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Singer Mohammed Vakil

By the grace of almighty God and with the blessings of my teachers and parents, I have been honored with the Top Grade Title by Prasar Bharati, All India Radio, Delhi. With the support and prayers of all of you, I became the Mega Final winner of Sa Re Ga Ma and had the opportunity to perform playback singing in the film Veer Zaara. Through your continued blessings, I have been awarded the prestigious Hindustan All



I have been associated with All India Radio Jaipur as a recognized artist for the past 33 years.

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I humbly seek your continued blessings and support at all times. Kind regards.

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IPL craze continues with final on Ma

The Indian Premier League (IPL) is a professional Twenty20 cricket league in India organised by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).[1] Founded in 2007, the league features ten state or city-based franchise teams.[2] The IPL is the most popular and richest cricket league in the world and is held between March and May. It has an exclusive window in the ICC Future Tours Programme, resulting in fewer international cricket tours occurring during the IPL seasons. [3] It is also the most viewed sports competition in India, as per BAR Punjab Kings entered the Mega Auction with ₹110.5 crore (US\$13 million), the highest purse in IPL history.[47] During the auction, the record for the most expensive player, which was previously held by Mitchell Starc at ₹24.75 crore (US\$2.8 million), was broken twice. First, Shreyas Iyer was sold to Punjab for ₹26.75 crore (US\$3.1 million),[48][49] before Rishabh Pant was sold to Lucknow Super Giants for ₹27 crore (US\$3.1 million Player retention started on 31 Oc-

tober 2024 with each franchise allowed to retain players ahead of the auction.[39] Heinrich Klaasen became the most expensive retained player in IPL history, earning ₹23 crore (US\$2.6 million), while Virat Kohli became the most expensive retained Indian player for ₹21 crore (US\$2.4 million). Wiki

The Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 promises to be a spectacular cricket extravaganza, running from March 14 to May 25. Featuring 10

teams and over 70 thrilling matches, including playoffs and the grand finale, the tournament will be hosted at iconic venues like Wankhede Stadium, M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, Arun Jaitley Cricket Stadium, Eden Gardens, Narendra Modi Stadium, and MA Chidambaram Stadium.

The competing franchises include Chennai Super Kings, Delhi Capitals, Gujarat Titans, Kolkata Knight Riders, Lucknow Super Giants, Mumbai Indians, Punjab Kings, Rajasthan Royals, Sunrisers Hyderabad, and Royal Challengers Bengaluru. Captains and star players from each team are gearing up for this marquee event.

The league phase will follow a format where each team plays 14 matches. The playoff structure

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Honored to welcome the renowned actress, poet, and social worker Lata Haya to Dallas.



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North Texas Islamic Councils' Quarterly Meeting in Frisco

The North Texas Islamic Council (NTIC) convened its quarterly meeting this past weekend at the Islamic Center of Frisco (ICF), drawing leaders from more than 60 Islamic schools, mosques, and Muslim organizations across the Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) metroplex. According to NTIC officials, the gathering, themed "Unity, Wisdom, and Purpose: Our Response to the Challenges of Today," focused on empowering the region's Muslim community through education, civic and interfaith engagement, and strategic collective action.

A Call for Unity Amid Rising Islamophobia The meeting comes at a time of heightened concern for American Muslims. According to the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), 2024 saw a record 8,658 complaints of anti-Muslim and anti-Arab incidents in the United States—a 7.4% increase from the previous year and the highest number since CAIR began tracking such data in 1996. The majority of these complaints involved workplace discrimination, immigration issues, education, and hate crimes, with the ongoing war in Gaza cited as a significant catalyst for the surge in Islamophobia.

In his keynote address, NTIC President Mujeeb Kazi addressed these challenges, urging the DFW Muslim community to respond with resilience, knowledge, and unity. "Islamophobia is real. Whether it comes through biased media narratives, unjust policies, or violent hate crimes, it affects our children, our elderly, our mosques, and our identity. But we must remember: fear and ignorance are defeated not by silence, but by knowledge, engagement, and unity," Kazi stated, as reported by NTIC and corroborated by recent CAIR findings.

Embracing the Prophetic Model: Shura and Collective Wisdom

Kazi further called on the community to embrace the Islamic principle of shura, or consultation, emphasizing the importance of collective wisdom over isolated efforts. "Solo flights may look impressive for a moment, but only the united formation reaches the destination. When we act as one, we are stronger, more effective, and more respected," he said, echoing NTIC's mission to foster collaboration and coordination among its member organizations.

This approach reflects a broader trend among American Muslim organizations, which increasingly prioritize unity and strategic partnerships to address internal and external challenges. The NTIC's collaborative model has been instrumental in organizing large-sc ale events, such as the historic 61st ISNA Convention in Dallas, which drew over 21,000 attendees and featured sessions on faith, civic engagement, and community building.

From the Ballot Box to the Boardroom The meeting significantly emphasised the need for increased political engagement and representation. NTIC leaders highlighted the importance of supporting candidates who reflect the community's values and advocate for their rights during campaign season and throughout their terms in office.

"We need representation that reflects our values and advocates for our rights—not just during campaign season, but after the votes are counted," said Azhar Azeez, former president of the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA), as quoted by NTIC and ISNA event coverage.

This call to action comes as Muslim and Arab American voters are poised to play a pivotal role in the 2024 elections. According to a recent CAIR survey, Muslim American political affiliations are shifting, with 29.4% supporting Kamala Harris, 29.1% favouring Dr. Jill Stein, and 11.2% backing Donald Trump. The emergence of the "Uncommitted Movement," which garnered 700,000 votes nationwide—including 13% of the total in Michigan's Democratic primary—underscores these communities' growing political influence and pragmatism.

Education and Interfaith Outreach Education and interfaith engagement were also central themes at the NTIC meeting. Leaders stressed the importance of educating fellow Americans about Muslims' contributions as law-abiding citizens, professionals, and neighbours. "We are not outsiders. We are part of the American fabric. And we must continue telling our story in schools, media, boardrooms, and public offices," Kazi urged, echoing a sentiment echoed by Muslim leaders nationwide. The Islamic Center of Frisco hosted the meeting and is known for its robust educational and outreach programs, including youth mentorship, Quranic studies, and interfaith initiatives. Imam Salah Mahmoud, the ICF's religious director, actively participates in the NTIC and has been

recognized for fostering collaboration and unity within the broader Muslim community.

Interfaith dialogue remains a cornerstone of NTIC's strategy, with ongoing partnerships and events designed to build bridges with other faith communities. The success of such initiatives is evident in the DFW area's diverse and vibrant Muslim community, which regularly collaborates with local churches, synagogues, and civic organizations to promote mutual understanding and social justice.

Responding to External Challenges

In response to rising Islamophobia and external attacks on the community, NTIC leaders emphasized the need for strategic, dignified, and intelligent responses. This includes coalition-building with other marginalized groups, legal advocacy, and public education campaigns.

CAIR's 2025 Civil Rights Report highlights the trend of viewpoint discrimination, particularly against those speaking out on issues such as the Gaza conflict. "Vigorous public debate, a hallmark of healthy democracy, was replaced by crackdowns on people expressing politically disfavoured viewpoints in 2024," said CAIR Research and Advocacy Director Corey Saylor. "For the first time in our report's nearly 30-year history, complaints reported to us were often the result of viewpoint discrimination rather than religious identity". NTIC's approach aligns with national efforts to defend civil liberties and promote a more inclusive society. The council's recent collaboration with CAIR-Texas DFW

for interfaith iftars and civic engagement contests demonstrates its commitment to advocacy and coalitionbuilding.

Amplifying Muslim Contributions and Community Development

To sustain the momentum generated by the meeting, NTIC announced the formation of a new task force dedicated to amplifying the contributions of American Muslims and creating sustainable platforms for community development and visibility. This initiative aims to provide resources, mentorship, and opportunities for leadership development, particularly among youth and underrepresented groups.

The task force will also focus on enhancing the visibility of Muslim professionals and organizations in public life, supporting civic education, and fostering partnerships with local government and civil society. DFW's Muslim Community in Focus

The Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex is home to one of the largest and most diverse Muslim populations in the United States, with over 200,000 Muslims and more than 60 mosques and Islamic centres. The region has become a hub for Islamic education, interfaith dialogue, and civic engagement, with organizations like NTIC, ICF, and IANT.

ISNA is playing a leading role in community develop-



Recent events, such as the record-breaking ISNA convention and the surge in political activism among Muslim and Arab Americans, highlight the community's growing influence and resilience. However, the challenges posed by rising Islamophobia, political polarization, and global conflicts continue to test the community's unity and resolve.

A Vision for Unity and Purposeful Action As the NTIC meeting concluded, attendees reaffirmed their commitment to unity, wisdom, and purposeful action. The council's leaders expressed confidence that, through collaboration and strategic engagement, the DFW Muslim community can help build a stronger, more inclusive society for all Americans and rewrite the American Muslim narrative.

"Only the united formation reaches the destination," Kazi reminded the audience, encapsulating the spirit of the gathering and the community's aspirations for the future.

The Significance of NTIC's Approach

The NTIC's focus on unity, education, and civic engagement reflects a broader shift within American Muslim communities toward proactive, strategic, and collaborative action. By prioritizing shura, interfaith outreach, and political participation, NTIC is positioning the DFW Muslim community as a model for resilience and leadership in the face of adversity. The council's efforts are particularly significant given the current climate of rising Islamophobia and political polarization. The record number of discrimination complaints reported by CAIR underscores the urgent need for community empowerment, legal advocacy, and public education.

At the same time, the growing political influence of Muslim and Arab Americans—evidenced by the "Uncommitted Movement" and shifting voting patterns signals a new era of civic engagement and representation.

NTIC's emphasis on strategic endorsements and coalition-building will likely have a lasting impact on local and national politics.

A Blueprint for the Future

The North Texas Islamic Council's quarterly meeting at the Islamic Center of Frisco is a testament to the power of unity, wisdom, and purposeful action. By bringing together leaders from across the DFW metroplex, NTIC is fostering a culture of collaboration, resilience, and civic responsibility.

As the community looks ahead to future chalenges and opportunities, the lessons and initiatives emerging from this gathering offer a blueprint for building a stronger, more inclusive society—one in which American Muslims are recognized not as outsiders, but as integral contributors to the nation's fabric.

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At international Mushaira in Dallas, TX, seen with Iftekhar Shareef is Shri Imran Pratapgarhi poet & Member of parliament, Government of India. Also seen is Noor Amrohi poet, Lata Haya poet and others



In Dallas with Azeem Quadeer Editor-in-Chief, Asia Times and Shawkat Mohammed, New York Life



Bhailal patel of Desi Talk Weekly presenting community service and philanthropy award to Iftekhar Shareef









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Ashfaq Syed Elected to Naperville City Council, Thanks Community for Unprecedented Support

Naperville, IL - Ashfaq Syed has been elected to serve on the Naperville City Council, becoming the first Indian American to do so and ushering in a new chapter of inclusive, community-centered leadership. His win marks the culmination of a grassroots campaign fueled by hundreds of neighbors, dozens of volunteers, and a broad coalition of supporters committed to moving Naperville forward

"I am deeply honored and humbled by the trust the people of Naperville have placed in me," said Syed on election night. "This victory belongs to all of us—every volunteer who knocked on doors, every supporter who donated, every resident who believed in the promise of a city that works for everyone."

Syed's campaign focused on priorities that resonated with voters across Naperville, including sustainable development, environmental stewardship, transparent governance, economic resilience, and invest-



ing in public safety and city services. As President of the Naperville Public Library Board and a longtime advocate for local nonprofits like Loaves & Fishes and 360 Youth Services, Syed brought a record of thoughtful, resultsdriven leadership to the race.

"This campaign was about building a Naperville that honors its values and embraces its future. I'm eager to get to work with my colleagues on the Council to implement our shared visionand to listen, engage, and lead with integrity," Syed added.

He also took time to thank outgoing council members and all those who have served the city before him. "I stand on the shoulders of those who have led Naperville with dedication. I'm grateful for their service and look forward to working in that same spirit."

Syed will be sworn on May 4th, 2025

Team Ashfaq Syed



From Pervez Malik: Full house Program at AARA CAFE today thank you to Shikha Tandon, Shaheen Laliwala, Syed Sirajuddin, Ateeq ur Rehman for wonderful singing and super sound by Shokat Kanchwala. We all had a good time.

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An exciting event of our Dynamic Leader & Poet Imran Pratapgarhi Billiards Tournament to be held in Chicago

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I had the pleasure of being honored with the Early Childhood Champion award from the Early Childhood Collaborative and Jewish United Fund this weekend.

I will continue to work to ensure our youth and families have access to a quality, affordable education in their own backyard. Thank you to all those who recognized me for this award!

-IL State Senator Ram Villivalam HICAGO PAGE



Achieving a Lasting Peace



In my 55 years as a clinical psychiatrist, I have come to comprehend and appreciate the critical value of 'empathy' in resolving personal problems, conflicts among people, injustice, and even war.

The current war in the Middle East will only be resolved if the warring parties grow to care about the people who are suffering from the destruction and madness that comes with war.

The current conflict there was started by vicious attacks by Hamas terrorists on citizens of Israel on October 7th of last year, during which 1,200 Israelis, including 30 American citizens, were killed. Some of the victims were sexually assaulted, some were children and babies, and Hamas terrorists have taken 240 hostages.

It has been deadly for the people of Palestine as well. During the past year, The Israeli armed forces have killed more than 43,000 Palestinians, seventy percent of them women and children. More than 200,000 Palestinians have been injured or taken hostage.

A prominent American trauma surgeon, Dr. Feroze Sidhwa, spent two weeks, beginning on March 25th of this year, in trauma units in hospitals in Gaza treating children who were injured by members of the Israeli armed forces during relentless bombing attacks.

He worked with 65 other American healthcare professionals who risked their lives treating children and other patients. The other doctors reported various incidents of the immense suffering of children that they witnessed.

Israel, and its supporters, must accept and understand the pain caused by the atrocities and acts of brutality committed against Palestinians since 1948. These actions have been referred to as "genocide" and ethnic cleaning by neutral third-party observers and na-

third-party observers and nations throughout the world. Currently, 400,000 Palestinians are living in tents and in ruins. Two million people face epi-

demic food shortages and have no drinking water.

At heart, I am an advocate of peace. Humanity cannot pursue a future for our children by constantly leaning on what others have done in the past. We must place past wrongs to the side and begin anew on the road to a common civility and humanity for all people. A lasting peace is seldom beyond the grasp of the wise and the good of heart. If peace is to be achieved in the Middle East there should be a reinstatement of the Oslo Accords, signed in Washington in 1993 by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and the Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, with former President Bill Clinton as mediator.

Israel and its leaders and others in the world must recognize the Palestinian's right to exist with dignity and human rights.

Palestine should have one united government in the West Bank and Gaza, assisted by help from moderate Gulf countries and Western powers.

Additionally, in order to assure the security of Israel and its people, an independent Palestine should not have armed services, namely military, naval, or an air force for at least three to five decades.

Forces under the command of

the United Nations should provide security for Palestine and control its borders.

Palestine must use all its monetary resources to build its infrastructure, educational facilities, industry, and political, social, and economic institutions with the support of the international financial community.

Then and only then will the people of the region, the people of Palestine, the people of Israel and the people of the world be blessed with a lasting peace.

Dr. Basheer Ahmed is a nationally-recognized writer, psychiatrist and philanthropist. A former professor of psychiatry at U.T. Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, he is also the founder and chairperson emeritus of the Muslim Community Center for Human Services in Richland Hills, Texas. Dr. Ahmed is also the president of the American Muslims for Human Rights, a human rights advocacy organization.

Dallas Rider Saad Sindhu Dies in Tragic Full Throttle Crash

On April 21, 2025, Saad Sindhu joined a group ride departing from Full Throttle Dallas, a hub for riders chasing freedom on two wheels. Minutes into the journey, chaos erupted.

Witnesses describe a sudden tire blowout on Saad's motorcycle, triggering a chain-reaction crash on I-35W near Heritage Trace Parkway. Eleven emergency vehicles raced to the scene, where flames engulfed bikes, and riders lay scattered across the asphalt.

Seventeen were injured—four critically—in one of DFW's worst motorcycle accidents this year. The incident left the tight-knit riding community reeling, asking: How could this happen to one of our own?

Crash Details & Official Word

While official reports remain pending, preliminary details paint a grim picture. The crash occurred around 9:00 PM during a high-speed group ride, a common yet risky tradition among enthusiasts.

Dallas PD confirmed mechanical failure (tire blowout) as the catalyst, compounded by close riding distances. However, critical questions linger: Was speed a factor? Were riders trained for group dynamics? Authorities urge patience as NHTSA investigators reconstruct the scene, analyze vehicle debris, and interview survivors—a process that could take months.

Who Was Saad Sindhu?

Saad Sindhu wasn't just a rider; he was a fixture at Dallas bike nights and charity rides. Friends recall his 2018 Harley Street Glide, meticulously maintained, and his knack for rallying riders for causes like St. Jude Children's Hospital.

A software engineer by day, Saad found solace on winding Texas backroads. "He lived for the brotherhood of riding," says Marco Torres, a fellow Full Throttle regular. "If your bike broke down, Saad was there with a toolkit and a joke." His sudden loss leaves a void no chrome or leather can fill.

How Riders Are Paying Tribute

The DFW motorcycle community has responded with raw solidarity. A candlelight vigil at Strokers Dallas drew hundreds, while #RideFor-Saad trended locally, flooding social media with stories of his generosity.

Full Throttle Dallas announced a memorial ride on May 15, with proceeds benefiting the Fallen Riders Foundation, a nonprofit covering funeral costs for crash victims. Meanwhile, the Patriot Guard Riders—a group honoring fallen service members—volunteered to escort Saad's family to his final resting place, a gesture echoing his commitment to service.

