Former Air Chief Marshal Idris Hassan Latif passes away in Hyderabad

Former Chief of the Indian Air Force (IAF), Air Chief Marshal Idris Hassan Latif, who was the first and only Indian Muslim so far to become the head of the Indian Air Force or of any Indian armed force, passed away in Hyderabad on April 30th.

Latif has the distinction of being associated with three different air forces – the Royal Indian Air Force, Royal Air Force and Indian Air Force – during pre-independence and post-independence era. He took part in several battles such as World War II, Indo-Pak and Indo-China wars. He also trained pilots of the Indonesian Air Force, during his illustrious career.

As chief of air staff of the Indian Air Force, he served as such from 1978 to 1981. After retirement, he also served as the governor of Maharashtra (1982–85) and later as the Indian ambassador to France, till 1988.

Born on June 9, 1923 at Hyderabad, Idris Hassan Latif was educated at the Nizam’s College in the city. He joined the Royal Indian Air Force in 1941 at the age of 18 and was commissioned in 1942. During 1943-44, he was one of the few Indian pilots to be seconded to the Royal Air Force in the United Kingdom, where he underwent training on more contemporary aircrafts like the Hurricane and Spitfire. He returned to India in 1944 and took part in the Burma campaign.

At the time of partition, he chose IAF though he was reportedly urged by some to join the Pakistan Air Force. During the 1971 War, Latif was still the (Assistant Chief of Air Staff) ACAS (Plans). He was involved in flying to the front line squadrons and getting first hand information on the progress of the war and the requirements of the units if any. He was involved in modernisation plans of the air force and he convinced the government to approve the procurement of the Jaguar strike aircraft, a proposal which was lying dormant for over 8 years at that time. He also held negotiations with the Russians and saw the induction of the MiG-23 and later, the MiG-25 aircraft into the IAF.

Latif was also a well-known philanthropist. His wife Bilkis Latif, who passed away in 2017, was honoured with Padma Shri for her social service, particularly for the upliftment of children.
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Sajid Javid appointed Britain’s new home secretary

At a Conservative Friends of Israel lunch in 2012, The Jewish Chronicle reported Javid as stating that “if he had to leave Britain to live in the Middle East, then he would choose Israel as home. Only there, he said, would his children feel the 'warm embrace of freedom and liberty'”

British Prime Minister Theresa May appointed a new home secretary on Monday after suffering a blow with the resignation of Amber Rudd for having misled lawmakers over deportation targets for illegal immigrants.

May named Sajid Javid, 48, as Rudd’s replacement in the key ministerial post of home secretary after she quit late Sunday, facing anger over wrongful moves to deport legal but undocumented elderly immigrants from the Caribbean.

Rudd, under growing pressure over the so-called Windrush scandal, told lawmakers last week that there were no targets for the removal of people deemed to be in the country illegally.

But she felt it “necessary” to tender her resignation after the emergence of documents, addressed to her office, showing those goals were in place.

“I should have been aware of this, and I take full responsibility for the fact that I was not,” she said in her resignation letter to May, conceding that she “inadvertently misled the Home Affairs Select Committee”, the panel of MPs scrutinising the work of her ministry.

The dramatic exit of close ally Rudd came as a setback for May, whose centre-right Conservative Party faces potentially bruising local authority elections across metropolitan England on Thursday.

Rudd was also seen as a moderate on the EU and a balancing force in a cabinet containing several big-name pro-Brexit figures.

‘Urgent task’ on immigration

Promoted from communities secretary, Javid’s first task will be to take some of the political heat out of the Windrush scandal.

“Making sure that we have an immigration policy that is fair, treats people with respect and with decency -- that will be one of my most urgent tasks,” he told reporters.

BIO

Javid is the son of a Pakistani bus driver who arrived in Britain in 1961 with one pound in his pocket. Javid said that the Windrush scandal felt “very personal” but urged people to concentrate on the government’s efforts to rectify the situation.

A rapid riser in the government, Javid was a senior investment banker at Deutsche Bank before becoming a member of parliament in 2010.

He became a Treasury minister in 2013 and joined the Cabinet in 2014 as culture secretary before switching to business secretary in 2015 and communities secretary the following year.

Javid was born in Littleborough, Lancashire, one of five sons of parents of Pakistani descent. His father was a bus driver. His family moved from Lancashire to Stapleton Road, Bristol as his parents took over a shop there, and the family lived in a two bed flat above it.

As a teenager, Javid developed an interest in financial markets, following the Thatcher government’s privatisations. At the age of 14 he borrowed £500 from a bank to invest in shares and become a regular reader of the Financial Times.

Javid was educated from 1981 to 1986 at Downend School, a state comprehensive near Bristol. Speaking in 2014, Javid confessed that while at school ‘I was naughty, more interested in watching Grange Hill than homework’.[4] Javid subsequently attended Filton Technical College from 1986 to 1988, and finally the University of Exeter from 1988 to 1991. At Exeter he studied economics and politics and became a member of the Conservative Party.

When he was twenty, Javid attended his first Conservative Party Conference and campaigned against the Thatcher government’s decision in that year to join the European Exchange Rate Mechanism (ERM), calling it a “fatal mistake”.


In 2007 he relocated to Singapore as head of Deutsche Bank’s credit trading, equity convertibles, commodities and private equity businesses in Asia, and was appointed a board member of Deutsche Bank International Limited. He left Deutsche Bank in 2009 to pursue a career in politics. His earnings at Deutsche Bank would have been roughly £3m a year at the time he left.

Javid is a trustee of the London Early Years Foundation, was a governor of Normand Croft Community School, and has led an expedition to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa, to show his support of Help the Aged.
ISNA Hosted Annual ISNA Day in Dallas

Some 500 people attended the ISNA Conference in Dallas on April 14, whose theme was: “Upholding Faith: Serving Humanity.”

The conference program, which focused on Islamic education, had sessions for professional development of teachers, principals and administrators of Islamic schools led by several renowned experts and current and former principals of the nation’s top ranking Islamic schools. The program included interactive sessions, training workshops and networking opportunities for Muslim educators and administrators of full-time and weekend Islamic schools.

The speakers included ISNA president Azhar Azeez; Abdalla Idris Ali, former executive director of ISNA Canada; Fawzia Belal, director of Islamic studies, Qalam Collegiate Academy; M. Aftab Diwan, Superintendent at the Islamic School of Irving; Susan Labidi, marketing and website management for the American Halal Association, and marketing director and advisor for DEFINE/Leader Launch; Mathew Moes, School Development Lead, Razi Education; Habeeb Quadri, principal of the MCC Full Time School in Morton Grove, Ill.; and Dr. Iram Shaikh Jilani, Head of School, Brighter Horizons Academy.

The conference also included a bazaar and matrimonial banquet as well as an evening banquet featuring a keynote address from political journalist Mehdi Hasan, who presents UpFront on Al Jazeera English, a special address from former White House staffer Rumana Ahmed, community service recognition award ceremony honoring Akram Syed and Hind Jarrah as well as entertainment from well-known comedian Preacher Moss.

Among the attendees were Dr. Basheer Ahmed, Syed Moazzam, Azeem A. Quadeer, Publisher Asia Times, Mohammed Salam, Area Manager Guidance Residential, Shahid Ahmed, Syed Iftaqar.
A private gathering in Dallas to honor visiting famous poet Hashmat Sohail. From left: Khaja Kamaluddin, Shahid Ahmed, Hashmat Sohail, Mohamed Abdur Rahman, Mirza P. Baig and Azeem A. Quadeer.

From left: Shawkath Mohammed of New York Life, Zaman Zaki Taji Qawwal, Khaja Mujeebuddin, Azeem A. Quadeer, Mohammed Nasir, With Nabeel Khawar, Zaman Zaki Taji, Khawar Abbas and Adeel Khawar.

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With Honorable Chief Guest: Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson.

Key Note Speaker: His Excellency, The Ambassador of Pakistan, Aizaz Chaudhry, along with guest speaker, her Excellency, Consul General of Pakistan, Asma Parvizi.

Venue Information: Dallas/Plano Marriott at Legacy Town Center, 7211 Bishop Rd, Plano, TX 75024.

