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Archaeologists found 27 new sarcophagi in an ancient city of the dead beneath Saqqara, Egypt.

The wooden coffins are perfectly sealed — they've remained undisturbed for 2,500 years since the bodies inside were mummified.

Last year, Egyptologists discovered a trove of mummified lion cubs, crocodiles, and cobras in Saqqara. More than two millennia ago, 27 Egyptians were laid to rest in Saqqara, an ancient city of the dead. Their organs were removed, and their bodies wrapped in linens. Priests placed them inside wooden boxes adorned with hieroglyphics. **Cont'd on page 31**

**We'll Be Wearing Face Masks Far Into 2021**

Robert Redfield, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, confirmed what the science has been telling us all along about the effectiveness of face masks — that they're currently our best bet at getting a handle on the coronavirus pandemic.

They make such a difference, in fact, that some experts suspect they'll be just as reliable if not more as a vaccine when it comes to blunting the spread of COVID-19.

"These face masks are the most important, powerful public health tool we have, and I will continue to appeal for all Americans, all individuals in our country, to embrace these face coverings," Redfield said during a recent Senate hearing.

Redfield went onto to say that masks may offer more of a guarantee than a vaccine. President Donald Trump later shut down the comments, but the medical community stood behind Redfield.

Because the vaccines are still in clinical trials, it's currently unclear how effective they'll be. It's thought they may trigger an immune response in about 70% of people, rendering some vaccinated people unprotected. Other vaccinated people may not get sick but carry the infection and contribute to community spread, and who knows when we'll have enough doses for everyone.

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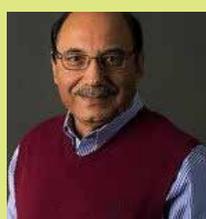
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WHO praises Pakistan's handling of Covid-19 pandemic

ISLAMABAD: The World Health Organisation (WHO) said Pakistan was among countries from whom the international community should learn how to deal with the Covid-19 pandemic.

Former Special Assistant to Prime Minister (SAPM) on Health Dr Zafar Mirza told Dawn it was the recognition of Pakistan's effort at the international level.

WHO Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus in a media briefing said Pakistan deployed the infrastructure built up over many years for polio to combat Covid-19.

"Community health workers who have been trained to go door-to-door vaccinating children for polio have been utilised for surveillance, contact tracing and care," he said.

"There are many other examples, including Cambodia, Japan, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Senegal, Spain and Vietnam. Many of these countries have done well because they learned lessons from previous outbreaks of SARS, MERS, measles, polio, Ebola, flu and other diseases. That's why it's vital that we all learn lessons this pandemic is teaching us," he said. Talking to Dawn, Dr Mirza said it was the recognition of the national effort internationally.

"It proves that if we want to do something we can do it. Moreover, the WHO DG spoke about the importance of the public health system. It is talked about 'building back better (BBB)' and I believe time has come to build back," he said.

BBB is an approach to post-disaster recovery that reduces vulnerability to future disasters and builds community resilience to address physical, social, environmental, and economic vulnerabilities and shocks.

While there are rumours that Dr Mirza has left the country, he again said he is not going anywhere and will stay in Pakistan.

"I am not in a job mode anymore and just want to contribute for the awareness of the masses," he said.

Ministry of National Health Services spokesperson Sajid Shah said it was collective efforts from the platform of National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) due to which not only Pakistan proved all international estimates regarding the number of cases wrong but also minimised the cases.

He said efforts were being made to further push back the virus.

While Pakistan has minimised the Covid-19 cases, in India around 4.5 million cases and 75,000 deaths have been reported. India is ranked second after the United States in which 6.5 million cases have been reported.

The virus was first detected in China in December 2019 and then it started spreading in other countries. Pakistan had closed its borders and took a number of steps to stop the transmission due to which the first case of Covid-19 was reported in the last week of February. On March 13, the first meeting of the National Security Commit-

tee (NSC) was held to discuss the crisis which was later declared pandemic by WHO.

Prime Minister Imran Khan chaired the meeting of NSC and directed the concerned authorities to devise a comprehensive strategy to prevent the spread of the disease.

A lockdown was announced on March 16 and a number of industries, including the construction industry, educational institutions, restaurants, marriage halls etc were closed.

The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) was involved to ensure medical equipment and health related supplies at the earliest due to which coordination with the provinces improved. Pakistan also sealed its western border with Afghanistan and Iran. Even Kartarpur shrine was closed for local people.

The construction industry was opened on August 7 and the National Coordination Committee (NCC) on Covid-19 lifted restrictions on the tourism sector from Aug 8 and on restaurants and transport sector from Aug 10.

Since the opening of tourist spots, a huge influx of tourists was observed without following SOPs due to which Gilgit-Baltistan had to close its tourist spots. However, a large number of people have been visiting other areas of the country, including Kumrat Valley, due to which it is feared that the second wave of the virus may arrive.

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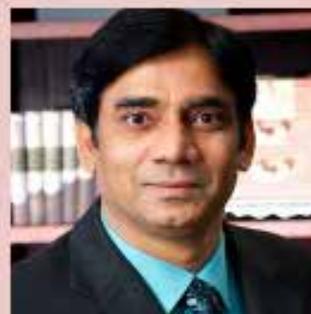
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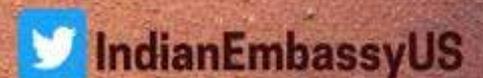
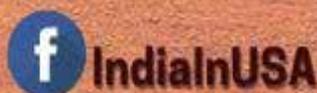
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# The Negative Image of Muslims

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Never before the Muslim Ummah, who once were at the forefront of science, technology, and innovation, had a lower esteem than the present time. The commonly held perspective contends that 9/11 destroyed the Muslim image. While that tragic incident was a major contributing factor to painting all Muslims with a broad brush as terrorists, there were forces in action to defame Muslims and the Muslim world long before that.

Orientalists like Bernard Lewis, and many before him, had openly attacked Muslims, referring them as terrorists and violent people. Unfortunately, Muslims did not get the platform to refute these blatant lies and allegations. The late Professor Edward Said, a Christian, wrote the only remarkable repudiation of these false contentions.

Several factors have contributed to this negative image. Among them are a lack of true democracies in Muslim countries, colonialism, converting the great Muslim universities that were teaching secular and religious sciences to Madrassas that focus only on religious studies. Some allege that these Madrassas are the root cause of extremist ideologies. However, some Muslims have inherent self-destructive tendencies that have compounded to building negative images.

Lack of democracy in the Muslim world is the trend which started much earlier in Islamic history. Democracy did not last beyond the fourth Caliph, and the Caliphate became a dynasty. Luxury and boundless wealth corrupted those with absolute power and gradually weakened the Muslim empire. Another primary reason for downfall was the authoritarian and dictatorial rule in many Muslim countries, including theocratic Iran, resulting in the regression from the basic Islamic principles of greater freedom for the individuals, including women.

Muslim-majority countries have under performed in economic and human development indicators such as gross national income per capita, literacy rate, and life expectancy. Western colonization of Muslim countries and on-going Western exploitation of their resources was one of the root causes of this deterioration. In 1700 A.D., India, under its Muslim Emperor Aurangzeb, constituted 27% of the world economy. Following India's colonization, the situ-

ation reversed entirely due to the British looting, plundering, and transferring of its riches and resources to England. All Western empires did the same to their colonies, most of which were Muslim countries. Under the guise of civilizing these barbarians, colonial powers, mainly the British, demonized, enslaved, imprisoned, heavily taxed, and slaughtered their colonies' inhabitants.

Undoubtedly, some ignorant Muslim factions have committed extremist acts of killing innocent people, whose majority of the victims happened to be Muslims, in God's name. These terrorists do not realize that their inhumane crimes not only deny them entry into heaven, but lead them to hell, according to Quran (5:32), which states that taking of innocent lives is a sin that God does not forgive. The factors discussed so far contributing to Muslims' negative image are present in the existing literature's vast body. However, what is lacking is an account of Muslims' self-introspection, an examination of their self-inflicted failures, causing an undesirable image of 1.8 billion followers of Islam's faith.

This article focuses on the Golden Age of Muslims, followed by the causes of its decline, and prospects.

During the early years of Islam, for nearly eight centuries, when Europe lived in 'dark ages,' Muslims reigned over a vast empire extending from the Near East (Samarkand, Uzbekistan) to Western Europe (Cordoba, Spain). The rulers (Caliphs) took great interest in promoting education in science and technology. Primary think tanks (Houses of Wisdom) flourished in the empire in Baghdad, Iraq, and Cordoba, Spain, which attracted scholars from all over the world who spoke all languages and practicing all religions. The force behind these initiatives was Islam's emphasis on knowledge and tolerance of other religions. Before these developments, Greece and Rome were the center of scientific knowledge and activity. With the advent of Islam, Baghdad and other Islamic cities replaced them.

Between the 8th and 11th centuries, creative Muslim scholars enlightened the world with their achievements and contributions in diverse fields such as medicine, mathematics, astronomy, philosophy, cartography, agriculture etc. Scholars and thinkers enjoyed freedom of thought

because of their independence from political authority. The Muslims became scientific innovators with originality and productivity. Muslim scientists considered their work in the service of humanity to be a sacred act of worship. At the apex of its glory, around the 10th century, Cordoba, the capital of Muslim Spain, had pavements, street lighting, three hundred public baths, parks, palaces, one hundred thousand houses, and 70 libraries. One library had half a million books, more than all the books in many countries of the 10th century Europe. Muslim physicians performed complicated surgeries 600 years earlier than in Europe. In the late 10th century, Muslim scientists invented spherical trigonometry (indispensable for space sciences) and differential and integral mathematics. They also discovered the force of gravitation, blood circulation, laws of motion, and made progress in the field of astronomy. There was hardly a field of knowledge where Muslims did not research, think, investigate, explore, or invent something exemplary.

During 7th to 15th centuries thousands of Muslim scientists, philosophers and scholars illuminated the world (during the dark ages of Europe) with their contribution in every field of knowledge, and the world rightly called them the foundation for Renaissance in 15th century Europe. Some of the most well-known medieval scholars were Al-Khwarizmi (780-840) from Uzbekistan, who was the father of algebra, Al-Zhahravi (936-1013) from Cordoba Spain, who introduced surgery as a separate specialty, Ibn Haitham (965-1040) from Basra, Iraq, was one of the most eminent physicists whose contributions to optics and scientific methods are outstanding, Al-Razi (864-932) from Iran was a physician whose books were taught in European medical schools for 500 years, Jabir Bin Hayyan (725-803) from Khurasan who introduced several analytical methods in chemistry, Ibn Sina (980-1037) from Bukhara, Uzbekistan, who compiled at a very young age the entire medical knowledge available from ancient times in his encyclopedic work on medicine called Qanoon fil Tib (The Canon of Medicine), Ibn Rushd (1128 - 1198) from Cordoba, Spain, who made remarkable contributions in philosophy, logic, medicine, and jurisprudence, Al Biruni (973- 1048) from Uzbekistan, who was an expert in Astronomy and translated many books from Sanskrit. Al Battani (858-929) from Harran, Turkey, was another great astronomer and mathematician. Al Farabi (870-950) from Turkey was an expert in philosophy.

Al Ghazali (1058-1122) from Iran was a great Theologian and a philosopher; Al Idrisi (1099-1166) was from Ceuta, Spain, worked in Sicily with King Rogers and wrote books on geography; Al Mawardi (972-1058) from Basra, Iraq was a political scientist. Ibn Al Baitar (1197-1248) from Malaga, Spain, was one of the greatest botanists. Al-Kindi (800-873) from Kufa Iraq was a great philosopher. Ibn Zuhr (1091-1161) from Seville-Spain was a great Surgeon; Omar Khayyam (1044-1123) from Iran was a mathematician, astronomer, and a famous poet. Nasir Al-Din Al Tusi (1201-1274) from Iran was an astronomer. Ibn- Nafees (1231-1288) from Damascus discovered blood circulation long before William Harvey. Ibn-Batuta (1304-1369) from Morocco is one of the earlier world travelers who traveled 75,000 miles by sea and land, Jalaluddin Rumi (1207-1273) from Afghanistan was one of the great Sufi philosophers. Ibn Khaldoon (1332-1395) from Tunisia wrote world history, a brilliant scholar who introduced the science of sociology; he has no equal for any age or country (Encyclopedia Britannica).

From the early days of Islam, until the 10th century A.D., the educational and political systems were dominated by the rationalist Mutazilites, who sought to combine faith and reason in contrast to the dogmatic Asharites. Some Muslim scholars of the 10th century highly criticized Ibn Sina and other scholars. They argued that analytical studies, secular sciences, and philosophy would create doubts and confusion about religion, and therefore, there was no need for teaching them. Ashari intellectuals like Ghazali, who in his 'Incoherence of the Philosophers' had labeled such knowledge as 'Kufi.' The seemingly rational philosophy of Ibn Sina got denounced as it was felt it deprived God

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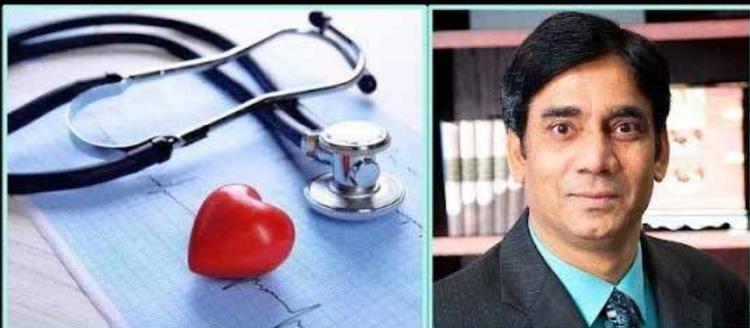


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of His supreme power, who is responsible for all natural phenomena. Today, some university graduates believe that earthquakes are God's punishment for sinful behavior, not a natural phenomenon.

Ibn Rushd challenged Al Ghazali by saying that if causal relation is secondary and everything comes from divine will, there is nothing in the world left to learn and know. He refutes Ghazali's argument by stating that there is no conflict between science and religion, and proved his point by quoting the Quranic verse, "Will they not ponder upon the kingdom of the heavens and the earth, and all that God created." (7:185) However, his ideas got rejected, and the great Madrasahs (universities) teaching the scientific and technological knowledge abandoned them.

By the 11th century, the Asharite's dominance brought in a powerful ulema-state alliance that marginalized the Mutazilite intellectuals. By supporting Asharites, the Caliphs ensured their self-interest in preserving dictatorial rule. In the 18th century, the Wahabi/Saudi alliance revived it. Gradually all Muslim universities of the pre-11th century adopted the curriculum of Nizamia University, established by Nizam-ul-Mulk. Patronized by the Seljuk dynasty, the ruler appointed Imam Ghazali as the head of the institute. Little by little, the Quran's religious teachings, Hadeeth, and Sharia, replaced the natural sciences and philosophy curriculum. Eventually, the Seljuk model of the ulema-state alliance became prevalent in all Muslim countries of the world.

The madrasa system damaged the rational thinking, creativity, and resulted in the demise of independent thinkers. While all medieval Muslim scientists had expertise in secular and religious sciences, the new Muslim graduates from the 14th century onward only mastered spiritual knowledge.

By the 13th century, Europe began emerging from the dark ages by separating church from state and establishing world-class universities that attracted independent scholars. In the following 500 years, Western Europe experienced the Renaissance, which contributed to intellectual and economic strength and military power. The Muslim world did not experience any similar revolutions and became militarily and politically weaker. By the 19th century, Muslims declined from the most progressive to the world's most backward nations.

The Ottoman Empire, which was the most powerful empire of the world, lost its status as Muslims became backward in science and technology. The Europeans badly beat them with their advanced arms and technology.

The first printing press emerged in Gutenberg, Germany, in 1436. Based on some Fatwas, the Ottoman Caliph, in 1485, declared the printing press Haram. Consequently, Muslims did not use this great medium of communication. The Muslim world was thus stranded for more than 300 years in scientific development just by one Fatwa. Another instance of theology's priority was the destruction of the astronomical observatory in Samarkand in 1449, and Istanbul in 1580. Just like the Ottoman empire, the great Mughal and Safavid empires completely neglected the teaching of science and technology. By the 17th century, all Muslim countries were under the Western empires. The entire Muslim world faced the same calamities.

Three hundred years ago, Europe invented the clock. Ulama declared the calculation of prayer times by watches was Haram. Eighty years ago, they announced the use of loudspeakers for Adhan, and Salat Haram in the Indian subcontinent. Even in the 21st century, many Muslim clerics do not accept astronomical calculations for moon sighting and celebrate the Eid frequently on two different days in the same town. So, it is evident that we are slow to accept change even when it is for the better.

Most graduates from Madrasahs in Muslim countries find poorly paid jobs in mosques, shrines of saints, and a few others, in teaching institutions. Some of them become radical due to misinterpretation of Quranic verses and dogmatic thinking. The religious leaders are "set against the modern education, and Madrasahs contribute to an economic downfall and poverty. The most significant problem with Madrasahs is that they emphasize rote learning and suppression of critical thinking. Religious organizations like Salafis, Deobandis, Bareilvis, and others are concerned only with how the Muslim community should practice Islam.

Notable Islamic scholars like Jamaluddin Afghani, Shaikh Abdu, Dr. Muhammad Iqbal, Syed Ahmad Khan, Fazlur

Rahman, and others pleaded for a meaningful reform in the Islamic thought. Unfortunately, Ulama did not listen to their voices and called them even apostates.

Muslim religious scholars have a firm belief that the purpose of life in this world is to spend time in prayers to attain a high place in Jannah. They do not believe that inventing the rapid transport system, advances in farming, technological advances like the iPhone, and medical advances will help get a place in Jannah. The early Muslim scholars understood and regarded scientific advances as a service to humanity and a form of worship to please God, who bestowed humans with intelligence to make progress. Due to a lack of knowledge about their heritage, many highly educated Muslims regard the Western scholars as their preceptors. Because of this sense of inferiority, the Muslim world has become incapable of serious thinking, critical inquiry, and innovation.

The Muslims educated in the Western world know about the Western scholars and their achievements. It is a great shame that they know little or nothing about the Muslim scholars' intellectual achievements and their contributions to the world civilization between the 7th and 15th centuries. The status of the Muslim Ummah is of great concern to all the Muslim intellectuals. No one can deny that the Muslim Ummah occupies a position at the lowest rungs of the world's ladder. There are approximately 1.8 billion Muslims with just 500 scientists per million, while developed countries have 5,000 scientists per million. Muslims only have 3 Noble prize winners in sciences, while the Jews with 14 million have 200 Noble Laureates.

Muslims in the present world are poor and backward in education, especially in science and technology. Hundreds of thousands of children are getting only religious education in school. Simultaneously, tiny non-Muslim countries are so advanced that they export technology, medicine, and other needed goods to all Muslim countries. The Muslims' low levels of literacy are responsible for the poverty, the backwardness, and the deplorable conditions under which most of the Muslims live in the Muslim countries.

It is time for the Muslim Ummah to wake up from their more than five centuries of deep sleep, resulting in the loss of their leadership status in the world and preparing our youth to excel in science and technology. After all, our religious teachings dictate education as indicated by the Quranic commands and our Prophet's Dua to Allah SWT (Rabbi Zidni Ilmi), asking Him to increase our knowledge. We need to study our Muslim scholars of the yesteryears and follow their paths to regain greatness once again. The world of the twenty-first century is the world of Cloud, Artificial Intelligence, Autonomous Driving, and unlimited, unimaginable future advances. Unless we catch up by updating our knowledge, we will farther fall behind, which will ultimately result in further dependence on neo-colonists.

An increasing number of online universities are popping up worldwide, teaching young Muslims Fiqh and Shariah laws. Even though there is nothing wrong with that, however, it will add very little to the Muslim Ummah's advancement in this world. Opening online schools where the Muslim youth could learn STEM subjects are equally important. Ultimately, we need to take very bold and courageous steps in the acquisition of modern knowledge. As Allama Iqbal says: "Pray, fast and perform the pilgrimage and feel that we have discharged our obligation to Islam. That is the easy part. Doing all those things is only a starting point for a much larger obligation: to keep advancing in knowledge of things' ultimate nature. We should never ignore this larger goal." But There Is Hope for The Future

From an objective perspective, we should be thankful to Europeans who reintroduced science and technologies in Muslim countries, which they had colonized. Because of their influence, Muslims in Indonesia, Turkey, the Indian subcontinent, Iran, Egypt, and several Arab nations became acquainted with modern science's knowledge. Some of these countries are now beginning to produce engineers, doctors, and scientists. Some Muslim countries like Iran, Turkey, and Malaysia are competing with Western countries. Pakistan has made significant progress in the realms of nuclear energy. Turkey has opened 125 new universities, 35 thousand laboratories, and is planning to produce 300,000 research scholars in science and technology. Qatar and UAE have also started new universities with the help of American and European institutions. It is encouraging to see that

in July 2020, UAE launched an experimental satellite to Mars from a launching pad in Japan. They spent billions of dollars on this mission during the past six years, and I hope, it serves as an inspiration to the Muslim youth and encourage them to earn college degrees in science and technology. UAE collaborated with the University of Arizona, University of Colorado, and the University of California at Berkeley, for this project.

It is high time that all Muslim nations invest in modern rationalistic education. They can utilize other countries such as South Korea, China, Singapore, and Taiwan as models. After all, these countries obtained their freedom about the same time as Muslim colonies did. Needless to point out their advances, while most former Muslim colonies have been stagnant. Indeed, God does not want Muslims to be dependable, miserable, weak, and dependent on Western countries.

### Conclusion

In conclusion, we must emphasize that religion and science are integral parts of human life. Science makes life easy and comfortable, while faith nourishes the human soul. Over the centuries, science and technology have provided humans with numerous comforts of life, while religion has taught us strong moral values such as honesty, integrity, empathy, compassion, and love, and respect for our fellow human beings.

The Islamic civilization did not decline due to the West's rise, but the decline has resulted in an unchallenged growth in the West. Many young Muslims think that Islam is against the scientific advancement. Our downfall is due to our sheer neglect of Islamic teaching which promotes scientific advancement.

Ulemas insist that Islam is a faith. Logic and reason play no part in it. But many young Muslims find them confused what should they believe when each sect or subset of Islam thinks that the other one is wrong?

The fundamental deficiency of modern scientific education is its inability to integrate education with ethical values. Scientists have developed the capability to eradicate the globe with their stockpile of thousands of nuclear warheads. Still, they seldom use their knowledge of science and technology to alleviate the hunger or improve the health care of disadvantaged people of the world. Accumulation of wealth has become a primary goal of education.

The Secularists Philosophers do not have a concept of promoting universal morality. They primarily protect or safeguard the material interest of groups or corporations and disregard humanity's common interest. The Capitalist Corporate Culture uses adultery and Seduction, which deeply affected society's moral fabrics and dehumanize women. Muslim morality is against the Corporate concept of treating sex and women's body as a marketable commodity.

From the scientific point of view, there is nothing called universal morality. Since, at any chronological age, science deals with relative truth, it cannot give any final opinion on the mode and purpose of creation. God has bestowed us with free will. But this freedom is not absolute. In this limited span of human life, we strive to practice righteousness. The purpose is to balance human nature and the divine purpose of creation. The innate Conscience of humankind is called in the Quran "Self-reproaching Soul", which provides constant moral guidance to humanity in his worldly life. Unfortunately, the exclusive scientific education does not promote this vital aspect of human nature.

The integrated educational system of scientific education and Islamic education will accomplish academic excellence with strong moral values and apply science and technology for the benefit of the entire humanity. We need to protect moral Degeneration, which has now become an integral part of Our civilization.

Muslim countries that have the political and economic resources should work on developing an integrated system. With free-thinking and acting logically and rationally, Muslim nations can produce the scholars and scientists. "Peoples condition will not be changed until they change what is in themselves" (Quran 13:11).

Dr Basheer Ahmed is the former professor of psychiatry, South Western Medical school, Dallas, Texas, and president Institute of Medieval and post-medieval Studies, Dallas, Texas



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It is very hard to believe the news of the death of our loved. Of course life is a death trust. Allah's will is always final. Mr.Kaleem Farooqui was an extremely fond of smiles donor to everyone. He had many charming qualities. He was an active social worker, founder Member and Treasurer of TANZEEM HUM HINDUSTANI RIYADH KSA. We have lost a best companion, loving friend and great social worker. My heartfelt prayer to Allah Almighty, Ya Allah! Have mercy on the deceased. Shower flowers of mercy and grace on the grave of the deceased. O Allah, illuminate the grave of the deceased with light. Settle the grave of the deceased in the Paradise. Grant strength to his family members to bear it with patience with beautiful reward. A recent File picture of Mr. Kaleem Farooqi (Marhoom) WITH H E Dr.Ausaf Sayeed and Mr. Mohammed Mubin is being attached. - Mohammed Quaiser FB



Mumtaz Ali Akram extend our hearty Congratulations to the people of Saudi Arabia on the occasion of their 90th National Day Celebrations



Dr Sayeed Haroon awarded Covid Warriors Helping Indian during Corona Virus Venue at Golden Tulip Hotel Riyadh.-IQNEWS



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Welcome to Chicago our new Indian Consul General Shri Amit Kumar Ji IFS , on behalf of Telangana Association of North America (TANA-Telangana) . It was a pleasure discussing our community issues this afternoon with CG , present where Keerthi Kumar , Khurram Syed , and Syed Maqdoom Ali owner of Shalimar Banquets. Because of Covid we had to restrict to only four TANA members.



visited St Louis for cricket selection of ChicagoBlasters . Also seen historical St Louis Arch above 600 feet high along with Keerthi Kumar and Khurram Syed



Marriage reception of Faateh Sayeed Eldest Son of Ambassador of India to Saudi Arabia Dr Ausaaf Sayeed /Farah Sayeed with Asma Ahmed in Shalimar Banquets with limited gathering



Chicago Blasters a new created franchise of ICC and USA cricket made its debut victory over Michigan Stars at their home ground in Detroit. I am thankful to USA Cricket and ICC in allotting and entrusting for Chicago franchise to me out of their 24 franchises in USA . Go Chicago Blasters go .



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## Marriage of Ambassador Dr. Ausaf Sayeed's Son Held in Chicago

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The Valima Reception was held on September 26th, 2020, 7:00 PM at Shalimar Banquets, 280 W, North Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, USA.

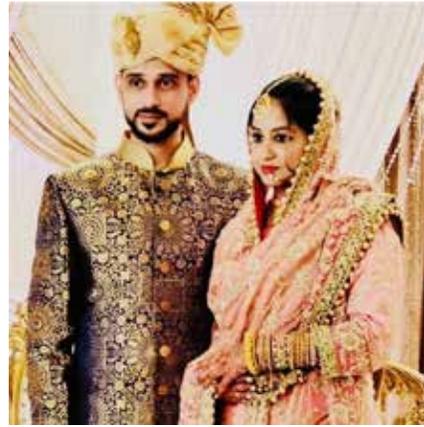
Faateh, who holds an MBA from DePaul University, is the Co-Founder & President at Sivic, a social media platform for politics that addresses civic engagement.

The Wedding and Valima Receptions were attended by a limited number of Family and Friends, in view of Covid-19 Pandemic.

The guests blessed the perfect couple profusely for their successful married life and also congratulated Dr. Ausaf Sayeed and his family on the happy occasion.

Dr Ausaf Sayeed and Mrs Ausaf Sayeed welcomed the guests.

Ashfaq Syed

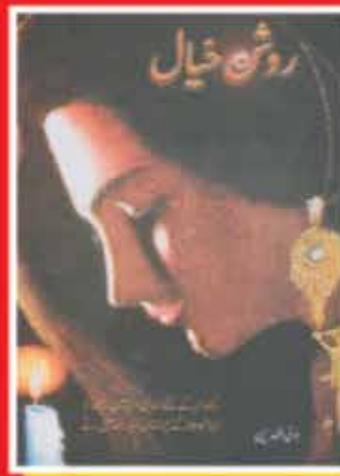
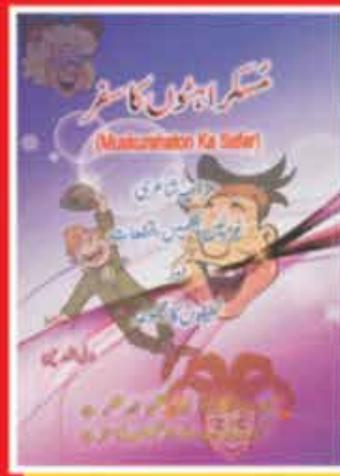


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# Chicago Blasters Cricket team clinch spectacular win against the Michigan Stars

The newly constituted Chicago Blasters Cricket Team clinched magnificent back-to-back victories against the Michigan Stars with the young cricketers putting up domineering performances highlighted by tenacious bowling, outstanding fielding and remarkable batmanship in the Minor League Cricket tournament on a warm crispy afternoon on Sunday September 27, 2020 at the Mountain View Park cricket grounds in Des Plaines, Illinois USA with appreciative cricket-lovers and families gathered to watch this exciting clash.

This second game between Chicago Blasters and the Michigan Stars kicked off to an exciting start with Michigan Stars electing to bat first. Having wrapped up the Michigan Stars for a total of 169; the Chicago Blasters took to the field hammering all across the field with openers Shaheer Hassan and Fahad Babber executing powerful

shots taking the Chicago Blasters to a spectacular victory. Shaheer Hassan scored a magnificent 102 not out with 16 shots to the boundary including 8 sixes; while Fahad Babber scored 65 with 5 sixes taking this amazing partnership to lift the team to a decisive victory – creating a record in the USA Cricket franchise in the Minor League Cricket.

Earlier, The Chicago Blasters kicked off its maiden cricket match with a thrilling victory against the Michigan Stars at the Lyons Oaks park stadium near Detroit Michigan on September 19, 2020 scoring a magnificent knock excelling in both batting and bowling. After initial slow rate, the Chicago Blasters displayed outstanding batting prowess with batsman Anirudh Jonnavitula scoring an amazing 74; while bowler Hunain Amin took 4 wickets with his immaculate bowling spell. Later, the Michigan Stars walked into the field scoring runs but the tenacious bowling and fielding kept the Michigan Stars fall short of their target – thus the Chicago Blasters emerged victorious in its first encounter in Detroit, Michigan.

Iftekhhar Shareef, CEO/Owner of the Chicago Blasters Cricket Team welcomed the team, families, other cricket enthusiasts gathered at the grounds including the 'live' online viewers and praised the Chicago Blasters for chronicling stunning victories and applauded their robust collective team spirit that helped forge an impressive win. Iftekhhar Shareef thanked and acknowledged core inner operational team including Khurram Syed, Vice



Presidents supported by Satish Dadepogu and the management team of Keerthi Kumar Ravoori, Ajai Agnihotri & Dr. Sanhita Agnihotri.

The Chicago Blasters Cricket team is based in Chicago, USA was constituted as a franchise team in the United States of America under the authorized aegis of the International Cricket Council [ICC]. The Chicago Blasters team members consists of Ashar Mehdi (Captain & Wicket Keeper), Joshua Kind (Vice Captain), Fahad Babar, Shaheer Hasan, Najmi Hasan, Anirudh Jonnavitula, Sachin Veeraswamy, Talha Mohsin, Hunain Amin, Ibrahim Khaleel, Sai Charith Duggupati, Adnan Yar Khan and Mann Patel, Coach/ Manager Afroze Siddiqui, Selectors Neeraj Patel, Mohammed Ashfaq & Ahmed Shareef.

Thanks

Iftekhhar Shareef  
Franchise owner  
Chicago Blasters



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AFMI, American Federation of Muslims of Indian origin and all other Indian communities in greater Chicago whole heartedly welcomes Honorable Dr Ausaf Sayeed Sahab and his family's visit to Chicago.

