawthorn Village board Trustee



Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has stretched his rule into a third decade

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has stretched his rule into a third decade after Sunday's presidential election victory. His achievement, however, fell short of the city of Istanbul – a strategic and personal crown jewel the leader is determined to take back in 10 months' time.

Speaking on top of a campaign bus outside his Istanbul residence on Sunday, Erdogan sang to a crowd of cheering supporters and declared his next step – to take back the city in the March 2024 municipal elections.

“Now we have 2024 ahead of us,” Erdogan said. “You understand what I am saying, don't you? Are you ready to win both Uskudar (a large district in Istanbul) and Istanbul in the local elections in 2024? Then let's not stop.”

By winning back Istanbul, Erdogan means having it governed by a mayor from his Justice and Development (AK) Party.

Once the capital of the Ottoman Empire, Istanbul is today Turkey's largest and most populous city. It is the country's economic powerhouse and home to nearly 16 million people, a quarter of the Turkish electorate.

The city was for 25 years run by an Islamist -party – first by the Welfare Party, of which Erdogan was a member, and then by the AK Party – until the secular Republican People's Party (CHP) won its mayorship in 2019 under Ekrem Imamoglu. Before beginning his term as prime minister in 2003, Erdogan was himself mayor of Istanbul between 1994 and 1998.

A 52-year-old savvy businessman, Imamoglu is the city's 32nd mayor and ran as a prospective vice president to opposition candidate Kemal Kilicdaroglu in this year's presidential election.

Erdogan in 2019 quickly saw that he was up against a potential winner, said Berk Esen, an assistant professor of political science at Sabanci University in Istanbul.

“Imamoglu was the most formidable politician that the opposition camp has generated over the past two decades,” Esen told CNN, “And him being very charismatic, very young, very energetic, was only a matter of time Imamoglu would defeat Erdogan.”

Speaking Monday, amid celebrations for the 570th anniversary of the city's Ottoman conquest, Imamoglu was keen to remind Erdogan that even though he won the presidential election, he still fell short of victory in his beloved Istanbul.

The opposition beat Erdogan by nearly three points in both Istanbul and Ankara in Sunday's presidential runoff.

“If you've won an election and you're still saying Istanbul's name in your sleep, that's okay. It's fine to dream. But it won't be a reality,” Imamoglu said in a speech during celebrations.

“Neither you nor your fabricated judicial decisions will ever take Istanbul over,” he said, adding that the city “has become an exemplary world capital where all faiths and cultures live together” and it is also the “center of justice, tolerance and respect for the law.”

Analysts said that Erdogan has taken a number of steps since 2019 to sideline Imamoglu, knowing that he would be the opposition's strongest candidate.

A 2021 survey by MetroPoll showed that, if there was a presidential election in which Erdogan and Imamoglu both ran, the latter would win nearly 50% of the votes whereas Erdogan would win close to 39%.

Last year, however, Imamoglu was sentenced to two years, seven months and 15 days in prison and banned from political activity for insulting Turkey's Supreme Electoral Council (YSK). Human Rights Watch had called the sentence “an unjustified and politically calculated assault on Turkey's political opposition in the run up to 2023 elections.”

Imamoglu's lawyers have said they intend to appeal the verdict, but if the decision is upheld then the mayor would not be allowed to participate in public office.

Erdogan “sidelined the one figure who might have been able to beat him, Istanbul Mayor Ekrem Imamoglu,” wrote Soner Cagaptay, senior fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, in Foreign Affairs magazine.

“As a result, Imamoglu had little choice but to stay out of the [presidential] race to avoid triggering a blanket ban that would also oust him from the mayor's office,” Cagaptay said.

It was not the first time Erdogan had cracked down on CHP members.

Last year, Turkey's top court upheld a jail term against Canan Kaftancioglu, who heads CHP's Istanbul branch, on charges of insulting the president.

Esen says that “there is no question” that Erdogan wants to get rid of Imamoglu, but that it remains unclear whether he will do so by trying to appeal to the electorate in the 2024 municipal election, or whether he will “engage in an extra-legal operation to purge Imamoglu, to basically replace him with a state appointee.”

It remains to be seen how Erdogan will take back Turkey's commercial and electoral center. From bringing back the country's quake-stricken south to revitalizing a plummeting economy, the leader still faces substantial challenges.

But the opposition, too, is in a poor shape.

“Following this election defeat, if the opposition parties do not get their house in order and continue to cooperate but in a very rational and a very strategic way, some opposition voters may get disillusioned and turn away from electoral politics completely,” Esen said.

Speaking Tuesday at the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges, Erdogan criticized the opposition's campaign promises, saying they were only made to “get through the elections.”

“You have more than 10 metropolitan mayors, what have they accomplished in Istanbul? In Ankara? In Izmir? Go ahead and prove what they have done,” Erdogan said. “I live in Istanbul and Ankara. I follow Izmir closely.”

Apart from its strategic importance, Istanbul also holds personal value for Erdogan. It is where he was born and where he began his political career and continues to maintain a residence.

Erdogan's Istanbul mayorship “really springboarded him into national prominence,” Esen said. “The statement of ‘whoever wins Istanbul wins Turkey’ is not an exaggeration.”

CNN's Gul Tuysuz in Istanbul contributed to this report



Hamida Banu: The incredible life of India's 'first' woman wrestler

Indian woman wrestler Hamida Banu rose to stardom in the 1940s and 50s, when the sport was still a male bastion. Her spectacular feats and larger-than-life persona brought her global fame - but then she disappeared from the scene. BBC Urdu's Neyaz Farooquee traced Banu's story to find out what happened to the woman whom many call India's first professional woman wrestler.

"Beat me in a bout and I'll marry you."

That was the unusual challenge that Banu - then in her early 30s - issued to male wrestlers in February 1954, according to news reports from the time.

Soon after the announcement, Banu defeated two male wrestling champions - one from Patiala in northern Punjab state and the other from Kolkata (then Calcutta) in the eastern West Bengal state.

In May, she reached Vadodara (then Baroda) in the western state of Gujarat for her third fight of the year.

Banu's visit had the city in a frenzy, recalls Vadodara resident Sudhir Parab, who was a child at the time. Her arrival was advertised through banners and posters on lorries and other vehicles, recalls Mr Parab, who later became a feted kho-kho player.

Mr Parab says Banu was supposed to fight Chhote Gama Pahalwan, a wrestler patronised by the Maharajah of Baroda (wrestlers are often called Pahalwan in Hindi). But he withdrew from the fight at the last minute, saying that he wouldn't fight a woman.

So Banu fought her next challenger, Baba Pahalwan.

"The bout lasted one minute and 34 seconds, when the woman won a fall," the Associated Press reported on 3 May 1954. "And the referee declared Pahalwan out of her wedding range."

A newspaper clip showing a report on Banu's challenge to male wrestlers Hamida Banu presented a challenge: Beat her in a wrestling match and you could marry her. Banu's reputation had been in the making for more than a decade by then. In 1944, Bombay Chronicle newspaper reported

that about 20,000 people came to a stadium in the city to watch a match between Banu and wrestler Goonga Pahalwan.

The fight was cancelled at the last minute after "impossible" demands by Goonga Pahalwan, which included more money and time to prepare for the match. The enraged crowd vandalised the stadium after the fight was cancelled.

By the time Banu arrived in Baroda, she claimed to have won more than 300 matches.

Newspapers called her the "Amazon of Aligarh", after the town in Uttar Pradesh state where she lived. A columnist wrote that one look at Banu was enough to send shivers down one's spine.

Her weight, height, diet all made news. She reportedly weighed 17 stone (108kg) and was 5ft 3in (1.6m) tall. Her daily diet included 5.6 litres of milk, 2.8 litres of soup, 1.8 litres of fruit juice, a fowl, nearly 1kg of mutton and almonds, half a kilo of butter, 6 eggs, two big loaves of bread, and two plates of biryani.

"She sleeps nine hours a day and trains another six," Reuters noted.

A newspaper report on Banu's match against Baba Pahalwan

A 1954 newspaper report on Banu's match against Baba Pahalwan Accounts from Banu's surviving family members suggest that her strength, combined with the conservative attitudes of the time, made her leave her hometown of Mirzapur in Uttar Pradesh for Aligarh. There, she trained under a local wrestler named Salam Pahalwan.

In a 1987 book, author Maheshwar Dayal wrote that Banu's fame attracted people from far and wide as she fought several bouts in Uttar Pradesh and Punjab.

"She used to fight exactly like a male wrestler," he wrote. "However, a few said that Hamida Pahalwan and male wrestlers would make a secret pact, and the opponent would deliberately lose."

Banu also faced challenges from people who were infuriated by her public performances.

In Maharashtra's Pune city, a bout with male wrestler Ramchandra



Salunke had to be cancelled because the local wrestling federation objected, The Times of India reported.

Another time, Banu was booed and stoned by fans after she defeated a male opponent. The police had to step in and control the crowds, according to the newspaper.

In his book Nation At Play: A History of Sport in India, academic Ronojoy Sen examined how Banu's presence complicated the sport.

"The blurring of sports and entertainment in these events is illustrated by the fact that Banu's bout was to be followed by a bout between two wrestlers, one lame and the other blind," he wrote.

Mr Sen writes that Banu complained to Morarji Desai, then chief minister of Maharashtra state, about an unofficial "ban" on her wrestling bouts. Desai responded that the bouts had not been banned on grounds of her gender "but because of several complaints about the promoters, who were apparently putting up 'dummies' to challenge Banu".

Even as men mocked her accomplishments and questioned her credentials, Urdu feminist writer Qurratulain Hyder paints a different picture of Banu. In her short story Daalan Wala, Hyder writes of her domestic helper Faqira going to watch a wrestling

match in Mumbai and returning to say no one had been able to defeat "the lioness".

According to reports, in 1954, Banu defeated Vera Chistilin, known as Russia's "female bear," in less than a minute in a bout in Mumbai. The same year, she announced she would go to Europe to fight wrestlers there.

But not long after these heavily promoted fights, Banu appeared to vanish from the wrestling scene.

Hamida Banu with her family Banu (wearing a pink shirt) with some of her family members This was the point where her life changed, according to accounts from people who knew her.

By then, Banu and Salam Pahalwan had begun travelling regularly between Aligarh, Mumbai, and Kalyan, a town on the outskirts of Mumbai, where they had a dairy business.

Banu's grandson, Feroz Shaikh, says Salam Pahalwan, Banu's coach, did not like the idea of her going to Europe (Mr Shaikh's father was Banu's adopted son).

Sahara, Salam Pahalwan's daughter, says that he had married Banu, whom she considered her stepmother.

But Mr Shaikh, who lived with Banu until her death in 1986, disagrees. "She indeed stayed with

him, but never married him," he says.

"To stop her [from going to Europe], he beat her with sticks, breaking her hands," says Mr Shaikh.

This account is supported by her neighbour Rahil Khan, who says her legs were also fractured in the attack.

"I remember it well," he says. "She was unable to stand. It healed later, but she could not walk properly for years without a lathi [stick]."

Sahara, however, maintains that the relationship was cordial.

Eventually, Salam Pahalwan returned to Aligarh while Banu stayed on in Kalyan. Ms Sahara says Banu visited him once in Aligarh when he was on his deathbed.

Banu made a living from selling milk and renting out some buildings. When she ran out of money, she would sell homemade snacks by the roadside.

"Her last days were difficult," says Mr Shaikh, about the little-known athlete who fought fiercely against the norms of her times.

IPL 2023: Who are India's next cricketing stars?

The Indian Premier League (IPL), apart from being lucrative, has been an excellent platform for uncapped players to fast-track their careers into the international arena. Like past editions, this year too uncapped players have dazzled in the IPL, putting forward their case for a selection in Team India. Sports writer Sattwik Biswal takes a look at five such promising players.

Rinku Singh

Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) finished seventh in IPL 2023 but their campaign was all about Rinku Singh. Each time he walked out to the crease, his team and fans expected him to finish games. He delivered that in some close run chases.



One such memorable game was against the Gujarat Titans. Leg spinner Rashid Khan had dented Kolkata's run-chase with a hat-trick. A win from that position looked far-fetched. But Singh had other plans.

When Kolkata needed 29 from the last over off Yash Dayal, a single off the first ball got Singh back on strike. The left-handed batter then hit five consecutive sixes to pull off a stunning win for Kolkata.

The KKR made the right call by retaining the 25-year-old for 5.5m rupees (\$66,521; £53,709) this season, however, his stocks are bound to rise when the next auction comes around.

In IPL 2022, Singh scored 174 runs from seven matches at an average of 34.8 and his strike-rate was 148.71.

This season, he played every match at the group stage and scored 474 runs at an average of 59.25 with a strike-rate of nearly 150.

He cut his teeth in domestic cricket by playing some 100 matches for Uttar Pradesh. With his stupendous show this season, Singh has definitely made a statement and his claim for a spot in the national side looks promising.

Tilak Varma

Mumbai Indians' Tilak Varma watches the ball after playing a shot



during the IPL match between Royal Challengers Bangalore and Mumbai Indians on April 2

Left-handed batter Tilak Varma, who plays for Hyderabad in domestic cricket, looks good for an India call up. The batting exploits of Tilak Varma this IPL have forced people to take note of his talent.

His reading of the situation and ability to take off from the word go has given solidity to Mumbai Indians' (MI) middle-order.

Despite missing out on the second half of Mumbai's campaign due an injury, Varma scored 274 runs from nine matches at an average of 45.67 and a strike-rate of 158.38.

Bought by the MI for 17m rupees, the left-handed batter, who plays for Hyderabad in domestic cricket, is a strong contender for an India call up.

"I would be very surprised if he does not play T20 cricket for India in the next six to eight months," former player and India coach Ravi Shastri told Star Sports.

"He's got the maturity, he's got the flair. He will make a world of difference to the Indian middle-order."

His Mumbai Indians captain Rohit Sharma also praised the 20-year-old's fearless cricket. "What I like about his game is his approach, he is not afraid," Sharma said.

"He is not playing the bowler, he is playing the ball, which is quite important for someone of his age coming out and playing the way he is."

Yashasvi Jaiswal

Yashasvi Jaiswal moved from Uttar Pradesh to Mumbai at the age of 12 to play cricket. He slept in tents and sold street snacks to earn money. He started at the famous Azad Maidan, a sports ground in the city that is often packed with children playing cricket.

His journey to the top began when he was spotted by a local coach at the grounds.

Yashasvi Jaiswal celebrates after winning the IPL match between Kolkata Knight Riders and Rajasthan Royals on May 11. Yashasvi Jaiswal holds the record for most runs by an uncapped player in an IPL season.



This year, the 21-year-old left-hander has taken this IPL by storm as an opening batsman for the Rajasthan Royals. The team failed to make the playoffs but Jaiswal finished with 625 runs from 14 matches, an average of 48.08 and a strike-rate of 163.61. He struck five 50s and one 100.

Jaiswal now holds the record for most runs by an uncapped player in an IPL season. He's also hit the fastest half-century in IPL history off 13 balls.

Jitesh Sharma

Jitesh Sharma, the wicketkeeper-batsman of Punjab Kings, had an impressive season in 2022. He played 12 matches for the team, scored 234 runs



at an average of 29.25 and a strike-rate of 163.63.

This year, Sharma created excitement with his batting ability while playing down the order. He finished IPL 2023 as the third-highest run-scorer (309 runs) for his team, while playing some crucial knocks.