For information or sponsorship contact: Aiza Ali 972-762-2256, Sahib Ali 972-762-2256, Khawar Abbas 972-337-3390.
APPNA efforts for Visa clearance of young physicians - Rao Kamran Ali

We had a phenomenal Day on The Hill yesterday April 25th, 2018

Day started with meeting with State Department. They admitted that Visa policies have been inflexible but they will help us. Only one person for any case will follow up with them other than bombardment from all around.

At 12:30 PAKPAC luncheon was a blast. Congressman Dr Raul Ruiz is on board to help our young physician. Thanks to Dr Jalil Khan, President PAKPAC and team to support our Advocacy event with full momentum.

After that we dispersed in groups and met senators and congressmen in their offices as well as their chief of staffs who are real “go getters”!!!

Our congressional reception was very well organized, started on time ended on time. APPNA Advocacy Committee and other APPNA members who attended it were so excited and happy. Senators or congressmen who merely take seconds to talk on such events, were there for comprehensive speeches and later intermingled with our members.

We had Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi, Congresswoman Jayapal, Congressman Veasey, Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, Congressman Norcross, Congressman Mike Turner, Congressmen Joe Wilson, Congressman Tokano, Congressman Jim Costa, Senator Cortez Masto and Michael Kugelman. We were able to meet and get the support of Senator Bob Casey, Congresswoman Dina Titus, Senator Sherrod Brown, Congressman Tom Souzzi, Senator Maggie Hassan, Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Congressman Andre Carson, Congressman Jim Banks, Senator Donnelly, Senator Manchin, Senator Van Hollen

Day ended with sumptuous dinner hosted by Pakistani Ambassador at his residence and he assured his full support as well

Thanks to Great Great Great Advocacy members who attended it and supported it. Thanks to non members who took time off to travel to DC for our community!!!!

Thanks to President Iqbal Zafar Hamid, Treasurer Lubna Naeem who came to attend DOT and Executive Committee for all the help and support. Thanks to Nicholous, Jennifer Watson And Ari Mittleton for Day and night work

It’s just the start, this effort has to keep going to get desired results!!!!
Charminar Darbar Restaurant recently opened in the Satwa area of Dubai. If you are craving for authentic, homemade Hyderabadi cooking, this is the place to check out! Popular items include Mutton and Chicken Biryani, Chicken 65, Talawa gosht, Khatti Dal, various types of Kababs, snacks and of course kadak Irani Chai.

Syed Iftaqr from Plano, Texas who was visiting Dubai was invited by the owners Saber Kaleem and Mohammed Aslam Siddiqui to try out the amazing food at their restaurant.

Seated outside the restaurant, left to right: Abdul Aleem Farooqui, Saber Kaleem, Syed Iftaqar, Samiullah Shareef and Mohammad Aslam Siddiqui

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Mayor of San Juan Puerto Rico Carmen Cruz, Nasir Jahangir and friends at Dupage County Democrats Annual Gala. Over 700 in attendance along with Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi, Luis Gutierrez, future Congressman Jesus Chuy Garcia. Another amazing successful Gala courtesy of Dupage Democrats Chairman Bob Peickert and countless very hard volunteers.

India Independence day festivities kick off event at Holiday Inn, Skokie, attended by US Congressman Raja Krishna Murthy, Alderwomen Debra Silverstein, Ram Villivillam State Senator-Elect, Iftekhar Shareef, Consul B.D Bhatti and many more.

In 2017, Mujeeb Osman, along with the public interest group he works with, was awarded for his achievement in raising awareness about opioid use in Chicago. Their project is operated by multiple physicians within the community, including Dr. Khutbuddin and Dr. Aliuddin Khawja. Opioids are often prescribed as a substitute for painkillers. The high that results from constant use has pushed many patients to the point of addiction. The group is concerned with warning youths away from opioid and other drug use, as addiction continues to afflict many Americans. While opioid abuse is a national issue, the number of cases reported are heavily concentrated in the west and midwest. Osman’s group seeks to educate Americans about the threat of opioid abuse through programs that promote research and consciousness of opioids. Doctors, too, are being instructed to discuss the danger of opioids before prescribing the medication to their patients. A greater emphasis on properly outfitting facilities with effective treatment measures is necessary, as well as aiding victims through the recovery process. Mayor Rahm Emanuel recently announced his support for the fight against opioid abuse in Chicago. This award is one of many that Osman has received for his efforts. Osman and his group have made great strides in fighting this ongoing issue, and their recognition is well-deserved as they continue forward in their good works. Members of the group include Dr. Younas Alam, Dr. Basheer Ameji, Dr. Shahid Bahi, Dr. Imam Hussain, Seema Elahi, Sher M. Rasput, Syed Tahir Hussain, Mir M. Sultan, and Syed Ikram-ul Haque.

Indian American Medical Association & IAMACF fund raising event: Mr Sunil Shah, Dr DasGupta and others

Indian America Association, Chicago, Illinois meeting held. Committee elected Mir Hamed Ali Khan as President. Other office bearers are Shahid Razvi, Raju Shah, Fareeduddin Sabiri, Kausar Mirza, Kameshwari B.

Mushaira organized by APPNA with great poets Khalid Irfan and Waliuddin at Marriott Downtown Chicago on April 27th, 2018

Happy Anniversary to Ali Khan and Sana Khan

Right Picture: At Adhe Adhure play directed by Promila Kumar. Special guests were Mahin V, Prerna Arya, Gurbachan Kaur Neelam and Sonali Sinha Srivastava

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Ms. Dorthy Brown, clerk of Circuit Court of Cook County, announces to run for Mayor of Chicago, good lucks.

It was an honor to receive last night “Bishop Dr. Claude Porter interfaith community service award” from African-American community presented by Proviso Baptist Church Rev. John F. Harrell pastor. Other recipients include Secretary of State of ILLINOIS, Jesse White, President of Cook County, Illinois, Ms. Toni Preckwinkle and other elected officials. Thanks my good friends Babu Marsha Patel, Kanti S. Patel, Rey Nonato and other Asian community leaders.

Gathering of Interfaith of ILLINOIS under the chairmanship of Dr. Claude Porter, it was an honor for me to speak and honor J.B. Pritzker Governor Elect of Illinois with India tricolor Khandwa presented by me, Secretary of State of Illinois, Jesse White with Shawl, Dr. Claude Porter with shawl.

Reception of Maj. Hussain, former Mayor of City of Hyderabad, Telangana at Shalimar Gardens.

Federation of Indian Association Chicago dinner meeting at Mysore Woodland Restaurant on Devon Ave, attended by full house of executive board of 2018 and trustees. Parade kick off event on April 29th 2018.
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American Telangana Association (ATA-Telangana) raised $357,200 from Telugu Community in Chicago land area on Saturday, April 7th, 2018 for its upcoming World Telangana Convention 2018 to be held in Houston, TX on June 29th, 30th and July 01st 2018. Fund raising event conducted by American Telangana Association team attracted 400 guests from Telugu states.

American Telangana Association Executive Director Narender Chimarla welcomed the guests, American Telangana Association leadership started evening program with Lighting the lamps and Ganesh prayer and followed by Jaya Jaya Telangana song sung by local talent. Local talent showcased many shows which entertained the audience.

American Telangana Association President, Satya Kanddimalla explained about highlights of upcoming World Telangana Convention 2018 and invited all the guests to register and attend the convention. He also mentioned about the charity works that American Telangana Association conducted like mobilizing the funds for Houston flood victims and helping them. He also gave an update about ATA vedukalu conducted in Telangana in November 2017.

American Telangana Association Chairman Karunakar Madhavaram explained how American Telangana Association formed and what’s the goals of organization are, what we achieved since it’s inception and what are our future goals. The Convention Kick-Off event is organized by Adhoc Committee member Srinivas Chada, Board Memer, Krishna Rangaraju, Standing Committee Chairs, Ramchandra Reddy Ade and Sai Gongati.

American Telangana Association Treasurer Prathap Chintalapani thanked and announced all the donors for upcoming convention and supporters of the American Telangana Association.

Thanks to all local talent team led by Praveen Jaligama, for the wonderful entertainment provided for the audience.

Special thanks to Regional Director, Ranga Reddy Lenkala, Pallepata Aata Notaa Coordinator, Bindu Gongati and all ATA-Telangana Chicago volunteers for organizing the event and making it a grand success.

