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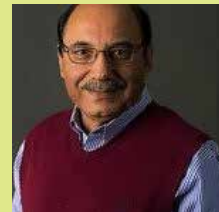
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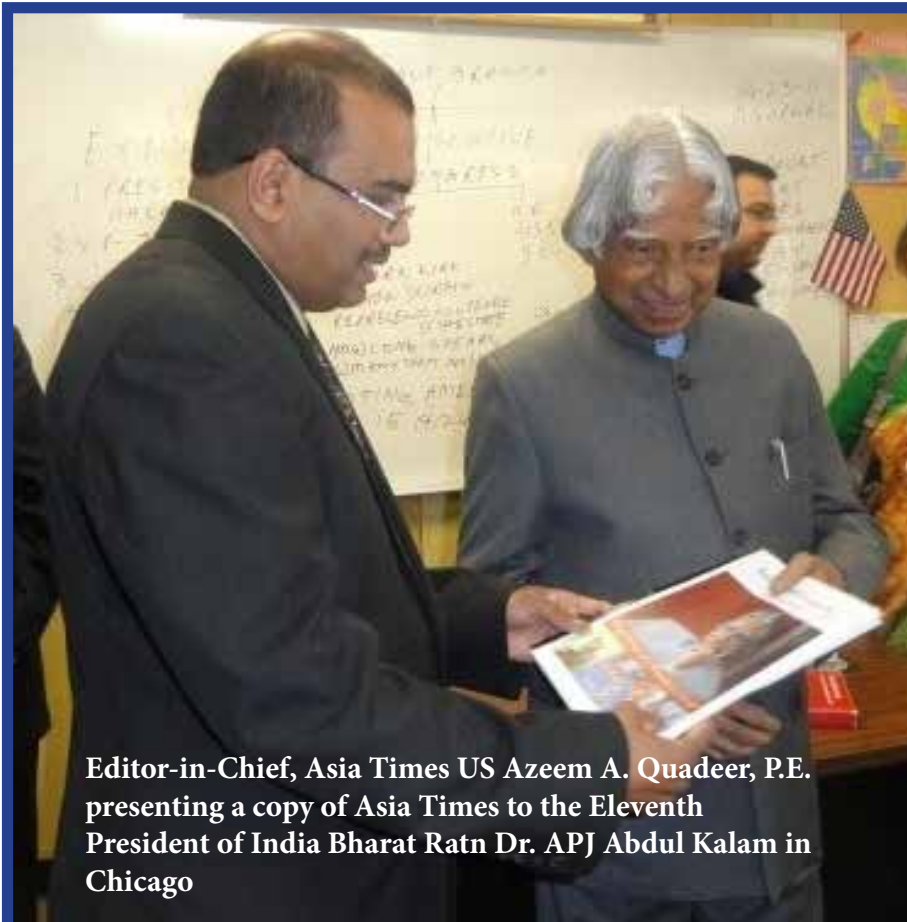
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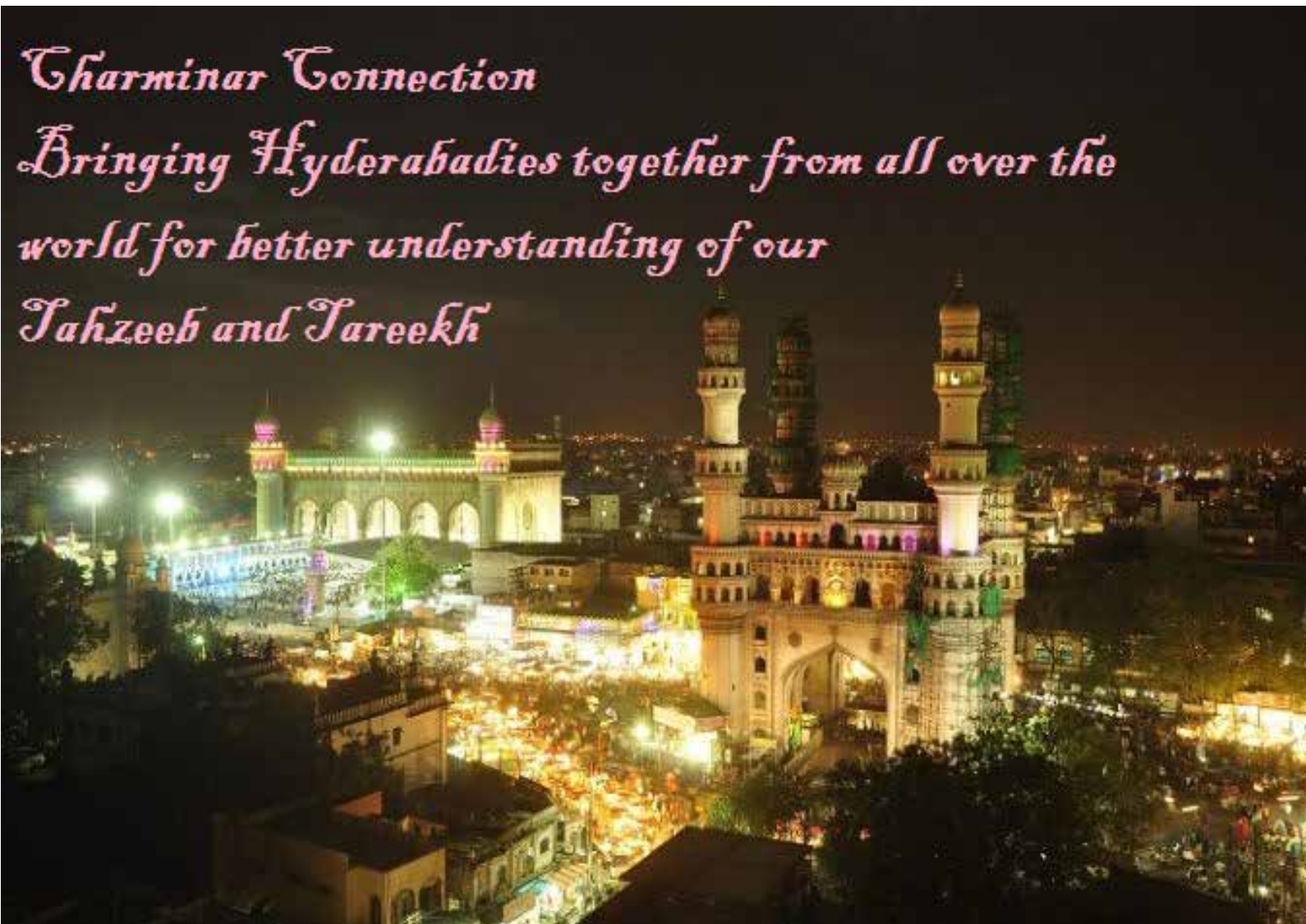
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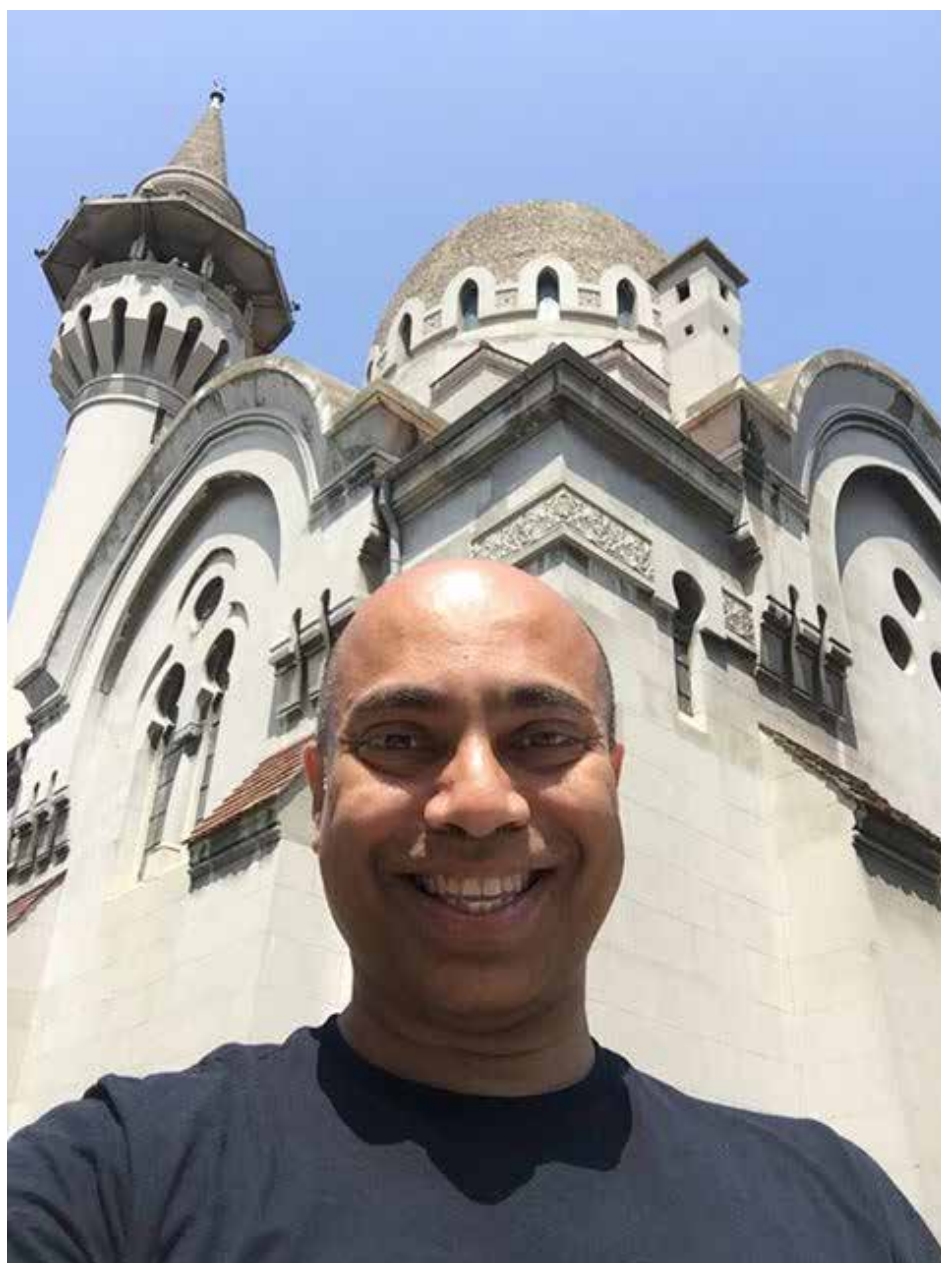
ASLAM FARSHORI from Hyderabad, India is a Poet, Writer, Producer, Director, Host & Media Consultant. He recently visited Dallas. He was felicitated in Urdu Adab Dallas monthly gathering. Azhar Bukhari, founder of the organization along with Sameer Siddiqui presented him with a plaque. Azeem A. Quadeer, Editor-in-Chief, Asia Times US presented him and others with copies of souvenir of Centenary Celebrations of Osmania University presented by Glory of Hyderabad. Mirza Pervez Baig of Charminar Connection, Shawkat Mohammed of New York Life and son Salman Farshori were also present.

