Amazon raises minimum wage to $15, urges rivals to follow

Amazon.com Inc (AMZN.O) said it would raise its minimum wage to $15 per hour for U.S. employees from next month, giving in to critics of poor pay and working conditions at the world’s second most valuable company.

The increase pushes Amazon’s lowest wage above that at Walmart Inc (WMT.N) and Target Corp (TGT.N). It is almost $3 shy of the average for a non-management worker in warehousing in the United States.

The online retailer also said it would now lobby in Washington D.C. for an increase in the federal minimum wage and urged its competitors to follow its lead as the union-led “Fight for Fifteen” movement pushes for higher remuneration.

Amazon’s move comes when U.S. unemployment is at a near two-decade low as retailers and shippers compete for hundreds of thousands of workers for the all-important holiday shopping season.

Several companies, including United Parcel Service (UPS.N) and Macy’s (M.N), have announced hiring to staff stores and handle holiday sales and delivery.

“We listened to our critics, thought hard about what we wanted to do, and decided we want to lead,” founder and Chief Executive Jeff Bezos said in a statement.

The pay increase, effective from next month, will benefit more than 250,000 Amazon employees in the United States as well as over 100,000 seasonal employees who will be hired across the country this holiday season, the company said.

Christine Owens, executive director at advocacy group National Employment Law Project, said Amazon’s call for changes at the federal level was a “significant” move.

“At $7.25, the federal minimum wage is a poverty wage. Having major, profitable employers like Amazon join the fight could help finally unstick it,” she said.

Amazon, which became the second company after Apple to cross $1 trillion in market value last month, currently pays around $11 per hour. Analysts said the raise would cost it $1 billion or less annually but would be offset by a recent $20 increase in the cost of its Prime memberships.

“You’ve got a company that can’t attract and keep labour because their wage rates are at the bottom of the pay scale, generally speaking,” said Marc Wulfraat, president of logistics consultancy MWPVL International, which closely tracks Amazon’s fulfilment operation.

“This is Amazon waking up and smelling the coffee.”

Amazon also said it was ending some restricted stock unit grants as it raised wages for hourly warehouse and customer service employees.

The company’s shares closed down 1.6 percent at $1,971.31

This freaky robot works out and sweats like us

People expect robots to perform complex tasks, but they don’t realize that making a machine stronger at hands and rigid elsewhere couldn’t be the way to bring efficiency.

A bot has to be and act like a human, which is exactly what we’ve seen in Kengoro - a robot that works out and, guess what, sweats too.

Here’s everything to know about it.

Kengoro’s capabilities: Can this robot really do exercises like push-ups?

Yes, Kengoro, which has been built by University of Tokyo researchers, mimics human body movements to do push-ups.

And, not just that. It can even play badminton and do crunches, calf raises, chin-ups, back extensions, and do many more exercises.

It definitely looks a little jittery, but it’s much more flexible than any humanoid on the block.

Mechanism: Here’s how it achieves these movements

As Kengoro’s aluminium structure has been modeled after a 5.5ft-tall teenager, it boasts pretty similar human body proportions.
Treat your business like your family.

Contact me to find the best plan for protecting your business.

Shawkat Mohammed
Agent, New York Life Insurance Company
545 E. John Carpenter FWY
Las Colinas Texas, TX 75062
817-320-9439
mohammeds@ft.newyorklife.com

Saudi Arabia to finance three CPEC projects

The government of Saudi Arabia has signed three grant agreements with Pakistan to finance three road infrastructure and energy projects under the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

“These agreements have been inked in line with the understanding reached during Prime Minister Imran Khan’s recent visit to Saudi Arabia,” Information Minister Fawad Chaudhry told a press conference.

The agreements were signed by the Saudi envoy and the officials of Pakistan’s finance ministry. Giving a briefing about the federal cabinet’s meeting held earlier in the day, he said that a high-level Saudi delegation would arrive in Pakistan on Sunday for materialising the deal between Islamabad and Riyadh.

More agreements would be inked next week between a high-level Saudi delegation and Pakistani officials, Mr Chaudhry said. The accords will be related to Reko Diq’s gold and copper mines and the oil refinery at Gwadar Port, and the delegation would comprise the Saudi investment team, minister for petroleum and minister for energy.

“During the prime minister’s recent visit, Saudi Arabian leaders including Crown Prince Muhammed bin Salman were eager to finalise the deal within days despite the fact that such deals require months for materialising,” the minister said.

It may be mentioned that since the prime minister’s visit to Saudi Arabia, the opposition has been asking the government to unveil the pledges made by Riyadh regarding mega investment and monetary assistance to Pakistan.

Afghan refugees

The information minister said that Prime Minister Imran Khan had issued directives that a comprehensive policy be designed for Afghan refugees living in Pakistan till June 2019.

He said 2.5 million Afghan refugees were residing in Pakistan of whom 2m were registered and the remaining ones were undocumented.

“There are only two ways to go about this issue: either we let things remain the way they are, or [do something about it]. There are 879,198 Afghan refugees living in Pakistan who have citizen cards issued by their country; 1,394,000 who have POR (refugee) cards; and 500,000 who are undocumented,” he said.

Afghan refugees have been given an extension for their stay in Pakistan till June for the renewal of their accreditation cards and the prime minister wants to see a comprehensive policy drafted before the next extension,” the minister said.

100 big defaulters

He said that the cabinet had decided to take action against 100 big tax defaulters. “The government will be launching a major operation soon against 100 major FBR (Federal Board of Revenue) defaulters”.

“The first stage of reforms in the FBR has been completed and details in this regard will be provided by Finance Minister Asad Umer next week,” Mr Chaudhry said.

To overcome the prevailing financial crisis in the country, he said, the government had set up the Financial Action Task Force and appointed Mansoor Hussain Siddiqui the director general of the financial monitoring unit at the State Bank. Earlier the post was non-existing in the department.

He said former Justice Abdul Rauf had been appointed the new chairman of the Wage Board to decide within 120 days the matter of low and untimely-paid wages of journalists.

Mr Fawad said that the government believed that the right to information was part of its policy as only with the right to information and transparency journalists would have easy access to information.

The cabinet, he said, also declared that an anti-encroachment drive would be launched in Karachi to reclaim large swathes of land belonging to the Karachi Port Trust and the Pakistan Railways. “We are heading towards Karachi after getting vacated 6,000 kanals of state land in Islamabad,” he added.

Tax amnesty for tribal areas

The minister said that the federally and provincially-administered tribal areas, which were previously being run under independent systems outside the jurisdiction of Pakistani laws, would continue to enjoy tax amnesty for five years.

“This means that these regions will continue to enjoy the use of non-custom paid cars up to June 30, 2023. Similarly, residents (of the tribal areas) will be exempted from paying sales and withholding tax,” he added.

Mr Chaudhry said that all ministries had been instructed to not only stop making selective appointments, but also to desist from forwarding their ‘recommendations’ for candidates for other ministries.

He said that the prime minister had urged members of his cabinet to move towards more technologically-savvy practices and adopt e-communication practices, instead of wasting paper for printing agendas and budgets. “All ministries have been instructed to go paperless in our effort to become an e-government,” he said.

He said that the IT ministry had been tasked with implementing the government’s initiative and it would give a presentation in two weeks on this.

Later, Minister for Power Omar Ayub accused the previous government of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) of leaving an acute financial and electricity crisis to the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government.

He defended the PTI government even for increasing gas and electricity tariffs and said that as a result of faulty polices and decisions of the last government the country had come under huge burden of foreign and local debts.

Published in Dawn, September 28th, 2018
10th Moharram get together was organized at Seena One, Burleson.

Shawkath Mohammed received an award from Shamsa Qureshi. Poet Noor Amrohvi is also seen in the picture.
Hamza Akram Qawwal and Brothers perform at Texas King

From the Desk of Rao Kamran Ali

Had the honor to meet Foreign Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Shah Mahmood Qureshi on kind invitation of Mr Ambassador Ali Jehangir Siddique.

It was great to meet Mr Qureshi who admires APPNA especially Nishtar since he belongs to that area.

Upon a discussion on falling Pakistani visas, I discussed the role of APPNA, particularly, the role of Advocacy Committee with Mr Foreign Minister that how it helped to get 100% visa approval this year. Our advocacy team members Dr. Abdul Piracha and Dr. Tariq Butt were also there and I acknowledge them there and thanked our all Committee members and Mr President. How we work year around with PAKPAC and APPNA to make stronger ties in USA which help in visa clearance.

Mr. Qureshi was very reasonable, focused and his priorities are same as in the past, to engage USA for better relationships; so people expecting something totally new isn’t comprehend-able.

We all need to work as much as possible to make Pakistan USA relationships stronger and stronger!!!

I want to thank and congratulate Pakistani Embassy in DC particularly DCM Rizwan Sheikh, Mr Salman Sharif, Mr Shah Nazar, Mr Abid Saeed and others for great arrangements and hospitality.