ATA-Telangana Leader Ship team conveyed special thanks National and Local Telugu & Telangana Associations like TANA, NATA, NATS, TAGC, CHITA organizations for their participation and unconditional support for the upcoming World Telangana Convention in Houston TX.
The real reason Saudi Arabia is lifting its cinema ban

Led by one of the world’s most powerful millennials, Saudi Arabia is moving into an unprecedented era of social and economic change. That’s why he is letting the ultra-conservative kingdom’s subjects go to the movies again. The lifting of the 35-year ban by crown prince Mohammed bin Salman, also known as MBS, is the latest sign of embracing the changes that appear to be essential in sustaining the country’s power and wealth. Saudi Arabia is desperate to relinquish its economic dependence on oil and MBS has been trying to steer toward a future that diversifies the ways it makes money.

The kingdom has been doing away with some of its most archaic bans, such as the one that kept women from driving. Many of the changes—including allowing women to start their own business without a male guardian—can be seen as part of the concerted effort to address the country’s appalling human-rights record, but economic factors are a large part of the motivation. The cinema ban lift, for instance, brings in a previously untapped and lucrative revenue stream. The government already knows that its people are hungry for films. A 2014 study showed that Saudis watch films online on a weekly basis. Government data said that Saudis already spend $30 billion—close to 5% of GDP—on entertainment and hospitality elsewhere in the Middle East and flock to nearby Dubai and Bahrain to watch films in theaters. So imagine if even a slice of those billions are kept in the country.

The Saudi population is also incredibly young—a majority of its 32 million people are under 30. Youn Saudi film-makers are also making waves, such as with Haifaa Al Mansour’s Wadjda, which became the nation’s first female-created film and an Oscar entry. The movie industry is too lucrative for Saudi Arabia to ignore, which is why it created a $2.7-billion entertainment firm and ploughed $64 billion in its entertainment industry with the hope of creating 22,000 local jobs by 2030. Its new AMC cinema in Riyadh marks the start of this new era.

Kapil Sharma Was Close to Tears When He Saw Me: Ali Asgar

Actor-comedian Ali Asgar says he went to visit fellow comedian Kapil Sharma, who is reportedly battling with depression again after taking a break from his new show Family Time with Kapil Sharma. Asgar says he feels sorry for Kapil and that he is like “a child”.

Asgar told ABP:

“T heard Kapil is suffering from depression, I felt very bad. We all are with Kapil and will always be there for him. Preeti also called me that Kapil is not well and has apparently not left his room for days. When I reached his office, Kapil was lying down. He was close to tears when he saw me and could not even speak. It is clear that he is missing all of us, especially Preeti. He is like a child who wants something but is not able to articulate it.” - Ali Asgar on Kapil Sharma

Asgar also said he had been abroad and read about Kapil’s latest outburst and illness in the media, which is when he decided to visit him. Kapil Sharma’s team, however said that the comedian was not in the country, so couldn’t have met Asgar.

Kapil Sharma’s former manager, Neeti Simoes, had earlier shared an open letter to the comedian on Twitter, commenting on his mental state of mind. The comedian has been in the news since his fallout with Sunil Grover last year. Kapil’s new show Family Time With Kapil also reportedly went off-air after he cancelled shoots with various Bollywood celebrities. One factor which has led to this has been his phone call to an entertainment journalist where he hurled abuses at him, as well as his alleged alcoholism and depression.

Neeti and her sister, Preeti Simoes – creative director of Comedy Nights With Kapiland The Kapil Sharma Show – have been accused of being responsible for driving Kapil into depression. Neeti, in her open letter, writes that she wants to clear the air with Kapil and help him out during this trying time.
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A cultural hub with numerous advanced centers for healthcare and medicine, Chicago was selected as the city to establish NWSC. In 2008, President AliNiazee acquired the property in Rolling Meadows, IL that is now NWSC. After establishing the Corporate Board and the Board of Regents, M.A.Q. Khan (late), a retired professor of biology for the University of Illinois at Chicago joined NWSC as the Chairman of the Board of Regents, and was appointed as the college’s Vice President. Dr. Khan was instrumental in this formative period at NWSC. Additional faculty and staff were hired by Dr. AliNiazee as the school started to grow.

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Bengaluru is highest paying city for talent: Randstad study

BENGALURU: The garden city of Bengaluru, which topped the list of salary trends in 2017, continues to lead the pack as the highest paying city in the country, with an average annual cost to company (CTC) for talent across all levels and functions standing at about Rs 11 lakh, according to Randstad Insights, the research and analysis division of Randstad India.

Pune stands second at around Rs 10 lakh, followed by NCR and Mumbai with an average annual CTC figure of a little under Rs 10 lakh and around Rs 9 lakh, respectively. Chennai (Rs 8 lakh), Hyderabad (a little under Rs 8 lakh) and Kolkata (around Rs 7 lakh) are the other three names in the list of Indian cities paying the highest average salaries for professionals.

Randstad Insights’ report also reveals that professionals from the pharma and healthcare industry are paid the highest in India with an average annual CTC of approximately Rs 10 lakh across all levels and functions. The company said an increase in demand for specialist doctors and professionals with R&D skills were the primary reasons for the industry topping the charts this year. The roll-out of GST saw a spike in demand for implementation and compliance specialists, thus making professional services the second highest paying sector in the country, with an average salary of a little over Rs 9 lakh. The sector largely comprises management consulting, strategy, accounting, audit and legal firms. FMCG came in third with an average CTC of Rs 9 lakh. The IT sector, offering an average annual CTC of around Rs 9 lakh and infrastructure, real estate & construction at R 9 lakh are fourth and fifth in the list.

Paul Dupuis, MD & CEO Randstad India said, “Building a successful organization requires a number of key ingredients; a solid strategy, clear segmentation and go to market proposition, demand for the service or product and the ability to deliver. Clearly, though, the most important trigger for success is to have the right people, enabled by the right tools to drive strategy and a competitive compensation structure”. A strong salary structure that strikes a perfect balance between internal and external pay equity is an imperative today for the organizations as it’s often the key to bring top talent on board and keep them motivated. The Randstad Insights Salary Trends Report 2018 compiles prevalent salary trends across industries, locations, functions and experience levels in the country, thus empowering India Inc. with critical insights that help redesign a market-appropriate pay structure that augur well for the organizational strategy while also reflecting broader market forces”, he added.

For the report, Randstad Insights analyzed 1,00,000 jobs across 20 industry verticals and 15 functions.
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We ask every masjid/Islamic center to adopt and pledge at least the following five practices during the coming Ramadan:
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Why “GREENING OUR RAMADAN”
Allah (SWT) commands us: “Eat and drink but waste not by extravagance. Certainly Allah loves not the musrifin (wasters)” (Translation 7:31).
“Every year consumers in rich countries waste almost as much food (222 million tons) as the entire food production in sub-Saharan Africa” (UN).
“40% of America’s food supply ends up in a dumpster” (Washington Post).
In the US, 1500 plastic water bottles are used every second (One Green Planet).
Styrofoam contains styrene which is classified as a potential cause of cancer by the EPA. Also it takes a long time to degrade Styrofoam. Imagine if a Companion at the time of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) used a Styrofoam cup it would not have decomposed yet. It is a well-known fact that now it takes 1 year and six months to produce non-renewable sources that we consume in 1 year. As the caretakers of this planet, as ordained by Allah (SWT), it becomes our obligation to make every effort to conserve and protect our resources. Therefore, ISNA is requesting to adopt the following practices during and Ramadan:
Conserve food at iftars and avoid being wasteful by giving excess food to people in need. Conserve water, especially during wudu. Follow the tradition of Prophet (PBUH)
Use quick degradable/paper products for iftars and not at all use Styrofoam cups and plates
Recycle material, especially plastic water bottles
Replace all light bulbs with energy saver bulbs and thus conserve electricity
Give a khutbah on the Islamic imperative to conserve and protect our environment
Remember: “Command the good and forbid the wrong” (Translation 31:17).
Join Our Annual “Greening Our Ramadan” Campaign
We ask every masjid/Islamic center to adopt and pledge at least the following five practices during the coming Ramadan:

Conserve food during Iftar and avoid being wasteful by giving excess food to people in need. Conserve water, especially during wudu.
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Give a khutbah on the Islamic imperative to conserve and protect the environment
Learn more and take the pledge to make this Ramadan green!
Green Ramadan Webinar

One’s faith commitments are critical for many as to how they perceive the world around them and their responsibilities as a citizen upon this earth. Ecological degradation has become the existential issue confronting the natural order which is not only part of social and economic problems but more importantly it is a moral and ethical issue. In less than a month, Muslim communities around the world will be joining the Sacred Month of Ramadan which ultimate goal is to purify us and brings us closer to our Creator using those things at our reach. Through this process of purification, we can look at our food consumption and our lifestyle as tools to obtain those benefits of Ramadan. So, what are the steps to make our Ramadan more environmentally friendly this year?
Kanhaiya Kumar all set to turn full-time politician

Two years after he was arrested by the Delhi police on the charge of sedition, turning him overnight into a symbol of the Jawaharlal Nehru University students’ movement, former students union president Kanhaiya Kumar is finally moving out of university politics to being a full-time politician.