Jitesh Sharma plays a shot during the IPL match between Punjab Kings and Royal Challengers Bangalore in Mohali on April 20

Jitesh Sharma's consistency and fearless batting had former cricketers backing his inclusion in the Indian team. Before the IPL, Sharma was part of

India's T20 side but didn't get a chance to make his debut.

His consistency and fearless batting has made former cricketers back his inclusion in the Indian team.

Having played more than 60 first-class matches in domestic cricket, the 29-year-old is the only player from the Vidarbha team to score a century in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, India's domestic T20 cricket championship.

He has the right credentials for a national call-up.

Tushar Deshpande

Tushar Deshpande bowls during the IPL Qualifier match between Gujarat Titans and Chennai Super Kings on May 23 in Chennai

Tushar Deshpande has flourished un-



der the astute captaincy of MS Dhoni. The right-arm seamer has come a long way after last year's IPL where he got to play only two matches for Chennai Super Kings (CSK). This edition, Tushar Deshpande formed an effective partnership with Sri Lankan bowler Matheesha Pathirana. Having played all games for the CSK this season, Deshpande has flourished under the astute captaincy of MS Dhoni.

As a bowler he doesn't come across as intimidating or has express pace, but he sticks to his ability and plan. Deshpande didn't have a great start in first few matches - erring in his line and length. But backed by the team management and Dhoni, he bounced back to become CSK's highest wicket-taker.

The 28-year-old is among the top-five wicket-takers in IPL 2023. With the experience of playing domestic cricket and for the Indian team, Deshpande could be an ideal option for the World Cup a few months away.

How to Pay Zakah on Real Estate

How to Pay Zakah on Real Estate

Praise be to Allaah, blessings and peace be upon Prophet Muhammad the noblest of Allaah's creation and upon his family and companions and those who follow him.

It is well-known that real estate nowadays is different from what it was previously, with regard to its popularity and people's interest in it, and there are different situations in which the ruling on zakah differs accordingly.

What is meant by real estate is that which a person may own of land and the structures that may be built on it such as houses, palaces, high-rise buildings, apartments, shops, gas stations, leisure facilities and so on.

To discuss the matter of zakah on real estate in more detail, we may note the following:

Is real estate wealth?

The general principle concerning this matter is that real estate is not wealth that is subject to zakah; therefore, the basic guideline is that zakah is not due on it unless it is for trade.

When is zakah on real estate due?

With regard to real estate that a person acquires for his accommodation or for any personal use, such as storage and the like, no zakah is due on it, according to scholarly consensus.

That is because in this case real estate is regarded as personal property, and no zakah is due on personal property, according to consensus.

Regardless of whether the intention of keeping it as personal property was present at the time of purchase, or it came about after that, merely having the intention to keep the real estate for personal use puts it under the heading of wealth that is not subject to zakah, even if it is kept for many years, so long as the owner's intention does not change.

Is agricultural land subject to zakah? Agricultural land is not subject to zakah; rather zakah is to be paid on the crops and fruits only.

But if a person buys land in order to trade it, and he cultivates it until he sells it, so the palm trees bear fruit and crops grow and ripen, then he must pay zakah on the fruit and grains, at a rate of one tenth, and he must pay zakah on the value of the land, because they are two different types of dues, which differ in the reasons why they are obligatory; one of them does not cause the other to be waived.

Zakariyya al-Ansari said:

"If he grows crops for personal use on land that is bought for the purpose of trade, then each of them is subject to its own ruling. Zakah on specific crops must be given on the crops that he grows, and zakah on trade goods must be given for the land." (Asna al-Matalib, 1/385)

Is there zakah on real estate acquired for renting?

With regard to real estate that a person acquires for the purpose of making use of it – i.e., by renting it out and benefitting from the income generated thereby – there is no zakah on its value; rather zakah is due on the rent that is collected from it, when one full year has passed.

So with regard to dwellings, storage places, furnished apartments, hotels and high-rise buildings, if they are prepared to be rented out, no zakah is due on these types of real estate according to the majority of scholars, so the owner does not have to work out the value of this real estate every year and pay zakah on it.

Zakah on real estate acquired for trading

With regard to real estate that a person acquires with the intention of trading or selling it, zakah is due on it according to the majority of scholars.

What is meant by having the intention of trading or selling it is that one intends, by taking possession of this real estate, to make money thereby and make a profit on it.

Al-Mirdawi said: "The intention of trading or selling it" means that he aims to make money from it by selling it." (Al-Insaf, 3/154)

However simply wanting to sell does not necessarily make it trade goods, because items may be sold for many purposes or reasons, such as to get rid of the item, or because one no longer has any interest in it, or because of financial difficulty and so on. As for trading, this refers to selling with the aim of making money and making a profit from it.

Shaykh Ibn 'Uthaymin said:

"If a man has land that he bought intending to build on it, then he changes his mind and decides to sell it because he does not need it, or because he has several pieces of land, then he needs money so he decides to sell one of them in order to meet his needs, then he does not have to give zakah for this

or for the others, because his intention is not to sell it for trade in this case. Rather his intention in the first scenario is because he no longer needs it, and in the second scenario he decided to sell it because he needed its value. This is unlike the one who owns trade goods and expects to make a profit on them, so from the outset he only wanted the item to be for trade." (Fath Dhi'l-Jalal, 6/173)

Is there zaka on real estate that is not for trade?

If he buys real estate but does not have any firm intention of wanting it for trade, or he has no specific intention, then it is not subject to zakah.

Al-Qarrafi said: "If he buys it with no particular intention, then it is regarded as being for personal use, because that is what is usually the case." (Adh-Dhakhirah, 3/18)

Shaykh Ibn 'Uthaymin (may Allah have mercy on him) was asked: There is a man who has a piece of land and is not quite sure what to do with it (i.e., his intention is not clear). He does not know whether he is going to sell it, develop it, rent it out, or live on it. Should he pay zakah when one year has passed?

He replied:

"This land is not subject to zakah at all, so long as he has no firm resolve that he bought it for trade. So no zakah is due on it, because he is hesitant, and when there is hesitation, even if it is only one percent, no zakah is due." (Majmu' Fatawa al-'Uthaymin, 18/232)

If he takes possession of the real estate for his personal use and to live there, then he decides to trade it after that, then there is a difference of scholarly opinion as to whether zakah is due in this case. We have previously noted that the view that zakah is due on it is more likely to be correct.

If he acquires the real estate with the intention of trading, then he changes his mind and decides to keep it for personal use or to rent it out, then no zakah is due on it, because the condition of intention is that one should have that intention until one full year has passed. So if he changes his intention before the end of the year, zakah is waived. An-Nawawi said: If he decides to keep for personal use trade goods that are in his possession, they become personal property (and therefore not subject to zakah), according to scholarly consensus." (Al-Majmu', 6/49)

Is there zakah on real estate for personal trade and trading?

If he acquires the real estate for personal use plus trading, or for trading plus personal use, then what matters is what his intention was when he bought that property. Whoever buys any item with the intention of using it himself, and also intends that if he could make a profit on it he will sell it, then no zakah is due on it. But whoever buys an item with the intention of trading it, and uses it for personal benefit whilst he is waiting until he can sell it, then zakah is due on it every year, until it is sold.

Similarly, if he decides to use it and benefit from it for a certain length of time before selling it, then it is subject to the zakah on trade goods, because his initial intention to make use of it is not contrary to its being prepared for trade.

Ruling on zakah on real estate still at the construction stage

If the real estate is still at the construction stage – and it is for trade – then zakah is due on it whether it is offered for sale or will not be sold until after construction is complete. Zakah must be paid on it according to its value in the current situation at the time when zakah becomes due.

In the case of real estate when the owner is waiting for prices to go up, zakah must be paid on it every year according to its value, even if that continues for years.

Buying real estate with the intention of making money on it in the distant future does not mean that zakah on it is waived.

That includes buying land far from the city, waiting for such time as people show interest in it and prices begin to rise. This intention of selling the land in the future makes zakah obligatory, and the fact that the intention is to sell it at a later date has no impact, so long as the land is kept for trade and the aim is to increase one's wealth thereby.

The scholars call such a person "the trader who is biding his time". The most correct scholarly view concerning this case is that of the majority of scholars, which is that zakah due every year.

Ruling on real estate bought for protecting one's wealth

In the case of real estate that is bought with the intention of protecting one's wealth, no zakah is due on it, unless the owner is trying to evade zakah.

Ruling on real estate not taken possession of

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If a person buys real estate for the purpose of trade, but he does not take possession of it until one year has passed since his acquisition of the wealth with which he bought it, then zakah is due on it, because ownership of real estate passes to the purchaser once the contract is done and he is able to take possession of it.

Shaykh Ibn ‘Uthaymin (may Allah have mercy on him) was asked: A man bought some land that was prepared for trade; please note that this man has not taken possession of the land until now, and he has not even taken possession of the title deed. Does he have to pay zakah on it?

He replied:

“Yes, he has to pay zakah on this land, even if he has not taken possession of the title deed, so long as the sale has been concluded and become binding. So, he must give the zakah on trade goods for it, and he should work out its value at the time when zakah becomes due, and give one quarter of one tenth (i.e., 2.5%) of its value.” (Majmu‘ Fatawa wa Rasail al-‘Uthaymin, 18/234)

Is there zakah on mortgage property?

With regard to mortgaged property, zakah must be paid on it if it is prepared for trade.

Shaykh Ibn Baz said:

“If you have prepared it for trade, but it is mortgaged, then you must pay zakah on it. But if it is mortgaged and not prepared for trade; rather it is mortgaged until you pay off what is due to the person with whom it is mortgaged, and once you pay them off you either live in it or rent it out, then it is not subject to zakah.” (Fatawa Nur ‘ala ad-Darb, 15/43)

Zakah on real estate owned by multiple partners

In the case of partners in ownership of real estate, each partner must pay his share of zakah, if it reaches the minimum threshold (nisab), according to the majority of scholars.

Shaykh Bakr Abu Zayd said:

“In order for zakah to be obligatory upon each partner in ownership of real estate, the value of his share of the property must reach the minimum threshold by itself or when added to other wealth of his that is subject to zakah, such as cash or trade goods.” (Fatwa Jami‘ah fi Zakat al-‘Iqar, p. 12)

In the answer to question no. 147855, we explained that the view of the Shafi‘is is that what matters is the total value of the property, not the minimum threshold of each individual. So, if the value of the real estate reaches the minimum threshold, each of them must give zakah, even if his own share does not reach

that threshold.

This was the view adopted by the Islamic Fiqh Council, and Shaykh Ibn ‘Uthaymin was also inclined towards this view.

Is there zakah on real estate endowed for charitable causes?

With regard to real estate that is endowed for charitable causes (i.e., a waqf), such as to benefit the poor, there is no zakah on it, because it is no longer the property of any individual.

Is there zakah on real estate that is not selling?

With regard to zakah being obligatory, there is no differentiation between real estate that sells easily and that for which a buyer cannot be found, so long as it still has value for which it may be sold.

This is the view of the majority of scholars, because the basic reasoning on which the obligation of giving zakah on trade goods is based is the fact that they constitute wealth that is expected to increase, like currency, regardless of whether it actually does increase or not, and regardless of whether a profit is made or a loss is incurred.

The fact that the trade goods are not selling makes no difference with regard to zakah, so long as the items still have a real market value and can be bought and sold.

In Fatawa al-Lajnah ad-Daimah (8/102), it says:

“In the case of land that is offered for sale, zakah is due on it every time one full year passes, because it comes under the heading of trade goods. Its value is to be worked out at the beginning of each new year, and one quarter of one tenth is to be given, regardless of whether it is selling easily or not selling, because of the general meaning of the evidence for zakah being due on anything that has been prepared for sale or trade.” [Ibn Baz, Al ash-Shaykh, al-Fawzan, al-Ghadyyan]

Shaykh ‘Abd ar-Rahman al-Barrak said:

“The fact that real estate is not selling (because of a slump in the market) has no impact and does not mean that zakah is waived; rather the amount of zakah may be reduced, because land that is not selling should be evaluated based on the price that it could be sold for, no matter how little it may be.”

But if the real estate is not selling, to the extent that the owner is offering it for sale but cannot find anyone to buy it from him, then some of the scholars said that he should pay zakah on it for one year when he does sell it.

Ruling on shares in real estate

With regard to shares in real estate, zakah should be paid on them at the same rate as zakah on trade goods, because these real-estate companies buy land for the purpose of trading in it.

When one year has passed since the shareholder bought his shares, he must work out the value of his shares in this company, and pay zakah on them at a rate of one quarter of one tenth.

Ruling on property on which there is a lien
With regard to property on which there is a lien, or real-estate companies that are in turmoil, in which one has shares, no zakah is due on them; they come under the ruling on wealth that is beyond one’s control.

“With regard to land that is designated for public facilities, schools and so on, where the owner is prevented from disposing of it unless the authorities decide that they no longer need it, no zakah is due on it until after the owner becomes able to dispose of it, in which case he should wait to pay zakah on it until one year has passed since he became able to dispose of it.” (al-Masail al-Mustajiddah fi’z-Zakah, p. 87)

The same applies to shares in real-estate companies that are in turmoil, where the reason for turmoil may be because of corruption and cheating on the part of the management of the company, or the reason may be impediments in the rules and regulations laid down by the state, or disputes or liens against that property. Whatever the case, if there are shares in real estate that the owner cannot dispose of, no zakah is due on them.

When should the value of the real estate be worked out?

The value of the real estate should be worked out at the end of the year, based on the market value at year’s end, which may be lower or higher than the original purchase price.

The working out of the year does not begin from the time of purchasing the real estate; rather the year in question is one year from acquisition of the wealth with which the real estate is purchased.

And Allah knows best.

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SAFE DRIVING IN INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS



Inclement weather can pose many hazards and dangerous road conditions for operators. Workers should be aware of impacting weather events and its effects on safely driving and operating vehicles and equipment.

BE PREPARED

CHECK LOCAL FORECAST

Stay caught up on the latest weather conditions for your area. In the event of severe weather, operations may need to be altered to accommodate the changes.

CONDUCT PLAY OF THE DAY

Based on current and future weather conditions, detailed communication in regards to each worker's assigned task, safe routes to take, and specific operations should be discussed in-depth.

PERFORM THOROUGH PM

Check tires, windshield wipers, fluids, lights, and other essential equipment functions that will ensure the vehicle is ready to operate safely and efficiently.

SLOW DOWN

BE DEFENSIVE & OFFENSIVE

Practice safe driving techniques related to defensive driving and Smith System 5 Keys. By using these tools, drivers can remain vigilant in their efforts to arrive safely.

USE SAFE DRIVING TOOLS

Drive with lights on and use warning devices to effectively communicate with other drivers. When pavement is wet, you should decrease speed, turn off cruise control, and increase following distance.

SEEK COVER

With a threat of excessive wind gusts, hail, or even tornadoes, limit driving to an as needed basis. Secure loads, protect vehicles and equipment, and seek shelter when severe weather is near.

STAY FOCUSED

MAINTAIN AWARENESS

Situational awareness will be essential during inclement weather. Pay careful attention to weather, roadway, and traffic conditions as they may change abruptly.