Regards

Urdu Markaz Dallas Area (UMDA) organized their monthly Baithak in Plano. Mr Shawkat Mohammed was awarded for his services.

Monthly Mehfil Fort Worth felicitated their members Syed Rafiuddin and Shahid Ahmed who went for Haj this year.
Hyderabad Society of North Texas
... Bringing Hyderabadi Community Together In The Dallas/Forth Worth Metroplex
Presents

Shaam-e-Hyderabad
2018

Friday
November 30th
7:00 PM TO 12 AM

Special Performance by Qawwal
Fareed Ayaz,
Abu Muhammad & Brothers

CRYSTAL BANQUET HALL
6300 Independence Pkwy, Plano TX 75023

For Information & Sponsorship

Mir Hadi Ali: 972.533.3500
Aasia Ali: 972.786.2078
Ayaz Qureshi: 817.966.5673

Mohammed Hameed: 469.544.4118
Rahat Arifuddin: 214.680.8045
Shawkat Mohammed: 817.320.9439
Munawar Rahman: 972.514.2717

www.HSNTDFW.com

facebook.com/hsnltdfw

Hyderabad Society of North Texas is a non-profit organization

Media Partner
www.AsiaTimes.US

Media Partner
www.AsiaTimes.US

Photography

JB's Burger & Grill

CRYSTAL BANQUET
BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER - CONGRATS

CONGRATULATIONS FRIENDS
Annual Meeting of Pakistani-Descent Physicians Society
at the engagement party of Deputy Chief minister of Telangana State Janab Mehmood Ali Bhai's grand Daughter. Seen is Masiullah Khan TELANGANA State Haji Committee Chairman, Srinivas Reddy GHMC Councillor son in law of Home Minister of Telangana State Nayeni Narsimha Reddy and prospective MLA candidate from Amberpet, Janab Farooq Hussain Sahab MLC along with Syed Mohd Aslam Quadri General Secretary TRS

At my residence in Shamshabad with newly appointed Janab Kafeenuddin Ansari Urdu Academy Chairman Govt. of Telangana, my cousin Masiullah Khan Chairman Haji Committe Govt. of Telangana

Welcome to Chicago Honorable M. Venkiah Naidu Garu Vice President of India, his Excellency Shri Navtej Singh Sarna for a three day visit. Thanks a lot Ambassador and Consul General of India Ms. Neeta Bhushan ji for hosting community Reception for our Vice President. I am honored to know our Vice President for over 20 years along with my childhood friend Dr Prem Raj Yadav secretary State BJP
Mr Waliuddin and Roshan Waliuddin at an event

Syed Khalilullah with Lieutenant Governor of Illinois Evelyn Sanguinetti

Urdu Mushaira took place at Glendale Heights Library
8th Indian Wedding Expo & Shopping Event Show that brought together bridal designers, makeup artists, invitations, Photographer, Videographers, decoration designers, exotic cars, Limo, Carriage, event planners and decorators, honeymoon destination was concluded at the Waterford Banquet & Conference Center Elmhurst on Sunday, September 9, 2018.

This was an 8th Indian Wedding Expo is the largest bridal show in the State of Illinois. Every year Indian Wedding Expo is getting bigger and better because more attractions and more selection for the bride and groom under one roof.

More than 75 exhibitors exhibited their products. High valuable prizes like airline ticket and gold jewelry were given to numerous lucky winners from drawing after both shows.

The bridal show event brought together both shoppers and service providers and vendors of wedding services to offer a convenient and accessible every wedding shopping thing under one roof.

Indian Wedding Expo & Shopping Event Providing a great platform for exhibitors to meet with visitors and wedding shoppers to build awareness and recognition for their brand and product since 8th years.

Many Cater offer complimentary food tasting. Ice Cream, Sandwiches and Biryani were wonderful and tasty.

According to the Event Planner and an organizer Ms. Kate Sandu. This event the objective is to make it easier for Indian, Pakistani and South Asian customers, brides, grooms, families and vendors by providing the convenience of one Place and location to come and plan and shop for their special occasion, meet vendors, build relationships, Business and marketing.

The highlight of the day was the two-fabulous fashion shows by Saris and Things from Naperville, Illinois. Ms. Shital Daftari, Founder & CEO of Saris and Things said "Our business is totally different than other. our customer always feels very comfortable when they Rent or Buy Indian Wedding Saris, Dress Saris, Lehengas, Anarkalis from us. Our price is reasonable, we have unique design and large huge selection of Pakistani and Indian clothing and women's bridal wear Indian Dresses, sarees and many other things like handbags, accessories and jewelry. We are US based online company. We ship everything from Naperville, Illinois.

Both Fashion Show 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. was managed by No-man Khan Yeh Cheez Modeling Agency. In the show there were 15 different bridal model's attires were featured. During an interview Khan said, "I am thrilled to be representing this iconic 8th Indian wedding expo platform".

There were various partners who support the exhibit Sari & Things, On the Spot Photo Magnets, Yeh Cheez, Rush Production, Photography, Andaaz Diamond, AP Holidays, Makeup and hair done by Farah Razzak, Sidar Hassan and Being Prati, Stage decoration by Rami Mandap and Sound & lighting conducted by Creative Sounds Entertainment other.

Photographs and Press release by:
Syed Khalil Ullah
Qawwali Night program with Hamza Akram Qawwal and Brothers in support of Domestic Violence Shelter

Suzy’s Place is the nonprofit organization in the Rogers Park neighborhood Chicagoland providing the Domestic Violence Shelter for needy and abused women and Children, hosted a Sufi devotional music Qawwali Night performed by energetic and young Qawwali group named Hamza Akram and Brother’s on Friday 08, September 2018 at the Holiday Inn in Skokie. It was a magical evening dedicated to bringing awareness to women and children survivors of domestic violence.

The Suzy’s Place already have a homeless shelter operated in Devon Avenue Chicago, but need required more funding to do more raises awareness programs and accommodate more women in Shelters and provides emotional support and diversified continuum of services.

The prominent of Chicagoland’s Pakistani and Indian community attended the evening. Everyone was excited to support this worthy cause. Ms. Arshia Hasnain, Executive Director, welcomed all the guests and introduced Suzy’s Place to the esteemed audience. She explained about the programs and workshops for their clients and others in the area. The free temporary housing for three months, free legal help desk, free yoga classes, free meditation and stress management workshops, free health screenings, ESL classes and many more services all benefit their clients in the Rogers Park neighborhood. Ms. Shahida Khan, Chairman of Board of Directors of Suzy’s Place thanked all the guests, supporters, sponsors and volunteers for their dedication and commitment to help the cause. Renowned Pakistani Journalist Mr. Rana Javed introduced the Qawwali group, explaining the history of Qawwali music as an art form that originated in North India.

Hamza Akram and his group thrilled the audience with their enthusiasm and sheer talent. The evening lasted till 1:30am. The hall was full to the very end.

Photographs and Press release by: Syed Khalil Ullah
The Women’s Empowerment Campaign (WE) host the Biggest Women Biz Expo and Job Fair in Chicagoland.

Hundreds of women from around the Chicagoland converged on the WE Women Biz Expo and Job Fair. The expo was packed with 80 vendors showcasing the latest and greatest in products and employment awareness services in the Expo. Mostly vendors were women.

Women community leaders, business women, professionals, dignitaries' officials, heads of South Asian community organizations and political activists from all over the Illinois States participated in the WE Women Biz Expo and Job Fair. More than 1000 was arrived to see the expo and engaged in Women networking and Job Fair.

The WE Women Biz Expo and Job Fair hosted the Women’s Empowerment Campaign was held on Sunday 16th, 2018, at the Waterford Banquets and Conference Center. It began at 11 a.m. and continued until 6 p.m.

The event is a unique opportunity for businesses to target an upscale women clientele.

The Purpose and objectives of WE were to support entrepreneurship in women, to showcase women professionals & business owners, to celebrate successful women, to raise awareness of existing women’s organizations doing important community work in Chicago community, to support & create community women leaders running for public office & to serve as a networking platform.

Illinois First Lady Diana Rauner, Consul General of India in Chicago Ms. Neeta Bhushan and Illinois Lt. Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti and several other officials, including elected state women officials and the board members of We were present at the opening ceremony. Diana Rauner, Neeta Bhushan, Sanguinetti and Guest Speakers Dr. Trupti Gokani Dr. Tripti Burt, Syed Hussani and several other delivered remarks at the opening ceremony.

The Best segment was a wonderful fashion extravaganza show displayed some of the wonderful Indian dresses also audience enjoy Woman of Substance Pageant and a group of enthusiastic Youth Forum Panelists about women’s issues.

Anuja Gupta, Rita Singh, Shital Daltari, Ratna Kapur, Shree Gurusamy, Arshia Wajid, Sonia Singh, Rosey A. Bhat, Preeti Naggal Migliani, Bhavna Bahadur, Manjari Gambhir, Shweta Jain, Bhargavi Nettem, Dr. Viji Susarla and several other women leaders were behind the success of this event.