Inside the Investigation

Motorcycle crash probes are meticulous. Per NHTSA protocols, investigators will:

Map the scene: Measure skid marks, debris fields, and impact points. Inspect vehicles: Assess tire integrity, brake sys-

tems, and potential recalls. Review rider history: Check licensing status (34% of fatal crashes involve unlicensed riders)



Analyze toxicology: Rule out impairment, though friends insist Saad rode sober. Final reports may take 6–12 months, but preliminary findings could surface sooner via Dallas PD's Open Records portal.

Gear & Techniques That Save Lives Saad's crash has reignited debates over rider safety. Here's what experts urge:

Helmets matter: DOT-approved helmets reduce fatal head injuries by 42%. Yet 39% of riders killed in 2023 weren't wearing one. Layer up: Armored jackets and gloves prevent road rash. MSF courses mandate full-finger gloves—Saad's signature gear. Train beyond basics: Advanced MSF courses teach swerving and emergency braking—skills critical for group rides. Posted by Aditya Addy | Apr 22, 2025 INTERNATIONAL PAGES

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Donald Trump went after one of America's top law firms. Its decision to fight back took just two hours.

When President Donald Trump issued an executive order this month targeting Susman Godfrey, one of the nation's preeminent law firms, the way forward was clear. The order came as a "total bolt from the blue," one lawyer representing the firm said later during a court hearing. No one at Susman Godfrey spoke with the White House about cutting a deal, according to two people familiar with the matter. The firm was ready to fight The partners unanimously agreed the firm would sue the United States government to block the executive order within two hours of reviewing it, the two people said. In Trump's political campaign against Big Law, nine firms have struck deals with the president, collectively promising \$940 million in pro bono work. Four — Perkins Coie, Jenner & Block, WilmerHale, and Susman Godfrey — opted to fight the administration in court. So far, there is little evidence those four firms have suffered serious consequences for choosing to fight.In each of the four lawsuits, federal judges quickly blocked the most consequential elements from each executive order and signaled they would later rule in favor of the law firms. The judge's swift order headed off potential damage to Jenner & Block, according to a source familiar with the matter. Forty percent of the firm's revenue is from companies with government contracts, it said in its lawsuit. While clients were nervous, only one, which it had represented on a pro bono basis, cut ties, the source said. The Wall Street Journal reported that Perkins Coie's biggest clients, including Amazon and Boeing, are sticking with the firm, although it lost some work from Honeywell. William Malley, the firm's managing partner, told The American Lawyer that he sees "momentum" in business this year after the firm's average profit per equity partner grew by nearly 16% in 2024. It's not clear whether WilmerHale or Susman

Godfrey lost any clients. Both said in court filings that Trump's executive orders would harm their businesses, but they did not provide any examples of clients leaving or refusing to do business.Trump is getting hammered in court In court, the law firms fighting back are winning.They have argued that the executive orders violate the Constitution and are textbook examples of the government illegally targeting people and companies over their speech and violating their clients' right to counsel The executive orders say the law firms run dis-

criminatory DEI programs and that some of them pose national security threats because they employed lawyers who previously investigated Trump.Justice Department lawyers argued that Trump's powers are too broad for a judge to block the orders, and that the judicial branch can't even force the White House to explain itself.In a hearing on April 23, US District Judge Beryl Howell, who is overseeing Perkins Coie's case, appeared incredulous at the government's arguments. She subjected Richard Lawson, a Justice Department lawyer, to a barrage of often

sarcastic questions about the scope of the executive order, brushing aside some of his positions as "hyper-technical legal arguments that may have no merit."On the docket, meanwhile, the administration is outgunned. The two lawyers representing the government are Chad Mizelle, US Attorney General Pam Bondi's chief of staff, who worked in the first Trump administration and at a pair of elite law firms, and Lawson, who joined the Justice Department after a stint at a conservative nonprofit founded by Trump aide Stephen Miller. Two other career Justice Department officials previously working on the Perkins Coie case dropped out, one to retire.Representatives for the Justice Department didn't respond to a request for comment. The firms suing the government are working with legal heavyweights. Perkins Coie picked Williams & Connolly; Cooley LLP is representing Jenner & Block; the conservative legal superstar Paul Clement is representing WilmerHale; and Susman Godfrey hired Munger Tolles, the elite law firm that organized an earlier legal brief arguing against Trump's executive orders. Each lawsuit has also attracted a wide range of amicus briefs — supportive legal arguments from law professors, former judges, bar associations, press freedom advocates, and others. "You're a bit outmanned here," Judge Loren AliKhan quipped at Lawson when he showed up alone to a hearing in Susman Godfrey's case earlier this month. The firms that made deals with the White House — Paul Weiss, Skadden, Milbank, Willkie Farr, Cadwalader, Kirkland & Ellis, A&O Shearman, Simpson Thacher, and Latham & Watkins – are in Trump's good graces for now. Their agreements may not be stable, though, and the terms of each deal remain vague. It's also unclear whether there are more detailed underlying agreements that spell out each firm's responsibilities. If any firm challenges the Trump administration in court or picks up a client Trump objects to, he could issue a new executive order." If he has a different interpretation than the firms, he can bring them in line by issuing an executive order," Nate Eimer, an attorney representing over 800 firms opposing the executive orders, said of Trump. Firms that settled, he said, "put themselves in a very, very difficult position."The White House has not answered questions about whether nonpublic agreements exist. None of the firms that made deals responded to requests for comment. Representatives for WilmerHale declined to comment. Perkins Coie did not respond to requests for comment.Will the deals last? Trump's executive orders could have revoked each firm's government contracts and lawyers' security clearances. They also could have barred firm employees from government buildings, and Judge AliKhan said Trump's order meant the lawyers would not be able to enter courthouses or post offices.Brad Karp, the chairman of Paul Weiss, the first firm Trump targeted, described the executive order as an "existential crisis" that "could easily have destroyed our firm" in

an internal memo explaining why he chose to strike a deal with the president. Trump has



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openly mused about using the law firms for various purposes. In a televised Cabinet meeting a week after he announced sweeping tariffs, he said they could negotiate trade deals.Mike Howell, who runs The Oversight Project, a group spun out of the conservative Heritage Foundation, sent letters to many law firms — including some Trump hasn't targeted — asking them to devote \$10 million worth of time to help litigate freedom of information lawsuits against agencies in "blue states.""I'm dealing at my level with the managing partners, some of whom have responded very quickly," Howell said. "Some have said, in the nicest way possible, 'Buzz off." An atmosphere of fearThe decisions to fight or cut a deal have opened enormous rifts within the legal profession. Divisions have emerged between litigators and dealmakers, between equity-holding partners and idealistic associates, and between big firms with centralized decisionmaking processes and more democratic small partnerships."Paul Weiss — if they hadn't caved, we might've had a chance," Sean Burke, a legal headhunter with Whistler Partners, said. "It was like the straw that broke the camel's back before it even started." The leader of Paul Weiss' pro bono practice quit, although he said his career change had been in the works for months. A top government contracts lawyer at Perkins Coie moved to a different firm. Several associates at firms that signed deals quit and blasted their employers on LinkedIn.Some lawyers left more quietly. "I'm the primary breadwinner of my family," said one who left a firm that made a deal with Trump. "I don't have generational wealth to fall back on. I'm not one of these who can set myself on fire and leave." Big Law's deals cast a chill in the upper echelons of the legal profession, said a former federal prosecutor in the US Attorney's Office in the Southern District of New York, whose former colleagues fill the ranks of Big Law partnerships.Privately, some Big Law partners have expressed pride in their own firms for fighting, the former prosecutor said. Others who understand why firms made deals are still unhappy." Everybody's scared, period," this person said. "Not of each other, but in general. There's just this culture of fear that I've never seen in Big Law."Companies' in-house lawyers are also nervous. They want to make sure their outside counsel is willing to fight the government if necessary. One lawyer working in a company's general counsel office told Business Insider that her company's advisors at a law firm that made a deal with Trump said it was necessary to hold onto influence with regulators. "It just feels very cynical," said the in-house lawyer, who wants to redirect work to other firms. "I don't feel comfortable, if you're going to cave in front of the government, that you're going to represent me in front of the government." Yahoo/News Jack Newsham, Jacob Shamsian



Robert Kiyosaki warns of a 'Greater Depression' coming to the US but points at 2 'easy-money' assets

In light of President Donald Trump's sweeping tariffs and the uncertainty surrounding them, many experts are warning that America may be headed for a recession. But according to Rich Dad Poor Dad author Robert Kiyosaki, something far worse is looming.

"In 2025 credit card debt is at all time highs. U.S. debt is at all time highs. Unemployment is rising. 401(k)'s are losing," he wrote in an X post on April 18. "U.S.A. may be heading for a GREATER DEPRESSION."

According to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Americans now owe a record \$1.21 trillion on their credit cards. The U.S. National debt has climbed to \$36.22 trillion. Meanwhile, the unemployment rate ticked up to 4.2% in March, and retirees are watching their 401(k)s shrink amid ongoing market volatility.

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I'm 49 years old and have nothing saved for retirement — what should I do? Don't panic. Here are 5 of the easiest ways you can catch up (and fast)

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how

Nervous about the stock market in 2025? Find out how you can access this \$1B private real estate fund (with as little as \$10)

The Great Depression of the 1930s was the worst economic crisis in modern history — marked by mass unemployment, widespread poverty and a collapse in consumer and business confidence. But by calling the next downturn a "Greater Depression," Kiyosaki suggests it could be even more devastating.

As he put it, "This coming Great Depression will cause millions to be poor ... and a few who take action, may enjoy great wealth and freedom." So, what kind of action is he recommending? "For those who take action today, when the crash crashes, those who invest in just one Bitcoin, or some gold, or silver ... You may come through this crisis a very rich person," Kiyosaki wrote.

That advice should come as no surprise — Kiyosaki has long been a vocal proponent of these alternative assets, which he backed by making a bold prediction.

"I strongly believe, by 2035, that one Bitcoin will be over \$1 million. Gold will be \$30K and silver



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\$3,000 a coin," he wrote.

Let's take a closer look at the assets he's championing.

Precious metals

Kiyosaki's endorsement of gold and silver is nothing new — he's been advocating for precious metals for decades.

Back in October 2023, he wrote on X: "Gold will soon break through \$2,100 and then take off. You will wish you had bought gold below \$2,000. Next stop, gold \$3,700."

Gold prices surged in 2024 and have continued to climb through 2025, now trading around \$3,300 per ounce. Yahoo/Finance Jing Pan

Elon Musk's Cybertruck Gets More Bad News

Elon Musk's Cybertruck may have the hype, but a new electric pickup from Slate Auto, a Michigan-based EV startup backed by Jeff Bezos, is drawing attention for a very different reason: a price tag that undercuts just about everything on the market.

Slate CEO Chris Barman, a former Fiat Chrysler executive, says her company's no-frills electric

truck will start at \$25,000—and could dip below \$20,000 with federal tax credits. That's less than half the average cost of a new EV in the U.S., which currently hovers around \$59,000.

"We went system by system, cutting costs while keeping safety and reliability," Barman said. The result? A basic truck with 150 miles of range, crank windows, no radio, and a laser focus on affordability.

It's a direct contrast to Tesla's Cybertruck, which launched to much fanfare but has faced ongoing production delays, recalls, and a price tag north of \$80,000 for its top-tier models. Musk has long teased a \$25,000 Tesla, but the company hasn't delivered one yet. Slate's approach feels grounded in real-world utility. Its "blank slate" model lets buyers add features like infotainment systems, power windows, or even convert the truck into an SUV—whenever they can afford it. The DIY upgrades are part of a broader shift in how consumers interact with their vehicles.

"There's a massive population that



just needs safe, reliable transportation," Barman said. "We're giving them freedom—not just in how they drive, but how they build their vehicle over time."

Slate says customer deliveries will begin in late 2026, and it hopes to manufacture the trucks in a revitalized facility in the Midwest. Reservations are open now with a refundable \$50 deposit. Yahoo/Finance Rachel Dillin



Anant Ambani appointed as Reliance's whole-time director for 5 years—will take charge from 1st May, 2025

Reliance Industries has announced the appointment of Anant Ambani as Executive Director for a five-year term starting May 1, 2025. This strategic move signals the company's strong commitment to succession planning and future growth. Anant Ambani has been actively spearheading Reliance's initiatives in new energy, green hydrogen, and sustainability, positioning the group for a greener future. His appointment comes as Isha Ambani and Akash Ambani continue to lead the retail and telecom divisions, respectively. With this transition, Reliance Industries is preparing the next generation of leadership to drive innovation, expansion, and long-term success across its diverse business sectors.

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Tesla is in worse shape than you think

Things are undoubtedly bad at Tesla (TSLA). Its sales are dwindling. Its profits are plunging, as is its share price. There are regular protests outside its showrooms. The Cybertruck is a flop. And somehow, it's actually a lot worse than that.

The 71% drop in net income it just reported may have been overshadowed by CEO Elon Musk's announcement that he would be stepping back from his controversial duties at the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). But that drop is just one indication of serious financial sickness at the EV maker, problems brought on by falling sales for the first time in its history and falling prices for electric vehicles.

The bottom line problem at Tesla is its vanishing bottom line. A deeper look at its first quarter report shows it's now losing money on what should be its ostensible reason for existence – selling cars.

It was only able to post a \$409 million profit in the quarter thanks to the sale of \$595 million worth of regulatory credits to other automakers.

But if the Trump administration gets its way, the company can kiss those regulatory credits keeping it in the black goodbye, too. It also faces possible rising costs due to the tariffs that the Trump administration is weighing on imported auto parts, which even Musk has said could be significant, albeit less so than at some competitor.

Sales are falling partly due to rising competition from other automakers' EV offerings, especially in China. Tesla's sales are falling in both Europe and China even as overall EV sales increase in those key markets. It's about to lose its long-held title of the world's largest seller of electric vehicles to Chinese automaker BYD (1211.HK, BYDDF, BYDDY).

But Tesla is also being hurt by Musk's political activities, from leading the effort to drastically slash the federal government to supporting far-right parties around the world, like Germany's AfD. Even some of its fans on Wall Street believe the brand damage could be lasting, despite Musk's claim that he intends to step back from DOGE.

Musk: Tesla not on 'ragged edge of death'Musk dismisses the idea that the company is in any serious financial distress.

"We've gone through many a crisis over the years and actually been... on the ragged edge of death – at least, maybe a dozen times," he told investors on the conference call Tuesday. "This is not one of those times. We're not on the ragged edge of death, not even close. There are some challenges and I expect that this year will be probably be some unexpected bumps this year but I remain extremely optimistic about the future of the company." But what was not discussed on the call was the fact that the Trump administration wants to get rid of the federal emission rules that favor automakers that sell EVs.

It also wants to end the right of California and eight other states to demand tougher emissions regulations than the federal standards that would ban the sale of gasoline-powered vehicles by 2035. Without tough emissions rules at the federal and state level, there would be no regulatory credit sales.

The sale of those federal and state credits has been quite lucrative for Tesla, bringing in \$8.4 billion in revenue since the start of 2021 alone, money that basically went straight to its bottom line.

For much of its history Tesla depended on the sales of those credits because it was losing money on its cars and solar energy products. But since the second quarter of 2021, it had been profitable every quarter even without the credit sales – until the most recent quarter, that is.

Profit margins shrivel

A key product margin is also shrinking. In the first quarter, that measure, the gross automotive profit margin, excludes not only regulatory credit sales but many other expenses. The margin was 12.5% in the most recent quarter, down from a high of 30% in the first quarter of 2022.

The last time Tesla had a profit margin that low was in early 2012, according to research from Morgan Stanley, back when the company was just getting started and selling only 5,600 cars a year, or nearly what it sold every day, on average, last year.

The 30% profit margin in 2022 had made it the nation's most profitable automaker, even though it still sold a fraction of the vehicles sold by General Motors, Ford or Stellantis. Between the combination of healthy profits and Tesla's sales growth of between 37% and 87% a year, the stock went straight to – as Musk is so fond of saying – the moon. That made it the most valuable automaker on the planet by far, and Musk the richest person. But sales slammed into reverse last year, marking its first annual decline in its history. Part of that was driven by rising competition from EV offerings of other automakers, particularly in China, and partly by backlash from some buyers turned off by Musk's increasingly conservative and controversial political stances. Even some of those still bullish on Tesla stock believe there has been lasting brand damage, but they believe the company will benefit from the introduction of "robotaxis" that will provide driverless rides to people using a new ride-hailing service Tesla says is about to debut in Austin, Texas.

The Department of Transportation appeared to give Tesla's self-driving efforts a lift on Thursday as it announced an "automated vehicle framework," which includes "removing unnecessary regulatory barriers" and enabling



commercial deployment of automated vehicles. Investors took that as another sign of the Trump administration taking steps to help Tesla as its shares rose 10% on Friday. But the framework doesn't ensure its long-promised self-driving efforts will be successful. The promise – and problems – of robotaxis Musk claims that service, and the introduction of humanoid robots that he says will be at work in Tesla plants later this year, will make Tesla worth more than the world's next five most valuable companies combined. Fans of the stock still believe in the future that Musk predicts, even if some are not as optimistic about the timeline.

Gene Munster, managing partner at Deepwater Asset Management, attributes the thinner profit margins partly to reduced sales and partly to a \$250 million increase in research and development.

"It is an ugly year, but they're kind of doing a set up for what should be improvements next year," he said. He agrees with Musk's vision that Tesla is well-positioned to profit from capturing much of the ride-hailing market.

But GM recently dropped its own robotaxi offering after concluding "the considerable time and resources that would be needed to scale the business, along with an increasingly competitive robotaxi market" didn't support a business case. Ford also pulled back greatly from its own autonomous vehicle development efforts after concluding it wouldn't be profitable anytime soon.

"Profitable, fully autonomous vehicles at scale are a long way off," said Ford CEO Jim Farley.

And Musk has been promising Tesla's robotaxis were about a year away for at least six years now, and even he admits the company has not lived up to previous predictions about the company's timeline for its "full self driving" or FSD, capabilities.