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**Welcome to Chicago and heartiest  
CONGRATULATIONS to Ausaf Sayeed Sahab.**

Dr. Khutb M. Uddin, M.D., PhD  
Director Star Psychiatric Services P.C. of America

# Illinois Premier League Cricket Conference Season 7, Hyderabad Deccan Cricket Club beat Thunderbirds to become champions Report & Pictures Syed Khalil Ullah



One of the best Cricket competitions, Illinois Premier League Cricket Conference Season 7th concluded in Chicago on Sunday, September 27th, 2020 with several spectators gathered for the thrilling final Game.

Many organizations Playing Cricket in Chicago, but Illinois Premier League Cricket Conference (IPLCC) is a Best and most popular cricket organization in Chicago and its Suburbs founded by President, IPLCC Raees Nizami. IPLCC is graced with talented cricketers.

The Illinois Premier League Cricket Conference held by the Guideline City of Chicago and State of Illinois to ensure the competition proceeds in line with government regulations and COVID safety guidelines.

During the interview with the President of IPLCC Raees Nizami said, "This year we have been challenged all the time over all. All games go very well, but all of our priorities were to insure the City and State government restrictions in place to keep the community and players safe from COVID-19."

The Illinois Premier League Cricket Conference started seven years ago and had Great Successes and Popularity in Chicagoland. In this 20/20 league cricket tournament played between the 4 Teams and each team included Local Players and Several out of state Players took part in this competition each year. The IPLCC follows on from the International Cricket Council League Format. This year's tournament runs from the first week of August 2020 until the last week of September 2020. Due to the pandemic lock down tournament started the first week of August. Was impossible to start the first week of May.

On Sunday, Hyderabad Deccan Cricket Club, and Thunderbirds join the action, facing off at 9 a.m. CST at the Warren Park Cricket Ground in the final game of the Illinois Premier League Cricket Conference Season 7.

Hyderabad Deccan Cricket Club defeated the Thunderbirds in the final to win the 7th season Illinois Premier League Cricket Conference.

Thunderbirds won the Toss and took fielding first in the final against the Hyderabad Deccan Cricket Club. The Hyderabad Deccan Cricket Club put on a total of 224 runs. Cricket team played a wonderful performance. They played strokes all over the field. That's kind of a game of when champions are made. But none of the Thunderbirds batsmen managed to play long innings to chase the huge target and they were all out for 169 runs.

This year's tournament features teams, namely Afghan Zalmi, Hyderabad Deccan Cricket Club, Deccan Chargers

and Thunderbirds.

The Winner team Captain Syed Jibrán said, "My Team has done really well today."

IPLCC President Raees Nizami thanked the City of Chicago, Chicago Park District, supporters, guests, media organizations, volunteers and IPLCC board members, noting that without their support, the tournament season was impossible to succeed.



# UCL T20 night tournament Final Cricket match Anjuman vs Chicago tornado

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Chicago IL: UCL T20 night tournament was held for the first time at Skokie Sports Park Cricket ground. Chief Guests present were Mr. Akhter Masood Chick (former Pakistani Cricket player and former USACA President) Dr. Husnain from Michigan, Mr. Syed Mushtaq Hus-sain( UCL Advisor), Mr. Syed Iqbal (UCL Director), Mr. Faheem, Mr. Anwar Ul Haq (Board of director), Mr. Shehzaad (UCL Director), Mr. Iftikhar Shareef and Mr. Mohammed Rafi.

Mr. Syed Mushtaq Hussain started his speech with a minute silence for people who lost their lives due to Covid 19 and the prize distribution ceremony was held later. Dinner was served by the ucl organizers.

United cricket league night tournament closing ceremony was held yesterday on 24 September 2020 at Skokie Sports Park district cricket ground. Final match was played between Anjuman vs Chicago tornado. Chicago tornado captain Jaimin Patel won the toss and decided to field first. Anjuman scored 215 in the first inning. Initially Anjuman lost a few wickets early. Then Ahsan syed and Ayaz Patel played an extraordinary inning. Then the Chi-cago tornado came to chase 216 runs. Viral Patel bowled extraordinarily and has done an extraordinary job in bowling too. Viral Patel took six wickets. Viral Patel was man of the match. Ayaz Patel was the man of the series. The Chicago tornado collapsed early unfortunately them All out for 106. At the end both the teams have shown sportsmanship. Cricket lovers came to support the cricket final match in the ground. Crowd was a huge presence in

the ground.

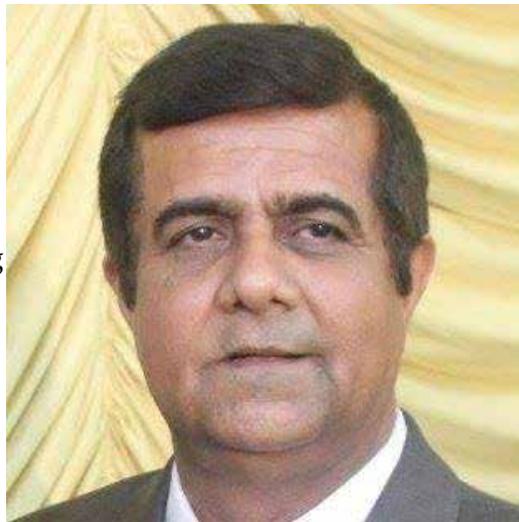
Adil Azeem (UCL president) wants to thank all the teams who participated in UCL Night tournament, umpires (Shabbir Patel, Farhan Hashmi, Hanif Patel and Shaik Ahmed. Our league MC Sufiyan Dukanwala and also supporters who has supported our league. Adil Azeem (UCL president) humbly requested all cricket lovers to support cricket in Chicago. Specially thanks to our sponsors for the UCL night tournament. (First savings bank, Pepsi, Happy mortgage, Devon discount pharmacy, Air tour travels, Patel Brothers, Sabri Nahari and MP jewelers.)

Mr. Adil Azeem is very thankful to the man-agement. Ayaz Patel( UCL web designer), Ahsan syed (scheduler), Sufiyan Dukaanwala (UCL Manager), Javed Patel ( league Advisor), Ather Syed ( league Advisor), Mohammed Afroz (league Advisor), Syed Ahmed( league Advisor), Shaik Ahmed( league Advisor and thankful to Asian Media USA Mr. and Mrs. Vandana Kumar from TV Asia.

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I am very happy to announce that I am launching the nations first "Virtual American Town Hall" on Thursday, October 1st at 6 PM CST. This will be a weekly zoom meeting where the common man will have a platform. For more information visit [www.thevath.com](http://www.thevath.com).



The Virtual American Town Hall is your place to share your concerns, your ideas and your solutions for the challenges facing us at the grass roots level.

Please keep the conversation civil and stick to the facts. Do not share conspiracy theories or unverifiable information. No talking heads. No political pundits. We, the people, Just us. Join the conversation.

First Town Hall is scheduled for Thursday, October 1 at 6 PM. Click on the link below to register in advance for an invitation to join. After registration, you will receive the link for the meeting. Feel free to share this message on your social media. Let's take our country back. I am also looking for volunteers to join and help out with social media, guests and topic suggestions etc. Listen to the audio intro.

<https://tinyurl.com/yy5mg6e8>

- Mohammed Faheem



# Hindi Club of Illinois celebrated its tenth annual Hindi Divas



Indian Consul General at Chicago Shri Amit Kumar Ji IFS and Hindi Club of Illinois Founder/President Gurbachan Kaur Neelam

Hindi Club of Illinois celebrated its tenth annual Hindi Divas on 12th and 13th September 2020. It was presided over by Founder/President Gurbachan Kaur Neelam and Secretary of the club Vijay Chopra. This two-day online program took full advantage of flexibility and reach provided by online technology and was enjoined by dignitaries, poets, scholars, participants, various associations including judges across the USA, Canada and India.

The program started with the Ganesh Vandana dance by Alokita Dhar from India followed by the instrumental National anthems of India and United States of America. The lamp lighting ceremony was done by the world renowned Hindi singer Narendra Chanchal and surprisingly he sang a full devotional song on the significance of the light of the lamp.

The Chief Guest, Indian Consulate General of Chicago, Amit Kumar ji officially launched the event and delivered a thoughtful speech to shed the light on the history and importance of Hindi Divas and the Hindi language. He also encouraged kids and adults to participate in various activities in the field of Hindi literature in addition to singing, dancing and elocution.

The winners in various competition events were awarded gift cards and all participants received certificate of appreciation. Kids program was hosted by radio Panipoori Chicago anchor, Jyoti Sharma and adult program was hosted by Dr. Nisha Pandya from Wisconsin. The judges located in various parts of the USA and India pooling their decisions over the internet.

Before the results were announced, the audience had the pleasure to watch a comedy play Purane Chawal by Dramatech of Chicago, presented by Anurag Misraraj.

On second day of the event in Kavi Gosti, high caliber poet and TV personality Aalok Srivastav along with Dr. Suman Singh, Sunayana Kachroo, Nupur Govila and Rakesh Malhotra recited their poems with great enthusiasm and relish and delighted the viewers.

Promila Kumar, founder of Radio Pani Puri was awarded Hindi Premi 2020 award for her services in the various fields of Hindi over the years.

Eminent scholars of Hindi Ashok Lav, Maneesh Srivastav, Deepak Pandey, Birender Yadav and Gurbachan Kaur participated in Vichar Goshti in a stimulating discussion about challenges and opportunities facing Hindi language in foreign countries.

Rimashree Gupta from Kolkatta, India gave a powerful performance of Shiv Tandav to show various activities of Lord Shiva.

The event came to close with the colorful dances of four states of india by their associations, Chattisgadh(President-Deepali Saraogi), Rajasthan(President-Rakesh Choudhary),Bengal(President-Jayant Mukherjee) and Punjab(President- Balvinder singh).

The highly watched and successful program ended with a vote of thanks to all the dignitaries, participants, associations and sponsors (Republic Bank, PMS, Regal Jewelers, Radio Panipoori, Dramatech, SBI, India Post, VB Design) by club secretary, Vijay Chopra. He also had special thanks for the technical team of Puneet Chhibber, Lochan Pandya and Piyush Dube and associate Rakesh Malhotra.

Reported by Jyoti sharma, edited by Vijay Chopra



Featured Poet  
Shri Aalok Shrivastava  
Poet, Lyricist &  
TV Journalist

## MY WORLD

Flowers were singing,leaves were dancing  
Water was shivering,clouds were sleeping  
Everyone's was enjoying  
People were perplexed

But now everything have changed  
No more flowers ,no more leaves  
Clouds are coughing  
Water is flooded with trash

Trees are yelling for help  
Is there anyone to feel our pain?

Animals are homeless  
Everyone is isolated

No more wisdom,no more freedom  
Humanity just flew away like breeze  
Days are getting worse by worse  
I wish i had a chance to change my world

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Name: S.Fatima Hood  
D/o: Syed Irfan Hood & Amber Irfan  
Age:13  
City:Karachi,Pakistan  
School: The City School

# My Mother--- Her final act and last words!!!

Intikhab Ahmad, M.D.

It was Friday Sept 4, 2020--- unusually radiant and exhilarating Friday afternoon with a brisk and somber breeze in New York City ---24 hours after our miraculous arrival from Pakistan with my sister and ailing mother--- who was determined to make this journey—with her unshakable resolve and ardent faith and last wish to be buried close to my father--- Grimacing with discomfort and shortness of breath--- she suddenly stopped responding to us— laying in bed---she completed her Tayammum (Islamic act of dry ritual purification), recited verses of Holy Quran, completed her namaz, raised her hands for a prayer--- and then said, “I am ready to go”. On our way to ER, I held her hand in the ambulance—she kept reciting prayers quietly ---In ER when a team of doctors was completing work up--- I was sitting beside her--- I tried to comfort her and said, “I am here with you”. She raised her eyebrows and said in a firm voice, “Merey Bachey (my child) don't say that you are with me---rather say that Allah (God) is with me and as long as He is with me I am not scared of anything”--- This was my final communique with her---as she gradually dipped into sinking ocean of unconsciousness thereafter ---

Coming from a humble background---she grew up under the pious shadows of my grandparents and my oldest aunt (Apa)---right from the beginning during her childhood---she was a caretaker when she looked after for her parents, younger brothers and nephews--- spending most of her life in prayers and recitation of Holy Quran---an early morning riser ---who never missed her Namaz and Tahajud (voluntary night prayer).She was a strong and dominant force in our home--- meticulously organized, disciplined and dedicated and committed to her family---She knew worth of education and instilled drive, ambition and hope in her children---and taught them about selfless service, loyalty to

their cause and respect for others, empathy for sick and poor and unconditional acceptance of relationships--- Her life was a living example of unflappable kindness, instant forgiveness and infinite love for others with no malice or ill feelings for anyone ---Born with innate and magnanimous gifts of generosity and charity ---she lived a life filled with compassion and caring for the needs of others, that included family, friends, acquaintances and even strangers---gave away everything that she had to others ---no matter how limited the resources were---especially during last few years of life---anticipating her imminent final journey---she was quietly distributing her belongings and keeping only minimal for her needs ---With my father, both of them loved to host guests and their lavish hospitality was exemplary and well known ---and our home was always filled with family, friends and acquaintances---Her resolve and the impact and power of her faith was astounding --- when my father was taking his last breaths---she was a like a rock and comforted us--- no matter how much the skies looked murky and paths were turbulent and precarious---she gave us hope and strength with her faith, prayers and conviction. During my middle school, when her life was saved by a physician after a life threatening illness---she felt inspired and wanted her children to pursue medicine---this was her way of acknowledging and giving back to the community---times and again she told me that story how her physician saved her life and how much she wanted her children to follow the same footsteps---As I look back at my own life--- I realize that it was my mother who gave me strength, courage, ambition and audacity to pursue a journey that was never easy for me--- and the trust and confidence that she gave me---and of course her prayers--- were instrumental in overcoming insurmountable challenges at each and every step of my life---It was

her vision that inspired me to pursue my dreams and aspirations ---when I was leaving for US for my education and training in medicine--- She said, “I can't live a single day without hearing your voice—but no matter how much I love you---and how much it is painful for me---I have to let you go---so you can fulfil your dreams and goals and one day you would remember that how much your mother loved you but she did not become a barrier in your path”---

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## Kashmiris would rather be ruled by Chinese, says Farooq Abdullah

National Conference leader Farooq Abdullah, who was the Chief Minister of the erstwhile state Jammu and Kashmir, has claimed Kashmiris would rather be ruled by the Chinese than the Indian government, a remark that will certainly spark a political slugfest.

Abdullah claimed Kashmiris “don’t feel like Indians” at the moment, see themselves as “slaves” and “second class citizens.”

Here’s more on what he said.

**Protests:** Widespread protests would happen if soldiers leave Kashmir: Abdullah

Abdullah was speaking to The Wire about the abrogation of Article 370, which bestowed a special status to J&K.

He claimed Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s government was “disillusioned” about the sentiments in the Valley.

Asserting that no protests in a year were not a standard to judge peace, Abdullah said if restrictions are removed, people would come out in tens of lakhs.

**Fact:** Abdullah’s “Chinese-governance” comment comes amid Delhi-Beijing tensions

During the interview, Abdullah reiterated that he was serious about Kashmiris wanting to be ruled by Chinese. His

controversial remarks come at a time when the Indo-China conflict has reached new heights, with New Delhi repeatedly asking PLA to retreat to its original posts in Ladakh.

**Trust:** He also claimed Kashmiris no longer trust the Indian government

Further, Abdullah said Kashmiris have lost trust in the Central government as the binding force — the special status — has been snapped.

He also spoke about his meeting with PM Modi, roughly 72 hours before the historic move in the Parliament.

He said PM Modi didn’t give any hints and made him believe that troops were being deployed in Kashmir for security.

**Statement:** Centre saw me as traitor, Kashmiris as Indian servant: Abdullah

After Article 370 was rescinded in a surprise move, all mainstream politicians in Kashmir were discredited by locals, Abdullah went on.

He said the Centre saw him as a traitor, arrested him, and Kashmiris thought of him as an “Indian servant.”

They taunted him for uttering “Bharat Mata Ki Jai,” he claimed. All of this had a deep impact on his mental well-being.

**Mehbooba:** Is Mehbooba not human, asked Abdullah; questioned her continued detention

Meanwhile, Abdullah was visibly upset with the detention of Mehbooba Mufti, his political adversary.

Although Abdullah and his son Omar were released from detention after seven-eight months, the PDP Chief continues to languish in captivity.

“Is she a criminal? How can it (her incarceration) not (affect me)? She is a human after all,” Abdullah said.

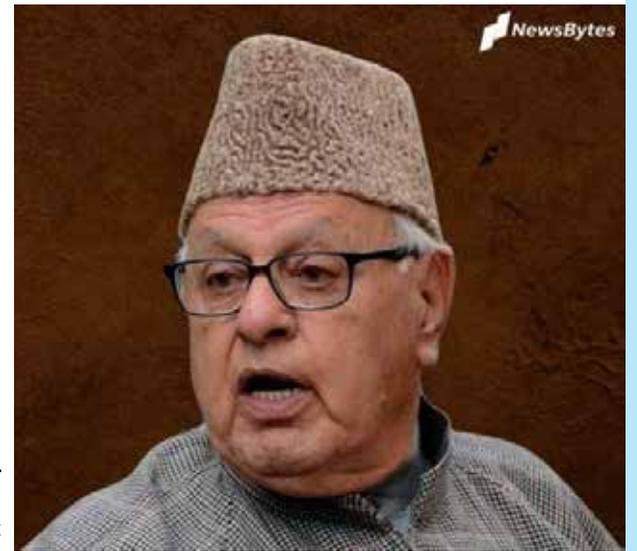
Notably, all three ex-CMs were held in August 2019.

**Details:** On contesting polls, Abdullah said NC will take decision democratically

Though Abdullah had numerous complaints with the Centre, he expressed faith in the Supreme Court, urging the judges to take up his party’s petition soon.

When asked if NC would contest Assembly elections, Abdullah said the party will take a decision democratically.

Earlier, Omar had announced NC wouldn’t contest polls until the special



status is restored. Abdullah Sr. called it Omar’s “personal opinion.”

**Vow:** Abdullah pledged to fight for Kashmir’s dignity till last breath

The 82-year-old said all parties collectively issued the Gupkar Declaration of August 2019, demanding that the special status of the state is restored. The demand was reiterated on August 22.

Abdullah promised to fight for the “dignity of Kashmiris” until his last breath, albeit peacefully.

Recently, the politician attended Lok Sabha’s Monsoon Session, for the first time since Article 370 and 35A were removed. Shalini Ojha  
Yahoo news

## Trudeau Says Canada is in a Second Covid-19 Wave, Vows to do ‘Whatever it Takes’ During Pandemic

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Wednesday that Canada is in a second wave of COVID-19 and warned the country is on the brink of a fall season that could be much worse than the spring.

Trudeau noted that when Canada went into lockdown March 13 there were 47 new confirmed cases of COVID-19, and that Tuesday alone, Canada had well over 1,000. Many provinces slowly reopened over the summer.

We cant change todays numbers or even tomorrows – those were already decided by what we did, or didnt do, two weeks ago, Trudeau said in a rare nationally televised address.

But what we can change is where we are in October, and into the winter. Its all too likely we wont be gathering for Thanksgiving, but we still have a shot at Christmas.

Trudeau urged Canadians to keep wearing masks and to download the government’s COVID-app that lets a person know if they’ve come in close contact with someone who has tested positive.

Together, we have the power to get this second wave under control, he said.

Trudeau’ said his government will do whatever it takes to support Canadians and the economy during the pandemic as his Liberal government presented the governments priorities for a new session of Parliament in a speech earlier Wednesday.

If the three main opposition parties vote against the speech, which was formally delivered by Governor General Julie Payette, an election would be triggered. But at least one is expected to support the speech.

Two leaders of opposition parties could not attend the speech because they recently tested positive for COVID-19. Canada has seen a surge in cases in recent days.

The governor general called the pandemic the most serious public health crisis Canada has ever faced. Over 9,000 Canadians have died in six months and the government says the economic impact of COVID-19 on Canadians has already been worse than the 2008 financial crisis.

The government is extending the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy to next summer. In the early days of the pandemic Trudeau announced businesses would be eligible for a 75% wage subsidy for their employ-

ees for businesses that have seen a 30% decrease in revenue. The government says now is not the time for austerity.

Low interest rates mean we can afford it,” Trudeau said. “Doing less would end up costing far more. Doing less would mean a slower recovery and bigger deficits in the long run.”

Trudeaus government also says the government plans to tax large internet companies operating in the country.

Trudeau won reelection last year, but his Liberal party does not have the majority of seats in Parliament and must rely on at least one opposition party to stay in power.

Erin O’Toole, the new Conservative leader, taped a response to Trudeau’s national address as he isolated at home after a COVID-19 diagnosis. O’Toole and his wife tested positive last week.

This was not the first month that I had planned, O’Toole said.

In reference to Trudeau, O’Toole said Canadians need jobs, not words.

It might be left to the leftist New Demo-

cratic Party to prop up the government after Conservative Opposition Deputy leader Candice Bergen earlier said her party wont support the Throne Speech..

New Democrat leader Jagmeet Singh said his party is going to take a long time to consider the throne speech.

I don’t want an election because I don’t think that will help people,” Singh said.

The Quebec-based Bloc Quebecois parties didn’t immediately express support for the speech. Yahoo news





Qawal Shujat Ali Khan and humnawa at a concert in Pakistan. Shujat Ali Khan is originally from Dipalpur and now lives in Lahore. He is a Sufi Qawal by profession and has performed in numerous events in Pakistan and abroad.

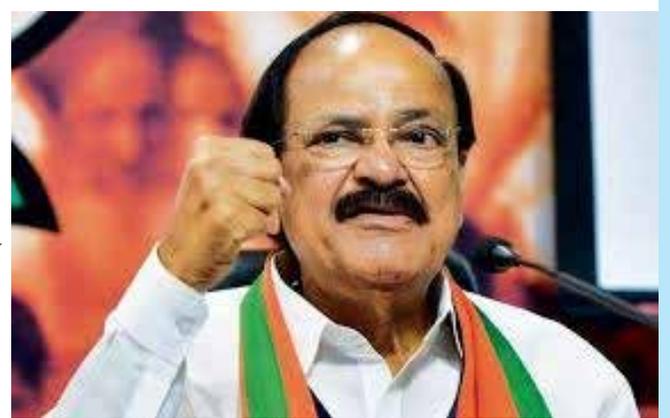


## M Venkaiah Naidu announces retirement of 11 Rajya Sabha members

New Delhi [India], September 23 (ANI): Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu on Wednesday announced the names of 11 members who will be retiring from the Upper House after completing their term in November, this year. "Today, we bid farewell to some of our colleagues from the state of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand namely Dr Chhatrapal Singh Yadav, Javed Ali Khan, PL Punia, Ravi Prakash Verma, Raja Ram, Ram Gopal Yadav, Veer Singh, Hardeep Singh Puri, Neeraj Shekhar, Arun Singh and Raj Babbar who would be retiring in the month of November," Naidu said in Rajya

Sabha. "While retirement marks the completion of the terms of Rajya Sabha members, it also infuses them a sense of fulfillment and contentment of having to serve the people of this country. The retiring members have contributed significantly to this house. They have dedicated to the cause of democracy. Though many would come re-elected those who would not, the house will miss them," he added. Naidu said that the retiring members will continue to serve the cause of the people and strengthen democracy. "They have retired but not tired. They

will continue to serve the people and will address the cause of people. I wish them good health and happiness and many more years of service to the nation. I hope that they will strengthen democracy by serving the cause of people," he said. Each member of the Rajya Sabha is elected for a term of six years. One-third of the members retire every second year and fresh elections are held to



elect new members. Yahoo news

## Priyanka Gandhi to Campaign in MP Ahead of Bypolls, BJP Says Can't Match Scindia's Persona

Ahead of the much-awaited by-election in Madhya Pradesh, where former Congress colleagues Sachin Pilot and Jyotiraditya Scindia would be ranging on opposite sides, a senior party leader said that AICC general secretary in-charge of UP, Priyanka Gandhi, will also be campaigning in the state. Earlier, top leaders in the party had asked the former Rajasthan deputy Chief Minister to campaign in the Gwalior-Chambal region against his old friend Scindia.

Former Public Relations Minister of the state, PC Sharma, on Wednesday said that Gandhi is expected to visit Ma Pitambara Peeth, a temple in MP's Datia district. It is obvious that she will be meeting the public and locals in nearby districts

including Datia, Bhind, Morena, Gwalior besides others, said the minister.

According to sources, Priyanka is expected to campaign at at least six seats in the region which have been heavily banked on Scindia. The party, which has reportedly made all arrangements for the campaign, are yet to release an official schedule for the same.

Meanwhile, mocking Gandhi's scheduled campaigning in the state, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) said that the Congress party was going through a leadership crisis and had to forcefully resort to importing leaders from outside. Urban Administration and Development minister Bhupendra Singh said that the Congress always

loses wherever Priyanka Gandhi goes for campaigning.

The saffron party has also repeatedly claimed that after Scindia's exit from Congress, the grand old party had no prominent leader in the Gwalior region who could match the 'popularity of Scindia'.

A total of 28 seats in the Madhya Pradesh Assembly will be witnessing by-polls this year, of which 16 are in the Gwalior-Chambal region. Vivek Trivedi Yahoo news



## Shahid Kapoor Signs Rs 100 Crore Deal with Netflix

Shahid Kapoor, the ace Bollywood actor who is riding high on the success of his last-release Kabir Singh, has signed a Rs 100 crore deal with digital-streaming giant Netflix.

Confirming the development, a source said that Shahid will be starring in several projects of Netflix, reported Pinkvilla. The source said, "He has signed a huge deal to the tune of Rs 100 crore with the digital streaming platform."

The report also says that although all the projects have not been finalised, but a deal has been signed between Shahid and Netflix, where he has committed to work on several projects with the platform.

According to the aforementioned source, one of his projects will be a concept driven fiction series.

Shahid's 2019 movie Kabir Singh earned Rs 379 crore at the box office and was regarded as one of the biggest hits of the year. However, it also created controversy due to the glorification of the protagonist who propagated toxic masculinity.

The actor is known for some of his commercially and critically successful movies like Haider and Kaminey.

Shahid is the son of actors Pankaj Kapoor and Neelima Azeem. He mar-



ried Mira Rajput in 2015 and has two children with her, Misha and Zain.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, most of the movies have been released on OTT platforms like Netflix and Prime Video. Several movie stars are signing projects with digital streaming platforms. Movie theatres and multiplexes have been closed in the country to contain the spread of coronavirus which has claimed over 90,000 lives in India.

Many of the Bollywood stars had started working with streaming platforms before the pandemic hit the world. Actors like Saif Ali Khan, Radhika Apte, Nawazuddin Siddiqui have already worked with Netflix in their original series Sacred Games. According to the report, Ajay Devgn and Hrithik Roshan have also been signed by Hotstar for two series. Yahoo news

## Why Jagan Mohan Reddy's Visit to Tirupati Has Sparked a Controversy in Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy on Wednesday visited the temple town of Tirupati to attend the nine-day Brahmotsavam festival beginning today. Keeping up with tradition, he presented a 'pattu vastram' (silk robes) to the presiding deity on behalf of the state.

But his two-day visit has sparked a political slugfest as the opposition Telugu Desam Party (TDP) is staging protests over a "non-Hindu" chief minister being allowed to enter the temple without having to sign a declaration form requiring non-Hindu visitors to mention their religious identity.

TDP workers have launched state-wide protests against "anti-Hindu" Reddy.

"Ever since he took over as the chief minister of Andhra Pradesh, more than 80 temples have been destroyed in the past 15 months. To date, not a single miscreant has been arrested. Now, his decision of not signing the faith declaration form brazenly violates the tradition of the Tirumala Tirupati temple," said TDP spokesperson

Pattabhi Ram Kommareddy.

Both the TDP and the BJP got fresh ammunition when TTD chairman YV Subba Reddy announced that the temple body had decided to repeal the 'faith declaration form' days ahead of Reddy's visit. Defending the decision, temple officials said the form has been under reconsideration for a while.

"The chief minister's visit has no relation with our decision to revoke the rule; the temple administration is being dragged into unnecessary political controversies," TTD sources told News18.

As the matter snowballs into a big political controversy, there have been past instances where the temple's faith declaration form was tweaked for major political visits. Rule no. 136 and 137 of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam has been in practice for nearly a decade -- it states that non-Hindu visitors must voluntarily inform the administration about their religion and seek special permission to enter the temple. But there have been exceptions.

In 1999, Congress president Sonia Gandhi was allowed to visit the temple without signing the declaration form for non-Hindus. Similarly, there was stiff opposition when YS Rajasekhara Reddy, Jagan's father, and late Chief Minister of united Andhra Pradesh (2004-2009) attended the Brahmotsavam festival and gifted silk robes to the presiding deity.

While the temple administration has itself claimed the rule has always been flexible, BJP state president Somu Veerraju argued even former president APJ Abdul Kalam had signed the form when he visited Tirumala in 2003. "The rule is sacrosanct and applies to all non-Hindus, including Jagan Mohan Reddy," he said.



Both the BJP and TDP said they will continue their separate protests despite several of their workers being put under house arrest by the state police. Meanwhile, several Bajrang Dal activists were detained in Hyderabad when they clashed with the police while protesting outside Reddy's bungalow. Swastika Das Yahoo news

## India, China agree no more escalation, to see if it holds

Returning to the talks table after their foreign ministers reached a pact to dial down tensions in Ladakh, India and China have agreed not to engage in “escalatory behaviour” along the Line of Actual Control, The Indian Express has learnt.

This is the key takeaway from the 12-hour meeting at the Moldo border point between Indian and Chinese military commanders Monday.

Sources said while there has been no agreement on “disengagement” at the friction points, the two sides have come to an understanding on not escalating the situation given that troops of the two armies are within firing range of each other. This, sources said, is the first step towards efforts to “ease tensions” following the September 10 agreement in Moscow between External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi on a five-point approach to resolve the tense situation.

Sixth round of talks| India, China agree to stop sending more troops to frontline

A joint press release Tuesday stated: “On September 21, the Chinese and Indian Senior Commanders held the 6th round of Military Commander-Level Meeting. The two sides had candid and in-depth exchanges of views on stabilizing the situation along the LAC in the China-India border areas.” They agreed to earnestly implement the important consensus reached by the leaders of the two countries, strengthen communication on the ground, avoid misunderstandings and misjudgments, stop sending more troops to the frontline, refrain from unilaterally changing the situation on the ground, and avoid taking any actions that may complicate the situation.”

“The two sides also agreed to hold the 7th round of Military Commander-Level Meeting as soon as possible, take practical measures to properly solve problems on the ground, and jointly safeguard peace and tranquility in the border area,” it stated.

Sources said “non-escalation” could hold the key to “building trust” between the two sides, before moving towards disengagement and then de-escalation.

If “non-escalatory behaviour” holds for a reasonable period of time, it will give

confidence to take the next step. And to take the process forward, sources said, another round of talks can then take place between the commanders and the diplomats.

The Indian team at the Moldo meeting was led by XIV Corps Commander Lt General Harinder Singh. With him was Lt General PGK Menon, expected to take charge of the Leh-based Corps in October. Also in the team was Naveen Srivastava, Joint Secretary (East Asia) in the Ministry of External Affairs. Fluent in Mandarin, he had been dealing with his Chinese counterparts at the meetings of the Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination on India-China Border Affairs (WMCC). This was the first time that an official of the MEA joined the military talks.

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The Chinese team was led by Major General Liu Lin, Commander of the South Xinjiang Military Region.

