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'We want civilised ties with India': PM Khan lays foundation at Kartarpur



Prime Minister Imran Khan performed the groundbreaking of the long-awaited corridor connecting Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Kartarpur area of Narowal district to Dera Baba Nanak in India's Gurdaspur district.

A large number of Sikh yattris both local and Indian along with Indian Minister for Food Harsimrat Kaur Badal and Minister for Housing Hardeep S. Puri, Indian Punjab Minister of Local Government, Tourism, Cultural Affairs, and Museums Navjot Singh Sidhu, and Indian journalists and foreign diplomats attended the ceremony.

Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi, Punjab Chief Minister Usman Buzdar, Railways Minister Sheikh Rasheed, Minister of State for Interior Shehryar Afridi, Minister for Religious Affairs Noorul Haq Qadri and Army Chief Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa were also in attendance.

Facilities to be introduced for Sikh pilgrims

At the start of the event, the attendees were briefed about the measures that will be undertaken to facilitate Sikh pilgrims seeking to visit the Gurdwara Darbar Sahib.

The government announced that it aimed to open the four-kilometre-long visa-free corridor on Baba Guru Nanak's 550th birth anniversary next year. **Cont'd on Page 3**

Putin says Russia ditching dollar in sanctions response

President Vladimir Putin said Wednesday that Russia had no choice but to cut its dependency on dollars to conduct trade, after becoming the target of increasingly severe US sanctions.

"It isn't our goal to desert the dollar," Putin told an investment forum in comments broadcast on national television. "The dollar is deserting us."

The dollar is the preeminent currency in international trade. Washington has made it difficult for some targets of its sanctions to use the currency.

"Those who are taking such decisions are not shooting themselves in the foot, but a bit higher," Putin said to laughter from the crowd.

Worries about the ability to use the dollar will push other countries to seek alternatives, said Putin. Russian authorities have long talked about



"de-dollarisation" of its international trade. "We need to do it and I assure you we will do it," said Putin.

However, progress on that front has been slow. Oil, Russia's major export, is priced in dollars.

Nevertheless, much of Russia's trade with its ex-Soviet neighbours is in rubles, and Putin noted the country recently sold its S-400 surface-to-air missile batteries to Turkey without dollars featuring in the transaction.

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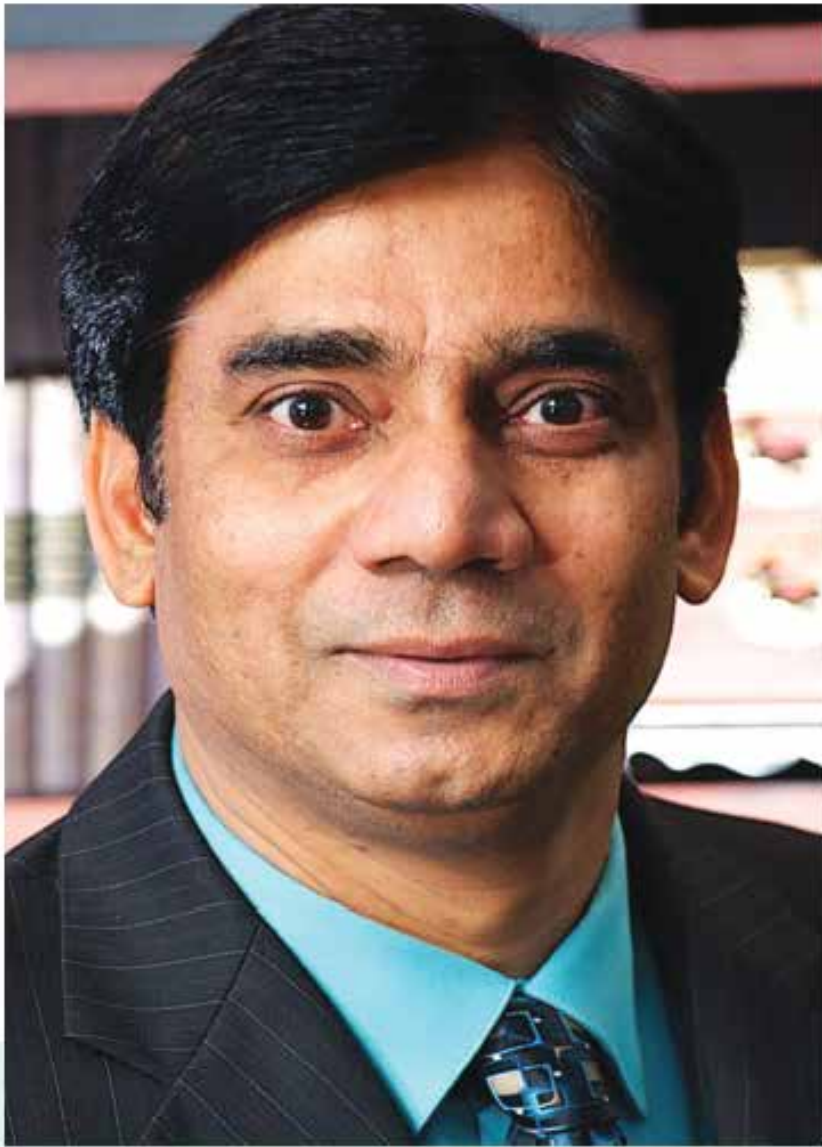
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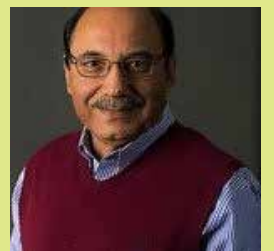
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Long-awaited corridor opening

Thousands of Sikh devotees from India visit Pakistan every year to celebrate the birth anniversary of Baba Guru Nanak.

Kartarpur is located in Shakargarh in Narowal district of Pakistan's Punjab province. Guru Nanak Dev, the founder of Sikhism, had spent more than 18 years of his life there. The Kartarpur Sahib Gurdwara is located on the banks of the Ravi River, about three-four kilometres from the border in Pakistan.

The proposal for the corridor has been on the table since 1988 — when Pakistan and India agreed in principle to construct a corridor from Dera Baba Nanak in India to Kartarpur Sahib in Pakistan — but tense relations between the two countries prevented progress on the plan.

An Indian Sikh devotee offers prayers at Dera Baba Nanak, Gurdaspur, while looking through binoculars towards the Kartarpur Gurdwara. AFP

In the absence of the corridor, Sikh devotees would gather near the border fence and offer prayers with Gurdwara Kartarpur Sahib in sight, with some of them even using binoculars to better view the temple.

The Pakistan government had in early September proposed to open the Kartarpur border

crossing with India for Sikh pilgrims to visit Gurdwara Darbar Sahib without a visa.

This year — for the 549th birth anniversary of Baba Guru Nanak — the Pakistan embassy in New Delhi issued over 3,500 visas to Sikh pilgrims who wished to attend the celebrations. Instead of visas, the pilgrims will be given special permits to access their shrines.

The Pakistan government will open the four-kilometre-long corridor on the Guru Nanak's 550th birth anniversary next year.

Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa had hinted at opening the Kartarpur border on the occasion of Baba Guru Nanak's birth anniversary next year for Sikh pilgrims when he met cricketer-turned-politician Navjot Singh Sidhu during the swearing-in ceremony of Prime Minister Khan in August.

Islamabad announced the date for the groundbreaking ceremony of the corridor only after the Indian Union cabinet recently agreed to avail the offer of the passageway in view of the 550th birth anniversary of the founder of the



Sikh faith, Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, next year.

According to the proposal, the Indian government will construct and develop the Kartarpur corridor from Dera Baba Nanak in Indian Punjab's Gurdaspur district to the border, while Pakistan will build the other part of the corridor connecting the border to the Gurdwara in the Kartarpur Sahib area of Narowal.

Indian Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu and Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh laid the foundation stone of the Kartarpur corridor in Gurdaspur district earlier this week.

You Decide



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Foundation at Kartarpur

In the first phase of the project, set to be completed before Nov 2019, a boarding terminal will be set up near the border. Transportation will be arranged to shuttle pilgrims possessing a special permit to the gurdwara. An 800-metre-long bridge will also be built across the River Ravi for this purpose. Moreover, accommodation facilities for 10,000 pilgrims will also be arranged in this phase. In the second phase, hotels and other accommodation facilities will be constructed to house pilgrims arriving with visas. A 300-metre track starting from the border will be built for pilgrims carrying special permits, after which a 4.5km road will also be constructed from the border terminal to the gurdwara. From there, pilgrims will be able to travel by foot or in cars. The facilities available will also include a place to worship, food arrangements, a library, a souvenir shop and a flower shop.

The pilgrims who have been issued visas and are travelling from India via the Wagah border or from other countries to the Lahore and Sialkot airports will reach the gurdwara through predetermined routes. A separate parking area will be created for those pilgrims.

Pakistani Sikh yatris will need to carry travel documents and identification in order to enter the gurdwara premises.

All arrangements will be made for the safe and timely return of pilgrims, who will exit after showing their permits and going through biometric verification. They will then be transported to the border terminal via special transportation and, after returning their permits, will be able to return to the Indian side either by foot or their own transport.

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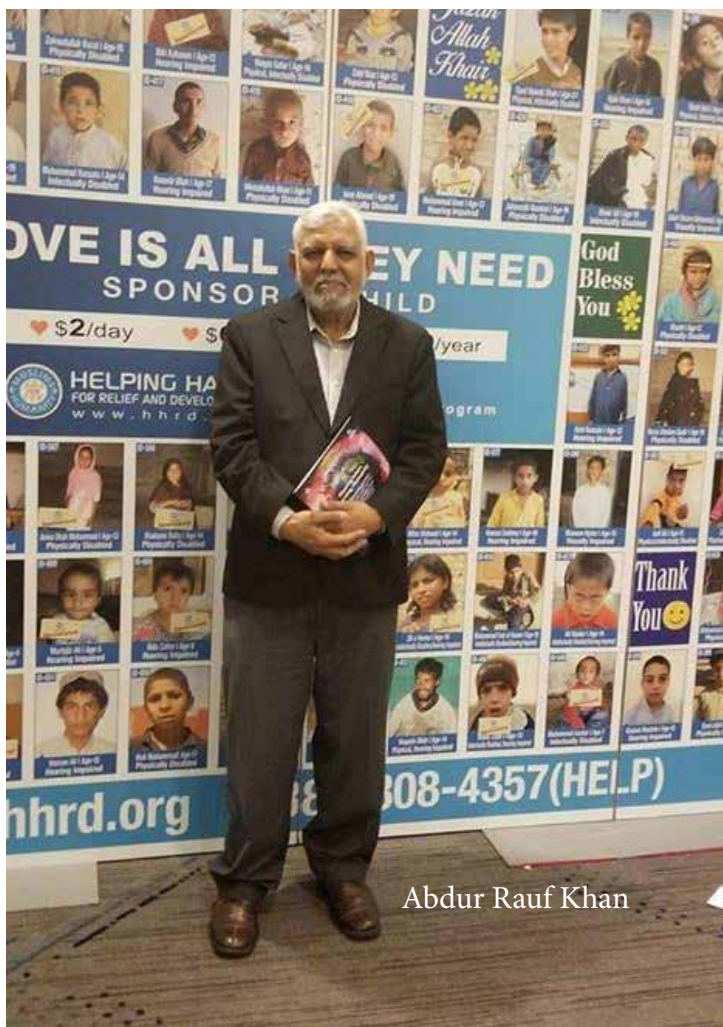


Dr. Shamsa Qureshi

ICNA Convention at Marriott in Houston



At ICNA Convention President of ISGH Mr. M J. Khan was awarded for his magnificent Community service. We are proud of his leadership and commitment to our community and Muslim community of greater Houston area. This event was attended by Congressman Green and congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee as well. They both appreciated ICNA's service to Houstonian.. Courtesy: Naeem Raja



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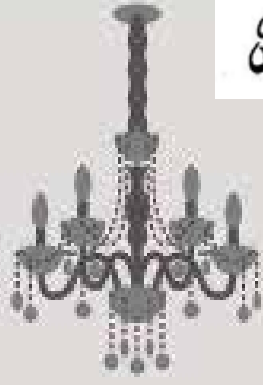
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Republican official tells Tarrant GOP to reject bigotry and leave Shahid Shafi alone - Star Telegram

A top Travis County Republican is reaching out to Tarrant leaders, calling on them to shut down an effort to remove a Muslim — and others — from local GOP leadership. Travis County Republican Party chairman Matt Mackowiak on Thursday emailed a letter to Tarrant County Chair Darl Easton asking him to “reject a bigoted effort launched by at least one of your precinct chairs to remove a Muslim individual from your leadership and remove another precinct chair who is married to a Muslim.” At issue is an effort that began months ago when a small group of local Republicans began pushing to remove Shahid Shafi, a Muslim, from the post of vice chairman. Republican Dorrie O’Brien asked for Shafi’s appointment to be reconsidered and the issue ramped up — and expanded — after the Nov. 6 election, which saw Tarrant County turning blue in the U.S. Senate race.

Those behind the move to oust Shafi, a surgeon and Southlake City Council member, say this is not about religion but whether Shafi is loyal to Islam and Islamic law or connected “to Islamic terror groups.”

There’s an online petition calling for Easton — who appointed Shafi earlier this year — to step down. Easton has said he won’t step down and has repeatedly said that these efforts to remove Republicans from their posts are wrong.

In addition to calls to remove Shafi and Easton, a small group within the Tarrant County Republican Party, according to emails anonymously delivered to the Star-Telegram, is also targeting:

Kelly Canon, a GOP precinct chairwoman who has supported Shafi and been described indirectly in an email as a “Democrat who has managed to obtain the position of Area Leader.”

Lisa Grimaldi Abdulkareem, a GOP precinct chairwoman and vice chairwoman of the Tarrant County Republican Recruitment Division, who is married to a Muslim.

The issue of whether to remove Shafi from his position was discussed by Republicans behind closed doors during their Nov. 10 meeting. A vote is scheduled Jan. 10 for the

Tarrant County GOP executive committee, which is made up of precinct chairmen.

Focus on the party

Mackowiak asked Easton to put an end to this effort.