"I'm the boy who cried FSD," he said in a call with investors in July 2023. And even when rolling out his latest plans for robotaxis in October, he admitted "I tend to be a little optimistic with time frames." Yahoo/Finance Chris Isidore

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Syria group says military chief arrested in UAE

Syrian armed group Jaish al-Islam said its leader sponse, the source added. was arrested upon arrival at Dubai airport several days ago as supporters gathered in Damascus to demand his release.

Since 2015, Issam Buwaydani has been head of Jaish al-Islam, a group that fought against the now-ousted ruler Bashar al-Assad and once controlled the Eastern Ghouta area near Damascus.

After Syria's new authorities announced the dissolution of armed groups following Assad's December overthrow, Jaish al-Islam was integrated into the new Syrian forces and Buwaydani became a defence ministry official. Two sources close to Buwaydani told AFP that he had been arrested Thursday at Dubai airport as he was leaving the United Arab Emirates.

Requesting anonymity because the matter is sensitive, they said he had entered the UAE on a Turkish passport.

"We do not know the reasons for his arrest," one of the sources said, adding that Buwaydani was on a private visit to the Gulf country.

"The Syrian government has been in contact with the Emirates" but has not received a reJaish al-Islam's chief military spokesman Hamza Bayraqdar on messaging app Telegram appealed

for "the immediate and unconditional release" of Buwaydani, calling him "one of the symbols of the Syrian revolution".

The UAE has not confirmed Buwaydani's arrest.

Earlier this month the Emirates welcomed Syria's interim President Ahmed al-Sharaa for his first official visit to the country. Sharaa's Islamist group Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) led the coalition that ousted Assad on December 8.

Several dozen people gathered in Damascus' Umayyad Square on Monday to demand Buwaydani's release, urging their government to intervene in the matter.

"I am demonstrating here to send a message to the UAE and to the new Syrian government, and specifically to the foreign minister, to demand the release of the heroic leader Issam Buwaydani," Abu Khaled Nassif, one of the protesters, told AFP.

Buwaydani took over Jaish al-Islam after the killing of its founder, Zahran Alloush, in 2015.



Activists have blamed Jaish al-Islam for the December 2013 kidnapping of four human rights activists including Syrian lawyer and journalist Razan Zeitouneh.

The group, which withdrew to northwest Syria after Assad's forces retook the Ghouta area, has denied the allegations.

Since Assad's overthrow, Buwaydani has appeared next to Sharaa on several occasions.

Former Jaish al-Islam member Majdi Nema goes on trial in France this week for alleged involvement in war crimes in Syria between 2013 and 2016.

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Mohammed Ayub Ali Khan

Toronto's well known personality Zaki Ahsan Sahab passed away today. A cheerful and gregarious personality, he maintained his good humour till the end as he bravely faced illness. He would go out of his way to help and was instrumental in raising funds for Canadian Blood Services, homeless shelters and other charitable causes in India and abroad.

Originally, from Malakpet, Hyderabad (India) he came to Canada via Malaysia where he started an computer supplies company. He had a thriving real estate practice in Mississauga where he helped many newcomers with their first homes.

An alumni of the famous Aliyah School in

Nilima Prasad Divi, daughter of Hyderabad's wealthiest individual, Dr. Murali K. Divi, plays a pivotal role in steering Divi's Laboratories—a pharmaceutical giant with a market capitalization of approximately ₹1.23 lakh crore . As the Whole-Time Director (Commercial), she oversees crucial operations, including material sourcing, procurement, corporate finance, and investor relations.

Holding a 20.34% stake in the company , Nilima's influence is significant in the firm's global success, with nearly 90%

Hyderabad, he was the key person behind organizing its reunions in Toronto and other cities across North America. He was also an early member of many Hyderabadi organizations including Hyderabad Deccan Foundation of Canada, Charminar Connections, among others.

I had a chat with him in July when he was in pain but did not display any of it in his conversations. He joked . He had a joke for every occasion and laughed when I once called hom 'Shahenshah-e-Zarafat.'

May Allah (swt) grant his maghfirah, raise his ranks and grant patience to the family.

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of its annual revenue of \$965 million (approximately ₹8,049 crore) derived from exports . Her academic credentials include a Master's in International Business from GITAM Institute of Foreign Trade, India, and a Master's in International Finance from the University of Glasgow, UK.

In May 2024, she made headlines by acquiring two luxurious properties in Hyderabad's upscale Jubilee Hills area, each spanning over 11,000 square feet and costing ₹40 crore, totaling ₹80 crore





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America is dangerously close to the worst kind of recession

I do not envy Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell right now.

The 72-year-old former investment banker and longtime economic policymaker stands at a precarious crossroads. As the Fed chairman, his job is to achieve two goals: price stability and full employment. Usually, the trade-off between these two aims is clear, but these days, Powell has to perform a difficult balancing act. On the one hand, he needs to keep prices in check as the White House enacts dramatic tariffs on our biggest trading partners. On the other hand, he has to try to slow the uptick in the number of jobless Americans.

How Powell addresses this conundrum will have massive effects on the American economy. Get it wrong and the US could get stuck in the dreaded "stagflation," a condition in which inflation is taking off at the same time the job market is getting weaker. It's nearly impossible to simultaneously address the "stag" and the "flation." Policymakers obviously care about both sides of the dual mandate, but given the central bank's blunt tools, equal treatment by the Fed isn't really possible.

This leaves investors in a pickle. Over the past two decades, the stock market's playbook has been fairly obvious: Don't fight the Fed. As the Fed has become more willing to step in and backstop the economy, it's gained the power to stem even the harshest stock sell-offs. Its track record is impressive, too. Seven of the last eight bull markets — when major stock indexes rallied at least 20% — started when the Fed was cutting rates. Investors eventually picked up on this, snatching up stocks as soon as policymakers intervened.

But what do you do when even the Fed isn't sure what side it's on?

So far, Powell and his compatriots at the Fed have chosen to do nothing. They're taking the wait-andsee approach, hoping that clear trends — or a way out of tariff threats — will arise in the coming months. I have no answers for this predicament, and as I said, I certainly wouldn't want to be in the chairman's shoes right now. But I do think this moment requires us non-Fed members to think differently about our own money.

Understanding history is important when we're talking about the Fed's current rock-and-a-hard-place situation.

For decades after its creation in 1913, the Fed was the invisible hand on Wall Street, guiding interest rates through booms and busts without noise or fanfare. Central bankers were tasked with ensuring the stability of the banking system, with a few unofficial projects around keeping prices stable that were more extra credit than required homework. The Fed's job changed drastically in the 1970s, though. In an era of disco balls and poofy hair, the US economy battled one of its toughest tests to date — an inflationary shock from a surge in oil prices, and an unemployment rate as high as 9%. This is the infamous stagflation crisis, and it was the height of economic misery. The basic problem with stagflation is that it's an incredibly difficult trap to climb out of. Corporate America is suffocated by higher costs and lower revenue. Businesses respond by cutting jobs, and as many Americans lose their primary source of income, they spend even less. Affordability suffers when things are getting more expensive, and as unemployment rises, people have less bargaining power to request raises, making inflation cut even deeper. It's a nasty cycle that feeds on itself. It also creates a rough situation for the Fed. The central bank can try to influence the economy in a

few ways, but the most important is its power over interest rates - the cost for banks, businesses, and even average Americans to take out loans. Raising interest rates is supposed to address inflation, and in scenarios when inflation has been the clear issue, the Fed has usually responded that way. But with stagflation, rate hikes can crush businesses' profit margins and increase Americans' borrowing costs through higher mortgage and auto loan rates. Then, everyone spends less money, and the vicious cycle continues. The Fed took several years to get the 1970s crisis under control, with Fed Chairman Paul Volcker ultimately delivering the decisive blow through a steep and painful period of interest-rate hikes. He figured that crushing the "flation" would then give the Fed room to deal with the "stag." Though the Fed ultimately emerged stronger, with its dual mandate legally enshrined, the period also left deep scars on the psyches of central bankers and Wall Street economists alike - many of whom are still around today. So it's no surprise that the glaring similarities between our current environment and the 1970s period have caused quite a bit of consternation. This is especially troubling for Powell, who counts Volcker, the stagflation slayer, as his central banking hero. Similar to 50 years ago, an exogenous inflation shock is working its way to our wallets, this time through tariffs. Dramatic tariffs threaten to boost prices on a wide range of products, and like the 1970s, it's unclear how long these higher prices could stick. Yale's Budget Lab estimates this could cost households \$3,800 this year. The president is launching this trade war at a time when consumers are already in a weakening position: Economic growth projections from the Atlanta Fed's GDPNow estimate that first-quarter consumer spending stagnated. The concerns about stagflation are also acute because the inflation crisis of 2022 looms large in the Fed's mind. One-third of the Fed's current voting members were behind the decision to keep interest rates low through 2021 as bond markets sounded the alarm over inflation. While Powell and company are determined to get it right this time, they are also aware of the pickle: Ninety-eight percent of Fed members said in March that higher inflation is a bigger risk going forward than deflation, while 95% cited higher unemployment as the prevailing risk in the job market.

For investors, stagflation also presents some nasty possibilities. Prices rise and revenue slows. People flee the stock market because companies can't maintain profit margins. They also shun bonds because fixed income often can't keep up with the pace of price increases. Tangible assets like gold and oil turn into safe havens, but even their values are roiled by violent changes in supply and demand. You can't find anywhere to hide.

We live in stressful times, so let me offer you some comforting words. Reciprocal tariffs have effectively frozen consumers and businesses alike. It's possible we're in a recession right now. But a sudden shock could mean some important counterbalances are at play. There's a chance that retailers and factories won't be able to pass along these costs to consumers because demand is already sliding.

If prices can't go up, that could head off any increase in the rate of inflation. That dynamic is why actual stagflation is rare — as in four quarters in the last 55 years rare. The "stag" often takes care of the "flation." What I do worry about, though, is the Fed's inability to react to economic weakness or surging inflation. In an ideal world, the Fed should be able to proactively balance the economy and protect against future risks. A year ago, this ideal world was within reach. The Fed started lowering interest rates in September, even though unemployment was historically low — a nod to a victory over COVID-era inflation. The S&P 500 jumped 20% for two consecutive years, in part because policymakers were able to effectively steer through the rough waters.

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As investors, our job is to take measured risks with our money to build wealth over time. Many people do this best by taking a largely passive approach: tossing a set amount of money into the stock market on a set schedule, not buying or selling on every Fed headline or speaker comment. However, we are humans, not AI-powered robots. We can't always keep our emotions in check when markets are swinging. If the Fed is frozen, we have to take it upon ourselves to set an investing plan and do everything we can to stick to it.

Fed policy also has a big influence on how we experience our lives, even if we're just casual observers of market headlines or occasional index fund dabblers. The Fed controls affordability — do you have cash in a savings account? The Fed's decisions could impact the rate you make relative to inflation. Are you in the market for a new house? The Fed's policy could indirectly impact long-term interest rates, which feed into those sky-high mortgage rates.

You are not powerless in this situation. Stocks are your best tool for fighting inflation over time — the S&P 500 has beaten inflation in five out of the last seven decades. Many of us can afford to take a longer perspective because we're investing for goals decades ahead. While it may look gnarly now, historically, the resiliency and overperformance of the American economy would suggest that buying US stocks when they are this deep into a sell-off will pay off.

We don't know where the Fed will land yet, or if Powell will slip off this nerve-racking policy tightrope. But as we process a lot of conflicting and unusual economic forces, remember what's at stake right now. Your buy-the-dip reflex can work in this environment, you may just have to wait longer for it to play out. Yahoo/Finance Callie Cox

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UPSC Civil Services Result 2024: 26 Muslims Among Toppers

UPSC Civil Services Toppers 2024: As many as 26 Muslims figured in the list of 1,009 candidates who emerged toppers in the Civil Services 2024 exams result of which was declared by the UPSC Tuesday April 22, 2025.

None of the Muslim is in the list of Top 25. The only exceptions are Iram Choudhary and Farkhanda Qureshi who figured among the Top 100 in the Civil Services Merit List released today.

A total of 97 Muslims had cracked the CSE Main Exam 2024 and were called for Personal Interviews held from January 7 to April 17, 2025.

The success rate of Muslims in UPSC this year is 2.57% - far less than the last year when more than 50 Muslims had figured in the UPSC Merit List.

UPSC CSE 2024 - List of Muslim Toppers 40: IRAM CHOUDHARY 67: FARKHANDA QURESHI 131: MOHAMMAD MUNEEB BHAT 142: ADIBA ANAM ASHFAQUE AHEMAD 281: WASIM UR RAHMAN 292: MD NAYAB ANJUM 314: MOHAMMAD HARIS MIR 345: MOHAMMED SHAUKATH AZEEM 417: ALIFA KHAN 429: NADIYA ABDUL RASHEED 442: NAJMA A SALAM 506: SHAKEEL AHMED 553: SHAH MOHD IMRAN MOHD IRFAN 560: MOHAMMAD AFTAB ALAM 585: MOHSINA BANO 594: SAYYED MOHD ARIF MOIN 633: GHULAM HAIDER 643: HASSAN KHAN 660: GHANCHI GAZALA MOHMADHANIF 711: MUHAMMED SALAH T A 742: SADAF MALIK 768: YASSAR AHMED BHATTI 815: JAVED MEV 847: NAZIR AHMAD BIJRAN 993: ARSHAD AZIZ QURESH 998: IQABAL AHMAD

The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) declared the final result of the Civil Services exams held in September 2024 and Personal Interviews conducted in January/April 2025 today on Tuesday April 22.

UPSC Civil Services Toppers Shakti Dubey has secured the top rank in the UPSC Civil Services Examination, followed by Harshita Goyal at Rank 2 and Dongre Archit Parag at Rank 3.

A consolidated reserve list of 230 candidates has also

(5) of the Civil Services Examination Rules, 2024.

The Union Public Service Commission had conducted the Civil Services Main Exam 2024 from September 20 to 29, 2024. According to the Civil Services Main result announced on December 9, 2024, around 2,845 candidates had passed the written exam and were called for Personal Interviews.

Among the 1,009 candidates selected, 335 belong to the General category, 109 to the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), 318 to Other Backward Classes (OBC), 160 to Scheduled Castes (SC), and 87 to Scheduled Tribes (ST). This includes 45 candidates with benchmark disabilities across four categories.

UPSC Civil Services Result 2024 - Top 25 Shakti Dubey Harshita Goyal Dongre Archit Parag Shah Margi Chirag Akash Garg Komal Punia Aayushi Bansal Raj Krishna Jha Aditya Vikram Agarwal Mayank Tripathi Mayank Tripathi Ashi Sharma Hemant Abhishek Vashishtha Banna Venkatesh Madhav Agarwal Sanskriti Trivedy Saumya Mishra Vibhor Bhardwaj Trilok Singh Divyank Gupta Riya Saini B Sivachandran R Rangamanju Gee Gee A S The civil services (preliminary) examination, 2024, was conducted on June 16 last year. A total of 9,92,599 candidates applied for this examination, out of which 5,83,213 candidates actually appeared in the examination.

UPSC CSE Result 2023

In 2023, the UPSC had conducted the Personal Interviews in three phases - Phase I from January 02 to February 16, 2024, Phase II February 19 to March 15, 2024 with the Phase III of the UPSC Civil Services 2023 interviews concluding on April 09, 2024.

The UPSC CSE Result in 2023 was announced on April 16, 2024- six days after concluding the interviews.

Aditya Srivastava bagged the first rank, Animesh Pradhan got the second rank, Donuru Ananya Reddy secured the third rank, while Ruhani, Nausheen and five others figured in the UPSC Top 10 in 2023.

A look at the 2023 result also showed, more than 50 Muslims in the Civil Services Merit List.

In 2024, expectations are high for Muslims as some

the Personal Tests and a good number of them are expected to be in the final merit list.

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In 2022, the UPSC had concluded the Personal Interviews of the candidates on May 18, 2023. The CSE **INTERNATIONAL PAGES** 2023 final result was announced on May 23, 2023 four days after concluding the interviews.

Ishita Kishore was IAS topper in 2022, followed by Garima Lohia who got the second rank, Uma Harathi secured the third rank, and the fourth rank went to Smriti Mishra. A total of 30 Muslims were in the Civil Services Merit List.

Performance of Muslims in Civil Services Since 2009 In 2023, a total of 1,016 candidates were recommended by the Union Public Service Commission for different Civil Services posts. Of them 51 were Muslims.

In 2022, a total number of 933 candidates were recommended for IAS, IPS, IFS, IRS and other civil services posts. Of them 30 were Muslims.

In 2021, a total of 685 were recommended in the UP-SC Civil Services 2021 Merit List. Of them, 21 were Muslims. This was the worst performance of Muslim candidates in a decade.

On ther hand, a total of 31 Muslims had cracked the Civil Services Exam (CSE), also known as IAS exam, in 2020 when UPSC had recommended 761 candidates for the top CS posts.

In 2019, 42 Muslims had cracked the exam whereas in 2018 just 27 Muslims had made it to the final result.

The years 2016 and 2017 were the brightest period for Muslim candidates. In 2016, 52 Muslims figured in the list of successful candidates whereas in 2017 their tally was 50.

In 2015, 34 Muslims were among the 1,078 candidates recommended by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) whereas 38 Muslims were in the list of total 1,236 candidates in 2014.

In 2013, a total of 34 Muslims had cleared the exam, whereas in 2012, 30 Muslims were among the successful candidates, four of them were among top 100.

Similarly in 2012, 30 Muslims were among the successful candidates and in 2011, 31 Muslims were among the 920 selected for the civil services.

Likewise, in 2010 among the 875 successful candidates 21 were Muslims with Dr. Shah Faisal of Kashmir topping the exam at the national level.

In 2009, a total of 31 Muslims were in the list of 791 successful candidates.



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Auto Driver's Daughter To Be Maharashtra's **First Muslim Woman IAS Officer**

UPSC Exam Results 2024: Adiba Anam's father, unable to complete his education due to circumstances, has worked as an auto driver. Despite these challenges, his daughter has made her family proud by clearing one of India's most competitive exams.