On Sunday, on the concluding day of the 23rd Congress of the Communist Party of India in Kollam, Kerala, the 31-year-old was elected to the 126-member National Council of the party.

Left parties find themselves in an ironical position, as despite a strong presence in university politics, they are starved of young blood. Mr. Kumar says the situation is about to change.

Drawn on the famous Charles Dickens line ’It was the best of times, it was the worst of times,’ he says, ”for youth, it is a bad time as well as a good time to be in politics. There is a serious threat to all our democratic institutions and there is so much hatred and polarisation. But this has also increased ideological awareness among the youth who are now more than willing to join mainstream politics.

In two months Mr. Kumar will cease to be a student at JNU. “21st July is the last date for me to submit my thesis. After that I will be a social activist and not a students leader. But JNU is a second home for me and I will always remain organically connected to it,” he says.

Mr. Kumar was born in Bihar, in Begusarai district of Bihar, a stronghold of the Communist Party of India. He does not deny that he will be fighting the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. The Begusarai Lok Sabha seat is currently held by the BJP’s Bhola Singh. The CPI did get 17% of the votes in the 2014 Lok Sabha polls. “Now I am a part of the CPI and I will do whatever the party and its allies decide. I am not saying that if given a chance I will not fight the polls,” he added.

As a member of the CPI’s student wing – All India Students Association, he was elected president of the JNU students union. He was arrested on February 12, 2016, under section 124-A (sedition) and 120-B (criminal conspiracy) for allegedly organising an event where some students protested the hanging of Parliament attack convict Afzal Guru and allegedly shouted ‘anti-national’ slogans.

Take oath of office on given time: SC

Elected representatives should face “serious consequences” for not taking the oath of office within a specified time, the Supreme Court urged State Legislatures in a judgment.

A Bench of Justices Madan B. Lokur and Deepak Gupta said measures should be taken to videograph the swearing-in or oath taking so that no dispute arises in the future. The court’s judgment focuses on elected representatives of local bodies and their swearing-in.

No-confidence motion

The case concerned a no-confidence motion against Uttar Pradesh’s Kshettra panchayat pramukh. The pramukh said some of the elected members had not taken oath and their votes were invalid.

Criticising the government alone is no solution, he says. Instead one has to offer an alternative. “Merely attacking the Narendra Modi and BJP government does not serve any purpose. We have to offer an alternative policy framework for the people to choose from.”

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Mohammed bin Salman, the 32-year-old crown prince of Saudi Arabia, has stirred the ultra-conservative oil superpower with economic, social and religious reforms, overseeing the most fundamental transformation in the modern history of the Gulf nation. The heir to the Saudi throne has kicked off its first-ever fashion week with Russian designers, as well as shows by international renowned labels Roberto Cavalli and Jean Paul Gaultier.

In line with Saudi cultural norms and rules on gender segregation, the catwalks are open to women-only and no outside cameras are allowed to film inside. Still, the event marks the latest turnaround for a country that for decades has been ruled by ultraconservative clergy. While the group or its ideology from their posts. The decision to allow women to drive is considered a part of the crown prince's social and economic reform plan known as Vision 2030, which seeks to double the number last year, and pump $64 billion into the economy by 2030. These are some of the more recent measures initiated in the kingdom:

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ATMORE, Ala. (AP) — An Alabama inmate convicted of the mail bomb slaying of a federal judge during a wave of Southern terrorism in 1989 was executed by lethal injection, becoming the oldest prisoner put to death in the U.S. in modern times.

Walter Leroy Moody Jr., 83, was pronounced dead at 8:42 p.m. following an injection at the Alabama prison at Atmore. He had no last statement and did not respond when an official asked if he had any last words shortly before the chemicals began flowing.

Authorities said Moody sent out four mail bombs in December of 1989, killing Judge Robert S. Vance, a member of the Atlanta-based 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, in Alabama and Robert E. Robinson, a black civil rights attorney from Savannah, Georgia. Two other bombs, including one mailed to the NAACP office in Jacksonville, Florida, were intercepted and did not explode.

At his 1996 trial, prosecutors described Moody as a merciful coward who killed Vance with murder by mail because of his obsession with getting revenge on the legal system, and then committed additional package bombings in making it look like the Ku Klux Klan was behind the judge’s murder.

Moody became the oldest U.S. inmate put to death since executions resumed in the U.S. in the 1970s, according to the nonprofit Death Penalty Information Center. His attorneys argued in court filings and a clemency petition to Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey that his age and vein condition would make lethal injection more difficult.

The U.S. Supreme Court temporarily stayed execution plans Thursday evening to consider Moody’s late appeals, but later lifted the stay without comment, allowing the execution to go forward.

Vance was at his kitchen table in Mountain Brook, Alabama, on Dec. 16, 1989, when he opened a package after a morning of errands and yard work.

The explosion ripped through the home near Birmingham, killing Vance instantly and severely injuring his wife, Helen. Prosecutors said Moody, who had attended law school, had a grudge against the legal system because the 11th Circuit refused to overturn a 1972 pipe-bomb possession conviction that prevented him from practicing law.

Moody was first convicted in 1991 in federal court and sentenced to seven life terms plus 400 years. He was later convicted in state court in 1996 and sentenced to death for Vance’s murder.

Vance’s son, Robert Vance Jr., now a circuit judge in Jefferson County and Democratic candidate for chief justice in Alabama, said it’s important that people remember how his father lived, not just how he died.

“He was a great judge, a great lawyer before that, and a great father,” he said earlier as the execution loomed. As chairman of the Alabama Democratic Party in the 1960s and 1970s, Vance worked to bring African Americans into the party and often “butted heads” with segregationist Gov. George Wallace, his son said.

Friends said the senior Vance quietly fought for the rights of underprivileged as both a jurist and a politician.

Moody had always maintained his innocence.

In recent weeks, Moody had sent a letter to the younger Vance claiming he was the innocent victim of a government conspiracy. “Had my Dad been murdered, I would want to know who had done it,” Moody wrote. The younger Vance said he put the letter in the trash.

Vance said he had to make peace with his father’s death, but said he has no doubt that Moody is guilty. He did not witness the execution.

The lethal injection procedure began at 8:16 p.m. Moody did not open his eyes or respond as the warden read his death warrant and asked him if he had any last words.

Moody’s attorney, Spencer Hahn, said he wanted to know what the prison system “gave him before to knock him out and prevent him from getting to give his last words. There was no dignity in that room. This dishonored the memory of Judge Vance and Mr. Robinson,” Hahn said.

Corrections Commissioner Jeff Dunn said Moody was not given any sedatives.

In last-hour appeals, Moody’s attorneys had asked the U.S. Supreme Court to stay his execution in order to review whether his federal sentence, which was handed down first, could be interrupted. They also argued that the aggravating factors used to impose a death sentence were improper.

The nation’s high court had no comment on those last-minute appeals Thursday.

Moody’s attorneys, in their unsuccessful clemency petition argued that his victim was opposed to the death penalty, and halting the execution would honor Vance’s beliefs. Vance’s son said his father opposed the death penalty personally, but also believed in following the law.

Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall said Thursday night that after nearly 30 years, “Tonight, Mr. Moody’s appeals finally came to a rightful end. Justice has been served.”

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He may have lost the first rank of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) examination in 2015 to her, but he clearly won her heart. Shunning the inter-faith taboos, IAS toppers Tina Dabi and Athar Aamir Khan became husband and wife in an idyllic locale in the Valley. To solemnise their relationship, the lovebirds chose Kashmir’s picturesque, scenery and makeup. Complementing his attire, Tina looked resplendent in a flower sherwani and pagdi.