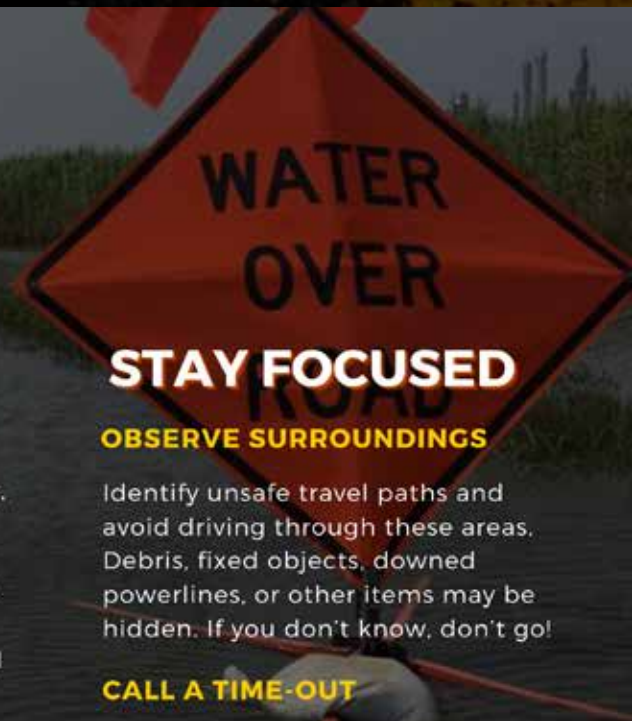
BE PROACTIVE

Remember to Stop. Speak. Act! It is important to stay engaged with the environment around you and make good decisions to ensure the safety of yourself and your teammates.

COMMUNICATE

Keep constant communication with team members about conditions. Radios will be an essential resource in the event that cell towers or electricity are impacted by storms.

HIGH WATER ON THE ROAD & AVOIDING HAZARDS



BE PREPARED

VERIFY CONDITIONS

In high water operations, it is important to remain aware of locations that may become impacted by flooding. All employees should be briefed and updated regularly regarding this information.

ENSURE ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES

Equip vehicles with necessary supplies to respond to flooded roadways. This includes PPE, signage, tools, and water/snacks, especially if employees will be stationed for long hours at these locations.

PLAN FOR MORE

Flooding creates hazardous conditions for workers. Verify that first aid kits are stocked, and fire extinguishers are charged before response.

SLOW DOWN

TURN AROUND

When roadways are covered in water, turn around and never attempt to drive through. It may be worse than what it initially appears. Vehicles are not equipped to handle high water, which may cause the engine to flood or be carried away.

BE CAUTIOUS

In the event of rain or wet pavement, drive carefully to the current conditions to avoid loss of traction on the roadway. Operators should turn off cruise control, slow down, and increase following distance.

HAVE A WAY TO ESCAPE

Avoid areas that would require backing. If backing becomes necessary, use a spotter, when available. Perform 360 walkaround to confirm surroundings are free of hazards.

STAY FOCUSED

OBSERVE SURROUNDINGS

Identify unsafe travel paths and avoid driving through these areas. Debris, fixed objects, downed powerlines, or other items may be hidden. If you don't know, don't go!

CALL A TIME-OUT

When faced with situations that may become unsafe, workers should utilize stop work authority and communicate hazards with others. When conditions improve, a new plan of action may be taken.

REMAIN ALERT

Long hours in this type of emergency response may affect workers ability to remain vigilant. It is essential to communicate with supervision about this to ensure operational readiness.

Why India's New Parliament Building Is So Controversial

Why is there backlash to India's new parliament building?

Construction of the new, four-story parliament building began in January 2021 as part of the Central Vista project. The government has stated that the new building, which costs nearly \$120 million, is a necessary parliamentary upgrade to allow for increased seating capacity and better facilities like air conditioning, lighting, and restrooms. The government has said that the original building, which dates back to 1927, has shown signs of distress and overuse. While the old building had 543 seats in the Lok Sabha (the Lower House, which has 545 members) and 250 seats in the Rajya Sabha (the Upper House, which has 250 members), the new building will accommodate 770 and 530 seats respectively, allowing for the opportunity to increase the number of representatives in Parliament given India's growing population.

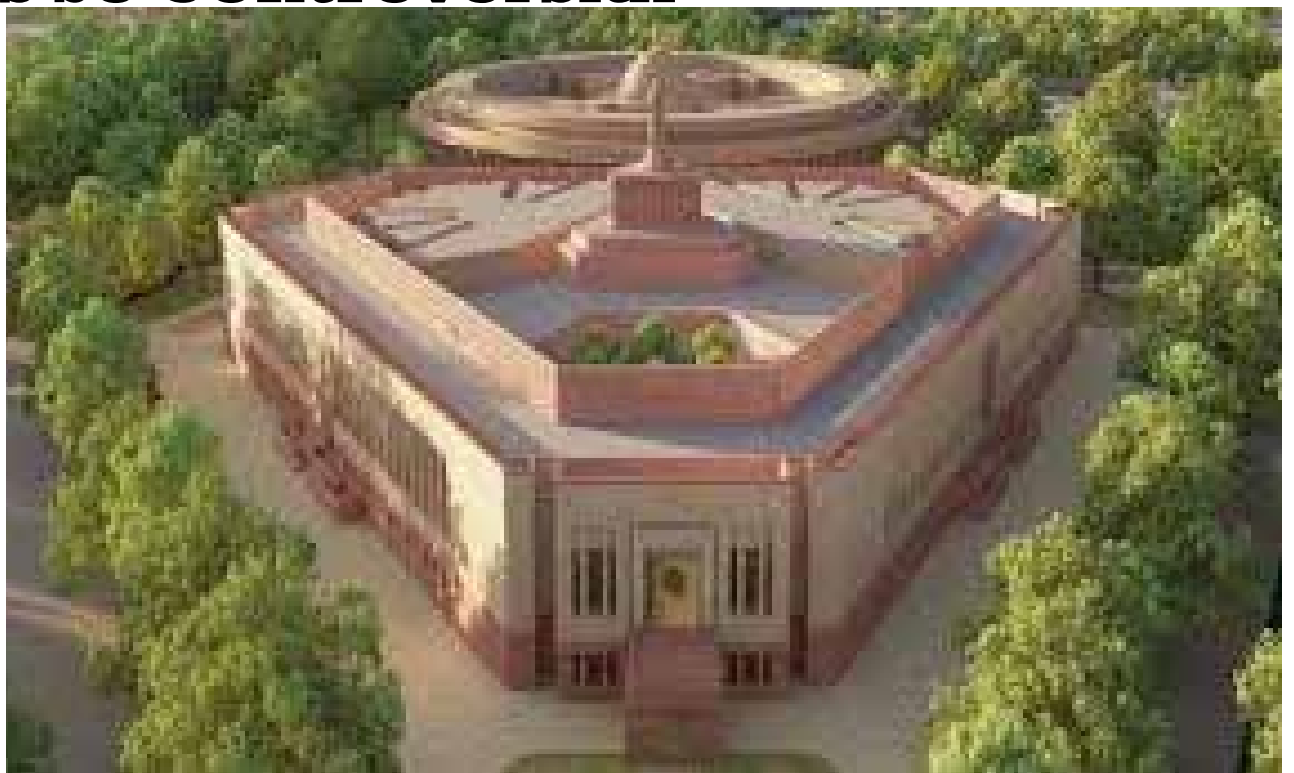
Since the construction began, however, politicians, environmentalists, and civil society groups have criticized the new building over the cost and lack of consultation. Many have questioned why the government chose not to upgrade the old building instead.

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A joint statement issued by 19 national and regional opposition parties stated that Modi's decision to "inaugurate the new parliament building by himself" was "not only a grave insult but a direct assault on our democracy which demands a commensurate response." The parties plan to collectively boycott the event, adding that "the soul of democracy has been sucked out from the parliament."

A lawyer also petitioned the Supreme Court to invite the Indian President, rather than the Prime Minister, to preside over the ceremony. This controversy comes after years of growing concern over the state of Indian democracy: the U.S.-based non-profit Freedom House downgraded India's democracy from "free" to "partially free," while the Sweden-based V-Dem Institute has called India an "electoral autocracy." India's position has also slipped on the Democracy Index published by The Economist Intelligence Unit.

The opposition leaders have also criticized the inauguration date, which coincides with the anniversary of the birth of VD Savarkar, a divisive figure for his connection to the 1948 assassina-



tion of the freedom fighter, Mahatma Gandhi. The BJP hails Savarkar as a hero for birthing the nationalist idea of Hindutva, or 'Hindu-ness.'

The BJP has defended its decision by saying the new building is a matter of pride for all Indians and accused the opposition of "politicizing" the inauguration. India's Home Minister Amit Shah said that all political parties had been invited to the ceremony, but that "everyone will act according to their own feelings," at a press conference on Wednesday. The tussle is yet another reminder of the strained relationship between the governing BJP and the opposition parties, who most recently protested the parliamentary disqualification of Rahul Gandhi, the de facto leader of the Congress Party, India's main opposition party after he was charged and convicted of defamation in March. A Congress spokesperson previously told TIME that the charges were "flimsy and cooked up."

Construction of the new, four-story parliament building began in January 2021 as part of the Central Vista project. The government has stated that the new building, which costs nearly \$120 million, is a necessary parliamentary upgrade to allow for increased seating capacity and better facilities like air conditioning, lighting, and restrooms. The government has said that the original building, which dates back to 1927, has shown signs of distress and overuse. While the old building had 543 seats in the Lok Sabha (the Lower House, which has 545 members) and 250 seats in the Rajya Sabha (the Upper House, which has 250 members), the new building will accommodate 770 and 530 seats respectively, allowing for the opportunity to increase the number of representatives in Parliament given India's growing population.

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The "Central Vista Project" is the larger architectural project to revamp the 46 hectares in the political heart of New Delhi, which encompasses British colonial-era monuments and government buildings, including Sansad Bhavan (Parliament House), the Rashtrapati Bhavan (formerly the Viceroy's House), and the Secretariat Buildings. The project's name refers to the central administrative area, also informally known as 'Lutyens Delhi,' named after the British architect, Edward Lutyens, who designed many of the boulevards, sandstone buildings, and gardens for the British Raj between 1911 and 1931.

The project intends to give the buildings a facelift and cement Modi's vision for a new, "self-reliant" India emerging out of the long shadow of its colonial past. One of the most notable renovations is the Kartavya Path or "Path of Duty," also formerly known as Rajpath or "King's Way," which was originally designed as a ceremonial axis for the British capital and continues to be a popular thoroughfare for the public, especially when hosting the annual Republic Day Parade in January.

But the whole project—which began in the middle of a brutal second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021—has been met with widespread criticism for its cost, environmental damage, and disregard for heritage buildings.

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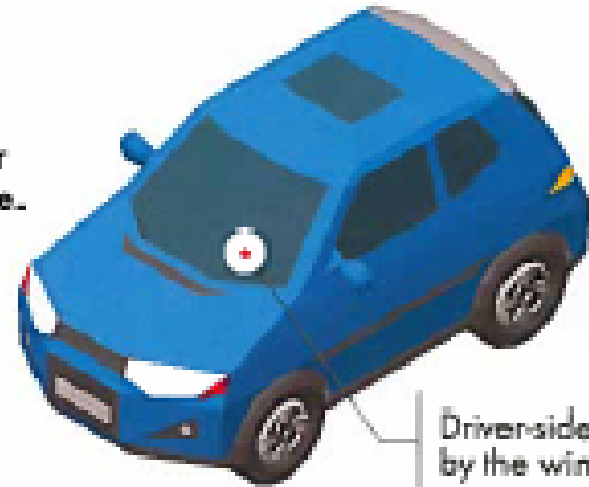
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Hawa Mahal: How India's stunning 'palace of winds' was ahead of its time

In 2015, India launched an ambitious plan dubbed the National Smart Cities Mission, aimed at making 100 urban centers more livable and sustainable through innovative and inclusive solutions.

Among the 100 cities selected was Jaipur, the northwestern desert capital of Rajasthan.

But while the Smart City project concept was aimed at modernizing India, historians argue that Jaipur's "smart" credentials have been ahead of the game for centuries.

Now famed for its historic pink buildings, it was the first "planned city" of King Sawai Jai Singh, an astronomer who used planetary positions as his guide when deciding on the orientation and positions of the structures. He moved his kingdom's capital from the nearby village of Amer to Jaipur in 1727.

Roughly 1 million people visit Hawa Mahal each year. - Vishal Bhatnagar/NurPhoto/Getty Images

In the years to follow, Rajasthan's kings continued their patronage of art and architecture – including descendant King Sawai Pratap Singh.

He was a builder with an artistic side – Jaipur's old palatial city walls feature numerous examples of his love for art. But nowhere showcases that passion quite like Hawa Mahal, which is not only architecturally stunning but offers lessons in sustainable building.

Completed in 1799, it's today one of India's most recognizable icons and a popular tourist attraction. Indian authorities in charge of the monument say roughly 1 million people visit each year.

A building famed for its back
Past the city's fractal pink walls and the frenzy of the old city market, the Hawa Mahal is an imposing structure, its recurring pyramids rising five floors above the chaos.

With a staggering height of 87 feet, dotted with 953 ornate louvered windows, it's a feast for the eyes. But few realize that what you see from the street is essentially the rear of the building.

"It is very unusual for a building to be not known for its front, but its back," says Sanjay Sharma, who has been guiding visitors through Hawa Mahal for more than two decades.

"(Travelers) marvel at what they see from the



main road, pose in front of it for a quintessential Jaipur photograph and move on. Few come inside; the interiors are simple, only curious minds would understand that behind the blushing façade there is much more to it than what meets the eye."

According to Dr. Mahendra Khadgawat, director of Rajasthan's State Museum and Archaeology Department, King Sawai Pratap Singh was an ardent devotee of Hindu deity Krishna and commissioned architect Lal Chand Usta to construct a crown-shaped pavilion that resembled Krishna's crown. Hawa Mahal was the result.

"The primary purpose of the building was to allow the royal ladies to enjoy everyday street scenes and processions without being seen owing to the purdah system," he says, referring to a social practice in medieval India in which women, particularly from the upper classes, were required to cover themselves and remain secluded from public view.

A clever feat of engineering
Architect Kavita Jain, a conservation and heritage specialist, says Hawa Mahal served additional purposes as well.

"For the city folks, the rear elevation on the east side facing the roadside is a visual treat; for the king himself, a legendary structure that generations will remember him for; for the royal ladies, a way to be connected to the common people and their celebrations without appearing in public," she says.

"But for a keen eye, it is a clever feat of engineering, where aesthetically appealing elements were used to create a microclimate comfortable enough for the queens to enjoy their outing."

Today, the building is a prime example of the role climate played in India's historic designs and provides evidence of an advanced understanding of the laws of thermodynamics.

In Hindi, "hawa" means wind, and "mahal" means palace – and the name couldn't be more fitting.

"The orientation of the building is on the east-west axis, aligned with the direction of the natural flow of the wind in this region," says Jaipur-based architect Shyam Thakkar.

"The wind enters the palace from the west (through a series of open grounds). It picks up moisture from the water body thoughtfully placed in the courtyard using the principle of convection currents; the hot air rises, and the cool air descends."

It doesn't end there. Thakkar says the moisture-laden wind then moves towards the 953 windows (jharokha) and cools the air down thanks to the Venturi effect – air flows through a constricted passage, increasing the wind velocity while dropping the pressure.

"Intricate lattices (jaalis) on the windows break up and distribute the air flow evenly to ensure no hotspots; it also controls the direct glare of sunlight," he adds.

"Using lime (chuna) as a lattice material is a final flourish. Chuna can regulate temperature inherently."

According to guide Sharma, the floors have also been segregated according to the seasons.

"The number and the size of the openings vary accordingly on each floor," he says. "Some floors have windows covered with stained glass, and some just open jaalis. The proportion of the open spaces left on each floor is governed by its season of use, namely prewinter, spring, summer and winter, making the Hawa Mahal a very climate-responsive building."