Photographs and Press release by: Syed Khalil Ullah
Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel promised bold measures to help fix the nation’s worst-funded pension systems and failing schools, stabilize city finances and combat violence when he was elected to lead the nation’s third-largest city in 2011. But despite some successes — including attracting new companies and raising the city’s minimum wage — many of the long-standing problems that Emanuel inherited will remain when he leaves office early next year. Emanuel announced he will not run for a third term.

Emanuel’s administration ran up tens of millions of dollars in police overtime to flood high-crime areas with officers, and the Chicago Police Department is hiring more officers, adding more than 1,100 in 2017 as part of a two-year hiring plan. Prosecutors and police say they’ll step up use of the state’s anti-racketeering law to prosecute gang leaders. But even so, gang violence continues to plague the city’s most dangerous neighborhoods.

But despite some successes — including attracting new companies and raising the city’s minimum wage — many of the long-standing problems that Emanuel inherited will remain when he leaves office early next year. Emanuel announced he will not run for a third term.

Chicago’s four pension systems are about $28 billion short of promised benefits, prompting Emanuel’s financial team to consider a risky fix: borrowing more than $10 billion by issuing bonds to help lower that debt. The idea is that the pension funds would invest the proceeds and hope that the returns would be greater than the interest the city would have to pay on the bond debt. But experts say pension obligations bonds are risky because investments could fail or the stock market could falter. City officials say they’re just evaluating the idea, but it underscores the financial straits the city finds itself in.

Chicago’s violent crime has drawn national attention — including criticism from President Donald Trump and Attorney General Jeff Sessions — with the number of shootings and homicides climbing to levels not seen in nearly two decades and exceeding the bloodshed of any other U.S. city. The number of slayings for each of the last two years was more than twice the total of Los Angeles and New York combined.

The number of homicides had fallen to 415 in 2015 — the lowest level in a half-century — before jumping to 771 in 2016 and 650 in 2017. Emanuel’s administration ran up tens of millions of dol-

with big challenges

lars in police overtime to flood high-crime areas with officers, and the Chicago Police Department is hiring more officers, adding more than 1,100 in 2017 as part of a two-year hiring plan. Prosecutors and police say they’ll step up use of the state’s anti-racketeering law to prosecute gang leaders. But even so, gang violence continues to plague the city’s most dangerous neighborhoods.

POLICE MISCONDUCT

Emanuel’s announcement that he would not seek re-election came one day before the start of jury selection for a white police officer’s murder trial for the 2014 death of a black teenager. Officer Jason Van Dyke shot Laquan McDonald 16 times, and a video later released by the department showed he was holding a small folding knife and veering away from officers. That led to protests and a federal investigation that found systemic failures in the Police Department accountability and training, deep-rooted civil rights violations by police, including racial bias and a tendency to use excessive force.

The city has agreed to far-reaching police reforms under strict federal court supervision, abandoning a draft deal on reforms with the Trump administration that envisioned no court role. The oversight will include an independent court-appointed monitor.

One of those running for mayor is Garry McCarthy, a former New York police leader whom Emanuel hired to stem violence but who was fired after the McDonald shooting.

SCHOOLS

Emanuel, who inherited a school district facing a $700 million budget shortfall, got off to a rocky start with the five-year graduation rate has ticked up to 78 percent under Emanuel — though the number is less than 65 percent for black males. But leadership of the district has been plagued by scandals.

Former CEO Barbara Byrd-Bennett, whom Emanuel first chose to lead the struggling district, was sentenced to 4 1/2 years in prison in 2017 for a scheme to collect hundreds of thousands of dollars in kickbacks in return for steering $23 million in no-bid contracts to an education consulting firm where she had once worked.

Later that year, the next CEO, Forrest Claypool, resigned after being accused by the Chicago Board of Education’s inspector general of repeatedly lying in a “full-blown cover-up” during an ethics investigation involving the school district’s general counsel. Ronald Marmer was receiving $200,000 a year in severance payments from his old law firm, while supervising that firm’s work for the Board of Education in violation of ethics rules. Claypool was accused of lying about whether he had sought changes to a bill that was part of evidence collected in the investigation. AP
Outstanding fundraising event help by Indo American Center. Keynote speaker Alpana Singh, MC of the event Ravi Baichwal. Comedian Anish Shah as this year’s entertainment. Vandana Walia did an amazing job organizing event.
During his time as a renowned professor and researcher in academia, Dr. Mohammed T. AliNiazeee recognized the increasing tuition rates, increasing student loans and debts, and increasing time periods required for acquiring a college degree. Confronting this imbalance, NWSC is here to make a difference by offering more student guidance, smaller classes, and three full terms per year (rather than two). A culmination of his longtime dream of establishing a world class center of education founded on the principles of service, compassion, and quality, Professor AliNiazeee took early retirement after nearly 40 years of a successful career in academia to establish NWSC. Dr. AliNiazeee and the NWSC team are dedicated to building a private, non-profit school of higher education that provides affordable and quality education dedicated to science, medicine, and the humanities.

A cultural hub with numerous advanced centers for healthcare and medicine, Chicago was selected as the city to establish NWSC. In 2008, President AliNiazeee 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. AliNiazeee as the school started to grow.

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

Amitabh Bachchan, who is currently busy with the ongoing new season of his popular quiz show “Kaun Banega Crorepati,” and is gearing up for “Thugs Of Hindostan,” will start shooting for his next film “Jhund” from mid-November with a non-stop schedule in Nagpur. The thespian will start shooting after the “KBC” Season finale, and after the release of the hugely-anticipated “Thugs Of Hindostan.”

Bachchan’s look as Khudabaksh has gone viral and the country is eagerly waiting to watch Aamir Khan and him together onscreen. With this news, this becomes a memorable calendar year for Bachchan. The new role has been kept tightly under wraps, but we hear that it is one of the most charismatic avatars he will play.

“Jhund” is apparently based on the life of Vijay Barse, who is the founder of slum soccer. Bachchan plays a professor who channelizes street kids to build a soccer team. The film will be shot over 70 to 80 days, and Bachchan will shoot for 45 days in Nagpur. The kids will be meeting and rehearsing with him a few days before the shoot. They have undergone training and are not, otherwise, professional actors.

Said Manjule, “I chose Nagpur because my story is based there. I wanted the look and feel to be as authentic as possible, and Nagpur has its own unique charm, feel and locales, which is different from Mumbai and Pune.”

He added, “Working with Mr. Bachchan on a story like this is a dream come true. He has always been my favorite legend, and there was nobody other than him who fit the role perfectly and to do justice to this particular character. In fact, the rest of the cast is all new, and since I have been known to work with fresh talent, I think the combination of Mr. Bachchan with this young team will be something to watch out!”

The film is produced by Bhushan Kumar’s T-Series, Savita Raj Hiremath and Manjule under the banner of T-Series Films, Taandav Films Entertainment Ltd, and Aatpat Films and is directed by Manjule.
ISNA Matrimonial Event
October 27, 2018

Manor House
7440 Mason-Montgomery Road
Mason, OH 45040

Register at isna.net
For Details: matrimonial@isna.net
Mahatma Gandhi’s economic beliefs that are still relevant

Mahatma Gandhi’s economic views were humanitarian in nature stemming from his concern for the toiling peasants, factory workers and joblessness. Here are some of his beliefs which hold till today.

Swadeshi

Gandhi envisaged villages as self-sufficient republics. He knew that India lived in its villages which is why he stressed on the growth of the rural economy such as khadi, handloom, handicraft and sericulture. Rural industries were based on family labour and required less capital. Goods were sold in the local markets. In this way, production and market were both taken care of. This is why he advocated the establishment of cottage industries and recommended the use of rural products. According to him, the village economy would satisfy two important objectives. First, it would provide maximum employment and income to inhabitants, and second, it would generate equality, freedom and justice.

Gainful employment for each individual

His advocacy of the charkha was a way to promote gainful employment for an able-bodied individual. The charkha symbolised this view about how each person could earn their own livelihood and become self-reliant. The spinning wheel or ‘charkha’ soon became a symbol of Indian nationalism. It unified a diverse nation in various ways. He was a prominent advocate of dignity of labour and wanted to break down the boundaries between manual and mental work, rooted in the caste system.

Limitation of wants

Gandhi talked of the containment of wants and famously said, “Nature produces enough to meet the needs of all the people, but not enough to satisfy the greed of any man.” His idea of limitation of wants was contrary to classical and contemporary theories of economics which focused on expanding the goods space and satisfying unlimited human wants. He suggested two measures. First, that everyone should get sufficient work to make ends meet and second, that means of production of necessities should be under the control of the masses.