“Some individuals may harbor fears or suspicions about other individuals. This is unavoidable,” he wrote. “Leadership requires us as County Chairs to focus on what is important.”

“In my county, we have a three-part mission: Elect as many Republicans as possible, grow the party, and advance conservative principles. Anything outside that mission is not something in which we involve ourselves.”

Mackowiak’s letter was copied to Tarrant County GOP officers; James Dickey, who heads the state’s Republican Party; Alma Jackson, the vice chair of the state’s Republican Party; and state Republican executive committee members. A copy also was sent to the Star-Telegram. Mackowiak said that as long as he leads the Travis County Republican Party, he will make sure the organization is welcoming “to people of all faiths — or no faith at all.” “We need to be laser-focused on growing our party, something that both of our counties were reminded by the fact that the Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate won Tarrant and Travis County just a few weeks ago,” he wrote to Easton. “I wish you good luck in the weeks and months to come.”

Push against Shafi

In August, a small group began calling for Shafi’s removal from party leadership.

O’Brien, a Republican precinct chairwoman from Grand Prairie, and others made several posts on social media calling for reconsideration of Shafi’s appointment to one of the vice chairman posts.

“Dr. Shafi is a practicing, Mosque-attending muslim who claims not to follow sharia law or know what it is,” activist Sara Legvold wrote on the Protect Texas Facebook page in calling for his removal. “As a practicing muslim that is an overt falsehood. Sharia law is anathema to our Constitution because Islam recognizes no other law but shariah. “As the most conservative county in the nation, this is a demoralizing blow to the conservative rank and file of the



Republican Party across the nation and in Texas.” Shafi has said he became a U.S. citizen in 2009 and soon joined the Republican Party. He said he’s not associated with the Muslim Brotherhood, nor the Council on American-Islamic Relations, “nor any terrorist organization.” He also said he supports Second Amendment rights and American Laws for American Courts. And he said he’s never promoted Shariah. The State Republican Executive Committee has a resolution supporting Shafi as a vice chair in Tarrant County, stating that he “demonstrates through deed and voice his dedication and servant leadership to Republicans in his community and beyond.” “Dr. Shafi brings vitality and the rich background of an immigrant who came to the US legally and sought out the American Dream,” the resolution states. “These are the values of the Party of Lincoln and Reagan, and we fully support his involvement and contributions to our shared cause.”

The resolution calls on Tarrant County Republicans to stand by Shafi and party platform planks “protecting and preserving religious liberty for all Americans.”



Sajjad Fecto and others at a Qawali party in Karachi



Masrur Javed Khan was presented with ICNA award



Taqdees e adab mushaira, Houston, November 2018. Rehman Faris with Dr. Khalid Razvi

The rise of white supremacy and fascism

Was the Jewish massacre on the Sabbath a random act of terrorism by a mentally deranged person or was it prompted by the continuous barrage of bigoted inflammatory statements made by the president and the right wing websites against all minorities? The terrorist pipe-bomber and the Synagogue shooter were strong supporters of the president. Rhetoric against refugees and immigrants has been rising since Trump's Muslim Ban and "Build a Wall" campaigns. Trump has rejected any responsibility for the crimes and blamed the mainstream media. Mr. Trump wrote:



"There is great anger in our Country caused in part by inaccurate, and even fraudulent, reporting of the news. The Fake News Media, the true Enemy of the People, must stop the open & obvious hostility & report the news accurately & fairly. That will do much to put out the flame of Anger and Outrage and we will then be able to bring all sides together in Peace and Harmony. Fake News Must End!"

The rallies and violent interactions like the one at Charlottesville last year, and white supremacist organizations radicalizing Dylann Roof, who killed 9 people in a black church and now Bowers killing 11 Jewish people clearly indicates that these crimes were not just committed by a lone deranged individual but social medias like GAB a strong supporter of white supremacist ideology play a significant role .

IQRA Condemns Synagogue Massacre

Dallas: IQRA, an inter-faith and intra-faith organization of everyday Muslims from all walks of life, expressed shock and anger at the massacre of American Jews in Pittsburg's Tree of Life synagogue.

IQRA's Board of Directors convened an emergency meeting today to vehemently condemn this cold blooded killing of at least 11 people attending a service at the this old, historic synagogue. IQRA's President, Dr. Basheer Ahmed said "this heinous shooting of worshippers at a Synagogue is heartbreaking. Such acts strike at the very root of religious freedom guaranteed by the US Constitution and leave all of us worshipping in our churches, mosques, and synagogues feeling unsafe

IORA resolved to stand in solidarity and unity with their Jewish brothers and sisters in this hour of need and shared their pain, suffering, and loss of lives of their beloved ones. It offered deep sympathy to them and heartfelt prayers to God to give them strength and fortitude to bear this irreparable loss. It urged the law-enforcing authorities to leave no stone unturned in the investigation of this heinous crime and to prosecute the culprits to the full extent of law.

IQRA further demanded that the President, US Congress and the state and local authorities take urgent steps that would protect all citizens of faith in US and would stop recurring mass shootings at all places of worship in America.

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Mr. Kobi becomes a muslim at Dareleman masjed, Arlington on Friday Nov 23

“Shaam-e-Hyderabad” organised by HSNT

Hyderabad Society of North Texas Celebrated their Annual Event “Shaam-e-Hyderabad” on Friday Nov 30.

The event well organised and took place at Crystal Banquet Hall, Plano, TX. The evening started with welcoming the guests by Mohammed A. Hameed, Vice President and he also recited verses from Quran. President Rahat Arifuddin. also welcomed the attendees in her speech.

Mr Hameed played a major role with his efforts and passion in the success of the event. Mr Manzoor Ghori of IMRC was presented with Community Service award. Emcee were Amreen Hasanat and Salman Farshori Other office bearers are Imran Khan secretary, Fareena ali secretary, Zeeshan Farooqi treasurer, members Hadi ali Aasia Ali Ayaz Qureshi Abdur Rahman, Munawwer Rahman, Showkat Mohammed of New York Life, Sattar Khan and Md Arifuddin

Fun Asia and Asia Times US were Media Partners of this event.

Other notable attendees were Dr Basheer Ahmed, Mirza Parwez Baig of Charminar connection, Abid Abidi, Azhar Azeez, Habeeb Quadri, Azhar Bukhari of Urdu Adab Dallas, Dr Noor Amrohvi, Rizwan Hasnie, Khalid Irfan, Qurram Nasiri, Iftekhar Ali, Hameed Baig, Md. Nasir, Syed Moazam, Iftekhar Bukhari, Shaheen Salam, Afroz Lateef, Sameer Siddiqi and others.

Excellent Qawali presentation by Fareed Ayaz & Abu Mohammed and Humnawa lead into a memorable evening. Fareed Ayaz & Abu Muhammad Qawwal & Brothers are popular for their Sufi performances. They have performed in various countries.

Fareed Ayaz and his relatives are the flag-bearers of that school of music (gharana), which is also known by the name of the city as the Dilli Gharana. They perform various genres of Hindustani classical music such as dhrupad, khayal, tarana, thumri and dadra.

The purpose of HSNT is to help the local DFW Hyderabadis get together to have fun and to keep our Hyderabad culture alive.

HSNT has two main get-together or events. The first one is a picnic during the spring season which is held at a local DFW park.

The second event of the year is a formal evening dinner which usually takes place in October or November with numerous forms of entertainment such as music, songs, comedy in Hyderabad lingo and of course, Hyderabad cuisine.



Dr Noor Amrohvi's book Released in Dallas

Duaayen Kaam Aati Hain

World's greatest and precious book release event took place in Dallas on November 10th at Fun Asia Richardson, Texas. "Duayen kaam aati hain", is a poetry book written by the celebrity poet, writer and prominent personality of Asian Americans Dr Noor Amrohvi. Today's era is totally infected with hatred, communalism and social darkness. But there are a few people that exist as divine rays that radiate from spritual light of international integrity, unity and universal brotherhood determined to promote peace within and around of every individual. That name in US is Dr Noor Amrohvi, a rare Gem.

"Duayen kaam aati hain" was inaugurated by Dr Shamsa Qureshi, who herself is on top of the list to support such literary activities. The admirers of Dr. Noor Amrohvi expressed their views on his poetry and personality Karamat Gardezi poet from Pakistan. Syed Sarwat Zuha from Chicago, professor Hammad Khan from New York. Arrived to grace the function.

Dr. Shamsa Qureshi gifted him a golden pen to recognize his great contribution in social service and work. Releasing the book Dr. Shamsa Qureshi's said she was greatly pleased and that he is not only the pride of the city but also pride of the whole world. We all recognize him as an activist, propagator of great values like equality.

A documentary film was shown based on the life of Dr. Noor. One of his friends Dr. Amer Suleman spoke on his greatness. Founder of Qalam Asasa Khalid Irfan a humorous poet evolved and shaped his poetry on the personality of Dr. Amrohi. Dr. Noor Amrohvi ten year old son Anas Amrohvi said his father had played an important role in bringing him up. It was amazing to see a boy born and raised in US speaking such fluent Urdu. Dr. Noor Amrohvi introduced Mr. Mittal, a refined diamond merchant of America. He presented 1K diamond



to the audience along with an eye catching 2019 calendar and Dr. Noor Amrohvi's book in a bag. It was an immortal moment of mortal deed. . It never happened before in the whole world that audience were presented with 1K diamond as a mark of joy and happiness for their presence in the function. Mr. Mittal thought that something to be done for Mr. Noor Amrohvi, that no one had ever done for anybody before. This novel idea flashed in his mind and was executed.

Poet and television anchor Ghazala Habib hosted the function with beautiful colorful mind blowing words. Neelofer Abbasi, a well-known personality and public speaker spoke precisely and perfectly about Dr. Noor. The important aspect of the event after the book release was a musical program. Popular singer Ramesh Krishna Moorthy presented Dr. Noor Amrohvi's ghazals in a melodious voice. Mr. Khalid Irfan proposed vote of thanks in the end.

Asia Times US is a proud Media Partner of this event. Dr Shamsa Qureshi and Shawkat Mohammed are on the Advisory Board of Asia Times.



Dr. Sulayman Nyang passed away .

Dr. Nyang was a scholar and a pioneer of Islamic education and work. His vision and contributions will be remembered for generations in the US and beyond.

Dr. Nyang taught at different universities and served on many boards of organizations. He was an early board member of CAIR when we established it in 1994. I had the honor and pleasure of working with him closely and learning from his vast knowledge and wisdom.



We ask Allah SWT to bless his soul, to forgive his sins and grant him mercy and the highest place in janna.

We offer our sincere and heartfelt condolences to his family and to his loved ones.

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Nihad Awad



Mawlid Un Nabi Gathering Guest speaker Mufti Muhammad Sohail Raza Amjadi At Ghulam Jangda Residence in Plano, TX



Sankara Eye Foundation (SEF) has procured the land in Narsingi (Close to the Outer Ring Road in Hyderabad). Telangana state govt allocated this 2 acres land in Narsingi to build super-specialty eye hospital with state-of-the-art facility similar to other nine hospitals. India is home to the largest number of visually impaired people in the world, a staggering 55 million. 80% of this blindness, however, is curable. Courtesy: Kishore Ramaraju

American Pakistan Foundation Welcomes Ansir Junaid to its Board of Directors

The American Pakistan Foundation welcomes Ansir Junaid, known as Junaid to its board of directors. Junaid is the founder and CEO of PWC, a group of companies with enterprises in the fields of recycling and sustainability, pallet management and manufacturing, self-storage, green technology, warehousing, packaging supplies, supply chain management, transportation, hospitality, cell phones, call centers, and technology.



The PWC group of companies serve Fortune 500 companies globally. The largest company within the PWC family is Prime Woodcraft, which is one of the largest pallet companies nationwide, with a network of over four hundred manufacturers and 60 plus facilities of its own.

Junaid also serves as the Chairman of SupplySide USA, a wholesaler of shipping, packaging, and office supplies, gifts, retail products, and greeting cards. In addition, he serves as an investment and operating partner at SupplySide Investments, a real estate firm specializing in the moving, storage, and hospitality industries.

Junaid is passionate about environmental sustainability and supporting charitable organizations and educational institutions. He serves on the Advisory Board for the RAND Center for Asia Pacific Policy with a focus on Pakistan, the Medina Center Housing Board, and the GE and Chrysler Sponsored Sustainability Boards.

Junaid holds a B.S. in Marketing and Management Information Systems from Cleveland State University.

“We are thrilled to welcome Junaid, a dynamic American entrepreneur to APF’s Board of Directors,” notes APF Board Chair, Riaz Siddiqi. “His passion for giving back to this country, green technology, and community economic development is commendable and inspiring.”

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Indian community bids farewell to Dr Hafizur Rahman in Riyadh



A grand farewell bids by Indian Community of Riyadh to Ambassador Designate to Syria Dr. Hifzur Rahman Azmi in presence of Guest of honor DCM Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan Embassy of India. Photos courtesy by Dr. Syeed Mohiuddin. Engr. Azizuddin .Ather Mohiuddin. Event took place at Crowne Plaza Riyadh - RDC Hotel & Convention Center



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Take Sir Syed's vision forward

Prof. Akhtarul Wasey tells Aligs at grand Jeddah event



JEDDAH: The Aligarh Muslim University Old Boys Association (AMUOBA), Jeddah Chapter, celebrated the 201st Founder's Day in their traditional style with great elation at the Crystal Ballroom of Crowne Plaza in Jeddah.

The Consul General of India, Md. Noor Rahman Sheikh, graced the event as chief guest. The guest of honour for this year's function was Prof. Akhtarul Wasey, president, Maulana Azad University, Jodhpur, and a recipient of Padma Shri, a prestigious civilian award conferred on prominent Indians for their distinguished services to the nation.

The program started with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an by Hafiz Zubair Alam. As per the age-old tradition, the senior most alumnus of AMU among the audience is nominated to preside over the event. This year the mantle was bestowed upon Dilshad Ali Khan, an alumnus of 1954.

In his welcome address, AMUOBA President Noor Uddin Khan highlighted the activities undertaken by AMUOBA in various spheres of life in line with the mission and vision of the founder of the alma mater, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan.