Mr. Farshori is one of India's leading radio and TV personality, currently working as Managing Editor of English evening newspaper 'Evening Standard' published from Hyderabad. He was also the head of ETV Urdu channel which is the only Indian television channel to have 100% Urdu content. Aslam Farshori became a very popular name in Urdu media and household name in Hyderabad, India due to his role as the host for the famous radio show Choti Choti Batein in late 70's and Mirzaji Ka Deewan Khana in the 90's. These shows had more ratings than television shows in those days.

He is also one of the lead compere for the national and international Mushairas. He has been the host for Mushairas with big names like Nida Fazli, Kaifi Azmi, Ahmed Faraz, Bashir Badr, Nawaz Deobandi and many more. Won a lot of awards in realization of his work and contribution for theater, television, Urdu language and Urdu poetry. Born to a family of aristocrats, his interest in Urdu literature started at very early age as he remembers getting inspired by the most notable poets in the world.

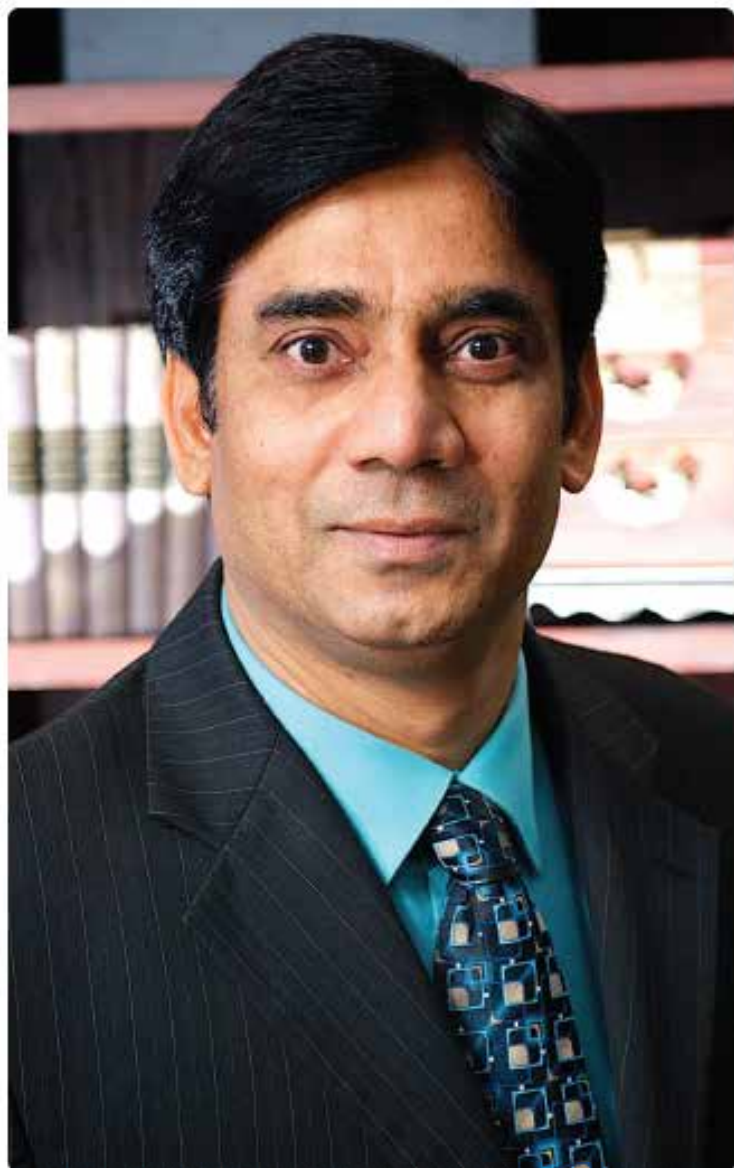


SOCH, hangout at Tampura grill restaurant, Plano, TX



The Grand Mosque of Constanta in Romania. Built in 1912 by King Carol I for Romania's Muslims, it symbolizes the diverse cultural heritage of this nation, a land where Muslims have lived alongside Christians for almost a thousand years. Vlad the Impaler sought to destroy Islam in the region with his fanaticism, but the inclusive nature of the Romanian people was not so easily poisoned by his extremism. His brother Radu joined with the Ottoman Turks to overthrow Vlad, who was ultimately killed by his own soldiers after he sought to embroil them in further religious wars.

While some Romanians resented Ottoman dominance at times, Romanians today have perhaps a more sympathetic view of the Ottoman period. The Ottoman Muslims practiced broad religious tolerance, which was sorely missed when Romania fell under the control of Catholic Hapsburgs who ruthlessly persecuted Orthodox Christians. In contemporary times, Romania has strong relationships with the Muslim world, and Romanian engineers played a significant role in modernizing the infrastructure of countries such as Syria, Libya and Tunisia. The presence of Constanta Mosque in Romania today represents the final defeat of Vlad Dracula



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India Independence Day

“At the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom. A moment comes, which

History
In 1947, after the World War II, Britain could see that it no longer could hold

Karachi. On the midnight of August 15, 1947 India was sworn in as an independent country with Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru as the prime minister and viceroy then as Lord Mountbatten. The official ceremony took place in Delhi. Great leaders and freedom fighters like Mahatma Gandhi, Abul Kalam Azad Jinnah, B. R. Ambedkar and Master Tara Singh are few of the many to whom India owes its freedom.



every citizen of India irrespective of caste, creed and religion. It is amazing to see how apart from the normal government offices and educational institutions the day is celebrated even in small colonies and associations. There are costume parties and people, old or young, men or women, dress up in a nationalistic way. There are many documentaries aired and grave of martyrs are paid respect. Every citizen does something or the other to mark this day of freedom. Media is not far behind as most of the channels telecast latest or classic films based on the independence theme. Also, there are patriotic programs that are organized and broadcasted. In short, every person in the country revels in the nationalistic pride.



comes but rarely in history, when we step out from the old to the new...India discovers herself again.” - Jawaharlal Nehru

After more than two hundred years of British rule, India finally won back its freedom on 15th August, 1947. All the patriotic hearts rejoiced at seeing India becoming a sovereign nation and the triumph of hundreds and thousands of martyred souls. It was a birth of a new nation and a new beginning. The only fact that marred the happiness of the fruits by the blood of martyrs was the fact that the country was divided into India and Pakistan and the violent communal riots took away a number of lives. It was on the eve of 15th of August, 1947 that India tricolor flag was unfurled by Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India, on the ramparts the Red Fort, Delhi.

its power over India. It was becoming increasingly difficult and Indian freedom fighters were in no mood to give up. With the international support also coming to an end, Britain decided to relive India from their power but not before June 1948. However, the impending independence more so enhanced the violence between Hindus and Muslims in the provinces of Punjab and Bengal. The communal violence grew so large that it became impossible for new viceroy Lord Mountbatten to control it and as such, he advanced the date for the transfer of power, allowing less than six months for a mutually agreed plan for independence. Thus, India gained its independence on August 15, 1947 but not without paying a heavy price. Partition was done and a separate state for the Muslims was formed, with Muhammad Ali Jinnah being sworn in as Pakistan's first Governor General in

Celebrations
The day is celebrated to commemorate the birth of the world's biggest democracy as a national holiday. All the schools and colleges across nation hoist the national flag on the rooftops and the buildings to symbolize the stature of the national flag as nation's pride. Not only the educational institutions but also offices and business areas celebrate this day. Since it is declared a national holiday by the government of India, all the institutions, government or otherwise, have holiday. People only go to offices to attend the flag hoisting ceremony. The Prime Minister addresses the Nation after the flag has been unfurled recounting the country's achievements of the year, discussing current major issues and future plans for the progress of the country. Kite-flying has also become a tradition on this day and people can be seen flying numerous kites of all colors, sizes and shapes symbolizing the freedom.

