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Bengaluru boy bags Rs 60 lakh job at Google



Google, Apple, Amazon and Facebook are some of the biggest tech companies in the world. And working in one of these companies is like a dream come true for most people. But landing up a job in these companies isn't easy. Individuals need to pass several rounds of interviews to get a nod from the recruiters at these tech giant. Naturally, few make the cut. But now, a Bengaluru-based boy has broken that glass ceiling bagged a coveted spot at Google.

His salary? Rs 60 lakh.

The 22-year-old student of International Institute of Information Technology Bangalore (IIIT-B) has landed a job at Google with a package of Rs 60 lakh. KB Shyam recently completed his five-year dual degree course at IIIT_B and he will fly to Warsaw, Poland in October this year to join Google.

But bagging his dream job at one of the biggest tech companies wasn't easy. Shyam, who hails from Chennai, had to clear an online interview, an on-site interview at Munich, Germany and a team matching process to decide his team - all in a span of five months. It was only after he completed each level that he was able to get a position at Google.

"My work area will be Google cloud platform," he said in a statement to The Times of India. "Having good knowledge of computer science fundamentals and improving problem-solving skills will improve the chances of students who want to get into Google," he said adding that participating in programming competitions helped him prepare for his job interview at Google.

However, Shyam's job with Google is not his first stint with a big tech company. Last year, Shyam interned with Facebook at its London office between May 2018 and August 2018. He scored 95.2 per cent marks in class 12.

This is not the first time that Google has spent big bucks for hiring talent from India. The tech giant hired a 21-year-old engineering student from Mumbai earlier this year. Abdullah Khan, who was spotted by the tech giant on a website that hosts programming challenges, was hired as Site Reliability Engineer by Google at an annual package of Rs 1.2 crore. Last year, Google hired a 22-year-old student from IIT-Mumbai to be a part of its artificial intelligence team in New York at an annual package of Rs 1.2 crore.



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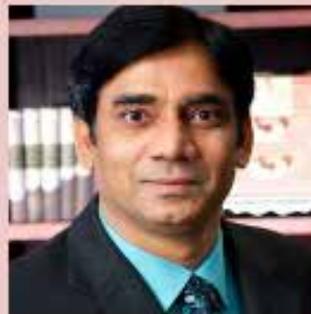
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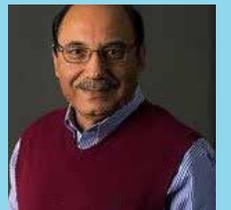
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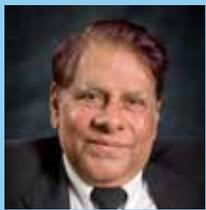


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Iran warns U.S. of stronger reaction if its borders violated again: Tasnim

DUBAI (Reuters) - Iran warned the United States against violating its borders, with parliament speaker Ali Larijani threatening a stronger reaction, the Tasnim news agency said on Thursday, a week after Tehran shot down a U.S. drone, spiking tension between them.

“The downing of their drone was a good experience for them to avoid any aggression against our borders,” the semi-official agency quoted Larijani as saying late on Wednesday.

“Iran’s reaction will be stronger if they repeat their mistake of violating our borders.”

Iran said the unmanned U.S. aircraft was in its air space, which Washington denied. Trump ordered retaliatory air strikes but called them off at the last minute, later saying too many people would have died.

The rhetoric between the sides has heated up, with Trump threatening Iran’s “obliteration”. On Wednesday, Trump said any war between Iran and the United States would be swift, but reiterated his desire to avoid a military confrontation even while blasting Tehran’s leaders.

Some 116 Iranian human rights defenders and groups around the globe have warned of “devastating” consequences of a military conflict between the arch foes, said the New York-based Center for Human Rights in Iran (CHRI).

“We also fear that military action against Iran will be disastrous for millions of ordinary people and could lead to the type of violent sectarian civil conflict seen in neighboring countries,” said a statement signed by activists, lawyers and journalists.

Tehran and Washington have been at odds since last year when Trump exited Iran’s 2015 nuclear deal with major powers and reimposed sanctions that had been lifted under the pact in return for Tehran limiting its nuclear work, including its enrichment of uranium.

In reaction to Washington’s increasingly crippling sanctions, Tehran has quadrupled its production of uranium and said on Wednesday it will exceed limits, set by the nuclear deal, on its enrichment of uranium as of Thursday unless EU took steps to save the deal.



In an unprecedented step that has increased tensions, Trump on Monday targeted Iran’s top authority Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and other senior Iranian officials with new U.S. sanctions. Iran has rejected the latest sanctions as an “idiotic” move.

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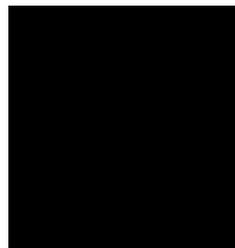
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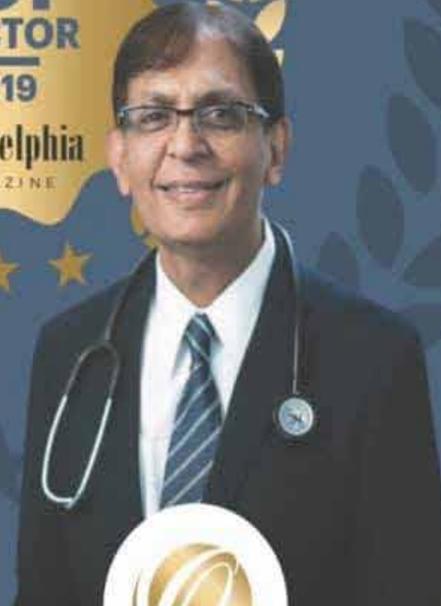


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International Journalist Fraternity Forum as they honoured Mr. Mumtaz Ali Akram in picture Mr. Iftekhar Shareef and Hajj committee Chairman



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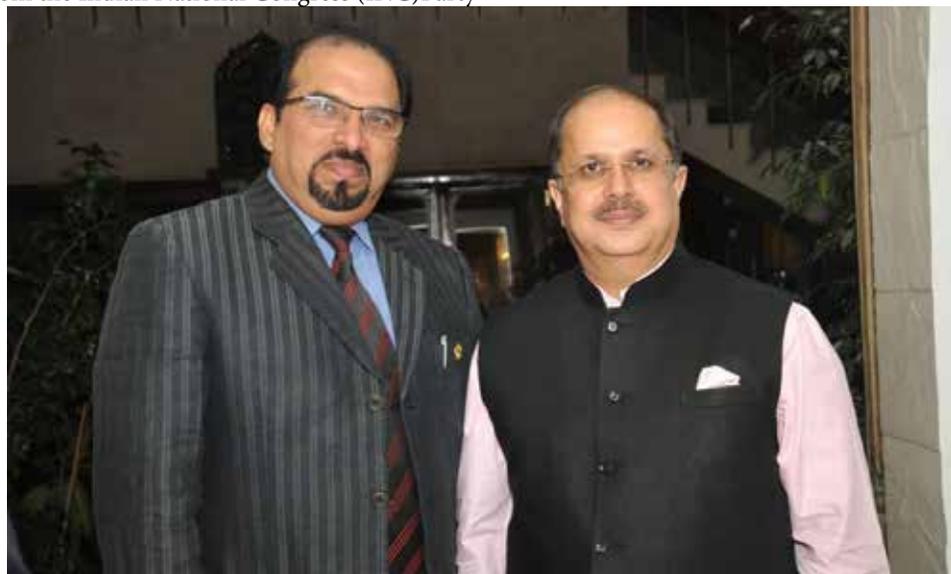
congratulations to Mr. M. K Raghavan for being elected for the the 3rd consecutive time from Kozhikode (Calicut) Kerala, India. Mr. M. K. Raghavan is M.P (Member of Parliament) in the 15th Lok Sabha 2009, 16th Lok Sabha 2014 & now the 17th Lok Sabha 2019..... Mr. M.K Raghavan is from the Indian National Congress (INC) Party



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Abu Al-Abbas Kareemullah Biyabani with Mohammed Mushtaquddin Khan Omer at a small get together at his residence in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.



Engr Mohammed Azizuddin with Dr Ausaf Sayeed, Indian Ambassador to Saudi Arabia

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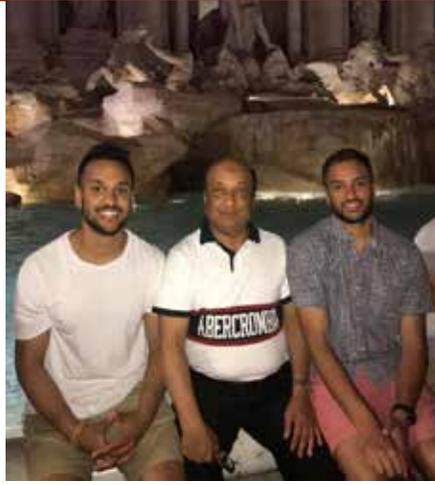
HE Hifzur Rahman Azmi called on Syrian Prime Minister Eng. Emad Khamis and discussed enhancing bilateral cooperation between India & Syria

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Wonderful time in London with India's former Cricket Captain Mohammed Azharuddin, his son Cricket Mohammed Asaduddin and my kids , lovely dinner and walked London Bridge area . Leaving for Italy today for four days and will back to London again for three days



Visited some historical places dating back First century in Italy , including the cities of Pompei , Sorrento , Napoli , Rome and many others. Get to the know in details history of Roman Empires starting year 60 BC by official tours guide .



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Marriage of Asad Ullah Khan son of Liaquat Ali Khan of Chicago, and nephew (Bhanja) of Amjad Amjed Ullah Khan sahab Of Hyderabad at Shalimar Banquets in Addition, Illinois. Other pic is Syed Laiq Ahmed and Minhaj Akhtar (Jameel).





Happy Happy Birthday Abdul Gafoor, wishing you many many more!

HE Ambassador Asad Khan's tour to Bolingbrook and meeting with Mayor Roger Claar



On Friday June 21st HE Dr. Asad malik Pakistan's Ambassador to the USA called upon the Mayor of Bolingbrook in his office. Ambassador has heard about the Hon. Mayor Roger Claar and his services to the Pakistani community previously so he wanted to meet the Mayor personally. He was accompanied by the CG Javid Umrani Commercial Counselor Amer Tareen and Deputy CG Rabia Shafiq. Deputy Mayor Mike Lawler and Village Trustee Michale Carpanzano accompanied the Mayor in his office alongside with Police and Fire commissioner Mr. Talat Rashid and Chair planning commission Mr. Mir Ali.

The meeting was held in Mayor's office for about half hour. Mayor highlighted his current tour of Pakistan with 11 member delegation and praised the efforts of Pakistan consulate in Chicago and the embassy in Washington for making it happen. Mayor also highly praised the hospitality of Mayor of Lahore Col (Rtd) Mubasher Javid who went out of his way to facilitate the delegation's visit the entire 3 days including the tight security, similar treatment was received by the Mayor of Sialkot as both Bolingbrook and Sialkot are sister city now.

Mayor Roger Claar praised the hospitality of Pakistani people and said the country is very safe to travel and sometimes the media exaggerates the facts. Pakistan is a beautiful country and he would love to go back again. I am sure now more people will join me when I decide to go again he added while discussing his trip to ambassador.



Bartlett Art Festival. Eid Celebration with elected officials, Christian, Hindu, Sikh, Jew, and with friends of all faiths. Meeting with new Consul General of India Mr. Sudhakar Dalela. Very exclusive and a VIP meet with President Cullerton. Special Thanks to my friend and favorite Senator Cristina Castro. Moon Khan candidacy announcement for DuPage County Recorder. Moon you have my support. Best wishes. - From Khaja Moinuddin.

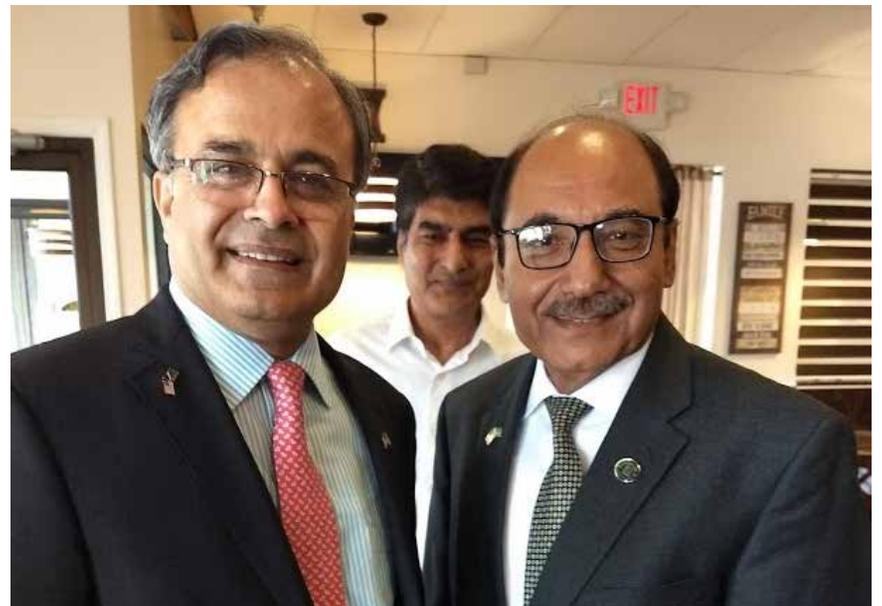


Ambassador thanked Mayor for his services to the Pakistani community in Bolingbrook and invited him to visit the embassy of Pakistan when he travels to DC. Ambassador reiterated that Pakistan would like to maintain cordial relation with USA and it is my job to keep these relations healthy and I will do anything in my power to facilitate these relations. Ambassador Asad invited the Mayor to visit him in Washington DC whenever he is there. During his conversation Trustee Carpanzano asked the Ambassador what brought you to the Chicago he replied "to meet the Mayor and see Bolingbrook". Ambassador also thanked Mayor for raising Pakistani Flag on the city hall for the past 29 years on Pakistan's Independence day and providing various opportunities to the Pakistani community in Bolingbrook.

In 2010 During Republican convention in Ohio Mayor Roger Claar arranged the meeting between then DCM Asad Malik in DC and the Illinois Chair and Senator Dan Rutherford thru Mr. Talat Rashid.

Mayor then showed the Cricket Bat to the Ambassador signed by PM Imran Khan that he has in the office for the past 20 years when Imran Khan came to Chicago with his wife for his hospital's fundraiser.

Ambassador tour weather Tech and GW electric. Mr. David Mc Neil the founder of the Weather Tech gave the tour himself. The tour lasted about 30 minutes. GW Electric does business with Pakistan. The Tour was arranged by the Mayor Claar. The lunch was arranged in the Desi Diner, Mr. Talat Rashid founder of APA and Mir Ali presented a gift to the Ambassador on the behalf of Association of Pakistani Americans. Over all it was very successful tour. Ambassador was given full official protocol with Police escort during his stay.



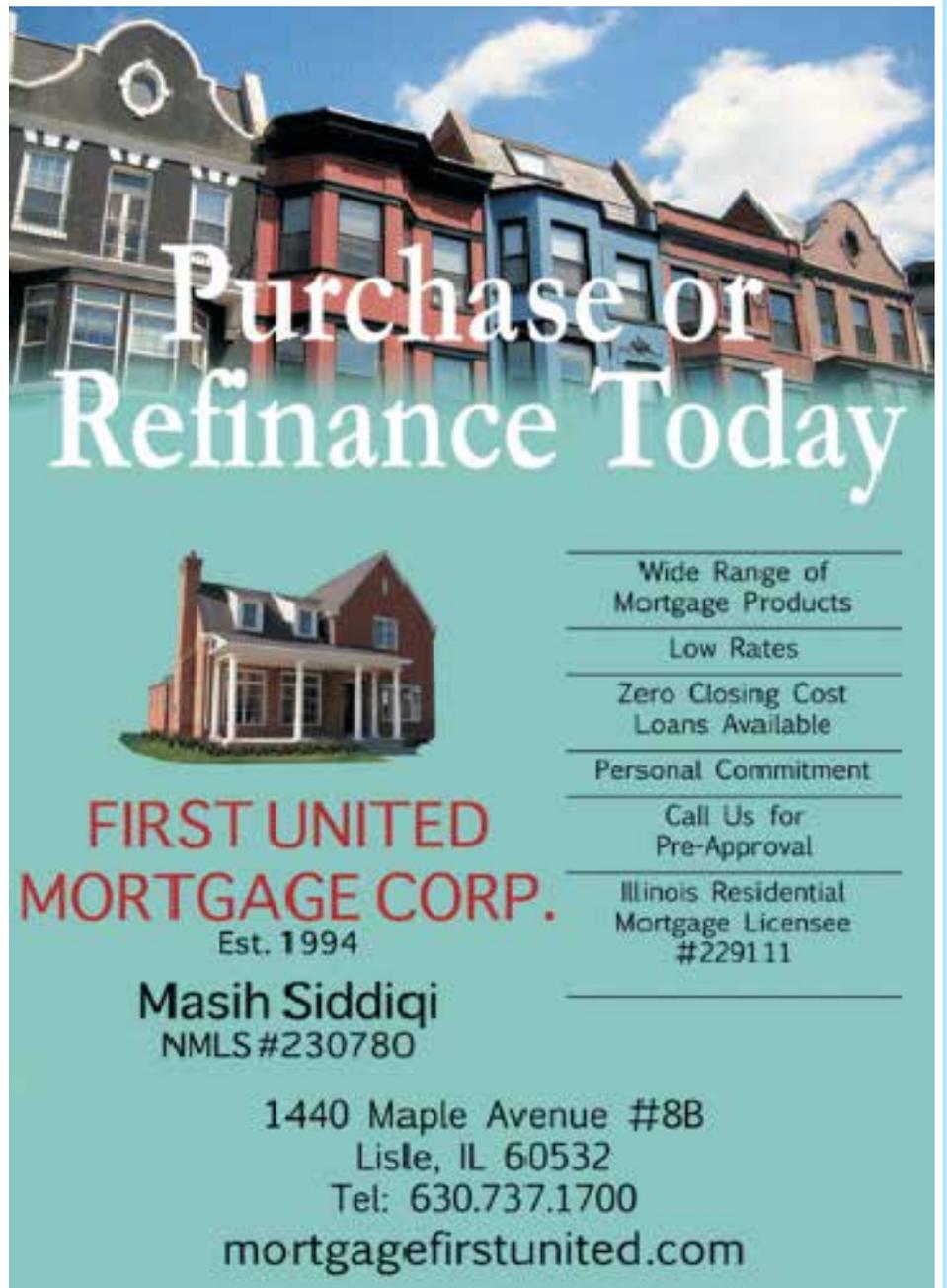
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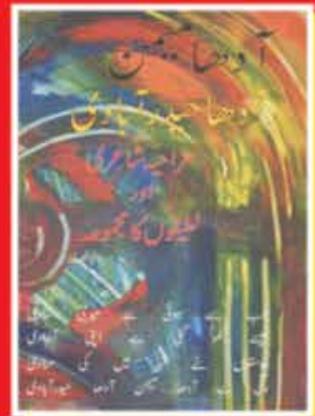
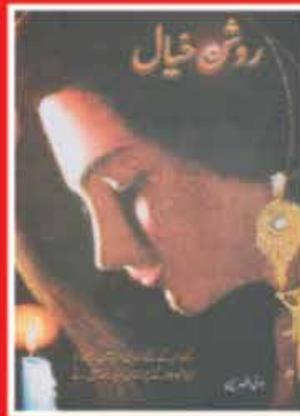
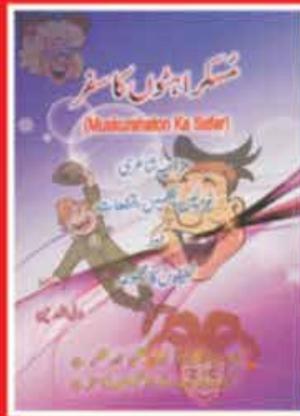
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World Environmental Day and the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi



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Chicago IL: World Environment Day and to commemorate the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Members of Gandhi Memorial Chicago [GMC], supported by the Consulate General of India [CGI], Chicago and in partnership with the Village of Skokie at Gandhi Statue in Heritage Park at McCormick Blvd' Tree Planting Event was on Wednesday, June 05, 2019 at 11:30 noon.