Khan focused on the salient qualities of Sir Syed where he propagated tolerance and scientific approach to life. He highlighted how Sir Syed avoided the path of confrontation but followed the path of reasoning and changed the mindset of the people. He highlighted how the well-being of his countrymen was of utmost concern to Sir Syed by citing examples.

He said that despite all odds, Sir Syed never lost faith in the philosophy of co-existence and had, therefore, opened the gates for MAO College for all communities. This was exemplified by the composition of the first batch of students of MAO College, which included the son of Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh. He emphasized

that the vision and mission of Sir Syed are as relevant today as they were in the past and it is for the torchbearers of AMU to take them forward.

Consul General Md. Noor Rahman Sheikh spoke about how AMU, being a premier institution of India, is in focus. He stressed that AMU must live up to the ideals set by Sir Syed and maintain its rankings. He shared his happiness when he found during a recent visit to Abha, where he was informed that more than 250 Aligs were teaching at the university. He stressed the role of education and tolerance in today's time and age and how everyone must do their duty towards the nation.

Prof. Akhtarul Wasey praised the path of Sir Syed who sensed the problems faced by India's Muslims 200 years ago and commended the futuristic vision he held and his undying and selfless determination to establish an educational future for the generations that would follow. He urged the alumni of the esteemed institution to not only limit themselves to remembering the great visionary Sir Syed Ahmad Khan but also take forward his legacy by implementing his vision.

The AMU Souvenir-cum-Directory was released by AMUOBA Vice President Danish A.G. and his team. The directory consists of valuable articles specially written for the souvenir by renowned writers. The directory is beautifully designed with excellent artwork. The photographs of AMU buildings are marvelous. Data of more than 500 Aligs has also been arranged. Danish A.G. and his team made great efforts in bringing

out the beautiful alumni directory.

A quiz on Sir Syed and AMU was put together by Shams Tabrez Alam and Athar Rasool.

Ghufran Nishtar, Mohammed Zaki and Zaheer Khan conducted a raffle draw where prizes were given to the lucky winners who received their presents at the hands of the sponsors of the directory.

A slideshow, prepared by Rab Nawaz Khan and Mohammad Siraj, highlighted the activities and achievements of AMUOBA Jeddah.

A skit titled "Mera Chaman" was staged highlighting the responsibility of Aligs towards their alma mater. The play was well received by the audience. It was conceptualized and written by AMUOBA General Secretary Ateeq Siddiqui.

The audience was left spellbound by the beautiful rendition of the "tarana" by the

team comprising Ateeq Siddiqui, Mohammed Siraj, Athar Rasool, Asim Zeeshan, Mohammad Zaki, Jawed Akhtar, Nayyar Mumtaz and Zain Rizvi.

The program came to an end with the singing of the Saudi and Indian national anthems.

Ateeq Siddiqui added flavor, humor, and splendor to the event with his ingenious anchoring. The vote of thanks was proposed by Danish A.G.

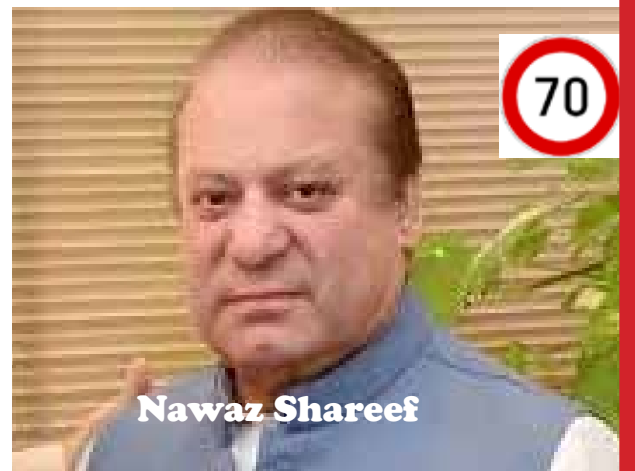
The program was attended by the senior officials of the consulate, leaders of the community and Aligs from Jeddah, Makkah, Taif and Yanbu.

The event ended on high note with an opulent dinner.



Telangana community and other Indian states Community member attended the wonderful Karnataka; Jammu n Kashmir day organized by Indian Consulate Jeddah IN association with SIBN, Karnataka And Jammu and Kashmir Community here in Jeddah.

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Amazon opens up its internal machine learning training to everyone

Amazon announced today that it's making the machine learning courses it uses to train its engineers available to everybody for free. The coursework is tailored to four major groups -- developers, data scientists, data platform engineers and business professionals -- and it offers both foundational level lessons as well as more advanced instruction.



"Each course starts with the fundamentals, and builds on those through real-world examples and labs, allowing developers to explore machine learning through some fun problems we have had to solve at Amazon," Amazon said in the announcement. "Coursework helps consolidate best practices, and demonstrates how to get started on a range of AWS machine learning services, including Amazon SageMaker, AWS DeepLens, Amazon Rekognition, Amazon Lex, Amazon Polly and Amazon Comprehend."

More than 30 courses totalling over 45 hours are available as are videos, labs and other relevant documentation initially developed for training Amazon employees. Amazon is also offering a certification exam. The courses are available for free while the certification exam will cost \$300. However, while the exam is in beta, it will be half price.

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Women's excellence awards Inight at Ravindra Bharathi. It was nice to hear from outstanding Women's of Hyderabad who were awarded by outstanding women Sheeba Rani and group



Wedding of Grand Daughter of Mehmood Ali Bhai Deputy Chief Minister of Telangana State



Dinner at Park Hyatt with Mohammad Azharuddin former India's Cricket captain and former Member of Parliament .



Wonderful meeting my sister and a good friend of long time at her residence Ms Kavitha Kalvakuntla Member of Parliament daughter of our Chief Minister Shri K. Chandrashekhar Rao Garu this afternoon. Purely non political discussion and about each others families



Last month visit of India's Vice President Honourable Venkaiah Naidu Garu . farewell event hosted by Indian Ambassador to U.S HEH Sarna ji at Chicago cultural center . Thanks Consul General of India Ms Neeta Bhushan ji for inviting us and being there for Indian community at anytime community needs . One of the best CG we have in the history since the opening of Consulate office in Chicago 30 years ago .



awards night by TAA TELANGANA Artist Association under the leadership of Ms. Sharon Amir , Etesham Quadri and team . Many artist from TELANGANA where presented with awards , I was happy to present the awards .



launch Art Gallery of Artist Hari and Anita Hari at Country Club , Begumpet, Hyderabad. Seen with me is Susheela Akeneni Daughter of late legendary Telugu superstar Akeneni Nageshwar Rao garu , Shri Devika Sharma, Rounaq Raunaq Yar Khan , Rajini , Anita and others



Diwali dinner with St. Georgian friends , new residence of Sudhir Talwar in JubileeHills , also seen is Ahmed Alam Khan , Javed Fazeel and others



with Shri . V.Hanumath Rao Ex. Member of Parliament celebrating Diwali at his residence



Dinner meeting at my residence in Shamsabad with my dear friend of over 10 years Somnath Bharathi AAP MLA from Delhi and south India incharge of party affairs , a leading Supreme Court lawyer . Also present where S. Indrasain Reddy former MLC , Pandit Bhaskar of Shanker Matt along with a scientist who invented some excellent products on pollution free India .



At the wedding ceremony of Grand Daughter of Mehmood Ali Bhai Deputy Chief Minister of Telangana State



“ Woman Of The Year Award “ presented to Rita Shah for her outstanding contribution to the Indian contribution and exemplary services to the Indian American Community. Congratulations to Anuja Gupta, Anil R Shah & Moti Agrawal.



Celebrating Birthday of Payal Shah with Anil R. Shah, Mr and Mrs Syed Hussaini and others



Dr. Ram krishna Shah, president GPHI, chicago, USA awarded American Excellence Award to Dr Khurram Shehzad for his best services in field of Alternative Medicine. during convocation ceremony at colombo, Sri lanka. He also presented his book to him. Dr SM Hussain Secretary General GUMRF, USA is also present.



Purnima Nath with Shafqut Khan, Yasmin Shah and Smita Shah on her Birthday



DJ Ali Saad at an event in Chicago Photo by Syed Khalil Ullah

Fundraising program "Aapna Wada Apsay"

Waliuddin with Aamir Shah (Actor and Model from Pakistan) and Asad Khan.

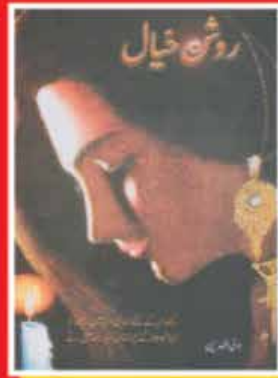


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Largest gathering for Palestine in US held in Chicago.

We need fair and balanced foreign policy in the Middle East; Speakers Report & Pictures Syed Khalil Ullah

The Palestine Convention 2018 Chicago become the largest gathering for Palestine in the US. The 11th Annual Conference for Palestine was hosted by the American Muslims for Palestine (AMP) on Nov. 22 - 24 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at Rosemont, Illinois

Each year during Thanksgiving weekend in Chicago, AMP holds its annual convention for Palestine in the US, the largest gathering for Palestine solidarity activists in the country. Each year, thousands of Muslims Mostly were Arabs, Palestine, Indian and Pakistan came in Chicago for Convention But large numbers of American also attended. Many attendees came with the entire family.

The theme of this convention was "70 Years Later Committed to Return"

The American Muslims for Palestine (AMP) is national grassroots and a totally nonprofit organization, whose mission is to educate the American public and media about issues related to Palestine. AMP is building a grassroots movement that is pressuring Congress to create a more fair and balanced foreign policy in the Middle East.

The conference hosts national and internationally renowned speakers, such as Israeli historian Ilan Pappé, whose seminal work, "The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine," changed the historical narrative about the Nakba in Israel; Josh Ruebner, policy director at the US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation and expert on US weapons to Israel; Palestinian members of the Knesset Haneen Zoabi and Dr. Ahmed Tibi; Palestine National Initiative General Secretary Dr. Moustafa Barghouti; Sheikh Abdelfattah Mourou of the Tunisian Ennadah party; "Gaza Mom" author Laila El-Haddad; award-winning journalist and New York Times bestselling author Max Blumenthal

Palestinian Israeli-Arab and Knesset Deputy Speaker Ahmad Tibi was the keynote speaker. This year's speakers include an impressive list of world-renowned scholars and speakers such as author Illan Page, Dr. Hatem Bazian, Israeli Miko Peled, Dr. Hatem Bazian (President), AMP, Nihad Awad (National Executive Director, CAIR), Imam Omar Suleiman, Miko Peled, Dr. Manal Fakhoury, Dr. Mohammad Abbasi, Dr. Osama Abuirshaid, Dr. Mohammad Abbasi, Dr. Osama Abuirshaid, Dr. Abdallah Marouf, Safa Zarzour, Ibrahim Dardasawi, Raja Abdulhaq, Kifah Mustapham, Ghada Oueiss and many others.



Speakers encouraged the audience and demand to the us government inclusion congress and senate We need fair and balanced foreign policy in the Middle East.

During an interview with an attendee who came from Detroit said, "I am here today because we need to really stand with Palestinians."

Convention hosts film screenings, book signings, a Campus Activism track; youth and young adult programs and a children's school as well as a vibrant bazaar, full of Palestinian and Islamic treasures.

A bazaar was also located in the convention center right sides the hall and was brimming with vendors who had set up their stalls to sell jewelry, Pakistani and Arabic clothes, Islamic artwork, books, Islamic clothing, non-alcoholic perfume, Publishers selling Quranic translations and commentary in dozens of languages and vendors distributing brightly-colored head scarves and abaya.



Gandhi Samaj of Chicago celebrated 34th Annual historical Diwali festival celebration in Chicagoland.

Report & Pictures Syed Khalil Ullah



Diwali is One of the most popular festivals of in India and around the world. In Chicago Indian celebrated all over in state with zeal and fervor.

This year Gandhi Samaj of Chicago celebrated 34th Annual historical Diwali festival celebration at Ashton Place

in Willow brook on November 18, 2018. One of the oldest and nonprofit organization in Chicagoland. More than 600 people attended along with their families, Relatives and friends. Several Executive boards and past president of Gandhi Samaj also attended the historical celebration. The program was hosted and led by president Gandhi Samaj of Chicago Mr. Hitesh Gandhi. Mr. Hitesh Gandhi is well known community leader and social worker in Chicagoland. Every year, several events and celebration happened in Chicagoland. But Gandhi Samaj Chicago celebration is always unique and attractive. The event was for Gandhi Samaj members and by invitation only.

Chief of the guest was Mr. Sunil Shah and Guest of honor was Mr. Anil Loomba and Chairperson of the event was Mr. Amit Jhingran.

During an interview with Mr. Gandhi said "We are celebrating Diwali festival celebration in the past 34 years. Diwali beginnings and the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness. The purpose of this organization is to bring all friends and family living in Chicagoland closer together and provide one platform."

In the opening remarks, president of Gandhi Samaj Chicago, Mr. Hitesh Gandhi welcomed the sponsors, Guests, choreographers, Supporters, participants and volunteers. Mr. Gandhi said, "This program can't be held without your support."

The program began with the traditional lighting ceremony and a recital Prayer followed by the American & Indian National Anthems. The Master of ceremonies was Tejal Gandhi and Tushar Modi.



During the celebration several cultural shows that had performances of traditional dance and songs by kids' youngster performed Classical and Bollywood Dance performances, songs. Several famous singers, including Mrs. Mona Bhalla. She performed several hit songs with high energy.

Many prominent of Chicagoland's Indian community attended the evening, including Anil Loomba, The candidate for mayor of the Schaumburg mayor Sunil Shah, CEO of State Bank of India Mr. Amit Jhingran and many others.

At the event, several community achievers received awards including Anil Loomba, Sunil Shah, Gurmeet Singh Dhalwan, Amit Jhingran and add Presidents award given to Ashwin Bodalia and few others were recognized for their community services and contribution to the community. Educational award given to Ankur Bhagat, Asish Gandhi and Ashwin Bodalia for their achievements in education. Several attendees Congratulate to president of the Gandhi Samaj of Chicago Hitesh Gandhi for organizing beautiful event in Chicagoland.