Independence Day is celebrated throughout India and every corner of the country on 15th August every year. Independence Day is celebrated by



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Chicago July 16, 2017: Telugu Association of Greater Chicago (TAGC) organized Super 8 Cricket Tournament on July 15 & 16, 2017 at South Barrington cricket grounds, Barrington, IL. This sports event was sponsored by Verinon Inc. The main objective of conducting this event is to motivate and encourage TAGC members to stay fit and to offer refreshment from routine lives. TAGC Board and sports team's dedication and hard work made this event a Grand Success. Event was publicized well by utilizing all means of social media and communication. TAGC received enormous response from cricket lovers and had to close the registrations early. Total 14 registered teams were approved by TAGC to participate in the tournament. These teams were divided into 4 groups and each group played the matches on a league basis so that each team got an opportunity to play 2 games. Each team consisted of a minimum of 8 players and went up to 12 players. Topper of each group entered into semifinals and semifinal round winners played the finals on Sunday. The total number of matches was 17 (4+4+3+3+2+1) played over 2 days. Each team get to play 8 overs to bat and each bowler got 2 overs. Sixes counted as 8 runs and each wide got 2 runs and an extra ball. First game between Hyderabad Nawaabs Vs. Hit & run started at 8 AM. TAGC sports committee chair Saphthagiri Sangem took both captains to ground for toss, Hit & Run



won toss and was elected to Bowl. All teams reported on time where all players of different age groups played very sportively, professionally, and with great commitment. Raging Tigers won first Semifinal against Strikers and Juggernauts won second semifinals in super over against Schaumburg Sultans and Finally Juggernauts won the finals against raging tiger a ball left for the innings, all matches were exhilarating matches no one was able to predict who is going to win until the last ball of the match.

TAGC President Ramachandra R. Ade along with entire sports committee team and sponsor Mr. Raj Ginne presented the trophies to Juggernauts (Winners), Rag-



ing Tigers (Runners), TAGC announced Shekar as most valuable player MVP/ Man of the Series, Naveen Ganne as best Batsman and Bhagat R Goli as the best Bowler

TAGC president Ramachandra R, Ade thanked Verinon Inc. President, Mr. Pradeep Mannemela, and Vice President & COO, Mr. Raj R Ginne, for their support in sponsoring and conducting this year's Cricket Tournament and American Telangana Association team, TAGC Board, Sports committee chair Sangem Saptagiri & team and volunteers as well as all the team captains and their player.

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Pakistan Independence Day

Pakistan's Independence Day, which is annually held on August 14, celebrates the country's independence from the British rule on that date in 1947. This day is an occasion to promote patriotism and national unity.

Many people dress in or use the colors green and white, which are Pakistan's official colors, during Pakistan's Independence Day. ©iStockphoto.com/duncan1890

What Do People Do?

People all over Pakistan celebrate Independence Day with patriotic zest. Many people who attend the Independence Day parades dress up in green and white, which are the Pakistani flag's colors. People visit national monuments and places of national significance to celebrate Independence Day. This is also a time to meet relatives, exchange gifts and visit recreational spots.

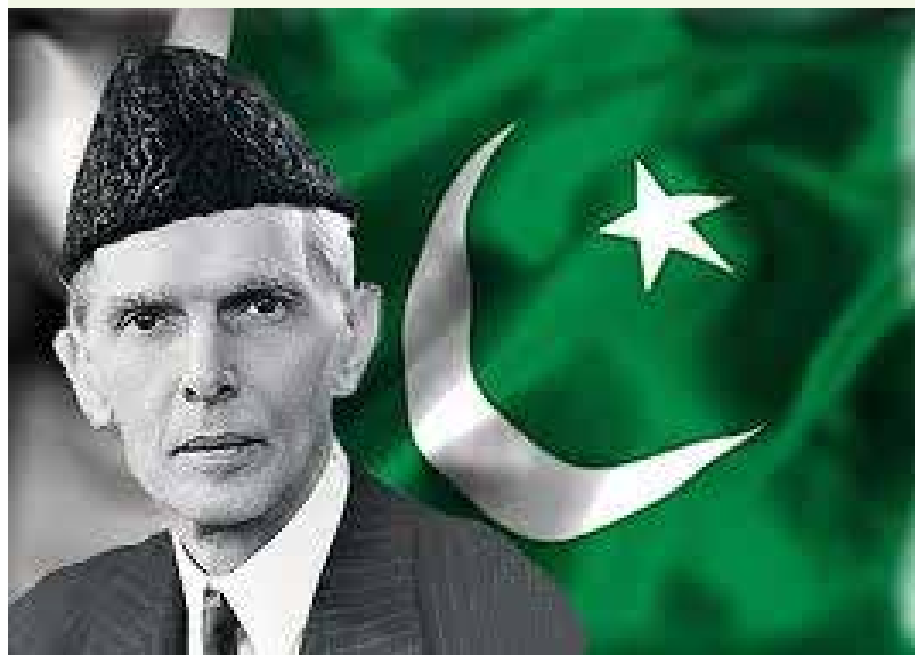
tional monuments, including the mausoleums of Muhammad Iqbal, who was a poet, philosopher, and politician, and Muhammad Ali Jinnah, who is considered by many as Pakistan's founder and Quaid-i-Azam (supreme leader).

Events held during the day include special theatre shows, national song competitions, concerts, and Independence Day pageants. Radio and television stations broadcast national songs and specially prepared Independence Day programs.

Public Life

Independence Day is an official holiday in Pakistan on August 14. All governmental, non-governmental offices, organizations, educational institutions, post offices, and major markets are closed.

Public transport remains unavailable on all major routes. Traffic congestion is common due to Independence Day parades.



Pakistan's national flag is hoisted on public, private buildings, residences and monuments at dawn. Official buildings, including Parliament House, are decorated and colorfully lit. The prime minister and president address and congratulate the nation and talk about the day's significance. Streets and houses are decorated with candles, oil lamps and pennants. Firework shows are put together on the eve of Independence Day.

Pakistan's Independence Day also pays homage to people who devoted their lives for Pakistan's freedom movement and made sacrifices to attain Pakistan's independence. A change of guard takes place at na-

Background

The Indo-Pak subcontinent remained a British colony from 1849-1947. The subcontinent's inhabitants did not approve of the British rule in united India. An uprising that occurred in 1857 eventually formed the shape of a freedom movement, which exemplifies the efforts of the people of British India in gaining their independence.

Muslims ruled the subcontinent before the British incursion and suffered due to the 1857 uprising against the British East India Company. Leaders such as Sir Syed Ahmed Khan and Syed Ameer Ali

worked diligently for the Muslim people's political advancement.

The Indian National Congress was formed in 1885, which later on became British India's largest political party. Major Muslim political leaders, including Muhammad Ali Jinnah, were members of the Indian National Congress and worked towards Hindu-Muslim unity and India's independence.

The All India Muslim League was founded on December 30, 1906. There was growing demand for an independent Muslim state in India. In 1930 Muhammad Iqbal presented the idea of a separate Muslim state that would geographically consist of the Muslim majority areas in the subcontinent. The word Pakistan is a conjunction of two words Pak meaning Pure and Stan meaning Land, a name coined by Choudhary Rahmat Ali.