It will rain. It will not rain. It will be a stormy day. It will not be a stormy day. The hide and seek like weather forecasts for June 5, 2019 included all possibilities.

However, the encouraging phone calls from score of invited guests overwhelmingly indicated that "rain or shine, we are coming". And they proved it.

United Nations had declared June 5, 2019 as the Environment Day and urged the citizens of the world to plant as many trees as they could around them. The call from the Counsel General of India (CGI), Chicago, came to the Gandhi Memorial Chicago, located in Skokie, to plan the celebrations.

The GMC determined that the surrounding of the statue of Mahatma Gandhi, in the Skokie Sculpture Park, would be an ideal place to celebrate this event.

However, this location had a score of challenges for the GMC volunteers due to the extremely wet weather. The entire area was soaked wet due to storms during the previous week.

The CGI office stepped forward and suggested to set up a tent and chairs for the comfort of guests. The CGI, Hon. Mr. Sudhakar Dalela, also offered to meet the cost of

rental equipment.

Mr. Pramod Shah, Village Clerk of Skokie, guided us through the process of distributing the invitation cards in accordance with the protocol. He also put us in touch with Cathy of the Skokie Village Dept. of Forester.

As the event began, Hon. George Van Dusen, Mayor of Skokie, arrived right on time at Gandhi statue at 11.30 a.m. The CGI and the Consulate staff had already arrived. A large group of guests from Metropolitan Asian Family Services (MAFS), under the leadership of Mrs. Shanta Kumar also joined.

Amidst a gathering of score of guests, the Master of Ceremony, Shri Satish Chander, started the program with the singing of 'Raghu Pati Raghav Raja Ram'. He also guided the enthusiastic crowd to the whole-hearted loud slogan of 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai'.

This Mayor addressed the crowd followed by CGI who spoke about the significance of Environment Day.

From thereon, the Skokie Forester Cathy took control of the proceedings. She had pre-selected five spots in the ground around Gandhi statue to plant two shady and three flowering trees in the area.

Cathy and her team members were ready with their work gears to work in the mud and slush. Amidst the preparations done by Skokie Forestry Dept., the dignitaries proceeded to plant the trees under Cathy's guidelines

Meanwhile the members of MAFS served refreshments, tea and water bottles to the guests. They had brought the bags of great tasting refreshment for all the guest. They also generously provided a large kettle of hot, sweet tea for everyone.

Dr. C.M. Modi, MD, Chairperson (GMC) happily interacted with the guests and Asian Media USA team cover the ongoing event.

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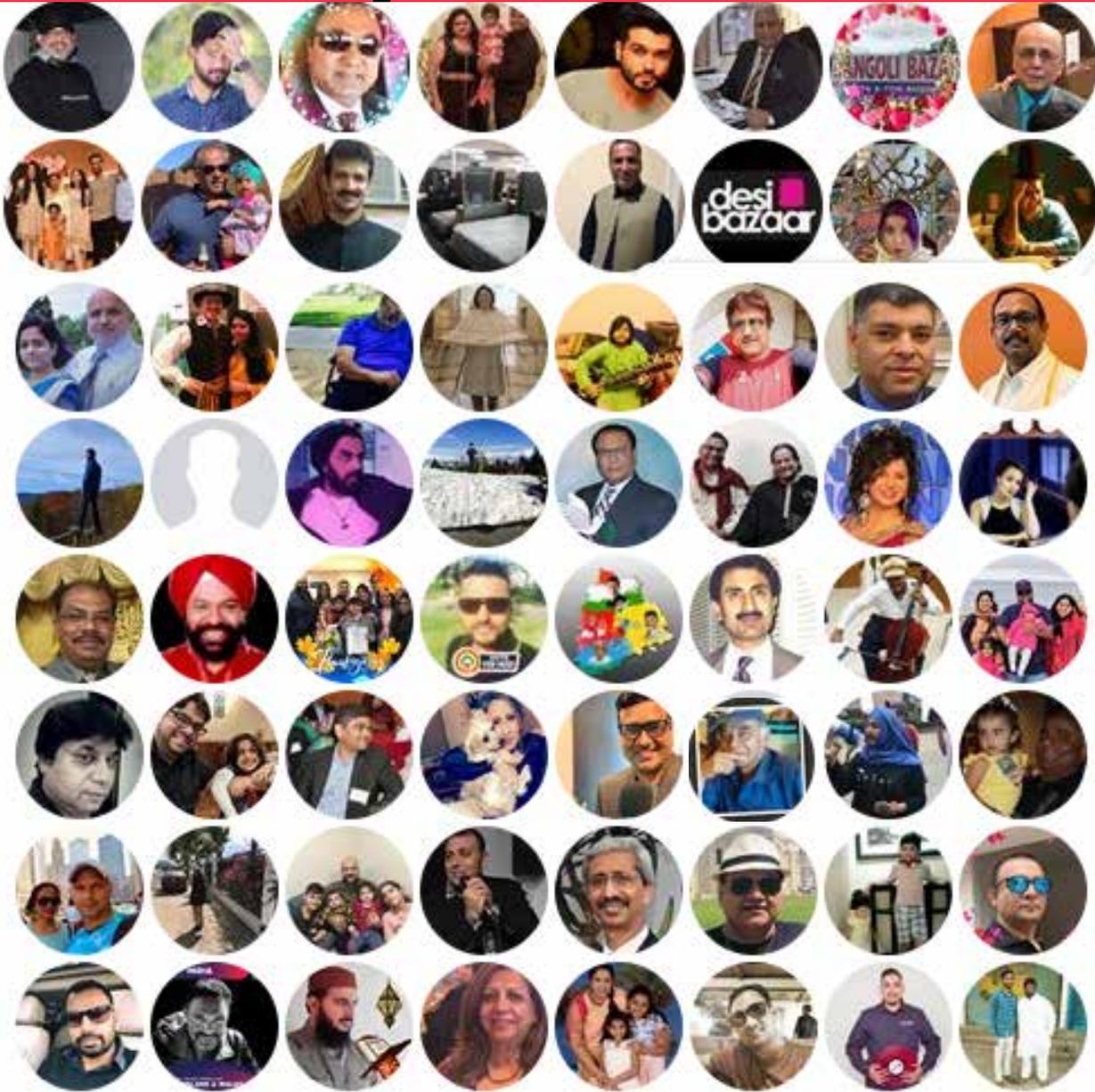
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British era land worth Rs 30 lakh can now fetch Rs 4.35 lakh crore, but it's divided the family

Godrej Group's 1,000-acre developable land parcel in Vikhroli holds revenue potential worth Rs 4,35,000 crore, nearly four times the market capitalisation of the group's four listed entities - Godrej Industries, Godrej Consumer Products, Godrej Agrovet and Godrej Properties.

Not surprisingly, its use and division has become the bone of contention between brothers Adi Godrej, Chairman of Godrej Group, Jamshyd Godrej, chairman of Godrej and Boyce and cousin Nadir Godrej, Chairman, Godrej Agrovet.

Adi Godrej's grandfather Pirojsha Godrej had bought 3,000 acres in Mumbai from the British during the Second World War for Rs 30 lakh. He subsequently bought about 400 acres more, taking the total to 3400 acres. The land, however, includes nearly 1800 acres of mangroves, which cannot be developed due to ecological issues. The developable land is 1,000 acres, which at the prevailing rate of Rs 40 crore per acre in most suburbs of Mumbai, is alone valued at Rs 40,000 crore.

In response to an e-mail query, Adi and Jamshyd Godrej jointly said: "We have been working on a long term strategy plan for the Group for several years. As part of this exercise, we have sought advice from external partners to help us think through options."

Recently, Mumbai-based Runwal Group entered into an agreement to buy 13 acres of land in eastern suburb of Kanjur Marg at Rs 38 crore per acre while Godrej Properties itself paid Rs 84 crore per acre to purchase RK Studios in Chembur, Central Mumbai. And, Japan's Sumitomo this week agreed to pay Rs 746 crore per acre for a three-

acre land parcel in Mumbai's commercial hub Bandra Kurla Complex.

"This (Vikhroli land) is a goldmine and such land parcels in developed locations are scarce. It is a highly valuable piece in a city grappling with shortage of land," says Pan-kaj Kapoor, founder and MD at real estate consultancy Liases Foras.

The current floor space index and fungible area rules in Mumbai allow builders to develop a saleable area of around 4.5 to 5 times the land parcel. This will turn the 1,000 acres land into to a saleable area of nearly 5,000 acres or around 218 million sq ft.

Godrej Properties, the real estate arm of the group, headed by Adi Godrej's son Phirojsha Godrej, is already developing a project in Vikhroli, called The Trees. With a prevailing rate of Rs 18,000 per sq ft in that project, a ballpark of Rs 20,000 per sq ft will make the developable land bank a Rs 4,35,000 crore property.

Most of this 1,000-acre land is housed under the unlisted Godrej and Boyce, which is best known for manufacturing consumer durables, furniture and locks.

Godrej Properties chairman Pirojsha Godrej has been repeatedly talking about developing the group's land bank, including in Vikhroli. While The Trees is fully owned by Godrej Properties, it is also planning to develop two other projects in Vikhroli. The company had said it would charge a development management fee of 10 per cent of revenue without giving details of land ownership. This land is probably housed under Godrej and Boyce.



Land has been a bone of contention historically and more so in Mumbai, where land prices have shot through the roof in the last two decades. "Land prices across Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MRR) continue to remain elevated as compared to historical levels. This comes at a time when the MMR market continues to grapple with high prices, sizeable levels of unsold inventory and a funding squeeze. While this may seem counter-intuitive, we believe that supply of clean and unencumbered land in Mumbai's city and suburbs continues to be scarce," Adhidev Chattopadhyay, research analyst with ICICI Securities, said in a report.

As the buyers of these land parcels are larger and organised players such as Oberoi Realty and Godrej Properties - who command a premium for quality and certainty of execution - a price correction in MMR may be limited to stuck projects of other developers, Chattopadhyay added.



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During his time as a renowned professor and researcher in academia, Dr. Mohammed T. AliNiazee recognized the increasing tuition rates, increasing student loans and debts, and increasing time periods required for acquiring a college degree. Confronting this imbalance, NWSC is here to make a difference by offering more student guidance, smaller classes, and three full terms per year (rather than two). A culmination of his longtime dream of establishing a world class center of education founded on

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A cultural hub with numerous advanced centers for healthcare and medicine, Chicago was selected as the city to establish NWSC. In 2008, President AliNiazee acquired the property in Rolling Meadows, IL that is now NWSC. After establishing the Corporate Board and the Board of Regents, M.A.Q. Khan (late), a retired professor of biology for the University of Illinois at Chicago joined NWSC as the Chairman of the Board of Regents, and was appointed as the college's Vice President. Dr. Khan was instrumental in this formative period at NWSC. Additional faculty and staff were hired by Dr. AliNiazee as the school started to grow.

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Pakistani Superstars best thrill performances on Anny Khan Show in Chicago

Report and Pictures: Syed Khalil Ullah

A few weeks ago, when Ms. Anny Khan and her team announced there will be a great Shows in Chicago, New Jersey and Atlanta. The Chicago South Asian Community was more than anxious to get the Ticket in advance.

Several Pakistani Superstars and showbiz actors, singers and comedians from the Pakistan performed live in Stage Chicago as part of Anny Khan production that showed on Meadows Club, Rolling Meadows on Friday, June 14, 2019. The show named was Jhoom. The show includes music, comedy, and dances. The evening was enhanced by the live musical and dance performances of material, Sana Fakhar & Naveed Raza, and Raga Boys. Famous actor Faysal Qureshi did not arrive the USA due to Visa Problem.

On this occasion Raga Boyz, namely Nayab Ali Khan, Wali Khan and Inam Ali Khan are sons of famous classical singer Ustad Hamid Ali Khan also performed at the show and they presented several songs and Ghazals. They received huge applause from Chicago Pakistani and Indian excited audience. The show started around 8 p.m. until midnight.

All the performances on the show was extremely wonderful and enjoyable. Audiences were exhilarated by the performances of those Pakistani tremendous stars.

It was an evening of mixed gathering of Pakistani and Indian community, the Audience includes all the ages, Youth, Elders, Businessmen, Supporters, Families and Friends. The Show was a great success with about 300 individuals attended the event.

At the end of the event Anny Khan came to stage thank all the volunteers, Sponsors, Grand sponsors, including Ms. Ria, Ammar, Dr. Raj Gupta and the 27th investment and plain Insurance. She also thanks all the friends and families for supporting the event. Jhoom turn to first Pakistani Concert tour in USA with great performances by Pakistani Super Stars.

After the Successful show in Chicago several audiences said, "Anny Khan holds a special place in our heart. We are waiting for another event soon."

At the end of concert meet and greet were arranged with stars. The community was thrilled and exhilarate to meet their favorite celebrities, personally.

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Freelance journalist





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FAMILY SPONSORED PREFERENCES	Pakistan/Bangladesh	India
1 st Unmarried sons & daughters Of U.S. Citizens	March 08, 2012	March 08, 2012
2-A Spouses and unmarried children of permanent residents	Current	Current
2-B Unmarried sons & daughters (21 yrs. of age or older) of permanent residents	Sept., 01, 2013	Sept., 01, 2013
3 rd Married sons & daughters of US citizens	March 08, 2007	March, 08, 2007
4 th Brothers & sisters of adult U.S. citizens	June 15, 2006	Aug., 22, 2004

EMPLOYMENT BASED CATEGORY		
1 st Priority workers	April 22, 2018	Jan., 01, 2015
2 nd Members of the professions holding advanced degree or persons of exceptional ability	Current	April 24, 2009
3 rd Skilled workers Other workers	Current Current	July 01, 2009 July 01, 2009
4 th Certain special immigrants Certain religious workers	Current Current	Current Current
5 th Non-regional centers Regional centers	Current Current	May 01, 2017 May 01, 2017



For Erdogan, the bill for Turkey's debt-fueled growth comes due

Through the course of a 16-year run as Turkey's supreme leader, Erdogan has time and again delivered on his promises of potent economic growth. Yet not unlike an athlete who puts up record-shattering numbers through performance-enhancing drugs, he has produced expansion by resorting aggressively to debt.

By Peter S. Goodman

The shocking rebuke of Turkey's governing party in Sunday's mayoral election in Istanbul resonated as more than a yearning for new leadership in the nation's largest city. It signaled mounting despair over the economic disaster that has befallen the nation under the strongman rule of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Through the course of a 16-year run as Turkey's supreme leader, Erdogan has time and again delivered on his promises of potent economic growth. Yet not unlike an athlete who puts up record-shattering numbers through performance-enhancing drugs, he has produced expansion by resorting aggressively to debt. He has unleashed credit to his cronies in the real estate and construction industries, who have filled the horizons with monumental infrastructure projects. The bill has come due. Over the last two years, financiers have taken note of the staggering debt burdens confronting Turkey's major compa-

nies and grown fearful of the increasingly dubious prospects for full repayment. Investors have yanked their money out of the country, sending the value of Turkey's currency, the lira, plunging by more than 40% against the American dollar. The result is inflation running at an annual rate of about 19%, besieging ordinary people and companies alike. Farmers are stuck paying sharply higher prices for imported fertilizer and fuel for their tractors. Families are paying more for vegetables and eggs. Factories are paying extra for imported components like electronics and parts. The official unemployment rate exceeds 14%.

Of gravest concern, the companies that enabled Erdogan's construction bonanza have watched their balance sheets deteriorate with the fall in the lira. Much of their debt is priced in dollars, meaning their burden expands as the Turkish currency loses value. Most of their revenues are in lira, a potentially lethal mismatch that threatens insolvency.

Turkey was staring at some \$328 billion worth of medium and long-term debt in foreign currencies, most of that in dollars, as of the end of 2018, according to official data. Private companies were responsible for about two-thirds. Private companies

owed another \$138 billion in foreign currency debt payable in the next year.

Given that Turkey's overall economic production was about \$766 billion last year, these debts are enormous. They have given Turkey claim on an unwanted distinction: Only Argentina looks to be at greater risk of descending into a full-blown crisis. More than economic factors explain the deepening dismay over Erdogan's tenure. Having cultivated power by diminishing the role of the military in national life, enabling Muslims to practice their faith free of a state-enforced mode of secularism, he has in recent years attacked democratic institutions by crushing dissent, seizing the property of his enemies and muzzling the press.

In opting to entrust the main opposition party, the People's Republican Party, with control of Istanbul — the city where Erdogan's political career began a quarter-century ago — voters appeared to be expressing general unhappiness with this means of governance.

But the common denominator in Turkish life, the factor that cuts across traditional political divides, is the uncomfortably decisive force of economic decline. "Inflation is so high, and real wages are falling, and people are thinking they have to save their money instead of spending," said Nafez Zouk, lead emerging markets economist at Oxford Economics in London. "They have lost faith in their currency and their spending power." Turkey is endowed with formidable economic strengths — a relatively young population of about 80 million, a growing middle class, a location at the crossroads of Europe and Asia and glorious scenery underpinning a major tourism industry.

But Turkey has long been dependent on imported goods and cash borrowed in foreign currency, making the drop in the lira especially painful.

The economy descended into recession over the last half of 2018. Modest growth resumed during the first three months of 2019, as the economy expanded by 1.3% compared to the previous quarter. But most economists viewed that as a temporary phenomenon, the result of public spending that Erdogan delivered to boost fortunes before local elections in late March.

The fundamental situation



appears grim, with no clear path toward better days.

The central bank has maintained short-term interest rates at 24% to prevent more money from heading for the exits. High interest rates entice investors with enhanced rewards for accepting the risk of keeping their cash in Turkey.

But high rates also make borrowing more expensive for Turkish businesses and consumers, depressing sales of cars, discouraging new ventures and constraining economic activity in general.

Erdogan has famously railed against high interest rates as the supposed cause of inflation, which is something like blaming sobriety for the smashed furniture left in the wake of the last boozy bender, and has called for them to fall to get growth back on track. His installation of his son-in-law as paramount economic overseer last year damaged what meager confidence remained in the independence of Turkey's central bank.

Erdogan could use his powers to engineer a reduction in interest rates, sending another surge of credit through the economy and — at least for a time — making businesses feel better about their prospects. He could add to the festivities with government spending, taking advantage of Turkey's still officially low levels of public debt.

But that would invite another drop in the lira while further denting faith in Turkey's economic stewardship. The result would be more inflation, exacerbating the pressures on consumers and businesses.

Or Erdogan can accept what he has long rejected as intolerable — much lower growth rates than the 6 and 7% a year to which he has become accustomed, perhaps muddling through as the corporate sector finds its way to solvency.

The verdict in Istanbul's mayoral election suggests that the people of Turkey's largest city are not crazy about their choices, and not reassured by the man in charge of the country.

International markets appeared pleased by the likelihood of a weakened Erdogan, with the lira climbing modestly as trading began Monday. Those in control of money have apparently lost trust in the Turkish president and relish the prospect that another party is seizing some of the economic levers.

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Trump 'comfortable with any outcome' from pivotal Xi talks: Official

The much-anticipated meeting at the G20 summit in Japan will be the first face-to-face meeting for the leaders since trade talks broke off in May, leading to a hike in US tariffs on imports of Chinese goods.