Well-being of the poorest in society

“Recall the face of the poorest and weakest man you have seen, and ask yourself if this step you contemplate is going to be any use to him.” This encapsulated Gandhi’s compassion for and views about the poorest of the poor of society. He believed that nobody would be left wanting if everyone used just as much as was needed by him.

Decentralisation of economy

According to him, large-scale production was meant to be profit-oriented and therefore, harmful for society as it could lead to concentration of wealth and power in a few hands. Gandhi advocated decentralisation because it could avoid violence. He suggested delocalisation of production as against concentration in particular areas. His beliefs on decentralisation were aimed at correcting all evils of a centralised economy.

Appropriate technology

In 1946, Gandhi wrote: “I am not opposed to machinery as such. I am opposed to machinery which displaces labour and leaves it idle.” He was not against machinery and welcomed such instruments and machinery that saved individual labour. But he was wary of technology-induced unemployment. Mechanisation was good till it did not render people idle and unemployed.
Canada strips Aung San Suu Kyi of honorary citizenship over Rohingya crisis

Canada’s parliament voted unanimously to effectively strip Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi of her honorary Canadian citizenship over the Rohingya crisis.

Ottawa had given the long-detained democracy advocate and Nobel laureate the rare honor in 2007. But her international reputation has become tarnished by her refusal to call out the atrocities by her nation’s military against the Rohingya Muslims minority, which Ottawa last week declared a genocide.

"In 2007, the House of Commons granted Aung San Suu Kyi the status of honorary Canadian citizen. Today, the House unanimously passed a motion to remove this status," said Adam Austen, spokesman for Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland.

A brutal military campaign that started last year drove more than 700,000 Rohingya Muslims from Myanmar into neighboring Bangladesh, where they now live in cramped refugee camps — fearful of returning to mainly Buddhist Myanmar despite a repatriation deal.

Many have given accounts of extrajudicial killings, sexual violence and arson.

The military has denied nearly all wrongdoing, justifying its crackdown as a legitimate means of rooting out Rohingya militants.

But after a fact-finding mission, the United Nations on Thursday set up a panel to prepare indictments against Myanmar’s army chief and five other top military commanders for crimes against humanity.

Suu Kyi’s democratically-elected government remains in a delicate power balance with the generals, whose presence in parliament gives them an effective veto on constitutional changes.

Austen cited Suu Kyi’s “persistent refusal to denounce the Rohingya genocide” for the withdrawal of the Canadian honor, which is symbolic and comes with no special privileges.

“We will continue to support the Rohingyas by providing humanitarian assistance, imposing sanctions against Myanmar’s generals and demanding that those responsible be held accountable before a competent international body,” he added.

Honorary Canadian citizenship has only been granted to five others including the Dalai Lama, girls education advocate Malala Yousafzai and Nelson Mandela.

Pompeo to meet Kim Jong Un in fresh visit

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo will pay a fresh visit to North Korea on Sunday and meet leader Kim Jong Un as the administration’s hopes rise of a denuclearization deal, the State Department said.

The rare advance announcement of a meeting with the young strongman came hours after North Korea raised the stakes in negotiations, saying it would not give up its nuclear weapons in exchange for a peace treaty.

Pompeo, who is trying to arrange a second summit between Kim and US President Donald Trump, will also head to US allies Japan and South Korea, as well as North Korea’s chief ally China with which the United States is engaged in escalating trade and diplomatic disputes.

It will be the fourth trip by Pompeo to longtime US pariah North Korea as the Trump administration looks to end its nuclear and ballistic missile programs.

"I think it shows forward progress and momentum that the secretary is making his fourth trip in less than a year," State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert told reporters.

"Everyone recognizes that we have a ways to go and a lot of work that is left to be done," she said.

"But obviously these conversations are going in the right direction and we feel confident enough to hop on a plane to head there to continue the conversations," Pompeo has already met twice with Kim, including once when he headed the CIA. But Pompeo did not meet Kim on his last visit in July, when the North Korean leader instead was photographed touring a potato farm.

Another visit by Pompeo was announced in August but was abruptly canceled by Trump.

- Trump in love with Kim -

Kim, who as leader has rarely traveled outside of North Korea, met in June in Singapore with Trump in the first-ever summit between the two countries that have never signed a formal treaty to end the 1950-53 Korean War.
In a huge snub to Pakistan, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj left a meeting of the SAARC foreign ministers early, which was attended by her Pakistani counterpart Shah Mehmood Qureshi amidst fresh chill in bilateral ties. Swaraj attended the Informal Meeting of the SAARC Council of Ministers held on the margins of the 73rd UN General Assembly and chaired by Foreign Minister of Nepal Pradeep Kumar Gyawali.

After making her statement, she left the meeting early, prompting criticism from Qureshi who later told reporters, "no I didn't have any talk with her (Swaraj). On the positive gesture, I can say she left the meeting mid-way, may be she was not feeling well".

Indian diplomatic sources told PTI that it was quite normal in a multilateral meeting to leave early after one has delivered the country's statement. The sources said that Swaraj was not the first minister to leave the meeting as her counterparts from Afghanistan and Bangladesh had also left before her.

They added that Swaraj had other engagements as well and Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale was present throughout the SAARC meeting. Swaraj and Qureshi were slated to meet on the sidelines of the General Assembly session. However, India called off the meeting last week, citing the brutal killings of three policemen in Jammu and Kashmir. Bhutan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan had also joined India in boycotting the summit. Qureshi called the Foreign Secretary's comments, made after Swaraj had left, as a "very vague statement".

"You say the next summit will not happen until there is conducive environment. How do you define what conducive environment is? It can vary from country to country. It can vary from person to person. On the basis of an imaginary thing, you are becoming an obstacle in the way of the entire region and its prosperity," he said.

Qureshi said that most of the members present there understand the significance and value of the grouping. "She talked about regional cooperation. My question is how will regional cooperation be possible when the region's nations are ready to sit together and you are the obstacle in that dialogue and discussion," he said.

Qureshi said he judged from the SAARC meeting that most of the members present there understand the significance and value of the grouping.

"They want to move on. I can't speak for them but I can deduce from their body language disappointment because if you do not move and if you do not sit and convene meetings how do you move on. You are talking of SAFTA (South Asian Free Trade Area), you are talking of regional trade, how do you have regional trade when you are unwilling to sit and talk. When you fail to agree on a date for a summit where is regional trade going," he said.

He cited other regional blocs like ASEAN and the EU and said "look at this (SAARC) atmosphere". India had boycotted the 2016 SAARC summit citing Islamabad's unrelenting support to terrorist activities in India and and after Pakistan-based terrorists attacked an Indian Army base in Uri in Jammu and Kashmir.

In her statement, Swaraj voiced India's commitment to regional cooperation, saying it attaches highest priority to the development and prosperity of the region, under the government's 'Neighbourhood First' policy.

"Development of seamless physical connectivity is key for achieving regional growth, employment and prosperity," she said.

SAARC summits are usually held biennially. The member-state hosting the summit assumes the Chair of the association. The last SAARC Summit in 2014 was held in Kathmandu, which was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
had revenue sharing arrangement with Aeroflot. I was Executive Director, a burly Punjabi top notch Automotive factories in Serbia and offices in Moscow. Mr. Babbar, the technology from a Russian Company called IMT with who were reluctant to give and share their technology. It to tie up with western companies like Fiat, Renault, etc., quickly bought Zetor for its brand value. It was a huge the American Fortune 100 company John Deere and they acquired technology for manufacture of Agricultural tractors and for Lamps and Lamp making Machinery from Czechoslovakia and Hungary respectively.