Sources said the emphasis in the joint press release that the two sides will “stop sending more troops to the frontline, refrain from unilaterally changing the situation on the ground, and avoid taking any actions that may complicate the situation” means that both will assess the non-escalatory behaviour, and if it instils confidence, they will take the next steps.

Non-escalation, in a sense, will be seen as a “confidence-building measure”, a top source told The Indian Express.

At the meeting in Moldo, India repeated its core demand of complete disengagement at the friction points and de-escalation across eastern Ladakh. The Chinese, on the other hand, wanted Indian troops to first vacate key heights on the south bank of Pangong Tso and the Chushul sub-sector.

Sources said while another round of talks at the Corps Commander-level is expected soon, India is also looking to keep its troops deployed in Ladakh through the winter should there be no progress at the talks table.

There are an estimated 50,000 troops on each side of the LAC in Ladakh, backed by



tanks, artillery and air defence assets.

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Since mid-July, talks have not made much headway with the Chinese reluctant to complete the disengagement process, especially on the north bank of Pangong Tso where they continue to occupy the ridge-line at Finger 4. It is 8 km west of Finger 8 which India says marks the LAC.

Tensions heightened again towards the end of August when Indian troops, in pre-emptive moves to foil Chinese plans, occupied key heights on the south bank of Pangong Tso and on the stretch down to Rezang La and Rechin La. Indian troops are currently positioned on Gurung Hill and Magar Hill, overlooking the Spanggur Gap which was used by China to launch an offensive in 1962.

Meanwhile, a new study released Tuesday by the geopolitical intelligence platform Stratfor stated that China has been rapidly expanding its military infrastructure

along the entire LAC with India, especially since the Doklam standoff.

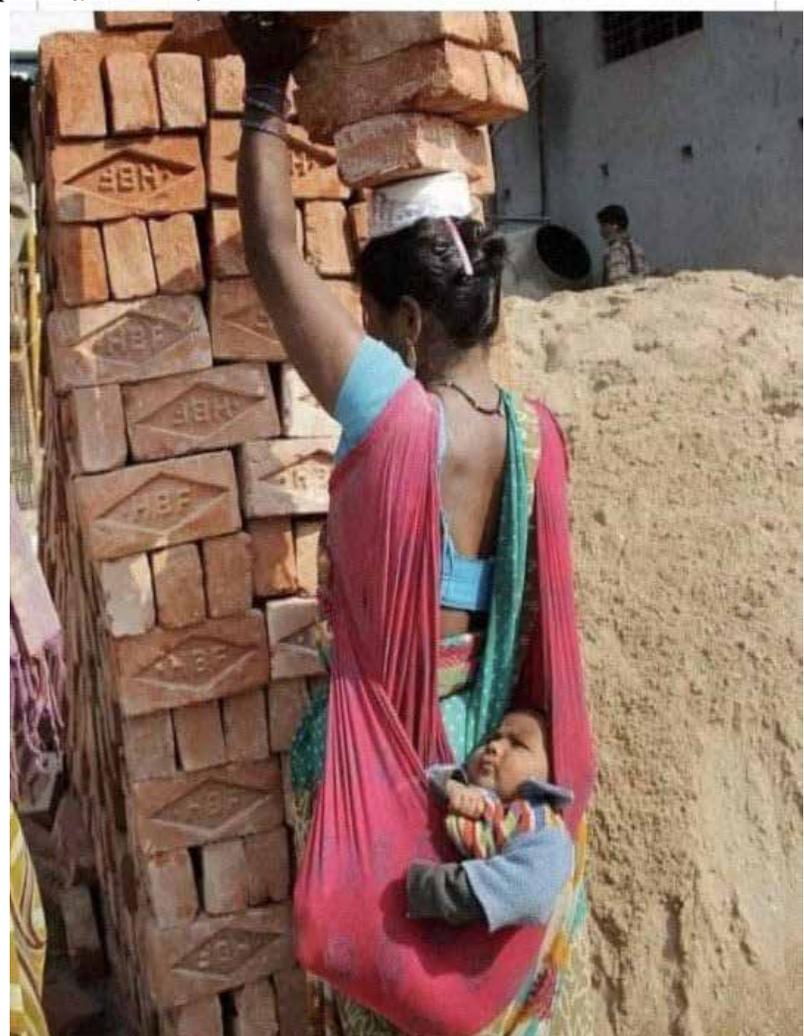
“The 2017 Doklam crisis appears to have shifted China’s strategic objectives, with China more than doubling its total number of air bases, air defense positions, and heliports near the Indian border over the past three years,” it stated.

“A significant portion of Beijing’s recent infrastructure developments is aimed directly at strengthening its ability to project air power along the entire Indian border at a time when New Delhi itself is struggling to rebuild its air power.”

“By forcing India to respond in kind, China’s aggressive strategy is leading to a greater concentration of military assets in heavily disputed areas along the border that could raise the risk of potential escalations and sustained conflict,” it stated.

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**‘Maa Tujhe Salaam’:  
Shabana Azmi’s  
Tribute to a Mother  
Carrying Baby at Work  
Goes Viral**

# Tania Parveen, the Kolkata Girl Who Wanted to Become Indian Jihad's Wonder Woman

For months, the villages lining the Baleshwari river in Bangladesh smelt of fish and rice, and rotting human bodies. Through the summer of 1971, as Indian troops began to mass across the border, Mukti Bahini insurgents had relentlessly harried the Pakistan Army's outposts in the south-western district of Pirojpur.

The reprisals were savage: The Pakistan Army and their militia, the Razakars, pilaged villagers' food stores, burned down houses, tortured suspected informers, and staged mass executions.

Gouranga Chandra Saha watched as the local grocer, Delawar Hossain Sayedee, marched into the small village of Parerhat Bandor, at head of a group of ten Razakar militia. His sisters — Mohamaya, Anno Rani and Komol Rani — were taken to the Pakistan Army's base at Pirojpur, where they were gang-raped by soldiers for three days, before being released.

In 2011, Saha had the satisfaction — if it can be called that — of testifying at the Parerhat Bandor grocer's trial for war crimes. Sayedee had become, by then, a world-renowned preacher, and deputy head of Bangladesh's Jamaat-e-Islami party.

## Communal Landscape

Eight years after Sayeedi was sentenced to death by a war-crimes tribunal in Bangladesh, his solemn, low voice colonised the mind of Tania Parveen — a Kolkata student at the centre of a circle of over 70 people charged last week for participation in online jihadist activity. From 2018, the National Investigation Agency alleges, Parveen began to obsessively listen to the cleric's speeches, drawing from them inspiration that would drive her towards the Lashkar-e-Taiba.

"Why should we feel sad when the Hindu brothers choose to leave our country," Sayeedi asked in one widely-reported speech? "Do we mourn when we have indigestion and materials leave our bodies"?

Her strange story — grim in parts, sometimes darkly comical — helps illuminate how India's toxic cesspool of communal tensions has become a wellspring for Islamists seeking to seduce young Muslims into jihadism.

Born in March, 1999, to Nurnehar Khatun and Alamin Mondal in the village of Malayapur in West Bengal's North 24 Parganas, Parveen grew up in difficult circumstances, sources acquainted with the family have told News18. Her mother works as an Accredited Social Health Worker, assisting the government's immunisation and birth-control projects in return for a meagre honorarium. Her father, once a farm-hand, suffered long-

term unemployment.

Nurnehar Khatun, one source said, ensured her daughter received the best education possible. Parveen, as well as her younger sibling, were sent to a local private school, the London Missionary Society, from which she graduated high school with an enviable 90 per cent score.

In 2019, Parveen went on to gain a Bachelor's degree in Arabic from the Moulana Azad College in Kolkata. Her teachers, a West Bengal police officer said, recalled the young woman as being exceptionally bright. In addition to Bengali, English, Hindi, Urdu and Arabic, Parveen picked up functional knowledge of Kashmiri and Bahasa Indonesia on her own.

Even as Parveen was preparing to begin college, events took place which would transform her life. In 2017, a teenager posted images of the Prophet Muhammad on his social media feed, which sparked off widespread tension in North 24 Parganas. Local Muslims attacked Hindu homes, businesses and a religious procession; Hindus responded in kind.

Though the fatalities were limited, by the sad standards of Indian riots—one killed, and 23 injured—the violence left deep fissures in the region's communal landscape. Parveen began hunting for answers—and, the NIA alleges, found them in the idea of violent jihad.

## Fantasy Life

Late in 2018, the NIA says, Parveen was introduced to Sayeedi's sermons by her cousin Habibullah, a cleric who ran a local mosque. Her explorations of Sayeedi's message, digital records obtained by NIA investigators show, soon led her into a maze of Islamist-leaning WhatsApp groups: Voice of Islam, Islamic Ummah and Human Brotherhood. In each, the message was much the same. India was part of a global alliance of states preparing for a genocide against Muslims and the answer was armed jihad.

From the transcripts of the digital records, though, it's also clear Parveen found in the WhatsApp groups a sense of freedom and adventure likely denied to her in everyday life. A teenage romance blossomed with Kashmir-based Altaf Ahmad Rather, for example—much to the horror of both their families, investigators found.

In essence, the internet enabled Parveen to lead a fantasy life as a kind of Islamist version of Wonder Woman, leading an avenging pack of cyber-superheroes to beat back evil.

Even though her fledgling romance went nowhere, Rather's group led Parveen to make contact with a man using the name

Bilal Durrani, who claimed to be a Lashkar-e-Taiba activist based in Pakistan. Durrani, NIA investigators say, provided Parveen with a virtual Pakistani number to join his group, since it barred all Indian phones for fear of surveillance.

The Lashkar-e-Taiba has long argued that the appropriate role for women is as mothers and wives of jihadists — not as fighters. "The gun and the purdah," scholar Farhat Haq has pointed out, "are the key symbols of the LeT's political agenda. The gun represents their political mission, and the purdah its central purpose".

"LeT women", she pithily noted, "are to confine themselves to chador and chardevari".

There's some evidence, though, that women jihadists have imprinted themselves — at least peripherally — on the South Asian jihadist's operational imagination. Ishrat Jehan — the young Mumbai woman extra-judicially executed by police in 2003 — was claimed by the Lashkar-e-Taiba as a martyr who had volunteered for a suicide-bombing mission.

Insha Jan, the south Kashmir woman charged with facilitating the Pulwama bombing, is alleged to have had an operational role in Jaish-e-Muhammad; several European women played key roles as Islamic State logisticians, recruiters and tacticians.

From Parveen's story, similarly, there are suggestions the online world has brought about some important transformations in the jihadist movement's attitude to women.

## JIHADIST CELL

Late in 2019, Parveen, using the pseudonym 'Abu Jundal', had risen to administering five Lashkar-linked WhatsApp groups, the NIA alleges. Investigators claim she was in regular touch with multiple Lashkar commanders in Pakistan. Through one of these new contacts, she was put in touch with an Inter-Services Intelligence officer using the pseudonym 'Rana', who offered her money in return for raising local recruits.

Praveen's efforts at setting up a jihadist cell, NIA investigators say, amounted to little: two girlfriends she added to her WhatsApp group Ghumnaam Tigers, or Anonymous Tigers, left immediately, and acquaintances from college she sought to recruit showed little interest.



There was just one friend who became active in Ghumnaam Tiger, a classmate in a tuition course Parveen attended. From the chat records, there's reason to suspect that his primary interest was not ideological.

Faced with this unimpressive performance, 'Rana' suggested Parveen instead work to seduce Indian Air Force and Indian Army officers using a Facebook pseudo-identity, Priya Sharma. The plot had promising beginnings, after a junior officer made contact with Parveen. The Kolkata college girl, however, panicked when the officer sought a face-to-face video chat.

Low farce followed: when 'Rana' suggested that Parveen's mission made it necessary to go ahead with the chat, the young women responded that Islamic law forbade her from removing her veil. A furious row followed, and Parveen snapped contact with 'Rana'.

In March, 2019, when the NIA made dozens of arrests nationwide linked to online jihadist activity, Praveen was running at least six pseudonymous accounts, the charge-sheet asserts: 'Mustafa', 'Hamza Tahir', 'Mutahijab', 'Abrar Fahad', 'Ibnu Adam' and 'Abu Thurab'.

There's no way of knowing whether Parveen's online activities would ever have escalated to an actual terrorist operation — and in some key senses, that's not the point. That the toxic world of fundamentalist chat groups attracts so many young people speaks of a deep political dysfunction, which it will take more than policing or intelligence services to address.

Praveen Swami  
Yahoo news

# Moral policing? Kerala cop suspended for visiting woman friend at apartment

"I respectfully received a suspension order which can be considered as a milestone in Kerala police's history of moral policing," a Kerala civil police officer wrote on Facebook on Sunday. The civil police officer from Kozhikode was suspended by city police Commissioner AV George alleging that he was frequently visiting a woman, despite being married (and separated). Umesh, who is 41-years-old, and the woman, who is 31-years-old, have both strongly objected to the suspension and called it a case of harassment.

Umesh, who was working in the Kozhikode control room received his suspension order on Saturday. It states that a woman named Sharada Krishnakutty had complained that her daughter, Athira Krishnan, was taken away from her house by Umesh who is married and has a daughter. Alleging that Athira and Umesh were in a live-in relationship, Sharada's complaint requested that her daughter be 'released' from the apartment.

However, Umesh tells TNM that he was not in a live-in relationship and that the disciplinary action was wrong. He says that he did help Athira get an apartment on rent.

The suspension notice acknowledges that Umesh has been separated from his wife since 2011, but has not divorced her yet. "He became close with Athira promising that he would marry her after divorce. He told the real estate broker that they were married and signed as a witness for the apartment lease. It was also found that he is a frequent visitor to the apartment. Prima facie it was found that he acted against the dignity and good name of the police force," the order states.

An inquiry has been ordered against Umesh under Kerala Police Departmental Inquiries, Punishment and Appeal Rules, 1958 7(a), 8(l), (III) sections. The inquiry, based on Section 8, can lead to removal from the services.

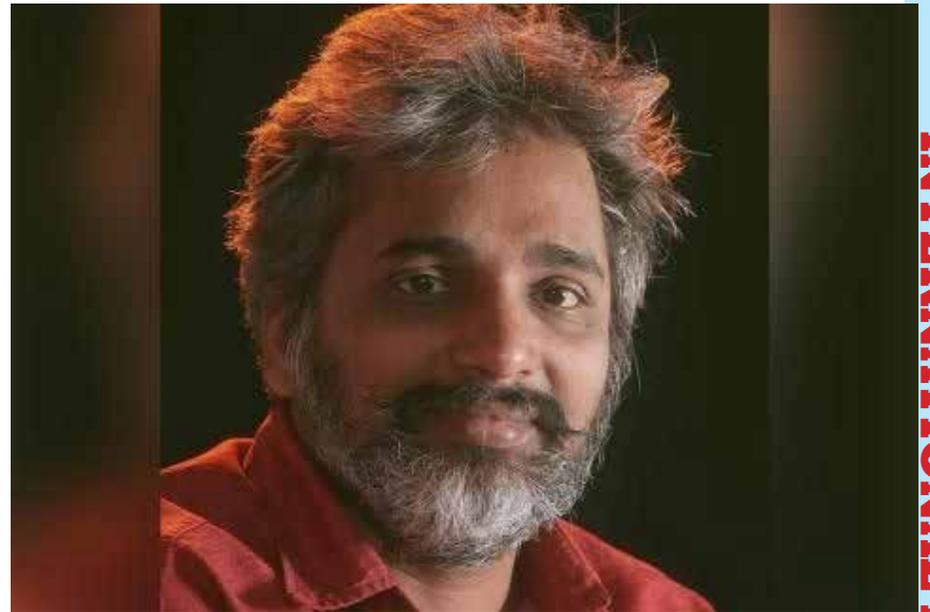
Umesh, however, alleges that the Commissioner has a grudge against him.

"Five years ago, the Commissioner had produced a short film on awareness against drug abuse. At that time, another group, which included me, also made a short film. The release date of our short film was prior to his. He asked me to shift the date, I said it was not possible as the town hall was already booked. Then, he threatened to dismiss me. Later, I was transferred to the Traffic department. The issues between us started then," Umesh says.

In November 2019, when two youngsters Alan and Thaha were arrested under the Unlawful Activities (Preventions) Act for allegedly possessing and distributing literature in favour of Maoists, Umesh had posted a scene from the movie Kaadu Pookkunna Neram, in which the protagonists speak about Maoism and UAPA. Umesh got a memo from Commissioner AV George seeking an explanation.

"I gave an explanation and there was no further action. This suspension I believe is an extension of all these issues," Umesh says.

The Commissioner, however, denied these allegations. "He is married and what he did was official misconduct. We will take disciplinary action if any police officer commits official misconduct. I have only done the same," AV George told TNM.



What Athira has to say

Meanwhile, Athira Krishnan has given a complaint to the Inspector General of Police against Commissioner AV George and Kozhikode city Special Branch Assistant Commissioner of Police Sudarshan.

In her complaint to the IG, Athira says that she is a 31-year-old staying in an apartment alone according to her own will.

"As a 31-year-old, I have the right to live in an apartment alone. The city police chief has written that another person has made me stay here and he is a regular visitor here. Stating this reason, my friend Umesh was suspended. Am staying alone and none of my friends are regular visitors here. Even if someone visits me, that is not a crime. My individuality and self respect was tarnished by Commissioner AV George with the suspension order. He was taking revenge against Umesh by victimiz-

ing me. I kindly request you to take action against him for insulting and defaming me in a public document," Athira's complaint to IG, North Zone Kozhikode city says.

Athira has also given another complaint against Special Branch ACP Sudarshan who, along with another police officer, visited her apartment and took her statement without the presence of a lady officer. The statement was taken based on the complaint filed by her mother.

Athira says she had issues with her family which forced her to move out of her parent's home and live alone.

"He (Sudarshan) also made a comment that I don't look the same as I looked in the photo, indicating my complexion and body. Two male officers visited the apartment where I live alone and they threatened me and took my statement," she says. Yahoo news

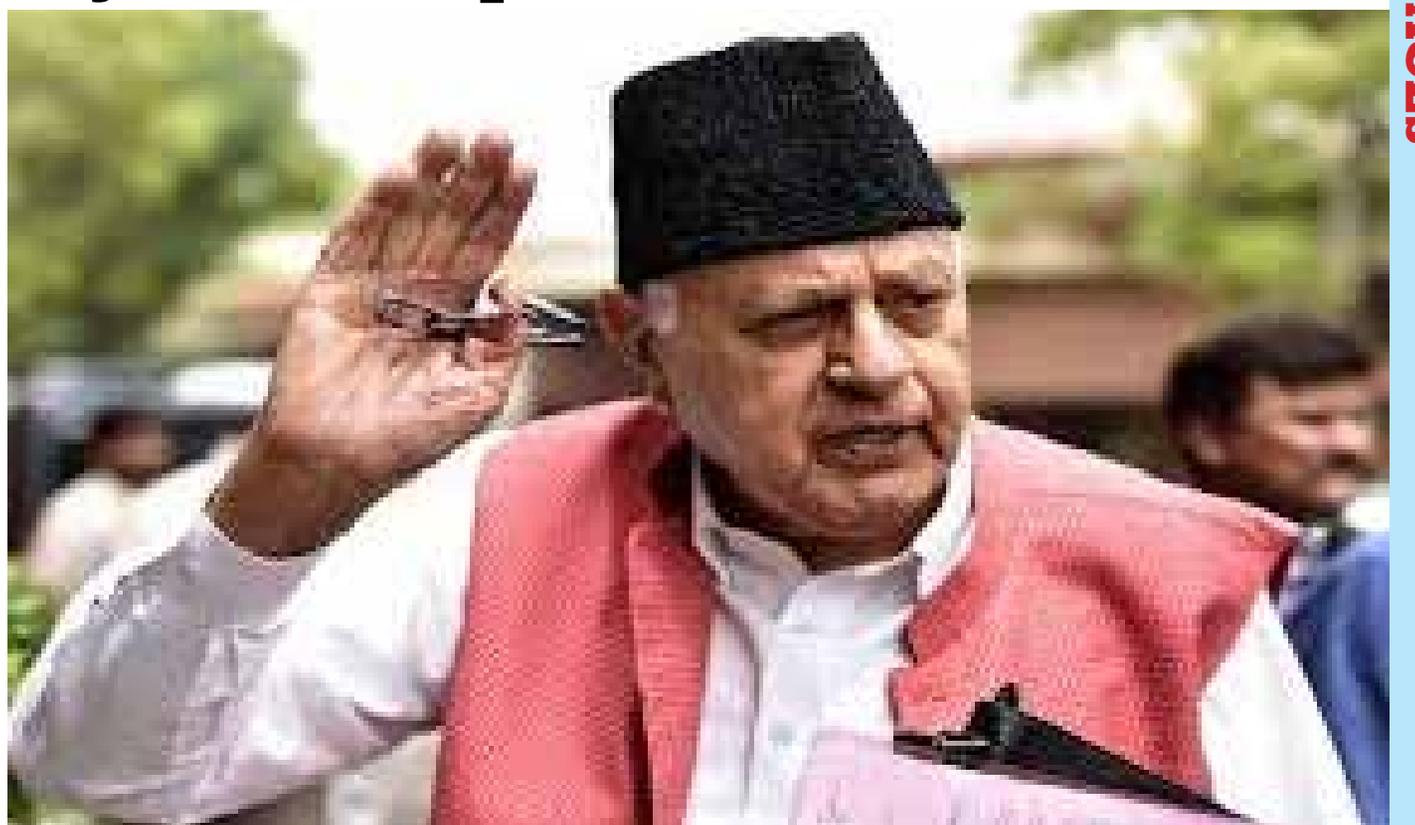
## Article 370 should be restored for peace in J-K: Farooq Abdullah

New Delhi [India], September 22 (ANI): National Conference leader Farooq Abdullah said that revocation of Article 370 should be taken back and Jammu and Kashmir's statehood restored for bringing "peace".

Abdullah, who spoke briefly in the Lok Sabha, said there was a need to think about the steps taken on August 5 last year.

"Encounter is going on in central Kashmir even today. There is no peace. Until we don't think that the step we have taken on August 5 last year...peace will come only when those steps are taken back. There can be no peace without it," Abdullah said.

The Parliament had in August last year approved a resolution to repeal Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir and passed a bill for bifurcation of the state into two union territories- Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. Yahoo news



# OCTOBER 2020 monthly horoscope

**Aries (March 21st – April 20th)** You'll certainly be fulfilling your need to be independent. Conversations, debates and finding a mentor all figure in. The work scene is pleasant. Watch the tendency to overindulge in food and drink. By months' end, you could find a partnership/relationship turning romantic. After the 15th, your mind will want to probe subjects intensely and penetrate deep spiritual truths. After the 22nd, you may experience the "death" and then rebirth of some personal aspect. After the 24th, make sure groups and friends you are involved with are worth your time and effort. Be sure you are associating with like-minded others! The 27th brings awareness to address your finances and/or current set of values



**Taurus (April 20th – May 21st)** Your ability to be resourceful and productive is being tested on the work front. Your workload has probably doubled. Keep on the lookout for increased opportunities for advancement through October 2020. Health should be excellent during this period. Romantic and creative pursuits get a loving boost but by months' end, the emphasis shifts to increased cooperation from co-workers and superiors. After the 13th would be a good time to begin new projects that either enhance your work environment or improve your health. The 15th brings the beginning of intense and probing communications in partnership/relationships. After the 24th, you may become involved with spiritual or occult matters within your career, or you could decide your present calling is not adequate. The 27th brings illumination to some personal issue.



**Gemini (May 21st – June 21st)** This month you'll find yourself in the mood to play. Your inner cruise director is working overtime to choose between romance, creativity or pleasurable pursuits. You'll be busy enhancing the appearance of your home or perhaps entertaining guests. By the end of the month, you'll really be in the mood for having a good time. The new moon on the 13th would be good for starting new creative projects that use your artistic ability. After the 15th, you'll be more involved with mental work and be paying more attention to detail. Communications increase with employers and employees. New health regimens will be considered. A good time to start a sensible diet. After the 24th, your interests may be stimulated to connect with higher consciousness and spiritual truths. The 27th brings awareness to some mystical or spiritual discipline or emotional issue.



**Cancer (June 21st – July 23rd)** The home front becomes your strategic command center! You might as well have a revolving door with all the comings and goings. Numerous visitors, nostalgic conversations, lively debates, renovations and expansion are all part of the scenario. Precise, well thought out communications give way to the tendency to overindulge in food and drink. Family disputes begin to be settled. The new moon on the 13th would be a good time to begin a project involving family or strengthening your security and/or foundation. After the 15th, you'll begin to express your thoughts and communicate them with others emotionally. Mental activities will appeal to you. After the 24th, you'll be drawn once again to exploring the hidden aspects of the universe. The 27th brings enlightenment to personal goals/dreams and/or to some group activity or cause you are involved in.



**Leo (July 23rd – August 23rd)** The universe is asking you to use your inborn need to creatively express yourself and be appreciated by others in your everyday environment. The pace of your daily routine has surely gone into warp speed! Your plans for the future are becoming larger and more expansive. Examining your personal values, being drawn to things of beauty and the urge to shop 'til you drop give way to discovering the considerate amount of love in your everyday world. Which one of you will receive a special "proposal"? After the 15th, thoughts turn toward the home front, family, and considering the strength of your personal security and foundation. After the 24th, you may find yourself having to look more realistically at partnerships/relationships. Some may take on higher spiritual quality. The 27th brings awareness to issues concerning career or projecting the public image you desire.



**Virgo (August 23rd – September 23rd)** You'll be using your inborn talent to meticulously analyze your finances, your ability to make money, and your self-worth. You'll undoubtedly discover ways to function more efficiently. Be sure and set aside some money for sudden unexpected expenses. Personal Venusian pursuits give way to the ability to attract material possessions, money and people. Financial opportunities may arise. Guard against overspending. The new moon on the 13th is a good time to start a project to increase your net worth. After the 15th, you'll pursue communications in your everyday environment in a more powerful and cathartic manner. After the 24th, you may realize the need to heighten your awareness and sensitivity to your physical self, or perhaps fellow employees may not

clearly understand your actions. The 27th illuminates the need to take a break from your daily life on some level.



**Libra (September 23rd – October 22nd)** Happy Birthday you charming, diplomatic, artistic children of the zodiac! What a way to start your new yearly astrological cycle with so much planetary energy in your birth sign. You are truly on center stage as you have a lot to communicate. Extra opportunities and luck come your way through October 2020. Hopefully, you've begun some new creative projects. You have an extra boost of energy to move you forward until the middle of November. After the 15th you'll intensely reexamine your values – materially, intellectually and spiritually. After the 22nd, finances and personal values need to be addressed. Are they serving your needs or are you serving theirs? An inspirational romance or project could begin after the 24th. Joint finances, taxes, or intense personal issues could be illuminated on the 27th. By months' end, you enhance your appearance or completely change it.



**Scorpio (October 22nd – November 21st)** Do you feel like a volcano bubbling and boiling ready to erupt? All this Libra planetary energy is immersed in a house for you where things are often vague and unclear. Irritability is heightened. Engage in some form of mental and physical exercise to ease the tension. You have a guardian angel on your shoulder until October 2020. A good month to pursue goals and dreams, participate in group activities, or spend more time with friends. After the 15th, you'll share what's been on your mind the last month. Your new yearly astrological cycle begins on the 22nd. Unclear issues concerning the home front or family could arise after the 24th. The 27th brings enlightenment to the need to address issues in some partnership/relationship. You might discover a secret admirer by month's end!



**Sagittarius (November 21st – December 21st)** An excellent month to pursue your goals and dreams in life, to participate in group activities and causes perhaps to the point of taking a leading role, and to spend time with friends and make new ones. The new moon on the 13th would be a great time to begin a new project in this area of your life. After the 15th, meditation would serve you well and help you connect to your higher spiritual self and beliefs. After the 22nd, you begin your yearly period of getting in touch with

your subconscious mind. Your astrological year is ending. It's time to review and revise to prepare for new growth next "year." A strong interest concerning mystical or occult subjects could arise after the 24th. The 27th could bring revelations regarding daily work or health concerns. Months' end brings new romantic interests one of who might be a friend.



**Capricorn (December 21st – January 19th)** Ok, you industrious, highly organized sea goats, your career and/or public image is receiving a lot of universal energy. Time to further define and reassess what you want. Additional opportunities or just plain luck come in these areas through October 2020 – take advantage! Authority figures are watching. Rewards could be great – especially by months' end – or those putting forth the extra effort. The new moon on the 13th is an opportune time to plant seeds for a new project to enhance your career and/or public image. After the 15th, you'll be expressing your ideas and opinions, in a direct and penetrating manner, in group activities and with friends. Your sense of values may take on a heightened spiritual tone after the 24th. Illumination is given regarding some creative or romantic endeavour on the 27th.



**Aquarius (January 19th – February 19th)** A lot of planetary energy is activating the area in your chart that involves higher education and philosophical ideas. Time to pursue a new course of study, take a journey to foreign lands, or simply interact with foreign people to expand your universal vision and help nurture your inborn need to create social change. After the 13th would be an opportune time to initiate new activities in these areas. Most of the month you may find yourself craving intense emotional encounters that will stir your deepest passions. By months' end, you'll be longing for places with breath-taking vistas or find a foreigner has captured your heart. After the 15th, you'll be thinking and communicating intensely about career matters or your public image. You may find yourself more compassionate towards others after the 24th. Issues on the home front may arise on the 27th.



**Pisces (February 19th – March 21st)** Your ruling planet Neptune turns direct this month. You now continue to pursue outwardly your inborn intuitive spiritual desire to move humanity forward to a higher plane of existence. What a time to come out of "hibernation" with so much planetary energy driving you to pursue so much intensity in your life.

**MATRIMONY**

**FEMALE**  
 Looking for my Niece  
 Hijabi / Beard: Yes /No  
 Age: 25  
 Height: 5.3  
 Education: masters in Business management  
 Profession: HR lead  
 Residence: Basheerbagh Hyderabad  
 Legal Status: Indian  
 Marital status: single  
 Religious Sect:Sunni  
 Family: Well reputed family from Hyderabad Deccan

**LOOKING FOR: MALE**  
 Hijabi / Beard: Yes /No  
 Age: more than 26 years  
 Height: any  
 Education: any  
 Profession:well settled  
 Residence: any  
 Legal Status: any  
 Marital Status: single  
 Religious Sect:Sunni

WhatsApp #65 -8511 3147

**FEMALE**  
 Hijabi :No  
 Age: 43  
 Height: 5.5  
 Marital status: Divorced  
 Legal Status: Citizen  
 Education: MS in CSE from NCSU  
 Profession: Software Architect In a Bank  
 Residence: Birmingham  
 Religious Sect: Sunni  
 Language: Urdu  
 Ethnicity: Indian  
 Family: Indian

**LOOKING FOR: MALE**  
 Beard: No problems  
 Age: 35-50  
 Height: Any  
 Marital Status: Divorced or Any  
 Legal Status:  
 Education: Any PReferably Bachelors and Masters  
 Profession:  
 Residence:  
 Religious Sect:  
 Ethnicity:  
 Contact:  
 WhatsApp #205 617 4149

**Female**  
 Hijabi : Yes  
 Age: 21  
 Height: 5'8"  
 Marital status: unmarried  
 Legal Status: Born US Citizen  
 Education: MS (Student)  
 Profession: Education Field  
 Residence: Maryland  
 Religious Sect: Sunni  
 Language: English/Urdu  
 Ethnicity: Hyderabad/Indian  
 Family:  
 Father : Engineer  
 Mother: Teacher  
 Three Brothers (Older)

**\*LOOKING FOR: MALE \***  
 Beard: Yes  
 Age: 23 - 26  
 Height: 5' 9" Above  
 Marital Status: Unmarried  
 Legal Status: Born US Citizen  
 Education: MS or BS  
 Profession: Any  
 Residence: US ( Preferred East coast)  
 Religious Sect: Sunni  
 Ethnicity: Any  
 Contact: Parent  
 WhatsApp # 4432424105

**FEMALE N.B**  
 Hijabi /No  
 Age: 28  
 Height: 5'5  
 Education:Bachelors Degree in Business administartion and management  
 Profession:Human Resource Assistant  
 Residence: New Jersey Woodbridge  
 Legal Status: US citizen  
 Marital status: Single  
 Religious Sect: Sunni  
 Language: Urdu,Punjabi, English  
 Ethnicity: Pakistani  
 Family: Parents and 2 brothers , 1 sister

**LOOKING FOR: MALE**  
 Beard: yes an short one  
 Age: 28-33  
 Height:5'5-6'0  
 Education:Bachelors or Masters Degree  
 Profession:Any descent profession  
 Residence: only USA prefer Tristate area  
 Legal Status:Us citizens or Greencard holder  
 Marital Status:Single  
 Religious Sect:Sunni  
 Ethnicity:Pakistani  
 Contact:Mother  
 WhatsApp # 631 951 8824

**FEMALE**  
 Hijabi: Yes  
 Age: 23  
 Height: 5'4  
 Education: Associate degree in Graphic design(on going)  
 Profession: Student  
 Residence: Virginia  
 Legal Status: US Citizen  
 Marital status: Never Married  
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim  
 Language: English and Urdu  
 Ethnicity: Indian, Hyderabad  
 Family: Parents and two younger brothers  
 Has sweet loving nature, enjoys baking and reading books. Family oriented and kids love her. Self efficient and independent. Moderately religious but with strong Islamic values.