US President Donald Trump views this week's meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping as a chance to see where Beijing stands on the two countries' trade war, and is "comfortable with any outcome" from the talks, a senior US official said.

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The United States and China have waged an 11-month trade war marked by tit-for-tat tariffs on hundreds of billions of dollars of each others' goods, roiling financial markets, disrupting supply chains and crimping global economic growth prospects.

The senior administration official, speaking to reporters on condition of anonymity, declined to give details about plans for the meeting, other than to say it would likely happen on the second day of the

Friday-Saturday summit in Osaka "It's really just an opportunity for the president to maintain his engagement as he has very closely with his Chinese counterpart. Even as trade frictions persist, he's got the opportunity to see where the Chinese side is since the talks last left off," the official said.

"The president is quite comfortable with any outcome," the official added.

The Trump administration has accused China of failing to protect intellectual property, forcing US companies to transfer technology to Chinese partners and failing to provide a level playing field for US companies.

Talks between the United States and China broke down in May after the US side accused China of backing away from previously agreed commitments. The senior administration official declined to say whether the meeting was seen as a chance to restart talks or achieve a more formal agreement.

"The president has been quite clear that he needs to see structural real reform in China across a number of issues and a number of sectors, and nothing about that has changed," a second official said.



"The fact that talks broke down in May hasn't changed that as the ultimate goal," the official said.

At least eight bilaterals

Trump, who is known for preferring one-on-one meetings to multilateral talks, will meet separately with at least eight world leaders while he is at the summit, the first official said.

He plans to meet Russian President Vladimir Putin, Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan, the official said, declining to give details of the dates and times because Trump's schedule was still in flux.

Trump will also meet with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who is hosting the summit, the official told reporters on a conference call, noting additional bilateral meetings could still be announced. Trump wants to talk to partners and allies to get their support for his Iran sanctions program and to talk about how to encourage Iran to enter into diplomatic negotiations after Tehran shot down an unmanned American drone last week, a third official said.

Hyundai wants to make a million cars in India

MUMBAI | NEW DELHI: Hyundai Motor Group is targeting to produce one million units in India over the next three years, emboldened by the recent entry of affiliate Kia Motors into the domestic market. If it manages to achieve the target, the South Korean automobile leader would be the first after Maruti SuzukiNSE 0.97 % to hit the milestone in India. This essentially would mean one in every five cars produced in India would come from the group's stables.

"Hyundai already produces 700,000 .

units and with our 300,000 (vehicles), we should have a combined sale of a million units," Kia Motors Corporation president and CEO H W Park told ET earlier. "Along with Hyundai, we will conquer the Indian market. As a group, with production, we will achieve that number. Already Hyundai has reached that number; it is our turn to achieve our numbers." Maruti Suzuki — which accounts for one out of every two cars sold locally — produced 1.86 million units in the last financial year. Hyundai came a distant second with an output of 7 lakh units in the same period.



Considering low-cost EV for India in collaboration with Hyundai: Kia

NEW DELHI: South Korean auto major Kia Motors Corporation is considering a low-cost electric vehicle (EV) for India in collaboration with group firm Hyundai Motors and wants personal usage for EVs to be included for government support under the FAME II scheme in India, according to a top company official.

The company, which is a part of the Hyundai Motor Group, plans to launch four new models, including its upcoming SUV Seltos, in the next two years in India but said the low-cost EV would be a separate project.

"We are still working on how to make low cost EV. I am considering to develop EV for Indian market together with Hyundai," Kia Motors Corporation President and CEO Han-Woo Park told PTI.

When asked if the low-cost EV would be

one of the four models lined up for introduction in India in the next two years, he said, "This is separate. This is not one of them."

At the 2018 Auto Expo, Kia had announced that it planned to introduce a diverse . range of vehicles in India, including an India exclusive compact electric vehicle between 2019 and 2021.

He said Kia Motors already has some products for hybrid, plug-in-hybrid, electric vehicle and fuel cell vehicles which are being sold globally.. "We are ready to introduce EV car in India but it depends on infrastructureNSE -1.63 % and government support policy. When the market is opportune, we will introduce the EV anytime to India," Park said. Hyundai, on the other hand, is gearing up to launch its electric SUV Kona in India next month.

Park said at present the cost of EV is very high, especially for the Indian market and without government support it will be a big challenge to sell EVs here.

"Last year, FAME II scheme was announced, supporting mainly two-wheeler and three-wheelers...That doesn't include four wheelers for personal usage," he added.

When asked if Kia wanted EVs for personal usages to be considered for government support, he said, "Yes, without government support it is not possible. The price is too high. Nobody wants to buy EVs." The Rs 10,000 crore FAME II scheme envisages subsidy on two-wheelers that includes personal usage. For three and four wheeler

segments, incentives will be applicable on vehicles used for public transport or registered commercial purposes. Through the scheme support 10 lakh electric two-wheelers, five lakh three-wheelers, 55,000 four-wheelers and 7,000 buses would be provided.



Women have heads shaved by mob of men because they resisted rape

Two women have been beaten up and had their heads shaved by a mob of men in India after they resisted an attempted gang rape, police said.

Several men, including a local government official, barged into the home of the mother and her daughter with the intent of raping the teenager, police in northeastern Bihar said.

“When the mother and daughter protested, the men got



angry and called a local barber, who shaved their heads,” senior officer Sanjay Kumar told the Thomson Reuters Foundation.

The men then assaulted the mother and daughter with sticks, before parading them around the village before neighbours protested against their treatment.

“We have arrested two men and are searching for the other five,” Mr Kumar said, adding that the criminal investigation was ongoing.

Describing the attack, the mother told NDTV: “We have been beaten very badly. I have injuries all over my body and my daughter too has some injuries.”

Her daughter told the broadcaster: “I was alone with my mother around 6.30 in the evening when five men from the neighbourhood forcefully entered the house and tried to molest me.

“When my mother and I protested, they started beating us with a stick and took us

outside of the house.”

India has a poor record on sexual violence against women, despite legal reforms following the gang rape of a student on a bus in Delhi in December 2012.

Nearly 40,000 rapes were registered in India in 2016 – an average of about 100 cases each day - according to the latest government data.

Earlier this week, a man in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh ran over and killed two women with his car after they protested against his attempt to molest one of their daughters.

Four men attacked a girl with acid in Bihar in April after she tried to fight off their gang rape attempt.

In 2014, village elders in Bihar shaved the head of an orphan girl, blackened her face with ash, and paraded her through their neighbourhood as punishment for talking to her boyfriend in a public place.

Mom Accused of Murdering Toddler Son Because He Was Interfering With Extramarital Affair

A New Jersey mother is accused of smothering her toddler son because she saw him as an impediment to the extramarital affair she was having.

On Tuesday, 41-year-old Heather Reynolds appeared before a Camden County judge for a detention hearing. She is charged with murder, endangering the welfare of a child, possession of methamphetamine and hindering apprehension in connection with the May 2018 death of her son, Axel, ABC6, CBS3, NJ.com report.

Text messages recovered from her phone showed Reynolds and a man had been having an affair while her husband was working out of state, Assistant Prosecutor Peter Gallagher alleged in court, NJ.com reports.

“A review of the text messages between the defendant and her boyfriend from the previous night reveal that the defendant was becoming frustrated by the boyfriend’s apparent lack of interest,” Gallagher said. “And witnesses also told detectives that the defendant had expressed the sentiment that her toddler son ... was an obstacle to her relationship with her boyfriend.”

On the morning of May 10, 2018, Reynolds walked out of her Gloucester Township home carrying the lifeless body of her son, 17-month-old Axel, and crying for her neighbors to call 911. When first responders arrived, they found Axel’s body cold and bruising on his mouth and nose, NJ.com reports.

Reynolds told first responders that Axel smelled like rubbing alcohol, and she posited he may have accidentally drank something poisonous.

But the Camden County Medical Examiner ruled Axel’s death a homicide by asphyxia. In court, Gallagher alleged the boy died when “a wipe containing [rubbing] alcohol and detergent was placed over the mouth and nose.”

Gallagher said in court that Axel’s death was suspicious from the beginning, but it took a year for prosecutors to gather enough evidence to bring charges.

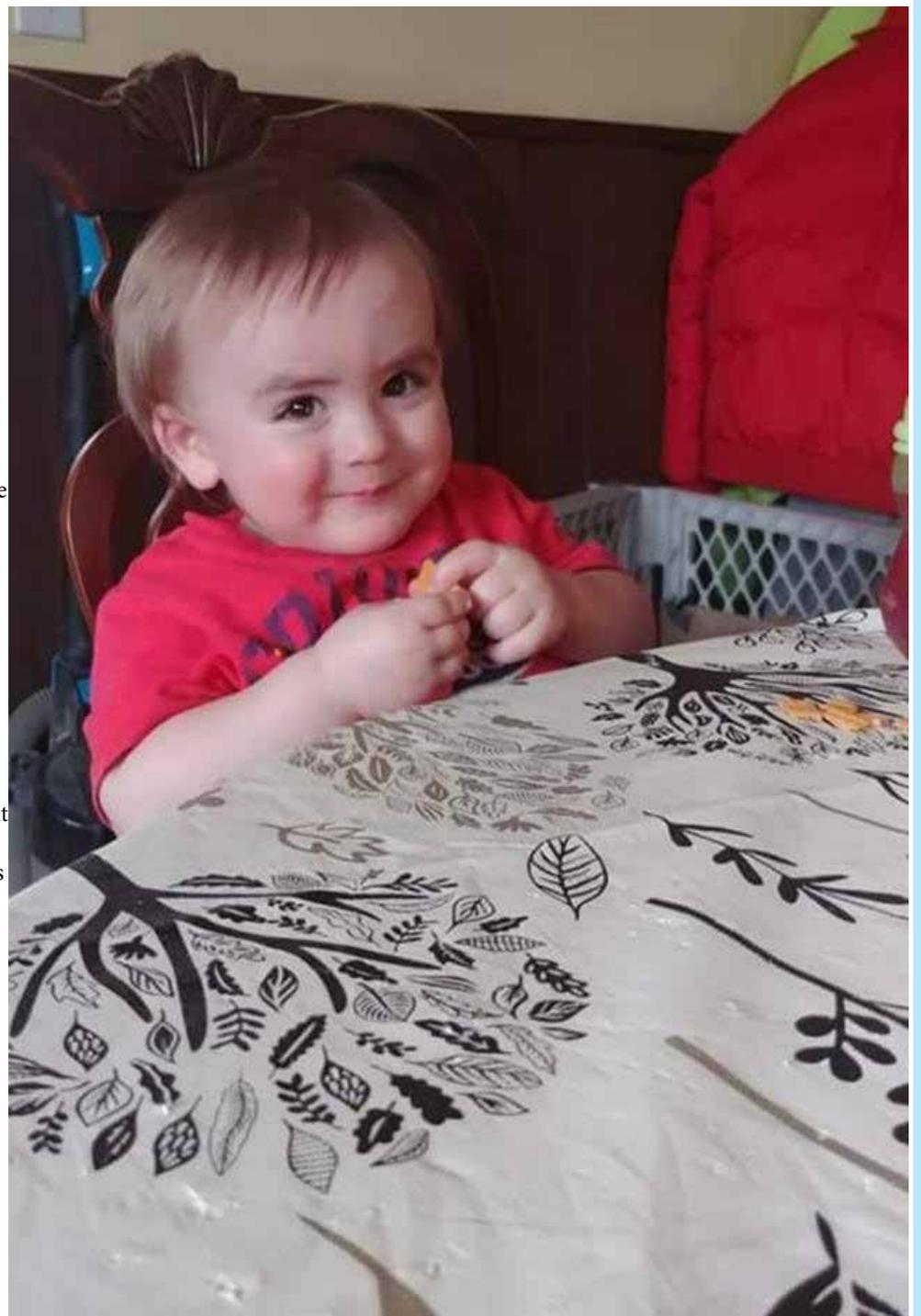
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Witnesses said that on the night of her son’s death, Reynolds had been using methamphetamine, and police allegedly recovered residue from her purse, Gallagher said.

Reynolds has pleaded not guilty to all charges. During Tuesday’s hearing, her attorney, Michael Testa, Sr., said his client has “suffered greatly as a result of this,” adding that her husband died six months after her son did.

But Gallagher said the real victim was Axel, telling the court, “This was an absolutely brutal murder and a helpless victim.”

The judge ruled Reynolds will remain behind bars until trial. If found guilty, she faces a life sentence, NJ.com and ABC6 report.



CM Arvind Kejriwal's promise: 24x7 water in Delhi by 2024

Speaking at the inauguration of a new water treatment plant at Chandrawal, he said 88% of all colonies in Delhi were getting piped water supply — an increase of 30% since AAP came to power in 2015. Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal Monday said the Delhi government would request more water allocation for the capital from the Centre, as population growth has increased demand over the years. He also said he believes his government will successfully provide 24-hour piped water supply to the whole of Delhi by 2024.

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“It is our mission that in the future, everyone in Delhi receives clean water straight from their taps, without requiring any additional filtration... I am optimistic that

in the next three-four years, maximum by 2024, we will be successful in providing 24-hour, clean and piped water supply to every citizen,” the CM said.

Since coming to power, AAP has promised piped water to the whole of Delhi several times. But several blockages, such as availability of land and the haphazard way unauthorised colonies have come up, has meant that the project has progressed very slowly. In areas where there is no pipeline, water is supplied through tankers. For most of Delhi, illegal borewells are the primary source of water.

He added that around 200 colonies still don't have pipelines and said work is underway and will be complete by 2021 in areas where laying lines is feasible. Manoj Misra, convener of the Yamuna Jiye Abhiyaan, welcomed the government's target but stressed that the Delhi Jal Board would have to manage water supply properly: “The main challenge they would

face is availability of water. They can lay pipes, but whether these pipes will carry the required amount of water is another issue... Steps need to be taken to address water wastage and recycling water for non-potable purposes.”

Later in the day, Kejriwal met Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat demanding that Delhi's water allocation be increased from 875 cusecs fixed in 1996. The minister said his ministry would examine the Delhi government's proposal and give its opinion within three days of receiving it, said a statement from the CM's office.

Shekhawat also tweeted a picture from the meeting, stating that he discussed the capital's water issues with a CM-led delegation. The CM replied to the photo, saying: “The meeting with you was immensely constructive. We have to work together to get rid of Delhi's water problems. Thank you



very much.”

Delhi gets 70% of its water from the Yamuna, and the remaining comes from other sources including the upper Ganga canal in Sonia Vihar and government-controlled borewells. The Chandrawal water treatment plant, expected to be completed by 2022, will supply an additional 477 million litres per day of water (105 MGD), DJB CEO Nikhil Kumar said.

Bengal madrasa teacher claims pushed off train for not saying Jai Shri Ram

Railway police officers said that they would take stern action against the miscreants once they are identified. A 26-year-old madrasa teacher on Monday claimed that he was beaten up and pushed off a moving train by a group for not chanting “Jai Shri Ram” on Thursday afternoon while he was travelling from Canning in South 24 Parganas district to Hooghly. Hafeez Mohd Sahruxh Haldar, who the police said escaped with minor injuries, said, “I was travelling to Hooghly when a group of people were chanting ‘Jai Shri Ram’ inside the compartment. They asked

me to chant the same. When I refused, they started to beat me, nobody came to my rescue. The incident took place while the train was between Dhakuria and Park Circus stations. They pushed me off the train at Park Circus station. Some locals helped me.”

A railway police official said, “He had minor injuries and was taken to Chittaranjan Hospital. Proper treatment was provided to him. It seems that he was assaulted during the journey due to boarding and deboarding issues. There were two to three

people who sustained minor injuries. Investigation is on and no one has been arrested.”

According to Haldar, the incident took place in train number 34531 (Canning-Sealdah). Haldar, a resident of Basanti in South 24 Parganas, said that he first went to Topsia police station to file a case, but was told that the Government Railway Police (GRP) was the right authority to approach. As per the Railway police, a case was filed against unknown people at Ballygunge

railway station under IPC Sections 341 (wrongful restraint), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 325 (voluntarily causing grievous hurt), 506 (criminal intimidation) and 34 (acts done by several persons). When The Indian Express contacted police officials in Kolkata, they said that they were verifying the incident.

Railway police officers said that they would take stern action against the miscreants once they are identified.

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Harsha Bhogle

Harsha Bhogle (born 19 July 1961) is an Indian cricket commentator and journalist.[1] He was born in a Marathi speaking family in Hyderabad.

Early life

Harsha Bhogle is the son of Prof. A.D. Bhogle, a Professor of French, and Prof. Shalini Bhogle, a Professor of Psychology. He attended Hyderabad Public School, and subsequently received a B.Tech. degree in Chemical Engineering from Osmania University's College of Technology in Hyderabad. He received PGDM (largely equivalent to an MBA) from Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad. Then, he joined an advertising agency and worked there for two years, following which he completed another two-year at a sports management company.

Career

Bhogle began his career as a cricket player for the APCA and has played small level cricket. Then he started commentating at the age of 19 with All India Radio, while living in Hyderabad. In 1991–92, he became the first Indian commentator to be invited by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation during India's cricket series before the 1992 Cricket World Cup. He has since worked for ABC Radio Grandstand during India's Australian tours, and for eight years worked for the BBC as part of their commentary team in the 1996 and the 1999 Cricket World Cups.

Since 1995, he has been presenting live cricket from all around the world for ESPN STAR Sports and was part of the 'Few Good Men' commentary team that included Ravi Shastri, Sunil Gavaskar, and Alan Wilkins along with Geoff Boycott and Navjot Singh Sidhu, for a few seasons, and later, Ian Chappell and Sanjay Manjrekar.

He covered the 2011–'12 series in Australia solely for ABC Radio.

Harsha has been covering all Indian Premier League seasons since 2009. He was dropped from the commentary team by BCCI in April 2016 due to alleged criticism from Indian players.

He has hosted television programs such as Harsha Online, Harsha Unplugged and School Quiz Olympiad for ESPN and Star Sports.

Harsha had a Television programme named after him, "Harsha ki khoj"/"Hunt of Harsha", that strove to find broadcasting talent in India.

Harsha expanded his online presence by hosting *Out of the Box with Harsha Bhogle on YouTube. Bhogle was voted the favourite TV cricket commentator by Cricinfo users based on a worldwide poll. Bhogle has also anchored BBC's travel serial Travel India and Business Today Acumen Business Quiz and Debate competitions.

Bhogle was the advisor to the Mumbai Indians for the 2008 IPL. Bhogle has published and authored a number of books,

including a biography of Mohammad Azharuddin and a collection of columns in The Indian Express, Out of the Box – Watching the Game We Love and is also a columnist for the Chennai-based "The Sportstar" a subsidiary of The Hindu group of Publications under the title "Hitting Hard" by Bhogle. (2009). Bhogle has presented the program TRAVEL INDIA WITH HARSHA BHOGLE on the Discovery channel and TLC.

In the 2011 World Cup held in India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, he anchored the pre and post match shows that featured Simon Hughes, Navjot Singh Sidhu, Sunil Gavaskar, Tony Greig and Sourav Ganguly.

In 2013, he was given the seat in commentary by Ian Bishop to conduct the final interviews when Sachin Tendulkar played his final test. Bhogle's presence in electronic media can be seen through his Twitter account and his weekly article previously on ESPNcricinfo and now on starsports.com.