In a testament to how determination and hard work pay off, Adiba Anam, the daughter of an autorickshaw driver from Maharashtra's Yavatmal district, has proven that success is achievable through sheer effort and perseverance, despite adversities. She is set to become Maharashtra's first Muslim woman IAS officer after securing the 142nd All India Rank in the UPSC 2024 examination.

Ms Adiba's father, unable to complete his education due to circumstances, has worked as an auto driver. Despite these challenges, his daughter has made her family proud by clearing one of India's most competitive exams. Yavatmal, located in the agrarian distress-prone Vidarbha region, has been affected by a high number of farmers' suicides. After completing her graduation, Ms Adiba moved to Pune to prepare for the civil services exams. A mathematics graduate who had excelled in her board exams, Adiba remained focused on her goal. However, success did not come easily. She faced

Garam Masala Recipe Ingredients:

- ~Cumin Seeds 2 tbsp
- ~Coriander Seeds 2 tbsp
- ~Black Cardamom Pods 4 pods
- ~Green Cardamom Pods 10 pods
- ~Cinnamon Sticks 2 sticks (2-
- inch pieces)
- ~Cloves 1 tbsp
- ~Bay Leaves 4 leaves
- ~Mace 1 blades
- ~Nutmeg 1/2 whole (grated)
- ~Star Anise 2 pods
- ~Black Peppercorns
- 1 tbsp

~Fennel Seeds – 1 tbsp (optional, for a slightly sweet note)

Instructions: 1. Dry roast each spice individually in a pan over low heat for 1–2 minutes until fragrant. Stir frequently to prevent burning.

2. Allow all roasted spices to cool completely.

3. Add all the cooled spices to a spice grinder or blender and grind to a fine

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setbacks in her first two attempts, despite reaching the interview stage once. Undeterred, she persevered and kept working toward her goal.

Former Maharashtra Minister and Congress leader Manikrao Thakre, a native of Yavatmal district, praised her achievement. In a post on social media platform X, he wrote, "Today, the final result of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC 2024) has been declared. Adiba Anam Ashfaq Ahmed from Yavatmal district of Maharashtra has secured 142nd rank in India. Earlier, Adiba had appeared for the UPSC interview but was not selected for the final list. However, in this attempt, she has made it to the final list and is on track to secure an IAS post. Adiba has become Maharashtra's first female Muslim IAS officer."

Mr Thakre further added, "Adiba was a student at the Haj House IAS Training Institute and later at Jamia Residential Training Institute. Her success will inspire many students. Heartiest congratulations on her success, and best wishes for her future journey."

Ms Adiba's achievement has drawn admiration from her home district's top civil servants. The Yavatmal Police congratulated the UPSC selected candidates, including Adiba Anam Ashfaq

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Ahmad Sheikh (Rank 142) and Dr Jay Kumar Ade (Rank 300), in a post on social media.

Bhiwandi East MLA Rais Sheikh expressed, "Adiba Anam's journey is a testament to grit, dreams, and a father's unwavering support. From an auto-rickshaw in Nanded to AIR 142 in UPSC-what an inspiration! I salute her spirit and congratulate her on becoming Maharashtra's first Muslim woman IAS officer."

Despite coming from humble beginnings, Adiba credits her father for ensuring her education never suffered. She recalls how her parents provided both emotional and financial support, overcoming hardships to help her pursue her dreams. Now, as she embarks on her civil services journey, Adiba is determined to work for the underprivileged, especially girls.

Taste Unfold powder.

4. Store in an airtight container in a cool, dark place. It keeps fresh for up to 3 months. Tips:

For a stronger aroma, use slightly more cloves and black pepper. Add dried ginger powder (1 tsp) if you're using this mix for curries or marinades.

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Elon Musk Wants To Privatize the Postal Service: What That Could Mean for Your Wallet

Privatizing the United States Postal Service (USPS) is a popular target for government efficiency proponents like wealthy billionaire Elon Musk.

Speaking virtually at a media and telecom conference earlier this year, Musk said to CNN, "we should privatize anything that can be privatized."

The 250-year-old independent service experienced a net loss of \$9.5 billion last year, up from \$6.5 billion during the previous fiscal year, according to a report on USPS's website. In addition, most people now communicate and pay bills online.

Is USPS draining public dollars or is it needed more than ever now? Musk wants to privatize the postal service. What could that mean for the economy and your wallet? Why USPS Matters According to CNN, supporters said the USPS is the most affordable way to ship things and plays a key role in American daily life. Privatizing the mail would also mean the end of guaranteed mail service.

"The USPS serves every address in our nation, delivering vital communications and documents and medicines," said Keith LaShier, president of the Association of United States Postal Lessors (AUSPL). It is a trade group that represents landlords who lease buildings to the U.S. Postal Service.

"It also plays a critical role in supporting the elections of our local, state and federal government leaders," LaShier said. What Could Change Since Musk's remarks in March, AP News reported that the outgoing Postmaster General Louis DeJoy agreed to partner with Musk's Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) to cut 10,000 employees and assist in identifying and achieving "further efficiencies."

"Universal service never meant every post office would be profitable," LaShier said. "Yet a first-class stamp costs the same regardless of the distance the letter travels. Congress understood that the busiest post offices would support the smallest to ensure mail is delivered timely to all corners of the nation." The United States Postal Service has been an independent agency since 1970. Most changes to USPS are normally subject to Congressional approval.

"Congress has protected the universal service mandate because it recognizes the value of the network of facilities to business, public safety and the machinery of democracy," LaShier said. "It used the same approach to create the Tennessee Valley Authority to deliver electric service to rural America, an interstate highway System to link all 50 states and an initiative to deliver broadband internet service to areas of the country that lack it."

However, according to news reports, the Trump Administration plans to disband the USPS Board of Governors and place the agency under the federal Commerce Department as the first step in privatizing the service. Who Pays

The potential privatization of USPS could significantly alter how Americans access affordable mail and delivery services. From rising costs to

> reduced access in rural areas, everyday consumers may shoulder the burden of reforms aimed at efficiency.

"Package delivery remains USPS's fastest growing business sector and those private delivery companies acknowledge they could not manage first mile or last mile service without USPS," LaShier said.

Higher Mailing Costs: Privatization often shifts the focus from public service to profit. That could drive up prices for everyday services like shipping, bill pay and package delivery, which dispro-



ELON MUSK WANTS TO PRIVATIZE THE POSTAL SERVICE AND AMTRAK

portionately affect low-income households that still rely on USPS for most deliveries. According to a Wells Fargo report, USPS rates were 25 to 60% lower than private carriers like FedEx and UPS.

Reduced Access: Rural communities and underserved city neighborhoods could see post office closures or reduced hours. This could limit acess for individuals without reliable internet access to government services, prescription drugs and voting by mail.

Fewer Consumer Protections: As a public agency, USPS is bound by federal service mandates. However, a privatized system could be less accountable and have less emphasis on universal service and affordability.

The Price of Privatization

USPS is essential to local economies, especially in rural and underserved regions. Privatization efforts could disrupt job markets, strain small businesses and weaken the nonprofit sector's ability to serve communities.

Nonprofits and Small Businesses: Many organizations rely on USPS for bulk mail and low-cost shipping. Sudden changes in service pricing or reliability could force them to raise prices, reduce operations or switch to more expensive private carriers.

Job Market Impact: Eliminating thousands of postal jobs could have a broader economic impact, especially in communities where USPS is a major employer.

Yahoo/Finance Kerra Bolton



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Many modern historians & scientists believe that Alexander the Great was likely buried alive. His body didn't decompose until six days after his declared death. It is theorized he suffered from Gillian-Barre Syndrome (GBS), which leaves one completely paralyzed but of sound mind & consciousness.

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Here's why a flare-up between India and Pakistan over Kashmir matters

NEW DELHI (AP) — India and Pakistan have intensified their hostilities over the hotly contested Kashmir region following a massacre of 26 mostly Indian tourists, which New Delhi linked to Pakistan.

Pakistan denies it was behind Tuesday's attack by gunmen on a group of tourists in Kashmir. Both sides have since escalated the tensions by exchanging diplomatic and trade sanctions against each other and raising fears of a military conflict.

The Kashmir attack can lead to an armed conflict between two neighbors

Under intense domestic pressure, India has hinted at the possibility of a limited military strike on Pakistan in response to what it called the "terror attack" with "cross-border links." Pakistan made it clear that it will respond militarily to an attack.

This raises fears that an escalation by any one side can lead to a wider war. The last time the two nations came to blows was in 2019, when a suicide car bombing killed 40 Indian soldiers in Kashmir.

Kashmir is a nuclear flashpoint between the archrivals

Both India and Pakistan are armed with nuclear weapons. There are fears that any conventional war or skirmish between them could potentially turn into a nuclear exchange.

India and Pakistan have fought two major wars, in 1965 and 1971, but in 1974, India conducted its first nuclear tests, raising the stakes in any military conflict. It triggered a nuclear race and Pakistan reached that same milestone in 1998. Since then, India and Pakistan have had one major border skirmish in 1999 that killed at least 1,000 combatants. The fighting only stopped after U.S. intervened.

A conflict could drag in China

India and China are geopolitical rivals whose armies clashed along the disputed Himalayan border in 2020. Ties between the Asian giants have improved since but they still maintain large numbers of troops on their borders. Their borders are also contiguous to Pakistan's, making it the world's only three-way nuclear junction.

RBeijing also controls a part of the Kashmir region that New Delhi says belongs to India. On the other hand, China is also a main ally of Pakistan and has helped advance its missile programs, creating additional military concerns for New Delhi. Meanwhile, India maintains strong defense ties with the U.S., which has long sought to limit Beijing's rise in the Indo-Pacific region.

Experts say any conflict between India and Pakistan is unlikely to stay strictly between them, as their strategic partners are likely to get involved.

Kashmir tensions can lead to a war over water In response to the massacre, India suspended a crucial treaty that governs the flow of river waters into Pakistan. Pakistan said it would consider any attempt to stop the flow of water from India an "act of war."

Under the Indus Water treaty, India is obliged to let six rivers flow freely to Pakistan. If India



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follows through and restricts the flow, it can have a devastating impact on Pakistan's agriculture as it battles acute water shortages. Your Digital Dealership: Shop genuine Cat[®] parts online without leaving the jobsite. Ad

Attacks by militants and rights abuses in Kashmir test world's response

Rights groups — including the U.N. — have blamed New Delhi for rights violations including civilian killings and arbitrary arrests in Indian-controlled Kashmir as a result of an intense crackdown by Indian forces. It has hurt India's human rights record and raised concerns that global powers are not doing enough to pressure New Delhi and hold it accountable.

Militants fighting against Indian rule have also killed scores of civilians, including Hindu pilgrims.

India has used military response against militants as part of its efforts to eradicate "terrorism," saying it threatens regional stability. SHEIKH SAALIQ

Trump administration withholding \$436.87 billion in approved spending, top Democrats say

WASHINGTON (Reuters) -U.S. President Donald Trump's administration has so far withheld at least \$436.87 billion of congressionally approved funding, the top Democrats on the U.S. Congress' appropriation committees said on Tuesday.

The frozen allotments span the federal government, according to the first estimate of the potential impoundments in the project led by Senator Patty Murray from Washington and Representative Rosa DeLauro from Connecticut. Almost \$42 billion was frozen or canceled for the State Department, including the frozen support for USAID, along with another \$62 billion-plus in competitive grant funding for the Transportation Department, according to the estimate.

The Democrats also detailed \$943 million frozen for the Head Start early-education program and more than \$10 billion in frozen and canceled funding for the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

"Just 100 days into office, President Trump and Elon Musk are continuing their unprecedented assault on our nation's spending laws, and it is families, small businesses, and communities in every part of the country who are paying the price," Murray and DeLauro said in a statement. "No American president has ever so flagrantly ignored our nation's spending laws or so brazenly denied the American people investments they are owed." The White House and Musk did not immediately respond to requests for comment. These findings will be publicly posted in a tracker tallying the minimum the committees believe the administration is freezing or fighting in court to block, a committee aide said. The administration has cited Musk's Department of Government Efficiency and the undoing of the federal government's diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives as reasons for blocking congressionally approved funding. The administration's refusal to spend congressionally authorized funds amounts to a challenge of the U.S. Constitution, which gives Congress oversight over spending, lawmakers said. Trump challenged this idea on the campaign trail, as does the current head Office of Management and Budget, Russ Vought. The U.S. Supreme Court also twice reaffirmed the limits on

presidents' power to unilaterally cut spending. Congress in the 1974 Impoundment Control Act codified a legal process for the executive branch to tweak spending levels by proposing cuts, called a rescission, which could be approved with a simple majority vote.

As of Monday, the administration has not submitted any rescission requests for Congress to codify, despite repeated requests from many congressional Republican lawmakers. Yahoo/News Bo Erickson



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Despite the bump that it received last week after Elon Musk's earnings announcement, Tesla (TSLA) is still facing an uphill battle. Shares kicked off this week by falling, suggesting that the stock's momentum may be short-lived.

With Musk announcing that he plans on cutting back his work with the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), many investors rejoiced, and the market reacted well, despite the vagueness of Musk's statement. Now it seems that the hype is already cooling off, just a few days later.

TSLA stock still has quite a bit of ground to make up, having declined more than 27% year-to-date (YTD). Given the company's disappointing Q1 earnings report, the company will need to show investors that it is capable of turning things around.

Unfortunately for Tesla, one of its key markets is getting even more crowded. One of Musk's biggest rivals has a new venture that could mean extremely bad news. As Tesla's earnings revealed, the company has been having a lot of trouble selling its cars. While the electric vehicle (EV) market remains robust, consumer sentiment toward Tesla has severely compromised its growth on a global scale, as backlash for Musk's political affiliations continues to spread.

One product that has proven difficult to move is the Cybertruck. Musk hyped Tesla's futuristic pickup truck as the company prepared to roll it out. But as TheStreet recently reported, photos have shown that Tesla is storing a shocking amount of these vehicles in parking lots, clearly unable to sell them. Now the market for electric trucks has a key player, one who is already competing with Musk on multiple fronts. Amazon founder Jeff Bezos is backing a fast-growing EV startup called Slate Auto that is advertising customizable electric pickups with a significantly lower price tag than the Cybertruck.

Founded in 2022, the startup operated in stealth mode until this year, busting onto the scene with a splash that turned many heads, likely including Musk's. The least

expensive Cybertruck is currently priced at roughly \$69,990, whereas Slate's electric trucks start at only \$25,000, a price that falls below \$20,000 with EV tax credits.

Slate CEO Chris Barman is a mechanical engineer who spent the bulk of her career at Chrysler, helping the company scale multiple operations. She believes that her team is unique

ly positioned to create an affordable electric truck that other companies cannot, highlighting their innovative modeling and design work. If Slate can successfully execute on this, the company will have pulled something off that Musk has not been able to accomplish. The Tesla CEO spent years teasing a \$25,000 vehicle, only to scrap the initiative last year, disappointing many consumers who had wanted to own a Tesla.

Now, one of his rivals is taking a major step toward beating him to the market.

Bezos' new venture is truly the opposite of Tesla For years, experts have speculated as to which company should be considered the "Tesla-killer," or the company with the most ability to dethrone Musk as leader of the EV race.

Many experts suggested Rivian as a likely candidate, pointing to the EV startup's sleek trucks and trendy-looking SUVs. But now it seems that Slate is in an excellent position to rival both companies, as it prepares to start rolling out visually appealing electric trucks at a much lower price tag than either automaker.

As TechCrunch notes, the Slate pickup is a stark contrast to the Cybertruck. "It's affordable, deeply customizable, and



very analog," the outlet reports. "It has manual windows and it doesn't come with a main infotainment screen."

It adds that the vehicle can even transform from a pickup truck into an SUV with more seats.

The fact that Bezos has invested in a company producing an anti-Tesla product suggests that he remains

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These 7 Countries Will Actually Pay You to Move There

We've all fantasized about packing our bags, moving to another country, and embracing a new way of life and culture. However, the entire moving process—from considering the expenses to cutting through red tape—can be so overwhelming that it often keeps that dream, well, just a dream. But what if we told you that some countries will actually pay you to make the move?

Countries all around the world, from Europe to Asia, are offering opportunities for people to relocate in an effort to revive struggling towns and local communities. These incentives can vary by location—some offer grants to start new businesses, cover living expenses to repopulate dying towns, or provide stipends to renovate historic homes.

Before you jump on a plane, it's essential to understand the specific terms and conditions of each program to ensure you meet their requirements and contribute to revitalizing your new hometown. These initiatives often require a commitment of time and effort to maintain res idency—and maybe eventually citizenship. Plus, it's wise to research all prerequisites of moving abroad, including digital nomad offerings, visa requirements, healthcare, language, local laws, customs, and taxes. This preparation helps you understand what to expect and become a better global citizen.

If you're ready to take the leap, we've compiled a list of countries offering grants and programs that pay you to move there. Your new adventure awaits!

Entrepreneurs of tech start-ups or established companies can move to Santiago, Chile through Start-Up Chile. The program, which was established in 2010, offers three, equity-free monetary grants depending on the launch phase of your business. The Build grant is designed for early-stage start-ups, where entrepreneurs have the opportunity to grow their business through a four-month acceleration program that provides you with 15 million Chilean pesos (roughly \$15,000).

The next grant, Ignite, is designed for startups with a functional product that are less than three years into development; this stage offers 25 million Chilean pesos (roughly \$25,000) and the opportunity to access an extension of 20 million Chilean pesos (roughly \$20,000) to continue growing their business. The final eight-month program, Growth, is for consolidated companies seeking to expand in Chile and offers a fund of 75 million Chilean pesos (roughly \$100,000), equity-free. In 2023, Ireland launched its "Our Living Islands" program with the goal of repopulating and revitalizing communities, as well as establishing thriving

economies on 30 of its more remote islands. The policy offers participants up to €84,000 to move, purchase, and restore one of the older, abandoned properties on these islands. However, there are a couple of caveats to the program. The islands are "cut off" from the mainland due to the daily tide and lack bridges or causeways-meaning you must rely on a boat or plane to travel between the two. Additionally, the program does not facilitate immigration procedures, so participants must follow the traditional process to obtain Irish residency. Italy has made headlines for its €1 home initiative, where you can apply for grants to restore abandoned and dilapidated properties in rural areas. However, there are towns that will simply pay you to move there. The region of Tuscany launched a program that provides between €10,000 and €30,000 for you to move to one of 76 mountain towns and purchase a permanent home. Similarly, Sardinia offers grants of up to €15,000 for buying and renovating property in towns on the island that have fewer than 3,000 residents.