Inspired by the past
Jaipur is hot and dry for most of the year. During the peak summer months, it can climb to over 43 degrees Celsius (110 degrees Fahrenheit.)

Now that India is the world's most populous country, with a proliferating middle class, amenities that were once a luxury have become a necessity. And that includes air conditioning.

According to data by the IEA updated in October of 2022, the world will add an estimated 1 billion air conditioners before the end of the decade.

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Aziz Mian Qawwal

Aziz Mian Qawwal (17 April 1942 – 6 December 2000) was one of Pakistan's leading traditional qawwals and also famous for singing ghazals in his own unique style of qawwali. Aziz is still one of the most popular qawwals of South Asia, and he has given us many Qawwali hits. He holds the record for singing the longest commercially released qawwali, Hashr Ke Roz Yeh Poochhunga, which runs slightly over 115 minutes

Early life and background

Aziz Mian was born as Abdul Aziz in Delhi, British India. The exclamation Mian, which he often used in his qawwalis, became part of his stage name. He began to introduce himself as Aziz Mian Meeruthi. The word Meerut refers to Meerut, a city in northern India, from which he migrated to Pakistan in 1947.

At the age of ten, he began learning the art of Qawwali under the tutelage of Ustad Abdul Wahid Khan of Lahore. He received sixteen years of training at the Data Ganj Baksh School of Lahore, and earned degrees in Urdu literature, Arabic and Persian from the University of Punjab, Lahore.

Career

Aziz Mian was one of the non-traditional Pakistani Qawwals. His voice was raspy and powerful. Aziz Mian was the only prominent qawwal to write his own lyrics (though, like others, he also performed songs written by other poets). Aziz Mian was a contemporary, and often a competitor, of The Sabri Brothers.



His break-out performance was in 1966, when he performed before the Shah of Iran, Mohammad Reza Pahlavi. He won first prize and a gold medal from the Shah of Iran. In the early days of his career, he was nicknamed Fauji Qawwal (meaning "Military Qawwal") because most of his early stage-performances were in military barracks for the army personnel. He was known for a "more recitative, more dramatic diction" and was inclined toward qawwali's religious rather than entertainment qualities, though he also enjoyed success in more romantic qawwalis.

He was fond of discussing religious and

Sufi paradoxes in his qawwalis. He directly addressed Allah and complained about the misery of man (the greatest creation of the Almighty). In addition to his own poetry, Aziz Mian performed poetry by Allama Iqbal, and a number of contemporary Urdu poets, including Sadiq, Saifuddin Saif and Qateel Shifai. Awards an recognition

For his service in music, the Government of Pakistan awarded him the Pride of Performance medal in 1989.

Death

Aziz Mian died from complications of hepatitis in Tehran, Iran on 6 December 2000 (10 Ramadan Mubarak). He was in

Iran at the invitation of the Government of Iran, to perform on the occasion of Imam Ali's death anniversary. He is buried in Multan, on the brink of Nau Bahar Nehar [Canal]. His death anniversary (Urs) is celebrated every year on the first Thursday of May, the Urs celebrations commence with the 'Ghusal' ceremony conducted by Mian Saheb's son Shibli Aziz and Rasm e Sandal of Baba Nadir Hussain famously known as 'Tootan Wali Sarkar' who is a murid of Aziz Mian. The Urs celebrations continue for three days, starting with 'Ghusal' followed by 'Chadar Poshi' and 'Mehfil e Samaa' (Urdu: Mehfil-e-Samaa of Qawwali ('samaa' means the listening audience in Urdu and Arabic). Around seven to eight qawal groups perform. The Celebration terminates after the last ritual of 'Qul'. The Urs (death anniversary) celebration are organized by Shibli Aziz Mian, who is more interested in mysticism and Sufi traditions. He is promoting and propagating these spiritual heritage of his father and have a quite a number of disciples [Mureed's] and followers.

Family

Aziz Mian had four sons Junaid, Tabreiz, Imran and Faran who all followed in his footsteps. They are very similar in style to Aziz Mian himself and like other sons of famous qawwals (Amjad Sabri for example, or Waheed and Naveed Chishti), they perform many of their father's hits. Tabreiz is however considered to be the closest to his father's style. His looks and his style are a mirror image of his father. Tabreiz also toured North America for a tribute to Aziz



Junaid Aziz Mian Qawwal, son of Aziz Moian Qawwal, performing live on stage in Lahore

Outdoor safety tips for spring

It looks like winter is finally coming to an end in most parts of the country. If the warmer weather means you'll be directing workers to get outside, clear winter debris, and get your facility ready for spring, make sure they do it safely.

Safety tips for outside hazards—machinery, insects, heat, and more

Wear safety goggles, sturdy shoes, and long pants when using lawn mowers and other machinery.

Protect your hearing when operating machinery. If you have to raise your voice to talk to someone who is an arm's length away, the noise can be potentially harmful to your hearing.

Make sure equipment is working properly. Wear gloves to protect from skin irritations, cuts, and contaminants.

Use insect repellent containing DEET.

Follow instructions and warning labels on chemical and lawn and garden equipment. (As a reminder, if workers will be using consumer chemical products in amounts and/or frequencies that exceed typical consumer use, employers must obtain a safety data sheet (SDS) for the product, ensure that it is properly labeled, and train workers in its hazards and safe work practices.)

Reduce the risk of sunburn and skin cancer by wearing long sleeves, a wide-brimmed hat, and sunshades. Use sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher.

Keep an eye on the thermometer and take precautions in the heat.

When working in hot weather, remind workers to drink plenty of liquids, but not those that contain alcohol or large amounts of sugar, as they can cause you to lose body fluid.

Pay attention to signs of heat-related illness, including high body temperature,



headache, dizziness, rapid pulse, nausea, confusion, or unconsciousness.

And remember—if you hire a contractor for landscaping or other outdoor maintenance, it's important to inquire about the company's safety record and make sure

they train and require employees to follow safe work practices. They may not be on your payroll, but if a contract worker is injured at your facility, OSHA can cite and fine not only the contractor, but the host employer as well.

Top 10 Spring Cleaning Safety Tips

Spring cleaning safety is not normally on people's minds when they begin to haul out all those cleaning supplies and equipment, but it should be.

Everyday we need to be careful when going about our household chores, but when you really start tearing the house apart and moving things around during spring cleaning, especially with all those cleaning supplies and equipment out, it is doubly important to keep safety in mind.

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1. Do not rush because you are tired or in a hurry.

This is really the most basic spring cleaning safety tip, and all the other ones, at least to a certain degree, stem from this one.

Spring cleaning can be tiring work. Do not forget safety even if you have worked hard all day and want to get done.

The better thing to do when you are exhausted is to stop and take a break, drink a glass of water, sit under a nice cool fan, and rest instead of being unsafe.

2. Be careful moving large pieces of furniture and appliances.

Use proper lifting technique, keeping you back straight and lifting with your legs.

Also, wear shoes when moving heavy items so you don't hurt your toes.

Finally, if you feel it is just too heavy and you can't find someone else to do it for you, just don't move it. It won't be the end of the world to just clean around it.

Always have spring cleaning safety in mind.

3. Be safe while on ladders and step stools. When doing a task, such as washing windows, where you need to be on a ladder use extreme caution.

Do not lean too far to either side. A good rule of thumb is that your belly button should not go beyond the sides of the ladder.

Also, have someone available to hold the ladder steady for you if possible, and make sure before you step on them that the rungs are not wet, and you are wearing non skid shoes.

4. Be careful when walking on wet surfaces. This spring cleaning safety tip is really important every time you clean.

Everyone knows how easy it is to slip on a wet floor. Make sure you take the proper precautions to keep from falling.

Also, make sure others in your family, including children, are also warned of the wet floor to keep them safe.

You may need to block small children's access to wet floors because they just don't understand not to run and slide on them.

5. Keep stairs, landings, and walkways clear of boxes, bags and other clutter. Spring cleaning is a great time to declutter your home, but you need to make sure all the boxes and bags of stuff you are getting rid of don't cause a safety concern.

Make sure you place them outside walkways and especially away from steps and stairs where someone may trip on them.

6. Don't carry too much stuff at once, especially on stairs. During spring cleaning you will also probably go up and down your stairs a lot carrying things if you live in a home with stairs.

Make sure you keep a hand free to hold



onto the stair railing.

Also, whether you have stairs or not, always make sure you can see over the load you are carrying so you do not trip.

7. Always follow cleaning product label safety instructions and recommendations. Cleaning supplies can create nasty fumes, so make sure you get some fresh air by opening windows, turning on the exhaust fan, or placing a fan in the room.

In addition, do not mix ammonia and bleach together, both of which are common household cleaners, because they create toxic fumes when combined.

When it doubt don't mix, just use one product to get the job done.

You should also wear rubber gloves to keep your hands from getting dry and cracked from the hot water and chemicals.

8. Wear a mask when cleaning dusty areas. This may seem like overkill to some, but if you are at all allergic to dust this tip is very important.

9. Do not leave buckets filled with water around your home. Even if you need to take a quick break make sure you empty that cleaning bucket, or at least put it in an inaccessible area.

Even small amounts of water are a drowning hazard for small children.

10. Put away all your cleaning supplies when you are done. When you finally finish your spring cleaning tasks for the day it is easy to say to yourself, "I'll put these away later," or "I am just going to use these again tomorrow, so I'm keeping them out."

Cleaning supplies are an attractive nuisance for our children and pets, something inviting that they should definitely not be getting into.

Put the cleaning products away in a child-proof cabinet for your children's safety and well-being as soon as you are done with them.

Mukesh Ambani

Mukesh Dhirubhai Ambani (born 19 April 1957) is an Indian business magnate who is the chairman, managing director and largest shareholder of Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), a Fortune Global 500 company and India's most valuable company by market value. He holds a 44.7% stake in the company RIL deals mainly in refining, petrochemicals, and in the oil and gas sectors. Reliance Retail Ltd., another subsidiary, is the largest retailer in India. He is the elder son of the late Dhirubhai Ambani and Kokilaben Ambani and the brother of Anil Ambani. As of January 2018, Mukesh Ambani was ranked by Forbes as 18th-wealthiest person in the world, with a net worth of \$43.2 billion. In 2016, he was ranked 38, and is the only Indian businessman, on Forbes' list of the world's most powerful people. As of 2016, Ambani has consistently held the title of India's richest person on the magazine's list for ten years. Through Reliance, he also owns the Indian Premier League franchise Mumbai Indians. In 2012, Forbes named him one of the richest sports owners in the world. He resides at the Antilia Building, one of the world's most expensive private residences. Its value is close to \$1 billion. As of 2015, Ambani ranked fifth among India's philanthropists, according to China's

Early life

Mukesh Dhirubhai Ambani was born on 19 April 1957 to Dhirubhai Ambani and Kokilaben Ambani. He has a younger

brother, Anil Ambani, and two sisters, Dipti Salgaonkar and Nina Kothari. The Ambani family lived in a modest two-bedroom apartment in Bhuleshwar, Mumbai until the 1970s. Dhirubhai later purchased a 14-floor apartment block called 'Sea Wind' in Colaba, where, until recently, Mukesh and Anil lived with their families on different floors.

He attended the Hill Grange High School at Peddar Road, Mumbai, along with his brother and where Anand Jain, his close associate, was his classmate. He received his BE degree in Chemical Engineering from the Institute of Chemical Technology (UDCT), Matunga. Mukesh later enrolled for an MBA at Stanford University but withdrew to help his father build Reliance, which at the time was still a small but fast growing enterprise.

Business career

In 1980, the Indian government under Indira Gandhi opened PFY (polyester filament yarn) manufacturing to the private sector. Dhirubhai Ambani applied for a license to set up a PFY manufacturing plant. In spite of stiff competition from Tatas, Birlas and 43 others, Dhirubhai was awarded the licence. To help him build the PFY plant, Dhirubhai pulled his eldest son Mukesh out of Stanford where he was studying for his MBA. Mukesh Ambani then continued to work for Reliance and did not return to his university program after that. He led Reliance's backward

integration from textiles into polyester fibres and further into petrochemicals, beginning in 1981.

Mukesh Ambani set up Reliance Infocomm Limited (now Reliance Communications Limited), which was focused on information and

communications technology initiatives.

Ambani directed and led the creation of the world's largest grassroots petrefinery at Jamnagar, India, which had the capacity to produce 660,000 barrels per day (33 million tonnes per year) in 2010, integrated with petrochemicals, power generation, port and related infrastructure. In December 2013 Ambani announced, at the Progressive Punjab Summit in Mohali, the possibility of a "collaborative venture" with Bharti Airtel in setting up digital infrastructure for the 4G network in India. In February 2014, a First Information Report (FIR) alleging criminal offences was filed against Mukesh Ambani for alleged irregularities in the pricing of natural gas from the KG basin. Arvind Kejriwal, who had a short stint as Delhi's chief minister and had ordered the FIR, has accused various political parties of being silent on the gas price issue. Kejriwal has asked both Rahul Gandhi and Narendra Modi to clear their stand on the gas pricing issue. Kejriwal has alleged that the Centre allowed the price of gas to be inflated to eight dollars a unit though Mukesh Ambani's company spends only one dollar to produce a unit, which meant a loss of Rs. 540 billion to the country annually.

On 18 June 2014, Mukesh Ambani, addressing the 40th AGM of Reliance Industries, said it will invest Rs 1.8 trillion (short scale) across businesses in the next three years and launch 4G broadband services in 2015.

In February 2016, Mukesh Ambani-led Jio launched its own 4G smartphone brand named LYF. In June 2016, it was India's third-largest-selling mobile phone brand. During the 40th annual general meeting



of RIL, he announced bonus shares in the ratio of 1:1 which is the country's largest bonus issue in India, and announced the Jio Phone at an effective price of As of February, 2018, Bloomberg's "Robin Hood Index" estimated that Ambani's personal wealth was enough to fund the operations of the Indian federal government for 20 day

Board memberships

Member of Board of Governors Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai
Chairman, managing director, Chairman of Finance Committee and Member of Employees Stock Compensation Committee, Reliance Industries Limited
Former chairman, Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited

Former vice-chairman, Reliance Petroleum

Chairman of the board, Reliance Petroleum

Chairman and Chairman of Audit Committee, Reliance Retail Limited.