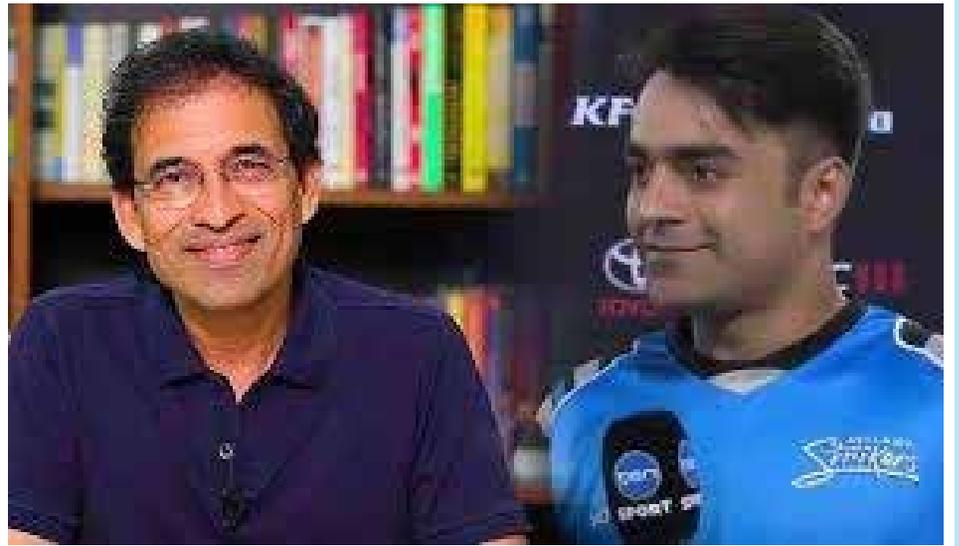
Harsha currently hosts a weekly show called "This Week's Special" aired on Star Sports. The show takes the viewers back in time to make them relive cricketing memories from the past. The first episode was aired from 1 October 2015. On 10 April 2016 Harsha's IPL contract as a commentator was terminated. The decision came as a surprise for the voice of Indian cricket since he had conducted the Season 9 draft auction, featured in the league's promotional videos, was in the commentators' 51-day-long duty roster, and even had his flight booked by the production house. Board (BCCI) officials said Bhogle had an angry exchange with a cricket official at the venue as he wanted him to open the door, and this reached the Nagpur-based BCCI president Shashank Manohar. Those in the know said this incident was the trigger that resulted in Bhogle losing out. He has been a part of Times Group subsidiary Cricbuzz since 2016 and writes articles apart from doing video analysis with them.

Harsha Bhogle is currently one of the Board of Governors of IIM Udaipur. On 16 May 2019, he was named among the 24 commentators for the 2019 ICC World Cup held in England and Wales.

Books
He and his wife Anita Bhogle have written a book titled The Winning Way based on business knowledge drawn from the sporting world. This book is result of ten years of work and experience in sports based communication. He has also authored a biography of Mohammad Azharuddin. His collection of articles is published in a book called Out of the Box.

Personal life

Harsha is married to Anita his classmate in IIM-A, and the couple live in Mumbai with their children Chinmay and Satchit. Harsha, along with his wife, Anita, runs a sport-based communication consultancy called Prosearch.



Saudi Arabia granted women the right to drive. A year on, it's still complicated

A year after Saudi Arabia lifted its ban on female drivers, thousands of women are behind the wheel. But behind the celebrations lay larger issues Saudi Arabia granted women the right to drive one year ago, a historic move that cracked open a window to new freedoms for women who have long lived under repressive laws. The measure was enacted by the country's de facto leader, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who also eased other restrictions on women, leading some to hail him as a feminist reformer.

But behind the celebrations lay larger issues. Despite renewed freedoms on the road, in the year since the ban was ended, Saudi women remain subject to strict guardianship laws that forbid them from making many basic decisions without the permission of a male relative.

And some of the very activists who fought for their rights have been languishing behind bars. Here's what to know a year after the ban on female drivers was lifted.

— Tens of thousands of Saudi women are driving. Officials say they have issued tens of thousands of driver's licenses to Saudi women since last year. A handful of driving schools catering to women have popped up and dozens of women have shared celebratory photos with their licenses in hand.

Car manufacturers have created advertising campaigns aimed at Saudi women, with experts saying the lifting of the ban could transform the country's automotive industry.

Rawan Radwan, a reporter for Arab News, an English-language news outlet based in Riyadh, shared a video from behind the wheel in honor of the anniversary.

"I am commuting to work today, just



getting my coffee, it's a good time," she said. "I am commuting to work today, just getting my coffee, it's a good time," she said. "Congratulations to every female driver in Saudi Arabia. In March 2019, Maj. Gen. Mohammed al-Bassami, a top Saudi transportation official, said that at least 70,000 women had been issued driver's licenses, according to a report in the Saudi Gazette. Seven driving schools for women have opened, the report said.

The ban was lifted amid a wide-scale public relations push, but the Saudi government has released few hard figures about the growth of female driving in country. The Saudi government did not respond to requests for updated figures on the number of women driving and the number of driving schools for them, and calls to the General Department of Traffic went unanswered. — Women's rights activists are still being detained.

Just weeks before the driving ban was lifted, at least 11 women's rights activists were arrested in a sweeping crackdown. In subsequent weeks, more were detained and many were later charged with crimes related to their activism.

Some have since been released on bail, while others have remained imprisoned for more than a year, enduring torture, according to rights groups. Many still await trials shrouded in secrecy.

Simply Put: Why world is debating data flow

Human rights groups say that while it is important to celebrate the milestone for female drivers, these activists should not be forgotten.

Yahya Assiri, the director ALQST, a human rights group, said in a statement that rather than being a cause for celebration, "this anniversary is unfortunately instead a sad and timely reminder that the many women who



fought so bravely for women's rights in Saudi Arabia, including the right to drive itself, are still being punished for their activism."

Loujain al-Hathloul, a prominent figure in the push to allow women to drive, was detained in May 2018 and is still behind bars. Her sister Lina al-Hathloul, who lives in Belgium, said that her trial finally began in Riyadh this March, though a later hearing was abruptly postponed.

Among the charges against al-Hathloul are that she sought to undermine the security of the kingdom, which her sister said stemmed from al-Hathloul's contacts with foreign journalists, and accusations that she applied for a job at the United Nations.

"I would like people to remember that these reforms wouldn't have happened if Loujain and the others like her didn't put their lives in danger," Lina al-Hathloul said. "Driving is a really good thing for Saudi women," she added. "But on the other hand, if they stop the reformers and put them in jail and torture them, we question the good of the reforms." — Saudi women still face strict guardianship laws.

Some activists detained last year were also campaigning for an end to Saudi Arabia's guardianship laws, which have long kept women out of public life.

The guardianship laws are legal codes based on an austere Saudi interpretation of Islam. Beginning in 2017, a series of royal decrees loosened some restrictions — such as those on owning businesses and renting — and allowed for more mixing of the sexes in public spaces like movie theaters and sports arenas. But many constraints remain.

Under the system, a girl's father is her legal guardian; once a woman is married, her husband becomes her guardian. If her husband dies, guardianship transfers to her son or another male family member. A woman who goes against her guardian's wishes can be ar-

rested on charges of disobedience.

Saudi women do not need their guardian's approval to get a driver's license, but they do need permission to marry, enroll in school and university, and apply for a passport.

— Other abuses have overshadowed reforms.

Even as Prince Mohammed has vowed to return Saudi Arabia to a more moderate Islam and continues to push reforms, international monitors say human rights abuses in the country have not slowed, with arbitrary detentions and disproportionate punishments doled out frequently.

The 2018 killing of the dissident Jamal Khashoggi by Saudi agents inside Saudi Arabia's consulate in Istanbul has been linked to the crown prince, and has cast his leadership in a new light. A recent U.N. report concluded that the destruction of evidence following Khashoggi's death "could not have taken place without the crown prince's awareness."

Rights groups have denounced a Saudi-led coalition's continued war in Yemen, which has left the country in a humanitarian crisis. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty in the trial of a Saudi religious reformist thinker, Hassan Farhan al-Maliki, drawing more condemnation. Michael Page, the deputy Middle East director at Human Rights Watch, said that in order to truly reform, Saudi Arabia's ruling family needed to allow for freedom of expression. "Mohammed bin Salman has consistently pledged to support a more 'moderate' version of Islam," he said, "while his country maintains a prosecution service that seeks the death penalty against religious reformers for expressing their peaceful ideas."



From Dr. Ausaf Sayeed:
It was my great honor and pleasure to pay a courtesy call on HRH Prince Khalid bin Faisal Al Saud, Governor of Makkah today in Jeddah.

I had the privilege of meeting him first when he was the Governor of Asir Province and I was Consul General in Jeddah. At that time we had organized the first Asir-India Festival in Abha. Thereafter I had met him a few times when Prince Khalid became the Governor of Makkah.

During today's meeting, I thanked the Governor for extending his full cooperation to India in making arrangements for 200,000 Hajis coming from our country this year.

We also discussed ways of strengthening bilateral economic, educational and people-to-people relations between India and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.



PM Shri Narendra Modi met with Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia HRH Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud on the margins of the #G20 in Osaka, Japan. The two leaders discussed deepening cooperation in trade & investment, energy security, counter terrorism, among other areas.

India must withdraw tariffs from US goods, says Trump ahead of his meeting with PM Modi



India's imposition of recent retaliatory tariffs on US goods is not acceptable and they must be withdrawn, the US president Donald Trump said in a tweet in view of escalating trade tensions between the US and India.

Working-class Mexicans don't want Central American immigrants, either. Here's why.

Lifestyle

Working-class Mexicans don't want Central American immigrants, either. Here's why.

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Reactions Reblog on Tumblr Share Tweet Email Spend a few days anywhere in Mexico — even in a trendy tourist destination — and you'll understand why some Mexicans don't want the Central American migrants, either.

You'd think the Mexicans, whose compatriots have been migrating to the United States for generations, would appreciate the predicament of the thousands of Central Americans passing through Mexico trying to reach U.S. soil.

But no.

The sentiment was unmistakable from everyone I casually asked during my seven-day trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico: We need to take care of our own first.

Sounds familiar? It's the same nationalistic sentiment often heard and harshly criticized here in the United States.

Too many here are desperately poor

My stay in Puerto Vallarta last week was strictly a family vacation. I didn't introduce myself as a journalist. The housekeepers, taxi drivers, waiters, cooks and bartenders saw us as just another bunch of tourists who contributed to the local economy and helped them keep their low-paying jobs. (They are jobs, after all.)

A woman walking in Bucerias, Mexico.

None of these workers volunteered their political views unless asked. Perhaps they're trained to keep to themselves or too tired to care or both. We stayed in Nuevo Vallarta, in the Riviera Nayarit, a gorgeous and increasingly trendy coastal tourist spot.

There was no sight of Central Americans anywhere in the Riviera Nayarit or a few miles to the south in Puerto Vallarta in the state of Jalisco. But anyone curious enough to chat and willing to listen closely to the locals would spot a trend that helps explain why some of them aren't embracing Central American migrants.

They're desperately poor with no real prospects of getting out of it. Don't call these Mexicans hypocrites — as some here in the United States do — unless you really know their own predicament.

How are they supposed to feed immigrants?

How can anyone criticize the hotel housekeeper for balking at the notion that Mexico should shelter, feed and provide medical attention to Central American migrants when she has none of that from the government? How can she pay for it with her roughly \$6 a day from cleaning an average of 15 rooms per day?

How can anyone criticize the college-educated sous-chef of a beach resort who also drives an Uber and earns \$150 pesos (that's less than \$10) per day? Or the indigenous 32-year-old woman selling her handmade arts and crafts at the local plaza or town square for a day's meal?

Women cooking for tourists near Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

They can't possibly earn that little, a friend told me. It's hard to believe, I know. But even the administration of the new socialist President Andrés Manuel López Obrador was bragging about the fact that the minimum wage was set to increase by 16% — to \$5.10 a day this year.

What a joke.

My family vacation was a blast filled with all sorts of activities, from tequila tasting to snorkeling to kayaking to off-roading to strolling in nearby towns. But I couldn't remain tone-deaf to the workers around us.

It only takes a few days of listening attentively to grasp the magnitude of these workers' own desperation to escape a country where a corrupt government turns a blind eye to all sorts of wage exploitation. Let's think of that before we call the Mexicans hypocrites who don't want the Central American migrants to stay in Mexico.



Saudi envoy blasts UN expert's report on Khashoggi killing

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GENEVA (AP) — A top Saudi diplomat lashed out Tuesday at an independent U.N. expert's searing report alleging that Saudi Arabia was responsible for the killing of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi, saying it was based on "prejudice and pre-fabricated ideas."

In what amounted to a face-off at the U.N.'s top human rights body, Ambassador Abdulaziz Alwasil insisted that special rapporteur Agnes Callamard had failed to follow proper procedures and used flawed sourcing in her 101-page report made public last week.

"Accusations have been launched, and fingers have been pointed — (she is) supporting herself on non-credible articles or sources," he told the Human Rights Council, in Arabic through a U.N. interpreter.

Callamard, sitting at the council podium to present her report, retorted that her methodology had respected precedent and insisted her report wasn't based on media reports. She also said she hadn't received any responses in writing from Saudi authorities to her report.

The report by Callamard, an independent expert on extrajudicial and arbitrary killings, alleged that Saudi Arabia bears responsibility for The Washington Post columnist's grisly apparent dismemberment by Saudi agents at the kingdom's consulate in Istanbul in October. It said Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's possible role in the killing should be examined, and Callamard used Tuesday's presentation to push for further investigation.

She also wrote that Saudi Arabia, which has put 11 people



on trial in non-public proceedings, shouldn't be allowed to mete out justice alone in a case with vast international implications — and called for a "proper authority" to determine if crimes had been committed.

Callamard said the Saudi trial should be suspended because it fails to meet procedural standards.

The Saudi ambassador rejected that.

"This is something that is set against Saudi Arabia, it's based on prejudice and pre-fabricated ideas," he said. "This is why we reject any attempt to remove this from our national justice system in Saudi Arabia."

Among diplomats speaking out Tuesday, European Union

ambassador Walter Stevens called on Saudi Arabia "to disclose all information available," and "fully cooperate" with investigations into the killing, and Ralf Schrodner of Germany said "nothing can justify this killing, and we condemn it in the strongest possible terms."

Russia's representative, Yaroslav Eremin, questioned the focus on journalists, dissenters and others, wondering aloud if the lives of regular citizens were "less valuable." Yusuf Abdulkarim Bucheeri of Bahrain rallied to the defense of its big Arab neighbor, insisting Saudi Arabia had shown "full transparency from the outset."

The Trump administration pulled the U.S. out of the council a year, alleging it has an anti-Israeli bias among other complaints.

Her voice trembling in English, Khashoggi's fiancée Hatice Cengiz, intervening on invitation by a non-governmental organization, told the council that "those who are behind the murder and cover-up should face punishment."

"It was not only my beloved Jamal who was murdered that day, but also democracy, human rights and freedoms," she said.

Did India Just Make China's New Stealth Fighters Obsolete?

A shocking claim: New Delhi says it can track stealth. Did India Just Make China's New Stealth Fighters Obsolete?

As radar-guided missiles from fighters and ground-based launchers threaten aircraft from dozens, or even hundreds of miles away, stealth capabilities are increasingly perceived as necessary for keeping fighter pilots alive on the modern battlefield.

In January 2011, the maiden flight of a large, dagger-like grey jet announced that China had developed its first stealth aircraft—the Chengdu J-20 "Mighty Dragon." Six years later, after several substantial revisions, J-20s entered operational service with the People's Liberation Army (PLA) Air Force.

(This first appeared several months ago.)

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But just how good is the J-20? And what is its intended role? After all, America's first stealth fighter, the F-117 Nighthawk, was not even really a fighter and lacked any air-to-air capability whatsoever.

The PLA has, true to custom, kept its cards close to the chest, and has not shared performance specifications to the public. Thus, there are broad estimates of the J-20's top speed (around Mach 2), and considerable-seeming range (1,200 to 2,000 miles), but those remain just that—estimates. For years, analysts even over-estimated the aircraft's length by two meters. It's broad but relatively shallow weapons bay can accommodate four to six long-range missiles or bombs, though not munitions with especially heavy warheads.

International observers generally concluded the large twin-engine jet possessed high speed and long operational range, but that the Mighty Dragon lacked the maneuverability necessary to prevail in close engagements with enemy fighters.

Relatively modest aerobatic displays in the Zhuhai 2016 and 2018 airshows (you can see some of the latter here) reinforced the narrative in certain quarters that the J-20 isn't optimized for gut-wrenching air combat maneuvers.

Given the above premises, observers mostly speculate the J-20 would either serve as long-range supersonic strike plane, or a hit-and-run interceptor used to slip past fighter screens and take out vulnerable supporting tanker and AWACS planes.

However, Rick Joe of The Diplomat argues these theories of the J-20's supposedly specialized role might be a case of group-think, ignoring both design features and statements by Chinese sources suggesting the J-20 was intended as a multi-role fighter with "competitive" dogfighting capability.



UK PM May to meet Saudi crown prince, to call for de-escalation in Gulf

LONDON (Reuters) - British Prime Minister Theresa May will meet Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman on Saturday to discuss the need for de-escalation in the Gulf after tensions rose because of a U.S.-Iran dispute over the country's nuclear deal, May's spokeswoman said.

May, who is due to step down by the end of next month, will also meet Russian President Vladimir Putin and South African leader Cyril Ramaphosa on Friday. She will meet the Australian Prime Minister Scott

Morrison and Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan among others on Saturday.

"The PM will take the opportunity to discuss important regional issues with the Crown Prince including the need for the de-escalation of tensions in the Gulf and for all sides to back the process to end the conflict in Yemen," the spokeswoman told reporters, adding that May would raise the case of the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

Saudi Diplomat under fire in London

A Saudi diplomat allegedly paid a domestic worker in London just 63p an hour and made her "wear a buzzer around her neck", an employment tribunal has heard.

The Filipino worker, referred to as JW, claims she was made to eat the leftovers of Khalid Basfar's family and even had to wear a buzzer so she could be "on call" 24 hours a day.

A preliminary hearing at Central London Employment Tribunal was told she had to work from 7am to around 11.30pm each day, with no time off.

For six months work she was paid 9,000 riyals in cash (£1,906), meaning she was working for just 63p an hour.

Mr Basfar, a first secretary at the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, in Mayfair, central London, had promised her the minimum wage and a day off every week in exchange for a working visa.

JW said she was regularly verbally abused by his family, was not able to leave the diplomat's house and had her wages withheld.

She was allegedly only allowed to call her family twice a year, using Mr Basfar's mobile phone.

Mr Basfar asked for the case to be thrown out on the grounds that he was entitled to diplomatic immunity.

However, that was dismissed by employment judge Jill Brown because his treatment of the worker amounted to slavery and trafficking.

Outlining JW's case, which she emphasised had not been proved, Judge Brown said: "The claimant is a victim of trafficking, who was exploited by the respondent and his family.

"She has been recognised by the Home Office as a potential victim of trafficking on the basis of her experience with the respondent."

She added: "I conclude a claim instituted against a foreign diplomat by his domestic servant in relation to work in his home in

assumed conditions of human trafficking and modern slavery relates to 'commercial activity exercised outside his official functions'.

"It comes within the exception to diplomatic immunity." JW is making a host of claims under employment and wages regulations, including wrongful dismissal.

Mr Basfar is a current member of the diplomatic staff of the kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the London hearing was told.

JW had been employed by his household in Saudi Arabia from November 2015. She was brought to the UK the following August on a visa as a private servant in his official diplomatic residence.

She was issued with an overseas domestic workers visa as a private servant in a diplomatic household by the UK Border Agency and remains lawfully present in the UK.

To obtain the visa, Mr Basfar had to agree that she would work eight hours a day, 50 hours per week, with 16 hours free time each day, one day off a week and a month's annual leave.

She was to be provided with sleeping accommodation and paid the national minimum wage.

But after arriving in the UK, JW was not given any wages until almost a year later.

The landmark case could pave the way for others to claim damages.

Last week, an employment tribunal awarded a former driver at the Qatari Embassy nearly £190,000 for being pushed to the ground and called a "black dog" and "donkey".