**LOOKING FOR: MALE**  
 Beard: Short beard or no beard, both are acceptable  
 Age: 26-29  
 Height: 5'10 and above  
 Education: Masters or higher  
 Profession: Doctor, IT, Data Scientist, Cyber Security, Pharmacist  
 Residence: No preference  
 Legal Status: US Citizen  
 Marital Status: Never Married  
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim, Prays Namaz and keeps Fasts. Moderately religious but has strong Islamic values.  
 Ethnicity: Indian or Pakistani  
 Contact: Father  
 WhatsApp #732-887-4379

**FEMALE**  
 Hijabi: No  
 Age: 32 ( look younger) Ma shaa Allah  
 Height: 5.7  
 Education: graduated as pre medical student (hoping to get further education in field of optometry in shaa Allah).  
 Profession: not working  
 Residence: Kentucky  
 Legal Status: US Citizen  
 Marital status: never married nor engaged  
 Religious Sect: Sunni Syed  
 Language: Urdu, English  
 Ethnicity: Pakistani Karachi ( she was born and raised in karachi Pakistan)  
 Family: parents , one brother and two sisters Ma shaa Allah

**LOOKING FOR: MALE**  
 Beard: doesn't matter  
 Age: 32 to 40  
 Height: above 5.8  
 Education: Doctor, Engineer, or Masters  
 Profession: can be any as long as earning halal  
 Residence: Any ( my daughter is willing to relocate).  
 Legal Status: can be citizen, green card holder, work permit or other legal Work status.  
 Marital Status: ONLY never married  
 Religious Sect: Sunni  
 Ethnicity: Only Pakistani  
 Contact father: 5024187318

**Female: Non Hijab**  
 Name: KG  
 Age: jun 94  
 Height: 5'4  
 Residence: Maryland  
 Education: Bachelors in Biological Sciences Neurobiology & Physiology  
 Legal Status: US citizen  
 Marital status: Never married  
 Ethnicity: Pakistani  
 Religious Sect: Sunni  
 Family: parents, younger brothers , younger sister  
 Language: English, Urdu  
 Hobbies: Reading, traveling, hiking, trying new things/food, staying active (currently doing Masters in public health policy analysis and evaluation)

**LOOKING FOR:**  
 Age: 27 to 32  
 Height: 5'6 or taller  
 Residence: US  
 Education: Bachelors/Masters  
 Profession: N/A  
 Legal Status: US Citizen  
 Marital Status: Never Married  
 Religious Sect: Sunni  
 Contact at: +1301-515-2755

**ASAK.** Looking rishta for my 23 years old daughter.  
 DOB: 1996  
 Height: 5'2"  
 Education: Bachelors in Statistics from University of Illinois,Urbana champagne. Graduated in May 2019.  
 Work: Campus selection from a fortune 100 tech company.  
 Open for relocation.  
 Job position:  
 Official title is solutions integration manager.  
 Mix of data engineering & project management.  
 Sect: Sunni  
 Religious inclination: Moderate  
 Non hijabi  
 Family: Well educated parents and two older brothers.  
 Looking for someone from 24 to 27 only  
 From a well educated family.  
 Boy should be in gud professional job.  
 US citizens only.  
 If interested please contact mom on what-sapp: 614 747 5526  
 Initially only text please.

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**MATRIMONY**

Beard Yes  
 Age 1986  
 Height 5'11"  
 Education Bachelors in Pharmacy from Hyderabad  
 Two years Pharmacy Technician course from Canada.  
 Profession Pharmacy Technician in Hospital Toronto  
 Residence Toronto  
 Legal status PR holder Applied for Citizenship  
 Marital status unmarried  
 Religious sect Sunni  
 Languages English Urdu Hindi  
 Ethnicity Indian  
 Family Father Doctor  
 Mother House wife  
 Two Sisters Married  
 Brother one  
**LOOKING FOR FEMALE**  
 Hijabi No  
 Age 26 to 32 years  
 Height Above 5'3"  
 Education Bachelors and above  
 Profession Any  
 Residence Canada  
 Legal status Citizen/PR holder  
 Marital status unmarried  
 Religious sect Sunni  
 Ethnicity Indian/Pakistani  
 Contact  
 WhatsApp 00919951771531

Name: MMAB  
 Age: 31  
 Height: 5.8  
 Residence : USA  
 Education: Bachelor of Engineering (OS-MANIA)  
 Profession: I.T Engineer  
 Legal Status: H1B  
 Marital status : Never married  
 Ethnicity: Indian (Hyd)  
 Religious Sect: Sunni  
 Family:  
 Father expired. Mother house wife  
 4 brothers and 1 youngest sister. 1 elder brother married  
 Language: Urdu, Eng, Arabic  
 Hobbies: gym, sports  
 Hijabi: N.A  
**LOOKING FOR:**  
 Age : less than 27  
 Height: 5.3 to 5.6  
 Residence: Hyd or USA  
 Education: Any  
 Profession: N.A  
 Legal Status: Any  
 Marital Status: Never married  
 Religious Sect: Sunni  
 Hijabi: Preferred  
 Ethnicity: Indian, hyderabad preferred  
 Contact:  
 Mother: +91 81428 03081  
 Brother: +966 54 575 3488  
 USA: +19283068704

Age: 29 years  
 Height: 5'9"  
 Residence : San Francisco, CA  
 Education: Masters in Computer Science  
 Profession : Software Engineer  
 Marital status : Single (Never Married)  
 Legal Status : Work Permit  
 Ethnicity: Indian Hyderabad , raised in Saudi Arabia  
 Religion: Sunni Hanafi Muslim  
 Father : Civil Engineer  
 Mother : Home maker  
 Sibling : Younger brother  
 Language: Urdu, Arabic, Hindi & English  
 Hobbies: Sports, traveling , hiking , gym and spending time with family and friends.  
**LOOKING FOR:**  
 Age : 22 to 30 years  
 Height: 5'3" and above  
 Residence: US Citizen/ Canadian Citizen Only  
 Education: High School, Bachelors, MBBS/ MD, Engineer, Teacher  
 Marital Status: Single ( Never Married)  
 Religion: Sunni Hanafi Muslim  
 Legal Status : US Citizen/ Canadian Citizen Only  
 Ethnicity: Indian / Pakistani  
 Serious inquires only  
 If you match these requirements then only message parents on WhatsApp : +1 (469) 773-9419 ; 408-800-1423

Male  
 Age: 30  
 Height: 5'11"  
 Education: BCOM and MBA from Hyderabad, India.  
 Masters in Information Technology from US  
 Profession: Looking for a new project in IT but in the mean time working as a front desk administrator  
 Residence: Virginia, USA  
 Legal Status: OPT  
 Marital status: Never Married  
 Religious Sect: Sunni  
 Language: English and Urdu  
 Ethnicity: Indian (Hyderabad)  
 Family: 3 brothers and 3 sisters, All the siblings are married and settled  
  
**LOOKING FOR: FEMALE**  
 Must be a Hijaabi, and Niqaabi (Preferred)  
  
 Age: 20 and above  
 Height: 5'2 or more and slim  
 Education: any  
 Profession: any  
 Residence: any  
 Legal Status: USA citizen or Canadian citizen  
 Marital Status: Never Married  
 Religious Sect: sunni  
 WhatsApp #613222443

Male  
 Beard: Yes  
 Age: 27  
 Height: 5'11"  
 Education: Hafiz e Quran and persuing Masters in Computer Science Engineering (UK)  
 Profession: IT  
 Residence: Baltimore, MD, US  
 Legal Status: B1B2  
 Marital status: Never Married  
 Religious Sect: Sunni, Muslim  
 Language: Urdu, Hindi, English  
 Ethnicity: Hyd, Indian  
 Family: Parents US Permanent resident, 1 sister married US Citizen  
  
**LOOKING FOR: FEMALE**  
 Hijabi: Yes  
 Age: 18-27  
 Height: Any  
 Education: Any  
 Profession: Any  
 Residence: US  
 Legal Status: PR/Citizen  
 Marital Status: Never married  
 Religious Sect: Sunni, Muslim  
 Ethnicity: Indian/Pakistani  
 Contact: 443-985-8481  
 WhatsApp # 443-985-7800

Male  
 Beard: No  
 Age: 30  
 Height: 5' 4"  
 Education: Masters IT/CS  
 Profession: IT Analyst  
 Residence: Chicago Suburb  
 Legal Status: H1 Visa  
 Marital status: Divorced, No Kids  
 Religious Sect: Sunni  
 Language: Urdu, English  
 Ethnicity: Indian (Hyderabad)  
 Family: Mother, 2 sisters (Married) lives in India and 1 Brother (Married) Lives in USA  
  
**LOOKING FOR: FEMALE**  
 Hijabi: Yes  
 Age: 20 - 27  
 Height: 4' 9" - 5' 5"  
 Education: Any Graduate  
 Profession: Any, not working is fine.  
 Residence: USA or Hyderabad  
 Legal Status: Any  
 Marital Status: Unmarried  
 Religious Sect: Any  
 Ethnicity: Any  
 Contact: 1 415 598 8577  
 WhatsApp # 1 415 598 8577

MALE  
 Beard: Yes  
 Age: 26  
 Raised in UAE  
 Height: 5.7"  
 Education: BE, MS Industrial Engineering from USA  
 Working in TOYOTA company  
 Residence: TEXAS  
 Legal status: OPT  
 Marital status: Never married  
 Religious sect: Sunni  
 Language: Arabic Urdu English  
 Ethnicity: Indian Hyderabad  
 Family: Father mother and siblings  
  
**LOOKING FOR: FEMALE**  
 Hijabi: Yes  
 Age: 20—25  
 Height: 5.2"—5.6"  
 Education: Any  
 Profession: Any  
 Residence: Any  
 Legal status: Gulf born, GC, PR, Cityzen  
 Marital status: Never married  
 Religious sect: Muslim  
 Ethnicity: Indian/Pakistani  
 Contact: 971507116717

Male  
 Beard: No  
 Age: 27  
 Height: 5'8"  
 Education: Bachelors in Cyber Security  
 Profession: Cyber Security Engineer  
 Residence: TX, U.S.A  
 Legal Status: U.S Citizen  
 Marital status: Never married  
 Religious Sect: Sunni  
 Language: English, Urdu  
 Ethnicity: Indian Hyderabad  
 Family: Parents. 3 brothers, 1 sister.  
  
**LOOKING FOR: FEMALE**  
 Hijabi : Yes  
 Age: 21 - 25  
 Height: Any  
 Education: Any  
 Profession: Any  
 Residence: U.S or Canada  
 Legal Status: Citizen or Green card holder  
 Marital Status: Never married  
 Religious Sect: Sunni  
 Ethnicity: Indian  
 Contact: 469-200-9613

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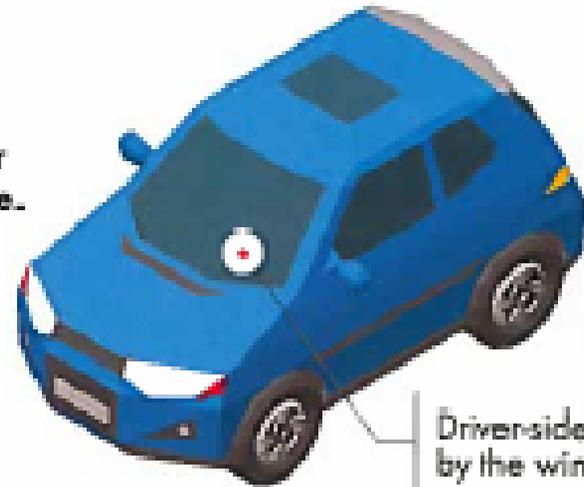
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## Will Smith pays sweet tribute to Fresh Prince of Bel-Air co-star Alfonso Ribeiro

Will Smith has paid tribute to his Fresh Prince of Bel-Air co-star Alfonso Ribeiro to mark his 49th birthday.

The pair played cousins Will and Carlton in the hit '90s sitcom, and it looks like they're still just as close in real life.

Taking to Instagram, Smith shared an image of the two of them laughing and wrote: "Yo, Alf! Happy Birthday to you my guy. I've known you for over 30 birthdays! Through tears and laughter. Through questionable fashion choices and the inevitable glow up. "Wishing U health & happiness on your next trip around the sun. You are the definition of Ride or Die."

The image Smith posted appears to have been taken from the upcoming Fresh Prince reunion, which is coming soon to HBO Max in celebration of the show's 30th anniversary.

In a post earlier this month, Smith shared an image of himself and Ribeiro with original cast members Daphne Maxwell Reid (Aunt Viv), DJ Jazzy Jeff (Jazz), Tatyana

Ali (Ashley), Karyn Parsons (Hilary) and Joseph Marcell (Geoffrey).

He captioned the post: "Today is exactly 30 YEARS since The @FreshPrince of Bel-Air debuted! So we're doin' something for y'all... a for real Banks Family Reunion is comin' soon to @HBOMax! RIP James."

Elsewhere, streaming service Peacock recently ordered two seasons of the Fresh Prince of Bel-Air reboot, which will see the classic sitcom reimagined as a drama series.

The new take on the show, which is directed by Morgan Cooper, first caught Smith's eye back in April 2019, and just 18 months later, they're now ready to bring the concept to the small screen.

The original Fresh Prince of Bel-Air is available to watch on Amazon Prime Video.

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## China sentences property tycoon Ren Zhiqiang to 18 years in prison for criticising Xi Jinping on COVID-19 response

Beijing: The former chairman of a state-owned real estate company who publicly criticized President Xi Jinping's handling of the coronavirus pandemic was sentenced to 18 years in prison on Tuesday on corruption charges, a court announced.

Ren Zhiqiang, who became known for speaking up about censorship and other sensitive topics, disappeared from public view in March after publishing an essay online that accused Xi of mishandling the outbreak that began in December in the central city of Wuhan.

Xi, party leader since 2012, has suppressed criticism, tightened censorship and cracked down on unofficial organizations. Dozens of journalists, labor and human rights activists and others have been imprisoned.

Ren, 69, was convicted of corruption, bribery, embezzlement of public funds and abuse of power, the Beijing No. 2 Intermediate People's Court announced on its social me-

dia account. It cited Ren as saying he wouldn't appeal.

The former chairman and deputy party secretary of Huayuan Group was expelled from the ruling party in July.

In a commentary that circulated on social media, Ren criticized a 23 February video conference with 170,000 officials held early in the pandemic at which Xi announced orders for responding to the disease.

Ren didn't mention Xi's name but said, "standing there was not an emperor showing off his new clothes but a clown who had stripped off his clothes and insisted on being an emperor."

Ren criticized propaganda that portrayed Xi and other leaders as rescuing China from the disease without mentioning where it began and possible mistakes including suppressing information at the start of the outbreak.



"People did not see any criticism at the conference. It didn't investigate and disclose the truth," Ren wrote, according to a copy published by China Digital Times, a website in California. "No one reviewed or took responsibility. But they are trying to cover up the truth with all kinds of great achievements."

Ren had an early military career

and his parents were both former high officials in the Communist party. Some called him a princeling, a term for offspring of the founders of the communist government, a group that includes Xi.

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# Archaeologists unearthed 27 sarcophagi in an ancient Egyptian city of the dead. They've been sealed for more than 2,500 years.

Archaeologists found 27 new sarcophagi in an ancient city of the dead beneath Saqqara, Egypt.

The wooden coffins are perfectly sealed — they've remained undisturbed for 2,500 years since the bodies inside were mummified.

Last year, Egyptologists discovered a trove of mummified lion cubs, crocodiles, and cobras in Saqqara. More than two millennia ago, 27 Egyptians were laid to rest in Saqqara, an ancient city of the dead. Their organs were removed, and their bodies wrapped in linens. Priests placed them inside wooden boxes adorned with hieroglyphics.

The mummies stayed buried in those sarcophagi for 2,500 years — until their recent discovery by Egyptian archaeologists.

The finding is one of Egypt's largest in over a century.

It happened in two parts: In early September, Egypt's Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities announced more than a dozen coffins had been found in a burial shaft under the ancient city of Saqqara. Then two weeks later, the shaft yielded a second set of sarcophagi.

"Initial studies indicate that these coffins are completely closed and haven't been opened since they were buried," the ministry said in a Facebook post. How archaeologists found the sarcophagi, and other mummies buried beneath Saqqara.

The first finding that Egypt's Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities announced was a set of 13 sarcophagi found at the bottom of a 36-foot-deep shaft. Khaled El-Enany, Egypt's minister of tourism and antiquities, said on Twitter that finding the coffin cache was "an indescribable feeling. The shaft had three offshoots branching away from it, so El-Enany predicted at the time that more undiscovered were likely still buried in the shaft.

He was right: On Sunday, the ministry announced that archaeologists had found 14 more sarcophagi. That brought the total to 27. In a statement on Facebook, Egypt's Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities noted that this finding is "the largest number of coffins with one burial" discovered since a group of 30 coffins were unearthed at Al-Assasif cemetery in Luxor last year. Despite being buried for 2,500 years, the sarcophagi have retained most of their original paint and hieroglyphics. The coffins have been sealed since their burial. The

ministry has not yet opened them. The identities of the people inside the sarcophagi "have not been determined," the ministry said on Sunday, but suggested the question "will be answered over the next few days" as excavations continue. The coffins were found stacked on top of each other in the shaft. The archaeologists also uncovered various artifacts in the burial shaft, including small statues and figurines. They also uncovered a wooden obelisk just over a foot tall that's adorned with paintings of Egyptian gods and goddesses, CNN reported. The ancient Egyptians buried their dead in Saqqara — which is 20 miles south of Cairo in the Western Desert — for some 3,000 years. Saqqara was the necropolis, or city of the dead, for the ancient capital of Memphis. Its name likely derives from Sokar, the Memphite god of the dead. Saqqara is home to one of Egypt's oldest pyramids: the Step Pyramid of Djoser, which was built about 4,600 years ago. The architect Imhotep built the pyramid to house the remains of King Djoser, an ancient Egyptian pharaoh from the Third Dynasty. It was the first building ever made of stone, and it paved the way for other pyramids, including the Great Pyramid of Giza. The necropolis is replete with mummies. The Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities announced in 2018 that archaeologists had discovered a 4,400-year-old tomb in Saqqara. It belonged to a royal purification priest who served during the reign of King Nefer-Ir-Ka-Re. Researchers also unearthed a huge cache of animal mummies there in November 2019. They found two rare mummified lion cubs, as well as mummified birds, crocodiles, cats, cobras, and an enormous mummified scarab beetle. The mummified lion cubs are about 2,600 years old. The cubs were only eight months old when they were mummified. Other mummified wildcats were found alongside the two lions. "This is the first time [a] complete mummy of a lion or lion cub" has been found in Egypt, Mostafa Waziri, the secretary-general of Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities, said in a press conference.

Ancient Egyptians mummified and buried millions of animals, often treating creatures like hawks, cats, and crocodiles with the same reverence that they would a human corpse.

The Egyptians believed animals were reincarnations of gods, so they honored them by mummifying the creatures and worshipping these animals in temples. Mummified animals could also serve as offerings to those gods.

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HEALTH

# Relieve the shooting, burning pain of sciatica

There's a common misunderstanding about sciatic nerve pain—that excruciating burning, shooting, tingling pain that travels from your buttock, down your leg to your foot and toes.

Contrary to popular belief, sciatic nerve pain doesn't usually strike because of an injury to the sciatic nerve itself. Rather, it's caused by nerves in your spine.

Armed with this knowledge and the powerful, expert advice revealed in Finding Relief for Sciatica, you'll be better able to relieve your pain and prevent a repeat performance

What are the causes of sciatica? Most sciatic nerve pain is caused by inflammation of the spinal nerve roots in your lower back. Crystal clear illustrations help you visualize the causes of sciatic pain so you can more confidently apply proven remedies.

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pain? Take your pick! Finding Relief for Sciatica reveals hot and cold remedies... simple exercises that allow the nerve to heal...tension-relieving techniques that promote healing...and more.

Is it necessary to see a doctor? Not always. Discover the 7 warning signs that should signal a trip to the doctor...and when you should seek emergency care. When the shooting, burning, tingling pain of sciatica strikes, you need help fast. And once you've had an attack, you sure don't want it to return.

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This convenient one-stop online source brings you fast, easy-to-apply answers you need as close as your tablet, phone or desktop computer. For example:

Know your enemy: Detailed illustrations and clear explanations help you visualize

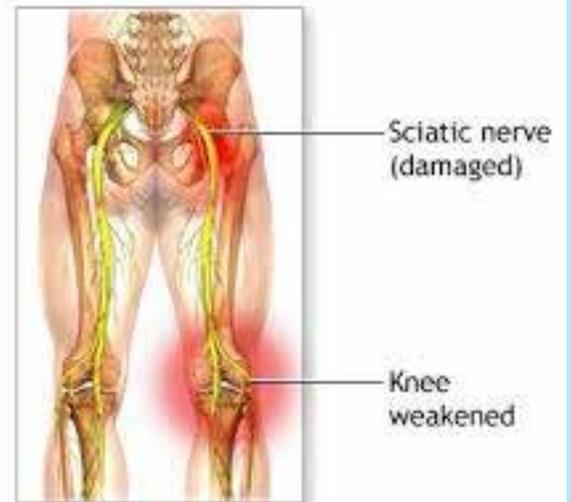
the causes of sciatica so you can more confidently apply proven home remedies.

Are you at risk? Anyone can experience sciatica, but research shows that there are five factors that increase your risk. Find out if you have one of them.

Easy-does-it stretches help lessen the pain and allow the nerve to heal. Discover the simple stretches that are particularly helpful for sciatica. Cold or heat? Ice packs and heat can both be used to treat sciatic pain and help you function better. Find out when to apply each and for how long for best results.

Top treatments doctors may prescribe: While most sciatica gets better on its own, a doctor may prescribe medications, physical therapy, injections or chiropractic adjustments. (Most people don't need sur-

Sciatic nerve damage



gery). Complete details in Finding Relief for Sciatica help you to make the most informed decisions. How to help prevent sciatica: Discover the best core exercises to help strengthen your spine...simple exercises to increase strength and flexibility...and stress-reduction techniques to help reduce pain.

# Get relief for stiff, aching hands

Your hands help you do everything from pouring a cup of coffee to typing on a keyboard to brushing your teeth. But when your hands hurt, it can make even the simplest task a painful ordeal. The major problems that affect hands and brings you the latest treatments for getting relief. The intricate architecture of tendons, joints, ligaments and nerves that make up your hands, so you can understand why you may be experiencing pain or are having difficulty gripping an object.

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The type of drug that may eliminate some people's need for hand surgery

The best way to get relief if you have Raynaud's syndrome

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What to do if you're diagnosed with "trigger finger"

5 diseases that make you more prone to carpal tunnel syndrome

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The habit that can cause your hands to swell and reduce grip strength

11 ways to prevent hand problems that come from using a computer

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Support your forearm on a table on a rolled-up towel for padding or on your knee, thumb upward. Move the hand straight up and down. Improve Your Hand Strength

This exercise can help improve pinch strength and stabilize the thumb joint in individuals with thumb osteoarthritis. NOTE: Do NOT do this exercise if you have carpal tunnel syndrome as it can worsen the condition.

Place a rubber band around a tennis ball. Place your index and middle fingers underneath the band as shown. While gently squeezing the ball, lift the index finger up and outward (toward the thumb side).



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# Mahatma Gandhi

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (2 October 1869 – 30 January 1948) was an Indian lawyer, anti-colonial nationalist, and political ethicist, who employed nonviolent resistance to lead the successful campaign for India's independence from British rule, and in turn inspired movements for civil rights and freedom across the world. The honorific Mahātmā (Sanskrit: "great-souled", "venerable"), first applied to him in 1914 in South Africa, is now used throughout the world.

Born and raised in a Hindu family in coastal Gujarat, western India, Gandhi trained in law at the Inner Temple, London, and was called to the bar at age 22 in June 1891. After two uncertain years in India, where he was unable to start a successful law practice, he moved to South Africa in 1893 to represent an Indian merchant in a lawsuit. He went on to stay for 21 years. It was in South Africa that Gandhi raised a family, and first employed nonviolent resistance in a campaign for civil rights. In 1915, aged 45, he returned to India. He set about organising peasants, farmers, and urban labourers to protest against excessive land-tax and discrimination. Assuming leadership of the Indian National Congress in 1921, Gandhi led nationwide campaigns for easing poverty, expanding women's rights, building religious and ethnic amity, ending untouchability, and above all for achieving Swaraj or self-rule.

The same year Gandhi adopted the Indian loincloth, or short dhoti and, in the winter, a shawl, both woven with yarn hand-spun on a traditional Indian spinning wheel, or charkha, as a mark of identification with India's rural poor. Thereafter, he lived modestly in a self-sufficient residential community, ate simple vegetarian food, and undertook long fasts as a means of self-purification and political protest. Bringing anti-colonial nationalism to the common Indians, Gandhi led them in challenging the British-imposed salt tax with the 400 km (250 mi) Dandi Salt March in 1930, and later in calling for the British to Quit India in 1942. He was imprisoned for many years, upon many occasions, in both South Africa and India.

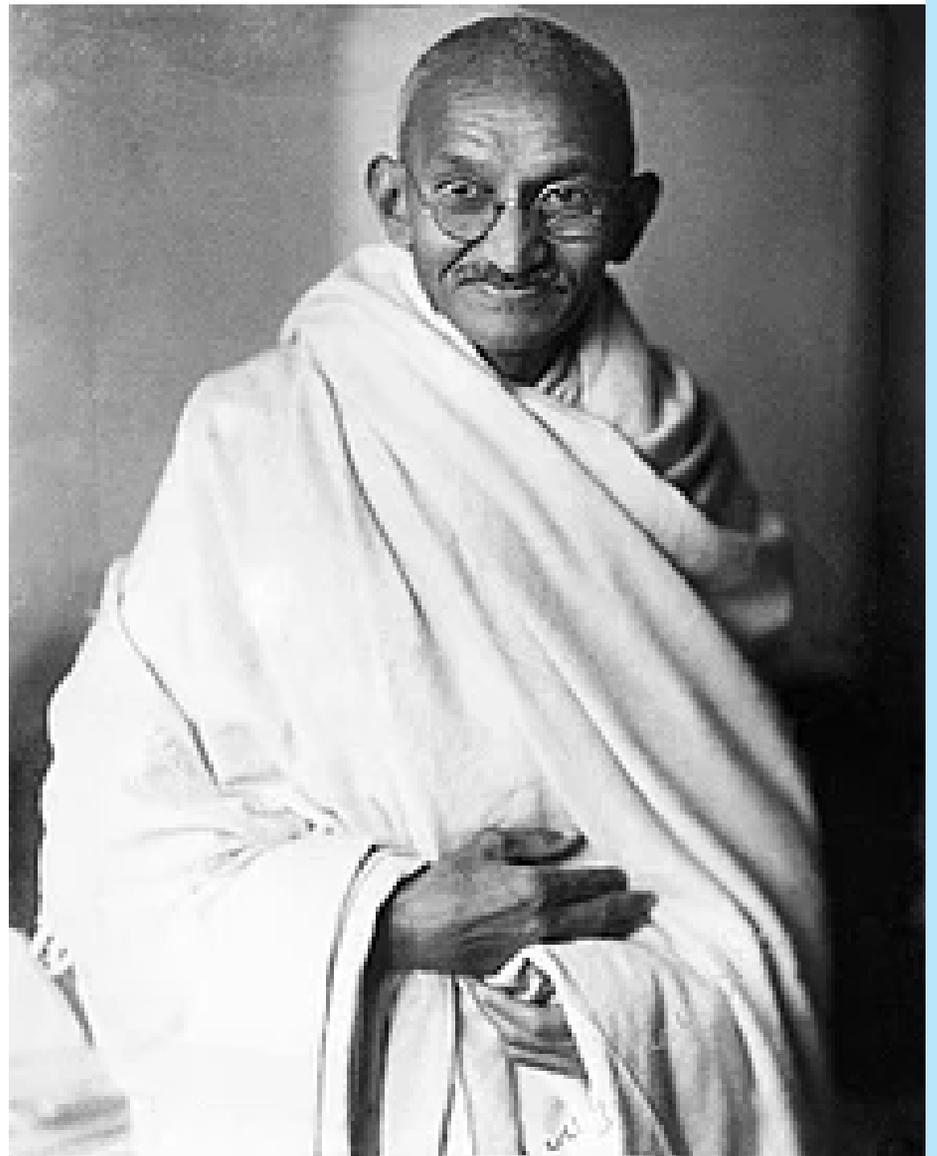
Gandhi's vision of an independent India based on religious pluralism was challenged in the early 1940s by a new Muslim nationalism which was demanding a separate Muslim homeland carved out of India. In August 1947, Britain granted independence, but the British Indian Empire was partitioned into two dominions, a Hindu-majority India and Muslim-majority Pakistan. As many displaced Hindus, Muslims, and Sikhs made their way to their new lands, religious violence broke out, especially in the Punjab and Bengal. Eschewing the official celebration of independence in Delhi, Gandhi visited the affected areas, attempting to provide solace. In the months following, he undertook several fasts unto death to stop religious violence. The last of these, undertaken on 12 January 1948 when he was 78, also had the indirect goal of pressuring India to pay out some cash assets owed to Pakistan. Some Indians thought Gandhi was too accommodat-

ing. Among them was Nathuram Godse, a Hindu nationalist, who assassinated Gandhi on 30 January 1948 by firing three bullets into his chest.