Strong Hindu nationalism gave birth to the Two Nation Theory, an ideology that is accredited as being the basis for Pakistan's creation. In 1940 the Pakistan Resolution was passed in Lahore demanding greater Muslim autonomy in British India.

After World War II, it was expected that the British colonies would soon disintegrate. The Pakistan Movement, spearheaded by Muhammad Ali Jinnah, resulted in creating a Muslim state. Pakistan gained independence from the British rule on August 14, 1947. At its birth, Pakistan had two parts commonly referred to as East and West Pakistan. In 1971 East Pakistan parted from West Pakistan and became Bangladesh.

Grand wedding celebrations of Azfar Shareef

A.Q. Siddiqui

It was the wedding of the son of prominent community activist and FIA senior Iftkhar Shareef and his wife Ghazala Shareef but it turned into a community celebration with a large number of Indian and Pakistani community members flocking to Holiday Inn Skokie. But for the fact that attendees were aware that Azfar Shareef, Iftkhar's son was taking up with Ammara Junagadhwai as his wife, one would think that the gathering at the Skokie Holiday inn was a community event.

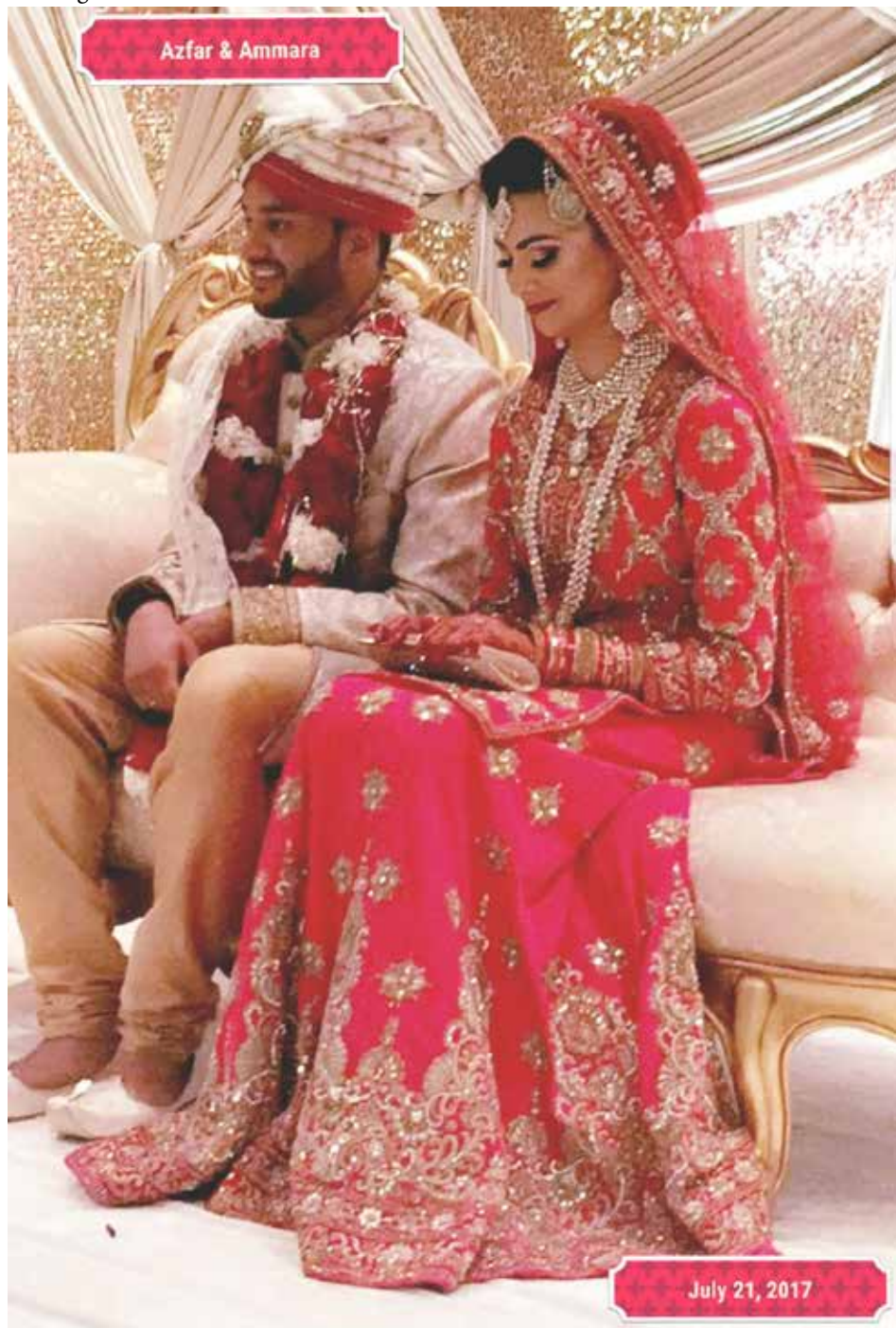
The wedding celebration that stretched for four days started with traditional Mehndi ceremony in Holiday Inn Skokie. The Nikah ceremony was scheduled for Friday evening at Ashiana Banquet Downers Grove near Chicago. It was an unprecedented presence of large number of community members, friends and relatives of Shareef family under one roof. The guests started getting in well before the Baraat arrived. The groom was led in traditional Hyderabad style with sword dance and music. Dinner was served after Nikah ceremony.

The Shareef family hosted Valima (wedding) dinner on Saturday evening at Shalimar Banquet Addison. One of the largest banquet halls in Chicagoland was fully packed with guests. Many prominent community members joined the wedding dinner including Indian businessman Niranjan Shah and Devon King Mafat Patel.

The 8th district Congressman Raja Krishnamurthy also joined and congratulated the Shareef family. Former Indian Cricket Team captain Mohammed Azharuddin sent a video message from Hyderabad and congratulated Iftkhar Shareef and family members. Famous Hyderabad comedy movie "Angrez" team members were also invited for the wedding and dinner ceremony.

Iftkhar Shareef thanked all and acknowledged the presence of friends and relatives coming from other US cities, Canada and Hyderabad.

Senior journalist from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia Mir Mohsin Ali sent a message to Asia Times US on behalf of Indian Community congratulating Mr. Iftkhar Shareef on the marriage of his son.