The diplomat, Abudullah Ali Al-Ansari, walked out of proceedings saying it was beneath the dignity of Qatar to answer the charges.

A hearing will now go ahead later this year to test the allegations that JW was held as a domestic slave.

SWNS contributed to this report

Saudi Arabia relaxes ownership limits for foreign investors

RIYADH (Reuters) - Saudi Arabia has relaxed a 49% limit for foreign strategic investors in shares of listed companies, aiming to attract billions of dollars of foreign funds as the Kingdom opens up the region's largest bourse to a more diverse investor base.

The country has introduced a raft of reforms in recent years to make its stock market, the region's biggest, attractive to foreign investors and issuers.

The move aims to help enhance the market's efficiency and attractiveness and to expand the institutional investments base, the regulator, the Capital Market Authority (CMA), said in a statement on its website.

The Saudi stock market, which opened to foreign investors in 2015, has seen an upsurge in foreign fund flows since the start of the year due to its inclusion in the emerging markets indexes.

"In the beginning of this year, we had only one percent ownership in the Saudi capital market by financial investors, today it is over three percent, that's more than a threefold increase," CMA chairman, Mohammed El Kuwaiz told Reuters in an interview.

"Our hope is that we can see a similar increase in terms of pace and magnitude as we start to create more avenues for foreign investors to come in to the market," he added.



There will be no minimum or maximum ownership limit, although the owners must hold the shares for two years before they can sell.

Kuwaiz said huge demand from non-financial foreign investors pushed the CMA to grant approval on an exceptional basis to a number of strategic foreign investors to increase their holdings in Saudi listed companies. These included transactions at an insurance firm and a local bank.

Foreign investors have been net buyers of Saudi equities over the past few months, with purchases worth 51.2 billion riyals (\$13.6 billion) until May 30. They currently own 6.6% of Saudi equities, of which 3.15% is owned by strategic foreign investors.

Local shares were incorporated into the FTSE emerging-market index in March and the MSCI emerging market benchmark in May this year. The country's Tadawul All-Share Index is up 11 percent year-to-date.

Strategic foreign investors can take stakes in listed companies by buying shares directly on the market, or through private transactions and via initial public offerings.

Asked how this move would reflect on the Aramco IPO, planned for 2021, Kuwaiz said it would assure that the market has the physical regulatory and investor infrastructure to accommodate a company as large and as extensive as Saudi Aramco.

(\$1 = 3.7500 riyals)

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Azim Premji

Azim Hashim Premji (born 24 July 1945) is an Indian business tycoon, investor, engineer, and philanthropist, who is the chairman of Wipro Limited. He is informally known as the Czar of the Indian IT Industry. He was responsible for guiding Wipro through four decades of diversification and growth to finally emerge as one of the global leaders in the software industry. In 2010, he was voted among the 20 most powerful men in the world by Asiaweek. He has twice been listed among the 100 most influential people by TIME Magazine, once in 2004 and more recently in 2011.

He is currently the second richest person in India with an estimated net worth of US\$21.5 billion as of May 2019. In 2013, he agreed to give away at least half of his wealth by signing The Giving Pledge. Premji started with a \$2.2 billion donation to the Azim Premji Foundation, focused on education in India

Career

In 1945, Muhammed Hashim Premji incorporated Western Indian Vegetable Products Ltd, based at Amalner, a small town in the Jalgaon district of Maharashtra. It used to manufacture cooking oil under the brand name Sunflower Vanaspati, and a laundry soap called 787, a byproduct of oil manufacture. In 1966, on the news of his father's death, the then 21-year-old Azim Premji returned home from Stanford University, where he was studying engineering, to take charge of Wipro. The company, which was called Western Indian Vegetable Products at the time, dealt in hydrogenated oil manufacturing but Azim Premji later diversified the company

to bakery fats, ethnic ingredient based toiletries, hair care soaps, baby toiletries, lighting products, and hydraulic cylinders. In the 1980s, the young entrepreneur, recognising the importance of the emerging IT field, took advantage of the vacuum left behind by the expulsion of IBM from India, changed the company name to Wipro and entered the high-technology sector by manufacturing minicomputers under technological collaboration with an American company Sentinel Computer Corporation. Thereafter Premji made a focused shift from soaps to software.

Personal life

Premji was born in Bombay, India in a Nizari Ismaili Shia Muslim family with origins from Kutch in Gujarat. His father was a noted businessman and was known as Rice King of Burma. After partition, when Jinnah invited his father Muhammed Hashem Premji to come to Pakistan, he turned down the request and chose to remain in India.

Premji has a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering degree (equivalent to a Bachelor of Engineering degree) from Stanford University, USA. He is married to Yasmeen. The couple have two children, Rishad and Tariq. Rishad is currently the Chief Strategy Officer of IT Business, Wipro. Recognition Premji has been recognised by Business Week as one of the Greatest Entrepreneurs for being responsible for Wipro emerging as one of the world's fastest growing companies. In 2000, he was conferred an honorary doctorate by the Manipal Academy of

Higher Education. In 2006, Azim Premji was awarded Lakshya Business Visionary by National Institute of Industrial Engineering, Mumbai. In 2009, he was awarded an honorary doctorate from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut for his outstanding philanthropic work. In 2015, Mysore University conferred an honorary doctorate on him. In 2005, the Government of India honoured him with the title of Padma Bhushan for his outstanding work in trade and commerce.

In 2011, he has been awarded Padma Vibhushan, the second highest civilian award by the Government of India. In April 2017, India Today magazine ranked him 9th in India's 50 Most powerful people of 2017 list. Philanthropy

Azim Premji Foundation

In 2001, he founded Azim Premji Foundation, a non-profit organization. In December 2010, he pledged to donate US\$2 billion for improving school education in India. This has been done by transferring 213 million equity shares of Wipro Ltd, held by a few entities controlled by him, to the Azim Premji Trust. This donation is the largest of its kind in India. In March 2019, Premji pledged an additional 34% of Wipro stock held by him to the foundation. At a current value of about USD 7.5 billion, this allocation will bring the total endowment from him to the foundation to USD 21 billion.



The Giving Pledge

Premji has said that being rich "did not thrill" him. He became the first Indian to sign up for The Giving Pledge, a campaign led by Warren Buffett and Bill Gates, to encourage the wealthiest people to make a commitment to give most of their wealth to philanthropic causes. He is the third non-American after Richard Branson and David Sainsbury to join this philanthropy club.

"I strongly believe that those of us, who are privileged to have wealth, should contribute significantly to try and create a better world for the millions who are far less privileged" --- Azim Premji (AP) In April 2013 he said that he has already given more than 25 per cent of his personal wealth to charity.

In July 2015, he gave away an additional 18% of his stake in Wipro, taking his total contribution so far to 39%

Anup Jalota

Anup Jalota, (born 29 July 1953) is an Indian singer and musician, best known for his performances in the Hindu devotional music, bhajan, and the Urdu form of poetry, ghazal.

He is popularly known as the "Bhajan Samraat" (Emperor of Bhajans) Padma Shri for 2012 has been conferred upon him in the field of Art-Indian Classical Music- Vocal by Government of India. He was a contestant on the reality show Bigg Boss 12.

Early life and background

Anup Jalota was born in Nainital, Uttarakhand a renowned exponent of bhajan and hails from the Sham Chowrasi Gharana of Punjab. He was educated in Lucknow's Bhatkhande Music Institute. His father, Purshottam Das Jalota, was also a prominent Bhajan singer. Anup's brother, Ajay Jalota, currently lives in California. He has two younger brothers:- Anil Jalota & Ajay Jalota and two sisters, Anjali Dhir and Anita Mehra.

Career

Jalota started his musical career as a chorus singer in All India Radio. He is usually backed by a santoor player, dholak player, sarod player, sarangi player, violinist, sitar player, tabla player and guitarist. Some of his popular bhajans include Aisi Lagi Lagan, Main Nahi Makhan Khayo, Rang De

Chunariya, Jag Me Sundar Hai Do Naam, and Chadariya Jhini Re Jhini. He was also the presenter of the program Dharam Aur Hum, telecast in Star Plus from 2002 to 2005. He met Jagadguru Shree Kripaluji Maharaj in Mumbai and agreed to release several CDs of his compositions. In 2008 he recorded the title song "Golden Memorable Yaadein" for the CD "Noorani Chehra", produced by Shaukat (Sam) Kassam to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the Aga Khan.

On 16 September 2018, Jalota entered Bigg Boss house in its twelfth season. He is a contestant and has entered the show along with Jasleen Matharu

Personal life

Jalota's first marriage was to Sonali Sheth, a ethnic-Gujarati girl who was then a music student and later a singer. They married without his family's approval. The couple became popular in the North Indian live performance circuit as "Anup and Sonali Jalota," which was eventually disbanded after their divorce.

His second marriage was an arranged one to Bina Bhatia which soon ended in divorce. Anup's third marriage was to Medha Gujral, niece of former Indian Prime Minister I. K. Gujral and director Shekhar Kapur's first wife whom he had divorced in 1994. Anup and Medha have a son named

Aryaman (born in 1996), who studied at Princeton University. Medha Jalota died on 25 November 2014 at a hospital in New York City of liver failure following a second heart and first kidney transplant.

It came to light in 2018 that he had been in a relationship with Bigg Boss 12 contestant Jasleen Matharu, who is thirty-seven years younger than him. They had been together at least three and a half years prior since either 2015 or 2014 but after getting evicted from the house Anup Jalota said his and Jasleen Matharu's relationship was only of a student and teacher. The popular Bhajans and ghazals for which he is credited the most are given below

Aisi Lagi Lagan
 Chaand Angdaiyaan Le Raha Hai
 Tumhare Shahar Ka Mausam
 Jag Mein Sundar Hai Do Naam
 Kabhi Kabhi Bhagwan Ko Bhi
 Tere Man Mein Raam
 Main Nazar Se Pee Raha Hoon
 Hum Se Achi to Kahin Aaine ki Khismat Hogi
 Rukh Se Parda Hata De
 La Pila De Saqiya



Shree Hanuman Chalisa
 Noorani Chehra (Ismaili Devotional songs)
 Mere Kabr Par Pate Huye
 Tum Kya Samjho Tum Kya Jano
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India's first 7-Eleven store will be in Mumbai; Kishore Biyani's Future Group working on products

US-based convenience store chain 7-Eleven is all set to make its India debut this financial year and the first store will be opened in Mumbai, Kishore Biyani told CNBC TV18. The small-format convenience store chain could compete directly with neighbourhood mom-and-pop stores, unlike the large format or hyper retail stores such as Big Bazaar or Reliance Fresh. Future Group is developing many products with 7-Eleven for the Indian market, Kishore Biyani said. 7-Eleven, one of the 100 most valuable brands in the world, signed an agreement with the Kishore Biyani's group earlier this year to launch operations in the country.

SHME Food Brands Private Limited, which is an arm of Future Retail, signed a master franchise agreement with the 7-Eleven and it will develop and operate its stores. 7-Eleven is unlike Big Bazaar, Reliance Fresh and other retail chains in the way that these are neighbourhood

stores which require comparatively smaller areas to operate and could give tough competition to traditional mom and pop stores.

7-Eleven will bring beverages, snacks and immediately consumable fresh foods among other products initially to the Indian market. Under the agreement, 7-Eleven stores will be set up by the Future Group. The Kishore Biyani's chain will also convert some of its existing stores and operations into the US brand. In the statement, Future Group said that the 7-Eleven's entry into India will modernise the small-retail environment and bring greater convenience to shoppers.

Currently, the US-based convenience store has a footprint of more than 67,000 stores in 17 countries. 7-Eleven is among the most iconic global brands in the food retail landscape, said Kishore Biyani, Founder & Group CEO,

Future Group. The venture will offer Indian customers greater convenience and choices, within their own neighbourhood, he added in the statement.

Future Group has also launched Dreamery in a joint venture with Fonterra under Fonterra Future Dairy. Through this, the company will sell Dahi, UHT Toned Milk, Chocolate and Strawberry Milkshakes, Future Group announced in a statement on Wednesday.

Future Retail already has an expansive retail chain in the country which includes Big Bazaar, Central, Food Bazaar, Easyday and Brand Factory. It also manages the distribution of fashion and lifestyle brands such as Clarks, Converse, DJ&C and Urban Yoga.



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ARIES (Mar 21 – Apr. 20)

You have every right to be pleased with your prowess at work. However, over the next few days you will have to face up to a number of hard choices which will affect your personal life and colour the way other people see you. Yet nobody at the moment seems to be able to grasp the real truth.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 – May 21)

Is there some way in which you can rearrange your work to reflect your creative aspirations? Certainly there are many intriguing ideas afoot, all of which could form the basis of an interesting experiment. If you have any doubts or questions, you might not get the right answer until next week.

GEMINI (May 22 – June 21)

You can ignore family pressures or domestic irritations no longer. Today's steamy Lunar angle will give you the chance to deal with all long-delayed questions. Don't expect instant agreement or approval though, as it's just one of those times when everyone has their own opinion.

CANCER (June 22 – July 23)

Important discussions may be more difficult than you anticipate. The simple reason is that everybody seems to place such unrealistic hopes on the outcome. Stick to your guns for now, otherwise partners will imagine that you're a right old push-over.

LEO (July 24 – Aug. 23)

The financial news may not be what you expected, but the net result could be positive if it enables you to reorganise your affairs. There are some commitments which cannot be changed, but you still have some room for movement. In love, it's time to tell someone how you feel about them. You can keep quiet no longer.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 – Sept. 23)

Your current planetary aspects will offer you a shot in the arm, shaking you out of any complacent corners or ruts you've been hiding in. Don't expect dramatic events just yet – you may have to wait a few more days before the lie of the land is clear.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)

Something may happen to worry or upset you. Perhaps you will feel that other people are blaming you unfairly for things you haven't done. However, such concerns are illusions which will be dispelled when the facts are known. But that might not be until late next week.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)

You'll enjoy social activities all the more if you are ready for anything and happy to join in without worrying about the consequences. Don't be hung up on excessively conventional standards of behaviour. Instead, you may try to carve an individual path for yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 22)

It is professional rather than private affairs which are the focus of your concern today. The last thing you want to do is get involved in a quite unnecessary public slanging match, so watch your step. You may not be in the wrong but, then, nobody will care whose fault it is!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 – Jan. 20)

The planets are on your case so to speak. The cosmos is expecting you to do your duty by combining self-interest with your higher principles. Quite apart from such lofty questions, you are still experiencing powerful travel stars. You may even go exploring new lands.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 19)

Check out new investment opportunities, and don't be unduly concerned if a previous course of action now appears to be distinctly unpromising or unprofitable. You'll act fast but keep your options open, just in case circumstances change as fast for you as they have done for others.

PISCES (Feb. 20 – Mar 20)

There's a burst of turbulence in the cosmic atmosphere today, so expect stormy weather emotionally. Even if you keep your cool, partners are determined to pick a fight or provoke you somehow. You can always escape by going a long way away, or at least round the corner!

MG Hector launched at Rs 12.18 lakh; check price of all variants, key features

China's largest automaker by volume, SAIC Motor Corp, made its much awaited entry into the Indian market on Thursday with the launch of its mid size SUV Hector at an introductory price of Rs 12.18 - 16.88 lakh. The SUV is badged under the MG Motor brand that traces its origin to the UK but is now a wholly owned subsidiary of SAIC since 2008. The Hector, which the company claims is India's first internet car, has been launched with multiple ownership package that provides private owners free-of-charge 5-year comprehensive manufacturer warranty for unlimited kilometers. It also includes round-the-clock roadside assistance (RSA) for a period of 5 years and no labour charges for the first 5 scheduled vehicle services.

Further offers like prepaid maintenance plans starting at Rs 8,000 for the first three years has also been given. The company claims its total cost of ownership (TCO) is the lowest in the segment starting at Rs 45 paise per kilometer for the petrol and at Rs 49 paise per kilometer for the diesel.

"As MG's first product for the Indian market, the HECTOR comes with 'MG Shield', a first-of-its-kind package in the Indian auto industry which provides complete assurance to our customers, as we continue to remain focused on disruption & differentiation," says Rajeev Chaba, President and Managing Director, MG Motor India. "With the very distinctive design that also packs in safety, best-in-class features and competitive pricing, the MG HECTOR will make an impact with buyers who are looking for something very different from the normal array of cars."

Also read: MG Hector Launch Live Updates: Price in India, features, specifications

The company claims it has already received more than 10,000 bookings for the car in 23 days since pre-orders began on June 4. Powertrain options include a 1.5-litre turbo-charged petrol motor that is available with six-speed manual and automatic dual clutch transmission gearboxes and a 2.0-litre turbo-diesel that's mated to a six-speed manual transmission. There's also a 48V hybrid option with the 1.5-litre petrol unit, paired to a six-speed manual. The electric motor comes with engine start/stop function and brake-energy regeneration, and provides an additional boost of 20Nm when required. The

petrol/petrol hybrid engine makes 141bhp and 250Nm while the diesel has a power and torque output of 168bhp and 350Nm, respectively.

Overall across the three powertrains, the car is available in 11 variants with five color options. The two petrol manual transmission variants are priced at Rs 12.18 lakh and Rs 12.98 lakh while the petrol engine with hybrid option with manual transmission is offered in three variants priced at Rs 13.58 lakh to Rs 15.88 lakh. There are also two variants with dual clutch automatic transmission option with the petrol engine priced at Rs 15.28 lakh and Rs 16.78 lakh. The four diesel variants offered only in manual transmission is priced at Rs 13.18-16.88 lakh.

The vehicle is already on sale in multiple markets under different brand names - Baojun 530 in China, Chevrolet Captiva in Thailand and South America and Wuling Almaz in Indonesia. In India, it competes with the likes of Hyundai Tucson, Jeep Compass, Mahindra XUV300 and Tata Harrier. The feature list for the car is exhaustive. Features like dual front airbags, anti lock braking system (ABS) with electronic brake distribution (EBD), reverse parking sensors, electronic stability control (ESC), traction control and hill-hold control is on offer as standard on the car. The top-of-the-line variant gets additional features like a 10.4-inch display for the touchscreen infotainment system, 7.0-inch MID, leather upholstery, electrically adjustable driver's seat, heated ORVMs, 360-degree view parking system, panoramic sunroof, rain-sensing wipers, powered tailgate and six airbags. A host of connected services in a suite called iSMART that makes the car India's first internet car is also a major talking point for the vehicle.

This is SAIC's second stint in India after an ill fated attempt with General Motors when it had acquired a 50 percent stake in the US firm's Indian subsidiary in 2009. Thereafter a slew of products developed by the Chinese joint venture of the two firms like the Enjoy MPV and the SAIL hatchback and sedan were launched in India. The products met with an insipid response in the domestic market and GM eventually bought back bulk of the stake it had sold to SAIC in 2012 only to completely exit the Indian domestic market in 2016. MG's factory in Halol in Gujarat where the Hector is being produced was set up by GM itself in 1996.



Alia Bhatt is currently in New York spending some quality time with Ranbir Kapoor and his family. While pictures of the actress with Ranbir and his family has been a treat for her fans, we recently got our hands on a picture where she can be seen chilling with her girlfriends. In the picture, Alia can be seen posing with her besties. Looks like the actress found some time out to catch up with her girl gang. Dressed in an all-black attire, Alia looks cute as a button with her quirky expression.



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Sanjay Dutt

Sanjay Balraj Dutt (born 29 July 1959) is an Indian actor and film producer who works in Hindi films. He is the recipient of several awards, including two Filmfare Awards and three Screen Awards. Dutt has appeared in 187 films, ranging from romance to comedy genres, but is usually typecasted in roles of criminals, gangsters and police officers in drama and action films.