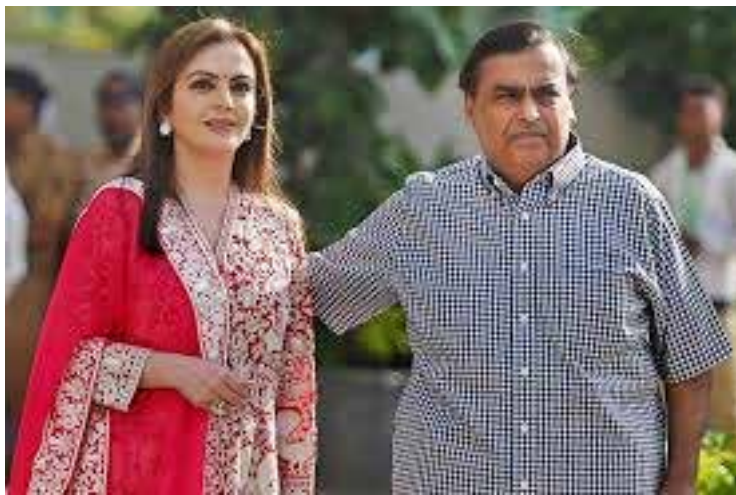
Chairman, Reliance Exploration and Production DMCC

Former Director, Member of Credit Committee and Member of Compensation & Benefits Committee, Bank of America Corporation[39]

President, Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat

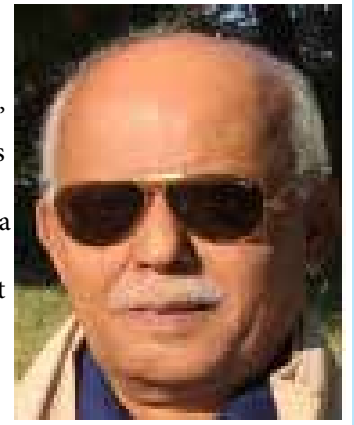
Personal life

Mukesh is married to Nita Ambani and has two sons, Anant and Akash, and a daughter, Isha. They live in a private 27-storey building in Mumbai named Antilia valued at US\$1 billion and it is said to be one of the most expensive homes ever built. In an interview with Rajdeep Sardesai in March 2017, Mukesh said that his favourite food continued to be idli sambar and his favourite restaurant remains Mysore Café, a restaurant in Kings circle (Mumbai) where he used to eat as a student at UDCT from 1974 to 1979. During the fiscal year ending 31 March 2012, Mukesh reportedly, decided to forgo nearly 240 million from his annual pay as chief of Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL). He elected to do this even as RIL's total remuneration packages to its top management personnel increased during that fiscal year. This move kept his salary capped at 150 million for the fourth year in a row. Mukesh Ambani is a strict vegetarian and teetotaler



A German Gentleman Klaus Wenger An Example of Honesty

By M.S. Zahed, Ex-CMD, HMT Ltd



In 1978, I bought an old two colour car Standard Ten from Professor of IIMB by availing car loan from the company. My wife went to work by car and I use to commute by Company's transport which avoided dependence of unreliable public transport My wife, user of the car had left the maintenance and upkeep to me and I was as per my reputation was not up to the mark and often end up pushing the vehicle to petrol pump with my wife at the wheels. Once, it so happened that she was driving and due to brake failure , she drove straight into some body's house damaging car as well as the compound wall of the house and luckily, only car was damaged and with the help of friends in NIAC, the car was completely reconditioned with very little contribution of mine as it was comprehensively insured. Saturday evenings, the family would drive up to Vidhana Soudha and sit and watch the beautifully lit granite sculpted building , perhaps one of the very few public buildings built after independence, and enjoy eating the south Indian savouries. . Saturday evenings, the family would drive up to Vidhana Soudha and sit and watch the beautifully lit granite sculpted building , perhaps one of the very few public buildings built after independence, and enjoy eating the south Indian savouries The idea of the Vidhana Soudha came along with a wave of nationalist sentiment that swept post-Independent India. The administrative offices were initially based out of Attara Kacheri (today's High Court building built by the British in 1868). A plan for our own structure to house the legislature was mooted during the tenure of Karnataka's first chief minister KC Reddy . Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru laid the foundation stone on July 13, 1951 However, it was Hanumanthiah (Reddy's successor) who set the wheels in motion. The Karnataka Legislative Assembly website records that almost all the 5000 unskilled labourers were convicts lodged in the central prison, who were given freedom after the completion of Vidhana Soudha. Them apart, 1500 chisellers, masons and wood carvers were also employed for the construction In 1982, I was posted as Export Manager, North Africa and the life at Algiers was all found materially and professionally. The local German Manager of Lufthansa was a good friend and encouraged me to fly Lufthansa transiting through Frankfurt during my travels abroad. Perhaps ,in return, one day he brought me a yellow

plastic card with my name printed on it and designated as "Frequent flyer" and convinced me that I have earned sufficient points to be part of program. The card apart from entitling me for free tickets allowed me to free use of Lufthansa longues at all the German airports with free drinks and snacks, a great privilege those days. We use to get periodic flyers and points accrued and my wife was keenly following the account. As soon as sufficient points had accrued, that summer we planned and took the journey for a week to Frankfurt,Stuttgart-Hamburg-Frankfurt and back. The family was excited since it was a week's stay and their first tour to Europe. Hamburg was chosen because my batch mate was the Export Manager for HHEC based at Hamburg and he had made arrangements for our stay at his apartment itself as he was staying alone and there was enough room to accommodate us. Just before, leaving for Airport at Algiers, I telephonically enquired with Lufthansa whether the flight is on time. I can never forget the German airport officer who replied with pride "Sir we are always on time " We had another ex-Air India friend settled near Stuttgart and we decided to visit him too. After a couple days stay at Hamburg, I called him from local telephone booth and he gave some directions to reach the suburb he was residing. As I was completing the call my little daughter was ceaselessly knocking the booth door, so I just got out and carried her, then we decided to have some coffee and then leave for friend's house.. We sat in the nearby café, had coffee and some snacks and had almost spent an hour. The waiter brought the bill , suddenly I realised that my pouch which had all passports , nearly 3000 USDs and tickets was missing. I was shell shocked and explained the situation to the waiter who suggested to go and look for it , me and my wife took two different routes to reach the telephone booth which was nearly a km away. As I was approaching the booth , I saw a old German standing near the booth holding the pouch and waving at me as I was approaching the booth. He greeted me and introduced himself as Klaus Wenger and said handing over the pouch, "I found the pouch inside the booth and I knew you would come searching for it, please open and check whether everything is in as you had left " I took the pouch opened and saw everything was in tact, thanked him profusely and offered to compensate him in any way acceptable to him, he refused and said " You are from India and visiting Deutcheland as tourists and let me know if you need any further help". We spent some time with him in the café and left for our destination and we took the flight to Hamburg after meeting our friend from Air India The Author with his batchmate from IIMB Mr.Ashwathanarayan at Hamburg in 1983. Ashwath was at the Hamburg airport to receive us, took us to his place, we all cooked some Indian food that night and ate . Next few days ,Ashwath, my host took us all to touristic spots including Dolphin Show, Lake, Market Platz, Zoo and many other places Hamburg is a beautiful port city worth visiting. In the evening, me and Ashwath had planned to take some adventurous tour to Reeperbahn and so bluffed my family that we have to meet another friend in nearby place and as such we would be late and not to bother about us. Ashwath had told me some background of the place which was frequented by sailors and tourists who are hungry and starved for sex. We both walked through a foot ball stadium sized ground where hundreds of young looking girls in white flourecent dress, introducing themselves whenever a potential client passes by and indicating their nationality and price. The amusement was more to watch the whole place which was like a highly organized market without any middlemen. After passing through the place, we decided to have food which he offered to host with plenty of beer. He chose a table for two and I realised that it was a night club seeing a well lit stage, after some time the lights in the seating area were dimmed and strip tease by a belle started with music. I was surprised to see both men and women were dining and enjoying the show, the dancer would hover around some bald pates and even kiss on them making them excited. The show ended with last piece of lingere thrown at the public and to my horror , I found her to be she male. That has been my last into a night club pitied Ashwath for throwing away good amount of Deutche Marks to entertain his batch mate from IIMB



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Health & Wellness

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Get your copy of Osteoporosis: A guide to prevention and treatment

Stroke

Each year, osteoporosis contributes to more than 2 million bone fractures in the United States. This Special Health Report, Osteoporosis: A guide to prevention and treatment, can help you keep your bones strong and healthy, and avoid fractures. It describes how you can prevent and treat osteoporosis through diet, exercise, and medications. You'll also find advice on choosing a calcium supplement, tips on fall-proofing your home, and help

with putting together a personalized plan to preserve or boost your bone strength.

If you are a man younger than 65 or a premenopausal woman, these five strategies can help you shore up bone strength as a hedge against developing osteoporosis.

Monitor your diet. Get enough calcium and vitamin D, ideally through the foods you eat. Although dairy products may be the richest sources of calcium, a growing number of foods, such as orange juice, are calcium-fortified. Fruits, vegetables, and grains provide other minerals crucial to bone health, such as magnesium and phosphorus.

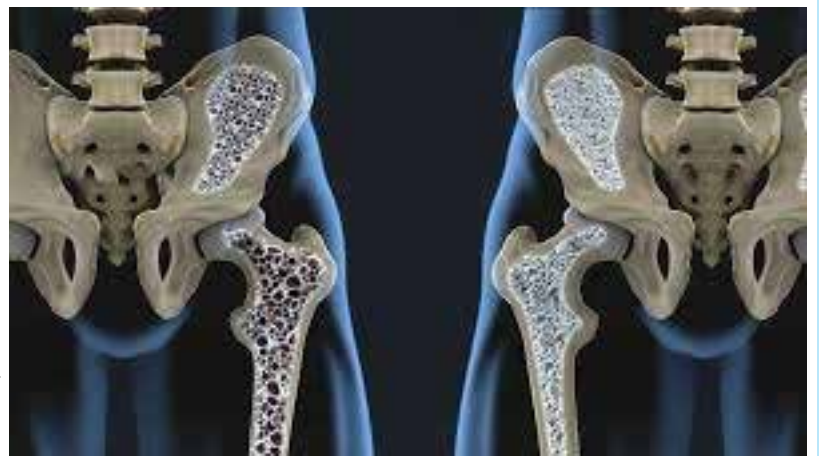
Maintain a reasonable weight. This is particularly important for women. Menstrual periods often stop in women who are underweight — due to a poor diet or excessive exercise — and that usually means that estrogen levels are too low to support bone growth.

Don't smoke and limit alcohol intake. Smoking and too much alcohol both decrease bone mass.

Make sure your workouts include weight-bearing exercises. Regular weight-bearing exercise like walking, dancing, or step aerobics can protect your bones. Also include strength training as part of your exercise routine.

Talk with your doctor about your risk factors. Certain medical conditions (like celiac disease) and some medications (steroids and others) can increase the chances that you will develop osteoporosis. It's important to talk with your doctor to develop a prevention strategy that accounts for these factors.

What's your t-score? Bone density scans for osteoporosis
Several technologies can assess bone density, but the most common is known as dual energy x-ray absorptiometry (DEXA). For this procedure, a machine sends x-rays through bones in order to calculate bone density. The process is quick, taking only five minutes. And it's simple: you lie on a table while a scanner passes over your body. While this technology can measure bone density at any spot in the body, it is usually used to measure it at the lumbar spine (in the lower back), hip (a specific site in the hip near the hip joint), and femoral neck (the top of the thighbone, or femur). DEXA accomplishes this with only one-tenth of the radiation



exposure of a standard chest x-ray and is considered the gold standard for osteoporosis screening—though ultrasound, which uses sound waves to measure bone mineral density at the heel, shin, or finger, is also used at health fairs and in some medical offices.

The DEXA scan or ultrasound will give you a number called a T-score, which represents how close you are to average peak bone density. The World Health Organization has established the following classification system for bone density:

If your T-score is -1 or greater: your bone density is considered normal.

If your T-score is between -1 and -2.5: you have low bone density, known as osteopenia, but not osteoporosis.

If your T-score is -2.5 or less: you have osteoporosis, even if you haven't yet broken a bone.

4 tricks to rev up your memory

Stay ahead of age-related changes in thinking skills by making the most of your brain's memory process.

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We all have moments of forgetfulness about where we put the keys, why we walked into a room, or what an object is called. Most likely, this reflects age-related changes in thinking skills. "In terms of brain function, everyone has a decline over time in all areas, with the exception of vocabulary," says Dr. Joel Salinas, a neurologist specializing

How memory works

Memory involves three processes: encoding, recording, and retrieval. The brain receives and encodes (takes in) new information; the brain then records (stores) the information; finally, the brain retrieves information when you need it. Many brain regions are involved in this process. For example, the cerebral cortex — the large outer layer of the brain — acquires new information as input from our senses. The amygdala tags information as being worthy of storage. Nearby, the hippocampus stores memories. And the frontal lobes help us consciously retrieve information.

The aging memory

Many people notice a difference in memory starting in their 50s. That's when age-

related chemical and structural changes can begin in brain regions involved with memory processing, such as the hippocampus or the frontal lobes. These changes may slow processing speed, making it hard to recall familiar names or words.

Other factors may be at play as well. "Working memory — a mental scratch pad that allows us to use important information throughout the day — is susceptible to depression, anxiety, and stress," explains Dr. Salinas, "and a lack of sleep can affect the brain's retention and use of information."

A medication side effect may also affect memory. For example, if you use an anti-anxiety drug like clonazepam (Klonopin), its sedating side effects can make your brain less alert and more sluggish. This in turn makes it more challenging for your brain to carry out the essential encoding, recording, and retrieval steps of memory. Dr. Salinas says addressing these problems first often helps improve memory.

Memory tricks

Another way to boost memory is to make the most of the way it works. The following strategies may help.

1. Repeat what you hear out loud, such as someone's name, or an address, or a new idea. Repetition increases the likelihood you'll record the information and be able to retrieve it later. "With each repetition,

your brain has another opportunity to encode the information," explains Dr. Salinas. "The connections between brain cells are reinforced, much like blazing a trail in the woods. The more you walk the same trail, the easier it is to walk it the next time."

2. Make a note of people you need to call, errands to run, and appointments. "We are much better at recognition than recall," Dr. Salinas explains. "With recognition, such as reading a list, you have additional hooks or hints that help you find the information you're looking for."

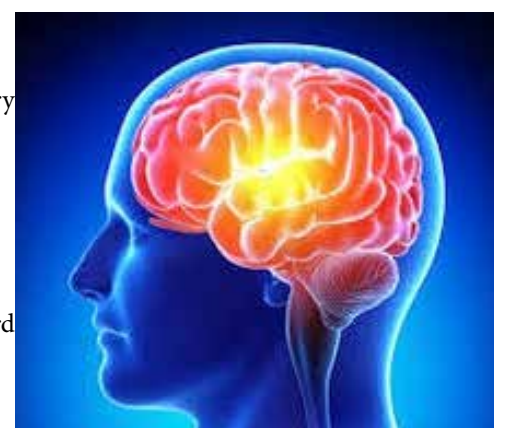
3. Make associations between old and new information. Connect a person's first name to something familiar. For example, if the person's name is Sandy, imagine that person on a beach. Or create a story around a shopping list. "Our brain is good at sequences, and putting things into a story helps. The more ridiculous, the more memorable it is. For example, if your list is milk, eggs, and bread, the story could be that you are having milk with Elvis over an egg sandwich," Dr. Salinas suggests.

4. Divide information into chunks, such as taking a long number and remembering it more like a phone number. "It's hard to store a long number," says Dr. Salinas, "but easier to store little bits through working memory." If you're trying to

memorize a speech for a wedding toast, focus on getting only one sentence or idea down at a time, not the whole speech in one take.

When tricks don't help

Forgetting something minor from time to time is probably normal. It's not normal when memory changes interfere with day-to-day functioning. Dr. Salinas recommends that you talk to your doctor if you're making more mistakes than usual at work; having difficulty paying the bills; or having trouble completing tasks, cooking, emailing, or doing chores. But don't panic. "More often than not, there's a temporary or reversible cause behind your memory slips. Once that's taken care of, you can get back to your more usual remembering self," says Dr. Salinas.