HMT-Zetor agricultural tractors were very successful and a market leader in India for a considerable period of time. However, with the liberalization in India since 1991, major international players like John Deere, New Holland, Renault and others had set up their plants in India. The bifurcation of Czechoslovakia into Czech Republic and Slovakia had Zetor Headquarters with Marketing Division located in Prague and its Factory located near Bratislava in Slovakia, which eventually became two different organizations with no connection to each other. The main asset of Zetor was the sales network of thousands of dealers all over the world, which attracted the American Fortune 100 company John Deere and they quickly bought Zetor for its brand value. It was a huge opportunity for John Deere which benefitted greatly in their launch of tractors in the European markets. These changes had a serious impact on HMT as it was continuing to import critical components such as ancillaries that were not developed in India due to the lack of sufficient off take of volumes. The Board of HMT was very concerned and directed the company to identify a suitable technology partner company from the former Soviet Union as it was not feasible to tie up with western companies like Fiat, Renault, etc., who were reluctant to give and share their technology. It was November 1997 and I was asked to accompany the chief of Tractor Business Group to Russia and scout for technology from a Russian Company called HMT. I assembled a team of foreign officers in Serbia and offices in Moscow. Mr. Babbar, the Executive Director, a burly Punjabi top notch Automobile Engineer with only a few months left to retire and I planned to fly Air India from Delhi to Moscow as it had revenue sharing arrangement with Aeroflot. I was hesitant to fly Aeroflot for the fear of flying in an Ilyushin aircraft, which were not popular with fliers or known for passenger comfort. Anyway, after carefully choosing the date scheduled for Air India and hoping to see an aircraft with Maharaja’s emblem on that chosen day, we both were shocked to see that under the arrangement with Air India, all aircrafts and crew were Russian. The interiors of the aircraft were not inviting and the Business Class was quite appalling. Any way we had no choice and were escorted to the seats by the crew. We were expecting the crew to be synonymous to Bond girls like Anna Amasova, Rosa Klebb or Tatyana Romanova. However we were disappointed. Meanwhile the Captain, who reminded me of General Arkady Ourumov of The Golden Eye, walked in and enquired about our comfort, thankfully. The flight took off and the noise was so loud that I felt I am rocketing from a Cosmo-drome somewhere in Kazakhstan. After a while a hostess gave us some Russian labeled drink and some cold snacks matching the somber mood of our welcome. My colleague, a hard-core Punjabi was enjoying his drink and whispering in my ear that ultimately we drink to get some intoxication and the brand of the drink matters very little. I appreciated his rustic and practical view. After many hours on the noisy flight, we landed at Moscow airport with a huge thud and sigh of relief. Our agent Valery Gustoff, a six plus footer and large man recognized us as we were the only two Indian passengers and was waving at us with a welcome sign. He was carrying a huge bundle of leather coats. After the exchange of greetings, he told us in his broken American style English, “you are the craziest persons I have ever met, who have refused to be in Moscow at the end of November to do business”. I could not agree more with him and he quickly gave the warm coats he had brought and asked us to wear three more overcoats over our modest warm clothing which I had thought would have been appropriate and enough for this visit. It was very cold in the environs of minus thirty-eight degree Celsius, as was announced during landing. Valery was a huge young man who grabbed our suitcases effortlessly and directed us to the car park with him. The distance from the terminal to car park was hardly fifty meters, yet the stretch appeared endless and my ears were paining as if they were being sliced open. Valery was walking comfortably without gloves and smiling at us. From the Airport he drove us straight to a typical Russian bar and made us drink six neat vodkas each suggesting that it would keep us warm for some time till we reach our hotel. I was just following the Valery’s instructions as he was being part of the solution and had no choice whatsoever. He had booked us at Hotel Moscow (now named as Hilton Moscow Leninn, gradskaya), with the lobby front desk nearly one hundred feet long with about fifty front office ladies attending to customers. It was a sight to remember. The hotel boasts of five thousand rooms! The rooms were barely furnished, cold with nothing to drink or eat, and alluding me to remain warm clothed in the room too. We were away from home. He met Valery in the breakfast area of the hotel along with Ms. Yana Zarkowitch, an older Russian woman who was to be our interpreter for next five days. The deal was USD 50 per working day with lunch and dinner on us. Our delegation included Babbar, Valery, Yana and myself with Valery’s Lada car our transport around Moscow. On our first working day we went to the KZB Tractor testing Lab and observed all the models. The next day we started our meetings and KZB was willing to give their technology; but first we had to introduce the product in India. The major issue now was stocking sufficient spares at strategic points in India. A package of CKDs to assemble, spares to stock and training to technicians who would assemble the tractors at Pinjore and Haryana was worked out and an MOU entered to be ratified by our respective Boards. All this was worked out with difficulties in interpretation even with Yana’s help. Yana, in between the work, took us to the most famous tourist spot in this coldest magcity on earth, Kremlin, Red Square, Lenin’s Mausoleum, St. Basil’s Cathedral; to name a few. Moscow is a major political, economic, cultural, and scientific center of Russia and Eastern Europe, as well as the largest city entirely on the European continent. Most interesting to me was the Tsar Bell cast in 1733-1735 on the order of Empress Anna Loannovna by hereditary Muscovy casters and bell founders Ivan Motorin and his son Mikhail. Even now the Tsar Bell is considered the biggest in the world. It weighs about 203 tons, 6.14 meter high with a diameter of 6.6 meters. Moscow has been ranked as the ninth most expensive city in the world by Mercer and has one of the world’s largest urban economies, being ranked as an alpha global city according to the Globalization and World Cities Research Network. It is also one of the fastest growing tourist destinations in the world according to the MasterCard Global Destination Cities Index. Yana, being an old timer preferred Soviet Union to Russian Republic and held the western powers responsible for dismembering the Soviet Union and suggested that the relations with India would not be the same again. She would take all the leftovers of lunches and dinners to feed her pet dog. During these lunches and dinners, we got to know more about the conditions in Moscow. Yana mentioned how even some nuclear scientists were now working as domestic helps due to economic and political conditions, and how the mafias were running many important businesses. While we were indulging in serious “bilateral discussions” with Valery and Yana, somewhere in the background the crooner was singing Raj Kapoor’s “Awara hoon ……” , perhaps expressing hospitality to two crazy Indians in a restaurant who were away from home. He was sending also his warmth as a tribute to great Indian showman Raj Kapoor, who has spread India across, even in the cold world. We left Mos- cow next day to Zagreb in search of mission solutions…
Landlord Solutions

Becoming a landlord is a fantastic way to invest in your future, and buying property is something that many people are choosing to do. The benefits can be enormous, but it can occasionally feel like a double-edged sword. While your investment is growing steadily in the long game, the day-to-day issues can sometimes feel overwhelming. Many landlords complain that it feels as though things in their rental properties are always breaking, and the worry of mounting costs is a real one. Handing the job over to contractors can prove expensive, especially when there are fixes required in the kitchen and bathroom. These rooms are more than just functional; they are hubs of activity in most homes and are used to relax, socialize, pamper and bond. Unfortunately, by their very nature, the steam, heat and water present can all cause issues. Kitchen and bathroom problems can’t be ignored, but we understand that budgets are not bottomless. So, if you want to keep your tenants happy, or attract new ones, these two rooms must be maintained and kept in good working order. Believe it or not, you can address many of the common problems yourself, and it won’t eat too much into your time or your pocket. We have put this post together to share simple, low-cost DIY fixes for bathrooms and kitchens. Go ahead and bookmark it, because as a landlord you are almost guaranteed to be needing this in the future!

DIY Steps For Fixing A Leaking Faucet
A leaking faucet may seem like a minor issue that you don’t need to rush to address. However, a constant drip, drip, drip can be a major source of irritation for your tenants, not to mention a waste of water. In addition, a leaking faucet can actually cause unsightly damage to your basin or bathtub, leaving it rusted or pitted. That is something that will be far more costly to put right.

When faced with this problem, you should first check that the faucet is completely turned off. The best-case scenario is that this is all it needs! If that doesn’t work, then a fix will be required. But it is something you can manage yourself, with minimal outlay and a couple of tools. Simply follow the steps below.

1. Identify the type of faucet that you are dealing with. Does it have two handles? For instance, one for hot and one for cold? If so, this is a compression faucet. If you have one spout (a mixer with hot and cold coming through the same ‘pipe’), you will have either a ball faucet or a cartridge faucet.

2. Next, turn off the water using the shut-off valve, which you will find below the basin. Be sure to turn off the valve that leads to the hot water as well as the one that leads to the cold.

3. Depending on the model of faucet, you will need to replace the gasket, o-ring (washer), or cartridge.

You will need to remove the valve handle, which will probably require an Allen key. Then, with a wrench or pliers, remove the nut that holds the o-ring in place.

If you are dealing with a cartridge, this will need to be removed.

Take the cartridge to a hardware or plumbing store to find the correct replacement.

Replace the new cartridge or o-ring, and put everything back together in reverse order.

Be aware that some faucets require a replacement kit, and the manufacturers generally supply detailed instructions with these.

DIY Steps For Fixing Curling Or Ripped Vinyl Flooring
Vinyl flooring is often chosen by landlords for kitchens and bathrooms, as it is low-cost to install when compared to tiles, and it is waterproof and hardwearing, flexible, soft and warm to the touch. It comes in a variety of colors, textures, and styles too, which explains why it is so popular.

However, there is a downside to this material, as it can curl up and even tear quite easily. This can look unsightly, and, even worse, can mask a real problem. Tears and curling of the vinyl can allow water to sink beneath it, where it is then trapped and unable to dry. This can result in potentially huge repair bills. The best thing to do here is act quickly to avoid any hidden damage.

Curling Vinyl
A great place to start with repairing curled vinyl is to apply heat to the affected area, using a clothes iron.

Protect the vinyl with a towel, and then apply heat using steady pressure.

Pull back the vinyl a few inches, which allows access for you to clean and dry underneath.

Once the area is dry, apply a moderate amount of fresh vinyl adhesive to the area. Too much can cause ripples.

Re-lay the vinyl back in place and use a heavy object to apply constant pressure to the area, maintaining this for a few hours.

If it has dried, you can finish the job by applying a fresh bead of caulk at the joint.