Gandhi's birthday, 2 October, is commemorated in India as Gandhi Jayanti, a national holiday, and worldwide as the International Day of Nonviolence. Gandhi is commonly, though not formally, considered the Father of the Nation in India and was commonly called Bapu[16] (Gujarati: endearment for father, papa)

Early life and background

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was born on 2 October 1869 into an Gujarati Modh Bania family of the Vaishya varnain Porbandar (also known as Sudamapuri), a coastal town on the Kathiawar Peninsula and then part of the small princely state of Porbandar in the Kathiawar Agency of the Indian Empire. His father, Karamchand Uttamchand Gandhi (1822–1885), served as the diwan (chief minister) of Porbandar state. Although he only had an elementary education and had previously been a clerk in the state administration, Karamchand proved a capable chief minister. During his tenure, Karamchand married four times. His first two wives died young, after each had given birth to a daughter, and his third marriage was childless. In 1857, Karamchand sought his third wife's permission to remarry; that year, he married Putlibai (1844–1891), who also came from Junagadh and was from a Pranami Vaishnava family. Karamchand and Putlibai had three children over the ensuing decade: a son, Laxmidas (c. 1860–1914); a daughter, Raliatbehn (1862–1960); and another son, Karsandas (c. 1866–1913). On 2 October 1869, Putlibai gave birth to her last child, Mohandas, in a dark, windowless ground-floor room of the Gandhi family residence in Porbandar city. As a child, Gandhi was described by his sister Raliat as "restless as mercury, either playing or roaming about. One of his favourite pastimes was twisting dogs' ears." The Indian classics, especially the stories of Shrivana and king Harishchandra, had a great impact on Gandhi in his childhood. In his autobiography, he admits that they left an indelible impression on his mind. He writes: "It haunted me and I must have acted Harishchandra to myself times without number." Gandhi's early self-identification with truth and love as supreme values is traceable to these epic characters. The family's religious background was eclectic. Gandhi's father Karamchand was Hindu and his mother Putlibai was from a Pranami Vaishnava Hindu family. Gandhi's father was of Modh Baniya caste in the varna of Vaishya. His mother came from the medieval Krishna bhakti-based Pranami tradition, whose religious texts include the Bhagavad Gita, the Bhagavata Purana, and a collection of 14 texts with teachings that the tradition believes to include the essence of the Vedas, the Quran and the Bible. Gandhi was deeply influenced by his mother, an extremely pious lady who "would not think of taking her meals without her daily prayers... she would take the hardest vows and keep them without flinching. To keep two or three consecutive fasts was noth-



ing to her." In 1874, Gandhi's father Karamchand left Porbandar for the smaller state of Rajkot, where he became a counsellor to its ruler, the Thakur Sahib; though Rajkot was a less prestigious state than Porbandar, the British regional political agency was located there, which gave the state's diwan a measure of security. In 1876, Karamchand became diwan of Rajkot and was succeeded as diwan of Porbandar by his brother Tulsidas. His family then rejoined him in Rajkot.

Gandhi (right) with his eldest brother Laxmidas in 1886. At age 9, Gandhi entered the local school in Rajkot, near his home. There he studied the rudiments of arithmetic, history, the Gujarati language and geography. At age 11, he joined the High School in Rajkot. He was an average student, won some prizes, but was a shy and tongue-tied student, with no interest in games; his only companions were books and school lessons.

In May 1883, the 13-year-old Mohandas was married to 14-year-old Kasturba Makhanji Kapadia (her first name was usually shortened to "Kasturba", and affectionately to "Ba") in an arranged marriage, according to the custom of the region at that time. In the process, he lost a year at school but was later allowed to make up by accelerating his studies. His wedding was a joint event, where his brother and cousin were also married. Recalling the day of their marriage, he once said, "As we didn't know much about marriage, for us it meant only wearing new clothes, eating sweets and playing with relatives." As was prevailing tradition, the adolescent bride was to spend much time at her parents' house, and away from her husband

Writing many years later, Mohandas described with regret the lustful feelings he felt for his young bride, "even at school I used to think of her, and the thought of nightfall and our subsequent meeting was ever haunting me." He later recalled feeling jealous and possessive of her, such as when she would visit a temple with her girlfriends, and being sexually lustful in his feelings for her.

In late 1885, Gandhi's father Karamchand died. Gandhi, then 16 years old, and his wife of age 17 had their first baby, who survived only a few days. The two deaths anguished Gandhi. The Gandhi couple had four more children, all sons: Harilal, born in 1888; Manilal, born in 1892; Ramdas, born in 1897; and Devdas, born in 1900. In November 1887, the 18-year-old Gandhi graduated from high school in Ahmedabad. In January 1888, he enrolled at Samaldas College in Bhavnagar State, then the sole degree-granting institution of higher education in the region. But he dropped out and returned to his family in Porbandar. Wikipedia



# A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

## Early life and education

Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam was born on 15 October 1931 to a Tamil Muslim family in the pilgrimage centre of Rameswaram on Pamban Island, then in the Madras Presidency and now in the State of Tamil Nadu. His father Jainulabdeen was a boat owner and imam of a local mosque; his mother Ashiamma was a housewife. His father owned a ferry that took Hindu pilgrims back and forth between Rameswaram and the now uninhabited Dhanushkodi. Kalam was the youngest of four brothers and one sister in his family. His ancestors had been wealthy traders and landowners, with numerous properties and large tracts of land. Their business had involved trading groceries between the mainland and the island and to and from Sri Lanka, as well as ferrying pilgrims between the mainland and Pamban. As a result, the family acquired the title of "Mara Kalam Iyakkivar" (wooden boat steersmen), which over the years became shortened to "Marakier." With the opening of the Pamban Bridge to the mainland in 1914, however, the businesses failed and the family fortune and properties were lost over time, apart from the ancestral home. By his early childhood, Kalam's family had become poor; at an early age, he sold newspapers to supplement his family's income.

In his school years, Kalam had average grades but was described as a bright and hardworking student who had a strong desire to learn. He spent hours on his studies, especially mathematics. After completing his education at the Schwartz Higher Secondary School, Ramanathapuram, Kalam went on to attend Saint Joseph's College, Tiruchirappalli, then affiliated with the University of Madras, from where he graduated in physics in 1954. He moved to Madras in 1955 to study aerospace engineering in Madras Institute of Technology. While Kalam was working on a senior class project, the Dean was dissatisfied with his lack of progress and threatened to revoke his scholarship unless the project was finished within the next three days. Kalam met the deadline, impressing the Dean, who later said to him, "I was putting you under stress and asking you to meet a difficult deadline. He narrowly missed achieving his dream of becoming a fighter pilot, as he placed ninth in qualifiers, and only eight positions were available in the IAF.

**Career as a scientist** After graduating from the Madras Institute of Technology in 1960, Kalam joined the Aeronautical Development Establishment of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (by Press Information Bureau, Government of India) as a scientist after becoming a member of the Defence Research & Development Service (DRDS). He started his career by designing a small hovercraft, but remained unconvinced by his choice of a job at DRDO. Kalam was also part of the INCOSPAR committee working under Vikram Sarabhai, the renowned space scientist. In 1969, Kalam was transferred to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) where he was the project director of India's first Satellite Launch Vehicle (SLV-III) which successfully deployed the

Rohini satellite in near-earth orbit in July 1980; Kalam had first started work on an expandable rocket project independently at DRDO in 1965. In 1969, Kalam received the government's approval and expanded the programme to include more engineers. In 1963 to 1964, he visited NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia; Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland; and Wallops Flight Facility. Between the 1970s and 1990s, Kalam made an effort to develop the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) and SLV-III projects, both of which proved to be successful.

Kalam was invited by Raja Ramanna to witness the country's first nuclear test Smiling Buddha as the representative of TBRL, even though he had not participated in its development. In the 1970s, Kalam also directed two projects, Project Devil and Project Valiant, which sought to develop ballistic missiles from the technology of the successful SLV programme. Despite the disapproval of the Union Cabinet, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi allotted secret funds for these aerospace projects through her discretionary powers under Kalam's directorship. Kalam played an integral role convincing the Union Cabinet to conceal the true nature of these classified aerospace projects. His research and educational leadership brought him great laurels and prestige in the 1980s, which prompted the government to initiate an advanced missile programme under his directorship. Kalam and Dr V S Arunachalam, metallurgist and scientific adviser to the Defence Minister, worked on the suggestion by the then Defence Minister, R. Venkataraman on a proposal for simultaneous development of a quiver of missiles instead of taking planned missiles one after another. R Venkataraman was instrumental in getting the cabinet approval for allocating ₹ 3.88 billion for the mission, named Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP) and appointed Kalam as the chief executive. Kalam played a major part in developing many missiles under the mission including Agni, an intermediate range ballistic missile and Prithvi, the tactical surface-to-surface missile, although the projects have been criticised for mismanagement and cost and time overruns.

Kalam served as the Chief Scientific Adviser to the Prime Minister and Secretary of the Defence Research and Development Organisation from July 1992 to December 1999. The Pokhran-II nuclear tests were conducted during this period in which he played an intensive political and technological role. Kalam served as the Chief Project Coordinator, along with Rajagopala Chidambaram, during the testing phase. Media coverage of Kalam during this period made him the country's best known nuclear scientist. However, the director of the site test, K Santhanam, said that the thermonuclear bomb had been a "fizzle" and criticised Kalam for issuing an incorrect report. Both Kalam and Chidambaram dismissed the claims.

In 1998, along with cardiologist Soma Raju, Kalam developed a low cost coronary stent, named the "Kalam-Raju Stent". In 2012, the duo designed a rugged tablet

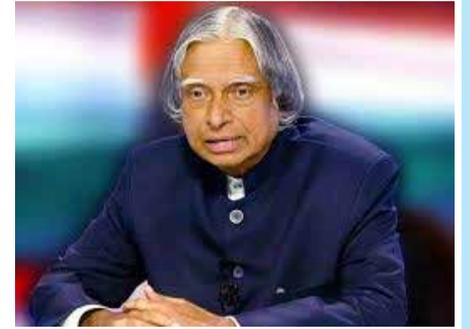
computer for health care in rural areas, which was named the "Kalam-Raju Tablet" **Presidency**

Kalam served as the 11th President of India, succeeding K. R. Narayanan. He won the 2002 presidential election with an electoral vote of 922,884, surpassing the 107,366 votes won by Lakshmi Sahgal. His term lasted from 25 July 2002 to 25 July 2007.

On 10 June 2002, the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) which was in power at the time, expressed that they would nominate Kalam for the post of President, and both the Samajwadi Party and the Nationalist Congress Party backed his candidacy. After the Samajwadi Party announced its support for Kalam, Narayanan chose not to seek a second term in office, leaving the field clear. Kalam said of the announcement of his candidature:

I am really overwhelmed. Everywhere both in Internet and in other media, I have been asked for a message. I was thinking what message I can give to the people of the country at this juncture. On 18 June, Kalam filed his nomination papers in the Indian Parliament, accompanied by Vajpayee and his senior Cabinet colleagues. The polling for the presidential election began on 15 July 2002 in Parliament and the state assemblies, with the media claiming that the election was a one-sided affair and Kalam's victory was a foregone conclusion; the count was held on 18 July. Kalam became the 11th president of the Republic of India in an easy victory, and moved into the Rashtrapati Bhavan after he was sworn in on 25 July. Kalam was the third President of India to have been honoured with a Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honour, before becoming the President. Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan (1954) and Dr Zakir Hussain (1963) were the earlier recipients of Bharat Ratna who later became the President of India. He was also the first scientist and the first bachelor to occupy Rashtrapati Bhavan. During his term as president, he was affectionately known as the People's President, saying that signing the Office of Profit Bill was the toughest decision he had taken during his tenure. Kalam was criticised for his inaction in deciding the fate of 20 out of the 21 mercy petitions submitted to him during his tenure. Article 72 of the Constitution of India empowers the President of India to grant pardons, and suspend or commute the death sentence of convicts on death row. Kalam acted on only one mercy plea in his five-year tenure as president, rejecting the plea of rapist Dhananjay Chatterjee, who was later hanged. Perhaps the most notable plea was from Afzal Guru, a Kashmiri terrorist who was convicted of conspiracy in the December 2001 attack on the Indian Parliament and was sentenced to death by the Supreme Court of India in 2004. While the sentence was scheduled to be carried out on 20 October 2006, the pending action on his mercy plea resulted in him remaining on death row. He also took the controversial decision to impose President's Rule in Bihar in 2005.

In September 2003, in an interactive session in PGI Chandigarh, Kalam supported the need of Uniform Civil Code in India, keeping in view the population of the



country

At the end of his term, on 20 June 2007, Kalam expressed his willingness to consider a second term in office provided there was certainty about his victory in the 2007 presidential election. [64] However, two days later, he decided not to contest the Presidential election again stating that he wanted to avoid involving Rashtrapati Bhavan from any political processes. [65] He did not have the support of the left parties, Shiv Sena and UPA constituents, to receive a renewed mandate.

Nearing the expiry of the term of the 12th President Pratibha Patil on 24 July 2012, media reports in April claimed that Kalam was likely to be nominated for his second term. After the reports, social networking sites witnessed a number of people supporting his candidature. The BJP potentially backed his nomination, saying that the party would lend their support if the Trinamool Congress, Samajwadi Party and Indian National Congress proposed him for the 2012 presidential election. A month ahead of the election, Mulayam Singh Yadav and Mamata Banerjee also expressed their support for Kalam. Days afterwards, Mulayam Singh Yadav backed out, leaving Mamata Banerjee as the solitary supporter. On 18 June 2012, Kalam declined to contest the 2012 presidential poll. He said of his decision not to do so:

Many, many citizens have also expressed the same wish. It only reflects their love and affection for me and the aspiration of the people. I am really overwhelmed by this support. This being their wish, I respect it. I want to thank them for the trust they have in me.

**Post-presidency**

After leaving office, Kalam became a visiting professor at the Indian Institute of Management Shillong, the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad, and the Indian Institute of Management Indore; an honorary fellow of Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore; chancellor of the Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology Thiruvananthapuram; professor of Aerospace Engineering at Anna University; and an adjunct at many other academic and research institutions across India. He taught information technology at the International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad, and technology at Banaras Hindu University and Anna University. In May 2012, Kalam launched a programme for the youth of India called the What Can I Give Movement, with a central theme of defeating corruption. In 2011, Kalam was criticised by civil groups over his stand on the Koodankulam Nuclear Power Plant; he supported the establishment of the nuclear power plant and was accused of not speaking with the local people. The protesters were hostile to his visit as they saw him as a pro-nuclear scientist and were unimpressed by the assurances he provided regarding the safety features of the plant. Source: Wikipedia

# Rekha

Bhanurekha Ganesan (born 10 October 1954) better known by her stage name Rekha, is an Indian film actress. Noted for her versatility and acknowledged as one of the finest actresses in Indian cinema, she has acted in more than 180 Hindi films and won a National Film Award and three Filmfare Awards. She has often played strong and complicated female characters, from fictional to literary, in both mainstream and independent films. Though her career has gone through certain periods of decline, she has gained a reputation for reinventing herself numerous times and has been credited for her ability to sustain her status. The daughter of actors Gemini Ganesan and Pushpavalli, Rekha started her career as a child actress in Telugu films *Inti Guttu* (1958) and *Rangula Ratnam* (1966). Her first film as a lead happened with the Kannada movie *Operation Jackpot Nalli C.I.D 999* (1969). She made her Hindi debut with *Sawan Bhadon* (1970), which gained her wider recognition. Despite the success of several of her early films, she was often panned for her looks and weight, and it was not until later in the decade that change was taking place. Motivated by criticism, Rekha started working on her appearance and put effort into improving her acting technique and command of the Hindi language. Early recognition came for her performances in films such as *Ghar and Muqaddar Ka Sikandar* (both 1978). This period marked the beginning of the most successful period of her career, and she was one of Hindi cinema's leading stars through most of the 1980s until the early 1990s.

For her performance in the comedy *Khubsoorat* (1980) she received her first Filmfare Award for Best Actress. She followed it with roles in *Baseraa*, *Ek Hi Bhool* (1981), *Jeevan Dhaara* (1982) and *Agar Tum Na Hote* (1983). While mostly prolific in popular Hindi cinema, during this time she ventured into arthouse films, a movement of neo-realist films known in India as parallel cinema. These films included dramas such as *Kalyug* (1981), *Vijeta* (1982) and *Utsav* (1984), and her portrayal of a classical courtesan in *Umrao Jaan* (1981) won her the National Film Award for Best Actress. In 1988, she starred as an avenger in *Khoon Bhari Maang*, for which she won a second Best Actress award at Filmfare. Her work was much less frequent in subsequent decades. Her early roles in the 1990s mostly met with lukewarm reviews. In 1996, she took a negative turn of an underworld don in the action thriller *Khiladiyon Ka Khiladi* (1996), for which she won a third Filmfare Award in the Best Supporting Actress category, and a year later appeared in *Kama Sutra and Aastha* to critical acclaim but some public scrutiny. During the 2000s, she was praised for her supporting roles in the 2001 dramas *Zubeidaa* and *Lajja*, and started playing mother roles, among which was her role in the science fiction *Koi Mil Gaya* (2003) and its superhero sequel *Krrish* (2006), both blockbusters. In 2010, she was honoured with the Padma Shri by the Government of India

Rekha's private life and public image have been the subject of frequent media interest and discussion. Her only marriage to Mukesh Aggarwal in 1990 ended a year later with his death. Her pairing opposite Amitabh Bachchan starting in the 1970s in a number of successful films was accompanied by speculation about a love affair between the two, which culminated in their starring film *Silsila* (1981), reflective of media projections. Her public image has often been tied to her perceived sex appeal. Rekha is reluctant to give interviews or discuss her life, which resulted in her being labelled a recluse.

## Early life

Rekha was born in Madras (present-day Chennai) to Tamil actor Gemini Ganesan and Telugu actress Pushpavalli. Her father did not acknowledge his paternity during her childhood. Rekha has a sister, one half-brother and five half-sisters. It was in early 1970s, when she was looking for a footing in Bollywood, that she revealed her origins. Later, at the peak of her career, Rekha told a magazine interviewer that her father's neglect still rankled and that she had ignored his efforts at reconciliation. Her mother tongue is Telugu, although she has stated that she thinks in English. Rekha attended Church Park Convent School, Madras (present-day Chennai). At the age of 13, she quit school to start a career in acting. She did not have any personal aspirations in this direction, but the troubled financial state of her family compelled her to do so.

## Personal life

In 1990, Rekha married Delhi-based industrialist Mukesh Aggarwal. Mukesh was a self-made entrepreneur and owner of the kitchenware brand Hotline. He is believed to have had a long standing struggle with depression and according to Rekha's biographers, she only found out about his mental health after marriage. He was introduced to Rekha through a mutual friend and fashion designer Bina Ramani who termed him Rekha's 'crazy fan'. He proposed marriage to her on March 4, 1990, and few months later—while she was in London—he committed suicide, after several previous attempts, leaving a note, "Don't blame anyone". She was pilloried by the press at that time, a period which one journalist termed as "the deepest trough in her life." Bhawana Somaaya observed the period speaking of "a strong anti-wave against the actress — some called her a witch, some a murderess," but added that soon "Rekha came out of the eclipse once again unblemished!" She was rumoured to have been married to actor Vinod Mehra in 1973, but in a 2004 television interview with Simi Garewal she denied being married to Mehra referring to him as a "well-wisher". Rekha currently lives in her Bandra home in Mumbai. She was also rumoured to have been in a relationship with Amitabh Bachchan after they first acted together in *Do Anjaane*, and later in *Silsila*.

Source : Wikipedia



# We'll Be Wearing Face Masks Far Into 2021, Even With A COVID-19 Vaccine

Robert Redfield, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, confirmed what the science has been telling us all along about the effectiveness of face masks — that they're currently our best bet at getting a handle on the coronavirus pandemic.

They make such a difference, in fact, that some experts suspect they'll be just as reliable if not more as a vaccine when it comes to blunting the spread of COVID-19.

"These face masks are the most important, powerful public health tool we have, and I will continue to appeal for all Americans, all individuals in our country, to embrace these face coverings," Redfield said during a recent Senate hearing.

Redfield went on to say that masks may offer more of a guarantee than a vaccine. President Donald Trump later shut down the comments, but the medical community stood behind Redfield.

Because the vaccines are still in clinical trials, it's currently unclear how effective they'll be. It's thought they may trigger an immune response in about 70% of people, rendering some vaccinated people unprotected. Other vaccinated people may not get sick but carry the infection and contribute to community spread, and who knows when we'll have enough doses for everyone.

The end goal here is herd immunity, and to achieve that we'll need enough of the population to be immune to COVID-19, either through a highly effective vaccine or by beating the infection itself.

Long story short: There are way too many unknowns to start taking our masks off soon. Until we have more data, health experts say masks are a must for a while. Here's why we're still going to need to wear masks well into 2021:

We won't have enough doses of the vaccine at first.

The main reason masks aren't going away anytime soon is because there's going to be a super limited supply of vaccines when it first becomes available.

Those initial doses are likely going to go right to the people who need protection most: at-risk health care workers, the elderly, people with serious underlying health conditions and first responders. The rest of the population in the United States will have to wait, mask on, until there's enough to go around.

On top of that, the vaccine will probably be administered in two doses about 21 to 28 days apart. According to Kawsar Talaat, an assistant professor in the Department of International Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, that means it'll take people about six to eight weeks to fully develop an immune response. People could still

theoretically get sick after just the first dose, so mask-wearing will be crucial in between shots.

Similar to the flu shot, the COVID-19 vaccine won't completely shield you from the disease.

Though it's still unclear how effective the vaccine will be, experts suspect it'll invoke an immune response in about 70% of the population. The efficacy could be as low as 50%. (For context, these figures are similar to the flu shot.) Of course, there's also a chance the protection percentage may be higher.

Basically, some people's bodies just won't respond to the vaccine and they might wind up getting sick anyway; others may be totally fine.

But keep in mind that there are a ton of vaccines being tested right now. While the first one may not be foolproof, some of the others approved in 2021 may be better. So far, it appears that mutation of the coronavirus into different strains isn't a major concern, which is potentially good news for a vaccine.

"I really hope we can get a vaccine that's better than 70%. If it's not the first-generation vaccine, at least maybe the second generation vaccine," Talaat said.

This doesn't mean that the vaccine is useless. The goal of the vaccine actually isn't to prevent an infection entirely, but to reduce the severity of disease. We want more people to get less sick from COVID-19. This is also what the flu shot does every year.

It's a bit out of reach to expect the vaccine to prevent infection entirely, according to Talaat. This means that even vaccinated people could contribute to community spread if they stop wearing a mask.

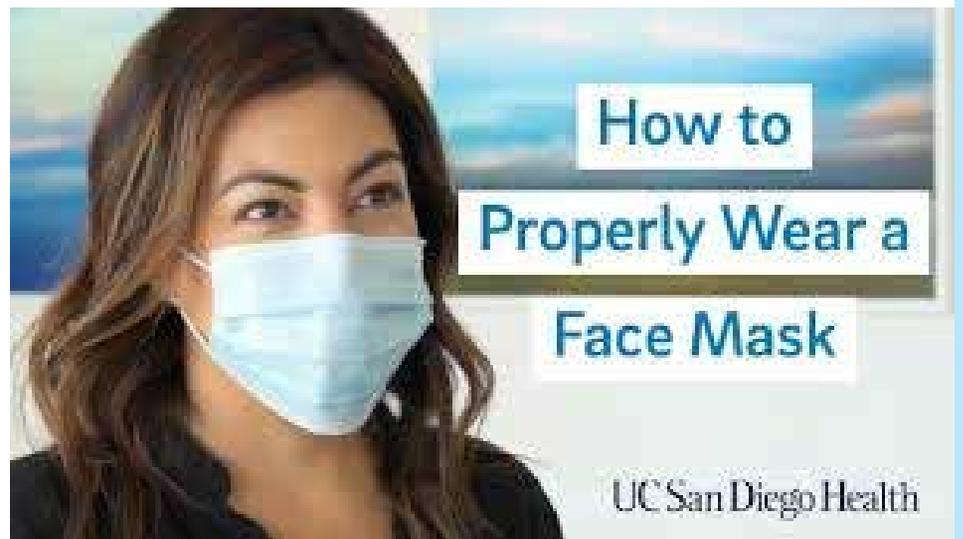
"So, theoretically, somebody could have the virus in their nose and potentially spread it to somebody who's more vulnerable without ever knowing," Talaat said.

On top of that, we don't know how long the vaccine's protection, or durability, will last quite yet.

"Masks will be important until we know some of this information," Talaat added. People are feeling iffy about the vaccine. Then there's the whole issue of people feeling skeptical about the vaccine.

Inconsistent messaging during the pandemic has eroded people's trust in our public health system. One poll found that two-thirds of the population probably wouldn't get vaccinated even if they could. It's going to take a lot of education and reassurance to get people on board.

"I think it will take time for people to accept this vaccine. They will need to ob-



serve that there aren't a whole lot of bad adverse effects from the people who get the vaccine before they're willing to trust it," Talaat said.

According to Monica Gandhi, an infectious disease specialist and professor of medicine with University of California San Francisco, we may not need the entire population to get vaccinated.

"It'll naturally slow down once enough people get the vaccine," Gandhi said. Even if just 60 to 70% of people were protected, it would help us greatly reduce community transmission.

Masks could help close the gap. "Models show that 70, or even better, 80% of the population wearing masks could reduce transmission and symptomatic disease ... down to almost zero," Gandhi said.

In other words, we should embrace masks for a while.

We know masks work.

By  
Julia Ries

Lots of data has come out in recent weeks pointing to their effectiveness. One experiment found that the spread of hundreds of respiratory droplets can be blunted by mask-wearing. Another report found that areas with mask mandates had slower COVID-19 growth rates compared to places with no mask requirements.

There are also two documented real-world scenarios showing us that masks really do keep us safe. On an international flight, none of the 25 people sitting near a masked man infected with COVID-19 got sick. In Missouri, two hairstylists were diagnosed with COVID-19 but ultimately did not pass it onto to any of their clients because everyone wore masks.

In other words, it'd be wise to hang on to our masks. It's going to take all kinds of efforts to bring community transmission down — masks, social distancing and an effective vaccine.

So, how much longer of mask-wearing are we looking at? Gandhi suspects we've got at least another year of it. "I would say that all of our population has to mask until we get community transmission down to an acceptable, extremely low level," Gandhi said.

A vaccine will come and it will help, but masks are also our best bet for a while.

Experts are still learning about COVID-19. The information in this story is what was known or available as of publication, but guidance can change as scientists discover more about the virus. Please check the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the most updated recommendations.

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Huffington Post



# Important Recall Info That MAY Affect Your Vehicle

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V522  
 Manufacturer : PJ Trailers  
 Subject : Hydraulic Cylinder Attachment Bolts May Fail  
 Make Model Model Years  
 PJ TRAILERS DE 2020-2021  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V523  
 Manufacturer : Grand Design RV, LLC  
 Subject : Supply Line To Refrigerator Compartment may Melt  
 Make Model Model Years  
 GRAND DESIGN SOLITUDE 2017-2021  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V525  
 Manufacturer : Fontaine Modification  
 Subject : Truck Cab May Contact Battery Cable  
 Make Model Model Years  
 FREIGHTLINER 114SD 2016-2020  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V526  
 Manufacturer : Motor Coach Industries  
 Subject : Coolant Hose May Fail  
 Make Model Model Years  
 MCI J4500 2017-2020  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V527  
 Manufacturer : Daimler Trucks North America LLC  
 Subject : Engine Harness May Contact & Chafe  
 Make Model Model Years  
 FREIGHTLINER 108SD 2018-2021  
 FREIGHTLINER 114SD 2018-2021  
 FREIGHTLINER BUSINESS CLASS M2 2018-2021  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V528  
 Manufacturer : BMW of North America, LLC  
 Subject : Headlights Contain Non-conforming Lens/FMVSS 108  
 Make Model Model Years  
 BMW X5 2020-2021  
 BMW X6 2020-2021  
 BMW X7 2020-2021  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V529  
 Manufacturer : Daimler Trucks North America LLC  
 Subject : Tire Valve Stem Extension May Become Damaged  
 Make Model Model Years  
 FCCC MC 2018-2021  
 FCCC XCL 2018-2019  
 FCCC XCM 2018-2021  
 FCCC XCR 2017-2021  
 FCCC XCS 2018-2021  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V530  
 Manufacturer : Shyft Group  
 Subject : Tire and Loading Information Incorrect  
 Make Model Model Years  
 UTILIMASTER METRIS 2020  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V531  
 Manufacturer : Gulf Stream Coach, Inc.  
 Subject : Front Trim Strip May Be Missing from Refrigerator  
 Make Model Model Years  
 GULF STREAM ENLIGHTEN 2020  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V532

Manufacturer : Gulf Stream Coach, Inc.  
 Subject : Front Trim Strip May Be Missing from Refrigerator  
 Make Model Model Years  
 GULF STREAM ENLIGHTEN 2021  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V533  
 Manufacturer : Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.  
 Subject : Passenger Frontal Air Bag Folded Wrong/FMVSS 208  
 Make Model Model Years  
 VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT 2020  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V534  
 Manufacturer : Tiffin Motorhomes, Inc.  
 Subject : Steering Pinch Bolts Not Tightened Properly  
 Make Model Model Years  
 TIFFIN BUS 2020  
 TIFFIN PHAETON 2020  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V537  
 Manufacturer : General Motors LLC  
 Subject : Front Seat Rear Attachment Bolts May Be Missing  
 Make Model Model Years  
 BUICK ENCORE 2020  
 CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER 2021  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V540  
 Manufacturer : Forest River, Inc.  
 Subject : Inverter Allows Too Much Current To 10 Gauge Wire  
 Make Model Model Years  
 FOREST RIVER BERKSHIRE 2021  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V541  
 Manufacturer : Keystone RV Company  
 Subject : Bedroom Window Does Not Have Proper Crank Handle  
 Make Model Model Years  
 DUTCHMEN YUKON 2020-2021  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V544  
 Manufacturer : Forest River, Inc.  
 Subject : Hose Too Long For Exterior Griddle  
 Make Model Model Years  
 COACHMEN CATALINA 2021  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V547  
 Manufacturer : Jayco, Inc.  
 Subject : Electronic Control Center Circuit Board may Short  
 Make Model Model Years  
 ENTEGRA REATTA 2019-2020  
 ENTEGRA REATTA XL 2020  
 JAYCO EMBARK 2019-2020  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V549  
 Manufacturer : Ford Motor Company  
 Subject : Rear Center Seat Belt Not Secured Properly  
 Make Model Model Years  
 FORD EXPLORER 2020  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V550  
 Manufacturer : Ford Motor Company  
 Subject : Missing or Loose Bolts on Start/Stop Accumulator  
 Make Model Model Years  
 FORD EDGE 2019-2020  
 FORD ESCAPE 2020  
 FORD TRANSIT CONNECT 2019-2020  
 LINCOLN CORSAIR 2020  
 LINCOLN MKX 2019-2020

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V557  
 Manufacturer : Jaguar Land Rover North America, LLC  
 Subject : Frontal Air Bags May Deploy Improperly  
 Make Model Model Years  
 JAGUARXJ 2010-2011, 2017  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V558  
 Manufacturer : Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC.  
 Subject : Second Row Seat May Not Lock  
 Make Model Model Years  
 MERCEDES BENZ GLB250 2020  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V501  
 Manufacturer : Altec Industries Inc.  
 Subject : Grapple Tines Load Holding Grip May Loosen  
 Make Model Model Years  
 ALTEC EC505 2018-2020  
 ALTEC EC655 2018-2020  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V502  
 Manufacturer : Altec Industries Inc.  
 Subject : Engine Idle Increase may Affect Boom Movement  
 Make Model Model Years  
 ALTEC AERIAL DEVICE 2015-2018  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V506  
 Manufacturer : PACCAR Incorporated  
 Subject : Lower Rear Pivot Bolts Improperly Sized  
 Make Model Model Years  
 KENWORTH T800 2020-2021  
 KENWORTH T880 2020-2021  
 KENWORTH W900 2020-2021  
 KENWORTH W990 2020-2021  
 PETERBILT 348 2020-2021  
 PETERBILT 365 2020-2021  
 PETERBILT 367 2020-2021  
 PETERBILT 389 2020-2021  
 PETERBILT 520 2020-2021  
 PETERBILT 567 2020-2021  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V508  
 Manufacturer : Vac-Tron Equipment, LLC  
 Subject : No Side or Rear Clearance Lamps/FMVSS 108  
 Make Model Model Years  
 VAC-TRON HTV 373 PTO 2016-2020  
 VAC-TRON HTV 573 PTO 2016-2020  
 VAC-TRON HTV 873 PTO 2016-2020  
 VAC-TRON JTV 873 PTO 2016-2020  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V509  
 Manufacturer : Newmar Corporation  
 Subject : Instrument Panel Display Does Not Dim/FMVSS 101  
 Make Model Model Years  
 NEWMAR DUTCH STAR 2019  
 NEWMAR ESSEX 2018-2019  
 NEWMAR LONDON AIRE 2019  
 NEWMAR MOUNTAIN AIRE 2019  
 NEWMAR NEW AIRE 2018-2019  
 NEWMAR VENTANA 2019  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V510  
 Manufacturer : Vac-Tron Equipment,

LLC  
 Subject : Rear Extremity Extends 24" Behind Rear Guard  
 Make Model Model Years  
 VAC-TRON HTV 373 PTO 2016-2020  
 VAC-TRON HTV 573 PTO 2016-2020  
 VAC-TRON HTV 873 PTO 2016-2020  
 VAC-TRON JTV 873 PTO 2016-2020  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V511  
 Manufacturer : Chrysler (FCA US LLC)  
 Subject : Inadequate Warmup Protection  
 Make Model Model Years  
 RAM 3500 2019-2020  
 RAM 4500 2019-2020  
 RAM 5500 2019-2020  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V512  
 Manufacturer : Chrysler (FCA US LLC)  
 Subject : Stealth Mode Disables Camera Display/FMVSS 111  
 Make Model Model Years  
 DODGE CHARGER 2018-2020  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V514  
 Manufacturer : BMW of North America, LLC  
 Subject : Incorrect Tire Information Label/FMVSS110  
 Make Model Model Years  
 BMW X7 2021  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V515  
 Manufacturer : General Motors LLC  
 Subject : Loss of Electric Power Steering Assist  
 Make Model Model Years  
 CHEVROLET CAPRICE POLICE PURSUIT 2014-2016  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V516  
 Manufacturer : BMW of North America, LLC  
 Subject : Horizontal Headlamp Adjustment Possible/FMVSS 108  
 Make Model Model Years  
 BMW Z4 2019-2020  
 TOYOTA SUPRA 2020  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V518  
 Manufacturer : Kia Motors America  
 Subject : ABS Unit may cause Fire  
 Make Model Model Years  
 KIA STINGER 2019  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V538  
 Manufacturer : Keystone RV Company  
 Subject : Auxiliary Fuel Tank Strap Bolts may Break  
 Make Model Model Years  
 KEYSTONE FUZION 2021  
 KEYSTONE IMPACT 2021  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V543  
 Manufacturer : Hyundai Motor America  
 Subject : ABS Unit may cause Engine Compartment Fire  
 Make Model Model Years  
 HYUNDAI TUCSON 2019-2021

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# How Long Does Coronavirus Live In The Air?