The Historical event would not have been possible without the following contribution such as Sunil Shah, Dinesh



Gandhi, Tushar Modi, Dharmesh Gandhi, Jay Gandhi, Tejal Gandhi, Kalpana Gandhi, Dimple Gandhi, Pravin Gandhi, Annie Gandhi, Radhika Gandhi, Krina Gandhi and others.

At the end Dimple Gandhi, wife of President Hitesh Gandhi Thank all sponsors supporter and volunteers for their help to make this event a history in 34 years of Gandhi Samaj. delicious food was served for all.

Dada Bhagwan's Self Realization Seminar in Chicago



Ismaili Jamatkhana hosted the annual interfaith Thanksgiving Service.

Every 6-7 years the Chicago Ismaili Jamatkhana, which is a member organization of Edgewater Community Religious Association (ECRA), gets the honor of hosting the annual interfaith Thanksgiving Service.

This year, more than 475 people from different faith communities attended the event. Also present were the Honorable Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky and 48th Ward Alderman Harry Osterman.

The well attended program was appreciated by heads of several churches and other religious organizations. Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky, in a written statement, said that she was most impressed particularly with the spirit of community service that she observed. She also expressed desire to participate in future programs hosted by the Ismaili Council for the Midwestern United States.

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

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CIOGC celebrate 26th anniversary at Annual Community Dinner Syed Khalil Ullah



The Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago (CIOGC) hosted its 26th anniversary Annual Community Dinner in Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

The Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago (CIOGC) hosted its 26th anniversary Annual Community Dinner on Saturday, November 17th, 2018 at Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois. The great event shines a spotlight on the Muslim community by recognizing Top Muslim Achievers and their significant contributions to society. CIOGC is a non-profit organization unifying federation of over 65+ mosques and Islamic organizations, With Muslims from across Chicagoland and all walks of life. The theme of this program was "Unity with enduring values"

Sold-out event was a hit with more than 1000 attendees the attendance was so large and impressive.

The event was emceed by Mariam Sobh. The event began with a stunning recitation of the Quran and translation by the local Islamic School students. Welcome and opening remarks were conducted by Gregory Abdullah Mitchell, Executive Director of CIOGC. Civic and interfaith leaders also attended. In Chair remarks CIOGC Chairman, Dr. Bassam Osman explains about CIOGC outlined the goals, activities, expansion plans, and the need for funds to continue meeting the growing needs of the community. Through the video documentary CIOGC shared the excit-

ing projects that it has been busy with over the past year. Dr. Abdul El-Sayed was the keynote speaker. Abdulrahman Mohamed El-Sayed is an American political activist, former professor, physician and civil servant. He was an unsuccessful candidate in Michigan's 2018 Democratic gubernatorial primary election. In September 2018 he founded the political action committee Southpaw Michigan to help elect other progressive candidates in Michigan.

During his keynote speech he highlighted about Muslim involvement in elections. He said, "I did not run for the election because of Muslim I run because I am an American."

Dr. Bambade Shakoor-Abdullah received the CIOGC Lifetime Achievement Award. She developed the Dreams and Visions Youth Employment Program (CYEP) her program was funded by the Illinois Department of Human Resources.

Top Muslim Achievers was recognized first Top Muslim Achiever in 2018, Dr. Zaher Sahloul. Zaher Sahloul, MD is a Critical Care Specialist, Associate Clinical Professor at the University of Illinois, humanitarian, and strong advocate for refugees and victims of disasters including his homeland Syria. He founded several global organizations, including, MED Global and SAMS reduce health care disparity, globally focusing on disaster areas like Syria,

Yemen and the Rohingya crises and second Top Muslim Achiever of 2018 was Dr. Abdul Rahman El-Sayed. He provided programming that addressed the issues such as infant mortality, teen pregnancy, asthma, elderly isolation and health care access opportunities. Both Achievers received the award because outstanding contribution in their field and appreciated their work are valued in the community.

Several awards were given to the valedictorians of Islamic School. Awards were given to Malaak Yeha, Bayan Rabeh Salamah, Furqaan Ali, Sarah Syed, Asad Sayeed and Belal Asfor The Fundraising was effectively conducted by Sheikh Hassan Aly (Imam and Director at The Mecca Center). Fundraising goals were achieved in fifteen minutes.

The sponsors of the 26th Annual Community Dinner were Mosque Foundation, the Downtown Islamic Center (DIC), Islamic Center of Naperville (ICN), Muslim Community Center (MCC), Zakat Foundation of America, Islamic Foundation North (IFN), Benedictine University, Mecca Center, Alwan Printing, Audio Visual Computer Specialists (AVCS), Elite Decor, Iman Fund, Orland Park Prayer Center and many others.

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2-A Spouses and unmarried Children of permanent residents	Oct., 08, 2016	Oct., 08, 2016
2-B Unmarried sons & daughters (21 years of age or older) of permanent residents	Feb., 15, 2012	Feb., 15, 2012
3rd Married sons & daughters of US citizens	Aug., 01, 2006	Aug., 01, 2006
4th Brothers & sisters of adult U.S. citizens	April 22, 2005	June 08, 2004
EMPLOYMENT BASED CATEGORY		
1st Priority workers	July 01, 2017	Sept., 01, 2016
2nd Members of the professions holding advanced degree or persons of exceptional ability	Current	April 01, 2009
3rd Skilled workers Other workers	Current Current	March 01, 2009 March 01, 2009
4th Certain special immigrants Certain religious workers	Current Current	Current Current
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November 27, 2018

Embassy of India, as part of the two-year celebrations marking the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, came together with various Indian-American community organizations, to celebrate 150 Years of Mahatma Gandhi on Capitol Hill on November 27, 2018.

2. The event began with lighting of ceremonial lamp 'Diya' followed by remarks by Ambassador Navtej Sarna, Members of Congress - Representatives Ami Bera(D-CA), David Schweikert(R-AZ), Raja Krishnamoorthi(D-IL). Representatives of the partner Indian-American community organizations - Dr. Bharat Barai, Srimati Karuna from the Gandhi Memorial Center, Ms. Amy Hariani of the US-India Business Council, Mr. Bhupesh Mehta from the Jain International Trade Organization, Mr. Nissim Reuben Assistant Director at the American Jewish Committee and Ms. Mansi Patel from Indiaspora also addressed the gathering.

3. The event was well-attended by Members of Congress, Congressional staff, Indian-American community and representatives from the media.



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Composer, Singer Jaswinder Singh's Ghazal album 'Khwabeeda' launched in Mumbai.

Composer, Singer Jaswinder Singh's Ghazal album 'Khwabeeda' was launched at Bhavan's College in Mumbai. Gazals of the album are written by Rajiv Rana. On this occasion, Jaswinder also gave a live performance.

Ghazal Album has been released by Times Music. Vishal Bharadwaj, Rekha Bhardwaj, Kavita Seth, Anoop Jalota, Alka Yagnik, Tochi Raina and father of Singer Jaswinder and musician Kuldeep Singh were also present on the occasion of this album launch.

Jaswinder Singh tells about his ghazal album, "I have learned music and singing only from my father Kuldeep Singh ji. He composited some of the finest songs like 'Give us strength so much ...'

Father inspired me to become a composer. My album 'Khwabeeda' has six ghazals, written by Rajiv Rana. All the ghazals I compose, I have sung them.

The name of the ghazal album is 'Khwabeeda', what will the modern generation like the album like this name? On asking, Jaswinder says, 'Look, I do not think' Khwabida 'is a huge word.

This can be a good title especially for those who are fond of Ghazals. Khwab Lafz is well known, it is a word made from it, Khwabida (like Khwab). I saw the sound of this ghazal album and its result is in front of everyone.

Jaswinder further says, "I am very proud that celebrities like Vishal Bharadwaj, like senior filmmakers like Anup Jalota, Alka Yagnik, Durga Jasraj, Rekha Bhardwaj, came to launch my album and blessed me. We are very thankful to him. '

There is such a notion that Ghazals are coming very less in today's fast music and dance numbers. But Jaswinder does not agree with this. He explains, 'I think those who want to listen Ghazal, listen to him Ghazal, through the heart of the audience, reaches his heart. This feeling is enough to keep Ghazal always alive. '

Rajiv Rana, who wrote all the ghazals of the album 'Khwabeeda', is also very happy. He says, 'Jaswinder Singh had a meeting with him many times, after which I wrote these ghazals. Many times we talked, shared ideas from each other. Then the album is ready. '

On the occasion of launch of Ghazal Album, singer Anoop Jalota also praised the voice of Jaswinder Singh. He said, 'We have been listening to a song for years,' Give us so much power ... ', that song is composer Kuldeep Singh.

His son Jaswinder Singh also sings KAMAL. Their voice is magic. God has done a lot of work on them. I heard two ghazals of Jaswinder Singh, I liked it very much. '

Director Vishal Bharadwaj also liked Gajal of Jaswinder Singh. Vishal Bharadwaj says, "Jaswinder Singh has sung the ghazals with very simplicity, which is difficult. Thanks to Times Music, Ghazal has released such an album to keep alive.

Alka Yagnik also feels a veteran in the voice of Jaswinder Singh. She also praised that Jaswinder Singh chose Ghazal singing in today's fast music era.

Alka Yagnik says, 'Jaswinder is a virtuous son of a virtuous father, he sings very sweet. Sing with very stagnation. I would like to wish him many good wishes. 'Rekha Bharadwaj and Kavita Seth also praised Jaswinder's voice. Tochi Raina and Durga Jasraj also told Jaswinder Singh is a different type of singer



INTERNATIONAL PAGES

Zee Music has released Mohammed Vakil new Song Wajood

Suhail Akhter, Farhan Wasti, Malikzada Javed and others at Jashn E Adab Delhi

Mohammed Vakil with Singer Javed Ali



Wajood was released under the Zee Music company banner. The song is on difficulties a Father faces in the upbringing of his child. All that the Father want's is love and respect from his child BJP Adhyaksh Shri Manoj Tiwari released the song. Ustad Ahmed Hussain Ustad Mohammed Hussain also blessed the occsion by their presence. Song lyrics are written by Shakeel Hashmi amd music by Ustad Ahmed Hussain Ustad Mohammed Hussain directed Akbar Khan. Mohammed Vakil's list of accolades is numerous befitting the artist that he is. He is the winner of the "TVS Sa-Re-



Ga-Ma" Final in 1997 and "TVS Sa-Re-Ga-Ma" Mega Final in 1998. He was bestowed the title of "Rising Star" by C.L.Nepali Organization, Delhi in 1998. He was awarded the "R.D.Burman PUNCHAM SAMMAN" by Abhinaya Kala Parishad, Patankhot and the "Rajasthan Sangeet Natak Academy Award 2001" by the Govt. of Rajasthan.

Before this Mohammed Vakil has released four albums "Sapnay", "Kasak" and "Kehdo Kehdo" and recently "Guzarish", all of which have garnered him considerable success. He has done playback for "Veer Zaara" and the TV serial "Bikhari Preet Nikhari Aas". He has performed with Jagjit Singh, Sonu Nigam, Kavitha Krishnamurthy, Pankaj Udhas, Shankar Mahadevan and Shreya Ghoshal and also in the presence of music legends such as Lata Mangeshkar, Pandit Jasraj and many others.



The young and very promising talent Javed Ali sang Zia Hasan composition for the upcoming film Nasir.



A shield of Recognition was awarded to Nadeem Zaman by the Honorable Asad Qaiser, Speaker of the National Assembly of Pakistan

President Rouhani urges Saudi Arabia to end dependence on US aid

TEHRAN: Iranian President Hassan Rouhani urged Muslims worldwide to unite against the United States and assured Saudis they were “brothers” who had nothing to fear from Tehran.

US President Donald Trump abandoned a landmark 2015 nuclear deal between major powers and Tehran in May and has since re-imposed crippling unilateral sanctions.

“What the United States wants of [the Middle East] today is enslavement,” Rouhani said.

Muslim governments should unite against the United States and “the region’s cancerous tumour”, Israel, he said. “Submitting to the West headed by America would be treason against our religion... and against the future generations of this region,” the Iranian president told an international conference on Islamic unity in Tehran, in a

speech broadcast live on state television.

“We have a choice to either roll out red carpets for criminals, or to forcefully stand against injustice and remain faithful to our Prophet [PBUH], our Holy Quran and our Islam,” Rouhani said.

He urged Iran’s regional rival Saudi Arabia to end its dependence on “insulting” US military aid. “We are ready to defend the Saudi people’s interests against terrorism and superpowers with all our might,” he said.

“We do not ask \$450 billion for it and will not insult you.”

Riyadh cut diplomatic ties with Tehran in January 2016 after protesters stormed its diplomatic missions in Iran following its execution of a prominent Shia cleric.



It accuses Tehran of fomenting unrest among Shia people in the Gulf Arab states and the two governments have supported opposing sides in devastating civil wars in Syria and Yemen.

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People in China collect donations for family of martyred Karachi policemen

Citizens of China are collecting donations to raise money to help the families of the two policemen who laid down their lives while guarding the Chinese consulate during the gun-cum-grenade attack in Karachi.

Assistant Sub-Inspector Ashraf Dawood, 48, and Constable Amir Khan, 35, lost their lives in the attack when gunmen hurled grenades at them and opened fire. The martyred policemen belonged to the foreign security cell, which was established by police for the protection of Chinese nationals. The Deputy Chief of Mission of Chinese Embassy in Pakistan, Lijian Zhao, on Sunday issued a statement on Twitter saying, “[the] Chinese donations for Pakistan police have shown that China-Pakistan friendship is higher than mountains and deeper than the sea.”

“The friendship has never been empty talks, but deeply imprinted in hearts of Chinese and Pakistani people,” Zhao said.

The Chinese people have volunteered to make donations

for families of the two Sindh policemen and the injured private security guard Mohammed Juman, who is currently under treatment at Jinnah Post Graduate Medical Centre (JPMC), Karachi.