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Adnan Sami born Aug 15, 1971

Adnan Sami was born in 1971 in London to parents from Pakistan. He was raised and educated in the United Kingdom. His father, Arshad Sami Khan, was a Pashtun while his mother Naureen Khan hailed from Jammu. Adnan's father served as a Pakistan Air Force pilot, before becoming a senior bureaucrat and serving as Pakistan's ambassador to 14 countries. His paternal great-grandfather, general Ahmed Jan, was from Afghanistan and a military advisor to king Abdur Rahman Khan. His paternal grandfather Agha Mehfooz Jan was the governor of four Afghan provinces under Amanullah Khan's reign, and was assassinated during the Bacha Saqqa revolution. Following this, his father's family migrated to Peshawar, then in British India. Adnan's mother, Naureen, was a maternal niece of the socialite Akleem Akhtar. Pop star Fakhar-e-Alam is his second cousin.

Sami attended Rugby School in Rugby, West Midlands, UK. He went on to graduate with a bachelor's degree in journalism and political science from the University of London.

Adnan followed his bachelor's degree with a law degree (LLB) from King's College London. He went on to qualify as a barrister from Lincoln's Inn, England.

He had played the piano since the age of five and composed his first piece of music when he was nine years old. Sami began taking lessons in Indian classical music from the santoor maestro Pandit Shivkumar Sharma when visiting India during his school vacations. Indian singing legend Asha Bhosle spotted talent in a ten-year-old Sami at an R. D. Burman concert in London, and encouraged him to take up music as a career. He is an accomplished concert pianist, music composer and singer with a command of Indian and Western classical/semi-classical music, jazz, rock and pop music. As a teenager, Adnan, when performing on the piano on a TV program in Stockholm, was described by the US-based Keyboard magazine as the fastest man on keyboard in the world and the keyboard discovery of the nineties. Sami went on to learn Indian classical music from Pandit Shivkumar Sharma, the Santoor maestro in India. At the age of sixteen, Sami was approached to write a song for famine-hit Ethiopia, for which he won a special award from UNICEF.

In his career of 32 years, Adnan Sami has won many international awards including the Nigar Award, Bolan Academy Award and Graduate Award. Adnan is the youngest recipient of the Naushad Music Award for Excellence in Music. Previous recipients of this award include Lata Mangeshkar and Music Maestro Khayam. Adnan was invited as a member of the jury of the prestigious music festival Voice of Asia competition held annually at Almaty, Kazakhstan.

Adnan's first single was released in 1986 with an English hit single in the Middle East which went straight to the No. 1 position in its first week on the music charts of the region with a song he wrote and recorded in his voice for the United Nations and UNICEF called "Run for his life". This was followed by three more No. 1s: "Talk To Me", "Hot Summer Day" and "You're My Best Kept Secret". His first formal album, *The One & Only* (1989), was a classical album on the piano accompanied by tabla maestro Zakir Hussain. He released his first vocal solo album *Raag Time* in 1991. The song from his album *Teri Yaad* was the title track of his first album, which became a huge hit in Pakistan.

In 1994, he composed music for a film for the first time. The 1995 Pakistani film *Sargam*, in which Adnan was the lead actor and well-known Indian playback singer Asha Bhosle did the playback *Sargam*, was a blockbuster. It was also the first time that an Indian playback singer was featured in an album in Pakistan. However, the authorities banned Asha's voice from the soundtrack in the actual film, which disappointed Adnan. He then had to re-record the songs with Hadiqa Kiyani. Asha's voice was retained however in the CDs and records. To date *Sargam* is the only film Adnan acted in and is the best selling album of all time in Pakistan. The film & its soundtrack continue to be a milestone in Pakistan's film & musical history.

Two songs from the album *Kabhi To Nazar Milao*, whose music video featured model Aditi Gowitrikar, and *Lift Karaa De*, whose music video starred the popular Indian actor Govinda became immensely popular at that time. The videos were shot by Anil Mehta who had shot popular Hindi films like *Hum Dil De Chuke Sanam* and *Lagaan*. Looking at the album's immense success, Magnasound and Adnan released an album named *Always Yours* which was a remix version of numbers from that album.

He soon became a sensation, which led Hindi filmmaker Boney Kapoor to invite him to provide music for his film. This was the beginning for him to compose and sing for Hindi films and even for the top Hindi film producers of the time like Yash Chopra and Subhash Ghai. Due to the popularity of his music videos and live performances, he started getting acting offers at the same time.

The song "Tu Sirf Mera Mehboob" from the Hindi film *Ajnabee*, sung by Adnan, had become a rage and was declared a superhit by Screen Magazine, who called him the pop personality of the year in 2001.

According to the Pakistani newspaper Dawn, no Pakistani artist has ever managed to gain as much popularity in India as Adnan has. According to an article in The Times of India, Adnan is the most successful face in non-film music in India.

His second studio album, *Tera Chehra*, was released in October 2002 to critical acclaim even as his first album was still selling. The music videos for this album were shot by Binod Pradhan, who had shot the popular 2002 Hindi film *Devdas*. The album features Bollywood stars Rani Mukerji in the title track and Amitabh Bachchan in the track "Kabhi Nahi", who also sang the duet with Adnan. Actress Mahima Chaudhry was also seen in another song. The title track was written by well-known Hindi movie lyricist Sameer. According to Screen Magazine, it was the only successful pop album of the year. *Saathiya* (2002) brought him the opportunity to work with maestro A. R. Rahman in the form of "Aye Udi Udi". According to Screen Magazine, the song was the highlight of

the album. Rediff.com called him the "Reigning King of Indipop" in early 2003 based on the sales of his albums in the previous two years. His most successful albums have been *Kabhi To Nazar Milao* (with Asha Bhosle) and *Tera Chehra*, and his music videos usually have had a host of Bollywood stars in them, including Namrata Shirodkar ("Bheegi Bheegi Raat"), Mahima Chaudhry, Raveena Tandon, Rani Mukerji ("Tera Chehra"), Govinda, Fardeen Khan, Amisha Patel ("O Meri Jaan"), Bhumi Chawla ("Maahiya"), Dia Mirza ("Pal Do Pal") and the most famous, Amitabh Bachchan (*Kabhi Nahi*). Since 2003, he has sung for a few Tamil movies like *Boys*, *Aaytha Ezhuthu* composed by A.R. Rahman. The songs, "Boom Boom" from *Boys* and "Nenjamellam Kadhal" from *Aayitha Ezhuthu*,

were hits.[citation needed] He also sang for the Tamil and Telugu versions besides the Hindi version of songs from the movie *Yuva* (2004) whose music was also composed by A. R. Rahman. Besides Rahman, he also worked together with composer Yuvan Shankar Raja, and sung Tamil songs "Oh Intha Kadhal" from *Satham Podathey* and "OruKal" from *Siva Manasula Sakthi*, which got very popular and widely noticed.[citation needed] He sang the song "Chanchadi Adi Urang Nee" in the Malayalam movie called *Makalkku*. [citation needed] He has also sung for a Kannada film. His first Kannada song, "Don't Worry Madabeda" for the film *Super Star* starring Upenendra. He has also worked with music composers Devi Sri Prasad and M. M. Keeravani and sang songs in Telugu films *Varsham*, *Chatrapathi*, *Shankar Dada MBBS* and *100% Love*. [citation needed]

He has composed film music for several other Hindi films, including *Lucky: No Time for Love*, *Yeh Raaste Hain Pyar Ke*, *Dhamaal*, *1920*, *Chance Pe Dance*, *Mumbai Salsa*, *Khubsoorat*, *Sadiyaan*, *Shaurya* and several others.