## Here's What We Know.

This is what everyone should keep in mind about airborne transmission of COVID-19 and how to reduce your risk. Part of the reason the coronavirus is so frightening is its invisibility. We can't see where the virus lingers and have no idea if we're coming into contact with it. But early on in the pandemic, many stressed that we didn't need to focus on airborne transmission but is that still the case?

Data over the last few months now suggests it is not, although there are still conflicting stances. Since July, hundreds of public health experts from around the world have been urging officials to take airborne spread more seriously. The World Health Organization has previously said it has been monitoring evidence of COVID-19 airborne transmission. It's suspected that these particles can remain in the air for up to three hours.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention officially updated its coronavirus guidance in mid-September to warn the disease may spread through airborne particles. However, that guidance was removed days later because "that does not reflect our current state of knowledge," a top CDC official told the Washington Post.

Before it was removed, the CDC's page on transmission said there "is growing evidence that droplets and airborne particles can remain suspended in the air and be breathed in by others, and travel distances beyond 6 feet (for example, during choir practice, in restaurants, or in fitness classes)."

A study published in the New England Journal of Medicine examined airborne transmission back in April. Researchers looked at how long the virus lasted on surfaces like steel and plastic, as well as how long the virus stayed in the air in the form of an "aerosolized particle."

Aerosolized particles are essentially microscopic, and they're formed when fluids containing the virus are expelled from a person and cling to dust or moisture in the air and hang there. The researchers found that airborne coronavirus particles stayed floating for up to three hours before falling and clinging to a new surface.

The NEJM study came with some major caveats, like the fact that it was conducted in a very controlled setting. Immediately after the study's publication, experts said that airborne transmission was mostly a concern in healthcare settings, and that the main causes of transmission were contact with respiratory droplets from someone who is sick or with a contaminated surface.

Linsey Marr, an expert in virus transmission by aerosol at Virginia Tech in

Blacksburg, told the New York Times when the NEJM study came out that you should think of airborne coronavirus transmission like cigarette smoke. Marr, who was not affiliated with the study, said that the closer and sooner you are exposed to the person who exhaled the smoke, the more of a whiff you might get. The exposure decreases the further away you are and the longer the time has passed.

So why all the confusion, and no essential conclusion? Keep in mind that the coronavirus is still relatively new to the medical world. What's known about COVID-19 has changed since the start of the pandemic and likely will continue to change as time goes on.

How to protect yourself from airborne transmission

You've likely already heard it, but it remains true: Social distancing and mask-wearing are incredibly important when you're out of your house.

Face coverings can offer decent protection against inhaling the virus, according to Harvard Health. And the farther away you are from others, the less likely it is that you'll come into contact with the virus, whether it's through direct exposure or aerosolized particles. You never know who could be infected; there have been many asymptomatic cases of COVID-19.

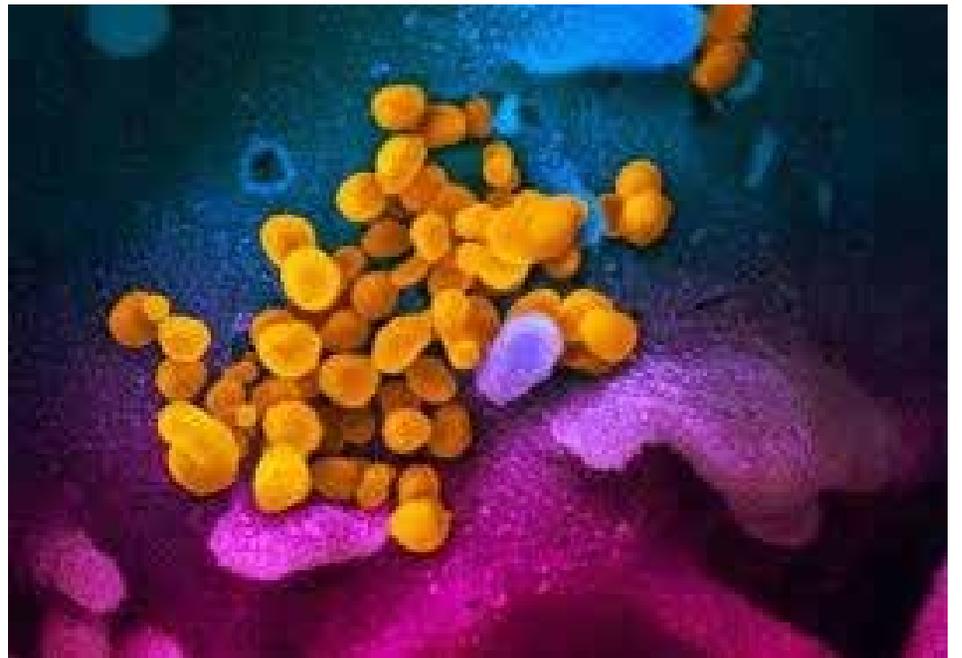
Before the CDC reversed its September guidance, the agency had noted that "in general, indoor environments without good ventilation" can increase your risk of contracting the virus via airborne particles or respiratory droplets.

That's why it's important to keep your space well-ventilated. Some evidence suggests air conditioning may play a role in indoor virus transmission. Opening windows and letting in fresh air is a better way to help prevent disease spread.

"Get outdoor air moving," Joseph Allen, director of the Healthy Buildings program and a professor of exposure assessment science at Harvard's T.H. Chan School of Public Health, previously told HuffPost. "Open doors and windows as much as possible. Higher ventilation rates can be helpful in reducing the risk of viruses in general."

Experts have also previously suggested using a humidifier to make your indoor humidity around 40 to 60% as another line of defense. Research published this September suggests dry, indoor environments can contribute to COVID-19 airborne transmission. Humidity may help reduce germs and is more optimal for human health, according to scientists.

The CDC also recommends using air



purifiers to help reduce airborne germs and prevent COVID-19 from spreading.

information regarding airborne transmission.

Finally, continue to wash your hands and keep things clean. Spend at least 20 seconds using warm water and soap (it doesn't matter what kind) and a clean towel or paper towel to dry them off. You can also use sanitizer if you're unable to use soap and water. Take the time to do it every time you come home, before eating, after using the bathroom and whenever else you think it's necessary. You should also continue to disinfect high-touch surfaces like doorknobs. This story has been updated from earlier in the coronavirus pandemic with new

Experts are still learning about COVID-19. The information in this story is what was known or available as of publication, but guidance can change as scientists discover more about the virus. By Lindsay Holmes



## 2020 Could Be A Breakthrough Year For Black Senate Candidates

There have been 1,307 people who have served in the U.S. Senate throughout its history. Only 10 of them have been Black. Those numbers could skyrocket following the November election. Six Black non-incumbent candidates won major party nominations for Senate seats. Victories for the five Democrats and one lone Republican would constitute a dramatic increase in representation in a body that's been stubbornly white, wealthy and male for nearly all of its 200-plus years.

It's unclear if the six nominations set a record, but Black political operatives, activists and candidates all agreed it's without precedent in recent history.

"It's certainly something I haven't seen in my lifetime," said Chris Scott, political director at Collective PAC, a group fighting to increase Black representation.

On the Democratic side, the path to diversification runs through the South, with Marquita Bradshaw in Tennessee, Mike Espy in Mississippi, Jamie Harrison in South Carolina, Adrian Perkins in Louisiana and Raphael Warnock in Georgia. On the Republican side, John James is running in Michigan. (And in New Jersey, Democratic Sen. Cory Booker, the one Black senator up for reelection this year, is a heavy favorite to win.)

Black House members from the South make up nearly half of the Congressional Black Caucus. But many of them hail from majority-minority districts, and Southern Black politicians still face significant skepticism about whether a Democrat, let alone a Black Democrat, can win statewide. "The pundits are always chirping in people's ears saying, 'Oh man, a Democrat can't win, especially a Black Democrat. And you throw on top, he's a millennial.' Of course they're speaking into people's ears. But the pundits and naysayers aren't the ones determining elections," said Perkins, 34, who would be the youngest member of the Senate if elected.

But there are more high-profile Black Senate candidates this election cycle than ever before. There's no doubt that their races are tough, but they're also considered more winnable than in past cycles. And there's been significant frustration among some of the candidates and their supporters that national Democrats haven't given them more money and resources.

"They've given a little something, but I'd call it a pittance," Espy said of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee (DSCC). "It's nothing like what should be happening in a race like this."

The Senate is certainly a body in our government that could use some more diversity. Rev. Raphael Warnock, Democratic Senate candidate in Georgia

If Democrats are serious about diversifying the Senate, it may require more investment in these Southern states that are heavily conservative but also have some of the highest proportions of Black residents in the country.

Black candidates say the region is ripe for more investment. They point to changing demographics and a greater willingness for Black candidates to step up and not wait their turn inspired by people like

former Georgia gubernatorial nominee Stacey Abrams.

"This is a new South a new South that is bold, that is inclusive, that is diverse," said Harrison. "What we are seeing now, and what we're witnessing, is this emergence of leaders in this new South, in African American leaders who are taking a message that is not just relegated to the African American community, but a message of hope that I think can inspire all communities."

If California Sen. Kamala Harris (D) ascends to the vice presidency, there could be only two Black senators in office next year unless one of these candidates breaks through. That would leave the Black community with little voice in a chamber of Congress set to debate crucial issues: police reform, gun violence, economic recovery from a pandemic that has disproportionately harmed Black Americans, D.C. statehood and potentially the first-ever nomination of a Black woman to the Supreme Court.

"There's going to be a tremendous amount of pressure to move legislation to address these structural issues," said Adrienne Shropshire, the executive director of BlackPAC. "And if you have a Senate that does not reflect the populace, it's going to be a problem."

'You Can't Ignore These Issues' Espy, 66, also ran for the Senate in Mississippi in 2018, getting 46% of the vote good enough to outperform both Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama's presidential bids. Race was an issue in the campaign. Republican Cindy Hyde-Smith faced blowback after she joked that she'd love to attend a "public hanging" in a state with a history of lynchings. News reports also found that she attended a "segregation academy" in the 1970s and has repeatedly defended Confederate supporters. Espy is again facing Hyde-Smith, who won that special election two years ago.

Back then, the Clarion-Ledger reported that Espy was largely avoiding talking about any controversial issues, including race, and said his campaign was "just keeping our head down." Not this time. Now, race is at the center of his campaign. "It's just a different time," said Espy, who served as President Bill Clinton's secretary of agriculture. "We've got George Floyd. He's been murdered. Breonna Taylor and Ahmaud Arbery. We have, in our face, cases of police misconduct and violations when you consider the issues of social justice. So a candidate for Senate living in these times, if you're serious and really want to serve the people, you can't ignore these issues."

But there's a second reason Espy is talking more about race. Last time, he said, he didn't connect with young people and give them a reason to vote for him.

"They didn't [come out and vote for me] because they didn't know who I was. Here was this gray-headed 64-year-old guy. They couldn't identify with me. They didn't know my story," he said. Now, Espy said he talks about how he integrated his high school in 1968 as one of just 18 Black students among 800 white students. He had to fight every day, was called the N-



word, and even had teachers cursing and spraying fire extinguishers at him. As a senior, he led a walkout to protest that the school wasn't hiring Black teachers.

"I led the walkout, and because I led it, the superintendent docked my GPA two points for every day we were out. We were out three days. So my GPA was docked six points, and I'm trying to go to college. So when I tell these students in 2020 that, you know, they're not the only ones that protested against racism and social inequity, they can identify with this." Espy has featured his own personal story, including many of these details, in some of his ads and videos. Other Black Democratic Senate contenders this cycle are also highlighting their own personal stories including their fights against racism. "A reason why I think biography is so important right now is because the American people want to know who you are. They want to know your values," said Perkins, who is the grandson of a sharecropper and was the first Black cadet elected class president at West Point. He served three tours in the Army in Iraq and Afghanistan, earning the Bronze Star and the rank of captain. He later graduated from Harvard Law School and is now the mayor of Shreveport. Warnock, 50, is the senior pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church, the famous Atlanta church where the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. preached.

He's running in a special election against Sen. Kelly Loeffler (R), who was appointed late last year to temporarily fill the seat vacated by Republican Johnny Isakson. Georgia didn't hold a primary for this race so Warnock is not the only Democrat in contention, but he has the support of Abrams, the DSCC and former United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young (who was a close King confidant). In a recent ad, Warnock talked about how as a 12-year-old in 1982, he was accused of stealing and dragged out of a store. He was told he looked suspicious because his hands were in his pockets. The Senate is certainly a body in our government that could use some more diversity," Warnock said. "We witnessed this summer, in the wake of the tragic killing of George Floyd and so many cases like that Ahmaud Arbery here in Georgia a renewed reckoning with race in this country. I didn't know all of this would be happening when I announced on Jan. 30 that I was running, but here we are. And I have to be honest, I don't think there could be a time more apt and fitting for someone like me, the pastor of

Dr. King's church no less, running to be the United States senator from the state of Georgia."

"We've got to address those because I can tell you this," said Harrison, 44, referring to the disparate treatment of Black people by the criminal justice system. "I don't want my sons I have two boys, a 6-year-old and a 1-year-old when they're my age 40 years from now, I don't want them to have to be sitting here addressing these same type of issues and problems because my generation, and the folks of today, didn't do what we needed to do to make sure that we lived up to the ideals of this great nation, that all people are created equal. So I'm going to fight my heart out to make sure that we're

Fighting For National Support

All six of these Black Senate candidates are underdogs. Only Warnock and James, the lone Republican, are running in what could be considered swing states. Bradshaw, Espy, Harrison and Perkins are all hoping to win elections in solidly GOP territory.

Warnock is the candidate most likely to receive major national support, though the unusual nature of his election it's an all-party contest that is nearly certain to go to a January runoff means Democrats might not make major investments until after Election Day. The DSCC has announced plans to spend at least \$1 million helping Harrison, and other national groups are going to be spending in Georgia in the coming weeks. But the other candidates are unlikely to receive any significant backing from national groups. "The Democratic ecosystem is not immune to the implicit bias that affects the rest of the country," said Steve Phillips, a Democratic donor who hosts the podcast "Democracy in Color" and has pushed the party to focus more on Black candidates and voters. "You do see it playing itself out in the levels of support for these candidates." Phillips highlighted, by contrast, the level of support for Amy McGrath, a white former fighter pilot running against Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R) in Kentucky.

"She's raised \$50 million. There is very little empirical electoral evidence that a Democrat has much of a shot there," he said

By Amanda Terkel and Kevin Robillard

# Dolly Kitty Aur Woh Chamakte Sitare Movie Review

## : A layered, complex film with stellar performances

**STORY:** Kajal, a young girl, wanting to live an independent life, comes to Noida to stay with her cousin Dolly while searching for a job. On the face of it, Dolly has the perfect family set up with her husband and two kids, but is it really? And will Kajal be able to live the life of her dreams eventually?

**REVIEW:** 'Dolly Kitty Aur Woh Chamakte Sitare' calls out the hypocrisy around seemingly happy marriages right at the beginning, when Kajal (Bhumi Pednekar) tells her cousin, Dolly (Konkona Sen Sharma) that her husband Amit (Aamir Bashir) has been hitting on her. When Dolly insists Kajal may have misunderstood his friendly, protective behaviour, she spells it out for her cousin, "Amit ji humse sex karna chahte hain." But there are more things on Dolly's mind than to get worked up about this piece of information, like making plans to move into a plush new complex, where the couple's new flat is under construction. When

money falls short for their installments, Dolly hustles - by either stealing from her office or selling her jewelry. Her day at work usually starts off by making three cups of tea - one for her boss, one for her colleague and one for herself.

Kajal, on the other hand, finds a job at a call center for love and sex chats. She moves out to live in a hostel, without revealing to Dolly the actual nature of her job. Kajal who now works under the pseudonym Kitty starts to savor the freedom that comes with her choices. However along the way, she meets with some pleasant and unpleasant experiences. And when a series of events lead to Dolly finding out where Kajal works - she takes the moral high-ground, as does Kajal who knows her cousin's marriage is empty on the inside.

Director Alankrita Shrivastava's film makes a strong point on gender roles, societal norms and moral judgments. As Dolly and Kajal's lives take them through different

circumstances, they are first out to judge each other's life's choices, but eventually, they realise they are not very different. Deep down, as women they are looking for the same things, craving the same freedom.

Although on the flipside the film's narrative packs in too many angles and sub-texts and at times, leaves some threads underdeveloped. Also, some of the narrative shifts feel too abrupt. But overall, 'Dolly Kitty Aur Woh Chamakte Sitare' drives home the message that it sets out to give. The film opens up conversations around women's sexual needs and desires and is a commentary on moral policing, sexuality, gender biases and stereotyping. The performances are overall topnotch. Konkona Sen Sharma as Mrs. Yadav or Dolly is superlative as her character moves through an entire arc in this film, exploring her



relationship with her husband, her son Pappu and her mother. Bhumi Pednekar also dishes out a stellar act. Amol Parasher stands out as the sweet delivery boy, Osmaan. Vikrant Massey as Kajal's lover, Pradeep, is superb, as is Aamir Bashir as Dolly's disgruntled husband, Amit.

Ultimately, 'Dolly Kitty Aur Woh Chamakte Sitare' brings out the different shades to womanhood through its layered narrative and pushes one to be who they want to be. And damn it, if society has other dreams for you.

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# Gunjan Saxena: The Kargil Girl Movie Review : A deeply moving tale of a feminist father and his feisty daughter

**STORY:** The film chronicles the incredible real life story, struggles and gender based discrimination faced by former Indian Air Force pilot Gunjan Saxena (played by Janhvi Kapoor). Known as the 'Kargil Girl', Gunjan was honoured with the Shaurya Vir award for displaying exemplary courage during the Kargil war in 1999.

**REVIEW:** Gender stereotypes are as old as the hills. While men are preordained to excel at something, women stepping into that territory continue to ruffle a few feathers. It's not uncommon for women to face blatant, casual or concealed sexism, no matter how accomplished. Female athletes are asked who their favourite male athlete is. Are women smart enough to analyse science fiction films or sports? If this is what we face today, Lucknow girl Gunjan Saxena shattered the glass ceiling in the 90s when she became an IAF pilot. She did it at a time when feminism wasn't in vogue. It was only in 2016, that India saw its first ever women fighter pilots to be commissioned into the Indian Air Force. Women were not inducted in the fighter stream before. Flight Lieutenants Gunjan Saxena and Srividya Rajan paved the way for others to follow. In 1999, Gunjan, the former helicopter pilot at 24, became India's first woman combat aviator to fly Cheetah helicopters in the Kargil war zone. She was tasked with medical evacuations, supply drops, and mapping enemy position duties. Hailing from an army family, raised by a remarkable father (Pankaj Tripathi at his best), what makes Gunjan's journey unique and a film on her much deserving was, her mental

conditioning. Her dreams were never defined by gender because it wasn't imbibed in her as a child. She wasn't told what she can or cannot have because she is a woman. She desired to fly a plane since her childhood and that is what she did. She never set out to make a statement or inspire people. She merely followed her dream. But it was looked upon as an act of defiance by those who felt dwarfed by her unrelenting ambition. While some men tried to curtail her growth, the wind beneath her wings were also men — be it her father, a retired army man who raised his son and daughter as equals, or the shrewd but supportive Group Captain at the Udhampur Air Force Station.

Sharan Sharma, who makes a compelling directorial debut with this film, captures the gender dynamics with honesty and poise. It's rare for an Indian biographical film to show people just the way they are. Sharma calls out the sexism faced by Gunjan in the Armed Forces not to exploit her story but to begin a conversation. His gaze towards his characters is realistic, yet, humane and heartfelt. While the film compels you to redefine patriotism and battle patriarchy, at heart, it is a poignant ode to a father-daughter relationship. Two people who never give up on each other. Their respective roles fit Pankaj Tripathi and Janhvi like a glove. They convince you that there couldn't have been a better pair to essay these roles. While Tripathi brings in his famous effortless brilliance (he is to Gunjan, what Shabana Azmi was for Neerja), Janhvi Kapoor is a revelation. Not only is she age appropriate for her role, her eyes mirror Gunjan's childlike exuberance as well as shades

of sorrow and anger at being conveniently side-lined by her sexist superior (Vineet Kumar Singh as the Wing Commander). The actress is impeccable as Gunjan Saxena. Vineet and Angad Bedi get one-dimensional characters with limited scope, yet, they aren't forgettable.

Reminiscent of a heart-warming father-daughter conversation in Ram Madhvani's Neerja (Bahadur baccha kaun), the strongest point of this film is a scene where Gunjan confides in her father. "Air Force needs cadets jinmey desh bhakti ho. Mujhe toh bas plane udaana hai", she confesses her guilt. In order to fulfil her dream, is she being disloyal to her country, she wonders. Her father explains to her that desh bhakti is not about shouting slogans or jingoism but to do your job with utmost sincerity. "Tum behter pilot ban jao, desh bhakti apney aap ho jayegi." The writing complements the mood, sentiment and pace of the film perfectly. Provocative and gripping, Sharma may not have extensive source material at hand but within two hours, he shows you exactly what he sets out to. He admires the grit and quiet determination of Gunjan, a national hero, without



necessarily worshipping her. He retains what makes her human and that is this biographical drama's biggest achievement. Given that Kargil war is a crucial backdrop and the film centres on pilot training, the helicopter sorties, and aerial combat scenes are executed well, courtesy, renowned American aerial coordinator Marc Wolff, known for his work in Hollywood blockbusters like Mission Impossible, Jason Bourne and Star Wars series.

More than anything else, Gunjan Saxena: The Kargil Girl is a deeply moving tale of a feminist father and his feisty daughter. It wages war against patriarchal mind-set and discrimination, and identifies it as a bigger threat to progress than the one we perhaps tackled in 1999.

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## Nawazuddin Siddiqui's brother Shama says Complaint against the actor by his wife Anjana is false, will go to HC

Nawazuddin Siddiqui's brother Shamas Nawab Siddiqui has come out in his defence after the actor's wife Anjana filed a police complaint accusing him of rape and cheating. Shamas has claimed that the charges are false, adding that he would approach Bombay High Court over the matter.

Shamas made his assertion over a couple of tweets after Anjana had filed her complaint at Versova Police Station. Shamas' tweet comes after news reports emerged earlier in the day claiming that Nawazuddin Siddiqui's estranged wife Aaliya, who now uses her maiden name Anjana Anand Kishore Pandey, has filed a written complaint against the actor accusing him of rape and cheating. According to a report, Anjana's lawyer has issued an official statement that reads: "My client had submitted a detailed written complaint to Versova Police Station for Rape, Cheating and Deceitfully causing cohabitation by inducing her a belief of lawful marriage, under sections 375, 376 (k), 376 (n), 420 and 493 of the Indian Penal Code against Mr Nawazuddin Siddiqui. Hopefully, the F.I.R will be registered soon."

Recently, Anjana had registered an FIR against Shamas, reportedly accusing him of molestation. Shamas' anticipatory bail plea was rejected by a Mumbai court on September 14.

Shamasuddin Siddiqui's bail rejected," Anjana had tweeted from her unverified Twitter account on September 14. "Shamas Siddiqui accused in FIR 285-2020 has to be immediately arrested for custodial interrogation Shamas Siddiqui has political clout. I fear that he may escape. Please help. Sessions Court whilst rejecting his bail has made important observations @NCWIndia @CPMumbaiPolice," Anjana had tweeted on September 16 tagging the official accounts of the National Commission for Women and the Mumbai Police Commissioner in her tweet.

On Monday (September 21), Anjana had tweeted claiming Shamas has been absconding for almost a week and that he is wanted by the Police for serious crimes. "@ShamasSiddiqui is absconding since almost a week & Police are on the look-out for him. He is wanted for serious crimes. Anyone having any information of him, please share so that



he can be duly arrested for custodial interrogation as per Court Order. Please help," reads her tweet from Monday. Reacting to her Monday's tweet, Shamas mentioned in his Wednesday evening tweet that he was never on the run but was out for his next film's recce.



Shamas is all set to make his Bollywood directorial debut with the film 'Bole Chudiyan' starring Nawazuddin Siddiqui and Tamannaah Bhatia. By IANS TOI

## Zayn Malik surprises fans with the announcement of a new single titled 'Better'; his first solo single in two years

Pop singer Zayn Malik who enjoys a huge fan following all over the world revealed that he will be releasing a new single titled 'Better' and shared a glimpse of the music video on his social media handle. In the 14-second clip, someone can be seen using a vintage tape recorder and Zayn is walking in a room, shirtless. The

clip also gave hints that the new track would follow an R&B ballad. The 'Pillowtalk' singer also revealed that the song will be out on Friday, September 25. Ever since he posted the video on Instagram, it has already been viewed over 3.8 million times. Fans have been going crazy and sharing their excitement in the com-

ments. The upcoming track will mark the singer's first single in two years since the release of 'Icarus Falls' in December 2018. Meanwhile, on the personal front, the former 'One Direction' member is also expecting his first child with girlfriend Gigi Hadid. By TOI



## Vikram Bhatt: If A Father Could Make His Son A Star, Then Karan Deol's Film Wouldn't Have Flopped

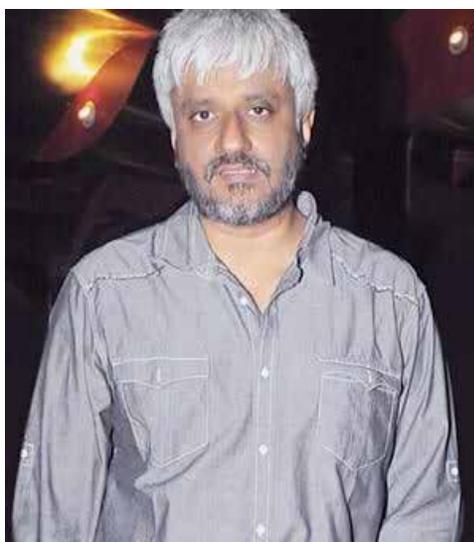
Amidst the raging nepotism debate which has swung to an extreme with blame game in Bollywood, filmmaker Vikram Bhatt has taken a more realistic stand and pointed out that it is the audience who made actors like Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor stars, and not their fathers.

He also said that if parents could make their kids stars, then Sunny Deol could have made his son Karan Deol a star with his launch film Pal Pal Dil Ke Paas. But that did not happen because the film flopped. In an interview with Navbharat Times, Vikram said, "If the audience had not appreciated the performances of Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor, they would have never become stars. The audience is responsible for making them stars and not their fathers. There were several actors, di-

rectors who got an opportunity from their families but the audience didn't like their work and rejected them. I believe that nepotism is a nonsense discussion that has been going on for quite a while now like many other nonsense discussions."

Talking about the failure of Pal Pal Dil Ke Paas (2019), which marked the debut of Sunny Deol's son Karan Deol, he said, "If a father could have made his son a star, then Sunny Deol's son Karan Deol's first film Pal Pal Dil Ke Paas wouldn't have been a flop. What did Sunny Deol do when the film did not do well?"

The debate on nepotism and insiders versus outsiders in the Hindi film industry, has turned murky in recent times. The discussion has taken a sharp turn from being



constructive, which was the way it started out, and has resorted to acts of name calling and pointing fingers for things that are



going wrong in the film industry. Srushti Jayadev Yahoo news

# “Hyderabadi Sitare” completes one year

Siasat TV’s Special programme “Hyderabadi Sitare” completes one year. On the first anniversary of ‘Siasat TV’ on August 15 last year, a programme titled as ‘Hyderabadi Sitare’ was introduced that include the interviews of those famous artists and actors who are very close to the hearts of the audience and likened by them. The audience always wanted to see them in front of their eyes.

On every Sunday, we made it mandatory to conduct the interviews of these actors and the famous personalities from other walks of life who have created their special identity. Apart from this, those artists were also provided an opportunity to appear on TV who are no longer in lime-light though their contribution was no less than any other famous actor. Through this programme, we paid tributes to their achievements and imparted their knowledge and experience with our esteemed and new generation viewers.

On August 15, 2020, we are completing one year of ‘Hyderabadi Sitare’ programme which was telecast for the first time on August 18, 2019 and that was the occasion when ‘Siasat TV’ was celebrating first anniversary of its formation. On every Sunday, ‘Hyderabadi Sitare’ has been telecast regularly. To make this programme a grand success, the role of our viewers cannot be denied as they recognized and liked the efforts of Siasat TV team and made ‘Hyderabadi Sitare’ programme a super-duper hit.

Many famous film personalities, famous Qawwals and various mimicry artists and comedians brought glory to this programme. Apart from them, the bright stars of Hyderabad showbiz, youths who made it in social media, playback and ghazal singers also took part in ‘Hyderabadi Sitare’.

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The viewers enjoyed watching their favourite artists in front of their eyes on Siasat TV screen. In just one year, ‘Hyderabadi Sitare’ carved a niche and achieved a milestone.