The condition of Juman is improving, “he is very stable now,” said Dr Seemin Jamali, executive director of the hospital, adding that he might be discharged within the next one or two days.

The officials from Chinese consulate on Sunday visited the JPMC to meet the injured guard. The diplomat also gave Rs0.5 million cash to Juman, revealed Dr Jamali.

Earlier on Saturday, Sindh IGP Dr Syed Kaleem Imam also sent Rs0.5 million cash for the private guard, which were given to him in the presence of police.



Separately, Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah and Federal Minister Ali Zaidi had announced Rs1 million and Rs0.3 million, respectively, as financial help for the injured guard.

Brothers of man involved in consulate attack held in Quetta

QUETTA: Law enforcement agencies arrested two brothers of Abdul Razzaq Baloch, who had been killed with two other militants of the banned Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) during Friday’s attack on the Chinese consulate in Karachi, in Kharan on Saturday.

The investigation agencies found that one of the slain militants — Razzaq Baloch — belonged to Kharan. Sources said that law enforcement agencies conducted raids in different areas of Kharan on Saturday and took two of his brothers — Mohammad Aslam and Khosti —

in custody. They were handed over to the authorities for interrogation.

Meanwhile, Balochistan Home Minister Mir Saleem Ahmad Khosa said that the name of Razzaq Baloch had been put on the missing persons’ list over the past two years. He said that a large number of people mentioned in the list had gone aboard for terrorism training.

The minister said that BLA commander Aslam alias Acho had been injured in a gun battle with security forces last year, but he managed to escape and later went to India where he was provided medical treatment.

He said that many BLA commanders had been killed in that operation conducted by security forces. The minister said that India was directly involved in the worsening situation in Balochistan.

However, he added, the designs of the enemy would be foiled as had been done during the attack on Chinese consulate in Karachi. He termed the botched attack an attempt to harm the growing relations between China and Pakistan.

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C.K. Jaffer Sharief: Passing Away of a Veteran Leader from Karnataka's Political Horizon

By M.A. Siraj

Former Union Minister and senior Congress leader CK Jaffer Sharief passed away on Nov 25 morning. He was getting into his car to offer Namaz on Friday when he collapsed. He was then taken to Bengaluru's Fortis Hospital on Cunningham Road, where he was being treated until his death. He was 85.

Sharief, who has been out of public life was preparing an Urdu translation of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad's book titled 'India Wins Freedom.' The book was due to be launched on Wednesday by former President Pranab Mukherjee.

Sharief was the Railway Minister of State between 1991-1995 after being a junior railway minister in previous terms. He was one of the mass leaders of the party in Karnataka and was an eight-time MP, contesting and was also part of the Freedom Struggle before joining electoral politics. The State of Karnataka has lost one of the most senior politicians in the death of Mr. Challakere Kareem Jaffer Sharief who breathed his last in Bengaluru on November 25 afternoon after a brief illness.

The veteran Congressman, Jaffer Sharief was elected to the Lok Sabha for a record eight times between 1971 and 1999. But he will be more remembered as a Union Railway Minister for his signal contribution of imparting unigauge to the Indian Railways thereby making trains to run from Jammu to Kanniyakumari and Trivandrum to Dibrugarh in Assam. Prior to his advent to the Ministry, the Indian Railways had three different gauges—Broad-gauge, Metregauge, and Narrowgauge—which posed hassles in cross country travel of passengers and considerably delayed transport of goods.

Sharief is one among the three politicians I know who represented predominantly non-Muslim constituencies over and over again and were known for accomplishments that had nothing to do with Muslims alone. The other two were: 1-Kamaluddin Ahmed who was elected from Warangal LS constituency at least four times and rose to become a leader on the strength of his stint as a trade union leader. His constituency had only 7% Muslims. Second was Mr. Farook Maricar who was twice or thrice chief minister of Pondicherry (now Puducherry), was elected Lok Sabha MP (I remember twice) and was appointed Ambassador to Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Puducherry too has only 7% Muslim population. Jaffer Sharief represented Bangalore North constituency seven times which has 25% religious minority population (19% Muslims + 6% Christians). Though he never raised Muslim issues in an emotive manner, maintained active contacts with minorities and counseled moderation. Jaffer Sharief rose from the humble background in an agriculturist family in Challakere in Chitradurga district of Karnataka and did not have the opportunity to pursue education beyond the high school. He however gathered political training under astute Congress leader and two times State Chief Minister S. Nijalingappa.



As a member of his personal staff, Jaffer Sharief is said to have got the air about the machinations of the strong internal coterie within the Congress comprising Morarji Desai, Atulya Ghosh, Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy, K. Kamaraj and a few other members who were opposed to Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's leftward shift (or drift) in policies to reclaim the popular base of the party way back at the end of 1960s. Mrs. Gandhi's nationalization of 14 major banks and supporting the candidature of V. V. Giri for the President of India's office (against the Congress' official candidate Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy) had angered the coterie and they were about to throw her out of the party. In fact, Morarji Desai had resigned as the Union Finance Minister after Mrs. Gandhi sprang a surprise of nationalization of the 14 major banks. Sharief is said to have conveyed the new of the planned move of the senior leaders to Ms. Gandhi which resulted in her preemptive strike against the coterie and splitting the party carrying a major chunk of the MPs with her. This backstage role of Mr. Sharief won him the lifelong debt of the Nehru-Gandhi clan and saw him being nominated on the Congress ticket first from Kanakapura Lok Sabha Constituency in 1971 and later from Bangalore North constituency for seven times in 1977, 1980, 1984, 1989, 1991, 1998 and 1999. The only time he did not represent this Constituency during these years was between 1996 and 1998 when he was not fielded by the Indian National Congress in 1996 elections. Sharief had resigned from the Ministry of Mr. P. V. Narasimha Rao complaining of INC's wavering stand and compromise on the issue of secularism. 2009 was the last election he fought from Bangalore North in which he was defeated by BJP's D. B. Chandregowda.

Sharief was though a Minister of State for Railways between 1980 to 1984, he is more recognized as the Union Railway Minister between 1991 and 1995 when he took up with crusading zeal the implementation of single gauge for the Railways all across the nation. The Railways saw gauge conversion of nearly 6,000 kilometres, of which around 1,000 kms were in Karnataka alone. It was during this period that Bengaluru emerged prominently on the Railway map of India with direct trains crisscrossing the city. He was also instrumental in bringing the Wheel Axle Plant for the Indian Railways to the city (in Yelahanka) and setting up Railway Container Terminal at Whitefield and creation of a new Railway zone i.e., South Western Railway with Headquarters in Hubli and establishment of a third railway terminal at Yeshwanthapur in Bengaluru. These facilities greatly enhanced the access to Bengaluru which was enjoying a booming economy what with MNCs lining up for setting their India headquarters here.

Sharief also served as a Minister of State for Irrigation (1984-88) and Minister of State for Coal (1988-89). Besides he served on a number of Standing Committees of the Lok Sabha during his 34-year Parliamentary career.

Married to Amiena Bi, he had two sons and two daughters. However his sons predeceased him. Younger son Khader Nawaz Sharief died in 1999 while the second son Abdul Karim died in 2009, even while he was fighting Lok Sabha elections. His wife died in 2008. He established an Engineering College (Khader Nawaz Sharief Institute of Technology) in Hegdenagar, Bengaluru in memory of his late son. One of his sons married a daughter of Mufti Sayeed, later PDP leader from Jammu & Kashmir. (I am not certain which of the sons.)

Though Sharief was never into State politics, he was one among the contenders for the chief ministership after 1999 Assembly election when the Congress stormed back to power in the State. However the High Command anointed Mr. S. M. Krishna as the chief minister. This was the closest he came to grabbing the high position in the State. For some time after losing 2009 elections, Sharief got close to Mr. H. D. Devegowda with whom he had shared a great personal bonhomie. He also appeared with BSP leader Mayawati on one occasion leading to speculation that he was on the verge of terminating his ties with the grand old Congress party. Yet the speculated denouement never came.

The CBI instituted a case against Sharief in 1995 (after his resignation from the Narasimha Rao cabinet) alleging him to have utilized services of four Ministry officials while he was under medical treatment in London. The CBI closed the decade long case in 2006 while the United Progressive Alliance was at the saddle of power in Delhi. Jaffer Sharief was into organising a function to release the Urdu translation of Maulana Azad's English book "India Wins Freedom" next week in a grand function in the Bangalore Palace. Former Vice President of India Mr. Hamid Ansari had been invited for the occasion. Sharief was an extremely moderate and secular leader who had adroitly managed power equations without pandering to any communal politics. He was a leader with mass appeal and never exploited religious sentiments for partisan ends. In his death, Karnataka has lost a visionary politician and a worthy leader.

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Third time in a row, Delhi CM not consulted on appointment of Chief Secretary

Vijay Kumar Dev will be the third successive Chief Secretary of the national capital to have been appointed without any consultation with the Delhi Chief Minister, which is a requirement under a cadre policy of the MHA issued in 2016.

Notified on November 9, 2016, the policy came over a year after the MHA took away control of services from the Arvind Kejriwal government in May, 2015. It states: "The transfer and postings of Chief Secretary/ Administrator and the senior-most police officer heading the policy force in the state/UT may be decided with the approval of Home Minister in consultation with Chief Minister of States concerned. A panel of three names can be suggested to CM... who may convey their response with reasons thereof on the panel within a period of 15 days."

"After considering the response received from the CM, the MHA may issue the orders for posting of Chief Secretary/ Administrator/Director General of Police. In case no response is received within a period of 15 days, the MHA may decide the matter at its own level. The transfer and posting of other officials shall be decided by joint cadre authority of AGMUT cadre," it states.

When contacted, a senior MHA official said while the policy does exist, in Delhi's case the Transaction of Business Rules (TBR) takes precedence, obviating the need to consult the CM.

But two Chief Secretaries, who served under the Sheila Dikshit government, told The Indian Express that while the L-G's approval was mandatory, the CM was always consulted. Even the first CS appointed under the Kejriwal government, K K Sharma, was among the three choices sent to AAP, a senior official in the CM's office said. "However, after the MHA notification, this convention was done away with. We were nowhere in the picture in the appointment of M M Kutty, Anshu Prakash and Vijay Dev," the official said.

Apart from Delhi, the states and Union Territories falling in the jurisdiction of AGMUT are Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Goa, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Daman and Diu, Dadar and Nagar Haveli, Lakshadweep and Puducherry.

The AAP said the move to replace Prakash was "unnecessary" as the issue of control over services is currently in the Supreme



Court.

"If a favourable verdict comes, we will pitch for a CS of our own choice, which will lead to complications," an official said.

But a former chief secretary said even a favourable verdict won't empower the Delhi government to have complete say on the choice of Chief Secretaries. "But the Centre will surely have to consult them at least," the CS said, on condition of anonymity.

Unofficial consultations with the Chief Minister in this regard came into practice also because of an MHA notification, dated September 24, 1998, which clearly spelt out that the Lieutenant Governor shall consult the CM even in cases falling under the domain of public order, police and services. But the MHA notification of 2015 had effectively superseded it.

With inputs from Rahul Tripathi

Crown Prince Muhammad Bin Salman, deputy premier and minister of defense, meets Vice President and Prime Minister of UAE and Ruler of Dubai Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum on the sidelines of Formula One Grand Prix at the Yas Marina circuit in Abu Dhabi. — SPA



Factors that increase your risk for a secondary cancer

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Several factors can make you more likely to develop a secondary cancer. Some are under your control. Others aren't. It's important for you to discuss your risks with your doctor and find out what you can do to lower your odds of developing cancer again. Equally important, discuss how often you need to get screened, so you can catch any new cancers early.

Childhood cancer. If you developed cancer before age 15, you'll need to stay on top of your health in the years to come. Some childhood tumors are caused by inherited syndromes that contribute to a lifelong increased risk for cancer. For example, Li-Fraumeni syndrome can lead to sarcoma, leukemia, and brain and breast cancers.

The treatments you received to combat childhood cancer can also make you more vulnerable to future malignancies.

Family history. When you have multiple close relatives who all developed a particu-

lar cancer, that's a very strong indication that your family carries a genetic susceptibility. Though you can't change your genes, you can get tested for genetic changes that are associated with increased cancer risk and — if you are at higher risk — be screened for those cancers and take other preventive measures.

Cancer treatment. Radiation, chemotherapy, and other cancer therapies, while necessary to cure your disease, can also trigger cellular changes that make you more vulnerable to a secondary cancer. Your doctor will make every possible effort to structure your initial treatment — for example, fine-tuning the drug and dose — to destroy the cancer, while minimizing your future cancer risks.

Age. The older you are, the higher your cancer risk. Each passing year brings more chronic conditions, more exposure to environmental factors that increase your risk, and a lower ability of cells to repair damage.

Lifestyle. Lifestyle is one cancer risk you can control. Many of the choices you make each day can influence — sometimes significantly — your chances of getting a future cancer. Here are a few things you can do to reduce your risks:

Eat a nutritious diet that's heavy in cancer-fighting foods, like broccoli and other cruciferous vegetables, dark leafy greens, beans and peas, berries, cherries, tomatoes, and nuts.

Exercise for at least 30 minutes a day, five days a week.

Keep your body mass index (BMI) within a healthy range.

If you smoke, ask your doctor for help



quitting. Also avoid secondhand smoke.

Limit alcohol intake to no more than one 6-ounce glass of wine (or the equivalent) a day for women and one or two glasses for men.

Wear UVA/UVB-protective sunscreen whenever you go outside.

WAYS TO HAVE A HEALTHIER CHRISTMAS

Christmas is notoriously a time to indulge, but don't let this be the green light to overindulge! You can still enjoy all the festivities of the season and get through the Christmas period without too much impact on your health and waistline. Try our top 10 tips for a healthier Christmas.

An image of 10 Ways To Have A Healthier Christmas

1 Don't sit down all day

We know every Christmas special under the sun will be showing on the TV, but you don't need to plonk yourself on the sofa all day! Encourage the whole family to get out for a walk at some point — ideally, after dinner to aid digestion. The more activity, the better, so take along any new outdoor gifts, like bikes, scooters, footballs or Frisbees, or play old-fashioned games.