U.S. citizens must apply for a long-term residence permit to qualify for these programs. Plus, Italy has introduced a digital nomad visa, and towns like Ollolai have started initiatives where visitors can stay for free, up to a month with the visa.

If Japan is calling your name, you're in luck. The island nation invites people from around the world to volunteer in its local communitiesand get paid for it. The Regional Revitalization Corps program offers participants a salary of three million Japanese yen (approximately \$19,000) to live and work in rural communities for at least one year, with the option to stay up to three years. The main requirement for the program is a high level of fluency in Japanese, which might just be the motivation you need to keep up with your daily Duolingo practice. Mauritius doesn't pay individuals to simply relocate like some other places on the list, but it offers a program that supports entrepreneurs with funding to start and grow their businesses. The country provides 20,000 Mauritian Rupees (roughly \$440) to start-up businesses willing to relocate to this small island in the Indian Ocean. To qualify, applicants must present a promising business idea to a government committee for approval and fulfill the necessary visa requirements.

Similar to other countries in the European Union, Spain is on a mission to boost the population and economies of its smaller towns. People who work in the tech industry and qualify for the country's digital nomad visa are eligible to apply to a program to live in Extremadura as a way to repopulate the region. The grants in this program include: €10,000 for those



under 30, and €8,000

for others, to live in towns with fewer than 5,000 residents. An additional grant (€5,000 for under-30s, €4,000 for others) is available for a third year after staying for two. Spain also has a Entrepreneur's Visa program

that provides funding and support to entrepreneurs, offering up to \$50,000 and a one-year visa.

Albinen, Switzerland has faced a decrease in population over the last years, leading the small village to launch their own incentive program. The town is offering 25,000 Swiss francs (around \$30,000) per adult under the age of 45 and 10,000 Swiss francs (around \$12,000) per child to incentivize people to move.

Like other programs on this list, there are a few requirements that need to be met before you can qualify. You must apply for a permanent residency permit as well as commit to buying a property and making it your permit residence for at least 10 years. Yahoo/Life Sarah DiMarco







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How Drug Cartels Took Over Social Media

The corpses started appearing in the early 2000s, hanging from overpasses with threats scrawled on their shirts. Everyone in Mexico knew that drug cartels were murdering people, but they rarely made such a show of it. Then, in 2005, a kingpin named Edgar Valdez Villarreal (a.k.a. "La Barbie") ramped up the exhibitionism, posting a video online of his gang torturing and murdering its rivals. My stepbrother, a telenovela actor, agreed to play Valdez in a biopic; the film turned out to be written and financed by La Barbie himself, who often wandered the set.

Two decades later, I realize that these grim spectacles were the beginning of a trend: Cartels are influencers now. They have converted their criminality into a commodity, broadcasting with impunity while law enforcement and socialmedia platforms struggle to rein them in. On TikTok, drug traffickers filmed themselves fleeing from customs agents in a high-speed boat chase, garnering millions of likes. Some content is less Miami Vice and more cottagecore: farmers harvesting poppy seeds, for instance. Keep scrolling and you might find henchmen bagging bales of \$100 bills, tiger cubs lounging in trucks, and dogs trotting with decapitated heads in their mouths.

Like everyone else, cartels post to get attention and shape their public image. Higher-ups in the Sinaloa Cartel show off their mansions and narrate their personal journeys from rags to riches. Members of the Jalisco New Generation Cartel have used social media to showcase their supposed humanitarianism but also their savagery. Sometimes they feud with other gangs: In 2021, the group engaged in a performative backand-forth with United Cartels, which earned both parties ample spotlight. More important, though, cartels wield their digital influence to spread to other markets, diversify their rackets, converge with international supply chains, and recruit Americans to smuggle drugs and people. Gangs in the U.S. have embraced social media for many of the same reasons.

Posting can also serve a tactical purpose. Consider the so-called Battle of Culiacán: In 2019, dozens of gunmen livestreamed the Mexican military's failed attempt to secure the Sinaloa kingpin Ovidio Guzmán López, the son of the infamous drug lord Joaquín "El Chapo" Guzmán Loera. The cartel had deployed gunmen across the city, which triggered a flood of clips and rumors online that overwhelmed law enforcement. According to reports, gang members paid bystanders to hop on their vehiclesan apparent attempt to superficially boost their numbers. Then Sinaloan gunmen filmed themselves bragging as they trounced government forces, who ultimately had to surrender Guzmán López back to the cartel. The videos circulating on social media made for a terrifying show of force and, frankly, good TV. In response to the fiasco, the government put out a television ad vowing to continue the war on drugs, which looked feebly analog by contrast.

As cartels have grown more adept at using social media, their influence in Mexican culture has spread. Popular ballads chronicle the exploits of kingpins. Fashion trends such as alucín and buchón take their cues from gangs. (After getting out of prison, El Chapo's wife partnered with an Instagram influencer to launch a line of shapewear.) Over the past decade, cartel-forward films and TV shows—Narcos, Sicario, Breaking Bad, and their progeny—have permeated both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border.

Social-media companies try to stem cartels' activity on their sites, but their efforts have been sporadic and uncoordinated. Some platforms tend to remove the grisliest content, and some ban a few cartels outright. Others, however, merely remove certain names and terms from search results. Content that one platform blocks can easily be copied and uploaded to a more permissive one, such as X. And although companies keep tabs on Mexico's most prominent cartels, some 180 other groups go mostly unchecked. Many of them splinter and rebrand so quickly that automated moderation becomes virtually impossible. Their posts almost certainly draw more scrutiny from rivals than from the platforms.

Even if a total ban were possible, it would likely create another set of problems. Given the danger

and difficulty of investigating Mexican cartels, their social-media feeds are sometimes the only public source of information about their activities. According to **Reporters Without** Borders, Mexico is the third-mostlethal area in the world for journalists (behind Pakistan and Gaza); 19 were murdered there in 2022. Small, citizen-run outlets-sometimes called "narcoblogs"-have tried to fill the void. But cartels target them too, so many bloggers post anonymously, leading readers to



doubt their legitimacy. Even though cartels have become more visible in Mexico than ever before, we have very little credible information about their activities.

A couple of years ago, I was driving to dinner with my family in Cuernavaca when a pickup truck ahead of us suddenly hit the brakes. Armed men rushed out and told us to stop. Their uniforms appeared to be military, but cartels have been known to mimic the armed forces, so we couldn't be sure. Just outside our car, soldiers beat down the door of a house and piled in. I sat in the back seat with my young niece, forcing a smile and singing a nursery rhyme while gently pushing her back from the window in case of a shoot-out. But after that, nothing happened, and we were waved through. Instinctively, I took out my phone to see if someone had posted something. No one had. Yahoo/News Antón Barba-Kay

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U.S. Has Issued 'Do Not Travel' Warning For 21 Countries

Summertime is fast approaching, which means that it is time that many individuals and families will begin planning their overseas vacations. But if you are looking to plan an exciting international trip, there are a few countries that you will absolutely want to avoid.

The United States has a "Travel Advisories" database that warns citizens about the potential dangers of traveling to an overseas country. Those "travel warnings" are split into four categories.

A Level 1 travel advisory means "Exercise Normal Precautions." These are in place in popular tourist destinations like Japan, Bermuda, and the Cayman Islands simply to remind travelers to be safe and exercise caution while overseas even if there is no explicit threat.

A Level 2 travel advisory, on the other hand, warns travelers to "Exercise Increased Caution." This advisory applies where there is not an explicit threat or danger, but crime is prevalent, there is civil unrest or the country is often targeted with terrorist plots. The United States has warnings of this severity in place for countries like Saudi Arabia, China, and Spain. The idea is

United Airlines has announced a pretty significant change that will benefit its loyal high-end customers as it looks to compete with other airlines like Delta for premium customers.

The Chicago-based airline has announced the reopening of its top-tier airport lounge in Chicago O'Hare International Airport with expanded space, new furnishings, and new amenities. The airline's revamped and expanded Polaris lounge now has seating for 350 passengers, six additional bathrooms, a second "speakeasystyle" bar, and 50 seats for sit-down dining. The 25,000-square-foot lounge located in Terminal 1 of the airport now has 50 percent more space and has been furnished with Crate & Barrel furniture.

The revamped lounge is reserved for custom-

not to dissuade anyone from traveling to these places, but just to remind travelers to use caution when doing so.

A Level 3 advisory, meanwhile, warns travelers to "Reconsider Travel." This advisory applies to countries that the United States has deemed inherently dangerous for a number of reasons, such as heightened risks of crime, civil unrest, or terrorism. This warning is in place for 23 different countries including Chad, Niger, Egypt, Jamaica, and Colombia.

A Level 4 advisory is the most serious, warning travelers simply to "Do Not Travel" to the listed countries. This severe threat applies to countries with active armed conflict, dangerous crimes where foreigners are targeted, and enemies of the United States. The United States currently lists 21 different countries in its most severe "Do Not Travel Category.

These countries include: Burkina Faso, Yemen, Iran, South Sudan, Syria, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Afghanistan, Lebanon, the Central African Republic, Belarus, Iraq, Ukraine, Venezuela, Haiti, Libya, Somalia, Rus-



sia, Burma, Mali, North Korea, and Sudan.

Additionally, the United States Department of State has placed several parts of Mexico in the "Do Not Travel" category: the Colima state due to crime and kidnapping, the Guerrero state due to crime, the Michoacan state due to crime, the Sinaloa state due to crime, the Tamaulipas state due to crime and kidnapping, and the Zacatecas state due to crime and kidnapping. The warning also applies to Gaza due to the armed conflict in the area. As you plan your summer travel, you can view the entire list of these travel warnings. Yahoo/News Kevin Harrish

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United Airlines Announces Major Change For Customers

ers flying internationally in the Polaris cabin – the long-haul, business-class cabin on its flights. This gives the airline a two-tiered lounge system, paired with the lower-tier and more common United Club. This helps the airline compete with American Airlines and Delta Air Lines, which offer similar tiered clubs.

CNBC reports that in addition to the expanded lounge in Chicago, United will also be revamping and expanding its Polaris lounge at Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey, which will open in June.

As CNBC points out, this is part of a push to draw in premium, high-paying customers with spending from budget customers dwindling in recent months.

"Airlines have been revamping their lounges to



accommodate more and more customers who qualify for entry with popular credit cards, elite frequent flyer status or just by buying more expensive tickets. Carriers have said that premium-class travel has remained resilient while bookings in the back of the plane have come up light this year," CNBC reported.

Clearly, United is doing what it can to make sure those premium customers feel valued.

Dilip Shanghvi's Net Worth:

2024: Dilip Shanghvi, the founder of Sun Pharmaceuticals, has an estimated net worth of around \$16-17 billion as of 2024. He is one of the richest individuals in India and a key figure in the pharmaceutical industry globally.

Dilip Shanghvi's Family:

Wife: Vibha Shanghvi is married to Dilip Shanghvi, and she is known to be a private individual. Children:

Aalok Shanghvi is the son of Dilip Shanghvi and holds an executive position at Sun Pharmaceuticals.

Vidhi Shanghvi is Dilip Shanghvi's daughter, involved in various business ventures. Dilip Shanghvi's House:

Residence: Dilip Shanghvi's primary residence is in Mumbai, India. He owns a luxurious home in the upscale area of Juhu, known for housing many of Mumbai's elite. The house is elegant and well-guarded, offering privacy while being situated in one of the city's most sought-after neighborhoods.



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SAFE DRIVING IN INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS

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

BE PREPARED

CHECK LOCAL FORECAST

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

CONDUCT PLAY OF THE DAY

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

PERFORM THOROUGH PM

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

SLOW DOWN

BE DEFENSIVE & OFFENSIVE

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

USE SAFE DRIVING TOOLS

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

SEEK COVER

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

STAY FOCUSED

MAINTAIN AWARENESS

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

BE PROACTIVE

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

COMMUNICATE

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

HIGH WATER ON THE ROAD & AVOIDING HAZARDS

BE PREPARED

VERIFY CONDITIONS

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

ENSURE ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES

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

PLAN FOR MORE

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

SLOW DOWN

TURN AROUND

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

BE CAUTIOUS

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

HAVE A WAY TO ESCAPE

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

STAY FOCUSED

OBSERVE SURROUNDINGS

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

CALL A TIME-OUT

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

REMAIN ALERT

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

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RECIPES Refreshing Grape Mojito Recipe

A refreshing twist on a traditional Mojito. This Grape Mojito is bursting with red grape sweetness. The perfect addition to your brunch menu or whenever you're in the mood for a tasty cocktail!

- Ingredients For the Mint Simple Syrup 1 Cup Water 1 Cup Sugar 10 Fresh Mint leaves
- 1 Ounce Fresh squeezed Lime juice 6-7 Fresh Mint Leaves
- 7-8 Red Grapes

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1/3 cup (113g) honey

In a small sauce pan, add water and sugar and stir to combine. Add mint leaves and bring to a boil over medium heat. Reduce and cook until

4 salmon fillets, about 6 ounces (170g) each

1/3 cup (80ml) reduced sodium soy sauce (or

1 Tablespoon (15ml) sesame oil (or olive oil)

1 teaspoon peeled minced fresh ginger

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optional for garnish: chopped green onion

Marinate the salmon: Place salmon fillets into a

large zippered food storage bag or shallow dish/

container. In a medium bowl, whisk soy sauce,

honey, sesame oil, garlic, and ginger together.

Pour about half of the mixture (just eyeball it)

cover the dish and refrigerate for at least 15

over salmon. Turn salmon to coat. Seal the bag/

Meanwhile, preheat oven to 375°F (191°C). Line

a baking sheet with aluminum foil, parchment

Line the marinated salmon fillets on the bak-

ing sheet, skin side down. You can hold onto

paper, or a silicone baking mat. Set aside.

3 garlic cloves, minced (or 2 teaspoons jarred/

sugar is completely dissolved about 2 minutes. Remove from heat and cool to room temperature. Remove mint leaves and discard. In a tall sturdy glass add lime juice and 6-7 mint

leaves. Use a muddle tool and crush mint leaves into the lime juice. (Do not over muddle, just for about 10 seconds.)

Add grapes and crush with muddle tool. Top with ice to fill glass.

Add rum, soda water and mint simple syrup. Stir to combine.

Garnish with a grape lined skewer and mint leaf if desired.

Notes

This drink can also be sweetened with honey or agave in place of the mint simple syrup if you prefer.

Honey Garlic Soy Glazed Salmon

this used marinade—see step 5. Bake salmon for 15–20 minutes or until done, which is 10 minutes per inch thickness measured from the thickest part of the fillet. (Salmon is considered done when an instant read thermometer reads the center of the thickest part as at least 145°F (63°C).) Feel free to turn your oven to broil for the last minute to really crisp the edges.

Meanwhile, as the salmon bakes, pour the remaining unused marinade into a small saucepan or skillet over medium-high heat. If you want, you can add the remaining (used) marinade as well. Bring to a boil, and then reduce heat to medium-low and simmer for 3–4 minutes or until slightly thickened. Keep a close eye on it because it can quickly burn. It will bubble up a lot as it reduces. Remove from heat. Drizzle thickened glaze over baked salmon and

serve with optional garnish.

Leftovers keep well in the refrigerator for a few days. Reheat to your liking.

Notes

Make Ahead Instructions: You can marinate the salmon up to 4 hours in advance. If needed, you can extend to 8 hours.

Special Tools (affiliate links): Glass Containers | Glass Mixing Bowl | Whisk | Baking Sheet |



Silicone Baking Mat, Parchment Paper, or Foil | Instant Read Thermometer | Small Saucepan Sides: To complete the meal, serve the salmon with steamed broccoli and rice. Both are excellent with glaze drizzled on top. You can cook both as the salmon bakes.

Can I use frozen salmon? Yes, you can use frozen uncooked salmon fillets. Thaw completely before using.

Can I replace salmon with chicken? Yes, you can replace the salmon with boneless chicken breasts or thighs and increase the bake time until the chicken is cooked through. Marinate the chicken for closer to 1 hour instead of just 15 minutes.

Nutrition

Serving Size: 1 salmon filetCalories: 408Sugar: 21.7 gSodium: 922.9 mgFat: 11.5 gCarbohydrates: 28.6 gProtein: 48 gCholesterol: 86.7 mg

The Best Soft Chocolate Chip Cookies

Ingredients Units USM 8 tablespoons of salted butter

- 1/2 cup white sugar (I like to use raw cane sugar with a coarser texture)
- 1/4 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 egg
- 1 1/2 cups all purpose flour (6.75 ounces)
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt (but I always add a little extra)3/4 cup chocolate chips (I use a combination of chocolate chips
- and chocolate chunks)
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Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Microwave the butter for about 40 seconds to just barely melt it. It shouldn't be hot – but it

should be almost entirely in liquid form. Using a stand mixer or electric beaters, beat the butter with the sugars until creamy. Add the vanilla and the egg; beat on low speed until just incorporated – 10-15 seconds or so (if you beat the egg for too long, the cookies will be stiff). Add the flour, baking soda, and salt. Mix until or five but then let the res

ies will be stiff). Add the flour, baking soda, and salt. Mix until crumbles form. Use your hands to press the crumbles together into a dough. It should form one large ball that is easy to handle (right at the stage between "wet" dough and "dry" dough). Add the chocolate chips and incorporate with your hands. Roll the dough into 12 large balls (or 9 for HUGELY awesome cookies) and place on a cookie sheet. Bake for 9-11 minutes until the cookies look puffy and dry and just barely golden. Warning, friends: DO NOT OVERBAKE. This advice is probably written on every cookie recipe everywhere, but this is essential for keeping the cookies soft. Take them out even if they look like they're not done yet (see picture in the post). They if be pale and puffy. Let them cool on the pan for a good 30 minutes or so (I mean, okay, eat four or five but then let the rest of them cool). They will sink down and turn into these dense, buttery, soft cookies that are the best in all the land. These should stay soft for many days if kept in an airtight container. I also like to freeze them.