With the blessings and well wishes of our viewers and keeping their taste in mind, we pledge to present other artists who with their talents, have conquered your hearts through ‘Hyderabadi Sitare’.

At this glorious moment, we heartily congratulate and thank the CEO of



Siasat TV Mr. Amer Ali Khan for this grand success who always encouraged us to perform from good to better and better to the best.

The anchor of ‘Hyderabadi Sitare’ is K.B. Jani who has the privilege of hosting many reality shows. It is to be mentioned here that K.B. Jani is not only a successful anchor but a good actor as well. He has acted in many Hyderabad films where he has shown his immense talent. K.B. Jani is not only a best comedian but also a popular organizer. He has proved his worth by organizing various events successfully.

The director of ‘Hyderabadi Sitare’ is Zahid Farooqui, cameraman is Syed Abrar, online editor is Mohammed Muneer, editor is Syed Arshad whereas graphics and makeup are done by Mohd. Ibrahim and Mohd. Osman respectively.



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# The Month of Safar and Misconceptions

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

Alhamdulillah, we are into second Islamic month – Safar. There are no particular practices of this month in the light of Quran and Sunnah, therefore a person should continue his/her daily routine practices.

Generally, people of sub-continent, take this month, especially 13 days of Safar as bad-omen. They don't start up good works be it inauguration of Business, or Weddings. Remember that our Deen is Islam which guides us about each and every aspect of our life. We only can find these guidelines in Quran and Sunnah (the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him).

Get the truth about the month of Safar and know that there are no Superstitions, Bad Omens, unfortunate, Calamities, Prohibition of marriage related to this month.

Superstitions and misconceptions of Safar:

Unlucky happenings such as Diseases, curses, evils, loss in business and all the misfortunes are relayed to that month. People try to apply many tricks to protect themselves from all the misfortunes. On one hand, bad lucks and omens have been associated with this month and on the other hand self made solutions for such things have been proposed as well, such as not holding marriages in this month, boiling chick peas and distributing them so that the bad omens are passed on to others, making 365 balls of flour and throwing them in water so that bad omens are driven away and provision is increased, reciting Surah Muzammil 313 times, considering this month to be 'hard' for the dead and considering the 13th of this month referred to as 'tairah teezi' to be unlucky.

These are all nothing but (Bida'ah) innovations and myths based upon the poor knowledge of Islam. No Muslim should fall into these misconceptions which had no foundations on truth. As Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "Every innovation is going astray, and every going astray will be in the Fire." Narrated by Muslim (867) and an-Nasaa'i (1578)

What Quraan says about month of Safar?  
Allah says:

"Verily, the number of months with Allah is twelve months (in a year), so was it ordained by Allah on the Day when He created the heavens and the Earth;" (At Tawbah 9: 36)

What comes to you of good is from Allah, but what comes to you of evil, [O man], is from yourself. And We have sent you, [O Muhammad], to the people as a messenger, and sufficient is Allah as Witness. (79 Surah Nisa)

It is this revolution of day and night that makes up weeks and months and years, which constitutes time, regarding which Prophet Muhammad (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said that Allaah Zawjal says:

"The son of Adam hurts me for he abuses Time though I am Time: in My Hands are all things, and

I cause the revolution of day and night." (Sahih al-Bukhari)

So it is very clear that day and night is from Allah and considering any time, hour, day, month or year to be unlucky is a great misconception and a sin.

What Prophet Muhammad (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) guides us about Safar?  
Al-Bukhaari (5776) and Muslim (2224) narrated from Anas ibn Maalik (may Allaah be pleased with him) that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "There is no 'adwa (transmission of infectious disease without the permission of Allaah) and no tiyarah (superstitious belief in bird omens), but I like good omens." They said: "What is a good omen?" He said: "A good word."

Al-Bukhaari (5316) and Muslim (2220) narrated from Abu Hurayrah (may Allaah be pleased with him) that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "There is no 'adwa [contagion, transmission of infectious disease without the permission of Allaah], no tiyarah [superstitious belief in bird omens], no haamah [refers to a Jaahili Arab tradition described variously as: a worm which infests the grave of a murder victim until he is avenged; an owl; or the bones of a dead person turned into a bird that could fly], and no Safar [the month of Safar was regarded as "unlucky" during the Jaahiliyyah]."

Superstition is Shirk

A man leaves his house, on the way a black cat crosses his path, he think this is a bad omen and therefore returns back home. Though this seems to be such a minor act, however in reality, it really means that he thinks that the black cat has the power and authority to change the man's fate. This is shirk because it means that other than Allaah, the cat also has control and authority over a man's life and to bring harm to him (Naauzubillah).

Holding such beliefs not only led man to make halal things haram on himself but led him to associate fate and destiny with these things, which is not only a great misguidance but a great sin 'Shirk' because no one other than Allah has the power and control over man's fate, and all the things from which good or bad portents are derived are nothing but creations of Allaah who have no control over other creations.

In order to deal with this pessimism which the shaytaan instils by whispers and makes attractive to people:

1–Put your trust fully and properly in Allaah.

It was narrated that 'Abd-Allaah ibn Mas'ood (may Allaah be pleased with him) said: The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "Tiyarah (superstitious belief in omens) is shirk, and any one of us may think he sees an evil omen but Allaah will dispel it by means of trust in Him (tawakkul)."

Narrated by al-Tirmidhi (1614), Abu Dawood (3910) and Ibn Majaah, (3538)

Ibn 'Abd al-Barr (may Allaah have mercy on him) said:  
It is proven that the Prophet (peace and blessings of

Allaah be upon him) forbade tiyarah and said "There is no tiyarah." That is because during the Jaahiliyyah they believed in superstitious omens, and he forbade them to do that and told them to put their trust in Allaah, because nothing happens except by His decree and no one has any knowledge of the unseen but Him. Al-Tamheed (24/195).

2–Go ahead with what you want to do, and do not delay it or change your mind.

3–Pray to Allaah to free you from this trap of the shaytaan, and ask Him for that which is good, and seek refuge with Him from evil.

It was narrated that 'Abd-Allaah ibn 'Amr (may Allaah be pleased with him) said: The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "Whoever lets tiyarah (superstition) stop him from doing something has committed an act of shirk." They said, "What is the kafaarah (expiation) for that?" He said, "To say: Allaahumma la khayra illaa khayruka wa laa tayra illaa tayruka wa laa ilaaha ghayruka (O Allaah, there is no good except Your good, no birds except Yours, and there is no god beside You)."

Narrated by Ahmad (7045); classed as saheeh by al-Albaani in al-Silsilah al-Saheehah (3/53, hadeeth no. 1056).

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So, performing special prayers in this month to safeguard oneself from evil or abstaining from marrying or from any other happy occasion or believing in some cock and bull story are nothing but sheer myths. A Muslim should give up such fairy tales and follow the Qur'an and the Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad (Sallallahu Alayhi wa Sallam) and the way of the Sahabah and their followers.

We MUST have firm faith in Allaah. In verse number 51 of Surah Tawbah, Allaah tells us to declare: "Say: "Nothing shall ever happen to us except what Allah has ordained for us. He is our Maulaa (Lord, Helper and Protector). And in Allah let the believers put their trust." (9:51)

While describing the true characteristics of a Muslim, Allah assures us that He is Sufficient for everything!

As Allah says: "Whoever should believe in Allah and the Last day. And whoever fears Allah - He will make for him a way out"

"...And whosoever puts his trust in Allah, then He will suffice him..." (Surah At-Talaq; Verse:2/3)

The one who is influenced by superstitious beliefs should ask Allaah for good and seek refuge with Him from evil, and go ahead with his plans, putting his trust in Him. Being Muslim, we should have full faith and trust in Allaah and believe from our heart that it is only Allaah who has power over us.

And Allaah Knows Best

# یہودی لابی

راؤ کا مران علی



بننے دیتا۔ اگر کوئی آپکا لیڈر بننے کا خواہش مند ہو تو اس سے پوچھیں کہ عملی طور پر آج تک کسی بھی تحریک، تنظیم یا قوم کے لئے کیا کیا ہے؟ اگر کچھ کیا ہے تو اس کام کی عزت کریں اور اسے لیڈر سمجھیں اور اگر نہیں کیا ہے تو اس انسان کو بطور کارکن کام کر کے آہستہ آہستہ لیڈر بننے کی ترغیب دیں۔ نا تو حوصلہ شکنی کریں اور نہ ہی اسے وہ لیڈر نہ اہمیت دیں کہ باقی سب بھی سوچیں کہ کام کر کے آگے لیڈر بننے کی کیا ضرورت ہے؛ جب اس بندے/بندی کی طرح "بول بچپن" سے ہی لیڈر بنا جاسکتا ہے۔ بد قسمتی سے یہ ہمارے زوال کی سب سے بڑی وجہ ہے۔

راقم بھی "اے پیک" کی کانفرنس میں شرکت کے لئے آج س میکرتین دن (29 فروری سے دو مارچ تک) واشنگٹن ڈی سی میں ہوگا۔ AIPAC سے سیکھیں گے کہ پاکستانی امریکن کی تنظیم PAKPAC کو کیسے یہودی لابی کی طرح بااثر اور طاقتور بنا سکتے ہیں اسکے ساتھ ساتھ واشنگٹن ڈی سی میں پاک پیک کے چیپٹر کے حوالے سے سیاسی دلچسپی رکھنے والے پاکستانیوں سے اتوار، 2nd مارچ کو شام سات بجے ایک غیر رسمی ڈنر پر ملاقات ہوگی۔ جو بھی پاک پیک کا ممبر بننا چاہے، شامل ہونا چاہے، فیس بک میسینجر پر میسج کر سکتا ہے۔ اب بات عمران سیریز سے آگے بڑھنی چاہیے۔



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

گزشتہ چند سالوں سے AIPAC سے بالواسطہ تعلق رکھنے والے ایک بہت ہی قابل یہودی سے کچھ سیکھنے کا موقع مل رہا ہے۔



یہود و نصاریٰ، مسلمان دوست ہوں یا نہ ہوں لیکن ہارورڈ سے لیکر کورنیل تک میں دنیا کو پڑھا رہے ہیں، سکھا رہے ہیں تو سیاسی سوجھ بوجھ بھی ان سے لی جاسکتی ہے۔ AIPAC کی انٹرنیشنل کانفرنس واشنگٹن ڈی سی میں یکم مارچ سے تین مارچ تک جاری ہے جس میں انیس ہزار یہودی اور عالمی لیڈر شرکت کر رہے ہیں۔ امریکی نائب صدر، سیکرٹری آف دی، اسٹیٹ، مائیکل بلومبرگ، جو بائیڈن اور بہت سے اہم لوگ شرکت کر رہے ہیں اور ہو سکتا ہے کہ ٹرمپ بھی آجائے۔ ایک اور اہم شخصیت امریکہ کے اسرائیل میں سفیر ڈیوڈ فریڈمین ہیں جن پر راقم نے "یہودیوں کا کمال" کے نام سے گزشتہ سال ستائیس مارچ کو کالم اسی تیج پر لکھا تھا، ہو سکے تو ضرور پڑھئے گا۔

اگر ہم یہودیوں سے صرف ایک بات سیکھ سکتے ہیں تو وہ ہے میرٹ؛ وہ ہے کارکردگی کی بنیاد پر عزت؛ ایک یہودی کبھی نالائق اور نکلے بیٹے کو اپنا وارث یا لیڈر نہیں

۲۔ یہودیوں کی طاقت دولت نہیں بلکہ وقت سے آگے سوچنا؛ قوم کی ذہنی اور فکری نشوونما ہے جو ایک ٹین ایجر (مارک ذکر

برگ)، درمیانی عمر (بل گیٹس) اور بڑھاپے (وارن ہفٹ) کو بھی عمر کی قید سے بے نیاز کر کے کچھ نیا، کچھ بڑا کرنا سکھاتی ہے۔ یہی وجہ ہے کہ پچھلے تیس سالوں میں یہودیوں نے کتنے سائنسدان، ارب پتی، موجد، محقق پیدا کئے ہیں اور امت مسلمہ نے کتنے!

آپ یہودیوں کی ہمت اور قوت برداشت دیکھیں، 1941-1945 کے درمیان ساٹھ لاکھ یہودی قتل ہوئے؛ اسکے ٹھیک تین سال بعد 1948 میں اسرائیل بن گیا اور اسکے ٹھیک تین سال بعد AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) کی داغ بیل، امریکہ میں ڈال دی گئی اور جو فقرہ ہم بچپن سے "یہودی لابی" وہ اصل میں AIPAC (اے پیک، اس میں اسٹینڈنٹ ہے) نام ہے۔ یہ ہوتا ہے آنے والے وقت کو بھانپنا، وقت کی ضرورت کو سمجھنا اور وقت سے آگے سوچنا اور پھر اس پر عمل کرنا۔

فلشن پڑھنے کا شوق پانچویں جماعت سے ہی ہو گیا تھا۔ ان دنوں ابن صفی کے بعد مظہر کلیم ابھر رہے تھے اور انکا سلور جو بلی عمران سیریز، "نا قابل تسخیر مجرم" اور "موت کا رقص" پڑھا جس میں اسرائیل کے صابرہ اور شتیلا کے کیمپوں پر کئے گئے حملوں کے جواب میں عمران اور پاکیشیا سیکرٹ سروس نے اسرائیل کی اینٹ سے اینٹ بجادی۔ پڑھ کر مزہ آ گیا اور فلسطینی بہن بھائیوں سے محبت کا جذبہ جاگا۔ وہاں سے پتا چلا کہ "یہودی لابی" کوئی چیز ہے اور یہ دنیا پر کنٹرول کرنا چاہتے ہیں۔ اسکے بعد سے آج تک یہودیوں کے مہلک ہتھیار جن کا ایک بٹن دباتے ہی پوری دنیا کے مسلمان آبی بخارات بن کر ہوا میں اڑ جائیں گے؛ عمران اور سیکرٹ سروس کے ہاتھوں تباہ ہوتے پڑھے؛ کبھی دلدلوں میں کبھی پہاڑوں میں؛ کبھی صحرا میں کبھی گلشیر میں؛ کبھی خلا میں تو کبھی زمین دوز اور پڑھ کر مسزہ آتا رہا۔ گزشتہ تیس سال سے زائد عرصے میں سوائے مظہر کلیم (مرحوم) کے، پوری دنیا میں کوئی بھی یہودی لابی کا کچھ نہیں بگاڑ سکا اور تیس سال کے بعد "نا قابل تسخیر مجرم" آج کوئی عمران یا مسلمان نہیں بلکہ خود یہودی ہیں۔

گزشتہ پانچ سالوں سے امریکہ کی طاقت کی غلام گردشوں میں آنے جانے اور یہودیوں کے ساتھ قریب سے کام کرنے سے دوغلاظ فہمیوں کا ازالہ ہو گیا۔

۱۔ یہودی لابی کسی ہتھیار سے مسلمانوں یا دنیا پر قبضہ نہیں کرنا چاہتی بلکہ طاقت کے مراکز میاں پالیسیاں تبدیل کر کے کرنا چاہتی ہے۔

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## گل بوکی حکایت

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



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کسی کا بُرا چاہو گے تو خود کا بُرا ہوگا

**اُردو حکایت:** کہا جاتا ہے کہ ایک بادشاہ کا غلام بھاگ گیا۔ لوگوں نے اس کو گرفتار کر کے بادشاہ کے سامنے پیش کر دیا۔ بادشاہ کے وزیر کو اس غلام سے دشمنی تھی۔ اُس نے بادشاہ کو مشورہ دیا کہ غلام کو قتل کر دینا چاہئے۔ اس مشورہ سے غلام پریشان ہو گیا مگر تھا بڑا دانشمند۔ اُس نے ہاتھ باندھ کر عرض کیا۔ ”بادشاہ سلامت! میں آپ کا نمک کھا کر پلا ہوں۔ میں نہیں چاہتا کہ قیامت کے دن آپ پر میرے قتل کا ناحق الزام لگایا جائے۔ اس لئے اگر آپ اجازت دیں تو میں اس وزیر کو مار ڈالوں اور پھر اس کے قصاص میں آپ مجھے قتل کر دیں۔ اس صورت میں میرا قتل بالکل جائز ہوگا۔“

بادشاہ ہنس پڑا اور وزیر سے کہا۔ ”اب تیری کیا رائے ہے؟“  
وزیر فوراً بولا۔ ”جہاں پناہ! میری رائے میں مناسب یہ ہے کہ خدا کے لئے، اپنے والد کی قبر کے صدقے میں اس غلام کو آزاد کر دیجئے تاکہ یہ مجھے کسی بلا میں نہ پھنسا دے۔“

**فارسی شعر:**

چو تیرا نداشتی، بروئے دشمن  
چنین داں کا ندر آما جش نشستی

**حاصل کلام:**

جب تو کسی دشمن پر تیر چلائے تو یہ سمجھ لے کہ تو بھی اُس کے نشانے پر ہے۔

**منظوم ترجمہ:**

اگر تو تیر چلائے گا تیرے دشمن پر  
سمجھ لے اتنا کہ تو بھی ہے بس نشانے پر



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

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

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



## عالم ادب کی نامور شخصیت ڈاکٹر توفیق انصاری احمد

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حجرہ نعت آسمان کے سارے درکھول دیتا ہے۔“ دل میں حُب سرور کوں و مکاں کا در کھلا زندگی کا راز سربستہ تو اب مجھ پر کھلا ڈاکٹر منیر الزماں منیر شکاگو کی محفلِ شعری نمایاں شخصیت ہیں۔ وہ ڈاکٹر توفیق انصاری احمد شکار شکاگو کے باوقار شاعروں میں کرتے ہیں۔ حیدرآباد کے نواب نور الدین خان جو نواب مشرف جنگ فیاض کے پوتے اور حضرت شمس الدین فیض کے سلسلہ بیعت سے تعلق رکھتے ہیں ڈاکٹر توفیق انصاری احمد کی شاعری کے بارے میں رقم طراز ہیں کہ:

”ڈاکٹر انصاری پر گو گو پختہ مشق سخنور ہیں شاعری کے علاوہ علمی و تحقیقی کام میں مصروف رہتے ہیں وہ فطری شاعر ہیں۔“

راقم الحروف اپنی بات تمام کرتے ہوئے ڈاکٹر توفیق انصاری احمد کی غزلیات سے چند اشعار لکھتا ہے:

وفا کے نام پہ، نکلے نہ آنکھ سے آنسو یہی ہے رسم وفا، چشم نم چھپا کے رکھو اسیر کوئی نہ ہو، اور نہ ہو کوئی گھائل چھپاؤ زلف کو، ابرو کا خم چھپا کے رکھو ڈاکٹر توفیق انصاری احمد کے کلام میں حمد، نعت، غزل، نظم، قطعات اور رباعیات کثرت سے ملتی ہیں۔ ایک قطعہ ملاحظہ کیجئے۔

قطعہ

شعور زیست کو، بڑھ کر خودی سے ملنا ہے خود اپنی ذات کو، خود آگہی سے ملنا ہے نہیں ہے منہ میں زبان وہ، کہ جو کرے تعریف تری ثنا کا سلیقہ، تجھ ہی سے ملنا ہے

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

ہیں۔ ادب سے ہٹ کر طنز و مزاح کی گفتگو نہیں کرتے۔ حیدرآبادی انداز میں مخاطب مزید گفتگو کا محتاج رہتا ہے۔“

اک اور مضمون میں پروفیسر مسرور قریشی رقم طراز ہیں کہ:

”ڈاکٹر توفیق انصاری احمد شکاگو کی نامی گرامی مصروف شخصیت ہیں۔ ان کے لکھے ہوئے گیتوں کا البم ”پیاسے گیت“ نشر ہو کر بے حد مقبول ہو چکا ہے۔ اس کے علاوہ دو شعری مجموعے ”دشت تمنا“ اور ”درد مشترک“ منظر عام پر آ کر مقبولیت حاصل کر چکے ہیں۔ حضور اکرم صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم کی شان میں نذرانہ عقیدت ”اوراداداد“ بھی شائع کیا ہے جو علمی ادبی حلقوں میں مقبولیت حاصل کر چکا ہے۔

پروفیسر میر تراب علی نے ڈاکٹر توفیق انصاری احمد کی غزل گوئی پر خامہ فرسائی کی ہے۔ وہ لکھتے ہیں کہ

”ڈاکٹر توفیق انصاری احمد کی غزل گوئی اردو کی کلاسیکی روایتوں اور اس کی تہذیبی قدروں سے جڑی ہوئی ہے۔ چند اشعار مثال کے طور پر درج کیں ہیں ملاحظہ کیجئے۔

نظر ملاو نظر میں نیا اجالا ہے  
سحر قریب ہے سورج نکلنے والا ہے  
وہی کہ جس نے جلایا چراغ الفت کا  
اُسی کے نام کا تاریخ میں حوالہ ہے  
پروفیسر میر تراب علی مزید رقم طراز ہیں:

”ڈاکٹر انصاری کی شاعری پاکیزہ احساس کی شاعری ہے۔ غزل کی طے شدہ روایتوں پر گامزن ہے۔“

علامہ پروفیسر عبدالستار خان سابق صدر شعبہ عربی جامعہ عثمانیہ، ڈاکٹر انصاری کے فن پر لکھتے ہیں کہ:

”مذہبی شاعری، غزلیہ شاعری کی سرحد کو عبور کر کے بالآخر اُس اسمِ اعظم تک جا پہنچی ہے جو

ہر محفل میں اپنا کافی رنگ جماتے ہیں تو بیجانہ ہوگا۔ ادبی محفل ہو یا سیاسی، روحانی محفل ہو یا سماجی ہر محفل اور ہر رنگ میں وہ اپنا مقام باقی رکھتے ہیں۔ پروفیسر احمد اللہ خان سابق ڈین آف شعبہ قانون جامعہ عثمانیہ فرماتے ہیں:

”زمانہ طالب علمی میں توفیق صاحب اپنے ہم عمر طلبا کے لئے ایک آئیڈیل سمجھے جاتے تھے ان کی نشست و برخاست دیکھ کر دیگر طلبا اس پر عمل پیرا ہونے میں ایک دوسرے پر سبقت لیجاتے تھے۔“

حیدرآباد کے رسالہ ”لمس کی خوشبو“ نے ڈاکٹر توفیق انصاری احمد پر اک خصوصی نمبر شائع کیا۔ اس کے اک مضمون میں پروفیسر احمد اللہ خان لکھتے ہیں کہ:

”یہ شخص صرف پڑھنے کے لئے پیدا ہوا ہے۔“

پیش نظر رسالہ میں ایک اور پروفیسر علی نیازی لکھتے ہیں کہ:

”توفیق انصاری احمد سے میرا تعلق ۱۹۵۹ء سے رہا۔ وہ میرے بہترین دوستوں میں سے ایک ہیں۔ شاعری کرتے وقت کچھ گنگناتے، پھر مجھ سے کہتے کہ علی دیکھو کچھ ذہن میں آرہا ہے، یہ کہہ کر انہوں نے کچھ سنایا تھا جس کا ایک شعر آج بھی مجھے یاد ہے۔

مسکرانے کے لئے، تیر بھی کھانے کے لئے ہم سلامت ہیں ابھی، ناز اٹھانے کے لئے یہ سن کر میں نے کہا بہت خوب کہا ہے اُس زمانہ میں ہم بین الکلیاتی بیت بازی میں حصہ لیا کرتے تھے مد مقابل پر فقروں پر فقرے کے جاتے تھے اور واہ واہ کی دھوم ہوتی۔

اور بھی بہت سی باتیں پروفیسر احمد اللہ خان نے لکھی ہیں:

”سب سے اہم بات یہ ہے کہ ڈاکٹر صاحب ہر رنگ میں ہیں لیکن حد سے گزر جانے کے لئے نہیں ہیں۔ ان کے الفاظ نے تپتے ہوئے

حیدرآباد فرخندہ بنیاد صدیوں سے علم و ادب کا گہوارہ رہا۔ یہاں سینکڑوں شاعر، ادیب، نقاد، انشا پرداز، محقق اور سائنس داں اور نہ جانے کتنوں نے زندگی کے کئی شعبوں میں نام کمایا اور عالمی شہرت حاصل کی۔ ان تمام لوگوں میں ایک اہم نام ڈاکٹر توفیق انصاری احمد کا نمایاں طور پر جانا جاتا ہے۔ آپ کا سلسلہ نسب حیدرآباد کے قاضی القضاة علاقہ بالکنڈہ سے متعلق ہے۔ آپ کے جد اعلیٰ عہد آصف جاہی میں صدر قاضی رہے۔ ہندوستان کی آزادی کے بعد تمام دیسی ریاستیں آزاد ہو گئیں، حیدرآباد دکن کا بھی اپنی تاریخی اہمیت قائم رکھتے ہوئے آزاد ہونا لازمی تھا۔ یہاں کے عوام پر جو بیتی وہ ساری دُنیا جانتی ہے۔ قدیم شہر حیدرآباد کے ایک نامور خاندان کے چشم چراغ ڈاکٹر توفیق انصاری احمد تقریباً نصف صدی قبل حصول تعلیم کے سلسلہ میں امریکہ آئے۔ خاندانی شرافت اور تعلیم یافتہ خاندان کی نسبت سے امریکہ میں اپنی صلاحیت سے کافی نام پیدا کیا۔ پیشہ تدریس و تحقیق سے تعلق رکھنے کے باوجود یہاں کی ادبی، شعری، سماجی اور سیاسی محفلوں کے روح رواں ہیں۔ کسی بھی مشاعرہ یا ادبی محفل میں آپ کی آمد سونے پر سہاگا کا کام کرتی ہے۔

آں جناب نے حیدرآباد میں تعلیم کیساتھ فن خطاطی استاد فن حضرت مرزا حشمت علی افسر قادر رقم سے حاصل کیا۔ نستعلیق خط رائج الوقت ہے لیکن ڈاکٹر توفیق صاحب نہ صرف خط کوئی، خط ثلث، خط طغرہ، خط ریحان سے بھی واقف ہیں بلکہ ان کے دولت کدہ میں اس کے نمونے بھی ملتے ہیں۔ آپ شکاگو کی کئی ادبی و تہذیبی انجمنوں سے وابستہ ہیں اور سماجی و ادبی خدمات کے لئے پیش پیش رہتے ہیں۔ فنِ موسیقی سے بھی کما حقہ واقف ہیں بلکہ یوں کہا جائے کہ وہ



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## اعمالِ قرآنی

سہل بن عبد اللہ تستری نے اس کو انتہائی عقیدت کے ساتھ بوسہ دیا اور مستانہ وار لوٹ گئے۔

**حضرت خواجہ محمد عثمان دامانی رحمۃ اللہ علیہ:**  
شہرِ خوباں کا احترام و تعظیم و ادب محب رسول صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم پر واجب ہے، یہی قانونِ محبت ہے۔ اس شہر میں ہنوز محبوبِ انس و جان صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم کی معطر و منبر سانسوں کی باس رسی بسی ہے، یہاں کے خاک کے ذروں کو رسولِ عربی صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم کی قدم بوسی کا شرف حاصل ہے، یہاں کی فضاؤں میں آقائے نامدار صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم کی صوتِ دل نواز بکھری ہوئی ہے، یہاں کے احجار و اشجار نے بدرالدجی صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم کی زیارت کی ہے، یہاں کی گلیاں اور کوچے نور کی ندیاں ہیں اور اس دیار کے مکین محبین نور مجسم صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم کے سروں کے تاج ہیں۔

حضرت خواجہ محمد عثمان دامانی رحمۃ اللہ علیہ جب حج بیت اللہ کے بعد عازمِ مدینہ الرسول ہوئے اس وقت آپ پر سرورِ کائنات صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم کا رابطہ محبت اور غلبہ شوق اس قدر طاری تھا کہ درود یوار سے صورتِ محبوب صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم کا مشاہدہ فرماتے تھے۔

مدینہ منورہ میں آپ نے گیارہ روز قیام فرمایا۔ حضور اکرم صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم کے ادب و احترام کا اس قدر لحاظ تھا کہ اس دوران میں آپ نے ہر قسم کے کھانے پینے کو ترک فرما دیا تاکہ قضائے حاجت کی ادائیگی خدا نخواستہ کسی ایسی جگہ نہ ہو جائے جہاں حبیب اللہ صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم کے قدمِ میمنت لزوم لگے ہوں۔

**حضرت سہل بن عبد اللہ تستری رحمۃ اللہ علیہ:**  
محب کی یہ شان ہے کہ جو اس کے محبوب کا ذکر کرے وہ اسے بڑا پیارا لگتا ہے، اسے سر آنکھوں پر بٹھاتا ہے اور اس کی زیارت سے بھی آنکھوں کو ٹھنڈا کرتا ہے۔

حضرت قاضی ابو محمد احمد بن محمد بن لیث رحمۃ اللہ علیہ سے روایت ہے کہ ایک مرتبہ حضرت سہل بن عبد اللہ تستری رحمۃ اللہ علیہ بغرض ملاقات حضرت امام ابو داؤد رحمۃ اللہ علیہ کے پاس تشریف لے گئے۔ علاقے میں ان کا شہرہ اس لئے تھا کہ وہ احادیثِ رسولِ کریم صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم بڑی محبت سے بیان کیا کرتے تھے۔ انہیں جب اطلاع ملی کہ حضرت سہل بن عبد اللہ تستری تشریف لائے ہیں تو بے حد مسرور ہوئے اور بڑی محبت و احترام کے ساتھ خوش آمدید کہا۔ بے پایاں مسرت کے دوران میں حضرت امام ابو داؤد رحمۃ اللہ علیہ نے فرمایا:

”زہے نصیب جو آپ تشریف لائے ہیں، فرمائیے کیسے آنا ہوا۔؟“

حضرت سہل بن عبد اللہ تستری رحمۃ اللہ علیہ نے فرمایا:

”اے امام! ذرا اپنی وہ مبارک زبان دکھائیں جس سے آپ میرے محبوب آقا و مولا تاجدارِ مدنی و مکی صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم کی احادیثِ مبارکہ بیان کرتے ہیں تاکہ میں اس مقدس زبان کو بوسہ دوں۔“

حضرت امام ابو داؤد نے خنداں بہ لب اپنی زبان منہ سے باہر نکالی تو حضرت

کی بڑی نعمت ہے، خصوصاً صالح فرزند، اس سے یہ بھی معلوم ہوا کہ بیوی اہل بیت میں داخل ہے۔ یہاں بی بی سارہ کو علیکم سے اس لئے خطاب فرمایا کہ انہیں اہل بیت کہا گیا ہے۔ یہ بھی معلوم ہوا کہ اللہ کے پیارے اللہ پر ناز فرماتے ہوئے اس سے جھگڑتے بھی ہیں اور ضد بھی کرتے ہیں، ان کی یہ ضد رب کو پسند ہے۔ یہ بھی معلوم ہوا کہ رب کے پیاروں سے جھگڑنا رب سے جھگڑنا ہے کہ ابراہیم علیہ السلام فرشتوں سے جھگڑے تھے رب نے فرمایا ہم سے جھگڑے۔

**روزگار کے لئے:**

۲- رَبِّ اِنِّی لِمَا اَنْزَلْتَ اِلَیَّ مِنْ خَیْرِ فَقِیْرٌ ﴿۳۴﴾ (سورہ قصص: ۳۴)

(اے میرے رب میں اس کھانے جو تو میرے لئے اتارے محتاج ہوں)

**روزانہ ۳۳ مرتبہ بعد فجر پڑھے**  
**اول و آخر درود شریف کے ساتھ۔**

یہ حضرت موسیٰ علیہ السلام کی مانگی دعا ہے کیونکہ آپ نے ایک ہفتہ سے کچھ نہ کھایا تھا، شکم پیٹھ سے لگ گیا تھا۔

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۱- اولاد نہ ہو تو پڑھے:

رَبِّ هَبْ لِي مِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ ﴿۱۰۰﴾ (سورہ الصافات: ۱۰۰)

(میرے رب مجھ کو لائق اولاد دے) روزانہ بعد فجر اور قبل مغرب سات مرتبہ پڑھے اول و آخر درود شریف کے ساتھ۔ یہ دعا حضرت ابراہیم علیہ السلام نے مانگی تھی جب آپ کی عمر سو برس سے زیادہ تھی۔ معلوم ہوا کہ نیک بیٹا اللہ کی بڑی نعمت ہے۔

اَتَعْبَبِينَ مِنْ اَمْرِ اللّٰهِ رَحِمَتْ اللّٰهُ وَبَرَکَتُهُ عَلَیْکُمْ اَهْلَ الْبَیْتِ ط (سورہ ہود: ۷۳)

(کیا اللہ کے کام کا اچنا کرتی ہو، اللہ کی رحمت اور اس کی برکتیں تم پر اور اس گھر والوں پر)

روزانہ بعد فجر اور قبل مغرب سات مرتبہ پڑھے اول و آخر درود

شریف کے ساتھ۔ اہل بیت پڑھنے کے بعد انشاء اللہ بھی ضرور

پڑھے۔ تعجب کیا کہ ایک سو بیس برس کے بوڑھے اور ننانوے برس

کی بوڑھی بانجھ بی بی کے اولاد ہو۔ فرشتے بولے کہ کیا اللہ کے کام پر

تعجب کرتی ہو؟ معلوم ہوا کہ بیٹا اللہ

### استخارہ کا طریقہ

جب کسی کام کا ارادہ ہو یا دو چیزوں میں سے کسی ایک کو اختیار کرنا ہو تو دو رکعت نماز ادا کریں پھر درود شریف پڑھ کر استخارہ کی دعا ایک یا تین بار پڑھیں.... اپنے مقصد کے لئے دعا کریں.... بس یہ استخارہ ہو گیا۔

لوگوں نے استخارہ کو بہت بھاری، اجنبی اور مشکل کام سمجھ رکھا ہے۔ حالانکہ استخارہ کے لئے نہ نئے کپڑوں کی ضرورت ہے.... نہ نئے غسل کی.... نہ خواب کی اور نہ الہام کی.... بس استخارہ کرنے سے ان شاء اللہ خیر آجائے گی۔

### ہر کام میں استخارہ

اللہ تعالیٰ استخارے کی نعمت ہم سب کو نصیب فرمائیں.... آپ نے کہیں رشتہ کرنا ہے.... کوئی سواری خریدنی ہے.... سفر پر جانا ہے.... ڈاکٹر کے پاس جانا ہے.... کچھ خریداری کرنی ہو.... کوئی مشکل پیش آجائے.... یا کوئی جائز خواہش سر اٹھائے تو دو رکعت استخارہ کی نماز ادا کریں.... پھر دعائے استخارہ پڑھیں.... اچھا ہے کہ استخارہ کی دعا تین بار پڑھیں.... پھر اپنے لئے دعا کریں.... اس کے بعد جو ہوگا یا جو آپ اس بارے میں کریں گے.... وہ خیر ہی ہوگی.... ان شاء اللہ

### استخارہ کا مطلب اور فوائد

استخارہ کا مطلب ہے اللہ تعالیٰ سے خیر مانگنا.... اللہ تعالیٰ سے بہتری مانگنا.... استخارہ کرنے والا کبھی ناکام نہیں ہوتا.... اور استخارہ ایک مسلمان کو خوش نصیب بناتا ہے.... اور اسے بدبختی، شقاوت اور بد نصیبی سے بچانے کا ذریعہ بنتا ہے....