2 Go easy on the booze

If you are firmly ensconced at home over the festive period, those alcohol units can really mount up. Mulled wine on Christmas eve, Bucks Fizz with breakfast, wine with dinner, Baileys, brandy... the list goes on! So, do try to keep tabs on how much you are drinking, and intersperse alcoholic drinks with soft ones.

3 Don't give yourself a Christmas stuffing! Recent research suggests that we consume around 3,000 calories in our Christmas dinner — more than the entire recommended daily intake for a grown man! This huge feast not only contributes to weight gain but also to indigestion and heartburn — not to mention lethargy for the rest of the day, reducing the chances of you burning much of it off. Instead of

gorging yourself on Christmas dinner, eat a normal-sized meal and then take a 20-minute break to see if you are still hungry (it takes this long for the brain to register that the stomach is full). The chances are, you'll realise you've had enough.

4 Keep colds at bay
Colds are rife at Christmas, partly because many of us travel around the country, exposing ourselves — and others — to different cold viruses. Minimise your risks by maintaining a healthy immune system (eating a healthy diet, getting enough sleep and not smoking will help), so you are more able to fight off any viruses.

5 Don't stress
'Tis the season to be jolly' but jolly is the last thing many of us feel with overspending, cooking, cleaning, endless 'to do' lists and visitors we could do without. Try to keep a sense of humor and proportion. Is it really the end of the world if the carrots are overcooked or if the mantelpiece is a bit dusty? Do you really care about Auntie Mary's disapproval of the fact that you and your partner are living together and aren't married? Remember, Christmas is just one day out of 365 and it isn't worth stressing over.

6 Eat fruit
Let's be honest, most of us get through the entire Christmas period eating no more fruit than the satsuma in the Christmas stocking. It just doesn't really feature on the Christmas menu. But at this time of late nights, overindulging and partying, it's more important than ever to get your vitamins and minerals, to help you stay in

good health. Ensure that your Christmas shopping list enables you to fill up the fruit bowl and get your recommended daily portions of fruit and veg. (And no, mulled wine doesn't count as one portion!)

7 Do something for others
It's hard to avoid the consumerism that has overtaken Christmas in the western world, but it doesn't all have to be about giving or receiving gifts. Try to do something for others this festive season, whether it's baking some extra mince pies for an elderly neighbor, inviting an acquaintance who doesn't have family around them to your home or helping out with a local Christmas fete or carol service.

8 Think before you eat
Christmas is a time of plenty, and with nuts, chocolates, mince pies and cheese straws wherever you look, it would be rather Scrooge-like to suggest that you don't eat any treats over the festive period! But rather than mindlessly popping whatever is in front of you in your mouth, spend a moment thinking about whether you really want it, or are just eating it because it's there.

9 Engage your brain
Instead of switching off in front of the TV, keep your mind active by playing

games like Trivial Pursuit or Charades. This is also a great way of getting everyone together. If you aren't a 'game' person,



engage your mind by setting up any new gadgets, such as Playstations, iPads, mobile phones or laptops.

10 Be a careful cook
If your Christmas duties include cooking the dinner, you won't be delighted to hear that according to the Food Standards Agency, December is one of the most common months for people to get food poisoning. To minimise the risks, don't leave food out all day. Put out small amounts at a time, so that what is on the table has just been cooked or just come out of the fridge. Ideally, try to use any leftovers within 48 hours or freeze them. As for the turkey, always defrost it in the fridge, allowing 10 to 12 hours per kilo and do not wash the bird, as this can spread bacteria around, which will be destroyed by cooking anyway.

And most importantly, have a happy, healthy festive season!

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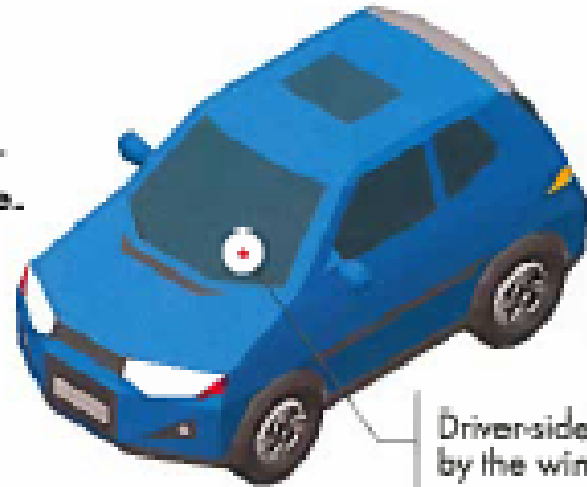
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Top 12 Holiday Decorating Safety Tips

The holiday season is here! No matter if you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa or all three, we're excited to share in the holiday spirit. It's easy to get caught up in the festivities, and while you're busy decorating the house, safety may be one of the last things on your mind.

According to the US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), there were 15,000 injuries related to holiday decorations in 2012. Mishaps send about 250 people to the ER daily, with falls, cuts and back strains topping the list of injuries. To ensure you have a safe, healthy, and happy holiday season with your friends and family, here are 12 tips to keep in mind as you deck out your home:

1. Keep live trees away from heat sources. Place your tree away from fireplaces and heaters, and keep a fire extinguisher near your tree. Live trees are highly flammable, due to needles and sap.
2. Hydrate your tree. A dried-out tree can catch fire faster than one that has been

properly watered. Check the water level every other day to ensure proper hydration. Starting with a green tree is one way to keep it from drying out so quickly.

3. Fake it! If you buy an artificial tree, make sure it's labeled "fire resistant." Fire-resistant trees are less susceptible to catching fire.
4. Don't burn wrapping paper in the fireplace. Paper can catch fire very quickly and can cause flash fires. Instead, recycle (or better yet, reuse!) your wrapping paper.
5. Work as a team. When stringing lights and decorations above your normal reach, make sure you use a proper ladder with someone supporting the base.
6. Double-check your lights for safety. Replace any lights with frayed wires, broken sockets, and loose connections. The CPSC issued new guidelines for seasonal light safety in 2015, setting a minimum wire size, and standards for strain relief

and over-current protection.

7. Power down before you turn in. Turn off all lights when you go to bed and before leaving the house to avoid a short that could start an electrical fire.
8. Prevent electrical cord damage. Don't mount lights in a way that might damage the cords, and avoid using nails or tacks. Use hooks or insulated staples instead.
9. Secure candles. Keep candles on a sturdy base to prevent tipping. Never leave a lit candle unattended.
10. Use unbreakable ornaments. If you have fragile ornament, place them out of reach from pets and kids.



11. Skip the fake food. Avoid decorations that look like candy or food if you have young children — or pets — in the house.

12. Beware of poisonous plants. While festive, poinsettias are poisonous when eaten, so keep them out of reach of kids and pets.

Happy holidays!

7 essential travel safety tips

Travel can be an exciting, eye-opening experience. It's easy to get caught up in the thrill of adventure. But don't forget about travel security and safety considerations while you're abroad.

Follow these 7 travel safety tips to help you take a trip that's memorable for all the right reasons.

1. Do your research
Get to know your destination in depth before you arrive. Read traveler reviews and consult with locals for information about the safest neighborhoods, places to stay and incidences of crime. Check the State Department's website for country updates and enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP).

Another important travel security precaution is to know whom to call in an emergency. Get the contact information for the nearest embassy or consulate, police station, and other local emergency departments.

2. Don't draw attention
People who look like they're from out of town are especially vulnerable to crime, so try to blend in as much as you can. Choose inconspicuous clothing that won't attract attention. Be discreet when looking at maps and approach people carefully if

you need to ask for directions.

Also consider investing in protective clothing and gear that will make it more difficult for pickpockets to steal money and other personal items.

3. Make copies of important documents
You never know when you might need a copy of your passport, driver's license or another form of identification. Scan these documents to save online and print out several hard copies. That way, you won't be scrambling to find proper documentation if you need to get home.

4. Keep your friends and family updated
No matter whether you're going, on an overnight jaunt or a month-long international journey, it's always a good idea to let friends or family back home know. Before you leave, send a copy of your itinerary to a few trusted people who can keep tabs on your whereabouts. Check in regularly with your contacts so they know you're where you're supposed to be.

5. Be wary of public Wi-Fi
Don't let the convenience of Internet access cloud your judgment. When you use public Wi-Fi, hackers looking to steal valuable information can access your data including credit card or Social Security numbers. If you do need wireless Internet

service, set up a virtual private network (VPN) that will allow you to access the Internet securely while traveling.

6. Safeguard your hotel room
Even if your hotel has strong security measures in place, there are steps you can take to make your room safer. Lock and dead-bolt the door and keep your windows shut. You can buy a jammer, which is a portable device that slips under the door for another layer of protection.

Try to give the impression that you're in your room even when you're away, such as placing the Do Not Disturb sign on the outside of your door and keeping the blinds or windows closed.

Don't let any strangers into your room, even if they say they work for the hotel. You can always call the front desk to check whether someone was ordered by hotel staff to come to your room.



7. Be aware of your surroundings
Don't let your guard down to snap the perfect picture for your social media platforms. Keep an eye on your personal belongings at all times and use good judgment when talking to strangers. A big part of the joy of traveling is the opportunities it affords to meet new people and learn about their cultures. But if someone near you is acting suspiciously, or if you feel uncomfortable, leave the area immediately.

Following these tips can help you travel safely, but no matter how many precautions you take the unexpected can always happen. Stay protected with travel insurance from Nationwide, and get peace of mind no matter where you go.



Your vehicle MAY be involved in a safety recall and MAY create a safety risk for you or your passengers. If left unrepaired, a potential safety defect could lead to injury or even death. Safety defects must be repaired by a dealer at no cost to you.

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V741
 Manufacturer : Thor Motor Coach
 Subject : LP Hose may Contact Refrigerator Base

Make	Model	Model Years
THOR	CHATEAU	2018-2019
THOR	FOUR WINDS	2018-2019
THOR	FREEDOM ELITE	2018-2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V759
 Manufacturer : Chrysler (FCA US LLC)
 Subject : Accelerator Pedal may be Trapped by Floor Mat

Make	Model	Model Years
JEEP	GRAND CHEROKEE	2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V760
 Manufacturer : Heartland Recreational Vehicles, LLC
 Subject : LP Hose for Outside Cooktop may Melt

Make	Model	Model Years
HEARTLAND	PIONEER	2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V761
 Manufacturer : Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC.
 Subject : Powertrain Control Unit may Reset Causing Stall

Make	Model	Model Years
MERCEDES BENZ	C300	2019
MERCEDES BENZ	C43 AMG	2019
MERCEDES BENZ	CLS450	2019
MERCEDES BENZ	CLS53	2019
MERCEDES BENZ	G550	2019
MERCEDES BENZ	G63	2019
MERCEDES-BENZ	E450	2019
MERCEDES-BENZ	E53	2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V762
 Manufacturer : Altec Industries Inc.
 Subject : Elevator Riser Assembly Cracks

Make	Model	Model Years
ALTEC	AERIAL DEVICE	2009

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V763
 Manufacturer : Thor Motor Coach
 Subject : Circuit Board Damage Affecting Lighting Functions

Make	Model	Model Years
THOR	ARIA	2017-2019
THOR	PALAZZO	2017-2019
THOR MOTOR COACH	TUSCANY	2017-2019
THOR MOTOR COACH	TUSCANY XTE	2017
THOR MOTOR COACH	VENETIAN	2017-2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V764
 Manufacturer : Grand Design RV, LLC
 Subject : Incorrectly Installed Mini Breaker May Cause Fire

Make	Model	Model Years
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GRAND DESIGN REFLECTION 2018-2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V765
 Manufacturer : Mack Trucks, Inc.
 Subject : Incorrect Plow Light Software/FM-VSS 108

Make	Model	Model Years
MACK	GRANITE (GU)	2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V766
 Manufacturer : Volvo Trucks North America
 Subject : Incorrect Plow Light Software//FMVSS 108

Make	Model	Model Years
VOLVO	VHD	2004-2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V767
 Manufacturer : Keystone RV Company
 Subject : Incorrect Location of Water Heater Exhaust

Make	Model	Model Years
CROSSROADS	CRUISER	2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V768
 Manufacturer : Forest River, Inc.
 Subject : Driver Side Window Shade may Lower Without Warning

Make	Model	Model Years
FOREST RIVER	BERKSHIRE	2018-2019
FOREST RIVER	CHARLESTON	2018
FOREST RIVER	FR3	2017-2019
FOREST RIVER	GEORGETOWN	2017-2019
FOREST RIVER	LEGACY	2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V769
 Manufacturer : Suzuki Motor of America, Inc.
 Subject : Fuel Tank may Crack due to Vent Line Restriction

Make	Model	Model Years
SUZUKI	KIZASHI	2010-2013

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V770
 Manufacturer : Forest River, Inc.
 Subject : Insufficiently Tightened Brake Caliper Bolts

Make	Model	Model Years
FOREST RIVER	BERKSHIRE	2018-2019
GLAVAL BUS	LEGACY	2019
STARTRANS	PS2	2018-2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V771
 Manufacturer : Kia Motors America
 Subject : Incorrect Low Beam Aiming/FM-VSS 108

Make	Model	Model Years
KIA	FORTE	2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number :

18V775
 Manufacturer : Ford Motor Company
 Subject : Air Bag may not Fully Inflate during Deployment

Make	Model	Model Years
FORD	FUSION	2010
LINCOLN	MKZ	2010-2012
MERCURY	MILAN	2010

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V776
 Manufacturer : Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing
 Subject : Unexpected Air Bag Deployment or Deactivation

Make	Model	Model Years
SCION	XA	2004-2006

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V777
 Manufacturer : Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)
 Subject : Coating on Rear Brake Caliper Pistons/FMVSS 135

Make	Model	Model Years
ACURA	MDX	2017-2019
ACURA	MDX SPORT HYBRID	2017-2018
HONDA	HR-V	2016, 2018-2019
HONDA	ODYSSEY	2018-2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V778
 Manufacturer : Mack Trucks, Inc.
 Subject : Loose Pinch Bolt may cause Loss of Steering