For the uninitiated ones, Tina met Athar for the first time at the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) office in North Block for a felicitation function on May 11, 2015. It was a love-at-first-sight. We met in the morning and by evening Aamir was at my door.” While many supported the couple for taking a stand against communal hatred, Athar and Tina become an inspiration to everyone. Rahul Gandhi tweeted, “Congratulations Tina Dabi and Athar Amir-ul-Shafi, IAS toppers, batch of 2015, on your wedding! May your love grow from strength to strength and may you be an inspiration to all Indians in this age of growing intolerance and communal hatred. God bless you.

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IAAS Toppers Tina Dabi And Athar Aamir Khan Get Married And Shunned Interfaith Taboos

"I felt like we were finally on the same page. We both knew what we wanted and we supported each other all the way. It was the most special day of our lives," said Tina.

"It was a day at first sight for them. They fell in love with each other, and Tina was a bride who was ready for her big day. The wedding was a perfect blend of tradition and modernity. It was a wonderful ceremony that everyone enjoyed," said one of the guests.

"We were both excited and nervous. We had planned for months and everything went smoothly. The crowd was on their feet throughout the ceremony. It was a memorable day," said Tina.

"We are so happy for Tina and Athar. They are a perfect couple. Their love is a testimony to the fact that love knows no boundaries. We wish them all the best for their future together," said Rahul Gandhi.

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Health & Wellness

Tips for healthy eating away from home

With today's hectic lifestyles, most of us end up eating out at least once a week. That could mean grabbing a sandwich from the supermarket deli counter for lunch, ordering take-out for dinner, or splurging on a special meal at a favorite restaurant. Meals away from home make it harder to control ingredients, calories, and portions. This can be particularly challenging for people with type 2 diabetes (and for those of us trying to avoid getting this condition). The following tips can help you enjoy eating out without abandoning your efforts to eat well:

Ask how the food is prepared. Before you order, ask about ingredients and how the menu selections are prepared. Try to choose dishes made with whole grains, healthy oils, vegetables, and lean proteins.

Meat that has been broiled, poached, baked, or grilled is a more health-conscious option than fried foods or dishes prepared with heavy sauces.

Look for less. Your eyes are the perfect instrument for sizing up portion sizes. Use your estimating techniques to size up the food on your plate.

1 thumb tip = 1 teaspoon of peanut butter, butter, or sugar
1 finger = 1 oz. of cheese
1 fist = 1 cup cereal, pasta, or vegetables
1 handful = 1 oz. of nuts or pretzels
1 palm = 3 oz. of meat, fish, or poultry

Plan on eating half your meal and take the rest home to enjoy for lunch or dinner the next day.

Order an extra side of veggies. Non-starchy vegetables, such as green beans, broccoli, asparagus, or summer squash, will help you fill up with low-calorie choices.

Think ahead. Learn important nutrition information ahead of time. Most fast-food chains provide calories, sodium, and fat content for their menu items. Check out www.calorieking.com for a listing of over 50,000 foods, including many restaurant items. You can also visit company-specific websites for nutrition breakdowns, or call and request a pamphlet. Many locations display posters with this type of nutrition information.

Discover the Healing Power of Tai Chi — The Ancient Secret to a Healthier, Happier Life

Boost your balance ... Ease your pain ... Reduce your stress ... Strengthen your heart ... and more!

Ever wonder what tai chi is all about? For thousands of years, this ancient Chinese practice has proven to be one of the most powerful ways to improve both your physical and mental health.

The key to tai chi's scientifically backed health benefits is qi. Rooted in ancient Asian traditions, qi is your vital energy. When your qi freely flows, you are balanced and healthy. But, if your qi is weakened or blocked, you can experience physical, mental, and emotional problems.

Tai chi promotes the flow of your qi. Although tai chi sounds mysterious, research is proving it works!

Start healing from head to toe!

In an increasing number of recent studies, tai chi has been found to lower blood pressure ... reduce stress ... build strength and balance ... slow the onset of dementia ... relieve pain ... and the list just goes on and on. And, better yet, everyone can benefit — no matter your age or fitness level. No wonder it's the tried-and-true practice of top athletes, active adults, and even people in their 70s and 80s who want to get — or stay — in shape!

Now, in a Special Health Report from Harvard Medical School, our experts show you how to restore your body and mind through this gentle mind-body exercise — for a longer, healthier life — without the risk of injury.

Send for this new report now and discover how to:

Lower your risk of falling — by as much as 43% ... and your risk of injury by half!
Lift your mood — In 82% of studies, tai chi greatly improved mood and lowered anxiety. Plus, it's effective for treating depression drug-free.
Prevent heart disease — It strengthens your heart five different ways!
Say goodbye to pain — A growing number of clinical trials show that tai chi offers significant relief from back, neck, arthritis, and fibromyalgia pain.
Sharpen your mind — Tai chi can help reduce age-related cognitive decline ... and slow dementia!
Build confidence — While gaining muscle and mind control.
And so much more.

You'll discover why tai chi has proven to be one of the most powerful ways to improve both your physical and mental health — why it's often called "meditation in motion."

You'll get gentle guidance through three choreographed routines designed to restore both your body and mind ... and to help you function better all day, each and every day, including one you can do in the comfort of a chair or your bed.
Better yet, over 125 step-by-step photos show you exactly how to do every move correctly. Plus, helpful links to online videos — you can watch and follow along — make it almost seem that you're in your own private tai chi class. And, if that weren't enough, dozens of tips and techniques point out how to practice each move slowly and safely.

Don't miss out on the myriad benefits tai chi has to offer, whether you're in your 50s ... 60s ... 70s ... or more, in minutes just a few times a week.

Food and Seasonal Allergy Sufferers

Seasonal Allergies

Seasonal allergies can be caused by small particles (dust, pollen, mold, etc.) that are present in the air, entering the nose as particles (dust, pollen, mold, etc.) that are present in the air, entering the nose as

Food Allergy Icons

Food Allergies

Don't be fooled by common non-allergic adverse food reactions such as gluten intolerance, lactose intolerance, or food poisoning. These are not true "allergies".

Research has shown that 4% to 6% of American children and 3% to 5% of all adults have true food allergies.

When it comes to food allergies, 90% of cases in the United States are caused by one of the following: peanuts, soybean, tree nuts, fish, shellfish, wheat, egg, and milk.

Allergy free man smiling

Are allergy symptoms bringing you down?

Symptoms that usually prompt allergy testing include:

• Chest and nasal congestion, coughing or wheezing
• Itchy or watery eyes, runny nose
• Itchy skin or eczema

Click here to download our information sheet on eczema and allergies.

Vomiting or cramping and diarrhea after eating certain foods

• Severe reactions to insect stings (other than swelling at the site of the sting)

• Anaphylaxis: a severe allergic reaction

• Allergy-induced asthma. Get access to our informative sheet here!

Allergy symptoms may affect the nasal passages, eyes, skin, lungs, or digestive system. Itchy eyes, sneezing, stuffy nose, wheezing, and hives are common reactions to allergens. Sometimes, more dangerous whole-body reactions can occur which can cause severe hives, shortness of breath and throat-swelling. Whether you're affected by seasonal or food allergies, the team of allergy care professionals at Texas Allergy & Sinus Center are ready to work with you to provide treatment options and achieve long-lasting relief.
Spring & Summer Safety

Scooter, Bike and Pedestrian Safety

Scooters, bikes, in-line skates and skateboards are associated with numerous injuries yearly.

Wear a comfortable, properly fitted helmet bearing the label of an independent testing lab. Be sure that the helmet sits level on top of the head—not rockin' in any direction—and always fasten the safety strap. Be sure that safety gear (wrist, elbow and kneepads) fits properly and does not interfere with the rider’s movement, vision or hearing. Wrist pads are not recommended for scooter riders as they may affect their ability to maneuver.

Ride scooters and bikes only on smooth, paved surfaces and only ride during daylight hours.

Learn the proper hand signals and use them when you turn or stop.

Come to a complete stop before entering driveways, paths or sidewalks, then look left, right and left again for bikes, cars or pedestrians heading your way.