Torn Vinyl
For torn vinyl, the repair process is similar; once again cleaning the area beneath the vinyl, re-applying fresh adhesive, and re-laying the patch.

If the ripped area is too damaged, you can purchase a new piece of (hopefully!) matching vinyl.

Cut and remove the damaged section from the floor, following the design of the vinyl and cut a matching ‘patch’ from the new vinyl.

Attach the new piece using vinyl adhesive and fill the seams with a bead of caulk.

DIY Steps For Clearing A Clogged Drain
Clogged drains are not pleasant, and this is especially true when you are the landlord dealing with your tenant’s drain. We don’t want to know what is hiding in the pipes and causing water to run away slowly.

Fortunately, the solution can be cheap, and it is super cheap. You can have the water draining nicely in a matter of minutes - with no expensive plumber invoices in sight.

Pour a generous amount of baking soda into the clogged plug area, around 60 grams.

Then, follow this with approximately 120 ml of white vinegar.

The combination of the two products causes a reaction, which you will witness as fizzing and bubbling. This should clear the inside of the pipes and have everything running smoothly in no time.

You can add some lemon juice to banish any bad smells that may be emanating from the drain.

For bad blockages, leave the solution for an hour or more, and then run boiling hot water down into the drain to clear the whole thing away.

This solution does not cause damage to the pipes, and it is recommended that you repeat the process every few weeks to maintain your plumbing.

Vinegar and baking soda are far cheaper than unblocking kits and plumbers for sure! This drain unblocking solution could be a landlord’s best friend.

DIY Steps To Banish Mildew And Mold
Mildew and mold can be a constant battle in some bathrooms, due to a combination of high levels of moisture and poor ventilation. As a landlord, you will want to keep on top of mold for a number of reasons. Yes, it is unsightly, and it can make your bathroom smell bad, but it is also a red flag for bigger problems, such as damage to plaster and walls. Most importantly of all, mold spores can be detrimental to the health of your tenants.

DIY Solution For A Blocked Garbage Disposal
Garbage disposal units are often expected to handle all manner of the things that we chuck down the sink, and, as a landlord, it is sensible to have a conversation with tenants about the best way to keep theirs in good working order. With that said, it is generally expected that a blockage will occur at some point. Fortunately, it can be rectified relatively simply, following these steps.

Turn off the garbage disposal at the switch and check to see if the breaker has been tripped. Reset and turn back on to see if the problem clears itself. If it is still blocked, turn off the disposal at the wall to remove all power.

Ladle out as much water and debris as possible using a spoon.

Then, use baking soda, vinegar and boiling water per the blocked drain method above.

You may need to repeat the process a few times, but this should clear the blockage and have the disposal working again.

DIY Solutions For Re-Installingicapacitors
Fixing A Burn Mark On A Kitchen Countertop
Kitchen surfaces are not cheap, whether you have opted for laminate or wood, and it can be infuriating to see that a tenant has burned a big ring mark into the countertop. But of course, accidents happen minds wander and fingers are burnt, and we put a pan down on reflex.

Fortunately we have some DIY solutions here that may help to save you from replacing an entire section of your kitchen counter, also saving some of your hard-earned money.

As an ongoing solution, it is recommended that affected areas are scrubbed with a solution of 1/3 cup of powdered laundry detergent, one liter of liquid chlorine bleach, and three liters of warm water, using a bristled brush. This should then be rinsed and dried thoroughly.

If the cauliing and grout between tiles is stained too badly to remove the mold by cleaning alone, this will need to be removed, cleaned, and then reapplied.

The best way to prevent mold and mildew from returning is to keep the bathroom well ventilated and as dry as possible. You can advise your tenants to keep the windows open as much as possible while bathing and showering.

Wet towels and shower curtains should be allowed to dry properly and not left scrunch up. It is also advisable to install an extractor fan, which you can do yourself if you follow the manufacturer’s instructions.

Repairing A Blocked Shower Head
This is a nice, quick, and inexpensive fix that you can do in minutes, making you the landlord of the year. Clogged shower heads are the result of a build up of limescale, which reduces the water pressure and results in a less pleasant showering experience.

Once again, vinegar comes to the rescue here. You simply need to unscrew the shower head and first shake out any solid chunks of limescale, which look like pieces of plastic.

Then, place the shower head in a large container that you have filled with one part vinegar and eight parts boiling water.

Just leave it in there to soak for as long as possible, then rinse it out with running water and fix it back into place.

DIY Solution For A Blocked Garbage Disposal
Garbage disposal units are often expected to handle all manner of the things that we chuck down the sink, and, as a landlord, it is sensible to have a conversation with tenants about the best way to keep theirs in good working order. With that said, it is generally expected that a blockage will occur at some point. Fortunately, it can be rectified relatively simply, following these steps.

Turn off the garbage disposal at the switch and check to see if the breaker has been tripped. Reset and turn back on to see if the problem clears itself. If it is still blocked, turn off the disposal at the wall to remove all power.

Ladle out as much water and debris as possible using a spoon.

Then, use baking soda, vinegar and boiling water per the blocked drain method above.

You may need to repeat the process a few times, but this should clear the blockage and have the disposal working again.

Fixing A Burn Mark On A Kitchen Countertop
Kitchen surfaces are not cheap, whether you have opted for laminate or wood, and it can be infuriating to see that a tenant has burned a big ring mark into the countertop. But of course, accidents happen minds wander and fingers are burnt, and we put a pan down on reflex.

Fortunately we have some DIY solutions here that may help to save you from replacing an entire section of your kitchen counter, also saving some of your hard-earned money.
Hemorrhoid help: preventing and treating flare-ups

The best way to keep hemorrhoid flare-ups at bay is to maintain healthy lifestyle habits. Preventing constipation is key. Make sure your diet always includes enough fiber to promote healthy bowel movements, and be mindful about staying well hydrated. If you need help with your water intake, keep a water bottle by your side at all times as a reminder to drink. Jazz up your water with a slice of lemon, lime, or orange.

Also, regular exercise supports good bowel function, so if you do not exercise on a regular basis, this is a good time to begin. Don’t try to immediately reach the goal of at least 150 minutes per week of exercise. Begin with short periods of walking. Over time, you can increase your speed and duration of activity. Get your doctor’s okay if you have any reservations about exercising or you plan to begin a rigorous routine.

Product Page - Healing Hemorrhoids

Hemorrhoids can be unpleasant, painful, and embarrassing, but they’re rarely dangerous. There are other simple, everyday habits you can develop to help with relief when a hemorrhoid flare-up arises. For example:

Less strain, more gain. Don’t delay bowel movements during flareups. Always go when you feel the urge, as putting off bowel movements can cause stool to back up, leading to increased pressure and straining, which aggravates your hemorrhoids. Also, try not to sit on the toilet for long periods; this tends to make hemorrhoids push out and swell up. A way to make going to the bathroom easier — and faster — is to elevate your feet with a step stool as you sit on the toilet. This changes the position of the rectum in a way that could allow for easier passage of stools.

You might be eager to leap into your exercise routine and get on with the day — but don’t just dive in. Starting a workout with “cold” muscles can lead to injury. It’s important to start each workout with a warm-up and end with a cool-down — and that goes for true routines focus on cardio and range-of-motion exercises, such as jumping jacks and lunges. If you prefer, you can do a simpler warm-up by walking in place while gently swinging your arms, or even dancing to a few songs.

Warm-up

Warming up pumps nutrient-rich, oxygenated blood to your muscles as it speeds up your heart rate and breathing. A good warm-up should last five to 10 minutes and work all major muscle groups. For best results, start slowly, then pick up the pace. Many warm-up routines focus on cardio and range-of-motion exercises, such as jumping jacks and lunges. If you prefer, you can do a simpler warm-up by walking in place while gently swinging your arms, or even dancing to a few songs.

Cool-down

After your workout, it’s best to spend five to 10 minutes cooling down through a sequence of slow movements. This helps prevent muscle cramps and dizziness while gradually slowing your breathing and heart rate. An effective cool-down also incorporates stretching exercises to relax and lengthen muscles throughout your body and improve your range of motion. To get the most out of these exercises, hold each stretch for 10 to 30 seconds. The longer you can hold a stretch, the better for improving your flexibility. As with the warm-up, it’s best to flow from one stretch to the next without rests in between.

Six tips for safe strength training

Strength training isn’t just for bodybuilders. Like aerobic exercise, it’s important for everybody, and it should be a part of any comprehensive exercise program. Of course, if you’ve never trained with weights before, it can seem a little daunting. But as long as you ease into it gradually and take the proper precautions, strength training is safe for most people.

Use the six tips below to help you get the most from your strength workouts.

1. Focus on form, not weight. Good form means aligning your body correctly and moving smoothly through an exercise. Poor form can prompt injuries and slow gains. “I often start people with very light weights because I want them to get their alignment and form right,” says master trainer Josie Gardiner. Concentrate on performing slow, smooth lifts and equally controlled descents whenever you learn a new exercise. You can always add weight to challenge your muscles once you know how to move with good form.