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High Cholesterol

High cholesterol, also called hypercholesterolemia, is the elevated level of a fatty, wax-like substance called cholesterol in the bloodstream. Some cholesterol is naturally produced by your body and helps to form healthy cells. However, abnormally high cholesterol can leave fatty deposits that block blood flow through the arteries. High cholesterol can also increase the risk of coronary artery disease (also called atherosclerosis) and stroke.

Types of Cholesterol

Two types of cholesterol are routinely measured:

High-density lipoprotein (HDL) is sometimes referred to as "good" cholesterol. This is because it helps protect the heart by bringing cholesterol from other body parts to the liver, where it is excreted. HDL may also reduce inflammation that is linked with coronary artery disease and heart attacks.

Low-density lipoprotein (LDL) is sometimes referred to as "bad" cholesterol. This is because it increases the risk of cardiovascular disease by contributing to a buildup of cholesterol in the arteries. Lipoprotein refers to the cholesterol component (a lipid) and the protein it is attached to for transportation through the blood. In addition to measuring HDL and LDL levels, physicians evaluate the patient's total cholesterol and the level of triglycerides in the blood. High triglyceride levels also play a role in the development of heart disease.

Levels of High Cholesterol

In the United States, the following guidelines are used to help evaluate adults at potential risk for developing coronary artery disease based on their cholesterol and triglyceride levels. Four measurements are included:

Total cholesterol (which is the sum of your LDL + HDL + 20% of the triglyceride level) LDL cholesterol HDL cholesterol Triglycerides Guidelines for total cholesterol A blood test called a lipoprotein panel can measure your cholesterol levels. Cholesterol in your blood is measured in milligrams per deciliter (mg/dL).

Desirable: Below 200 mg/dL Borderline High: 200-239 mg/dL High: 240 mg/dL and above Guidelines for LDL cholesterol LDL cholesterol levels are a bit more complicated as they consider whether the individual has a history of coronary artery disease.

Desirable: 100-129 mg/dL Below 100 mg/dL - For people with diabetes or are at risk for coronary artery disease; near optimal for people with uncomplicated artery disease

Below 70 mg/dL - For individuals with coronary disease

Borderline high: 130-159 mg/dL

(High in individuals with coronary artery disease)

High: 160-189

(Very high for individuals with coronary artery disease)

Very high: 190 mg/dL and above

Guidelines for HDL cholesterol

These guidelines differ slightly by gender; owing to estrogen production, pre-menopausal women tend to have higher HDL levels than their male peers. As opposed to the LDL cholesterol levels, the higher the level of HDL cholesterol found in the blood, the better.

At risk: In women, below 50mg/dL In men, below 40 mg/dL Better: In women, 50-59 mg/dL In men, 40-59 mg/dL Desirable: 60 mg/dL and above Guidelines for triglycerides Triglycerides are not a type of cholesterol, but they are part of a lipoprotein panel (the test that measures cholesterol levels).

Desirable: Below 150 mg/dL Borderline high: 150-199 mg/dL High: 200-499 mg/dL Very high: 500 mg/dL and above Signs and Symptoms of High Cholesterol Having high cholesterol does not produce any symptoms. Therefore, it's important to get evaluated by a healthcare professional regularly, as they can monitor your cholesterol levels with routine blood tests.

What Causes High Cholesterol? Various factors can contribute to high blood cholesterol, including other health conditions and prescription drugs. These include: Lupus Diabetes HIV/AIDS Hypothyroidism and hyperthyroidism Chronic kidney disease Polycystic ovary syndrome Medications for acne, cancer, high blood pressure, HIV/AIDs, arrhythmias, and anti-rejection medication used by organ transplant patients Risk Factors for High Cholesterol Risk factors for high cholesterol include:

A genetic tendency toward elevated cholesterol levels also called familial hypercholesterolemia Old age, as the liver becomes less effective at getting rid of LDL cholesterol with age Being inactive Obesity Use of tobacco and alcohol



Poor diet, especially consumption of foods containing saturated and trans fats

High levels of stress, which can trigger hormonal changes related to cholesterol production Fortunately, many of these lifestyle factors can be changed. Even individuals with familial hypercholesterolemia can reduce their risk of heart disease and stroke with appropriate and timely treatment.

Complications

As cholesterol deposits and plaque form in the arteries, narrowing the flow of blood, patients may begin to feel symptoms including chest pain. A heart attack or stroke may follow if there is a tear in the artery and a blood clot obstructs the artery to the heart or brain.

In some cases, blood flow is restricted in a peripheral artery, which brings blood to the legs or arms. People who have this condition, called peripheral artery disease, are more likely to have restricted blood flow to the arteries of the heart as well (coronary artery disease). This can lead to a heart attack. People with high cholesterol are also more likely to develop high blood pressure.

High Cholesterol Prevention Preventing high cholesterol – or reducing your risk of developing it – can be achieved by:

Quitting smoking Exercising regularly Limiting intake of saturated and trans fats (found primarily in animal foods) Eating foods that are high in fiber Drinking less alcohol Limiting salt Maintaining a healthy weight Keeping stress to a minimum Seeing your doctor regularly to monitor your cholesterol levels



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'The Bhootnii' trailer: Sanjay Dutt is a badass ghosthunter up against a tree

Hindi horror comedies have proved a cash-cow with the success of the Stree and Bhool Bhulaiyaa franchises. At the launch event of Bhootni, the makers assured that the film has a fresh take on the genre, as it centres on a college in a metropolitan city.

Sanjay Dutt, 65, has done all his stunts himself in the film, revealed director Sidhaant Sachdev. "He has leaped from 40 feet without a body double," Sachdev shared, praising the actor's commitment to action filmmaking.

"I have been doing action for the last 40 years," Sanjay Dutt said at the launch. "The power of lord Shiva and his shiv tandav powered me during the shoot. We used to shoot till 5 am in the morning. Only the lord knows how we did it. The film centres on a college that is annually beset by the ghost of 'the virgin tree'. To rid their beloved campus of its 'haunted' tag, the students enlist the help of Baba (Sanjay Dutt), a former student played who became a famous ghostbuster (Baba is also Dutt's nickname in the film industry). The trailer combines comic and romantic moments with flashy CGI action/horror sequences. Mouni Roy, channeling her vast ouvre of supernatural turns, sparks up the screen as the aggrieved 'bhootni'. starrer horror comedy The Bhootni was launched by the makers on Saturday (March 29) in Mumbai. Formerly titled The Virgin Tree, the film revolves around a tree



sprite, played by Mouni Roy, that attacks virgin boys on Valentine's Day.

'Bhool Chuk Maaf' trailer: Rajkummar Rao, Wamiqa Gabbi bring a loopy, goofy comedy

The film centres on Ranjan, a small-town groom stuck in a time loop, perennially waking up on the day of his Haldi The trailer for Bhool Chuk Maaf, a time-loop comedy starring Rajkummar Rao and Wamiqa Gabbi, was launched in Mumbai on Thursday (April 10). Set in Varanasi, Karan Sharma's film is built around a nuptial nightmare: Ranjan (Rajkummar), ahead of his wedding to Titli (Wamiqa), gets stuck in a time loop, perennially waking up on the day of his Haldi ceremony. The trailer exudes the smalltown amiablity of past Maddock offerings (Luka Chuppi, Zara Hatke Zara Bachke). With their wedding fixed on the 30th of the month, lovers Ranjan and Titli seem destined for a happily-ever-after. Ranjan has recently landed a government job and future looks bright. However, a day before the wedding, time loops around like a noose on Ranjan. He wakes up on the 29th again and again, with his family members and even Titli oblivious to the loop, endlessly fussing over the Haldi preparations.



Kesari Veer trailer: Sooraj Pancholi is Rajput warrior Hamirji Gohil in period drama

The trailer of 'Kesari Veer', an upcoming period drama based on the life of Hamirji Gohil, is out. The titular character is played by actor Sooraj Pancholi. Sooraj Pancholi stars in 'Kesari Veer' as Hamirji Gohil

It also features Suniel Shetty and Vivek Oberoi in key roles

Directed by Prince Dhiman, the period-drama will release on May 16

Actor Sooraj Pancholi is set to return to the big screen with the upcoming period drama Kesari Veer: Legends of Somnath. In the film, Pancholi portrays the Rajput warrior Hamirji Gohil, who valiantly fought against the Tughlaq empire to

Suswagatam Khushamadeed

protect the Somnath Temple from destruction.

Kesari Veer also features Suniel Shetty and Vivek Oberoi in pivotal roles. The trailer was launched in a grand event held in Mumbai on April 29. Directed by Prince Dhiman, the trailer showcases the fierce battles, immense sacrifices, and the heroic journey of unsung warriors who defended the Somnath temple during the 14th century AD. Suniel Shetty plays the role of warrior Vegda Ji, while Vivek Oberoi takes on the antagonist's role as Zafar Khan. Akanksha Sharma makes her acting debut as Rajal, a fearless female warrior.

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At the trailer launch, an emotional Sooraj Pancholi broke down in tears, sharing that he and the entire team had put in a tremendous amount of hard work into the film.

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"Suswagatam Khushamadeed" intends to spread a message of love, friendship and compassion elements that glue a society together. The film will fulfil the much required love, support and humour in this dark times.







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4		Sambandh (1969)	Kavi Pradeep	Philosophical Songs
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Janab Shujat Ali Sufi at his Munsif office. He assumed several positions including: Official Spokesperson & Media Coordinator at Telangana Congress Former Head Regional News Unit at DD Tamil Former Joint Director at Doordarshan National (DD1) Former Deputy Director News at Doordarshan Yadagiri Former Deputy Director News at Doordarshan Saptagiri Former Deputy Director at Press Information Bureau - PIB, Government of India Former President at NSUI Hyderabad Studied at Osmania University Studied at Anwaruloom Degree College Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh · University Studied Phd mass communication at Telangana University

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Mecca Masjid - Hyderabad



Mecca Masjid, also known as Makkah Masjid, is one of the oldest and most significant mosques in Hyderabad, India. It is located near the historic landmarks of Charminar and Chowmahalla Palace. The construction of the mosque began in 1614 during the reign of Sultan Muhammad Quli Qutb Shah of the Qutb Shahi dynasty and was completed in 1694 during the reign of Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb.

The mosque's name, "Mecca Masjid," is derived from the fact that the bricks used to build the central arch of the mosque were brought from the holy city of Mecca, Saudi Arabia. It is believed that Muhammad Quli Qutb Shah himself laid the foundation stone of the mosque.

Mecca Masjid is an impressive example of Indo-Islamic architecture, blending Persian, Mughal, and local architectural styles. The mosque is made of granite, and its main prayer hall can accommodate thousands of worshipers at a time. The central arch, made of a single piece of granite, is a prominent feature of the mosque and is a testament to the engineering skills of that era.



The mosque's courtyard and prayer hall are adorned with beautiful arches, intricate carvings, and inscriptions from the Quran. The large and imposing structure stands as a symbol of religious harmony and cultural heritage in Hyderabad.

Mecca Masjid continues to be an important place of worship and a significant landmark, attracting visitors and devotees from all over the world. As with many historical and religious sites, it is essential to be respectful of the customs and traditions while visiting Mecca Masjid. History:

The construction of Mecca Masjid began in 1614 during the reign of Sultan Muhammad Qutb Shah, the sixth ruler of the Qutb Shahi dynasty. It was completed in 1694 during the reign of the Mughal emperor Aurangzeb, who conquered the Golconda Sultanate and completed the mosque's construction. The mosque derives its name from the bricks used in its construction, which were reportedly brought from the holy city of Mecca.

Architecture:

Mecca Masjid exhibits an impressive blend of architectural styles. Its structure is a synthesis of Indian, Persian, and Mughal architecture. The mosque is made of granite, with intricate carvings and arches. The main prayer hall can accommodate thousands of worshippers at a time. The mosque's courtyard is vast and can accommodate even larger congregations during important Islamic festivals and events.



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گ<mark>ل بوکی حکایت</mark> سدا بهارٔ سبق آموز مذہبیٔ ساجی واخلاقی بنیا دوں کا انمول ونا درخزانیہ

سال کی عمر میں کلام مجید حفظ کرلیا تنفیر،فقہ، ، أردوادب کے متاز ادیب وشاعر ڈاکٹر حدیث اور صرف ونحو کی ابتدائی کتابیں پڑھیں تونیق انصاری احمد نے حضرت شیخ سعدی اورس بلوغ کو پہنچنے سے پہلے ہی نہایت اعلی و شیراز کی کی سدا بہار فارس تصانیف گلستاں و ارفع اخلاق وکردار کے مالک بن گئے۔ان کی بوستاں کی افادیت کو پیش نظرر کھتے ہوئے ان سلیقہ مندی، زہد وتقوی، ذہانت و دانشمندی کا دونوں کتابوں کی منتخب حکایات کے نثری ہر طرف چرچا ہوجائے گا۔نوعمری میں والدین و منظوم ترجمہ کا کام کٹی برس پہلے شروع کیا تھا کے ساتھ پہلا جج کیا اور اپنی زندگی میں چودہ جس کی اشاعت و رسم اجرائی کا اہتمام زیر ج یا پیادہ کئے۔ بغداد کے مدرسہ نظامیہ میں ترتیب ہے۔ ویسے تو گلستاں و بوستاں کے تقريباً تيس سال تك مشهورزمانه علائ كرام تراجم دُنيا كى تقريباً تمام برمى زبانو سي سے تحصیل علم و فیض صحت حاصل کرکے ہو چکے ہیں کیکن صرف انگریزی وعربی میں نثر کا قرآن، حدیث ، تفسیر، منطق ، فلسفه، ریاضی اور ترجمه نیز اورنظم کا ترجمه نظم میں کیا گیا ہے۔ اُردو ديگرعلوم پر عبور حاصل کیا۔ساتھ ہی کئی اجنبی زبان میں موثر اور مفید ترجمہ کی ایسی کوئی مثال زبانوں میں بھی مہارت حاصل کر لی میں تحصیل علم سنہیں ملتی۔''گل ہو''(گلستاں سے گل اور ے فارغ ہوکر حضرت سعدی شیرازی نے بوستاں سے بُو) گلستاں اور بوستاں کی منتخب سیاحت پر کمربانده لی اور عمر کا بیشتر حصه مثالی حکایتوں کا اور ڈاکٹر توفیق انصاری احمد کا ایشیاء، آفریقداور دُنیا کے دیگر ممالک کی سیرو زیر تر تیب اُردو زبان کا وہ سب سے پہلا ساحت میں بسر کیا۔کہا جاتا ہے کہ مشرقی شاہکا رمشتر کہ ومنفرد گلدستہ ہے جس میں فاری سیاحوں میں ابن بطوطہ کے سواشیخ سعدیؓ سے نثر کا ترجمہ اُردونٹر میں اور فاری نظم کا ترجمہ اُردو بڑ ھرکوئی اور سیاح نہیں۔انہوں نے سیاحت نظم میں کیا گیا ہے۔ 'گل ہو کی حکایت ' کے دوران بڑی صعوبتیں اٹھائیں اور بڑے عنوان ہے ہم گلستاں و بوستاں کی حکایات کو تجرب حاصل کئے۔ ایک اندازے کے عوامی استفادہ کی خاطر ''ایشیا ٹائمز کی الکٹر انک مطابق شيخ سعديٌ كي تصانيف تيس سے متجاويز اشاعتوں ميں نواب جار بيد كي نيت سے سلسلہ اورایک سے بڑھ کرایک ہیں لیکن ان کی دو وارشائع کرر ہے ہیں۔(ادارہ)



أردو حکایت: ایک دفعہ حضرت موی علیہ السلام اک غریب درویش کے یاس سے گزرے۔درویش نے کہا: يا حضرت! مير يحق ميں دُعا فرمائيں كه الله مجھے مالدار کردے۔ حضرت موسیٰ ملایقات نے اُس کے لئے دُعا کردی اور چلے گئے۔ پچھ صہ کے بعد آپ پھراُسی جگہ سے گز رہے تو کیا د سکھتے ہیں کہ درولیش کو سپاہیوں نے گرفتار کرلیا ہے اور وہاں لوگوں کا بجوم ہے آپ نے دریافت فرمایا کہ معاملہ کیا ہے؟ لوگوں نے کہا کہ اس شخص نے شراب پی کرلوگوں سے جھگڑا کیا اوراک آ دمی کوتل کرڈ الا اوراب اسی جرم میں گرفتار ہے 🚬 فارسی شعر: آں کس که توانگرت نمیگر دانند أو مصلحت تو از تو بہتر داند حاصل كلام: خدااگر تجھ کو مال دارنہیں بنا تا تو وہ تیری بہتری، تجھ سے بہتر جانتاہے۔ منظوم ترجمه: اگر خدا تخفی دولت عطا نہیں کرتا وہ تجھ سے بڑھ کے تری بہتری سمجھتا ہے 옰

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دھوال دھارتقر يركررے تھےلوگ أكتاكر آستدآستدجان للكرر آخرمين شاميان کاندر کچھلوگ رہ گئے تو اُمیدوار نے کہاتم لوگ میرے حامی اور بچ ہمدرد ہو۔ ہم لوگ بى ملكراس ملك كوسدهار سكت بي ميرى طرح تمہارے سینے میں بھی اس قوم کا درد ہے۔ اس لئے تم میری تقریرین رہے ہو جبکہ دوسرے لوگ چلے گئے ایک آدمی نے ان میں سے اُٹھ کر کہا''صاحب ہم تو شامیانداور كرسيان دغيره أثلان والے بيں انتظار ميں ہیں کہ کب آپ کی بیتقریز ختم ہوگی کب ہم یہ ساراسامان لےجائیں گے۔ خیرای طرح اکثر آپ نے بھی دیکھا