As a classical concert pianist, Adnan Sami has had the honor of giving solo performances before such royalty as the King of Sweden and King Hussein of Jordan. He has performed before heads of state and governments such as President Mitterrand of France, the President of the United Arab Emirates, the President and Prime Minister of India, the President and Prime Minister of Pakistan, the President and Prime Minister of Kazakhstan, the Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan, the Prime Minister of Sweden and Princess Christina of Sweden. Adnan has performed for prestigious music festivals to sold-out stadiums of his solo concert tours all over the world in over forty countries. Adnan Sami wrote a song for India to cheer the Indian cricket team during the 2003 Cricket World Cup. The video of this song captures the nationalistic spirit of competition, depicting Adnan performing with the Indian cricket team with guest appearances from Indian film stars like Amitabh Bachchan, Abhishek Bachchan, Fardeen Khan and Kareena Kapoor.

In the summer of 2003, Adnan achieved the distinction of becoming the only musical artist from the entire Asian region to have sold out Wembley Stadium in London for two nights in a row—a feat which has won him a place in the *Limca Book of World Records* (Asia's equivalent to the West's *Guinness Book of World Records*). In 2005, 2008 and 2012, he went on to repeat the same achievement by playing two sold-out concerts, every time, each of these respective years at Wembley Stadium, London, yet again.

In 2010, Adnan received the prestigious "Lifetime Achievement Award" from the Prime Minister of Pakistan at a ceremony by Pakistan Television.

In 2011, Adnan was bestowed with the distinguished "Glory of India Award" by the Government of India. Recently the world-famous 'Wonder of the World' the Taj Mahal completed its 350 years of existence. In order to mark this historic occasion, the Government of India organised year-long festivities which culminated with a once-in-a-lifetime solo concert performance by Adnan on the final night in front of the Taj Mahal. After this performance, the Indian media dubbed Adnan the "Sultan of Music".

Adnan hosted the Indian version of the American music game show *Don't Forget the Lyrics!* called *Bol Baby Bol* on the Star TV network in 2008. Prior to that in 2005, Adnan was the sole jury for the singing competition program on Channel [V] called *Super Singer*. In 2011, Adnan returned as a judge on the singing reality show *Sa Re Ga Ma Pa Lil Champs*, which became popular worldwide.

Adnan's performance of a qawwali called "Bhar Do Jholi Meri" from the blockbuster film *Bajrangi Bhaijaan*, released in July 2015, became a worldwide hit; Adnan appeared in the movie as well. This was the first time Adnan attempted to sing a qawwali at the insistence of actor Salman Khan, [citation needed] who starred in the film.





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Taste of Pakistan and 26th flag hoisting ceremony on Pakistan's 70th independence day in Bolingbrook

Pakistan's legendry artist Bushra Ansari and Mr. Asim Azhar of Coke Studio will perform

Association of Pakistani Americans (APA) Bolingbrook once again will show case the spectacular event which attracts over 10,000 people every year on Sat August 26th in Bolingbrook. There will also be 26th year of flag hoisting ceremony at 6:00PM at the village hall. A legend and equally popular artist/comedian and host in India and Pakistan Bushra Ansari who also sings song will entertain thousands on 70th anniversary of Pakistan independence day at the performing arts center 351 Briar Cliff Road in Bolingbrook. A Coke studio popular singer Mr. Asim Azhar will also accompany her. Taste of Pakistan will start at noon and will last 11:00PM.

The tradition of Flag hoisting is going on for the past 25 years when it attracted only 20 people on its first ever ceremony

There will be several food and non booths. Since this is taking place close to the Eid ul Adha this is best opportunity for women to do their Eid shopping as well and buy clothes and get their hands painted with Hena.

There will also be draw of air line ticket with \$5 Raffle ticket including several other prizes. Bolingbrook mayor Roger Claar and Consul general of Pakistan will be among the honored guests. There will be messages from Ambassador in Washington and several other high profile politicians. Please come and enjoy with family. There is plenty of entertainment for kids of all ages.

If you are interested in having a booth for non-food items please call us at 630-862-6957 or 312-550-1081 or any of APA members whose names are listed on the flyers. The APA members include Hamid Bhatti, Kamran Rashid, Aziz Vayani, Zulfqar Ahmed and Fahim Fahmi, Ali Zaman, Mr. Arif and Mr. Shah.

The image we get in the West of Palestinians is that of angry people with fire in their eyes and full of terror. We never hear of the injustices they face and hardships they put up with just to stay in their homes. In my Friday sermon yesterday at the Downtown Islamic Center I spoke in the context of al-Aqsa Mosque. About 300 Muslims were present, including one of our group members. I made the following points:

Reciting the Quranic verse on the mosque of al-Aqsa, I said how important the mosque was to Muslims around the world. It was not acceptable to Palestinian Muslims living there to have their access restricted and encumbered by the installation of metal detectors or scanning devices. So, in protest, they started praying in the streets rather than in the grand mosque. We also showed solidarity by joining them last week when we were there. A Palestinian woman who had loaned her prayer rug to us for praying on the street, requested us to tell the world about their plight.

Here are just a couple of examples that were quoted to us by independent non-profit organizations working and researching these things over there.

1. Israel supplies water to the Palestinians once in twenty days at a cost of 4 1/2 shekels per unit, whereas the same water is supplied to the Jewish settlers in the West Bank every day at a cost of half a shekel per unit.

2. Palestinians are not allowed to build up their houses - even partitioning a room into two - without a permit, which is expensive and hard to get. On the other hand we constantly hear here about the need to expand the settlements to accommodate growing families.

3. Young Palestinian are terrorized by random arrests by the Israeli military, forced to confess and given current and suspended prison sentences.

4. The people we met were from various parts of the world, who spending time there and are engaged in documenting and trying to stop human rights abuses. Opportunities exist for people from here to do something by working similarly.