2. Tempo, tempo. Control is very important. Tempo helps you stay in control rather than undergird gains through momentum. Sometimes switching speed for example, taking three counts to lower a weight and one count to lift it, instead of lifting for two and lowering for two — is a useful technique for enhancing power.

3. Breathe. Blood pressure rises if you hold your breath while performing strength exercises. Exhale as you work against gravity by lifting, pushing, or pulling the weight; inhale as you release.

4. Keep challenging muscles. The “right” weight differs depending on the exercise. Choose a weight that tires the targeted muscles by the last two repetitions while still allowing you to maintain good form. If you can’t do the last two reps, choose a lighter weight. When it feels too easy to complete all the reps, challenge your muscles again by adding weight (roughly 1 to 2 pounds for arms, 2 to 5 pounds for legs); adding a set to your workout (up to three sets per exercise); or working out additional days per week (as long as you rest each muscle group for 48 hours before exercising it again).

5. Practice regularly. Performing a complete upper- and lower-body strength workout two or three times a week is ideal.

6. Give muscles time off. Strenuous exercise, like strength training, causes tiny tears in muscle tissue. Muscles grow stronger as the tears knit up. Always allow at least 48 hours between sessions for muscles to recover. For example, if you’re doing split strength workouts, you might do upper body on Monday, lower body on Tuesday, upper body on Wednesday, lower body on Thursday, etc.
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.
Make Model Model Years
BENTLEY MULSANNE 2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number:
18V661
Manufacturer: Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)
Subject: Passenger Frontal Air Bag Inflator May Explode

Make Model Model Years
ACURA TSX 2010-2014

HONDA ACCORD 2010-2012

HONDA CIVIC 2010-2011

HONDA CIVIC HYBRID 2010-2011

HONDA CR-V 2010-2011

HONDA CROSSTOUR 2010-2015

HONDA FCX CLARITY 2014

HONDA FIT 2010-2013

HONDA FIT EV 2014

HONDA INSIGHT 2010-2014

HONDA PILOT 2010-2015

NHTSA Recall ID Number:
18V662
Manufacturer: Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)
Subject: Passenger Frontal Air Bag Inflator May Explode

Make Model Model Years
ACURA RL 2010-2012

HONDA ELEMENT 2010-2011

HONDA RIDGELINE 2010-2014

NHTSA Recall ID Number:
18V538
Manufacturer: BMW of North America, Inc.
Subject: Missing Fuel Pump

Make Model Model Years
MINI COUNTRYMAN 2017-2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number:
18V589
Manufacturer: Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc.
Subject: Tank Contact Causing Fire

Make Model Model Years
FREIGHTLINER CORONADO 2017-2019

FREIGHTLINER 122SD 2017-2019

MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER SPORT 2018

MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER 2017-2018

INFINITI QX60 2017

LINCOLN MKX 2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number:
18V590
Manufacturer: Fabform Industries, Inc.
Subject: Brake Fluid may Leak into ABS Pump and Ignite

Make Model Model Years
REV Recreation Group
Subject: Incorrect Weld on Brake Pedal Mounting Plate

Make Model Model Years
FABFORM DUMP TRAILER 2019

MICRO BIRD MB II 2012-2018

MICRO BIRD G5 2012-2018

MICRO BIRD T-SERIES 2012-2018

MICRO BIRD T-SERIES 2012-2018

ELDORADO TRANSTECH 2012-2018

ELDORADO AEROTECH 2012-2018

ELDORADO ADVANTAGE 2012-2018

ELDORADO AERO ELITE 2012-2018

ELDORADO IMPULSE 2012-2018

ELDORADO TRANSTECH 2012-2018

ELDORADO WORLD TRANS 2012-2018

ELDORADO PATHFINDER 2017-2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number:
18V601
Manufacturer: Nissan North America, Inc.
Subject: Brake Fluid may Leak into ABS Pump and Ignite

Make Model Model Years
REV Recreation Group
Subject: Incorrect Weld on Brake Pedal Mounting Plate

Make Model Model Years
ACURA RLX 2016-2017

HONDA INSIGHT 2010-2014

HONDA PILOT 2010-2015

NHTSA Recall ID Number:
18V612
Manufacturer: Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc.
Subject: Tank Contact Causing Fire

Make Model Model Years
FORD EDGE 2018

LINCOLN MKX 2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number:
18V620
Manufacturer: Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc.
Subject: Tank Contact Causing Fire

Make Model Model Years
REV Recreation Group
Subject: Incorrect Weld on Brake Pedal Mounting Plate

Make Model Model Years
THOR OUTLAW 2018-2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number:
18V583
Manufacturer: Eldorado National-Kansas
Subject: Wheelchair Lift may Raise too High/FMVSS 403

Make Model Model Years
THOR OUTLAW 2018-2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number:
18V573
Manufacturer: Champion Bus, Inc.
Subject: Wheelchair Lift may Raise too High

Make Model Model Years
THOR OUTLAW 2018-2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number:
18V574
Manufacturer: Corp. Micro Bird Inc.
Subject: Wheelchair Lift may Raise too High/FMVSS 403

Make Model Model Years
THOR OUTLAW 2018-2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number:
18V575
Manufacturer: Corp. Micro Bird Inc.
Subject: Wheelchair Lift may Raise too High/FMVSS 403

Make Model Model Years
THOR OUTLAW 2018-2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number:
18V576
Manufacturer: Jayco, Inc.
Subject: Liquid may Leak into Power Window Switch

Make Model Model Years
THOR OUTLAW 2018-2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number:
18V577
Manufacturer: Brown Industries, LLC
Subject: Wheelchair Lift may Raise too High/FMVSS 403

Make Model Model Years
THOR OUTLAW 2018-2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number:
18V578
Manufacturer: Jayco, Inc.
Subject: Leveling System Hoses may Leak and Cause Fire

Make Model Model Years
THOR OUTLAW 2018-2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number:
18V579
Manufacturer: Jayco, Inc.
Subject: Collision Avoidance System Prolonged Braking

Make Model Model Years
THOR OUTLAW 2018-2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number:
18V580
Manufacturer: Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A.
Subject: Center Stand may Drop Unexpectedly

Make Model Model Years
THOR OUTLAW 2018-2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number:
CANDYCANE  ORNAMENTS  ESTHER
CHRISTMAS  SANTASCLAUSE  GIFTS
COOKIES  SNOWMAN  LIGHT
HOLIDAY  STOCKING  SLEIGH
HOLLY  WREATH  PRESENTS
JINGLEBELL  CAROLS  REINDEER
MERRY  ELF
Arjun Kapoor and Parineeti Chopra Reveal ‘Namaste England’
Trailers’s Release Date

MUMBAI—After confusing the audience, Arjun Kapoor and Parineeti Chopra revealed the “Namaste England” trailer’s release date as Sept. 6. Earlier, Kapoor and Chopra had confused the audience as they fought to share the release date. While Kapoor had insisted the trailer will be out on Sept. 7, Chopra announced Sept. 10 as the date!

Teasing the audience with a short video, Kapoor shared, “We don’t believe in just informing the fans about the trailer date... We are asking YOU to guess it!”

Chopra also shared a video saying, “As usual, I will be right, and he will be wrong. It’s ok @arjunkapoor you can start preparing to lose this bet from me. When do YOU guys think the #NamasteEnglandTrailer is coming?”

After this, another video, wherein both Kapoor and Chopra are left red-faced, shows the correct trailer release date. The makers of “Namaste England” also attained a roadblock from Zee Network, as all Zee channels will showcase the trailer on Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. IST.

These are the souls who do not want to hear or savor who do give more than just a damn for the words! mean being understood and hence liked by people. To approach that reduces pan-Indian appeal – by which I mean being understood and hence liked by people. To approach that reduces pan-Indian appeal – by which I undoubtedly meaningful and far from mundane or media-satiric. It’s not just the basic composition but also the nuances and the orchestration, though thanks to the modern trend of smallness of sound, the orchestra is limited. Malik takes care of the structure, and the smoothness with which the ‘antaras’ come back to the ‘mukhdas’ is admirable.

The only flipside is that lyricist Varun Grover gets into too-pure Hindi mode. We have had giants like Pradeep, Pandit Narendra Sharma, Neeraj and Indevar who wrote in chaste Hindi all through, putting in that rare word or phrase that either made us ask around for its meaning or where the explanation was clear and obvious in the context of the audio. Grover does this once (actually many times) too much and makes this score a 2018 version of “Kill/Dil” – great compositions and obscure lyrics as a rule. Coincidentally that was also a YRF film!