ہوگا کہ چھلوگوں کوخوب جوشیلی تقریریں اور تفیحتیں کرنے کا جنون کی حد تک شوق ہوتا ہے۔ چاہے کوئی اس کودلچیسی سے نہ سے ۔ وہ يچارے تو کہتے رہیں گے۔ اکثر اگر کوئی سالانه جلسه دغيره هوتو الشج يربيضي دالے حضرات کمبھی ان کونہیں سنتے ۔ جیسا کہ منظر آپ نے تبھی شاعروں میں بھی دیکھا ہوگا که بیچاره شاعرصد دمحترم کی توجهایخ اشعار کی طرف دلانے کی ناکام کوشش کرتا ہے۔

ابھی قارئین سے صرف یہی کہنا ہے کہ۔ کے ہیر پھیر میں ہوتے ہیں۔انسوں تو اس (1) عمر كتقاض كوسجيحة ہوئ سال ميں بات کا ہوتا ہے کہ بدا گر کسی بھی سیاسی جماعت یا مجد سے وابستہ تو فنڈ ریزنگ کے پیسوں ایک مرتبه ضرور کمل چیک اپ اور ضروری کے حساب سے لیکر چندہ تک آپ کو کچھ ثيب وغيره كرالينے جاہئيں۔ (2) پھرڈاکٹر کے مشورے سے ہی صحیح غذا بتانے کے ذمہ دار نہیں سمجھتے۔ یوچھنے پر اوردوا كااستعال ہونا چاہئے۔ ناراض ہونے لگتے ہیں۔اگرآب سچائی پر ہیں (3) ورزش اور متوازن غذا ب بلد پريشر تو ہر بات اور حساب کو کھلی کتاب کی طرح شوگر کی بیاری اور دوسرے امراض پر قابو یانے سامنے رکھنا چاہئے۔ کیونکہ اگر دوسرے لوگوں کی کوشش کی جاسکتی ہے۔اکثر بینا کام ہونے کے دل میں شک اور گردو بار آ گیا تو پھر اکثر پر پھرڈاکٹر دواؤں کااستعال بتاتے ہیں۔ احباب چندہ دینے سے بھی کترانے لگتے ہیں ان کو یقین نہیں ہوتا کہ یہ پچ طریقہ سے (4) ویسے بھی عمر کے بچاس سال گزرنے کے بعد اکثر لوگ کہتے ہیں'' ہم لوگ تو اب



بوسکی عمر گزارر بی "، ہارے مسائل جن میں فیملی کی دیکھ بھال نو کری کی فکر دغیرہ میں کافی پریشراورنفسیاتی دباؤہوجاتا ہے۔اس لئے اس میں کی کیلئے کوئی مشغلے پاکھیل کی طرف بھی راغب ہوں تواچھاہے۔ورزش بھی ہوجائے گی اور صحت بھی صحیح رہے گی۔ (5) اشتہاری دوائیں اور کم کار بوہائیڈریٹ کی غذا شروع کرنے سے پہلے ڈاکٹر سے مشورہ کر لیں۔ باقی باتیں آئنده كيلئح جب تك كيليحًا جازت الله حافظ ~~~

استعال ہور ہاہے دغیرہ دغیرہ۔ عزيز ومذهب تو سچائی پیار دمحبت اورکمل ضابطہ حیات ہے۔ سب کے حقوق کے بارے میں بتا تاہے تو پھرا گر آب وہ سب کچھ خود نہیں کر رے ہیں تو اتن جذباتی تقریروں سے کیا فائدہ۔ تصوير کابيد دوسر رخ آپ کو ابن ارد گرد اکثر نامی گرامی شخصیات میں نظرآئے گا۔ اس

لئے لوگ کہتے ہیں دوسروں کونصیحت خود کو میں فضیت اور ویسے بھی بقول شاعر بغیر عمل کے بیہ ایمان ادھورا ہے تیرے چہرے پر سجا ایک اور چہرہ ہے جوابأغرض ہے پچھلے سے کالم کے سلسلے میں فون

آئے کچھ جاننے والوں کے اور کچھا می میل بھی ۔ اس سلسلے میں کہ کہنا جاہوں گا کہ صحت، ورزش اور دوا کے بارے اگر لکھا جائے تو کٹی کالم اس کی نظر ہوجا نمیں؟ گے۔ اس کیلئے انشاء اللہ وقبًا فوقبًا لکھتار ہوں گا۔

جائے کہ "حضور آپ جو کہتے ہیں کیا خود بھی اس پر عمل کرتے ہیں'' تو وہ ناراض بھی ہو جاتے ہیں پچھتو بیہ کہنے سے بھی نہیں چو کتے کہ ہم یہاں لوگوں کو کچھ بتانے اور سمجھانے آئے ہیں آپ کی باتیں سے کیلیے نہیں وغیرہ وغیرہ۔ ایک یہی بات اس ناچیز کی سمجھ سے باہر ہے کہ مقرر صاحب مذہب کے بارے میں ذکر کرتے ہیں ایمان اور نماز بھائی چارے کی

ادهر شاعر حضرات میں النیج پر بیٹھے ایک

دوسرے سے باتوں میں مصروف ہوتے

ہوتے ہیں ویسے بھی

جلسہ ہویا مشاعرہ ۔ ہر

مقرراور ہرشاعراپنے کو

ہی بڑا شمجھتا ہے کسی

خیر بات کہاں سے

کہاں چلی گئی ۔ بات

ہورہی تھی کہ تصویر کے

دورخ ان مقررین کے

دوسر کوئیں۔

باتیں ہو رہی ہیں۔ پچ بونے کی تاکید کی جارہی ہے حدیث کے حوالے بھی اس ظلمن میں دیئے جارہے ہیں کہ سب کے حقوق کا خیال رکھا جائے ماں باپ بھائی بہن رشتہ دار پر وی وغیرہ وغیرہ ۔لیکن جب آپ خودان مقرر کی زندگی کے اطراف نظر ڈالیں توییۃ چپتا ہے کہاں کا حسن سلوک دوسرے فیملی ممبر یا دوست واحباب وغيره سے ايسانهيں ہے جس كا وہ خود مذہب کے نام پر بھی حوالہ دے کیے ہیں ۔ یارلوگ جھوٹ بھی مصلحت کے تحت بول جاتے ہیں اور اکثر بیکسوٹی پر پورے نہیں اترت ي سياستدان كى ياليسيون اور باتون نے سنا ہوگا پھر بھی کہہ دیتے ہیں۔ ایک امیدوار الیشن کے دوران جلسے میں خوب

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شکا گو۔ یکشنبہ 27 اپریل 2025 کو زاہد نہاری ریسٹورنٹ میں ڈاکٹر منیر الزماں منیر کی دو کتا یوں کی تقریب رسم رونمائی، ادبی اجلاس اور مشاعرہ کا کا میاب انعقاد عمل میں آیا۔ پروفیسر مسرور قریش (چیف ایڈیٹر پندرہ روزہ جذبہ پوسٹ شکا گو) نے ادبی اجلاس کی صدارت فرمائی جبکہ رئیس الشعراء ڈاکٹر توفیق انصاری احمد نے مشاعرہ کی صدارت فرمائی۔ متاز شاعر اور منفرد ناظم جناب نذر نفتو کی نے

رونمائی رئیس الشعراء ڈاکٹر تو فیق انصاری احمد کے باتھوں عمل میں آئی اور پھر فوری بعد ڈاکٹر منیر الزمال منیر کی تحقیقی کتاب' علامہ قدر عریضی کے متقد مین، متوسطین اور متاخرین شعراء' کی رسم رونمائی پروفیسر مسرور قریش نے انجام دی۔ادبی اجلاس میں پروفیسر مسرور قریش، ڈاکٹر تو فیق انصاری احمد، ڈاکٹر ملی احمد نیازی، جناب نذر نقوی، جناب عابد رشید، جناب عبدالرحمٰن سلیم، ڈاکٹر افضال الرحمٰن افسر، اور محتر مدغوشیہ سلطانہ نوری نے ڈاکٹر منیر الزمال منیر کے شخصیت اور شاعری



کارروائی چلائی جبکه ممتاز ومعروف شاعر جناب عبدالرحمٰن سلیم نے مہذب اور شائسته انداز میں مشاعر کی کارروائی چلائی۔ اس جاذب نظر اور ذی وقار مخصوص ادبی نشست میں مہماان خصوصی کی حیثیت سے ڈاکٹر علی میں مہماان خصوصی کی حیثیت سے ڈاکٹر علی نیازی صاحب اور جناب عابد رشید نے حیثیت سے جناب رشید شیخ ، ڈاکٹر افضال ارحمٰن افسر اور محتر مد خوشیہ سلطانہ صاحب نور تی نیر کت فر مائی ۔ ڈاکٹر منیر الز ماں منیر کے آکھویں شعری مجموعیٰ نگار صحر'' کی رسم

پر تفصیلی روشنی ڈالی۔ ادبی اجلاس کے اختیام پر دونوں صدور اور مصنف کتب کی شال پوشی اور گل پوشی کی گئی۔ شکا گو (امریکہ) کی ایک متاز اور قابل قدر ادبی شخصیت شاعر دادیب محترم و محتشم ذی دقار ڈاکٹر تو فیق انصاری احمہ کو ان کی دیرید اردو ادبی خدمات کے اعتر اف کے سلسلے میں برنم تطہیر ادب حید رآباد اور ادار کہ قدر ادب حید رآباد کی جانب سے 'رکیس الشعراء' کے ادبی خطاب سے نواز اجا کر انہیں سند توصیف و تہنیت برست ڈاکٹر علی نیا زی پیش کی گئی۔ ڈاکٹر



توفیق انصاری احمد نے ڈاکٹر میر الزمال منیر کو تبنیتی قطعات پر مشتل ایک فریم عطا فرمایا دوقفہ برائے اسناک اور چائے کے فوری بعدر کیس الشعراء ڈاکٹر توفیق انصاری احمد کی صدارت میں مشاعرہ کا آغاز ہوا جس میں شکا گو کے ممتاز اور معروف شعراء نے کلام چین کیا جس کو اہل محفل نے خوب خوب دادو مشاعرے میں شرکت کی اور کلام نے نواز ا مشاعرے میں شرکت کی اور کلام نے نواز ان میں ڈاکٹر توفیق انصاری احمد، ڈاکٹر ماہد رشید صاحب، ذاکٹر لطیف سیف صاحب، شی حاب ، ڈاکٹر لطیف سیف صاحب، رشد محبوب علی خان صاحب، ڈاکٹر افضال الرحن افسر صاحب، عبد الرحن سلیم صاحب، راز

رگونی صاحب، سید سالم صاحب اور محتر مه فوشید سلطاند صاحب نوری شال بیں۔ مصنف کتب ڈاکٹر منیر الزماں منیر کے اظہار تشکر پر اس دل کش اور پر بہارا دبی محفل کا شام ساڑ ھے سات بجے اختتام عمل میں آیا۔ مشاعرے کے اختتام پر حاضرین محفل کی طعام (ڈنر) سے ضیافت کی گئی۔ اس جاذب نظر خوبصورت اور ذی وقار مخصوص ادبی نشست کا شکا گو کی چار معروف ادبی انجہ نوں کے زیر اہتمام انعقاد عمل میں آیا جن میں 'دی عثانینس یو۔ ایس۔ اے' 'رسخورش کا گو' اور 'بزیم ارباب سخن شکا گو' شامل



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شاختی سیاست سے نکال کر آئینی

حقوق کی لڑائی بنایا جا سکتا ہے۔

مشتر که پایٹ فارمز، پریس کانفرنسیں

ادرعوامی سرگرمیاں انژ کو بڑھا تیں گی

اور منفی پر و پیگینڈ بے کو کم کریں گی۔

خودمخنار مسلم اداروں کااستخکام

کمیونٹ پر مبنی قانونی امداد،میڈیا

يليك فارمز تحقيقي مراكز اور تغليمي

منصوبوں میں فوری سرمایہ کاری کی

ضرورت ہے۔ آزادمسلم ادارے

قانونی مدد فراہم کر کیتے ہیں ،

ناانصافیوں کا دستاویزی ریکارڈ رکھ

سکتے ہیں، اور نٹی نسل کے صحافیوں،

وکلاء، کارکنوں اورسر کاری ملاز مین کی

تربیت کر سکتے ہیں۔ ریاستی جبر کے

خلاف کمیونٹی کی مزاحمت، ایسے دیریا

اورخودانحصاراداروں يربى منحصر ب-

سیاسی اور حکمت عملی کے

تحت شراكت داري

اب خاموشی کا وقت ختم ہو چکا

ہے۔ کمیونٹی کوانتخابی سیاست میں سرگرمی

حصہ لینا سے چاہئے۔سیکولر اور جامع

جماعتوں کی حمایت، قانون سازوں

سے رابطے، اور اقلیتوں کے حقوق کو

عوامی ایجنڈے کا حصہ بنانا ضروری

ہے۔ سیاسی شرکت کو فرقہ وارانہ نہیں،

بلكه حكمت عملي كحتحت هونا جاہے۔ان

جماعتوں سے اتحاد بنانا ضروری ہے جو

آئىن كى بالادىتى يريقين ركھتى ہيں۔

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ثقافت اورميديا كذر يعمز احمت آج کی لڑائی بیانے کی بھی لڑائی ہے۔ سوشل میڈیا کا استعال کر کے ناانصافی اور مزاحت کی کہانیاں دُنیا تک پہنچا تیں۔ فنکاروں، شعرا، فلم سازوں اور طلبہ کو متحرک کریں کہ وہ طاقتورتصاویری پیغامات، نعروں اور کہانیوں کے ذریعے اس بل کی پشت پر موجود نظریے کو بے نقاب کریں۔ ثقافتي مزاحت أميد پيدا كرتي ب، سیحجتی کو فروغ دیتی ہے، اور عوامی رائے کوشکل دیتی ہے۔ وقف ترميمي قانون محض ايك ياليسى نہيں بلکہ ہندوستانی جمہوریت میں پیدا ہونے والے گہرے بحران کی علامت ہے۔ گر ابھی ہندوستان کی روح

مر ابنی ہملدوسان می روں مکمل طور پر ماند نہیں ہوئی۔ قانونی چارہ جوئی، عوامی احتجاج، تعلیم، بین المذاہب اتحاد، ادارہ سازی، سیاس شرکت اور ثقافتی اظہار کے ذریعے ہم اس آمریت کے اندھیرے ریلا کا مقابلہ کر سکتے ہیں۔ بیا یک فیصلہ کن لحہ ہاوراب خاموشی کوئی آپشن نہیں۔



انصاف کے علمبر داروں کی حمایت سے، بڑے پیانے پر متحرک ہوکر اس بل کی ناانصافی کو اجا گر کیا جا سکتا ہے۔ علامتی مقامات پر دھرنے ، دُعائیہ اجتماعات اور عوامی مارچ کے ذریعے غیر تشدد کے ساتھ مؤثر مزاحمت کی جاسکتی ہے۔کلید سے کہ احتجاجات باوقار متحد اور آئینی اقدار پر مینی ہوں۔

تعلیم دیں اور شعور بیدار کریں اکثر لوگ یہاں تک کہ خود سلم برادری میں بھی وقف تر میمی قانون کے حقیقی اثرات سے ناواقف ہیں۔ کمیونی تنظیموں کو اُردو، ہندی اور انگریزی میں معلوماتی مواد تیار کرنا چاہیے جو وضاحت کرے کہ یہ بل کیا چاہیے جو وضاحت کرے کہ یہ بل کیا تاریز کے گار یہ معلومات جعہ کے نظبات ، سوشل میڈیا اور کمیونی نظوں کے ذریعے پھیلائی جائیں۔ نظافہیوں کے خلاف تعلیم ہی سب موثر ہتھیارہے۔

کی تظیموں کے ساتھا تحاد یہ مسئلہ صرف مسلمانوں کانہیں بلکہ پورے ملک کا ہے۔اس جدوجہد میں دلت ، آ دیواہی ، عیسائی ، سکھاور ترقی پیند ہندوؤں کو بھی شامل کرنا ضروری ہے۔وسیع اتحاد بنا کر مسئلے کو وقف ترمیمی بل کی منظوری ہندوستان کے سیکولر اور جامع آئینی جذب پرایک کاری ضرب ہے۔ یہ محض کوئی تکنیکی یا انتظامی تبدیلی نہیں ہے بلکہ اکثریت پسندی ، اسلاموفو بیا اور اقلیتوں کے حقوق کے خاتمے کے اور اقلیتوں کے حقوق کے خاتمے کے وسیع تر رجمان کا حصہ ہے۔ ایسے امرانہ اقدامات کے مقابلے میں ہندوستانی مسلمانوں اور انصاف ہندوستانی مسلمانوں اور انصاف پر امن اور حکمتِ عملی پر مبنی طریقے پیش کیے جا رہے ہیں، جن کے مزاحمت کر سکتے ہیں: قانونی چارہ جوئی

وقف ترمیمی قانون کے خلاف ایک راستہ عدالتوں کا تھا۔ جس کے تحت مختلف سیاسی لیڈران ، تنظیموں اور افراد کے ذریعہ متعدد عرضیاں داخل کی گئی ہیں ۔ جس پر سپر یم کورٹ میں ساعت جاری ہے۔ مسلمانوں کو اُمید ہے کہ انہیں سپر یم کورٹ راحت ملے گی۔

پرامن عوامی مظاہر مے منظم کریں مہاتما گاندھی کی وراثت اور اینٹی سی اے ا<u>ت</u>حریک سے سبق لیتے ہوئے پورے ملک میں پرامن احتجاجات کیے جائیں۔مسلمانوں کی قیادت میں،اور مین المذاہب وسماجی