The son of actors Sunil Dutt and Nargis, Dutt made his acting debut in *Rocky* (1981), which was directed by his father. The crime thriller *Naam* (1985) proved to be a turning point in his career, which was followed by a series of commercially successful films in that decade, including *Jeete Hain Shaan Se* (1988), *Mardon Wali Baat* (1988), *Ilaaka* (1989), *Hum Bhi Insaan Hain* (1989) and *Kanoon Apna Apna* (1989). He earned nominations for the Filmfare Award for Best Actor for *Saajan* (1991) and *Khalnayak* (1993). Dutt earned his first Best Actor at the ceremony for playing a common man-turned-gangster in *Vaastav: The Reality* (1999). Along with *Vaastav: The Reality*, he also won accolades for playing an army officer in *Mission Kashmir* (2001), a soft-hearted goofy gangster in *Munna Bhai M.B.B.S.* (2003) and its sequel *Lage Raho Munna Bhai* (2006).

Dutt was arrested under the Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act in 1993. Charges of terrorism were dropped but he was convicted of illegal possession of weapons. After serving his sentence with good behaviour and conduct, he was released in 2016. Dutt's life receives considerable media coverage in India, and in 2018, *Sanju*, a biopic based on his life (which also saw a special appearance by him), was released to positive reviews and emerged as one of the highest-grossers of Indian cinema.

Early life

Dutt was born to cinema actors Sunil Dutt and Nargis. He has two sisters, Priya Dutt and Namrata Dutt. His mother died in 1981, shortly before his debut film's premiere; her death is cited as the instigator of his drug abuse. As a child actor, Dutt appeared briefly as a qawali singer in the 1972 film *Reshma Aur Shera*, which starred his father.

Career 1981–1997

Dutt made his Bollywood movie debut with the box-office super hit *Rocky* in 1981. Dutt then went on to star in *Vidhaata*, the highest-grossing Hindi film of 1982, along with film veterans Dilip Kumar, Shammi Kapoor and Sanjeev Kumar. He also starred in movies like *Main Awara Hoon* (1983). In 1985 he shot *Jaani Ki Baazi*, his first film in two years. The 1986 film *Naam* was a turning point in Dutt's career, it was a major commercial and critical success. Dutt appeared in successful films throughout the '80s such as *Imaandaar*, *Inaam Dus Hazaar*, *Jeete Hain Shaan Se* (1988), *Mardon Wali Baat* (1988), *Ilaaka* (1989), *Hum Bhi Insaan Hain* (1989), *Kanoon Apna Apna* (1989) and *Taaqatwar*. His performances in both *Kabzaa* (1988) and *J. P. Dutta's* 1989 *Hathiyar* were both well received by critics although both films only managed average collections at the box office. In the late 1980s he was seen in a number of multi-starrers alongside actors like Govinda, Mithun, Dharmendra, Jackie Shroff and Sunny Deol.

His successes continued in the 1990s, with films that include *Tejaa*, *Khatarnaak*, *Zahreelay*, *Thanedar*, *Khooon Ka Karz*, *Yalgaar*, *Gumrah*, *Sahibaan* and *Aatish: Feel the Fire*. He went on to star in some of the

most era-defining Indian films of the early 1990s such as *Sadak*, *Saajan* (for which he was nominated for the Filmfare Best Actor Award) and *Khalnayak*, for which he earned his second Filmfare Best Actor Award nomination.

The *Hindu* wrote that "Sanjay's earlier films (like *Naam* and *Sadak*) got him a lot of favourable attention." and "Saajan established Sanjay Dutt as the conventional soft hero. *Saajan* was the highest-grossing Bollywood film of 1991, and *Sadak* was the sixth highest grosser of 1991. *Khalnayak* was a box office success. The movie was the second-highest grosser of 1993. This was followed by another box office success *Gumrah*, this was Dutt's second consecutive hit of the year. 1997–present

Dutt's first film after his 1993 arrest was *Daud* (1997). It did not do well at the box office. He followed this with the 1998 *Dushman* which did well at the box office. 1999 was an excellent year for Dutt and one that is regarded as his comeback, with all of his five releases being amongst the highest-grossing films of that year. He began it by starring in the Mahesh Bhatt-directed hit *Kartoos*, followed by *Khoobsurat*, *Haseena Maan Jaayegi*, *Daag: The Fire* and *Vaastav: The Reality*, for which he won many awards, including his first Filmfare Best Actor Award. His role in 2000's *Mission Kashmir* won him critical acclaim and a number of awards and nominations. Dutt was also invited by the President of India to *Rashtrapati Bhavan* for his performance in the movie. As the decade went on, he continued to play lead roles in popular and critical successes such as *Jodi No.1* (2001), *Pitaah* (2002), *Kaante* (2002) and the National Award-winning film *Munna Bhai M.B.B.S.* (2003), which garnered him several awards. At the box office *Munna Bhai M.B.B.S.* achieved a silver jubilee status (25-week run) being one of only eight films to have achieved this status since the year 2000. In its 26th week of release, the film could still be found playing on 257 screens throughout India. Later successes came with *Musafir* (2004), *Plan* (2004), *Parineeta* (2005) and *Dus* (2005). He won critical acclaim for his performances in *Shabd* (2005) and *Zinda*.

The sequel of *Munna Bhai M.B.B.S.*, *Lage Raho Munna Bhai* was released in late 2006. Dutt received a number of awards for his performance in the film, along with an award from the Prime Minister Manmohan Singh for his work in the *Munna Bhai* series. NDTV India counted the character *Munna Bhai* as one of top 20 fictional characters in Bollywood. Later Dutt starred in movies like *Dhamaal* (2007), *Shootout at Lokhandwala* (2007), *All the Best* (2009), *Double Dhamaal* (2011), *Son of Sardaar* (2012), *Agneepath* (2012) and *PK*.

In January 2008, the Indian Film Institute Filmfare listed 12 films featuring Dutt in its list of top 100 highest-grossing movies of all time. In its May 2013 edition "100 years of Indian cinema" Filmfare listed three films featuring Dutt in its top 20 list of highest-grossing Hindi films of all time, adjusted for inflation these films were *Lage Raho Munna Bhai*, *Khalnayak* and *Saajan*.

Vidhu Vinod Chopra on 29 September 2016 announced that the third part of *Munna Bhai* series, starring Dutt in the title role, would begin soon. In 2017, Dutt appeared as the lead in *Bhoomi*, directed by Omung Kumar. In 2018, he starred in *Saheb, Biwi Aur Gangster 3*. In 2018, it was also announced that Dutt would feature along-

side *Ranbir Kapoor* and *Vaani Kapoor* in *Shamshera*, which will release on 31 July 2020. On June 29, 2018, his biopic *Sanju* released in which he made a special appearance. Dutt and *Alia Bhatt* will soon be shooting for *Sadak 2*. In 2019, he joined the cast of historical film *Bhuj: The Pride of India*, which will feature an ensemble cast consisting of *Ajay Devgn*, *Sonakshi Sinha* and *Parineeti Chopra*.

Off-screen work

Dutt co-hosted the fifth season of the Indian reality show *Bigg Boss* along with *Salman Khan*. The show aired on *Colors television* from 2 October 2011 to 7 January 2012. Dutt later said it was *Khan* who persuaded him to co-host the show. Dutt and entrepreneur Indian Premier League cricket team owner *Raj Kundra* together launched India's first professionally organised mixed martial arts league—the *Super Fight League*—on 16 January 2012.

Personal life and media image

In the early 1980s, Dutt had a relationship with his co-star from his first film, *Tina Munim*. After this relationship ended, Dutt married actress *Richa Sharma* in 1987. She died of a brain tumour in 1996. The couple have a daughter, *Trishala*, born in 1988, who lives in the United States with her maternal grandparents. Dutt's second marriage was to air-hostess-turned-model *Rhea Pillai* in February 1998. The divorce finalised in 2008. Dutt married *Manyata* (born *Dilnawaz Sheikh*) first registered in *Goa* in 2008 and then, in a Hindu ceremony in *Mumbai*, after two years of dating. On 21 October 2010, he became a father to twins, a boy and a girl. He is a devout *Shaiva Hindu* who has read holy scriptures and theological works.

Bombay (now *Mumbai*) suffered a series of serial bombings in 1993. Dutt was among several people associated with Bollywood who were accused of involvement. It was alleged that Dutt accepted a delivery of weapons at his house from *Abu Salem* and co-accused *Riyaz Siddiqui*, who had also been implicated in relation to the *Mumbai blasts*. It was claimed that the weapons formed a part of a large consignment of arms connected to the terrorists. Dutt, however, in his confession stated that he took only one *Type-56* from the producers of his movie *Sanam*, for his own family protection. It has also been reported that Sanjay Dutt's father *Sunil Dutt's* political rivalry caused Sanjay Dutt's conviction.

In April 1993, he was arrested under the provisions of the Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act (TADA). Dutt was granted bail by the Supreme Court of India on 5 May 1993; however, on July 4, 1994 his bail was cancelled and he was re-arrested. On October 16, 1995 he was granted bail. *Abdul Qayyum Abdul Karim Shaikh*, who was thought to be a close aide of the terrorists' ringleader, *Dawood Ibrahim*, was arrested. Dutt had given *Qayyum's* name to the police when confessing to arms possession, saying that in September 1992 he had bought a pistol from *Qayyum* in *Dubai*.

On 31 July 2007, Dutt was cleared of the charges relating to the *Mumbai blast*;



however, the TADA court sentenced Dutt to six years' rigorous imprisonment under Arms act for illegal possession of weapons. According to *The Guardian*, "The actor claimed he feared for his life after the notorious 'Black Friday' bombings, which were allegedly staged by Mumbai's Muslim-dominated mafia in retaliation for deadly Hindu-Muslim clashes a few months earlier. But the judge rejected this defence and also refused bail." Dutt was returned to jail at *Arthur Road* and soon after moved to the *Yerwada Central Jail* in *Pune*. Dutt appealed against the sentence and was granted interim bail on 20 August 2007 until such time as the TADA court provided him with a copy of its judgement. On 22 October 2007 Dutt was back in jail but again applied for bail. On 27 November 2007, Dutt was granted bail by the Supreme Court. On 21 March 2013 the Supreme Court upheld the verdict but shortened the sentence to five years' imprisonment. Dutt was given a month to surrender before the authorities.

Dutt has said that "I am not a politician but I belong to a political family." He was persuaded by a close friend to contest the 2009 *Lok Sabha* elections as a candidate for the *Samajwadi Party*, but withdrew when the court refused to suspend his conviction. He was then appointed General Secretary of the *Samajwadi Party*, leaving that post in December 2010. In March 2013 the Supreme Court upheld Dutt's five-year sentence, 18 months of which he already spent in jail during the trial. He was given four weeks to surrender to the authorities, the court having refused to release him on probation due to the severity of the offence.

On 10 May, the Supreme Court rejected Dutt's review petition for the reconsideration of his conviction and asked him to surrender on the stipulated date. On 14 May, Dutt withdrew the mercy plea and surrendered to the *Mumbai Police* on 16 May 2013. Just before the surrender, the *Mumbai jail authority* got an anonymous letter threatening Dutt's life. Dutt filed an appeal to allow him to surrender before entering *Yerwada Central Jail*. Later, Dutt withdrew this request too. He was paroled from 21 December 2013. The parole was extended three times until March 2014, raising concern in *Bombay High Court* and a proposal from the Government of *Maharashtra* to amend the law of parole. He returned to *Yerwada Central Jail* after his parole ended. Dutt was out on a two weeks' furlough granted by the *Yerwada Central Jail authorities* on 24 December. He was subsequently incarcerated in *Yerwada Central Jail*, to complete his jail term. He was released from there on 25 February 2016 after serving his sentence.

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Can an eye exam reveal Alzheimer's risk?

Looking for clues about the health of your brain? You might want to pay a visit to your eye doctor. Research increasingly links common eye conditions — glaucoma, age-related macular degeneration, and diabetic retinopathy — to risk for Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

What's interesting about the study results, says Dr. Albert Hofman, chair of epidemiology at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, is that cataracts, another common age-related eye condition, had no apparent connection to dementia risk. This gives scientists an important clue about the cause of dementia and Alzheimer's disease, he says.

“My view, and one of the possible explanations that the authors present, is that these three eye diseases and Alzheimer's and dementia have a joined etiology” — that is, a common causative factor. “All are linked to cardiovascular disease,” says Dr. Hofman.

How are eye conditions linked with cardiovascular disease?

Glaucoma is a condition marked by increased pressure in the eye that can lead to vision loss. It has been linked to high blood pressure, diabetes, and poor blood circulation.

Age-related macular degeneration involves breakdown of the macula, the part of the

retina responsible for sharp central vision. It has also been linked to heart disease. Diabetic retinopathy occurs in people with diabetes when high levels of blood sugar damage blood vessels in the retina. There are strong links between diabetes and cardiovascular problems.

Cataracts — clouding of the lenses of the eyes — are more likely to develop as people age. However, they don't appear to increase the risk of cardiovascular disease, Alzheimer's disease, or other types of dementia.

Eyes on Alzheimer's

The Adult Changes in Thought study, which began in 1994, included 5,400 dementia-free adults. Participants were followed until they decided to leave the study, died, or developed dementia. Research published in *Alzheimer's & Dementia* in 2019 analyzed data drawn from the Adult Changes in Thought study. This time, the researchers focused on 3,800 of those participants, both with and without eye disease at the start of the study. Some 792 of them went on to develop dementia.

Study authors found that people with age-related macular degeneration were 20% more likely to develop dementia compared with people who did not have the eye disease. People with diabetic retinopathy were 44% more likely to develop dementia

than those without. People in the study with a recent glaucoma diagnosis — but not participants with established disease — had a 44% higher rate of dementia. It's not clear why there was a difference between people with new or existing disease.

Can eye exams be used to predict — and better still, prevent — Alzheimer's?

While these findings show a link between three eye diseases and brain risks, one important question remains: what does this information mean for you? Can an eye exam tell you if you are destined to develop dementia in the future? More importantly, can it help you prevent it?

Someday the answer to those questions may be yes. For now, however, eye exams are valuable in detecting eye disease early so it can be treated — but they can't yet yield much predictive information about your brain's future health, says Dr. Hofman.

But there are lessons we can take from the study when it comes to avoiding Alzheimer's disease. Today the only known way to prevent Alzheimer's and other forms



of dementia is to prevent cardiovascular disease.

“Doing all the things that you would do to prevent heart attack and stroke are likely beneficial to prevent Alzheimer's disease,” says Dr. Hofman. This means treating high blood pressure and cholesterol, eating a healthy diet, getting enough sleep, and maintaining a regular exercise program.

If you have a family history of cardiovascular disease or a history of cardiovascular-related eye diseases, you may want to be even more aggressive in controlling your personal risk factors, says Dr. Hofman.

Related Information: The Aging Eye: Preventing and treating eye disease

Use everyday habits to keep your memory in good shape

Your daily habits and lifestyle — what you eat and drink, whether you exercise, how stressed you are, and more — affect your mental health every bit as much as your physical health. A growing body of research indicates that regular exercise and a healthful diet can help protect your memory from aging-related decline.

By age 60, more than half of adults have concerns about their memory. However, minor memory lapses that occur with age are not usually signs of a serious problem, such as Alzheimer's disease, but rather the result of normal changes in the structure and function of the brain. This report, *Improving Memory: Understanding age-related memory loss*, describes these normal age-related changes and other more serious causes of memory loss — and how to distinguish between them. Use everyday habits to keep your memory in good shape

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memory loss By age 60, more than half of adults have concerns about their memory. However, minor memory lapses that occur with age are not usually signs of a serious problem, such as Alzheimer's disease, but rather the result of normal changes in the structure and function of the brain. This report, *Improving Memory: Understanding age-related memory loss*, describes these normal age-related changes and other more serious causes of memory loss — and how to distinguish between them.

Exercise

Physical fitness and mental fitness go together. People who exercise regularly tend to stay mentally sharp into their 70s, 80s, and beyond. Although the precise “dose” of exercise isn't known, research suggests that the exercise should be moderate to vigorous and regular. Examples of moderate exercise include brisk walking, stationary bicycling, water aerobics, and competitive table tennis. Vigorous activities include jogging, high-impact aerobic dancing, square dancing, and tennis. Exercise helps memory in several ways. It reduces the risk of developing several potentially memory-robbing conditions like high blood pressure, diabetes, and stroke. Exercise is good for the lungs, and people who have good lung function send more oxygen to their brains. There is some evidence that exercise helps build new connections between brain cells

and improves communication between them. Finally, exercise has been linked to increased production of neurotrophins, substances that nourish brain cells and help protect them against damage from stroke and other injuries.

Here are some ways to build physical activity into your daily routine:

Walk instead of driving when possible. Set aside time each day for exercise. For extra motivation, ask your spouse or a friend to join you.

Use the stairs instead of the elevator.

Plant a garden and tend it.

Take an exercise class or join a health club.

Swim regularly, if you have access to a pool or beach.

Learn a sport that requires modest physical exertion, such as tennis.

Go Mediterranean

Mediterranean-type diets highlight whole grains, fruits and vegetables, and healthy fats from fish, nuts, and healthy oils. This eating style helps promote heart health and may also lessen the risk of memory and thinking problems later in life. In a study that followed more than 2,000 people over four years, those who most closely followed a Mediterranean-type diet had a lower risk of developing Alzheimer's disease. A later study suggested that following a Mediterranean-type diet could slow the conversion of mild cognitive impairment into full-blown dementia.

The types of fat that predominate in the diet also seem to affect memory. As part of the national Women's Health Initiative, 482 women ages 60 and older were observed for three years. They reported on their diets, and researchers tested their memory and thinking skills at the beginning of the study and at the end. Those who ate more unsaturated fat (which is abundant in vegetable oils and fatty fish) and less saturated fat (from red meat and full-fat dairy foods) had significantly less decline in memory than those who ate relatively little unsaturated fat.

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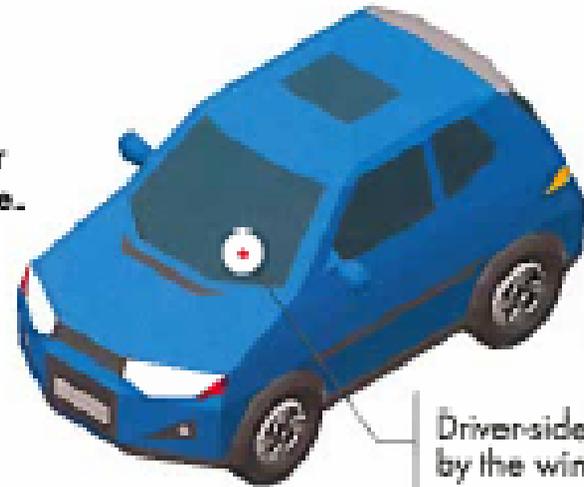
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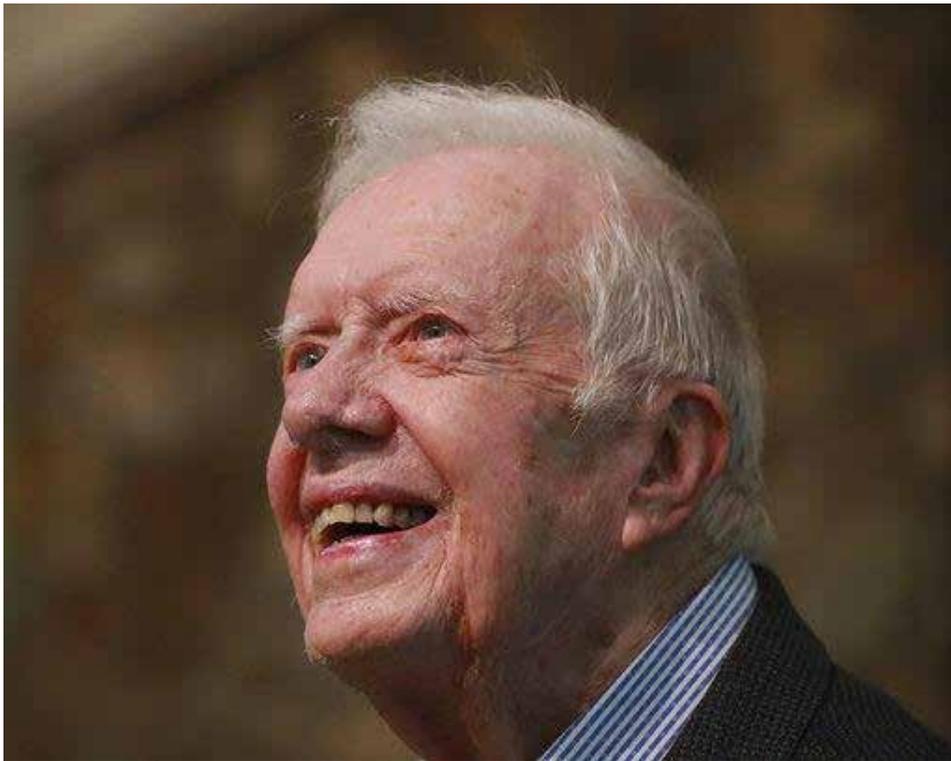
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Jimmy Carter claims Russia won Trump the White House



Former President Jimmy Carter said Friday he believes President Donald Trump actually lost the 2016 election and is president only because of Russian interference.