Yes, Grover gets into Gulzar-ian mode, complete with a couple of colloquial or clever catchphrases, and too many rare words. As an A-level Hindi student myself, I too had to leap into searching for meanings many times. The average listener would not bother or have the patience, AND, as is fundamentally worldwide in vocal music, it is the LYRICS that makes any song live on. To digest again, “Kill/Dil” remains one of Shankar-Ehsaan-Loy’s finest-ever music scores. But its shelf-life and repute have been killed for good by the overzealous lyrics. To sum up, And Malik makes “Sui Dhaaga” decidedly rank among his best post-peak scores. But the lyrics, undoubtedly meaningful and far from mundane or mediocre, suffer from a scholarly or highbrow approach that reduces pan-Indian appeal – by which I mean being understood and hence liked by people who do give more than just a damn for the words! These are the souls who do not want to hear or savor it is not brilliant, but to his credit, Grover adds some weighty lyrics in this seemingly flippant song.

Over then to the stunner, the song that for me, as of now, is by far the best song I have heard in 2018 – “Tu Hi Aam” (Ronkini Gupta). Gupta has a voice that is somewhat similar to Shreya Ghoshal’s, but maybe that’s the Bengali element! Yes, once again the lyrics are far from simple, which we all know are actually difficult to write! – check “Jhooth ke deeee naache/ Jhootha bane malanga/Mukti jo yeh chaahhe/To maare moh adanga.” But Malik’s surreal composition and Gupta’s singing still takes the song to the level of the sublime, carting me into the realm of intense admiration for beautiful creations like these, and their creators.

The use of the ‘komal’ notes in the second line of the ‘mukhda’ and in the subsequently matching crosslines is the gooseflesh-inducing killer that Gupta navigates with enviable ease. If Malik can create such a song and this entire soundtrack, 41 years after entering the field and despite being prolific, he is doubtlessly the genius I always knew he was. For this is what being a full-blooded Hindi film composer must be! And it is proved now beyond doubt too, that quality has NOTHING to do with quantity of work and is connected only to talent, intrinsic versatility and commitment! Remember, the man composed the totally different “Gold Tamba” (“Batti Gul Mewter Chalu”) just a few weeks ago! Some half-baked listeners had told me that this music is a watered down version or a wannabe reprise of “Dum Lageke Haisha.” Now, that is like calling “Tridev” (1989) the film being called a watered-down reprise of “Vishwatma” (1992)!
Seventh Nizam’s Great Grand son keen on to contest from Peddapalle assembly segment as Congress party candidate

Hyderabad: The great grand son of the seventh and the last Nizam of Hyderabad Mohib Baig, who is also a senior Congress party leader is keen on contesting the upcoming elections to the state assembly from Peddapalle assembly segment of the state. Interestingly, Peddapalle is his paternal native palace. Mohib Baig said, “I have been serving the congress in different capacities since a very long time. I have also worked as the observer of the All India Congress Committee Minority Dept. Peddapalli MP seat during the 2014 general elections. I am ready to contest the elections from the Peddapalli assembly segment as the Congress party candidate.” Baig has sizeable number of followers and supporters in Peddapalli assembly segment thanks to the popularity of his family in Peddapalli. “My family is the renowned family of Peddapalli town. We have done so many social service activities in the assembly segment and we still have been doing the same. This has prompted my supporters and followers to urge me to contest the elections from the Peddapalli assembly segment,” Baig added.

Mukarram Jah was born to Azam Jah, the son and heir of Osman Ali Khan, the last reigning Nizam of Hyderabad state, by his marriage to Princess Durru Shehvar, daughter of the last Caliph of the Ottoman Empire, ‘Abdu’l-Mijid II. Jah was educated in India at The Doon School and then in England at Harrow, Peterhouse, Cambridge, the London School of Economics, and Sandhurst.

Jah was a friend of India’s first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, and stated in 2010 that Nehru had wanted him to become his personal envoy or the Indian ambassador to a Muslim country. His two main palaces in Hyderabad, Chowmahalla and Falaknuma, have been restored and opened to the public, the former as a museum showcasing the era of the Nizams and the latter as a luxury hotel. The Taj Falaknuma Palace Hotel opened in February 2010, having been leased to the Taj Group, after some ten years of renovations.

Like his father, Mukarram was the richest man in India until the 1980s. However, in the 1990s most of his ancestral assets were lost to forceful annexures by the Government of India and the remaining in divorce settlements. His net worth is nevertheless estimated at some $1 billion.

Mukarram Jah married a Turkish Princess Esra Birgin (b. 1936) in 1959. Jah left his Hyderabad palace for a sheep station in the Australian outback and divorced his wife, who did not want to move with him. In 1979, he married a former air hostess and employee of the BBC, Helen Simmons (b. 1949 - d. 1989); she converted to Islam and changed her name to Aysha. After her death, he married Manolya Onur (b. 1954), a former Miss Turkey in 1992, and divorced her after a five-year marriage in 1997.


Sons and daughters

By Esra Birgin, Mukarram Jah had one son and one daughter:

Walashan Nawab Sahibzada Mir Azmet Ali Khan Siddiqi Bayafendi Bahadur (b. 1962), also known as Azmet Jah (heir apparent), married 1994, has worked as a cameraman.

By Helen Simmons he had two sons:

Walashan Nawab Sahibzada Mir Alexander Azam Khan Siddiqi Bayafendi Bahadur (b. 1979)


By Manolya Onur he had a daughter:

Nilufer (b. 1992)

By Jameela Boularous he had:

Zairin (b. 1994)

Source: Wiki
GHAZALS COMPILED BY
JANAB HASAN CHISHTI SB
CHICAGO

**غزل نوری بے نوگرد...**

 بغیر نور مگر ہم آئیں نےگرد

 جو نبی تعالیٰ نے ملدیں نوگرد

 ایک مختصر نازک کتبہ نے ہماری روح ہور

 جو کیسے لوگ ہم نہیں تھے کہ پاس چور

 ایک مختصر نازک کتبہ نے ہماری روح ہور

 جو کیسے لوگ ہم نہیں تھے کہ پاس چور

**غزل نوری بے نوگرد...**

 بغیر نور مگر ہم آئیں نےگرد

 جو نبی تعالیٰ نے ملدیں نوگرد

 ایک مختصر نازک کتبہ نے ہماری روح ہور

 جو کیسے لوگ ہم نہیں تھے کہ پاس چور

 ایک مختصر نازک کتبہ نے ہماری روح ہور

 جو کیسے لوگ ہم نہیں تھے کہ پاس چور

**غزل نوری بے نوگرد...**

 بغیر نور مگر ہم آئیں نےگرد

 جو نبی تعالیٰ نے ملدیں نوگرد

 ایک مختصر نازک کتبہ نے ہماری روح ہور

 جو کیسے لوگ ہم نہیں تھے کہ پاس چور

 ایک مختصر نازک کتبہ نے ہماری روح ہور

 جو کیسے لوگ ہم نہیں تھے کہ پاس چور

**غزل نوری بے نوگرد...**

 بغیر نور مگر ہم آئیں نےگرد

 جو نبی تعالیٰ نے ملدیں نوگرد

 ایک مختصر نازک کتبہ نے ہماری روح ہور

 جو کیسے لوگ ہم نہیں تھے کہ پاس چور

 ایک مختصر نازک کتبہ نے ہماری روح ہور

 جو کیسے لوگ ہم نہیں تھے کہ پاس چور
A man brought some prescription tablets and started cutting off the edges. Do you know why? He wanted to avoid the side effects.

Two men were in a forest, when a lion came roaring towards them. One of them throws sand into the lion's eyes and then runs. The second man stays, unmoved.

The first man looks back and shouts, "Why are you not running?"

The second man replies, "Why should I be running? You're the one who threw the sand."

A man enters the kitchen, opens the sugar box, looks inside and closes it. He does it again and again. Why? Because the doctor told him to check his sugar levels regularly.

During a visit to our friend's home in Canada, we were welcomed with a wonderful breakfast. But my six-year-old daughter was not impressed.

"Your pancakes are smaller than my mom's," she told him.

He replied, "That's because of the exchange rate."

A police officer said to a motorist, "What were you doing? Your car was zigzagging like crazy!"
"I'm learning to drive."
"Without an instructor in the car?"
"Oh, yes. It's an online course."

A woman entered the hospital to deliver her 15th child.
"Congratulations," said the nurse, "but don't you think this is enough?"

The woman replied, "Are you kidding? This is the only vacation I get each year."

A mathematician wanders back home at 3 a.m. and proceeds to get an earful from his wife.
"You're late!" she yells. "You said you'd be home by 11:45!"

"Actually," the mathematician replies coolly, "I said I'd be home by a quarter of 12."

An angry motorist went back to a garage where he had purchased an expensive battery for his car just six months earlier.
"Listen," the motorist grumbled to the owner of the garage, "when I bought this battery you said it would be the last battery my car would ever need. It died after only six months!"
"Sorry," apologized the garage owner, "I didn't think your car would last longer than that."

---

**Used Cars**

**Best prices**

**Contact**

Arshad Mateen
630-806-1581