Make	Model	Model Years
MACK	ANTHEM (AN)	2019
MACK	GRANITE (GR)	2019
MACK	PINNACLE (PI)	2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V779
 Manufacturer : Triple E Recreational Vehicles
 Subject : Brake Line Damage may cause Loss of Braking

Make	Model	Model Years
TRIPLE E	UNITY	2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V780
 Manufacturer : Thor Motor Coach
 Subject : Insufficiently Tightened Brake Caliper Bolts

Make	Model	Model Years
THOR	ARIA	2018-2019
THOR MOTOR COACH	VENETIAN	2018-2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V782
 Manufacturer : National Van Builders, Inc.
 Subject : Seat Back may not Stay Upright/FMVSS 207

Make	Model	Model Years
FORD	TRANSIT	2015-2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V783

Manufacturer : Blue Bird Body Company
 Subject : Alternator Cables may Rub and Chafe

Make	Model	Model Years
BLUE BIRD	VISION	2017-2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V784
 Manufacturer : Blue Bird Body Company
 Subject : Alternator Cables may Rub and Chafe

Make	Model	Model Years
BLUE BIRD	BBCV	2017-2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V774
 Manufacturer : General Motors LLC
 Subject : Air Bags may not Deploy Due to Incorrect Setting

Make	Model	Model Years
BUICK	ENCORE	2019
CHEVROLET	SPARK	2019
CHEVROLET	TRAVERSE	2019
CHEVROLET	TRAX	2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V781
 Manufacturer : Lotus Cars Limited
 Subject : Steering Column may not Properly Collapse

Make	Model	Model Years
LOTUS	EVORA	2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V785
 Manufacturer : Keystone RV Company
 Subject : Brake Disc Fasteners May Fail

Make	Model	Model Years
KEYSTONE	MONTANA	2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V786
 Manufacturer : Chrysler (FCA US LLC)
 Subject : Out of Position Door Latch may cause Door to Open

Make	Model	Model Years
JEEP	WRANGLER	2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V793
 Manufacturer : Ducati North America
 Subject : Vibrations may Distort Rear View Mirror Images

Make	Model	Model Years
DUCATI	SUPERSPORT	2017-2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V795
 Manufacturer : Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)
 Subject : Power Sliding Doors May Open While Moving

Make	Model	Model Years
HONDA	ODYSSEY	2018-2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V807
 Manufacturer : Ford Motor Company
 Subject : Fuel Pressure Sensor may Leak Fuel

Make	Model	Model Years
FORD	EXPLORER	2018

PK Lele A Salesman Story

The movie revolves around an eccentric duo, consisting of a comically hilarious but kind-hearted salesman PK (Manav Sohal) and Lele (Brijendra Kala) who sell undergarments of Anmol Macho brand for their daily bread. PK is an innocent guy and wants to get married to someone and live a happy & peaceful life altogether, but he has no idea about how the world around him is.

PK Falls in love with this beautiful girl Mary Marlo (Vaishnavi Dhanraj) who is a daughter of a Business Tycoon, named Monika Marlo (Shravani Goswami). Their life takes an unexpected turn when in-order to impress Mary & her mom he does something which turns his whole life into a blunder. Shah Rukh Khan's Marriage broker from the trailer of Zero, Brijendra Kala is back to the big screen in lead role along with actor Manav Sohal who has played lead roles in Ek Pyaar Aisa Bhi & Ek Aur Jang with Dharmender, Raj

Babbar & Mukesh Khanna and good supporting roles in his previous films, which include Chandni Bar, Brothers, Grand Masti etc. Sohal has this time decided to take up a different role to woo his fans.

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Tycoon, named Monika Marlo (Shravani Goswami).

Written and directed by Manav Sohal, the film is all set to hit the screens on December 14, 2018. The movie also stars Shravani Goswami & Vaishnavi Dhanraj in important roles along with Jiten Mukhi and Falguni Rajani (Gulfam Kali) in supporting. Nayab Ali has composed the music for the movie.

SIMMBA

Ranveer "Simmba" is a fully corrupted police officer who gets transferred to City-X. There he joins hands with Main Antagonist "Actor-X" and treads the corruption route. Twist in the tale arises when Simmba girlfriend "Sara" gets accidentally kidnapped by Actor-X. This incident makes Simmba very angry and he goes against Actor-X and his empire. During this time, Simmba also comes to know that there is a bigger motive behind this kidnap-

ping. What is that motive and will Simmba manage to find out the truth and punish the culprits forms the rest of the story. Simmba is a Bollywood quirky comedy movie, directed by Rohit Shetty. The movie star Ranveer Singh & Sara Ali Khan in the lead roles.

Ranveer will be seen playing the role of a quirky cop in Simmba.



Kedarnath

After much ado, Abhishek Kapoor's 'Kedarnath' starring Sushant Singh Rajput and debutant Sara Ali Khan is finally gearing up for the release on December 7. However, it seems the cast is no going have a smooth sail till their release as well. According to reports, a right wing group on Wednesday moved to the High Court seeking a ban on the release of 'Kedarnath' alleging that the movie promotes the concept of love-jihad. The report also stated that the petition has been filed by International Hindu Sena on Wednesday and is likely to be taken up for a hearing next week. The petitioner has also claimed that the film shows a kissing scene at Kedarnath, a religious site of Hindus, which is unacceptable and affects religious sentiments. Sushant Singh Rajput and Sara Ali Khan are all set for the release of their upcoming film 'Kedarnath'. Sara will be making her debut with the film. And after the release of the trailer of the film, the audience is eagerly waiting to watch the new pair on screen.

Now, the director of the film, Abhishek Kapoor took to his Instagram account to share a throwback picture of Sushant wherein he can be seen sitting in a meditating pose with the Kedarnath temple in the backdrop. Sharing the story behind the picture, he wrote, "On June 16 th, 2013 a massive cloud burst along with the bursting of chorabari lake that sat way up on the mountains above the kedarnath temple, brought down an unimaginable amount of water that eventually destroyed

innumerable villages and thousands lost their lives. Despite all that destruction the temple stood its ground. This was due to a massive boulder that rolled down and parked it self right behind the temple and protected it.. all the prayers and faith of pilgrims and the power of shiva made that possible.. I Believe That.. that rock today is called #bhimshila .. before the start of our shoot @sushantsinghrajput sitting ahead of that rock, meditating and harnessing the energy/blessings of #bholenath for the journey ahead #jaibholenath #shambhoo #kedarnath @saraalikhan95 @rsvpmovies @gitspictures @pragyadav #ronniescrewv-ala". Meanwhile, the film is all set to hit the silver screens on December 7, 2018 As the trailer of Sara Ali Khan and Sushant Singh Rajput starrer 'Kedarnath' launched today, the media shot a plethora of questions at the stars. Out of the bundle, one question that reportedly made Sara Ali Khan react really strong was, when she was asked that out of 'Kedarnath' and 'Simmba' if she had to choose one as her debut, which one would she have picked. According to the reports, to the question, Sara replied, "Both are such different films and such different experiences, how can you ask me such a question? I am just grateful that both the movies chose me." Slated to release on December 7, 'Kedarnath' is being helmed by Abhishek Kapoor. The movie features a beautiful love story set against the backdrop of the Uttarakhand floods that wreaked havoc in 2013 After the trailer

of Sara Ali Khan and Sushant Singh Rajput starrer 'Kedarnath' came out, it seemed like the troubled film will finally release on December 7. But now, the film has hit troubled waters once again. Days after the trailer of the film was released, it received backlash from priests of the temple town who demanded a blanket ban on the Abhishek Kapoor directorial. The teerth purohiths of Uttarakhand's Chardham have said that the movie hurts Hindu religious sentiments by as it promotes 'love jihad'. The chairman of the priests based in Kedarnath, Vinod Shukla reportedly said that they will launch an agitation if the movie is not banned as they have been told that it hurts the Hindu religious sentiments by promoting 'love jihad' (an alleged campaign under which Muslim men target the non-Muslim women for conversion to Islam)



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The chairman further added that the priests had also protested against the film when its "vulgar dance sequences" were being shot around Kedarnath shrine. Incidentally, locals have already started protesting against its release. Ajendra Ajay, a state BJP leader has also demanded a ban on the film. While tweeting his unhappiness on his social media account, he said that protests have already begun in Rudraprayag and Kotdwar and tagged the chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification, Prasoon Joshi for the film to be banned. Ajay said that "The movie appears to be an effort to promote love jihad. Couldn't the director find a single Hindu name or character for the main lead? Also, kissing and romantic scenes in a holy place worshipped by crores of people are a disrespect to the religion."

HINDI MOVIE RELEASE DATES

Opening	Title	Director	Cast	Genre
D E C	7	<i>Kedarnath</i>	Abhishek Kapoor Sushant Singh Rajput · Sara Ali Khan	Drama
	14	<i>PK Lele A Salesman</i>	Manav Sohal Manav Sohal · Brijendra Kala · Sravani Goswami · Vaishnavi Dhanraj	Adult-comedy
		<i>Mangal Ho</i>	Pritish Chakraborty Pritish Chakraborty · Aanushka Ramesh · Sanjay Mishra · Annu Kapoor · Vrajesh Hirjee · Mukesh Bhatt · Swati Kumar · Oksana Rasulova · Shahnawaz Pradhan · Aarif Sheikh · Murli Sharma	Sci-fi/comedy
		<i>The Accidental Prime Minister</i>	Vijay Ratnakar Gutte Anupam Kher · Akshaye Khanna	Biopic
	21	<i>Zero</i>	Aanand L. Rai Shah Rukh Khan · Katrina Kaif · Anushka Sharma · Tigra Manshu Dhulia	Comedy/drama
28	<i>Simmba</i>	Rohit Shetty Ranveer Singh · Sara Ali Khan · Sonu Sood	Action Comedy	

ZERO

Filmmaker Aanand L Rai is all set to bring back the terrific trio Shah Rukh Khan, Anushka Sharma and Katrina Kaif together in his upcoming film 'Zero' and the director along with his cast is leaving no stone unturned to make the most of the time before the release of the film.

Rai recently shared a set to pictures on his twitter handle where he can be seen posing with the gorgeous Anushka and the legendary AR Rahman. While in one picture, the filmmaker can be seen posing with his actress, the other one has all the three sharing the frame, making it one perfect picture!

Anand L Rai captioned the picture as, 'I think I am at a right place at a right time with right people. Honest, simple, good hearted super human beings and rest follows Shah Rukh Khan recently launched the trailer of this upcoming film 'Zero' on his birthday and the audience have even given it a thumbs up. Prior to the release of the trailer, SRK had shared a glimpse of himself along with Salman Khan shaking a leg together.

According to reports, the song is titled to be 'Ishqbaazi' and will be released on November 21. The two megastars who were last seen in Salman's 'Tubelight' will again be blazing the screen on fire with their impeccable camaraderie.

'Zero' which is helmed by Aanand L Rai also stars Katrina Kaif and Anushka Sharma. SRK will be seen essaying the character of a vertically challenged man and the film is slated to release on December 21, 2018. Shah Rukh Khan, Katrina Kaif and Anushka Sharma are all set for the release of their upcoming film 'Zero'. Helmed by Aanand L Rai, the film has been rocking headlines since the announcement. The filmmaker has got along with the cast really well and all of them share a good bond with each other now. Aanand's

recent Instagram post is proof of that. He shared a collage of pictures wherein he can be seen posing with the lead cast. The caption of the picture read, "Sometimes we never come to know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory. Thank you for such beautiful memories in this heartfelt journey of #zero." Shah Rukh Khan's 53rd birthday was a double celebration for all his die-hard fans. The trailer of his upcoming film 'Zero' was released on his birthday and this was surely the biggest treats for all the fans. Recently, Shah Rukh Khan was asked about AbRam's reaction to the trailer of the film.

When SRK was asked about AbRam's reaction to the trailer of the film, he reportedly said that at age five, a person becomes a little sensible and so this will be the first film that could probably appeal to AbRam. His 'Jab Harry Met Sejal' was a little adult for a kid. So perhaps Zero will be the first film that he will like or dislike.

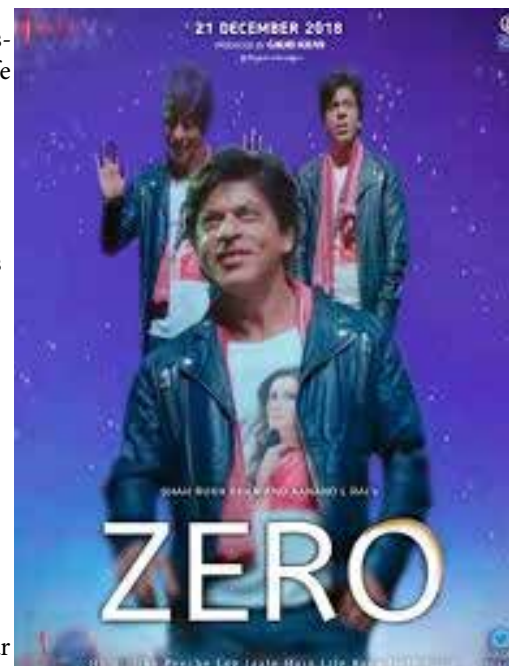
Directed by Aanand L Rai, 'Zero' also stars Anushka Sharma and Katrina Kaif. The response for 'Zero' trailer has been tremendous and people have been raving about the three leads Shah Rukh Khan, Anushka Sharma and Katrina Kaif. Now, as fans wait for the release date, they have the songs to look forward to. In the trailer itself, we could hear some background music and get a glimpse of what the soundtrack will be like. Now for some good news, here's when the first song from 'Zero' will come out. According to reports, the first track of 'Zero', which can be heard in the trailer will come out on November 19, 2018. The name of the song is 'Mera Naam Tu' Shah Rukh Khan released the trailer of his upcoming film 'Zero' on his 53rd birthday. The actor garnered a lot of appreciation for the trailer of the film. We all are aware of the two songs of the film, one featuring Salman Khan and another one 'Jab Tak' which is included in the trailer.