List of Bollywood films of JUNE 2023

Opening	Title	Director	Cast
J U N	<i>Zara Hatke Zara Bachke</i>	Laxman Utekar	Vicky Kaushal · Sara Ali Khan
	<i>Mumbaikar</i>	Santosh Sivan	Vikrant Massey · Vijay Sethupathi · Tanya Maniktala · Ranvir Shorey · Sachin Khedekar
	<i>Bloody Daddy</i>	Ali Abbas Zafar	Shahid Kapoor · Sanjay Kapoor · Diana Penty · Ronit Roy · Vivan Bhatena
	<i>Adipurush^[a]</i>	Om Raut	Prabhas · Saif Ali Khan · Kriti Sanon · Sunny Singh
	<i>Maidaan</i>	Amit Sharma	Ajay Devgn · Priyamani · Gajraj Rao
	<i>Satyaprem Ki Katha</i>	Sameer Vidwans	Kartik Aaryan · Kiara Advani · Gajraj Rao · Supriya Pathak

Jogira Sara Ra Ra Movie Review

Review: A small town, an independent and brash girl and a family full of quirky characters. 'Jogira Sara Ra Ra' has all the elements stuffed in to create situational comedy from everyday life. And it all begins when Jogi (Nawazuddin Siddiqui) - a street smart marriage planner meets a feisty and brattish Dimple (Neha Sharma). She has just gate-crashed a wedding party organised by Jogi and after a few pegs, she takes to the mic to give a very critical yet honest review of the pathetic catering at the wedding. Of course, it culminates in a big song and dance, but unlike a regular Bollywood film, there's no love at first sight here. In fact, director Kushan Nandy and writer Ghalib Asad Bhopali ensure there's nothing conventional about the lead pair, as they are both flawed yet real characters. They use this to create conflict, confusion and chaos that works really well throughout the first half. Add to that Jogi's eccentric and outspoken family for whom nothing he does or gets is good enough. From his mother (Zarina Wahab) to his younger sisters - they're all a bunch of ungrateful pricks but you can tell there's an underlying thread of love that basically binds them as family. Their love-hate equation makes for an entertaining watch. Dimple's family is a little less dramatic except her dadi, who hasn't let age dim her wit or charm of doling out unwanted advice or butting in when least required. All of this generates good comedic moments and organic humour. But as the second half rolls, the screenplay becomes slightly repetitive and unnecessarily convoluted. It feels like the makers have run out of new ideas before a predictable climax.



Nawazuddin is good as always but we're so used to seeing him in powerful and completely out-of-the-box characters that watching him play a regular guy-next-door takes some getting used to. Neha Sharma looks good and carries off her role confidently. Although, some more depth in the way her character is written would have helped. Mahaakshay Chakraborty is a surprise package as the demure groom-to-be Lallu, who is a total pushover.

There's no dearth of talented character artists here. Sanjay Mishra does his best to deliver in a small and insignificant role. Zarina Wahab and the rest of the ladies are a hoot as strong opinionated women in deeply patriarchal families. The setting of a small town as explored in many films no longer feels novel but is still endearing to watch. While there are all kinds of cliches, there is an inherent goodness in the simplicity and harmlessness of these characters. The soundtrack of the film is easily forgettable.

Overall, 'Jogira Sara Ra Ra' doesn't offer great novelty to its audience but manages to keep you entertained with quite a few moments of unadulterated fun.

Chidiakhana Movie Review

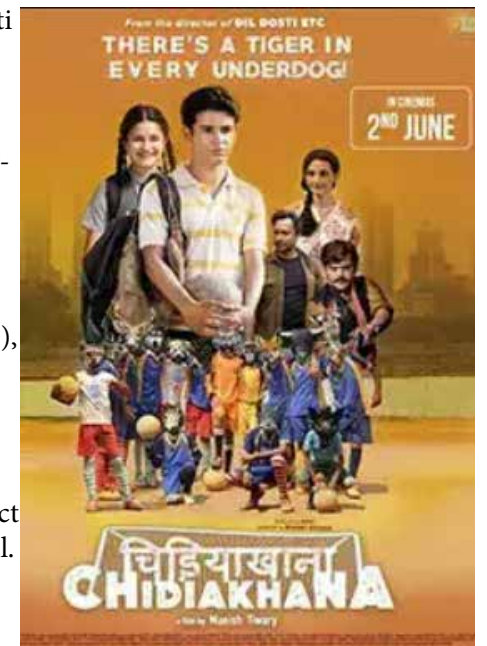
Review: Almost a decade after Dil Dosti Etc (2007) and Issaq (2013), director Manish Tiwary's latest offering Chidiakhana is a coming-of-age story of an underdog who makes a mark by following his passion and tenacity for football. The tone of this 114-minute film is lighthearted, and the dialogues are pedestrian but funny in parts.

The story follows Sooraj (Ritvik Sahore), a Bihari boy who addresses the camera directly and shares his life adventures. Sooraj's migration to Mumbai with his mother, Bibha (Rajeshwari Sachdev), exposes him to school gangs that restrict him from pursuing his passion, football. Further, his world turns topsy-turvy when he discovers he cannot play football since the ground lease has expired and the government has given it to the builders. Predictably, he snatches a win by taking up a challenge to save the ground for children.









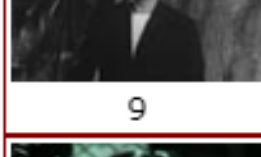
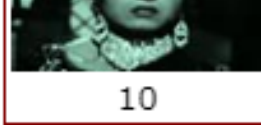
While the first hour of this film is timepass, the second half loses steam because of its repetitive narrative style. Also, you know from the beginning that this new boy in town would initially have obstacles but will soon be welcomed by everyone in his school and chawl. The section of the story about getting sports intermingled with other subplots concerning Bibha's past, Sooraj's competition in the gang, especially Babu (Jayesh Kardak), a football player-turned-local goon, Pratap (Prashant Narayanan), who assists and even trains Sooraj—feels banal and adds a little dimension to the film.

Ritvik Sahore perfectly adapts the demeanour of his character Sooraj, who is naive and quite centre-forward in both life and football. Avneet Kaur brings a breath of fresh air to the film as Sooraj's crush, Mili. Rajeshwari Sachdev delivers a decent performance as Sooraj's mother, although her character's past could have been explored more effectively. Prashant Narayanan's positive role as Pratap Bhai is a surprising and welcome change. The rest of the cast also contributes to pushing the narrative forward.

Director Manish Tiwary, who shares writing credits, too, presents a simple tale with a twisted angle of protagonists perceiving animals in humans, possibly to justify the film's title, Chidiakhana. However, this twist doesn't bring anything fresh or compelling to the screen for viewers.



Binaca Geetmala Annual List (1960)

Thumb / Rank	Song Heading	Singer / Movie	Music By / Lyricist	Actor / Category
 1	Zindagi Bhar Nahi Bhulegi Woh Barsaat Ki <small>YouTube</small> ✓ ★ 4.47 - 1606 votes	Mohammed Rafi	Roshan	Bharat Bhushan, Madhubala
		Barsaat Ki Raat (1960)	Sahir Ludhianvi	Rain Songs, Romantic Songs
 2	Chaudhavi Ka Chand Ho, Ya Aaftab Ho <small>YouTube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.59 - 2535 votes	Mohammed Rafi	Ravi	Waheeda Rehman, Guru Dutt
		Chaudhvin Ka Chand (1960)	Shakeel Badayuni	Tareef Songs, Romantic Songs
 3	Mujhko Is Raat Ki Tanhai Mein Awaaz Na Do (By Mukesh) <small>YouTube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.44 - 943 votes	Mukesh	Kalyanji Anandji	Dharmendra
		Dil Bhi Tera Hum Bhi Tere (1960)	Shamim Jaipuri	Sad Songs
 4	Jab Pyar Kiya To Darna Kya <small>YouTube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.38 - 897 votes	Lata Mangeshkar	Naushad	Dilip Kumar, Madhubala, Prithviraj Kapoor, Nigar Sultana, Durga Khote
		Mughal-e-Azam (1960)	Shakeel Badayuni	All Time Great, Dance Songs, Romantic Songs
 5	Chal Ri Sajani Ab Kya Soche, Kajra Na Beh Jaye Rote Rote <small>YouTube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.44 - 570 votes	Mukesh	Sachin Dev Burman	Nasir Husain, Dev Anand, Suchitra Sen
		Bombai Ka Babu (1960)	Majrooh Sultanpuri	Vidai (Doli) Songs
 6	Dil Apna Aur Prit Parayi, Kisne Hain Ye Rit Banayi <small>YouTube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.44 - 441 votes	Lata Mangeshkar	Shankar Jaikishan	Meena Kumari
		Dil Apna Aur Preet Parai (1960)	Shailendra	Sad Songs
 7	Tere Pyaar Ka Aasra Chahta Hu <small>YouTube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.40 - 702 votes	Lata Mangeshkar, Mahendra Kapoor	N Datta	Ashok Kumar, Mala Sinha, Nanda, Rajendra Kumar
		Dhool Ka Phool (1959)	Sahir Ludhianvi	
 8	Mohabbat Ki Jhuthi Kahani Pe Roye <small>YouTube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.42 - 836 votes	Lata Mangeshkar	Naushad	Madhubala
		Mughal-e-Azam (1960)	Shakeel Badayuni	Dard Bhare Geet
 9	Chhaliya Mera Naam <small>YouTube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.37 - 101 votes	Mukesh	Kalyanji Anandji	Nutan, Raj Kapoor
		Chhalia (1960)	Qamar Jalalabadi	Happy Songs
 10	Tu Hai Harjai To Apna Bhi Yehi Taur Sahi <small>YouTube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.55 - 102 votes	Mukesh	Ravi	Kumkum, Pradeep Kumar
		Tu Nahin Aur Sahi (1960)	Majrooh Sultanpuri	Sad Songs, Shikwa Shikayat Songs

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سدا بہار، سبق آموز مذہبی سماجی و اخلاقی بنیادوں کا انمول و نادر خزانہ



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حضرت شیخ سعدی شیرازی رضی اللہ عنہ

38 سائل سے بدسلوکی اللہ کو ناراض کرتی ہے

اُردو حکایت: اک درویش تنگدستی سے مجبور ہو کر اک امیر کے دروازہ پر گیا اور بڑی عاجزی سے کچھ مانگنے لگا۔ سنگدل اور بدمزاج امیر نے غریب کو خوب جھڑکا۔ سائل کا دل جھڑکیا سن کر خون ہو گیا۔ اُس نے کہا ”مانا کہ اللہ نے آپ کو بہت کچھ دیا ہے مگر آپ اس قدر ترش مزاج کیوں ہیں۔ آپ کو معلوم نہیں کہ مانگنے کے لئے طبیعت پر کتنا جبر کرنا پڑتا ہے۔“ یہ سن کر امیر غصہ میں بھر گیا اور اس نے اپنے ملازم سے کہا کہ ”اس سائل کو دھکے مار کر یہاں سے نکال دو۔“ اس واقعہ کو کچھ ہی عرصہ گزرا تھا کہ دولت اُس امیر آدمی کو دغا دے گئی اور وہ پیسے پیسے کو محتاج ہو گیا۔ جس ملازم نے اُس کے حکم سے سائل کو نکالا تھا وہ بھی اس کو چھوڑ کر اک دریادل اور نیک فطرت امیر انسان کے پاس چلا گیا۔ ایک رات اُس نیک دل امیر کے دروازہ پر اک فقیر نے صدا لگائی۔ اُس امیر نے ملازم کو حکم دیا کہ بھکاری کو راضی کر دو۔ جب ملازم اُس بھکاری کے پاس گیا تو اس کے منہ سے بے اختیار چیخ نکل گئی اور اُس کے آنسو بہنے لگے۔ جب امیر نے رونے کا سبب پوچھا تو اُس نے کہا کہ میں جس بھکاری کو کھانے دینے گیا تھا وہ کبھی لاکھوں کا مالک تھا اور میں اُس کے پاس ملازم تھا۔ آج اُس کو بھیک مانگتے دیکھ کر میرا دل لرز اُٹھا۔

سخی امیر نے ہنس کر کہا: اللہ بڑا انصاف پسند ہے۔ وہ کسی پر ظلم نہیں کرتا۔ تمہیں یاد ہوگا کہ جب یہ شخص امیر تھا تو اُس کا دماغ آسمان پر تھا اور وہ ساکلوں کو دھکے دے کر اپنے گھر سے نکال دیتا تھا۔ میری طرف دیکھو اور پہچانو۔ میں وہی سائل ہوں جس کو ایک دفعہ اس نے ذلیل کر کے اپنے گھر سے نکال دیا تھا۔ گردش زمانہ نے آج اس کو میری سابقہ حالت پر پہنچا دیا ہے اور جس مال و دولت پر اس کو ناز تھا وہ اللہ تعالیٰ نے اپنے فضل و کرم سے مجھے عطا فرمائی ہے۔

فارسی شعر:

خدای اربحکمت بنبد درے
کشاید بفضل و کرم دیگرے
بسا مفلس بے نوا سیر شد
بسا کارِ منعم زبر زیر شد

حاصل کلام:

خدا اگر کسی مصلحت سے کوئی دروازہ بند کرتا ہے تو وہ اپنے فضل و کرم سے دوسرا دروازہ کھول دیتا ہے بہت سے بے سروسامان مفلس، صاحب حیثیت بن گئے اور بہت سے مال دار تباہ و برباد ہو گئے۔

منظوم ترجمہ:

خدا گر مصلحت سے کوئی دروازہ کو بند کر دے
تو وہ فضل و کرم سے کھولتا ہے، اور دروازہ
بہت سے بے سروسامان، تو نگر ہو گئے پل میں
بہت سے مال والے، ایک پل میں ہو گئے مفلس



دائے مشرق، بلبل شیراز، حضرت شیخ سعدی شیرازی رضی اللہ عنہ فارسی زبان کے عالمی شہرت یافتہ ادیب شاعر، سیاح و دانشور گزرے ہیں۔ آپ کی پیدائش تقریباً آٹھ سو سال قبل سادات کے اک معزز گھرانے میں ہوئی جو برسوں پہلے مکہ سے ہجرت کر کے شیراز میں آسا تھا۔ خاندان میں دینداری کا بول بالا تھا اس لئے ابتدائی تعلیم گھر پر ہوئی اور چھوٹی سی عمر میں تمام ضروری دینی مسائل یاد ہو گئے جس کے ساتھ عبادت، شب بیداری اور تلاوت کلام پاک کا شوق پیدا ہو گیا۔ گیارہ سال کی عمر میں کلام مجید حفظ کر لیا۔ تفسیر، فقہ، حدیث اور صرف و نحو کی ابتدائی کتابیں پڑھیں اور سن بلوغ کو پہنچنے سے پہلے ہی نہایت اعلیٰ و ارفع اخلاق و کردار کے مالک بن گئے۔ ان کی سلیقہ مندی، زہد و تقویٰ، ذہانت و دانشمندی کا ہر طرف چرچا ہو جائے گا۔ نو عمری میں والدین کے ساتھ پہلا حج کیا اور اپنی زندگی میں چودہ حج پایادہ کئے۔ بغداد کے مدرسہ نظامیہ میں تقریباً تیس سال تک مشہور زمانہ علمائے کرام سے تحصیل علم و فیض صحت حاصل کر کے قرآن، حدیث، تفسیر، منطق، فلسفہ، ریاضی اور دیگر علوم پر عبور حاصل کیا۔ ساتھ ہی کئی اجنبی زبانوں میں بھی مہارت حاصل کر لی۔ تحصیل علم سے فارغ ہو کر حضرت سعدی شیرازی نے سیاحت پر کمر باندھ لی اور عمر کا بیشتر حصہ ایشیا، آفریقہ اور دُنیا کے دیگر ممالک کی سیرو سیاحت میں بسر کیا۔ کہا جاتا ہے کہ مشرقی سیاحوں میں ابن بطوطہ کے سوا شیخ سعدی سے بڑھ کر کوئی اور سیاح نہیں۔ انہوں نے سیاحت کے دوران بڑی صعوبتیں اٹھائیں اور بڑے تجربے حاصل کئے۔ ایک اندازے کے مطابق شیخ سعدی کی تصانیف تیس سے متجاوز اور ایک سے بڑھ کر ایک ہیں لیکن ان کی دو