حدیث پاک میں آیا ہے جب تم میں سے کوئی کسی کام کا ارادہ کرے تو دو رکعت نماز ادا کرے پھر استخارے کی مسنون دعا پڑھے اور اپنی حاجت کا نام لے.... معلوم ہوا کہ تذبذب یا تردد نہ ہو تب بھی استخارہ کریں تو قوت، روشنی، مدد اور برکت ملتی ہے....

استخارہ کا اصل مطلب ہے بندے کا اللہ تعالیٰ کے سامنے بھکاری بننا.... یا اللہ خیر دے دیجئے.... یا اللہ خیر دے دیجئے

### دعائے استخارہ

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْتَخِيرُكَ بِعِلْمِكَ وَأَسْتَقْدِرُكَ بِقُدْرَتِكَ وَأَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ فَضْلِكَ الْعَظِيمِ، فَإِنَّكَ تَقْدِرُ وَلَا أَقْدِرُ، وَتَعْلَمُ وَلَا أَعْلَمُ، وَأَنْتَ عَلَّامُ الْغُيُوبِ، اللَّهُمَّ إِنْ كُنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنَّ هَذَا الْأَمْرَ خَيْرٌ لِي فِي دِينِي وَمَعَاشِي وَعَاقِبَةِ أَمْرِي فَأَقْدِرْهُ لِي وَيَسِّرْهُ لِي ثُمَّ بَارِكْ لِي فِيهِ، وَإِنْ كُنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنَّ هَذَا الْأَمْرَ شَرٌّ لِي فِي دِينِي وَمَعَاشِي وَعَاقِبَةِ أَمْرِي فَاصْرِفْهُ عَنِّي وَاصْرِفْنِي عَنْهُ وَاقْدِرْ لِي الْخَيْرَ حَيْثُ كَانَ ثُمَّ أَرْضِنِي بِهِ. (بخاری)

هَذَا الْأَمْرَ (یہ) کہتے ہوئے اس کا انا بھی لے

### استخارہ میں ناکامی کا تصور ہی نہیں

بھائیو اور بہنو! ایمان بہت قیمتی ہے، نجومیوں، کاہنوں، جادوگروں اور نئی استخارہ انڈسٹری کے ٹھیکیداروں سے بچیں.... اور اپنے تمام معاملات میں خود استخارہ کر کے اللہ تعالیٰ سے روشنی، مدد اور قوت حاصل کریں۔

حضرت ابن عمر رضی اللہ عنہما فرماتے ہیں اگر کوئی شخص استخارہ کے بعد کوئی کام کرے.... اور پھر اس کام میں اسے خیر نہ ملے تو وہ اللہ تعالیٰ سے بدگمان نہ ہو بلکہ انتظار کرے.... وہ آگے چل کے دیکھ لے گا اس کام کے انجام میں خیر ہی ہوگی۔ ان شاء اللہ کیونکہ استخارہ میں ناکامی کا تصور ہی نہیں....

### استخارے کی دعاء مع ترجمہ

(اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْتَخِيرُكَ بِعِلْمِكَ) یا اللہ! میں آپ سے خیر مانگتا ہوں آپ کے علم کے واسطے سے (وَأَسْتَقْدِرُكَ بِقُدْرَتِكَ) اور آپ سے طاقت مانگتا ہوں آپ کی قدرت کے واسطے سے (وَأَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ فَضْلِكَ الْعَظِيمِ) اور آپ سے آپ کے عظیم فضل کا سوال کرتا ہوں (فَإِنَّكَ تَقْدِرُ وَلَا أَقْدِرُ) بے شک آپ قدرت رکھتے ہیں اور میں قدرت نہیں رکھتا (وَتَعْلَمُ وَلَا أَعْلَمُ) اور آپ جانتے ہیں اور میں نہیں جانتا (وَأَنْتَ عَلَّامُ الْغُيُوبِ) اور آپ غیب کا علم رکھنے والے ہیں (اللَّهُمَّ إِنْ كُنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنَّ هَذَا الْأَمْرَ خَيْرٌ لِي فِي دِينِي وَمَعَاشِي وَعَاقِبَةِ أَمْرِي) یا اللہ! اگر آپ کے علم میں یہ معاملہ میرے لئے بہتر ہے، میرے دین، میری دنیا اور میرے انجام کے لحاظ سے (فَأَقْدِرْهُ لِي وَيَسِّرْهُ لِي ثُمَّ بَارِكْ لِي فِيهِ) تو اسے میرے لئے مقدر فرما دیجئے اور اسے میرے لئے آسان کر دیجئے اور پھر اس میں میرے لئے برکت عطا فرما دیجئے (وَإِنْ كُنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنَّ هَذَا الْأَمْرَ شَرٌّ لِي فِي دِينِي وَمَعَاشِي وَعَاقِبَةِ أَمْرِي) اور اگر آپ کے علم میں یہ معاملہ میرے لئے شر والا ہے، میرے دین، میری دنیا اور میرے انجام کے لحاظ سے (فَاصْرِفْهُ عَنِّي وَاصْرِفْنِي عَنْهُ وَاقْدِرْ لِي الْخَيْرَ حَيْثُ كَانَ ثُمَّ أَرْضِنِي بِهِ) تو اسے مجھ سے پھیر دیجئے اور مجھے اس سے بچا لیجئے اور میرے لئے خیر کو مقدر فرما دیجئے وہ جہاں بھی ہو پھر مجھے اس پر راضی فرما دیجئے۔

## پشاور میں دلپ کمار اور راج کپور کے گھروں کو محکمہ آثار قدیمہ کو دینے کا فیصلہ

پاکستان کے صوبہ خیبر پختونخوا کے محکمہ آثار قدیمہ نے بلی ووڈ کے ممتاز اور تاریخ ساز فنکاروں دلپ کمار اور راج کپور کے گھر کا دورہ کیا تھا۔ اس وقت انہوں نے اپنے گھر



کی دہلیز کو چوما تھا اور میڈیا کے سامنے اپنے بچپن کی یادیں دہراتے رہے تھے۔ سنہ 1997 میں دلپ کمار کو پاکستان کے سب سے بڑے شہری اعزاز نشان امتیاز سے نوازا گیا تھا۔ اس موقع پر بھی وہ پشاور میں اپنے آبائی گھر جانا چاہتے تھے مگر استقبال کے لیے آنے والے عوام کے بے پناہ رش کی وجہ سے ایسا ممکن نہیں ہو سکا۔ پشاور میں کپور حویلی ونگران کے علاقے میں واقع ہے۔ انڈیا میں بلی ووڈ کو متعدد سپر سٹارز دینے والے کپور خاندان کی ایک نسل اس حویلی میں پیدا ہوئی تھی۔ اس کو 1918 سے لے کر 1922 کے درمیان میں راج کپور کے والد دیوان کپور نے تعمیر کروایا تھا۔ راج کپور بھی اس حویلی میں پیدا ہوئے تھے۔ تقسیم برصغیر کے بعد یہ خاندان انڈیا منتقل ہو گیا تھا۔ ڈائریکٹر آف آرکیالوجی اور میوزیم پختونخوا ڈاکٹر عبدالصمد نے بی بی سی سے بات کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ دہشت گردی کے خلاف جنگ سے قبل پشاور کلچر اور آرٹ کا مرکز ہوتا تھا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اس شہر کی اپنی ایک تاریخ اور ثقافت ہے اور اس شہر نے دنیا کو کئی شاندار اور تاریخ ساز فنکار دیے ہیں۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ اب جبکہ حالات بہتر ہو چکے ہیں تو حکومت نے پشاور کے روایتی کلچر اور ثقافت کو دوبارہ زندہ کرنے کی مہم شروع کی ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ آثار قدیمہ سے متعلق قوانین اس بات پر پابند کرتے ہیں کہ ایک سو سال سے زیادہ پرانی عمارتوں کو محفوظ کیا جائے۔ اس وقت پشاور میں 1800 ایسی عمارتیں موجود ہیں جو کہ تاریخی اہمیت کی حامل ہیں اور ان کی بھی نشان دہی کا سلسلہ شروع کر دیا گیا ہے۔

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## پولیس کی وارننگ، ضبط ہوں گی بالی ووڈ شخصیات کا پیچھا کرنے والی میڈیا کی گاڑیاں

ممبئی پولیس نے ہفتہ کو میڈیا اہلکاروں کو آگاہ کیا کہ وہ اداکار سہانت سنگھ راجپوت کی موت سے جڑے ڈرگس معاملے میں طلب کئے گئے بلی ووڈ کی گاڑیاں میڈیا کی گاڑیاں کی پیچھا کرتے ہوئے میڈیا کی گاڑی ملی تو گاڑی کو ضبط کر لیا جائے گا اور ڈرائیور کے خلاف سخت کارروائی کی جائے گی۔ اس سے پہلے ممبئی کی ایک عدالت



نے اتوار کو رومی پرساد کو 3 اکتوبر تک نارکونکس کنٹرول بیورو (این سی بی) کی حراست میں بھیج دیا گیا۔ اسے اداکار سہانت سنگھ راجپوت کی موت سے جڑے ایک ڈرگ معاملے میں گرفتار کیا گیا تھا۔ رومی پرساد نے فلساز اور ہدایت کار کرن جوہر کے ایک فرم میں ایگزیکٹو پروڈیوسر کے طور پر کچھ وقت کے لئے کام کیا تھا۔ کرن جوہر نے جمعہ کو ایک بیان میں کہا تھا کہ رومی پرساد نومبر 2019 میں ایک پروجیکٹ کے لئے معاہدہ پر ایگزیکٹو پروڈیوسر کے طور پر مذہبی انٹرٹینمنٹ (جوہر کے دھرم پروڈکشن کی معاون کمپنی) سے متعلق تھا، لیکن اس پروجیکٹ پر کام نہیں ہوا۔ رومی پرساد سے پوچھ گچھ کے بعد ہفتہ کو این سی بی نے گرفتار کر لیا۔ رومی پرساد کو ویڈیو کانفرنس کے ذریعہ یہاں ایک مجسٹریٹ کے سامنے پیش کیا گیا، جنہوں نے رومی پرساد کو آگے کی پوچھ گچھ کے لئے تین اکتوبر تک این سی بی کی حراست میں دے دیا۔

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فلم ڈائریکٹر انوراگ کشپ پر جنسی استحصال کا الزام لگا کر پوری انڈسٹری میں کھلبلی مچا دینے والی اداکارہ پائل گھوش اپنے وکیل تن سائیتے کے ساتھ ورسا وو پولیس تھانے پہنچی ہیں۔ پائل گھوش نے انوراگ کشپ کو گرفتار کئے جانے کا مطالبہ کیا ہے۔ پولیس نے انوراگ کشپ کو گرفتار ہڑتال پر بیٹھ جائیں گی۔ اس سے کشپ کے خلاف شکایت درج پہنچی تھیں، لیکن ابھی تک اس نہیں ہوئی ہے، جس کے سبب کے رویے پر سوال کھڑے کئے گئے گھوش اپنے وکیل کے ساتھ دوبارہ ہیں، جہاں انہوں نے انوراگ کشپ کو جلد از جلد گرفتار کئے جانے کا مطالبہ کیا ہے۔ اس کے ساتھ ہی انوراگ کشپ کو گرفتار نہ کئے جانے کی سمت میں بھوک ہڑتال پر بیٹھنے کی بات بھی کہی ہے۔ اداکارہ نے سوشل میڈیا پر بھی وزیراعظم مودی سے اپنی جان کو خطرہ بتاتے ہوئے سیکورٹی کی گہرا لگائی ہے۔



# پروٹین فراہم کرنے والی غذائیں

پروٹین کی اعلیٰ مقدار پائی جاتی ہے۔  
جو: جو کو اس سارے پر پائی جانے والی صحت  
بخش غذاؤں میں سے ایک قرار دیا جاتا ہے  
کیونکہ یہ صحت بخش فاسفر، میگنیشیم، میگنیز،  
تھیامین اور دیگر غذائی اجزاء پر مشتمل ہوتا ہے۔  
آدھا کپ خالص جو 13 گرام پروٹین اور  
303 کیلو یوز پر مشتمل ہوتا ہے



ٹونا (مچھلی): ٹونا، مچھلی کی ایک مشہور قسم ہے  
جس میں چربی اور کیلو یوز دونوں کی مقدار کم پائی  
جاتی ہے۔ دوسری مچھلیوں کی طرح ٹونا میں بھی  
بے شمار مختلف غذائی اجزاء بڑی تعداد میں پائے  
جاتے ہیں جس میں پروٹین سب سے زیادہ ہوتا  
ہے۔ ٹونا میں امیگا تھری فیٹی ایسڈ کی بھی اچھی  
مقدار پائی جاتی ہے۔ کین والی ٹونا مچھلی کے  
ایک کپ (154 گرام) میں 39 گرام  
پروٹین پایا جاتا ہے۔

دونوں سے پروٹین کا حصول یقینی بنا سکتے ہیں  
لیکن اکثر لوگ یہ نہیں جانتے کہ جانوروں کے  
علاوہ کن ذرائع سے پروٹین کا حصول ممکن ہے۔  
آج کے مضمون میں ہم قارئین سے ان غذاؤں  
کا ذکر کریں جو کسی بھی انسان کے لیے پروٹین  
کی اعلیٰ مقدار کے حصول کا ذریعہ بنتے ہیں،  
آئیے جانتے ہیں۔

دالیں: دالیں نباتات کی ایک قسم ہیں جن میں  
فاسفر، پوناشیم، میگنیشیم، آئرن، فولیٹ، کاپر،  
میگنیز اور دیگر غذائی اجزاء بڑی مقدار میں پائے  
جاتے ہیں۔ دال نباتات پر مبنی ان غذاؤں  
میں سے ایک ہے جنہیں پروٹین کے حصول کا  
خاص ذریعہ سمجھا جاتا ہے۔ ایک کپ

کالچ چیز (مسک): کالچ چیز پنیر کی وہ قسم ہے  
جس میں چربی اور کیلو یوز کی کم مقدار پائی جاتی  
ہے۔ ایک کپ کالچ چیز (226 گرام) 2 فیصد  
حسرتی اور 27 گرام پروٹین اور  
194 کیلو یوز پر مشتمل ہوتی ہے۔ پروٹین کے  
علاوہ کالچ چیز میں کیمیشیم، فاسفورس، سلینیم،  
وٹامن B12 اور رائبوفلائیون کے علاوہ دیگر  
ضروری غذائی جزو بھی پائے جاتے ہیں۔  
دہی: گریک یوگرٹ جسے اسٹینڈ یوگرٹ بھی کہا  
جاتا ہے، اس کا ذائقہ عام دہی کی نسبت زیادہ  
مزیدار ہوتا ہے۔ یہ گاڑھا اور کرمی ہوتا

صحت بخش اور متوازن غذائی پلان پروٹین  
کے بغیر ادھورا ہوتا ہے کیونکہ یہ ایک ضروری  
غذائی جزو ہے، جو جسم کے لیے اہم افعال  
سرا انجام دینے کا ذمہ دار ہے۔ ان افعال میں  
نشور، سلیز اور مسلز کی تیاری کے ساتھ مختلف  
ضروری ہارمونز اور ایٹسٹی باڈیز کی تیاری  
سرفہرست ہیں۔ پروٹین ہمارے جسم کے سب  
سے اہم میکرو نیوٹریٹس ہوتے ہیں جو  
ہمارے جسم میں مؤثر طریقے سے کام کرتے  
ہیں۔ ہمارے ناخن اور بالوں کی نشوونما کے  
لیے بھی پروٹین کی ضرورت ہوتی ہے۔ اس کے  
علاوہ یہ ہماری جلد، خون، ہڈیوں اور پٹھوں کے  
لیے بھی بہت اہم ہے۔ ماہرین کا کہنا ہے کہ  
پروٹین کا بنیادی کام ہمارے جسم کی مرمت اور  
نشوونما کرنا ہے، یہ ہمارے جسم میں ہارمونز،  
انزائمز وغیرہ پیدا کرتا ہے جس سے ہمارے جسم کو  
توانائی ملتی ہے، ہم بیماریوں سے صحتیاب  
ہوتے ہیں، ہمارے جسم میں موجود غیر ضروری  
چربی ختم ہوتی ہے اور ہمارا آئی کیولول بھی بڑھتا  
ہے۔ ویسے تو ہر انسان کے لیے پروٹین حاصل  
کرنا ضروری ہے، تاہم اگر آپ کھیلوں کی  
سرگرمیوں میں حصہ لے رہے ہیں یا کسی ڈائنٹ  
پلان پر عمل پیرا ہیں تب آپ کے لیے پروٹین  
کی مناسب مقدار حاصل کرنا اور بھی زیادہ  
ضروری ہو جاتا ہے۔

پروٹین کی مقدار: عام طور پر انسانی جسم کے فی  
کلو گرام وزن کے لیے 8.0 سے 1 گرام  
پروٹین تجویز کی جاتی ہے جبکہ ویٹ لفٹر یا  
اسٹریٹجی اٹھلیٹس کے لیے فی کلو گرام وزن کے  
حساب سے 4.1 سے 2 گرام پروٹین حاصل  
کرنا درست مانا جاتا ہے۔ ورزش کرنے کے  
آدھے گھنٹے کے دوران 15 سے 25 گرام  
پروٹین کی مقدار پٹھوں کو مضبوط بناتی ہے۔  
پروٹین کے ذرائع: آپ جانوروں اور پودوں



ہے۔ 6 اونس خشک دہی میں 17 گرام پروٹین  
پایا جاتا ہے۔ گریک یوگرٹ کا استعمال چینی کے  
بغیر کیا جائے، مکمل چسکنائی والے اس دہی میں

دودھ: دودھ اور اس سے تیار کی گئی مصنوعات  
پروٹین سے مالا مال ہوتی ہیں، ساتھ ہی انہیں  
کیمیشیم کا خزانہ بھی کہا جاتا ہے۔ ورزش کرنے  
کے بعد چاکلیٹ ملک پینا ایک صحت مند غذا  
تصور کی جاتی ہے۔ دودھ کے ہر گلاس (8 ملی  
لیٹر یا 250 گرام) میں 10 سے 18 گرام  
پروٹین پایا جاتا ہے۔  
مرغی: مرغی کا گوشت بھی پروٹین کا اہم ذریعہ  
تسلیم کیا جاتا ہے۔ اگر آپ اس کی کھال  
(اسکن) اتارے بغیر استعمال کریں تو زیادہ  
بہتر ہے۔ مرغی پکانا بھی نہایت آسان ہے اور  
اگر حفظان صحت کے اصولوں کو مدنظر رکھتے





ولی الدین

## بلڈ پریشر

اس حسین لیڈی ڈاکٹر کو دیکھ کر  
”دل دھڑکنے کا سبب یاد آیا“  
Blood Pressure بڑھ گیا جو کہا اس نے  
گوئی نہیں کھائی تھی اب یاد آیا



## ستارے

کہتے ہیں ہم دونوں کے ستارے ایک جیسے ہیں  
بیگم شاید اسی لئے قسمت میں خسارے ایک جیسے ہیں  
ہر محفل میں بیگمات آتی ہیں بیوٹی پارلر سے سج کر  
پر جتنے بھی شوہر ہیں بیچارے ایک جیسے ہیں



## امن وامان

کہہ کے اپنی بیگم کو جان  
گھر میں رکھے امن و امان  
دیکھنے میں وہ لگے بوڑھا  
پر دل ہے اب بھی جوان



## Ghazals Compiled by Janab HASAN CHISHTI Sb Chicago



مرزا غالب

## غزل

آہ کو چاہیے اک عمر اثر ہوتے تک  
کون جیتا ہے تری زلف کے سر ہوتے تک  
دام ہر موج میں ہے حلقہ صد کام نہنگ  
دیکھیں کیا گزرے ہے قطرے پہ گہر ہوتے تک  
عاشقی صبر طلب اور تمنا بیتاب  
دل کا کیا رنگ کروں خون جگر ہوتے تک  
تا قیامت شب فرقت میں گزر جائے گی عمر  
سات دن ہم پہ بھی بھاری ہیں سحر ہوتے تک  
ہم نے مانا کہ تغافل نہ کرو گے لیکن  
خاک ہو جائیں گے ہم تم کو خبر ہوتے تک  
پرتو خور سے ہے شبنم کو فنا کی تعلیم  
میں بھی ہوں ایک عنایت کی نظر ہوتے تک  
یک نظر بیش نہیں فرصت ہستی غافل  
گرمی بزم ہے اک رقص شر ہوتے تک  
غم ہستی کا اسدکس سے ہو جز مرگ علاج  
شع ہر رنگ میں جلتی ہے سحر ہوتے تک



احمد فراز

## غزل

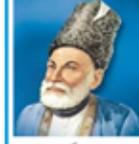
اس سے پہلے کہ بے وفا ہو جائیں  
کیوں نہ اے دوست ہم جدا ہو جائیں  
ہم بھی مجبور یوں کا عذر کریں  
پھر کہیں اور بتلا ہو جائیں  
ہم اگر منزلیں نہ بن پائے  
منزلوں تک کا راستا ہو جائیں  
دیر سے سوچ میں ہیں پروانے  
راکھ ہو جائیں یا ہوا ہو جائیں  
عشق بھی کھیل ہے نصیبوں کا  
خاک ہو جائیں کیمیا ہو جائیں  
اب کے گر تو ملے تو ہم تجھ سے  
ایسے لپٹیں تری قبا ہو جائیں  
بندگی ہم نے چھوڑ دی ہے فراز  
کیا کریں لوگ جب خدا ہو جائیں



وسیم بریلوی

## غزل

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



غالب عرفان

## غزل

الفاظ بے صدا کا امکان آنے میں  
دیکھا ہے میں نے اکثر بے جان آنے میں  
کمرے میں رقص کرتی چلتی ہیں جب ہوائیں  
کچھ عکس بولتے ہیں ہر آن آنے میں  
ہوگا کسی کا چہرہ پہچان کی لگن میں  
ہوں گی کسی کی آنکھیں حیران آنے میں  
تہذیب کا تسلط ہے آنے سے باہر  
تاریخ کے سفر کا وجدان آنے میں  
رنگوں کی بارشوں سے دھندلا گیا ہے منظر  
آیا ہوا ہے کوئی طوفان آنے میں  
زندہ حقیقتوں کی ہوتی ہے پردہ پوشی  
پلتی ہے جب رعونت نادان آنے میں  
ہو روشنی کہ ظلمت صحرا ہو یا سمندر  
ہوتا ہے زندگی کا عرفان آنے میں



آسمتھ کنول

## غزل

انتہا ہونے سے پہلے سوچ لے  
بے وفا ہونے سے پہلے سوچ لے  
بندگی مجھ کو تو راس آ جائے گی  
تو خدا ہونے سے پہلے سوچ لے  
کاسہ ہمت نہ خالی ہو کبھی  
تو گدا ہونے سے پہلے سوچ لے  
یہ محبت عمر بھر کا روگ ہے  
بتلا ہونے سے پہلے سوچ لے  
بچ رہے کچھ تیرے میرے درمیاں  
فاصلہ ہونے سے پہلے سوچ لے  
زندگی اک ساز ہے لیکن کنول  
بے صدا ہونے سے پہلے سوچ لے



اشرف جاوید

## غزل

بسید دشت کی حرمت کو بام و دردے دے  
مرے خدایا مجھے بھی تو ایک گھر دے دے  
بشارتوں کے صحیفے اتار آنکھوں پر  
طلسم شب کے کلس توڑ کر سحر دے دے  
میں تیرا نام لکھوں گا ردائے کعبہ پر  
قلم نصیب ہے، الفاظ معتبر دے دے  
رکے ہوئے ہیں کھلے پانیوں پہ برسوں سے  
ہوائیں کھول دے اور طاقت سفر دے دے  
ہر ایک شخص کہ پتھر اٹھائے پھرتا ہے  
اک آنے ہی مرے شہر کو اگر دے دے  
بکھر گیا ہوں بچھڑ کے خلاؤں میں اشرف  
اب آئے، وہ مجھے مجھ کو سمیٹ کر دے دے



آصفہ نشاط

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دریافت کر لیا ہے بسایا نہیں مجھے  
سامان رکھ دیا ہے سجایا نہیں مجھے  
کیسا عجیب شخص ہے اٹھ کر چلا گیا  
برباد ہو گیا تو بتایا نہیں مجھے  
وہ میرے خواب لے کے سرہانے کھڑا رہا  
میں سو رہی تھی اس نے جگایا نہیں مجھے  
بازی تو اس کے ہاتھ تھی پھر بھی نہ جانے کیوں  
مہرہ سمجھ کے اس نے بڑھایا نہیں مجھے  
اس نے ہزار عہد محبت کے باوجود  
جو راز پوچھتی ہوں بتایا نہیں مجھے  
وہ انتہائے شوق تھی یا انتہائے ضبط  
تہائی میں بھی ہاتھ لگایا نہیں مجھے



On the lighter side....

One morning a local highway department crew reaches their job site and realizes they have forgotten all their shovels.

The crew's foreman calls the office and tells his supervisor the situation.

The supervisor says, "Don't worry, we'll send some shovels... just lean on each other until they arrive."

Figuring that her 4 year old son Kevin was listening in the next room, Janet decided to tell her husband Don the latest Christmas gift she had bought the boy by spelling out the words "fire truck".

Don nodded and said, "I think it would be a great Christmas gift."

From the other side of the wall, they heard Kevin yell, "I don't want letters for Christmas"

Be TRUE to your teeth...

Or they will be FALSE to you!

A guy goes to the doctor.

Guy: "Doc, I think I broke my arm in three places."

Doctor: "Well, don't go to those places"

To show my wife how much I love her I bought her a beautiful diamond ring...

I had it engraved with the cost.

Eighty-year-old Bessie bursts into the recreation room of the retirement home.

She holds her clenched fist in the air and announces, "Anyone who can guess what's in my hand, can take me out to dinner tonight!"

A witty, elderly gentleman in the rear shouts out, "An elephant?"

Bessie thinks a minute and replies, "Close enough!"



As in many homes on New Year's Day, my wife and I faced the annual conflict of which was more important, the football games on television or the dinner itself. To keep peace, I ate dinner with the rest of the family and even lingered for some pleasant after dinner conversation before retiring to the family room to turn on the game. Several minutes later, my wife came downstairs and graciously even bought a cold drink for me. She smiled, kissed me on the cheek, and asked what the score was. I told her it was the end of the third quarter and that the score was still nothing to nothing.

"See?" she said, continuing to smile. "You didn't miss a thing!"

My wife had mentioned several times that she hoped I could get our grass mowed this weekend. Well, I procrastinated a bit too long and while I was watching football on TV, there was a 37 yard pass with a spectacular catch for a go ahead touchdown.

I jumped up and shouted, "Oh my GOSH! Did you see that?!?!"

And my wife said, "Yes, I see... what a lovely lawn they have."

A man pulls up to the curb and asks the policeman, "Can I park here?"

"No, sorry," says the cop.

"What about all these other cars?"

"Well, they didn't ask."

Why are chemists bad at playing pranks? They lack the element of surprise.

Two dogs pass a parking meter...

One says to the other, "How do you like that, a pay toilet!"

If snowmen can't ride bicycles, tricycles, or unicycles, what can they ride?

Icicles

An interim school superintendent, speaking at a citywide PTA luncheon, assured members that he was always happy to hear from them about problems. He told them, "You can call me day or night, at this number . . ."

Suddenly there was a cry from the assistant superintendent. "Hey," he exclaimed, "that's MY number!"

One day a man drove his secretary home after she fell quite ill at work. Although this was an innocent gesture, he decided not to mention it to his wife, who tended to get jealous easily.

Later, that night the man and his wife were driving to a restaurant.

Suddenly he looked down and spotted a high-heel shoe half hidden under the passenger seat. Not wanting to be conspicuous, he waited until his wife was looking out her window before he scooped up the shoe and tossed it out of the car. With a sigh of relief, he pulled into the restaurant parking lot. That's when he noticed his wife squirming around in her seat.

"Honey," she asked, "have you seen my other shoe?"



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