Teach crossing safety to children by example.

Barbecue Safety

Beware when you barbecue. In 1998 alone, there were 6,100 reported home fires involving gas or charcoal grills in the U.S., leading to $29.1 million in direct property damage, according to NFPA.

When using barbecue grills always be sure to leave sufficient space from siding and eaves.

New Jersey law forbids any grill to be utilized on the balconies of an apartment, townhouse or condominium.

Always supervise a barbecue grill when in use.

Keep children and pets far away from grills.

With charcoal grills, only use charcoal starter fluids designed for barbecue grills and do not add fluid after coals have been lit.

With gas grills, be sure that the hose connection is tight and check hoses carefully for leaks. Applying soapy water to the hoses will easily and safely reveal any leaks.

Always follow the manufacturer’s instructions and have the grill repaired by a professional, if necessary.

Spare propane cylinders should never be stored indoors or under or near the grill.

Water Safety

Extra caution should be used when around water, for children and adults.

Only swim in approved areas.

Always supervise children near water at all times and make sure that children learn to swim.

Check the depth of the water with a life guard before jumping in.

Always wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved PFD (personal floatation device) when boating, jet-skiing, tubing or water-skiing.

Air-filled swimming aids, like water wings or inner tubes, are not substitutes for approved PFDs. An adult should always supervise children using these devices.

Be sure to extinguish all smoking materials and shut down motors, fans and heating devices before fueling a boat. In case of a spill, wipe up fuel immediately and check the bilge for fuel leakage and odors.

After fueling and before starting the boat’s motor, ventilate with the blower for at least four minutes.

Cleaning For Safety

Nature is undergoing a fresh start and so are homeowners who are ready to clean up the debris that has been accumulating in basements, storage sheds and garages over the winter.

Household and pool chemicals, paints and special attention to the spaces around your furnace, hot water tank, fireplace, space heaters and dryer, as well as under your stairs.

Yard Work Safety

Ritching to get the yard into shape for the summer? Here are ways to help ensure your spring spruce-up is disaster-free.

Always wear protective clothing when you handle pesticides and fertilizers.

More than 60,000 people are treated in emergency rooms each year for lawn-mower injuries:

Rake before you mow to prevent any stones and loose debris from launching into the air.

Never operate a mower in your bare feet and avoid wearing loose clothing.

Never start a mower indoors.

Refueling your mower, make sure the engine is off and cool. Don’t spill gasoline on a hot engine and DON’T SMOKE while pouring gasoline.

Never leave your mower unattended.

Don’t use electrical mowers on wet grass.

At least 55,000 people each year sustain injuries from trimmers, lawn edgers, pruners and power saws.

Read the manufacturer’s instructions carefully before using the tools.

Inspect the product for damage and don’t use it if there are problems.

Use proper eye protection.

Make sure blade guards are in place on all cutting equipment.

Don’t let tools get wet unless they are labeled “immersible.”

Unplug all tools when not in use.

Make sure the tool is in the “off” position before you plug it in.

Store gasoline-powered equipment away from anything that uses a pilot light.

Make sure you use the right tool for the task, and always wait for the saw blade to stop before pulling away from a cut to avoid kickback.

When pruning trees, be careful not to let metal ladders or trimmers contact overhead wires.

Before you do any “hands on” weed removal, be sure you know how to identify poison ivy, sumac, oak and similar toxic plants. Find out ahead of time how to treat the rashes they cause to reduce the irritation.

OUTDOOR SAFETY

Ready for some outdoor exercise and adventure? Here are a few pointers:

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Melania Is Trapped In The White House, Says France’s First Lady

France’s first lady had a great time with the Trumps during her three-day visit to the U.S. with husband Emmanu-uel Macron, but she told a French newspaper that she felt sorry for Melania Trump because she’s a virtual prisoner in the White House.

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Allama Mashriqi and Allama Iqbal: The Pride of Asia

By Nasim Yousaf

Allama Inayatullah Khan Al-Mashriqi and Allama Sir Mohammad Iqbal are regarded as legendary personalities of Asia. The two men have much in common; both graduated from the University of Cambridge and were illustrious thinkers, philosophers, writers, intellectuals, and politicians. They reached the highest pinnacles of fame and prominence in their respective fields. Both were also without their controversies; this piece provides an introduction to these two men.

Mashriqi and Iqbal were both Punjabis whose ancestors were converts to Islam. Mashriqi was born in Amritsar in British India and died in Lahore, Pakistan, while Iqbal, a British India native, was born in Sialkot and died in Lahore. After high school, both men attended Christian educational institutions, Mashriqi went to Church Mission College (Amritsar) and Iqbal to Scotch Mission College (later named Murray College) in Sialkot. Mashriqi also subsequently attended Foreman Christian College (F.C. College) in Lahore and Iqbal was admitted to Government College Lahore.

Mashriqi obtained his M.A. in Mathematics, while Iqbal obtained an MA in Philosophy. From 1907 to 1912, Mashriqi studied at the University of Cambridge and finished four Triposes in five years, breaking many previous academic records and stunning people in both the East and West. British newspapers showered him with praises. In the Star, London, 1912 wrote: “It was in height considered not possible at Cambridge that a man could take honours in four Triposes in a short period of five years but it is credit to India that Inayatullah Khan of the Christ’s College has accomplished the feat.” In the 1920s, Mashriqi was inducted into several prestigious academic societies of Europe. Iqbal also graduated from Cambridge with a Bachelor of Arts; he later became a barrister-at-law from Lincoln’s Inn (England) and also obtained a PhD from a German University. The two men developed a strong command over multiple languages, including Arabic, English, Persian, and Urdu. During their lifetimes, both also taught at educational institutions and published poetry. They also competed for the prestigious Indian Education Service (IES) during their respective periods. Mashriqi was inducted into the said service, but Iqbal was denied.

Mashriqi and Iqbal both became well-known for their literary works. Mashriqi’s Tazkirah (a scientific look at the Holy Quran) was nominated for the Nobel Prize in Literature by learned men from the East and West (see Mashriqi’s biography in Al Islam, Aug 30, 1935, p. 11). Iqbal’s Asrar-i-Khudi and Mashriqi’s Tazkirah were translated by the same well-known Cambridge University Professor, Reynold A. Nicholson. As Mashriqi and Iqbal gained prominence in British India, they were not spared from criticism. Many conservative religious leaders la-beled them as kafirs (infidels) because of their progressive views on Islam. Despite their critics, both men continued to push forward on their agendas and emerged as top Muslim public figures in the Indian sub-continent and abroad.

It was clear that the two men had much in common. Mashriqi and his Khaksar Movement brought about a revolution in India, while Iqbal’s poetry inspired vitality and high spirits amongst the people. Both Mashriqi and Iqbal seemed to agree that Islam was being widely misunderstood and high spirits amongst the people. Both Mashriqi and Iqbal felt the arguments in favor of partition (namely that Islam was being suppressed by the Hindu community in a united India and that Islam would be in danger [history of Muslim rule in united India and Muslim-Hindu co-existence for centuries negates both these arguments]) were merely ploys to scare Muslims and gain political support for a divided India. In contrast to Mashriqi, Iqbal (per many historians) supported the Two-Nation Theory and the creation of a separate homeland for the Muslims. He is considered the spiritual father of Pakistan.

Despite their differences, both Mashriqi and Iqbal maintained respect for one another. For example, while Mashriqi was Under Secretary of Education in the British Government, the Government used to seek Mashriqi’s recommendations on candidates for Knighthood, filling job vacancies, and other matters. During his tenure, Mashriqi recommended Iqbal (among others) for a vacancy in a Government position and also for Knighthood. According to Mashriqi’s book, Hareeme-Ghaib (page 296), “...several [people], for example, Dr. [Allama] Iqbal, Nawab Zulfiqar Ali Khan, Sardar Joginder Singh... received the title of Sir with his [Mashriqi’s] help.” Iqbal also held Mashriqi’s intellect and achievements in high regard and used some of Mashriqi’s thoughts in his poetry. On October 24, 1958, The Pakistan Times (Lahore) also reported on a photo of Allama Mashriqi, Quaid-i-Azam Jinnah, and Allama Iqbal together (the photo was published by the daily “Shahbaz” in British India). On a personal note, Iqbal’s daughter, Munira Bano, also used to visit Mashriqi’s house in Icchra to play with Mashriqi’s daughter, Masuda Yousaf.