کتابوں گلستاں اور بوستاں نے لازوال عالمی شہرت حاصل کی اور حضرت سعدی کے مقام کو بلند و بالا کر کے اوج کمال پر پہنچا دیا۔ گلستاں اور بوستاں کی بنیاد قرآن، حدیث، تربیت، اخلاقیات، تجربات، دور رس اور دانشوری پر رکھی ہوئی ہے۔ ان دو کتابوں کی حکایات میں کچھ ایسا سبق پوشیدہ ہے کہ جس کو پڑھنے کے بعد آدمی اپنے علم و عمل سے انسانیت کے اعلیٰ مقام پر پہنچ سکتا ہے اس لئے ان کا مطالعہ بنی نوع انسان کے لئے نہایت فائدہ مند ہے۔

اُردو ادب کے ممتاز ادیب و شاعر ڈاکٹر توفیق انصاری احمد نے حضرت شیخ سعدی شیرازی کی سدا بہار فارسی تصانیف گلستاں و بوستاں کی افادیت کو پیش نظر رکھتے ہوئے ان دونوں کتابوں کی منتخب حکایات کے نثری و منظوم ترجمہ کا کام کئی برس پہلے شروع کیا تھا جس کی اشاعت و رسم اجرائی کا اہتمام زیر ترتیب ہے۔ ویسے تو گلستاں و بوستاں کے تراجم دُنیا کی تقریباً تمام بڑی زبانوں میں ہو چکے ہیں لیکن صرف انگریزی و عربی میں نثر کا ترجمہ نثر اور نظم کا ترجمہ نظم میں کیا گیا ہے۔ اُردو زبان میں موثر اور مفید ترجمہ کی ایسی کوئی مثال نہیں ملتی۔ ”گل بو“ (گلستاں سے گل اور بوستاں سے بو) گلستاں اور بوستاں کی منتخب مثالی حکایتوں کا اور ڈاکٹر توفیق انصاری احمد کا زیر ترتیب اُردو زبان کا وہ سب سے پہلا شاہکار مشترکہ و منفرد گلدستہ ہے جس میں فارسی نثر کا ترجمہ اُردو نثر میں اور فارسی نظم کا ترجمہ اُردو نظم میں کیا گیا ہے۔ ”گل بو کی حکایت“ کے عنوان سے ہم گلستاں و بوستاں کی حکایات کو عوامی استفادہ کی خاطر ”ایشیا نامہ کی الیکٹرانک اشاعتوں میں ثواب جاریہ کی نیت سے سلسلہ و اشاعت کر رہے ہیں۔ (ادارہ)

ظفریاب جیلانی کا انتقال

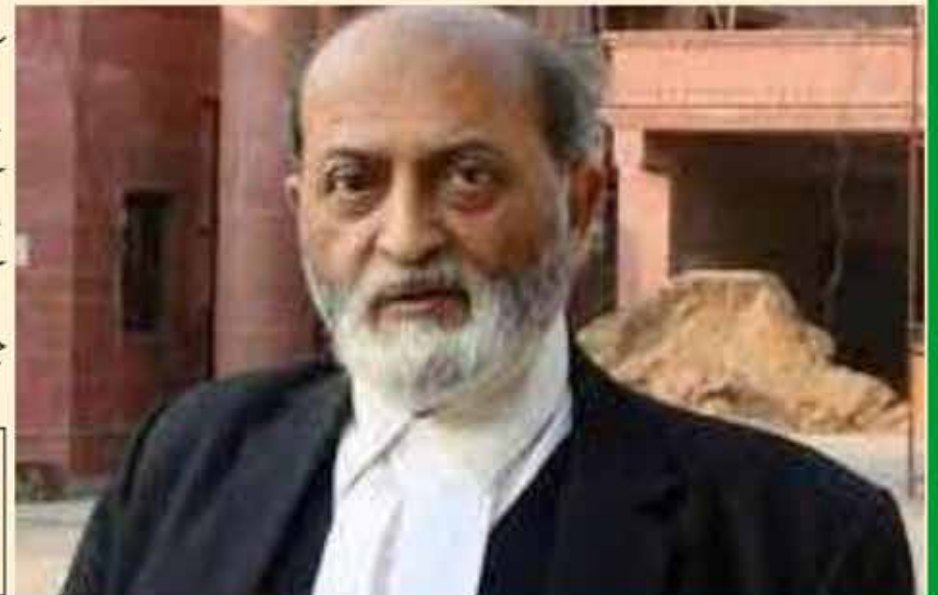
یاد رہے کہ ظفریاب جیلانی کو پیارے ہو گئے۔ انا للہ وانا الیہ
پچھلے سال لکھنؤ واقع میدانِ راجعون
ہسپتال میں داخل کیا گیا تھا، جس ظفریاب جیلانی صاحب مجھے
کے بعد سے ہی ان کی صحت گرتی ہوئے وکیل اور ملی درد رکھنے والے
انسان تھے، انہوں نے آل انڈیا
آل انڈیا مسلم پرسنل لا بورڈ مسلم پرسنل لا بورڈ سے جڑ کر اپنے
نے ان کے انتقال پر افسوس ظاہر بساط بھر خدمت انجام دی، بورڈ
کیا ہے۔ ایک بیان میں کہا گیا میں انکی قانونی مہارت کی وجہ سے
ہے کہ کوپے درپے بڑے صدے ان کی رائے کا وزن محسوس کیا جاتا



لکھنؤ: معروف وکیل اور آل انڈیا مسلم پرسنل لا بورڈ کے رکن
ظفریاب جیلانی کا انتقال ہو گیا
ہے۔ وہ 73 سال کے تھے۔
جیلانی کے فرزند نظم ظفریاب نے
بتایا کہ ان کے والد نے لکھنؤ کے
نشاد ہسپتال میں صبح تقریباً
50.11 بجے آخری سانس لی۔
پسماندگان میں اہلیہ، دو بیٹے اور
ایک بیٹی ہے۔ جیلانی بابر مسجد
معاہدہ میں وکیل تھے اور اتر
پردیش کے ایڈیشنل ایڈووکیٹ
جنرل بھی رہ چکے تھے۔
آج شب بعد نماز عشاء عیش باغ
واقع قبرستان میں ہوگی۔ ظفریاب
جیلانی مسلم پرسنل لا بورڈ کے رکن
اور بابر مسجد ایکشن کمیٹی کے صدر
اور یوپی کے ایڈیشنل ایڈووکیٹ
ظفریاب جیلانی کے انتقال پر
مولانا خالد رشید فرنگی محللی نے
گہرے رنج و غم کا اظہار کرتے
ہوئے ان کے انتقال کو قوم کے
لئے خسارہ قرار دیا ہے



پیش آرہے ہیں، ابھی بورڈ کے
صدر عالی قدر مرشد الامت حضرت
مولانا سید محمد رابع حسنی ندوی
نور اللہ مرقدہ کی رحلت کا غم تازہ تھا
کہ آل انڈیا مسلم پرسنل لا بورڈ
کے سکریٹری اور اس کی لیگل سیل
کے بہت ہی فعال رکن ایڈووکیٹ
جناب ظفریاب جیلانی اللہ کو
تھا، عرصے تک بورڈ کے رکن کی
حیثیت سے انہوں نے خدمت
انجام دی، پھر اپنی صلاحیت اور
بورڈ کے کاموں میں دلچسپی کی وجہ
سے بورڈ کے سکریٹری منتخب ہوئے
اور جنرل سکریٹری بورڈ حضرت
مولانا سید محمد ولی رحمانی رحمۃ اللہ
علیہ کے شانہ بشانہ کام کیا۔



اپنے بچوں کو اُردو پڑھائیے۔ اُردو ایک زندہ زبان ہے۔ اس کی تشہیر کیجئے۔

گوند عقاقیہ ایک تعارف

گوند عقاقیہ (gum arabic) گول اجسام کی صورت کے کرٹلز اسکا (gum arabic) استعمال کئی استعمال کیا جاتا ہے۔ چپکانے کی ہندی گوند یا عربی گوند کے نام سے جانی جانے والی یہ طبی دوا، اردو میں گوند خدر یا گوند بول کے نام سے پہچانی جاتی ہے۔ تاریخی لحاظ سے یہ عرب اور مغربی ایشیا میں ملی لیکن یہ سوڈان اور ساحل کے علاقوں میں سینیگال سے صومالیہ تک کے علاقے میں ملتی ہے۔ کاروباری مقاصد کے لئے اسے اگانے والے جنگلی درختوں سے 80 فیصد تک حاصل کرتے ہیں۔ اسکے علاوہ وسطی افریقہ، مغربی افریقہ شمال مغربی ہندوستان میں خصوصاً ہریانہ، گجرات اور راجھستان کی پہاڑیوں سے ملتی ہے۔



اسکا مقابلہ کرنے والی کوئی اور بہترین چیز ابھی تک دریافت نہیں ہو سکی۔ اسکا استعمال (uses of gum arabic) ایلو مینیم کی پرننگ پلیٹس کی آکسیڈیشن کے لئے استعمال ہوتا ہے جو پرننگ پریس میں استعمال ہوتی ہے۔ گوند کثیرہ چیونگم اور کنفکشری میں استعمال ہوتی ہے۔ اسمیں ڈائٹری فائبر اور پیچیدہ پولی سچورائیڈز موجود ہوتے ہیں جو حل پذیر ہوتے ہیں۔ اسکی کیلورک کیت کے بارے میں کوئی باقاعدہ سائنسی تحقیق نہیں پائی جاتی۔ عربی گوند ایک لمبے عرصے سے ٹائلوں میں چمک پیدا کرنے کے لئے استعمال ہو رہی ہے۔ اسکا استعمال آتش بازی کے میٹیریل میں بھی ہوتا ہے۔

چمکیلا اور شفاف ہوتا ہے۔ اسکی کوئی خوشبو نہیں ہوتی اگرچہ ذائقہ ہلکا سا ترشی مائل ہوتا ہے۔ یہ پانی میں حل ہو جاتی ہے۔ لیکن الکوحل میں یا دوسری حل پذیر اشیاء میں حل نہیں ہوتی۔

گوند عقاقیہ طبی فوائد:

اسمیں کمیشیم، میگنیشیم اور پوٹاشیم کے نمکیاتی عربی تیزاب کے اجزاء پائے جاتے ہیں۔ اسکے علاوہ اسمیں کچھ انزائمز بھی موجود ہوتے ہیں۔ یہ کئی طرح کے کھانسی کے شربتوں اور ہیضہ کی دواؤں میں ڈالی جاتی ہے۔ اندرونی نظام کی درستی کے لئے اسے آنتوں کی سوزش اور انفیکشن کے لئے استعمال ہونے والی دواؤں میں بھی ڈالا جاتا ہے۔ یہ پستانوں کے انفیکشن اور چھالوں کے لئے بھی سودمند ہوتی ہے۔

گوند عقاقیہ کا صنعتی استعمال:

اسے ادویات کے علاوہ پرننگ اور پینٹ میں استعمال بھی ڈالا جاتا ہے۔ یہ پستانوں کے انفیکشن اور چھالوں کے لئے بھی سودمند ہوتی ہے۔



اداکار علی رحمن خان پہلی بار خواجہ سرا کا کردار ادا کرنے کو تیار

پاکستانی فلم 'جوئے لینڈ' اور ڈراما 'سرا' کے بعد انٹرنیکس/خواجہ سرا جیسے حساس موضوع پر مبنی ایک اور ڈرامے پیش کیا جا رہا ہے جس میں اداکار علی رحمن خان پہلی بار خواجہ سرا کا کردار ادا کر رہے ہیں۔ ایکسپریس انٹرنیٹ پر نیا آنے والے ڈراما 'گروڈ' کا ٹیزر جاری کیا گیا ہے، مختصر دورانیے کے اس ٹیزر میں علی رحمن کے انٹرنیکس کے کردار کو دکھایا گیا ہے۔ بغیر کسی ڈیلاگ کے اس ٹیزر میں دکھایا گیا کہ علی رحمن پیسوں کی خاطر تقریب میں رقص کر رہے ہیں۔ ٹیزر سے معلوم ہوتا ہے کہ انٹرنیکس کا کردار ادا کرنے والے علی رحمن تقریبات میں رقص کرتے ہوئے خوش ہے لیکن اپنی ذاتی زندگی میں وہ اداس اور غم میں نڈھال ہے۔ اگرچہ ڈرامے میں علی رحمن کے کردار کا نام ظاہر نہیں کیا گیا اور نہ ہی ڈراما نشر ہونے کی تاریخ ظاہر کی گئی ہے۔ تاہم ڈرامے کی مرکزی کاسٹ میں علی رحمن خان کے علاوہ ژالے سرحدی، حرا خان، عمر عالم شامل ہیں۔ ٹیزر جاری ہونے کے بعد شائقین بے صبری سے انتظار کر رہے ہیں کہ اتنے حساس موضوع کو ڈرامے میں کس طرح پیش کیا گیا ہے۔ یہ ڈراما شازیہ وجاہت روف نے پروڈیوس کیا ہے جبکہ بلاول حسین عباس نے ہدایت کاری کے کام سرانجام دیے ہیں، شازیہ وجاہت نے انسٹاگرام پر علی رحمن خان کے کردار کا پوسٹر شیئر کرتے ہوئے لکھا کہ مجھے فخر ہے کہ علی رحمن خان نے چیلنجنگ کردار کو نبھایا، انہوں نے شکر یہ ادا کرتے ہوئے لکھا کہ آپ نے تمام رکاوٹوں کو توڑ کر مکمل طور پر نیا کردار اپنایا ہے جہاں بہت سے لوگ ایسا کرنے کے لیے دو بار سوچتے ہیں۔ شازیہ نے لکھا کہ یہ ڈراما انٹرنیکس پر مبنی ہے، جس کی کہانی انتہائی دلچسپ ہے۔ انہوں نے اہم موضوع کو منتخب کرنے پر چیلنج کا بھی شکر یہ ادا کیا جسے معاشرے میں متنازع سمجھا جاتا ہے۔ علی رحمن خان کے ساتھی اداکاروں اور ساتھیوں نے سوشل میڈیا پر اداکار کے کردار کی تعریف بھی کی۔ ہانیہ عامر نے ٹیزر کو انشاسٹوری پر شیئر کرتے ہوئے علی رحمن خان کو بہادر، باصلاحیت دوست قرار دیتے ہوئے لکھا کہ میں