Carter made the comments during a discussion on human rights at a resort in Leesburg, Virginia, without offering any evidence for his statements.

“There is no doubt that the Russians did interfere in the election,” Carter said. “And I think the interference, though not yet quantified, if fully investigated would show that Trump didn’t actually win the election in 2016. He lost the election and he was put into office because the Russians interfered on his behalf.”

The U.S. intelligence community asserted in a 2017 report that Russia had worked to help Trump during the election and to undermine the candidacy of Democratic opponent Hillary Clinton.

But the intelligence agencies did not assess whether that interference had affected the election or contributed to Trump’s victory, and no evidence has emerged that votes were changed improperly.

Deanna Congileo, a spokeswoman for the Atlanta-based Carter Center, declined to make Carter available Friday for further explanation.

Special counsel Robert Mueller’s report identified two criminal schemes by Russia to interfere in the election: the hacking of Democratic email accounts and a social media campaign to spread disinformation online and sway public opinion.

But Mueller’s report did not establish that Russia conspired with any Trump associates in those efforts.

Carter’s comments came during a panel discussion at a retreat for donors to the

Carter Center, an organization he founded in 1982 that has been at the forefront of election monitoring efforts around the globe for decades.

The discussion was broadcast by CSPAN.

Panel moderator and historian Jon Meacham asked Carter if he believed Trump was “an illegitimate president.”

Carter replied: “Based on what I just said, which I can’t retract, I’d say yes.”

Carter also had harsh words for Trump about his administration’s immigration policies, following reports of children and teens held by Border Patrol with inadequate food, water and sanitation.

Asked by Meacham about his views on the situation at the U.S. border with Mexico, Carter said: “Every day we send a disgraceful signal around the world that this is what the president of the United States government stands for. And that is torture and kidnapping of little children, separation from their parents, and deprivation of those who are incarcerated.”

Associated Press writers Eric Tucker in Washington and Russ Bynum in Savannah, Georgia, contributed to this report.

Trump’s Response

Donald Trump blasted Jimmy Carter as the “forgotten president,” one day after Carter questioned the legitimacy of Trump’s election, saying the president likely won because of Russian interference.

“He’s a nice man. He was a terrible presi-

dent,” Trump said at a news conference after wrapping the G-20 summit in Japan. “He’s been trashed within his own party. He’s been trashed.”

Carter, who served between 1977 and 1981, made the allegation Friday while speaking in Leesburg, Va., saying a full investigation of Russian election interference would show that Trump didn’t actually win the election against Hillary Clinton in 2016.

Trump acknowledged that he had seen the comments but attributed them to Carter’s loyalty to the Democratic Party.

“Everybody now understands that I won not because of Russia, not because of anyone but myself,” Trump said. “I went out and campaigned better, smarter, harder than Hillary Clinton.”

In his remarks, Carter called on Trump to condemn Russia for their interference in the election and said he should “admit that it happened.”

Trump insisted Saturday that he did raise the issue with Russian President Vladimir Putin during a private meeting the previous day. But publicly, Trump made light of Moscow’s election meddling, jokingly telling Putin, “Don’t meddle in the election, president. Don’t meddle in the election.” Putin, after appearing to hear the translation, laughed while Trump grinned. The exchange was just the latest instance of Trump dismissing concerns over the Kremlin’s attempts to tilt the 2016 election.

In 2018, after a meeting with Putin in Helsinki, Trump appeared to accept Putin’s election meddling denials over the conclusions of U.S. intelligence agencies, which have said the Russian president orchestrated the interference campaign. And two weeks ago, Trump said in an interview that he might be willing to accept information from a foreign source during the 2020 election, adding that he would not necessarily report the activity to the FBI. He later tried to walk the statement back.

Special counsel Robert Mueller’s Russia probe did not establish a criminal conspiracy between Trump’s campaign and Kremlin intermediaries, but his final report did outline how Moscow used hacking techniques and digital disinformation to try and boost Trump.

Carter has not been a particularly harsh critic of Trump, even praising some of his policies, including the decision not to take military action against Iran. Trump and Carter spoke over the phone in April after Carter wrote to the president about his trade negotiations with China.

But in an August 2018 interview with The Washington Post, Carter did refer to Trump’s presidency as “a disaster” when it came to “human rights and taking care of people and treating people equal.”



SHAKIB AL HASAN

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ROLE: ALL-ROUNDER BATTING: LEFT-HAND

DATE OF BIRTH: 24 MAR 1987 DATE OF DEBUT: 06 AUG 2006

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Shakib Al Hasan (Bengali, born 24 March 1987) is a Bangladeshi international cricketer who currently captains the Bangladesh national team in Test and T20I formats. Considered as the best cricketer to have ever played for Bangladesh, Shakib is widely acknowledged as one of the greatest all-rounders in the world. He holds the record for being ranked first as an all rounders for 10 years and is still in the highest current rankings in all three formats of the game (Test, Twenty20 and One Day Internationals). He was ranked as one of the world's most famous athletes by ESPN 'WORLD FAME 100' in 2019. His aggressive left-handed batting style in the middle order, controlled slow left-arm orthodox bowling, and athletic fielding has helped him win trophies in top leagues across the world.

In 2015, Shakib became the first and only cricketer in history to be ranked the 'No.1 all-rounder' by ICC in its Player Rankings in all three formats of the game (Test, Twenty20 and One Day Internationals). On 13 January 2017, he registered the highest individual score (217) by a Bangladeshi batsman in Tests. In November 2018, he became the first bowler for Bangladesh to take 200 wickets in Tests. In June 2019, Shakib became the fastest player to score 6,000 runs and take 250 wickets in ODIs in just 199 matches. He is the highest run scorer as well as the highest wicket taker for Bangladesh in World Cup. He is also the only cricketer to score 1000 runs and to take 30 wickets in World Cup.

Shakib made his One Day International (ODI) debut against Zimbabwe on 6 August 2006, where he scored 30 runs and bowled out Elton Chigumbura to get his first ODI wicket. He made his Test debut the following 6 May against India. From January 2009 to April 2011 and again from March 2012, Shakib was ranked first amongst ODI all-rounders by the ICC. In December 2011, he became the world's top-ranked Test all-rounder. In December 2014 Shakib became the world's top ranked Twenty 20 all-rounder. He is currently the only all-rounder to be ranked in the top 3 of ICC Player Rankings across every format of international cricket In 2008, Shakib took at that time the best bowling figures by a Bangladesh player in Tests, 7 wickets for 36 runs, against New Zealand. To date he is Bangladesh's highest wicket taker in Test Matches.

Shakib was appointed Bangladesh's vice-captain in June 2009. During Bangladesh's tour of the West Indies the following month, the captain Mashrafe Mortaza was injured and Shakib took over the captaincy. He was 22 years old at the time. Initially a temporary position, Shakib's success against the West Indies, securing his side's first overseas series win, ensured his retention of captaincy even after Mort recovered. Shakib was named The Wisden Cricketer's "Test Player of the Year" in November 2009. In July 2010, he stepped down from the ODI captaincy to concentrate on his personal performance. Mortaza took over until he became injured again and Shakib was asked to resume leadership. This lasted until he was relieved of captaincy in September 2011 due to a poor World Cup campaign.

Shakib Al Hasan 
Bangladesh

Full name Shakib Al Hasan

Born March 24, 1987, Magura, Jessore

Current age 32 years 98 days

Major teams Bangladesh, Adelaide Strikers, Bangladesh A, Bangladesh Cricket Board XI, Barbados Tridents, Dhaka Gladiators, Jamaica Tallawahs, Karachi Kings, Khulna Division, Kolkata Knight Riders, Peshawar Zalmi, Sunrisers Hyderabad, Worcestershire

Also known as Saqibul Hasan

Playing role Allrounder

Batting style Left-hand bat

Bowling style Slow left-arm orthodox



In 2015 after batting in the first match at 2015 Cricket World Cup, Hasan had a total of 4,040 runs in ODI matches and became the first Bangladeshi cricketer to score 4,000 runs in ODIs.

Before New Zealand's tour of Bangladesh in October 2008, Shakib was considered more of a batsman than a bowler, despite being an all-rounder. Though he usually batted down the order at number seven in Tests, he had mostly batted in the top five in ODIs. In a departure from Shakib's usual role Jamie Siddons, the coach, stated that Shakib would play the Test series against New Zealand as a specialist bowler. The move immediately paid off, and he took 7/37 in New Zealand's first innings in the opening Test. They were the best bowling figures by a Bangladesh player in Tests. Bangladesh lost the series 2–0, but Shakib finished as Bangladesh's leading wicket-taker in the series with 10 wickets at 17.80. Bangladesh won the opening match of the ODI series against New Zealand – securing their first ever ODI win over them – although they eventually lost the series 2–1. Shakib finished with five wickets from three matches, making him Bangladesh's second-highest wicket-taker for the series behind Mashrafe Mortaza (7); however Shakib scored just 16 runs in the series.

The following month, Bangladesh toured South Africa for two Tests, three ODIs, and a T20I. While Bangladesh lost all their matches against South Africa except for an abandoned ODI, Shakib continued to build on the good bowling form he had found against New Zealand. On the first day of the opening Test, Shakib went wicketless; on the advice of Mohammad Salauddin, Bangladesh's assistant coach, he gave the ball flight on the second day and went on to take five wickets. He took another five-wicket

haul in the second Test, again as Bangladesh lost to South Africa. Along with South Africa's Makhaya Ntini, Shakib was the series' leading wicket-taker with 11 at an average of 20.81. Shakib's performance against South Africa in a losing cause prompted former Australian leg spin bowler Kerry O'Keeffe to describe him as the "world's best finger spinner at the moment". Sri Lanka toured Bangladesh in December 2008 and January 2009 for two Tests and a Tri-nation tournament including Zimbabwe. Sri Lanka won both Tests and the tournament final, although Shakib turned in a man of the match performance, scoring 92 not out, in the second ODI against Sri Lanka helped Bangladesh to their only victory against them on the tour.[68] In the first match of the Test series, Shakib took another five-wicket haul as his team again was defeated.

On 22 January 2009 Shakib was ranked first amongst ODI all-rounders by the ICC. Although he was part of the auction of players held the following month for the 2009 Indian Premier League, Shakib was not chosen by any of the eight teams and no bids were made for him. This was despite being rated as the world's highest ranked ODI all-rounder at the time. His teammate Mashrafe Mortaza, who was bought in the auction, said "I would have been a lot happier if Shakib had got a team because he truly deserved it for his sensational form with the bat and ball".

Source: Wikipedia

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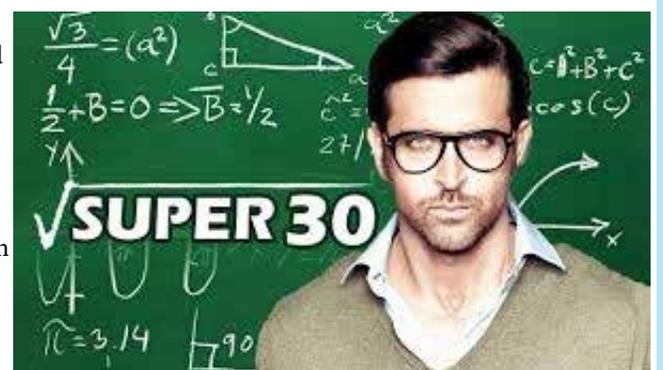
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5	<i>Malaal</i>	Mangesh Hadawale	Meezaan Jaffery · Sharmin Segal	Romance
	<i>One Day: Justice Delivered</i>	Ashok Nanda	Anupam Kher · Esha Gupta · Kumud Mishra	Action Thriller
	<i>Hume Tumse Pyaar Kitna</i>	Lalit Mohan	Karanvir Bohra · Priya Banerjee · Samir Kochhar · Mahesh Balraj	Romantic thriller
12	<i>Super 30</i>	Vikas Bahl	Hrithik Roshan · Mrunal Thakur · Amit Sadh · Pankaj Tripathi	Biopic
19	<i>Family of Thakurganj</i>	Manoj K. Jha	Jimmy Sheirgill · Mahie Gill · Saurabh Shukla · Sudhir Pandey · Supriya Pilgaonkar · Pavan Malhotra · Mukesh Tiwari · Nandish Singh · Yashpal Sharma · Pranati Rai Prakash · Raj Zutshi · Salil Acharya · Manoj Pahwa · Shivika Rishi · vishal singh	Family Drama
26	<i>Mental Hai Kya</i>	Prakash Kovelamudi	Kangana Ranaut · Rajkummar Rao · Amyra Dastur · Amrita Puri · Jimmy Sheirgill · Hrishitaa Bhatt	Comedy
	<i>Khandaani Shafakhana</i>	Shilpi Dasgupta	Varun Sharma · Sonakshi Sinha · Annu Kapoor · Badshah	Comedy
	<i>Arjun Patiala</i>	Rohit Jugraj	Diljit Dosanjh · Kriti Sanon · Varun Sharma · Ronit Roy	Romantic Comedy
	<i>Penalty</i>	Shubham Singh	Kay Kay Menon · Manjot Singh · Shashank Arora · Bijou Thaangjam	Sports

Super 30

Starring: Abhishek Khanna, Aditya Srivastava, Ajay Chakravorty, Ali Haji, Amit Sadh, Anjali Chakrani, Bramhaswaroop Mishra, Chittaranjan Giri, Hrithik Roshan, Jeetendra Awasthi, Kiran Khoje, Meraj Alam, Mohammed Zeeshan Ayyub, Mrunal Thakur, Nandish Sandhu, Pankaj Tripathy, Paritosh Sand, Pravin Singh Sisodia, Ritwik Sahore, Sanket Deshpande, Vaibhav Gupta, Veerendra Saxena Anand Kumar a mathematics prodigy defied all challenges to set up one of the most successful and innovative teaching

initiatives in the world Super 30. Born in Chandipur Bela Patna Anand secured a place in Cambridge University but couldn't attend because he had no money and sold papads in the evenings instead. He dealt with his own disappointment by setting up an innovative school in 2002 to prepare underprivileged students for the IIT JEE examination. Super 30 has an astonishing success rate and on an average twenty-seven to twenty-eight of the thirty students crack the exam every year. Stirring and heart-wrenching this is the

extraordinary story of a visionary who has elevated these bright sparks and through education given them hope to rise above crippling poverty. About the Author Anand Kumar is an Indian mathematician and founder of Super 30. People Magazine heralded him as People's Hero. (less)



Arjun Patiala: Diljit Dosanjh, Kriti Sanon promise a low-budget laugh riot.

The Arjun Patiala trailer is out. Starring Diljit Dosanjh and Kriti Sanon, the film seems like the perfect laugh riot. The trailer of Diljit Dosanjh and Kriti Sanon's spoof film, Arjun Patiala, is out and seems to have all the necessary ingredients of a quirky comedy film. With a dramatic heroine who also happens to be a crime reporter (Kriti) and a cute cop (Diljit), the film promises a lot more - a Hawildar named Onida because his parents couldn't afford an original television, a mandatory special dance number performed by Sunny Leone and a huge crowd of villains.

Arjun Patiala is about the making of a low-budget film, and the trailer provides most of its laughs through the odd situations the characters find themselves in as they try their best to cut costs. The film has been directed by Rohit Jugraj, who has already worked with Diljit in quite a few Punjabi films such as Sardaar Ji and Sardaar Ji 2. Ronit Roy looks unrecognisable as a turban-wearing cop with a beard. Seema Pahwa and Mohammed Zeeshan Ayyub also star in the film but not much is revealed about their characters in the trailer. The music for the film has been composed

by Sachin-Jigar and the songs are written by Guru Randhawa, Jigar Saraiya and Priya Saraiya. The trailer also gives a glimpse of a colourful dance number performed by Diljit and Kriti in the film.

Arjun Patiala is Kriti and Diljit's first film together and is set to release on July 26. It is expected to clash with Kangana Ranaut and Rajkummar Rao's dark comedy, Mental Hai Kya



ARTICLE 15 MOVIE REVIEW

STORY: A young IPS officer's new posting in rural India has him confronting caste disparities and uncomfortable truths in the face of a gruesome crime. When three girls go missing in the fictional village of Lalgaoon, two of them are found dead and there is no trace of the third one. Where is she and who is responsible for this heinous act?

REVIEW: When Ayan Ranjan (Ayushmann Khurana), a city bred IPS officer is given charge of the Lalgaoon Police Station in the heartland of India, he realises soon enough that he will have to tackle far more than meets the eye. At one point early in the film, he exasperatedly tells his wife Aditi (Isha Talwar) on the phone, "It's like the wild wild West." Having studied in Delhi's St. Stephens and lived in Europe prior to this, Ayan is clearly at odds with the mindsets that accost him right from the word go at Lalgaoon. Even as he is grappling with the strong presence of caste discrimination and societal inequalities looming over, he stumbles upon the news of three girls employed in a local factory who have gone missing for the last two days.

His colleagues, Bhramdutt and Jatav (Manoj Pahwa and Kumud Mishra) tell him in all probability the girls will turn up. But the next morning, when two of them are found hanging from a tree, it confirms that something has gone horribly wrong.

However, there is relentless pressure to close the case as quickly as possible. "Aap logon ka transfer ho jata hai, humein maar diya jata hain," says Pahwa's character as he tries to convince Ayan to sign off on the case file.

As the police officer in command, Ayan is committed to getting to the bottom of this, refusing to buckle down despite obstacles and threats lurking in almost every corner.