Following Mashriqi and Iqbal’s deaths, the mutual respect continued amongst their families. Both figures’ sons (late Engineer Hameedud Din Al-Mashriqi and late Justice Javed Iqbal respectively) and daughters-in-law (Dr. Sab- hia Arshad and Justice Nasira Iqbal) met during different periods. Nasira Iqbal was also gracious enough to visit the Khaksar Tehrik Headquarters to condole the death of Hameedud Din Al-Mashriqi.

Allama Mashriqi and Allama Iqbal were two of the most prominent men in Asia. Both were highly educated thinkers and provide a source of pride for all of Asia. Their lives mirrored each other’s in many ways and, despite their differences and critics, the two maintained a mutual respect for one another. Many books have already been written about these two men individually - and many more could be written comparing their lives and ideologies.

Mashriqi passed away in 1963 and Iqbal in 1938. Both men are buried in the historic city of Lahore, Mashriqi at the Khaksar Tehrik’s headquarters in Icchra (from where he started his Movement in 1930) and Iqbal in Hazuri Bagh.

For more information, see: “Allama Mashriqi and Allama Iqbal” (https://www.facebook.com/AllamaMashriqi.AllamaIqbal)

Nasim Yousaf, a grandson of Allama Mashriqi, has been conducting research and writing books for nearly two decades. He brings a fresh perspective to the freedom movement, as his knowledge comes not only from historical archives, but also directly from his family and Khaksaars, who had firsthand experience of India’s fight for freedom.
It was a late night call during August 2017, from Gottingen, Germany, where my daughter was doing her post-doctoral research in pancreatic cancer with Max Planck Institute. Customarily, she spoke to me for few minutes enquiring our well being and about the weather at Bangalore. Thereafter, very gently informed that she is in love with an English boy, a Software Engineer, from Brighton, UK whom she had met in Cambridge during a conference. There was a long pause from both sides and then she expressed her desire that we meet and judge him, then approve for the marriage. I and my wife, though initially perplexed, discussed with other children who were supportive of the proposal. We fixed a date to meet both of them in Dubai, where our eldest daughter lives. The meeting went off very well and the boy Louis impressed both of us and assured us that he along with my daughter would make a very happy couple. We discussed the matter within the family and then consented and at an informal ceremony both were engaged. Louis family too welcomed the alliance as we spoke to them from Dubai. We discussed with Louis the legalities, inter faith issues, inheritance etc., applicable in such intercontinental alliance and marriage laws applicable. Willingly the boy agreed to follow all the customs, traditions and necessities of same faith in case of Muslim wedding. He even chose a name Atif Louis to be recognised and welcome within our community. As parent’s duty, we too visited Brighton in March, met the friendly family of Atif, who too supported and approved the decision of their son. The marriage date was fixed for 2nd April 2018. By then our daughter had taken up a job of Scientist with a UK firm near Oxford, now, being a resident of UK, even obtained permission to marry Louis as per UK law.

During World War I Brighton Pavilion, though a Palace for Royals to retreat, was used as a hospital for Indian soldiers. When I and my wife visited Brighton, Atif took us to all the touristic spots, especially the Brighton Pavilion, which was in news in the past for some racial attacks. It is a tribute to UK that the Pavilion and its surroundings are created as if we are in some Moghul era of Old Delhi.

Brighton Pier is a very frequented beach front reminds us of our own Marine Drive of Mumbai. The pier remains popular with the public, with over four million visitors in 2016, and has been featured in many works of British culture, including the gangster thriller Brighton Rock, the comedy Carry On At Your Convenience and the Who’s concept album and film Quadrophenia. Atif family were excited and were looking forward for an Indian wedding perhaps as they have seen in some Bollywood movie.

Looking back at our own modest background and simplicity of marriages in Islam, it was a challenge to mix simplicity, solemnisation of marriage as per our customs and give the visiting family of the boy a flavour of our composite Indian culture. Finally, in consultation with family and friends, it was decided that the boy would undergo the formalities of “Maktab” about ten days prior to the marriage in the presence of our scholars, which would be followed by a Nikah on the 2nd of April. To keep the traditions, an elaborately decorated stage with separate courts for bride and bride groom was organised in a huge Ball Room of a four star Hotel. A centre stage was prepared to enable the couple to be together on the stage and receive blessings from the guests. To add to the pleasant atmosphere, a trio of AIR artistes led by Dr. Jayanta Kumar were engaged to play sitar, violin and table. A Jugalbandi of classical music, playing Desh (Khamaj), Durga (Bilawal), Kedar (Kalyan), Jaijawanti (Khamaj), Pahadi (Bilawal), Shankara (Bilawal) with these ragas suitable for an evening function.

Children and grandchildren from US, UAE had arrived on 25th March and Atif’s family of seven members arrived on 30th March. The Haldi and Mahendi ceremonies were performed on 1st April. Logistics of handling, stay, arrivals and departures was a nightmare considering the situation as it exists today at Bangalore. Friends and family were very supportive including well meaning neighbours. Our guests from UK, Atif’s family members insisted to be dressed in Indian attire for all the functions. The Boy’s grandmother aged eighty years enjoyed and danced to Bollywood music and loved every bit of spicy Indian food and the ceremonies.

In the wake of happening around in India and elsewhere, humanity getting diluted, political battles, rapes, divisive forces at work overtime, it was a pleasant God sent event where we could enjoy as people. Incidentally, having a better half with Brahmin background, and another American Son in Law, and with the addition of Atif, the Sanskrit Phrase from Maha Upanishad “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” which means that the world is one family makes hell of a lot of sense.
Chinese-American Scientist Who Was Wrongly Accused Of Spying Gets Job Back

After a long legal battle, a Chinese-American hydrologist who was wrongly accused of espionage is finally getting justice.

Chief Administrative Judge Michele Schroeder ruled Tuesday in favor of Sherry Chen, whom the National Weather Service had fired in 2015 even after the espionage case against Chen had collapsed. Schroeder ordered the federal agency to reinstate the hydrologist and give her back pay.

"My findings indicate that Ms. Chen is an expert in her field of hydrology," read the decision, which HuffPost obtained via a Freedom of Information Act request. "There is no reason why she cannot continue to be a productive employee and continue to contribute to NWS's mission."

The victory has been a long time coming for the hydrologist, who challenged her termination through the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, an independent agency that protects public employees.

FBI agents arrested Chen in 2014, accusing her of using a stolen password to obtain information about U.S. dams. She was also accused of lying about a meeting with a Chinese official. Yet just a week before Chen was to go to trial, the case fell apart and charges were dropped with little explanation.

"We are exercising our prosecutorial discretion," Jennifer Thornton, the spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, told press at the time.

Chen’s troubles didn’t end there, however. Months after the case fell apart, Chen received a termination letter citing “conduct demonstrating untrustworthiness” and “mis-representation” among the reasons she was being fired.

However, Schroeder wrote that officials from the U.S. Department of Commerce, which the National Weather Service is part of, were intent on firing Chen regardless of what facts arose. They were "more concerned about being right than doing the right thing. Based on the unyielding nature of their testimony, I would not have been surprised if they rejected that 2 + 2 = 4," the judge wrote.

The judge swapped Chen’s termination for a 15-day suspension without pay, due to what Schroeder called a "singular lapse of judgment on Ms. Chen’s part." This referred to Chen’s agreement to "provide data to a former member of the weather service with a written assurance not to tell anyone she was doing so."

Several Asian-American legislators applauded the decision and are now calling for an investigation into the handling of Chen’s case.

"Unfortunately, there have been multiple cases in which Chinese American scientists like Sherry have been wrongfully targeted and arrested for alleged espionage only to have those charges dropped with no explanation," Rep. Judy Chu (D-Calif.) said in a statement. "That is why [Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus] has made it a top priority to urge the Department of Justice to examine whether there is a pattern or practice of Asian Americans being singled out by federal law enforcement and prosecutors for espionage."

Rep. Grace Meng (D-N.Y.) and Rep. Ted Lieu (D-Calif.) issued similar statements.

"It’s clear that Sherry Chen was the victim of gross injustice and unwarranted racial profiling during her time at the Department," Lieu said. "I’m calling on the IG to immediately open an investigation into this wrongdoing so that it does not happen to our fellow Americans again."