اس وقت تک انتظار نہیں کر سکتی جب تک ہر کوئی آپ کی ناقابل یقین کارکردگی کو نہیں دیکھتا۔ اداکارہ کول میر اور زارا نور عباس، کبریٰ خان نے بھی علی رحمن خان کی تعریف کرتے ہوئے لکھا کہ 'غیر معمولی' کردار کرنے پر انہیں اداکار پر فخر ہے۔ خواجہ سرا کا کردار ادا کرنے والے علی رحمن خان پہلے اداکار نہیں ہیں بلکہ اداکار منیب بٹ بھی ایسا ہی ایک کردار ادا کر چکے ہیں۔ ڈراما سیریل 'سرا' اے آر وائی ڈیجیٹل پر نشر ہوا تھا جسے ناظرین کی جانب سے بے حد سراہا گیا تھا، اس ڈرامے کی کہانی بھی انٹرنیکس کے کردار پر مبنی تھی۔ ڈرامے میں خواجہ سرا کا کردار منیب بٹ نے ادا کیا تھا جبکہ مرکزی کاسٹ میں صبا قر، صبور علی، حریم فاروق، سینا مارشل شامل ہیں۔ عدیل بھٹی کی ہدایت کاری میں بننے والے اس ڈرامے میں متعدد سماجی مسائل اجاگر کیے گئے ہیں اس کے علاوہ صنفی برابری اور انٹرنیکس لوگوں سے متعلق مسائل کو بھی اجاگر کیا گیا تھا۔ یہی نہیں بلکہ گزشتہ سال پاکستانی فلم 'جوئے لینڈ' بھی ریلیز کی گئی تھی۔ ہدایت کار، لکھاری و اداکار صائم صادق کی فلم 'جوئے لینڈ' کو ریلیز سے قبل ہی شدید تنقید کا سامنا کرنا پڑا تھا، اس پر پابندی بھی عائد کی گئی اور کئی جگہ پر احتجاج بھی ہوا۔ شدید تنقید کے باوجود اس فلم کو عالمی سطح پر متعدد ایوارڈ بھی ملے جن میں 'کانز فلم فیسٹیول' میں 'کوئیر پام' ایوارڈ بھی شامل ہے۔ علاوہ ازیں مذکورہ فلم کو 'ٹورنٹو انٹرنیشنل فلم فیسٹیول' سمیت دیگر عالمی میلوں میں بھی پیش کیا جا چکا ہے اور فلم نے دیگر عالمی ایوارڈز بھی اپنے نام کر رکھے ہیں۔ 'جوئے لینڈ' کی کہانی ایک ایسے نوجوان کے گرد اور منحنی ڈانس کے گرد گھومتی ہے جو ڈانس کلب میں کام کرنے کے دوران ایک دوسرے کی محبت میں گرفتار ہو جاتے ہیں۔ فلم کو کہانی کے اچھوتے موضوع کی وجہ سے کافی سراہا گیا اور پاکستان جیسے معاشرے میں معیوب سمجھے جانے والے موضوع پر فلم بنانے کی وجہ سے ہی اس کی ٹیم کو اعلیٰ ترین عالمی ایوارڈ دیا گیا تھا۔



'ڈان 3' میں شاہ رخ کی جگہ نویر سنگھ مرکزی کردار ادا کریں گے

بالی وڈ فلم پروڈیوسر تیش سدھوانی نے چند روز قبل انکشاف کیا تھا کہ ان کے ساتھی فلمساز فرحان اختر 'ڈان 3' کے اسکرپٹ کو فائنل کر رہے ہیں۔ 'ڈان 3' کے متعلق تازہ پیشرفت سے معذرت کر لی ہے۔ اب فلم کے حوالے سے



ساٹن آتے ہی فلمی شائقین میں یہ تجسس پھیل گیا کہ سیریز کی نئی فلم میں مرکزی کردار کون ادا کریں گے، سیریز کی ابتدائی دو فلموں میں شاہ رخ خان نے مرکزی کردار ادا کیا تھا اور اب بھی یہی توقع کی جا رہی تھی کہ وہ مرکزی کردار نبھائیں گے۔ 'ڈان 3' سیریز کی نئی فلم میں کام کیلئے راضی نہیں ہیں اور انہوں نے فلمساز کو باضابطہ طور پر انکار کر دیا ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق 'ڈان 3' نئی پیشرفت سامنے آئی ہے کہ بالی اداکار نویر سنگھ کو شاہ رخ خان کے آئیکنک رول کیلئے فائنل کر لیا گیا ہے اور وہ ہمیں 'ڈان 3' میں اداکاری کے جوہر دکھاتے نظر آئیں گے۔ نویر سنگھ اس سے قبل ایکسیل انٹرنیٹ کے ساتھ 'دل دھڑکنے دو اور گلی بوائے' جیسی فلموں میں شاندار پرفارمنس دے چکے ہیں۔



سلمان خان شوٹنگ کے دوران زخمی ہو گئے

بالی وڈ سپر اسٹار سلمان خان شوٹنگ کے دوران زخمی ہو گئے۔ بھارتی میڈیا رپورٹس کے مطابق سلمان خان ان دنوں اپنی آنے والی تھرلر فلم 'ٹائیگر 3' کی شوٹنگ میں مصروف ہیں، اسی فلم کی شوٹنگ کے دوران سلمان خان 5 کلو وزن اٹھاتے ہوئے زخمی ہوئے، ان کے بائیں کندھے پر چوٹ آئی۔ بالی وڈ کے بھائی جان نے ٹوئٹر پر ٹائیگر 3 کے سیٹ سے اپنی چوٹ کی تصویر شیئر کی جس میں ان کے بائیں کندھے پر بظاہر پٹی لگی ہوئی دیکھی جاسکتی ہے۔ سلمان خان نے تصویر کے ساتھ لکھا کہ



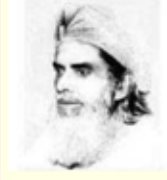


احمد فراز

غزل

اس نے سکوت شب میں بھی اپنا پیام رکھ دیا
بہر کی رات بام پر ماہ تمام رکھ دیا
آمد دوست کی نوید کوئے وفا میں عام تھی
میں نے بھی اک چراغ سادل سرشام رکھ دیا
شدت تشنگی میں بھی غیرت سے کشی رہی
اس نے جو پھیر لی نظر میں نے بھی جام رکھ دیا
اس نے نظر نظر میں ہی ایسے بھلے سخن کہے
میں نے تو اس کے پاؤں میں سارا کلام رکھ دیا
دیکھو یہ میرے خواب تھے دیکھو یہ میرے رزم ہیں
میں نے تو سب حساب جاں برسر عام رکھ دیا
اب کے بہار نے بھی کیں ایسی شرارتیں کہ بس
کبک دری کی چال میں تیرا خرام رکھ دیا
جو بھی ملا اسی کا دل حلقہ بگوش یار تھا
اس نے تو سارے شہر کو کر کے غلام رکھ دیا
اور فراز چاہیں کتنی محبتیں تجھے
ماؤں نے تیرے نام پر بچوں کا نام رکھ دیا

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بہرا دکھنوی

غزل

دیوانہ بنانا ہے تو دیوانہ بنا دے
ورنہ کہیں تقدیر تماشہ نہ بنا دے
اے دیکھنے والو مجھے ہنس ہنس کے نہ دیکھو
تم کو بھی محبت کہیں مجھ سا نہ بنا دے
میں ڈھونڈ رہا ہوں مری وہ شمع کہاں ہے
جو بزم کی ہر چیز کو پروانہ بنا دے
آخر کوئی صورت بھی تو ہو خانہ دل کی
کعبہ نہیں بنتا ہے تو بت خانہ بنا دے
بہر آد ہر اک گام پہ اک سجدہ مستی
ہر ذرے کو سنگ در جانانہ بنا دے

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وسیم بریلوی

غزل

آتے آتے مرا نام سا رہ گیا
اس کے ہونٹوں پہ کچھ کانپتا رہ گیا
رات مجرم تھی دامن بچا لے گئی
دن گواہوں کی صف میں کھڑا رہ گیا
وہ مرے سامنے ہی گیا اور میں
راستے کی طرح دیکھتا رہ گیا
جھوٹ والے کہیں سے کہیں بڑھ گئے
اور میں تھا کہ سچ بولتا رہ گیا
آندھیوں کے ارادے تو اچھے نہ تھے
یہ دیا کیسے جلتا ہوا رہ گیا
اس کو کاندھوں پہ لے جا رہے ہیں وسیم
اور وہ جینے کا حق مانگتا رہ گیا

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ولی الدین

سوال

خلوص و محبت کا صلہ ہے کیا مجھ کو پتہ نہیں
جنونِ عشق کی انتہا ہے کیا مجھ کو پتہ نہیں
یہ دل مجھ کو چھوڑ کر چلا بھی گیا
اب رہتا ہے تیرے پاس کیا مجھ کو پتہ نہیں
ایمان کی حرارت میں بھی کمی ہے
امت کو تیری ہوا ہے کیا مجھ کو پتہ نہیں
کیوں اپنوں کا خون بہاتے ہو
تیرا کوئی اور خدا ہے کیا مجھ کو پتہ نہیں
جو دل میں ہے وہی دُعا بھی ہے
ولی اس کے سوا چاہتا ہے کیا مجھ کو پتہ نہیں

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ڈاکٹر منیر الزماں منیر

غزل

وہ اعتبار کی حد سے گزر گیا کب کا
جو خواب دیکھا تھا میں نے بکھر گیا کب کا
میں آج تک بھی ہوں گردِ سفر میں لپٹا ہوا
یہاں سے کارواں تیرا گزر گیا کب کا
پڑی وہ وھول کہ چہرے کی آب و تاب گئی
نشہ غرور کا سر سے اتر گیا کب کا
حنائی ہاتھ بڑھا کر جو اُس نے کھینچ لیا
دل و نظر میں وہ لہجہ اتر گیا کب کا
اندھیرا جس کا مقدر رہا کئی برسوں
سنا ہے وہ بھی اُجالوں میں مر گیا کب کا
تمام درد کے رشتوں نے لی ہے انگریزی
ادھورے سپنوں میں وہ رنگ بھر گیا کب کا
ابھی تک اُس کی ہی خوشبو ہے میرے ہاتھوں میں
منیر ہاتھ ملا کر وہ گھر گیا کب کا

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جاوید احمد

غزل

بس اتنی سی مری تقدیر بدلی
کبھی زنداں کبھی زنجیر بدلی
نہ ان آنکھوں نے اپنے خواب بدلے
نہ خوابوں نے کوئی تعبیر بدلی
کسی نے حسن کے بدلے معانی
کسی نے عشق کی تفسیر بدلی
کوئی دکھ ہی بنائے آب و گل ہے
کہ جس کی جا بجا تاثیر بدلی
وہی آرائشِ آئینہ دل
کہ اس میں پھر کوئی تصویر بدلی
لبو سے فیصلہ ہم نے لکھا تھا
کہاں جا کر مگر تحریر بدلی

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سید کامران زبیر کامری

غزل

جبتوئے علم و حکمت میں اٹھیں میرے قدم
وسعتِ افلاک میں گھل جائیں گے سب پیچ و خم
اضطرابِ دل کو آجائے سکوں ہو گر عطا
مجھ کو ذوقِ آگہی میرے خدا لطف و کرم
کلمہ توحید لب پر پاس قرآن ہے مرے
دل میں ہے عشقِ محمدؐ محو سجدہ چشمِ نم
اے جنونِ بندگی! اک دن خدا مل جائے گا
کوششِ پیہم بدل دے گی خطوطِ جامِ جم
ختم کردے رب جہاں سے سُن لے کامی کی دُعا
بے کسی، غربت، جہالت، آتشِ ظلم و ستم

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ڈاکٹر اشفاق سعید

غزل

صید کو رشکِ چمن دام نے رہنے نہ دیا
نغمہ خواں قیدِ بد انجام نے رہنے نہ دیا
اپنے سائے کے تعاقب میں رہے تھے دن بھر
وہ بھی اب تیرگی شام نے رہنے نہ دیا
کچھ مرے دل کا سکون نذرِ غم یار ہوا
جو بچا گردشِ ایام نے رہنے نہ دیا
میں نے کب کی ہیں کسی غیر سے دل کی باتیں
راز کو راز در و بام نے رہنے نہ دیا
عمر بھر چین سے مجھ کو کبھی اک لمحہ مرے
اس دلِ تشنہ لب کام نے رہنے نہ دیا
تیری فرقت میں کسی طور بھی رہ لیتے مگر
غیر کے ساتھ ترے نام نے رہنے نہ دیا
جاں سے گزریں ہیں یہ غم ہے تو اسی بات کا ہے
مجھ کو میرے ہی خوش اندام نے رہنے نہ دیا
خود ترا عکس کہیں تجھ کو پریشاں نہ کرے
سچ کا آئینہ ترے سامنے رہنے نہ دیا
ہم نفس اُس کو مرا اور مجھے اُس کا حقیر
دل میں پلٹتے ہوئے اوہام نے رہنے نہ دیا

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On the lighter side....

Seven-year-old John had finished his summer vacation and gone back to school. Two days later his teacher phoned his mother to tell her that John was misbehaving.

“Wait a minute,” said the mother. “I had John here for two months and I never called you once when he misbehaved.”

I got fired from my job as a taxi driver...

It turns out my customers didn't like it when I tried to go the extra mile.

Two friends were chatting. “I've just bought a pig!” said the first.

“But where will you keep it?” asked the second. “Your yard's much too small for a pig!”

“I'm going to keep it under my bed,” replied the first.

“But what about the smell?”

“He'll soon get used to that.”

I went to a restaurant. It was full. There was no place to sit and the wait was over thirty minutes.

I took out my cell phone, placed it to my ear, and said loudly, “Hey, get over here! She's here with someone else!”

Six couples got up and quickly left.

What do you call a charitable person in Portland?

An Oregon donor!

An elderly woman decided to prepare her will and told her preacher she had two final requests.

First, she wanted to be cremated. Second, she wanted her ashes scattered over Walmart.

“Walmart?” the preacher exclaimed. “Why Walmart?”

“Then I'll be sure my daughters will visit me twice a week.”

I asked my daughter if she'd seen my newspaper.



She told me that newspapers are old school. She said that people use tablets nowadays and handed me her iPad.

The fly didn't stand a chance.

During the final exam, the professor noticed that Billy Walters kept looking at his hand before writing down an answer on his test. This went on throughout the entire exam, leaving the professor no other choice than to interrogate the student's test-taking habit.

“Mr. Walters,” the professor began. “Is there something interesting written on your palm?”

“Not at all,” Billy replied. “It's all pretty boring.”

Tax collector: “It is your duty as a citizen to pay taxes, and we expect you to pay them with a smile.”

Taxpayer (grinning widely): “Wonderful! I thought you expected me to pay them with cash!”

“The letter ‘W’ is the most dangerous alphabet in the world. Because all worries start with ‘W’... Who, Why, What, When, Which, Whom, Where, War, Wine, Whisky, and Wealth.”

“You're forgetting one.”

“Really? Which one?”

“Wife!”

As I drove into a parking lot, I noticed that a pickup truck with a dog sitting behind the wheel was rolling toward a female pedestrian. She seemed oblivious, so I hit my horn to get her attention.

She looked up just in time to jump out of the way of the truck's path, and the vehicle bumped harmlessly into the curb and stopped. I rushed to the woman's side to see if she was all right.

“I'm fine,” she assured me, “but I hate to think what could have happened to me if that dog hadn't honked.”

Why did the triangle refuse to be friends with the circle? It found the circle pointless.

Why didn't the frog sit on the toadstool? Because there wasn't mushroom.

“If you had one dollar and you asked your father for another, how many dollars would you have?”

“One dollar.”

“You don't know your arithmetic.”

“You don't know my father!”

The teacher asked her student to write on the chalkboard the number 55. The student asked, “How do I do that?” Teacher replied, “Write down the number 5, and beside it add another 5.”

The student wrote one 5 and stopped. The teacher inquired, “What's wrong?”

“I don't know which side to write the other 5?”

Doctor: “I've found a great new drug that can help you with your sleeping problem.”

Patient: “Great, how often do I have to take it?”

Doctor: “Every two hours.”



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