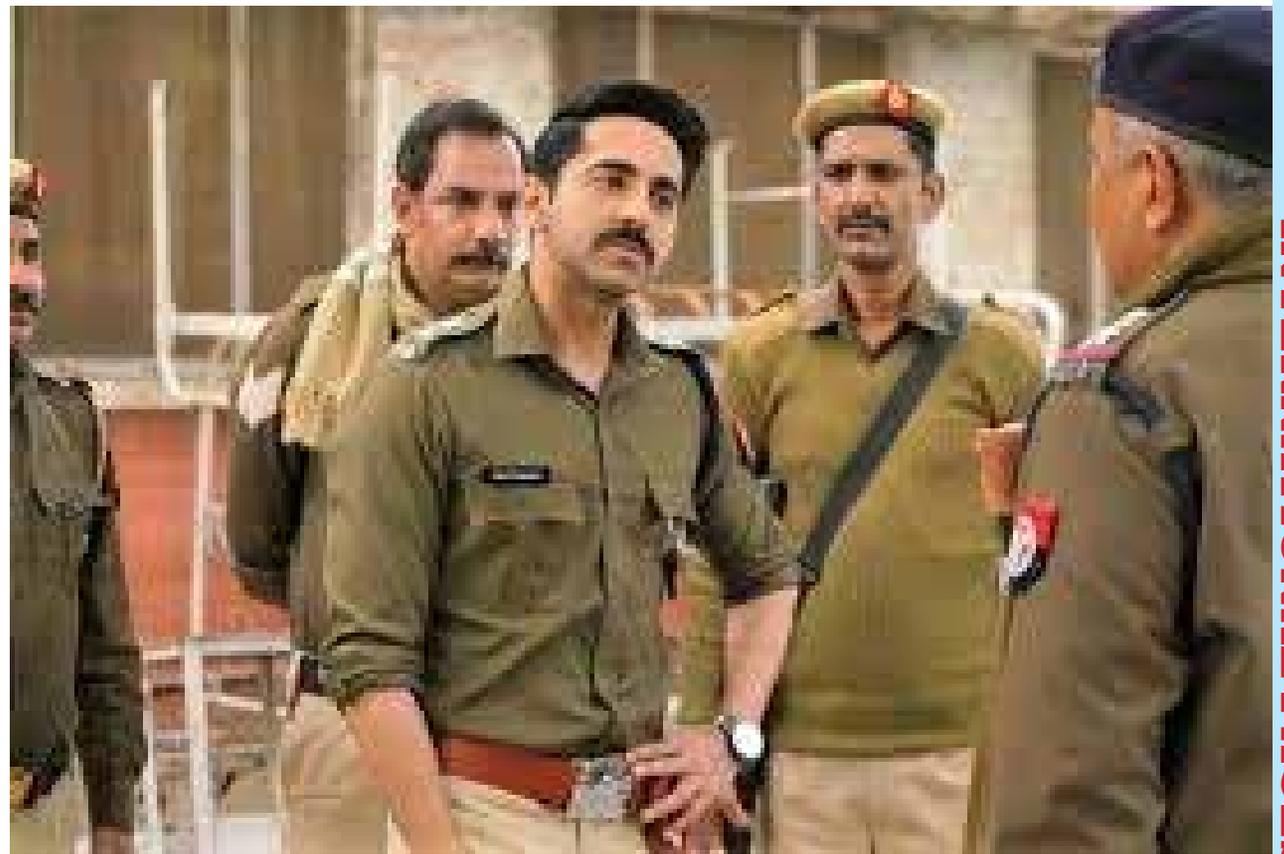
Anubhav Sinha's 'Article 15' is designed like a crime thriller. And what works for the film is that it's thought provoking, hard-hitting while unflinchingly bringing to light burning social issues.

The film is heavy on atmospherics, with the top notch cinematography (Ewan Mulligan) and background score adding to the mood. The feel is grim, gritty and grey often bringing a chill to the bone with palpable tension in the air. The images – some provocative and uncomfortable stand out, like the one where a man goes deep into a drain to unclog it and emerges soaked in the filth or the top shot of a group of policemen conducting a search in a swamp with their torchlights. The dialogues leave an impact. And the director brings out

subtle nuances through his characters and setting which add to the essence of the narrative. The film's storyline, interspersed with powerful and poignant moments leaves you with goose-bumps. The narrative definitely keeps you on the edge, but there are times when it feels a tad over-stuffed as the layers, political intricacies and a multitude of characters seep in. And at times the pace dips.

But certainly, the performances by an ace set of actors is one of the high points of the film. Ayushmann Khurana has you hooked instantly, belting out a riveting performance as the sincere, determined police officer. It's an intense, gripping act as he gets under the skin of his character. Other noteworthy scene stealers include actors Manoj Pahwa, Kumud Mishra and Mohammed Zeeshan Ayub, in a short but impactful role as Nishad.

'Article 15' is not a light watch, but it is definitely relevant, compelling and a film that will spark conversation.



Kareena Kapoor

Khan is currently on a roll with her kitty full of upcoming films. The actress will be soon seen sharing screen space with Irrfan Khan in the much-awaited film, 'Angrezi Medium'. After providing titbits about her role in the film, the makers unveiled the first look of the actress and it is sure to impress you! Sporting a beige tank top, a layered neck piece and black boots, Kareena looked ravishing on the Day 1 of her forthcoming movie.





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تیری تو نہ میر اتی ہماری نہیں ہوتی
دوئی سے نہ لاتے اگر مال و دولت
مکے میں عزت تمہاری نہ ہوتی

چور کو پھر نہیں لوگ صد کہتے ہیں
ات یہ کج ہے لوگ اگر کہتے ہیں
غلام گری کا راج ہے وہاں
شہر کراچی جسے قائد کا مگر کہتے ہیں

پھر سے بیٹا ہے سہا ہائے
کلاں اس کا پچھا دیتے
ہر سال جوڑ لائے کا شوق
کوئی اور مٹھتا دیتے



انور علی ہادی

مجھ کو کسی حسین نے کھنڈ تاز کر دیا
غم کو نکالا کر دیا سوز کو ساڑ کر دیا
دیکھ لے زلف پار کو چلی ہوئی ہے تاکر
سلسلہ جنون دل اور دماغ کر دیا
اپنی جبین شوق نے بخش قدم پہ پار کے
پناہ کے نواز عشق کی جہد دہا کر دیا
مستن ہیں میں دیکھ لے زہد نواز عشق کی
بندھ کے بھگدے میں سوسے چاڑ کر دیا
ردتی یہ تو نے کیا کیا دیکھ بڑا غضب کیا
دل سے جنوں پرست کو وہاب راز کر دیا

اعتماد صدیقی

احسان کسی شجر کا لیا ہی نہیں کبھی
سائے کی جستجو میں رہا ہی نہیں کبھی
جب سے یہ خار زار مجھے راس آگیا
آسائش کا نام لیا ہی نہیں کبھی
اک بار جو ہوانے سرے گھر کا رخ کیا
پھر عمر بھر چراغ جلا ہی نہیں کبھی
جب سے بھونڈ کی گود میں آسودگی ملی
میں سطلوں کی ست گیا ہی نہیں کبھی
جب کچھ نہیں کیا تو اسے یاد کر لیا
اگے سوا کچھ اور کیا ہی نہیں کبھی



رحمن جامی

روتے روتے تیرے دایوں مڑگانا اچھا لگتا ہے
نور تھکے مجھ سے پھر تیرا من بجانا اچھا لگتا ہے
کر کے محبت جذبوں میں بہر مانا اچھا لگتا ہے
شام ڈھلے پھر ساقی اور میخانہ اچھا لگتا ہے
تیرے فراق میں فزوں بکھر گانا اچھا لگتا ہے
خود بھی تڑپنا تیرے کوسم تڑپانا اچھا لگتا ہے
آئیٹنے میں بہلا ہلا چہرہ ہانے ہے کس کا
آئیٹنے میں تاب کے یہ ہے گانا اچھا لگتا ہے
سنجیدہ سنجیدہ غم ہے رعیدہ رعیدہ دل
ایسے مہاسے دل تھک کر بھلانا اچھا لگتا ہے
صحرا صحرا قلیں سے بکھر جاتی غمزدی بول مٹھا
میری صورت والا یہ دیوار اچھا لگتا ہے

زبانِ اُردو



اطہب اعجاز

میر و غالب کی وجاہت ہے زبانِ اُردو
دور حاضر کی امانت ہے زبانِ اُردو
کل بھی تھی آج بھی ہے اور رہے گی کل بھی
یعنی ہر دور کی حاجت ہے زبانِ اُردو
در حقیقت یہ محبت کی نمائندہ ہے
کون کہتا ہے تجارت ہے زبانِ اُردو
دودھ سے اجلی ہے مصری سے زیادہ میٹھی
ایک زندہ سی حلاوت ہے زبانِ اُردو
پیار اخلاص کے جذبوں کی تشفی کے لئے
ایک انمول حرارت ہے زبانِ اُردو
چاہنے والے ہیں اُردو کے جہاں بھر میں مگر
ہند میں کرتی سخاوت ہے زبانِ اُردو
یوں تو دنیا میں زبانیں ہیں ہزاروں لیکن
اطہب اک زندہ علامت ہے زبانِ اُردو



طارق رحمت قریشی نے لکھے ہیں
جب بھی ماں کے چیر دیا کرتا ہوں
طارق حادیہ



رضیہ فصیح احمد

دل پہ ہوتا ہے بہت میرے اثر، رہنے دو
آئے ہو مجھ کو شانے جو خبر، رہنے دو
اس کے کوسے میں بھی ہوگی ہر رہنے دو
اب تو وہ خواب ہوئی راہ گزر، رہنے دو
حال دل سوچ کے آئے تھے کہیں گے اس سے
پھر یہ سوچا کہ نہیں، آج مگر رہنے دو
درد جو دل میں بسایا ہے اسے بھنے دو
سر میں سودا بھی سما یا ہے اگر، رہنے دو
شب سے شب تک کا سز کیسے کئے گا رضیہ
صبح کے ذکر کو تم شام و سحر، رہنے دو



سہما حادیہ

کہیں سے ڈھونڈ کے لاؤں کسی دن یہ تمنا ہے
اسے میں دودھ پاؤں کسی دن یہ تمنا ہے
اعلامت کا سبق تھا یاد مجھ کو وہ نہیں کہتے
انہیں آئیے دکھائیں کسی دن یہ تمنا ہے
محبت کے لسانوں کا میں اکثر ذکر سنتی ہوں
محبت کا لہا پاؤں کسی دن یہ تمنا ہے
اسی کا شہر ہو منزل مری اور وہ لہکات ہو
دہلی کی ہو کے وہ جاؤں کسی دن یہ تمنا ہے
کوئی سوئی بھند ہو دیو پہ اور میں بھی بس سطر
مثالی طور پہل جاؤں کسی دن یہ تمنا ہے
اچھی ہو، ہدل لہراسہ دل میں زبا کرتی



سلیمان اطہر جاوید

کیا جو وار تو بھر پور دشمنوں کی طرح
وہ ایک شخص جو رہتا تھا دوستوں کی طرح
ہر ایک آنکھوں آنسو ہر ایک شے چپ ہے
سرتیں بھی چلی آتی ہیں غموں کی طرح
ہمارے دل کو پتہ کس طرح گزارا ہے
مزن اس کا بدلتا تھا موسموں کی طرح
کبھی جو ٹوٹ بھی جائیں تو کوئی غم نہ کرے
ہمارا حال ہے مٹی کے برتنوں کی طرح
ہمارا دم ہے غنیمت کہ کچھ اجالا ہے
اندھیری رات میں ہم لوگ جگنوؤں کی طرح
یہ کم نہیں کہ زمانے کو روشنی دی ہے
تمام عمر میں! ہم بٹے دیوں کی طرح

جس مرد مسلمان کو مارا ہے مصر میں وہ پہلا تھا جو ووٹوں سے ہی آیا تھا کرسی تک یہ جنگ وہاں جاری حق و شر کی پرانی ہے رُمیسس سے سبسیس تک اور مُوسیٰ سے مُرسیس تک

رضوان حسنی مسلم



نوٹ:

رُمیسس الشانی (یا رُمیسس دوم) موسیٰ کے زمانے کے فرعون کا نام تھا۔ اور جنرل سبسیس مصر کے موجودہ حکمران ہیں۔

خود سے کرتا ہوں گفتگو اقبال
جب کوئی ہم نوا نہیں ہوتا



ڈاکٹر صاحبہ اقبال شیبازی

اس کی رحمت کا ازل ہی سے بھروسہ تھا سعید
میں نے دامن کو گناہوں سے بچایا ہی نہیں

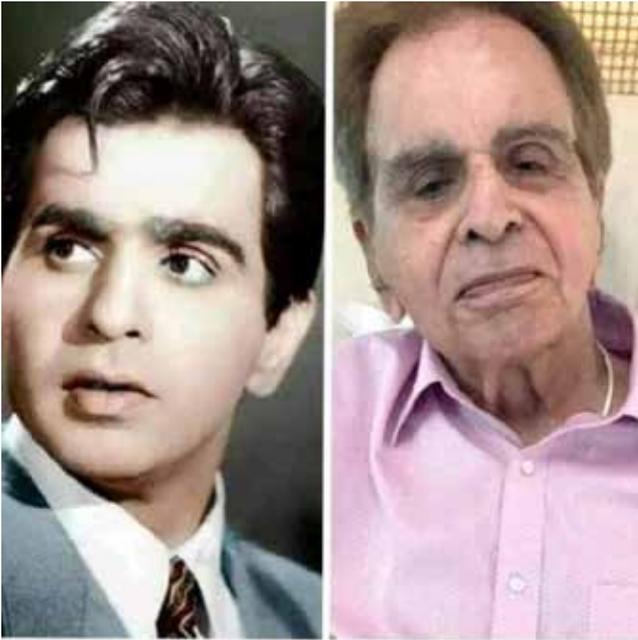


کسی کے دل کا ترنم میں کسی کی آنکھوں کا خواب میں
تمہاری عقل میں آگے سمجھا بھی مر لیا خواب میں
نور آنا نور آنا جوں بھی دیکھو نور آنا
سکھوں کے صوبہ طلب ہی ہو کر چاہوں مل کا گلاب میں

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زندگی کا کوئی احسان نہیں ہے مجھ کو
میں نے دنیا میں ہر اک سانس کا قیمت دیا ہے



سمجھا ہے کون وقت کی رفتار کا مزاج!!
لمحوں میں کٹ گئی صدیاں شباب کی

باعث تسکین خاروں کی چمن ثابت ہوئی
خارزاروں کی زمیں چمن چمن ثابت ہوئی
آسمان کی قدر کرتے ہیں زمیں والے بہت
چاند پر لیکن زمیں اپنی سنگن ثابت ہوئی
ہو گئے محروم اپنے نور سے تارے تمام
صبح کی پہلی کرن ہی راہ زن ثابت ہوئی
آپ نے جس کو غزل کہہ کر سنایا تھا ابھی
وہ ترنم کے حوالے سے سبجمن ثابت ہوئی
تحت و تی پر ستم رانوں کی یہ جلوہ گری
یا ترا سے بھی زیادہ پرفتن ثابت ہوئی
چچ اٹھے ہیں آج یہ سارے دھرم کے تمکیدیار
زعفرانی رنگ کی چادر کفن ثابت ہوئی
جان پر کیا کھیل جائیں گے یہ کھیلوں کے غلام
بزدلی ان کی، جوانی کا کفن ثابت ہوئی
آپ ازراہ کرم بس ایک گالی دیکھئے
آپ کی ہر خیر خواہی دل چمن ثابت ہوئی
موت کیا..... آرام کرنے کی بھارت ہے عزیز
اپنے رب پر زندگی بھری چمن ثابت ہوئی

غزل

عزیز بگای

بگور راجپوت



ہم پرورش لوح و قلم کرتے رہیں گے

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

انتقال پر ملال

اِنَّا لِلّٰهِ وَاِنَّا اِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ

ہم یقیناً اللہ ہی کے ہیں۔ اور ہم یقیناً اسی کی طرف لوٹ کر جانے والے ہیں۔

لیاقت علی عاصم کا سفرِ آخرت

دنیاے شعر و ادب کا ہمد سوار اُس سفر پر روانہ ہوا جس کے بارے میں خود اس نے کہا تھا کہ

اُس سفر سے کوئی لوٹا ہی نہیں کس سے پوچھیں

کیسی منزل ہے جہاں گزراں سے آگے

ہماری دعا ہے کہ اس کی منزل روشن اور پُر نور ہو، آگے آنے والی تمام منازل میں

وہ سُرخرو اور کامران ہو۔ رب کائنات ان کے درجات بلند فرمائے، غلطیوں اور

کوٹاہیوں کو درگزر فرمائے اور خلد بریں میں بلند مقام سے نوازے۔ آمین!

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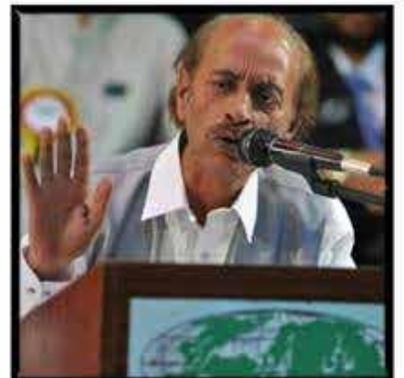
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(کہ ” ہم سب اللہ کے ہیں اور اسی کی جانب ہمیں پلٹ کر جانا ہے “)

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A penguin walks into a bar. He goes to the counter and asks the bartender, "Have you seen my brother?"

Bartender replies, "I don't know, what does he look like?"

While driving a truck I once had to make a delivery to Death Valley, California.

When I arrived it was 128 degrees Fahrenheit. After just a few minutes I was so miserable I was afraid I was going to die.

After a couple hours, it was still 128 degrees, but I was so miserable that I was afraid I wasn't going to die.

We all know Albert Einstein was a genius...

But his brother Frank was a monster

I started a new job as a security guard last night.

Before my boss left he told me I had to make sure I watched the office all night.

I am on season 2 already but I don't know what it has to do with security.

My friend couldn't afford to pay his high water bill...

So I sent him a "Get 'Well' Soon" card.

I was just born. My father asks my mother, "Do you have a name in mind?"

My mom replies, "No, uhh..."

My dad interrupts, "Noah! Perfect name!"

That's how I got the name Noah.

Q: Daddy, why are all those cars beeping their horns?

A: Because they were just at a wedding.

Q: Don't we beep the horn as a warning signal, Daddy?

A: Exactly, son.

My wife is mad at me, says I have no sense of direction.

So I packed all my bags and right!

My new neighbor, Hans, just moved to the states from Norway and was arrested for speeding... driving 66 miles an hour in a 50 mph zone. However, he explained to the officer, "I saw a big sign with 66 on it."

"That's highway 66," the officer said disgustedly.

Hans replied, "You should have seen me yesterday on Highway 110!"

My daughter wants the new iPhone for her birthday.

I told her she will if she gets good grades, does her chores and follows the house rules.

Otherwise, she will get a cheaper phone because...

It's my way or the Huawei

On day when returning home from work my wife proceeded to tell me that she had been called into the principal's office because of the things OUR SON had done at school that day.

We agreed that he should be disciplined the same was I was disciplined when I was his age: being sent to my room without supper.

But in my son's room, he has his own color TV, telephone, computer, and CD player. So what is a parent to do in this day and age?

We sent him to MY room!

When asked for her occupation, a woman charged with a traffic violation said she was a school teacher.

The judge rose from the bench. "Madam, I have waited years for a school teacher to appear before this court," he smiled with delight. "Now sit down at that table and write 'I will not pass through a red light' five hundred times!"

A friend of mine went on safari in Africa when he comes across an elephant. It's lying on the ground in distress. He investigates and finds a thorn in its foot. He removes it and the elephant happily trots away.

Twenty years later we were in London on business and were watching a circus procession pass by. When along comes an elephant, as it gets level with him, it stops, looks straight at him, reaches out with its trunk and lift him into the air and smashes him into the ground.

It was a different elephant.

After raising four kids and losing one husband, I decided to return to college and get the degree I had started but never finished. And so, on my first day of college, eager with anticipation, and more than a little nervous, I took a front row seat in my first class in over 40 years ... a literature course.

The professor told us we would be responsible for reading five books over the course of the semester, and that he would provide us with a list of authors from which we could choose.

He ambled over to the lectern, took out a paper, and began: "Baker, Black, Brooks, Carter, Cook..."

I was working feverishly to get down all the names when I felt a tap on my shoulder. The student behind me whispered, "Slow down... he's just taking attendance."



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