As the legislators pointed out, Chen is among a string of scientists and researchers of Asian descent who have been wrongly accused of espionage, including Chinese-American professor Xiaoxing Xi, Eli Lilly scientists Guoqing Cao and Shuyu Li, and NASA contract worker Bo Jiang. While their cases dissolved, the damage had already been done.

"Dropped charges do not erase the trauma and paranoia from FBI surveillance, $200,000 in legal fees, or the many shattered pieces of our lives we still have to put together,” Xi’s daughter Joyce wrote in a blog for HuffPost. "It does not erase the fact that the federal government exerted its overwhelming power to try and criminalize my father in the name of national security, as if he were an enemy of his own country, America."

Research shows that Americans of Asian descent are disproportionately profiled in espionage cases. The non-partisan Chinese-American organization Committee of 100 published a white paper last June that revealed Asians were more likely to be charged with economic espionage than people of any other race. They are also found innocent at a rate two times higher than individuals from any other racial group. However, people with Asian-sounding names received sentences twice as long as those with Western-sounding names.

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Comprehensiveness of human dignity - Dr Javid Jameel

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Your vehicle MAY be involved in a safety recall and MAY create a safety risk for you or your passengers. If left unrepaired, a potential safety defect could lead to injury or even death. Safety defects must be repaired by a dealer at no cost to you.
Amitabh Bachchan’s upcoming film ‘102 Not Out’ has created a lot of buzz among the audience prior to its release. The light-hearted trailer of the movie was well received by everyone. It is a known fact that Amitabh Bachchan and Rishi Kapoor play Gujarati’s in the film but did you know that the two veteran actors had to shoot barefoot for the indoor scenes in the film.

Considering that Gujaratis, don’t wear footwear at home, director Umesh Shukla made sure that both the actors don’t wear slippers in the indoor scenes so that their characters come across as real as possible. When asked about getting the two actors to go barefoot for the indoor portions, the director said that Gujaratis don’t have a habit of wearing any footwear inside the house hence, he wanted Big B and Rishi Kapoor also to not wear shoes during the shoot. He further added that he was in two minds whether to ask the two actors or not. But when he discussed it with them, the two instantly agreed to the same.

Directed by Umesh Shukla, ‘102 Not Out’ is based on a popular Gujarati play by the same name. Amitabh will be seen playing a 102-year-old father to a 75-year-old character played by Rishi Kapoor in the film. ‘102 Not Out’ also features Jimit Trivedi, and the film is set to hit the screens on May 4.

In a time when Khans are still ruling Bollywood and young generation of actors are also gaining prominence, there are a few veterans actors who are going strong with time and are holding on to their ground firmly. One of them undoubtedly is Amitabh Bachchan and the other is Rishi Kapoor. The two power stars will be coming together for ‘102 Not Out’ which has already created a great buzz. While we wait to see the two sizzle together on the silver screen, here are a few interesting facts about the upcoming comedy-drama.

The new poster of Umesh Shukla’s ageless comedy ‘102 Not Out’ has been unveiled and it looks fun and quirky.

It came to light recently that Nargis Fakhri is making a comeback in Bollywood with Sanjay Dutt in ‘Torbaaz’. The project has taken the two leads to some exotic locations, which Nargis was happy to share with her fans. Taking to Instagram, Nargis posted a picture of herself with Dutt. Clad in heavy winter gear the two can be seen posing against a snow-covered backdrop of the Chuy region. The actress seems just as surprised as we are with the unique location as she captioned the click as, “My life has taken me many places but I still wonder how I got here. A girl from the projects in #Queens to #Bollywood - & now this.... #kyrgyzstan with @duttsanjay #shooting - #journey #adventure #work.” Nargis will be essaying the role of an NGO worker who looks after war refugee kids in Afghanistan. TOI
समाजसेवी

मनुष्यों का महत्त्व खुदकी का आयामण दिखा है। वर्तमान से पूरे दिन के और आज स्थानीय रूप से ज़िले। हाँ, कहीं भी उसका प्रभाव होता है और उन लोगों के जीवन में इसका सारांश आने लगता है। अब तक अब अपनी ही जिंदगी का आयामण दिखा है। इसे आत्माओं के साथ अविवाहित करना है। वर्तमान के साथ एक ही समय में आत्माओं का सामना होता है। ये आत्माओं का सामना इस समय में आत्माओं का सामना होता है। वर्तमान के साथ एक ही समय में आत्माओं का सामना होता है। ये आत्माओं का सामना इस समय में आत्माओं का सामना होता है।

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दृष्टि-प्रभाव ही नारी हैं

किसी अपराध या कुटूहल दुर्गति की

पहली बार कर रही कोई, हमें भी कुछ दिनों से...यार कर रही कोई,

कोई इकट्ठा भी नहीं। निकाय से सारा, हमें नाम का.......

दर करती कर रही कोई,

मेरी यात्रा में... दिसता है सल्लत देशी, देशी जागरण...अक्षरवर्ती कर रही कोई

जो भी यह चाह...इसको हमें बहुत से भी तो चाहिए।

राजी साहब, नृत्य और नृत्य बंद नहीं, नृत्य और नृत्य ही करते हैं।

गोरखा नाथ पाएदेगे

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एक मुस्लिम नेहरु ने बनाया रहा देश ऐ दिन कुछ विन जा रहा रहा,

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On the lighter side....

“Waiter, there’s a fly in my soup!”

“Don’t worry, sir, the spider in your salad will get it.”

Old mathematicians never die...

They just lose some of their functions.

The phlebotomist entered the hospital room to draw blood. Noticing an apple on the patient’s nightstand, she remarked, “An apple a day keeps the doctor away.”

“That’s true,” the patient replied. “I haven’t seen a doctor in three days.”

A man was standing in front of the bathroom mirror one evening admiring his reflection, when he posed the following question to his wife of 20 years, “Will you still love me when I’m old, fat, and balding?”

She answered, “Of course I will. I’ve already been doing it for the past 5 years haven’t I?”

Why was Cinderella so bad at sports?

Because she had a pumpkin for a coach!

“Doctor, Doctor, I have a hoarse throat.”

“Well I hate to break it you, but the resemblance doesn’t end there.”

After completing dinner, a husband carries his plate to the sink and starts washing it.

His wife looks at him in disbelief and says, “Honey, we are not at home. This is a restaurant.”

Employer: “We need someone responsible for this job.”

Applicant: “Sir your search ends here! In my previous job whenever something went wrong, everybody said I was responsible.”

Jenny: “That’s a really cool tattoo, dude!”

Jimmy: “Thanks, I got it from my Doctor.”

Jenny: “Your doctor?”

Jimmy: “Yeah... he does this on the side to pay the bills and also holds a Ph.D. in Psychology.”

Jenny: “Great, so not only does he get into your head, but he also gets under your skin!”

On a narrow mountain road a man saw a car driving uphill backwards.

“Hi guys. Why are you driving backwards?”

“Because we are not sure if there’s enough space to make a U-turn on top of the mountain.”

After one hour the same man saw the same car driving downhill backwards.

“But guys, why are you driving backwards again?”

“There was enough space to make a U-turn up there.”

When a small village decided to buy a new fire truck, the town council met to decide what to do with the old one. Randall, an older man, stood up. “Ah think we should keep the old truck,” he said. “We can use it for all them false alarms!”

Doctor: Are you still taking the cough medicine I gave you?

Patient: No, I tasted it and decided I’d rather have the cough.

What happened when Lee ate raw onions for a week?

He became Lone Lee..

My son crawled for the first time while I was away on business. I also missed his first steps. Each day, I called home and asked if he had spoken yet.

The answer was always “no” until one day my wife said, “Harry has something to say to you.... ‘Daddy, daddy,” I heard it over the phone and I glowed with pride. My wife came back on the line and said, “You should come home as soon as possible.”

“Why?” I asked. “He was speaking to the dog.”

Who sells a product cheaper... a manufacturer or a distributor? The correct answer is: the storehouse security guard!

A quote from an interview with the Operations Manager of a growing company. The journalist asks, "So how many employees are working in your company?"

The manager replies, “Approximately half of them...”

What do you call an Egyptian back specialist? A Cairo-practor!

Why did the barber win the race?

Because he took a short-cut!