Now, according to the latest reports, the film will have a Qawwali and high-voltage

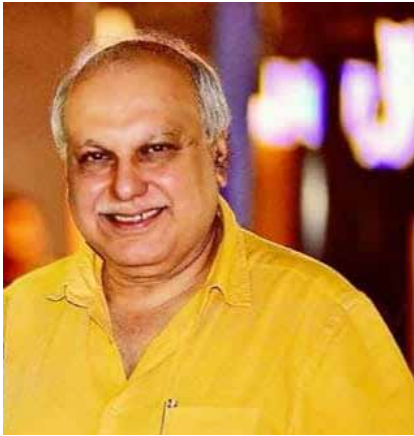
dance number too. The Qawwali will be filmed on SRK while Katrina Kaif is all set the groove you with her special song. Choreographer Bosco Martis said that the team has designed something special. With only a month left for the release of his movie, Shah Rukh Khan will himself come

to Salman Khan's 'Bigg Boss' to promote 'Zero', if reports are to be believed. This won't be SRK's first appearance on this controversial show for promotions, but if he gets inside the house to meet the contestants then it will be something that the viewers have not seen before. It is not confirmed if Anushka Sharma and Katrina Kaif will also accompany the superstar. Salman has reportedly declared that 'Zero' will be promoted very aggressively on the show. And rumours are rife that SRK will be making an appearance on the show, not once but twice. He will come early in December and then when the release date is closer Shah Rukh Khan has once again mesmerised one and all by giving us a glimpse of his outstanding performance in the trailer of his upcoming film. The trailer not only received positive reviews from the audience and critics but also from the Bollywood celebs.

Shah Rukh Khan recently took to his Twitter handle to express his gratitude towards everyone for showering the trailer of his upcoming film with so much of love and appreciation. He wrote, '#ZeroTrailer ko itna saaraa pyaar dene ke liye aap sabhi logon ka dilse shukriya! Chote aadmi ko itna bada bana diya'



The Aanand L Rai directorial also stars Katrina Kaif and Anushka Sharma in the lead roles. It is slated to release on December 21.



Former Indian cricket team skipper Mohammad Azharuddin was appointed as the working president of the Congress party in Telangana and Zafer Javed appointed as Working Vice President of Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee.



MP Asaduddin Owaisi of MIM at a campaign in Yakutpura constituency



Janab Alhaj Mumtaz Ahmed Khan Sahab Filing nomination in sardar mahal with thousands of supporters behind him .. Seen in the pictures Janab Nizam Ali Khan Sahab .. Janab Shakeel Seth ... Janab Nizam Qadri Sahab and many more thousands of supporters of #AIMIM
Courtesy: Farid Ali Khan



Shakil Aamir contesting from Bodhan on TRS ticket with CM KCR



Honorable MP Hyderabad Barrister Asad Uddin Owaisi Sahab, Honorable MLA Candidate Karwan Kausar Mohiuddin Sahab And Nal nagr Corporator Mohammed Naseruddin Sahab And All Corporators of Karwan Constituency Door To Door Election Campaigning At Al-Kareem Colny, Minar Colny Shatam Nagar, MDLines, Darga Nagar, Ahmed Colny and Surrounding Area Under Karwan Constituency Along with AIMIM Primary Unit Bodies. Courtesy: Mohammed Qadeer

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YAKUTPURA
WITH **MAJEEDULLAH**
KHAN FARHAT

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تم اپنے واسطے سارا جہان لو گے کیا؟

قدم قدم سے ملا کر جو چل رہے ہو تم
قدم قدم پہ مرا امتحان لو گے کیا؟

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کبھی تو لے لیا، اب میری جان لو گے کیا؟

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سو تم سے جو بھی کہوں گا، وہ مان لو گے کیا؟

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اسے جلا کے تم اب اک مکان لو گے کیا؟

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بچا ہے سر پہ جو اب سائبان، لو گے کیا؟

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س شاعر وہاں جانا چھوڑ دیتا ہوں
جس محفل سے نہ ملے داد وہاں شعر سنانا چھوڑ دیتا ہوں
سنا ہے حسینوں کو عینک والا چہرہ پسند نہیں آتا
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شاعر

شکاگو میں جس حال میں ہوں میرے صنم رہنے دے
کوئی کام نہ بول میرے ہاتھوں میں قلم رہنے دے
میں تو شاعر ہوں، میرا دل ہے بڑا ہی نازک
میں تو پلانے سے بھی مر جاؤں گا، ہم رہنے دے

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معتبر

دل کرتا ہے کھانے کو بریانی کباب اور پائے
پھر سے کہیں وہ سبزی دال کا نہ ذکر کر دے
ایک دن بیگم بھی مان لے مجھ کو شاعر
”میرے خدا مجھے اتنا تو معتبر کر دے“

صبح سہیل - علی گڑھ (انڈیا)

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بیکسی زیت میں شامل کبھی ایسی تو نہ تھی
اب جو ہے کلیف دل کبھی ایسی تو نہ تھی
یوں تو ہر کام پہ کھلتے رہے زخموں کے گلاب
زندگی صورت نکل کبھی ایسی تو نہ تھی
مہراں پہلے بھی کبھی میری تقدیر مگر
جیسی ہے آج یہ غافل کبھی ایسی تو نہ تھی
چٹکیں ماہ وفا میں تو ہمیشہ آئیں
فکر دشواری منزل کبھی ایسی تو نہ تھی
کرتے آئے ہیں نفاں اہل گستاخ لیکن
حاجب جہم مناد کبھی ایسی تو نہ تھی
عام تھی رسم وفا پہلے بھی سہیل لیکن
تیزی خنجر قاتل کبھی ایسی تو نہ تھی

صوفیا انجم تاج - (امریکہ)

قاش درقاش

خواب کی کرچوں کے ڈیرے سے بچتے بچتے
تیرگی کا تھی بچپان دریا کے قریں
آخری بڑھی بھو فرقا رہا کرتی ہے
اپنے بھروسے کو ہلاتے ہوئے گردنی ہوں لہروں کے پرد
اور خود سوچ میں ڈوب کے کھوجاتی ہوں
یک بیک زور سا طوفان اٹھا
دور اس پار غلاؤں میں کہیں
رقص آمادہ ہوئی
اڑتے پھرتے ہوئے لفظوں کے فسوں ساز پولوں کی قطار
سکتی یادوں کے ہوئی
ایک اک کر کے نمودار ہوئے
دور و نزدیک کے بے نام سے اندیشوں میں
در کھلے خوابوں کے، اٹھانی تباہوں کے



پھر ہوا یوں
کسی آہٹ کی سی آواز آئی
شاخ سے آخری پتا ٹوٹا
اور وہ چاند سی پانی میں
قاش درقاش بکھرتا ہوا
تحلیل ہوا



تو نیت انصاف برآمد
غزل

دل میں جو بھی تھا، وہ دل میں رہ گیا
وقت خود، سارا فسانہ کہہ گیا
لوت آیا، اک بڑانا دور پھر
پھر کوئی، پہلو بدل کر رہ گیا
رو لیے کھل کر، تو کچھ ایسا نکا
مجھے آنکھوں سے سندر بہ گیا
اک قیامت تھی کہ آئی اور مٹی
جو بھی دیکھا، دیکھا ہی رہ گیا
جال کو لے کر اڑا جس کا حکارا
وہ حکاری، ہاتھ مل کر رہ گیا
ہر قدم پر تھی ستم کی انتہا
پھر بھی دل، بٹتے ہوئے سب سہ گیا
بڑھ گئی اب، اور بھی کچھ، بڑھتی ا
جانے کوئی، کان میں، کیا کہہ گیا
جو بھی تھا تو تین، دنیا کہہ چکی
اور کچھ کہنے کو، اب کیا رہ گیا
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ندیم شری

بیا تو زیت کو جینا سکھا گیا وہ شخص
نرا تو موت کو آنکھیں دکھا گیا وہ شخص
گلاب چہرہ نظر آیا فاصلے سے مگر
قریب آیا تو کانٹے چبھا گیا وہ شخص
فسانے اور بھی دنیا میں تھے بہت لیکن
مرے ہی درد کا قصہ سنا گیا وہ شخص



تھکی تھکی سی زباں ڈبڈبائی آنکھوں سے
ہنسا تو دل کے بچپولے دکھا گیا وہ شخص
عجب طرح کا تھا عالم کہ فیس بک پر بھی
مرے وقار کو بنا لگا گیا وہ شخص
نہ جانے کب سے لگا تار کھا رہا تھا اوجھار
ہر ایک بنگ کو چونا لگا گیا وہ شخص
نہیں تھا مگر کوئی شکوہ تو آئینے میں ندیم
مجھ ہی کو کیوں مرا چہرہ دکھا گیا وہ شخص



احمد علی برقی اعظمی
غزل

نہ آئے کام کسی کے جو زندگی کیا ہے
بشر نواز نہ ہو جو وہ آدمی کیا ہے
زمانہ ساز ہیں جو وہ ہیں مصلحت اندیش
جو ہو غلوں سے عاری وہ دوستی کیا ہے
پس از وقت نہ لیں جس کا نام اس کے عزیز
تو گری ہے اگر یہ تو غلطی کیا ہے
کہ نہ دست درای خدا کے بندوں پر
ہے نام اس کا شجاعت تو بزدلی کیا ہے
حقیقی دوستی وہ ہے جو جس میں جوش و خروش
نکلا روح نہ ہو جس میں خوش دلی کیا ہے
عزیز تر ہیں مجھے خود سے بھی حسن پیشی
بتاؤں آپ کو کیا بندہ پروری کیا ہے
نہ ہو جو قاری و ساحل پہ کچھ اڑانداز
فریب محض ہے برقی وہ شاعری کیا ہے



فراز بھنگوی
غزل

بزار رنج سر آنکھوں پہ بات ہی کیا ہے
تری خوشی کے تقدیر مری خوشی کیا ہے
خدا بچائے تری مت مست آنکھوں سے
فرشتے تو بہک جائے آدمی کیا ہے
گزاروں تری غم میں جو عرض لے
ترے کار یہ وہ دن کی زندگی کیا ہے
غم نہاں کا تصرف ارے معاذ اللہ
ہنسی کا خون ہے لب پر مرے ہنسی کیا ہے
بھری بہار کہاں اور قفس کہاں صیاد
کچھ میں آج یہ آیا کہ بے بسی کیا ہے
وہ اور ہیں جو طلب گار غلہ ہیں دامد
نگاہ یاد سلامت مجھے کسی کیا ہے
کھڑے ہوئے ہیں وہ کب سے نظر جھکائے ہوئے
نہاں ہوش میں آج یہ بے خودی کیا ہے

حسن پیشی
غزل

تری نگاہ کرم ہے تو پھر کی کیا ہے
ترے کار مجھے فکر زندگی کیا ہے
عجب مجھے ہے محبت کا ہنہ رنگیں
پھر اس کے بعد بسا غم و خوشی کیا ہے
مری نظر ہے بہار چمن کی جلوہ شناس
میں جاتا ہوں تامل گفتگی کیا ہے
بہت بلند مقام حیات ہے ہم
زمانہ ساز نگاہوں کو آگہی کیا ہے
نگاہ اہل زمانہ پہ کاش کھل جائے
کہ ایک مرگ مسلسل ہے زندگی کیا ہے
چٹک رہے ہیں تمہاری نگاہ کے ساغر
پھر اس کے بعد تنائے میکشی کیا ہے
انہر رہے ہیں فریب نکلاؤں میں جو حسن
انہیں خبر ہی نہیں غم کی زندگی کیا ہے

ایک شعر



اک محب ہر ہے ہر کہ جس میں ہر شخص
خود تھائی ہے اور خود ہی تھائی ہے
پروین شیر

On the lighter side....



Tech support: "What does the screen say now?"

Customer: "It says 'Hit enter when ready.'"

Tech support: "Well?"

Customer: "How do I know when it's ready?"

We visited our newly married daughter, who was preparing her first Thanksgiving dinner. I noticed the turkey thawing in the kitchen sink with a dish drainer inverted over the bird. I asked why a drainer covered the turkey.

Our daughter turned to my wife and said, "Mom, you always did it that way."

"Yes," my wife replied, "but you don't have a cat!"

A girl in our office, from South American, is always in a hurry...

We call her URGENT-TINA.

A lady lost her handbag at the mall. An honest young lad found it and returned it to her.

Looking in her purse, she said, "Hmm, that's funny. When I lost my bag, there was a \$20 bill in it. Now there are twenty \$1 bills."

The boy replied, "That IS funny. The last time I found a lady's purse, she didn't have any change for a reward"

My neighbor shaves 15-20 times a day...

No, he's not crazy... he's just a barber

Grandson: "When did you first realize you were getting

old, grandpa?"

Grandpa: "When I started having my midnight snack at 9:30 pm.

Waiter, it's been half hour since I ordered that turtle soup."

"Yes, sir, but you know how slow turtles are

A chemist's favorite carnival ride is...

The Ferrous Whee

Deep in the back woods of Tennessee, a farmer's wife went into labor in the middle of the night and the doctor was called out to assist in the delivery. Since there was no electricity, the doctor handed the father-to-be a lantern and said, "Here. You hold this high so I can see what I am doing." Soon, a baby boy was brought into the world.

"Whoa there," said the doctor, "don't be in such a rush to put that lantern down. I think there's another one coming." Sure enough, within minutes he had delivered a baby girl.

"Hold that lantern up, don't set it down there's another one!" said the doctor. Within a few minutes he had delivered a third baby.

"No, don't be in a hurry to put down that lantern, it seems there's yet another one coming!" cried the doctor.

The farmer scratched his head in bewilderment, and asked the doctor, "You think it might be the light that's attracting them?"

A man went to see his doctor because he was suffering from a miserable cold. His doctor prescribed some pills, but they didn't help.

On his next visit the doctor gave him a shot, but that didn't do any good, either.

On his third visit the doctor told the man to go home and take a hot bath. As soon as he was finished bathing he was to throw open all the windows and stands in the draft.

"But doc," protested the patient, "if I do that, I'll get pneumonia."

"I know," said his physician, "I can cure pneumonia

Hey, cabby! How much to take me to the station?"

"Five bucks, sir."

"And how much for my suitcase?"

"No charge for the suitcase, sir."

"Okay. Take the case and I'll walk

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