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بُرائی سے نجات کی دُعا

وَاقِم الصَّلُوةَ طَرَفَى النَّهَارِ وَزُلَفًا مِّنَ الَّيْلِ الَّيَ الْحَسَنُتِ يُنُهِ بْنَ السَّيِّ اَتِ دَخْلِكَ ذِكْرَى لِلنَّ كَرِيْنَ شَ وَاصْبِرْ فَإِنَّ اللهَ لَا يُضِيْحُ آجْرَ الْمُحْسِنِيْنَ (پ ١٢، سورة مود) فسيت: يدُعا پر مت رہے برائى سنجات مل جاتى ج، نمازكى پابندى موجاتى ہے۔

چار بیاریوں سے نجات

سُبْحِنَ اللّهِ الْحَظِيْمِ وَبِحَمْ لِهِ وَلَاحَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّقَ قَالَاً بِاللّهِ الْحَلِيِّ الْحَظِيْمِ فسیت: جُخص بیدُ عاروزانه فجر کی نماز کے بعد 11 مرتبہ پڑھتا ہےتو اس کو اللّہ تعالیٰ ان چار بیاریوں پاگل پن ، کوڑھ، اندھا پن اور فالج سے نجات دیں گے ، اور ان شاء اللہ وہ ان امراض سے حفوظ رہے گا۔

تقویٰ اور پاکدامنی کی دُعا

اللَّهُمَّرانِیْ اَسْتَلُكَ الْهُلٰی وَالتَّفْی وَالْعَفَافَ وَالْغِنِی (ترمذی شریف) فضیلت: یدُ عاصورا کرم سلاطاتید کو بہت عزیز ، پیاری تھی ، روزانہ پڑھتے تصلام ذااگر ہم اس دُ عاکو پابندی سے روزانہ فرض نمازوں کے بعد پڑھیں توان شاءاللہ تقویٰ و پاکدامنی حاصل ہوگی۔

كلمات آخرت كي دُعا

تا الوَّلَ الْكَوَّلِيْنَ وَتَا آخِرَ الْلَحِدِيْنَ وَتَاذَالْقُوَّةِ الْمَتِيْنِ وَتَا اَرْحَمَ الْمَسَاكِيْنِ وَتَا اَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِيْنَ (حياة الصحاب، حصه وم: ٥٦) فضيلت: يكلمات حفزت جرائيل عليه السلام في حضورا كرم سلَّ ثلاثير كوسكهائ، آپ سلَّ ثلاثير في في علي من علي محفرت فاطمة كوسكهائ اور حضرت على كوبھى سكھائے اس دُعاكى بركت سے آخرت ميں ان شاء اللہ كسى قشم كا دُروخوف اور طجرا من بيل ہوگى۔

ہرشم کی پریشانی سے بجات کی دُعا

لَا اللهُ الْعَظِيْمُ الْحَلِيْمُ - لَا اللهُ اللهُ وَبُّ الْحَرْشِ الْحَظِيْمِ - لَا اللهُ وَبُّ السَّهٰوَتِ وَوَتَ الْاَرْضِ وَرَبِّ الْحَرْشِ الْحَرْشِ الْحَرِيْمِ - (رواه البخارى باب الدعا: ٢ ٣ ٣ ٢، مسلم شريف ٣ / ٢٠٩٣) فضيلت: صحيح بخارى اور مسلم شريف كى حديثوں ميں ہے كہ جب بھى رسول اللّاسلَ اللّاتِ وَلَى پريشانى يا تكليف موتى توبيدُ عاروزاند پڑھتے تھے۔ روز اندبيدُ عا پڑھتے رہتے ہوتى كى پريشانى وَفكر سے ان شاء اللّان اللّائولَ اللّهُ وَلَى اللّهُ وَلَى اللّاللَات

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اسلام اورمسلمان

سے حاصل ہوتا ہے۔ اگر دونوں يرعمل نهركيا جائح تواسلام ادهورا رہ جاتا ہے جوہرنام نہا دسلم ملک میں ہور ہاہے۔مذہبی ممنوعات کی یابندی انسان کی ذاتی ذمه داری ہے اور بیہ اللہ اور بندے کے درمیان معاملہ ہے۔ لیکن معاشرتی اصولوں کی پابندی ایک بندے اور دوسرے کے درمیان معاملہ ہے۔ دوسر کےفطوں میں اگر مسلمان اپنی زندگیوں میں اسلامی اصولوں پرعمل نہیں کریں <u> </u> قومسلم معاشرہ بگڑ جائے گااور ہاراستقبل بےعزت ہوجائے گا۔لارڈ برنارڈ شانے ایک بار کہا تھا کہ 'اسلام بہترین مذہب ہے اور مسلمان بدترین پیروکار ہیں''۔اللد تعالیٰ ہمیں اسلام پر عمل پیراہونے کی توفیق بھی کیسے عطا فرمائے جب ہم نے تبھی کوشش ہی نہیں گی۔ $\diamond \diamond \diamond$

اپنے بچوں کواُردو پڑھائیے اُردوایک زندہ زبان ہے اس کی تشہیر کیچیے

غیر مسلموں کو اسلام کے اصولوں سنت، قرآن، حديث، حجاب، پر چلتے ہوئے دیکھتا ہوں اور داڑھی، لباس کے بارے میں بهت مختاط ہیں لیکن ریاستی ، ساجی مشرقی ممالک میں میں اسلام کو د يکھتا ہوں ليکن مسلمان نہيں اور پیشه ورانه زندگی میں اسلام بیں۔.اسلام صرف نماز اور روز ہ کے قوانین پرعمل نہیں کرتے۔ نہیں ہے بلکہ بیزندگی گزارنے کا مسلمان دنیا میں کسی سے بھی ایک طریقہ ہے اور دوسروں کے زیاده مذہبی خطبات، واعظ ساتحد رابط اور رفاقت كامعامله تفيحتي سنتے ہيں،ليكن كوئى تھى ہے۔جو شخص روزہ دارنماز پڑھتا مسلمان ملک دنیا کا بہترین ملک نہیں بن سکا۔لیکن پچھلے ساٹھ ہے اور اس کی پیشانی پر نشان ہے وہ اللہ کے نزدیک منافق سالوں میں مسلمانوں نے جعد کا ہوسکتا ہے۔رسول اللہ صلی اللہ خطبه کم از کم 3000 مرتبه سنا علیہ وسلم نے فرمایا: حقیقی ہے۔قابل ذکر بات یہ ہے کہ پرولتارید اور خالی ہاتھ وہ لوگ ایک غیرت مندچینی تاجرنے کہا ہیں جوروزے، نماز، کثرت جے، کہ سلمان تاجر ہمارے پاس دو نمبر کی جعلی چیزیں بنانے کا آرڈر صدقات کے ساتھ حاضر ہوں گے،لیکن بدعنوانی، مال ہتھیانے لے کرآتے ہیں اور کہتے ہیں کہ کی وجہ سے خالی ہاتھ جہنم میں فلال فلال مشهور تمينى كاليبل جائیں گے۔ دوسروں کوحفوق نہ لگاؤ۔ بعد میں جب میں نے ان دینا اورلوگوں پرظلم کرنا۔ اسلام سے کہا کہ جارے ساتھ کھانا کھاؤتوانہوں نے کہا کہ پیرحلال کے دو تھے ہیں، ایک ایمان کہلانے والے عقیدے کاعوامی نہیں ہے اس لیے میں نہیں اعلان، اور دوسرا احسان نامی کھاؤں گا۔تو کیا تقلی اشیاء بیچنا ایمان کا موضوع، جو کہ صحیح حلال ہے؟ * ایک جایانی نومسلم نے کہا کہ میں مغربی ممالک میں معاشرتی اصولوں پر عمل کرنے

جارج واشتكثن يونيورسى کے پروفیسر حسین عسکری نے تحقیق کی کہ اسلامی ممالک کیے اسلامی ہیں ۔ اسلام میں ریاست اور معاشرے کے قوانین پر عمل کرنے والے ممالک کو تلاش کرنے سے معلوم ہوا کہ جولوگ این روزمره زندگی میں اسلامی احکام پر عمل کرتے ہیں وہ مسلمان ممالك نہيں ہیں۔اس تحقیق سے پتا چلا ہے کہ سب سے زیادہ اسلام کی تعمیل کرنے والاملك نيوزى لينذ ب جس ك بعد لکسمبرگ ہے۔ اس کے بعد آئرلینڈ، آئس لینڈ، فن لینڈ، ڈنمارک چھٹے اور کینیڈا ساتویں نمبر پر رہے۔ملائیشیا 38 ویں، کویت 48ویں، بحرین 64 ویں اور حیران کن طور پر سعودی عرب 131 ویں نمبر پر ہے۔ گلوبل اکانومی جزئل میں شائع ہونے والی اس تحقیق میں بنگله دیش کی بوزیش سعود یوں سے پنچ ہے۔ شخصیق سے معلوم ہوا ہے کہ مسلمان نماز، روزہ،

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ولى الدين	ندافاضلی غزل	کیفی ^{اعظ} ی غزل	بهادرشاه ظفر غزل
امریکہ آج بھی لوگ امرکہ کے دیوانے لگتے ہیں جو وطن چھوڑ کر یہاں آنے لگتے ہیں	سمبھی سمی کو عکمل جہاں نہیں ملتا کہیں زمین کہیں آساں نہیں ملتا	تم اتنا جو مسکرا رہے ہو کیاغم ہے جس کو چھپا رہے ہو	بات کرنی مجھے مشکل کبھی الیی تو نہ تھی جیسی اب ہے تری محفل کبھی الیی تو نہ تھی لے گیا چھین کے کون آج ترا صبر و قرار بے قراری تجھے اے دل کبھی الیی تو نہ تھی
ایک عرصہ کے بعد یہ سمجھ میں آتا ہے کہ ''دور کے ڈھول سہانے لگتے ہیں'' جہجہ	تمام شہر میں ایسا نہیں خلوص نہ ہو جہاں امید ہو اس کی وہاں نہیں ملتا	آ ^{نک} ھوں میں نمی ہنسی لبوں پر کیا حال ہے کیا دکھا رہے ہو	اس کی آنگھوں نے خدا جانے کیا کیا جادو کہ طبیعت مری مائل کبھی الیی تو نہ تھی عکس رخسار نے س کے ہے تتجھے چکایا
سوچتے ہیں چھٹیاں لے کر کہیں جائیں ہم دونوں پچوں کو تمہاری ممی کے حوالے کر جائیں ہم دونوں کہتی ہے''اکیلے میں تم کو رومانس کی سوجتی ہے' ''چلوایک بار پھر سے اجنبی بن جائیں ہم دونوں''	کہاں چراغ جلائیں کہاں گلاب رکھیں چھتیں تو ملتی ہیں لیکن مکاں نہیں ملتا	بن جائیں گے زہر پیتے پیتے یہ اشک جو پیتے جا رہے ہو	تاب تجھ میں مہ کامل کبھی الیی تو نہ تھی اب کی جو راہ محبت میں اٹھائی تکلیف سخت ہوتی ہمیں منزل کبھی الیی تو نہ تھی پائے کوہاں کوئی زنداں میں نیا ہے مجنوں
بروری برک ہوگئے کنگال ہلو ہلو جب شکاگو آیا سارا سسرال ہلو ہلو	یہ کیاعذاب ہے سب اپنے آپ میں کم میں زباں ملی ہے مگر ہم زباں نہیں ملتا چراغ جلتے ہی بینائی بچھنے لگتی ہے	جن زخموں کو وقت بھر چلا ہے تم کیوں انہیں چھیڑے جا رہے ہو	آتی آواز سلاسل کبھی الی تو نہ تھی نگہ یار کو اب کیوں ہے تغافل اے دل وہ ترے حال سے غافل کبھی الیی تو نہ تھی چیٹم قاتل مری دشمن تھی ہمیشہ لیکن
امریکہ کی طرح ہور سی بدنام کئی کو وتی آرہا تمہارا تبھی زوال ہلو ہلو ہینی	پران بے من بیان جے ن ج خوداپنے گھر میں ہی گھر کا نشان نہیں ملتا	ریکھاؤں کا کھیل ہے مقدر ریکھاؤں سے مات کھا رہے ہو مہین	جیسی اب ہو گئی قاتل کبھی ایسی تو نہ تھی کیا سبب تو جو بگڑتا ہے ظفر سے ہر بار خو تری حور شائل کبھی ایسی تو نہ تھی جوچی
ڈاکٹرمسعودجعفری غزل	جلال عارف غزل	^{شهريار} غزل	بجروح سلطانپوری غزل
غم کے سائے سے ڈر گئے ہوتے شام ہوتے ہی گھر گئے ہوتے زندگی میں بہار سی آئی	دل کے دینے میں ہوں مجبور بھی مختار بھی میں اُس سے بیزار بھی ہوں اُس کا پر ستار بھی میں سفر عمر میں کوئی میرے ہمراہ نہیں غ سب بھر ماغ بند تھ ما	سینے میں جلن آنکھوں میں طوفان سا کیوں ہے اس شہر میں ہر شخص پریشان سا کیوں ہے	جلا کے مشعل جاں ہم جنوں صفات چلے جو گھر کو آگ لگائے ہمارے ساتھ چلے دیارِ شام نہیں منزلِ سحر بھی نہیں
تو نہ ملتا تو مر گئے ہوتے تو اگر بادشاہ کل ہوتا ہاتھ میں لے کے سر گئے ہوتے تو اگر بھیٹر میں چلا جاتا	عم سے آزاد بھی میں عم میں گرفتار بھی میں دل کی دُنیا ہے کہ اُجڑا ہوا گھر ہے کوئی در بھی ٹوٹا ہوا گرتی ہوئی دیوار بھی میں دل مرا مائل بے راہ روی کیا ہوتا	دل ہے تو دھڑ کنے کا بہانہ کوئی ڈھونڈے پتھر کی طرح بے حس وبے جان سا کیوں ہے	عجب نگر ہے یہاں دن چلے نہ رات چلے ہمارے لب نہ سہی وہ دہان زخم سہی وہیں پہنچتی ہے یارو کہیں سے بات چلے
جانے ہم بھی کدھر گئے ہوتے اس طرف آپ کا بھی رخ ہوتا قافلے بھی جدھر گئے ہوتے پھانسیاں تھیں ہماری گردن میں	نہ رہا نا روا باتوں کا طرفدار بھی میں کوئی آسان نہیں جھانگنا میرے اندر دشتِ پرخار بھی ہوں میں گل وگلزار بھی میں کیا سمجھ یا نمیں گے دُنیا کے پرستار مجھے	تنہائی کی بیہ کون سی منزل ہے رفیقو تا حد نظر ایک بیابان سا کیوں ہے	پھر آئی فصل کہ مائندِ برگِ آوارہ ہمارے نام گلوں کے مراسلات چلے قطارِ شیشہ ہے یا کاروانِ ہم سفراں
پیار سے تھی عمر گئے ہوتے تو اگر راہ میں نہیں ملتا جانے ہم تھی کدھر گئے ہوتے تو اگر جعفری نہیں ہوتا	روشِ وقت بھی میں وقت کا شہکار بھی میں پچ کی طاقت ہی مجھے حوصلہ یہ دیتی ہے مسکرالیتا ہوں اکثر جو سرِ دار بھی میں	ہم نے تو کوئی بات نکالی نہیں غم کی وہ زود پشیان پشیان سا کیوں ہے کہ کی کی کی اور ہے کہ میں کیا کوئی نئی بات نظر آتی ہے ہم میں	خرام جام ہے یا جیسے کا ننات چلے بچا کے لائے ہم اے یار پھر بھی نقد دفا اگرچہ لٹتے رہے رہزیوں کے ساتھ چلے بھلا ہی بیٹھے جب اہل حرم تو اے مجروت
و ار بنری بی ہوتا خواب سارے بکھر گئے ہوتے ∻≎∻	لاکھ چالیں چلے 'چلنے کو زمانہ عارف ہوں دل آگاہ بھی میں دیدۂ بیدار بھی میں جوب د	لیا توں کی بات طر آن ہے ہم یں آئینہ ہمیں دیکھ کے حیران سا کیوں ہے انگینہ میں دیکھ کے حیران سا کیوں ہے	

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On the lighter side.... An accountant is in a car traveling with a farmer client around his farm. They pass a large group of sheep and the farmer says, "You're pretty good with numbers, Keith. How many sheep do you reckon are in that paddock?"

The accountant looks at the sheep for a moment and says, "One thousand, eight hundred and thirty two."

The farmer is amazed. "Exactly right," he says. "How did you work that out so fast?"

"Easy," says the accountant, "I counted the number of feet and divided by four."

Thought Of The Day:

Wake Up

"If you want to make your dreams come true, the first thing you have to do is wake up."

A man comes home from work, expecting his dog to welcome him with nothing but excitement.

Dog: "I saw you out there."

Me: "What?"

Dog: "I saw you pet the neighbor's dog."

Me: "I was just..."



Dog: (crying) "Did you rub his belly? DID YOU ASK IF HE WAS A GOOD BOY?!"

"Happiness is not by chance but by choice."

When I became a licensed chiropractor, I moved back to my hometown and soon had a thriving practice. One morning I saw a new patient whom I recognized as my old high school principal.

"Gee," I said nervously, "I'm a little surprised to see you here."

"Why?" he replied. "You certainly spent a great deal of time in my office."

Walking through the hallways at the middle school where I work, I saw a new substitute teacher standing outside his classroom with his forehead against a locker. I heard him mutter, "How did you get yourself into this?" Knowing he was assigned to a difficult class, I tried to offer moral support. "Are you okay?" I asked. "Can I help?"

He lifted his head and replied, "I'll be fine as soon as I get this kid out of his locker."

Catelin: My Mom has the worst memory. Amanda: She forgets everything?

Catelin: No, she remembers everything!

Two elderly gentlemen in their mid-80s meet in the lobby of their apartment building. Both being hard of hearing, one asked the other in a louder voice, "Are you going to the market?" The other one replies, "No, no. I am going to the market."

The first gentleman says, "Oh, I thought you were going to the market."

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