Mohammed Kaiseruddin's visit to the Middle East



Four R's of Civilized Societies Rights, Responsibilities, Respect for other's Rights, and Rules of Law

**Mohammed Safiuddin, Ph.D., Research Professor
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As individuals, families, communities, and nations, we have been bestowed with certain powers. These powers fall into categories of "Physical Power", "Intellectual Power", and "Spiritual Power". At the individual level, physical power comes from the body, often enhanced with personal tools and weapons, as well as monetary wealth. The intellectual power comes from the mind, often enhanced with technology, as well as socio-political status. The spiritual power comes from our soul, often enhanced with religious convictions. Similarly, at the national level, physical power is measured by military and economic strength. The intellectual power comes from the institutions of education, research, and technology. The spiritual power comes from the moral and ethical values of its people.

Within civilized societies, we as individuals, families and communities, claim the "Rights" to freely exercise these powers to protect and/or advance our own

self interests or those of our friends and allies. Same appears to be also true for governments in a civilized international community of nations. However, the "Rights" to freely exercise these powers without "Responsibilities" results in conflicts at the boundary, where it begins to infringe on the "Rights" of others. In the absence of "Respect" for others' Rights to pursue their own self interests, and any ethical or moral framework to constrain the "Rights" of individuals and nations at these boundaries, "Rules of Law" are needed to protect weaker individuals, families, communities, and nations from abuse of power by the stronger ones. Unless we as individuals, families, communities, and governments, give a higher priority to the Rights of others over those of our own, we cannot claim to be a civilized society. When individuals, communities, and governments choose to exercise their powers without respect for others' rights and/or exercise them beyond the framework of laws, conflicts arise resulting in violence and break-down of the civil order. Those guilty of breaking the law and order in such conflicts must then be brought to courts to face justice. Unfortunately, as

the history of human civilization shows, there have been no periods where the guns have remained silent, or no violence has taken place. Stronger individuals, families, communities, and nations have consistently preyed over the weaker ones to dominate and subjugate them.

Whether it is the government's Right to block use of human embryos for stem cell research, or a self-proclaimed guardian of the unborn's Right to assassinate medical practitioners performing abortions, or the newspapers' Right to publish derogatory cartoons and syndicated columns attacking Islam and the holy prophets, or the nations' Right to use their military might to change regimes of other nations or to destroy neighboring country's infrastructures to gain release of couple of soldier hostages, these Rights must be exercised with Responsibilities, with Respect for others' Rights, and within the frame work of Rules of Law, if we are to leave a world more peaceful for our children and grand children than the one we inherited from our parents and grand parents.

From: Jaswinder Singh Ghazal Singer: Just saw a special screening of #TheBlackPrince organised by and at the kind invitation of Shabana Azmi ji. Loved the film and was so proud of Satinder Paaji's performances the role was absolutely perfect for him and he totally Was Duleep Singh in every sense.

Shabana Azmi ji is known worldwide for being a totally mesmerising and breathtaking artist but despite having seen her dazzle her audiences with her acting I was still blown away by how skilfully she performed the role of Maharani Jinda-an immensely intense role which I don't think could have been performed by anyone else. Despite being such a hugely accomplished artists already she always manages to take our breath away somehow in each role and this time apart from her amazing acting her Punjabi accent was just incredible. It made the role come absolutely to life.

The film was totally enhanced by the wonderful indian costumes courtesy by my dear friend UK-based designer Arinder Bhullar. Rup Magon paaji was very impressive as his acting skills are superb and very very natural. Once again a huge congratulations to the entire team and all the good luck to the producers.

A film like The Black Prince comes along only rarely and i recommend it to all. God Bless



Bolingbrook and Sialkot are officially Twin cities

Ambassador Aziz Chaudhry and Bolingbrook Mayor Claar signed the agreement. Consul General Faisal N Tirmizi played a key role in expediting the process and consistent Efforts of Mr. Talat Rashid Planning commissioner of village of Bolingbrook its entire APA team successfully made this happen.

Now it is official that Bolingbrook and Sialkot are Sister Cities. The agreement will have a greater impact on the people and business men of both countries and the cities. Both cities have rich infrastructure of manufacturing industries and their marriage will bring significant results which will benefit both countries.

On July 24th The Ambassador of Pakistan in Washington DC Aizaz Ahmed Chaudhry and Bolingbrook Mayor Roger Claar signed a sister city agreement in the presence of city officials. Consul General Faisal Tirmizi was accompanied by the Ambassador and was one of the witnesses on the agreement and Leroy Brown Deputy Mayor also signed the agreement as a witness from the village of Bolingbrook.

Ambassador Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry signed Sister City Agreement with the Mayor of Bolingbrook on behalf of the Municipal Corporation of Sialkot and said that this agreement would be a landmark development in the seven decades long Pak-US relations. He also thanked the Mayor Roger C. Claar of Bolingbrook for his all-out efforts in facilitating and encouraging Pakistani-American community of Bolingbrook. He said that he was proud to know that Pakistani Flag Hoisting ceremony was being organized in Bolingbrook every year for the last 25 years. Ambassador Chaudhry also added that signing of Sister City Agreement between Sialkot and Bolingbrook will create an array of new opportunities in the field of business and would greatly improve contacts between these cities.

Mayor Roger Claar during his address said that Sialkot has a very rich history, the city is over 1000 years old and it has earned a great name in producing Soccer balls and medical equipment's. He also praised the role of Chamber of Commerce who has build their own airport in Sialkot. He praised the contributions of Pakistani American community in Bolingbrook for the past 30 years and Members of Association of Pakistani Americans Bolingbrook who attended the event were Mir Ali, Aziz Viyani and its founder Mr. Talat Rashid who initially sought the possibility of having twin city relationships with one of the cities of Pakistan. Mr. Amer Tareen Commercial Counselor and Mr. Abdul Razzaq political attaché were also present at the ceremony.

Among the invited guests who attend the events were Sohail Shafi, Asad Malik, Ali Akhtar, Zakir Sabri, Ilays Khokher and Javeed Malik and shamim Bano the reporter of "The NEWS PAKistan".

Some community members could not make it because of their prior commitment Former Sen. Mark Kirk actually pushed the idea of having sister cities among the suburbs as well explained Mr. Rashid who was serving in his advising team.

The marriage between both cities will enhance cultural and educational values. It will also improve and boost the market of their products thus will also open new corridors for supporting businesses said Mr. Talat Rashid. Sialkot has a population of around 900,000 as compared to Bolingbrook which has close to 75,000. Both cities are

It was in 2008 when the Bolingbrook delegation went to Philippines headed by Mayor of Bolingbrook Roger C Claar to form a sister city relationship with San Pablo and Bolingbrook (one of the suburbs about 50 miles from the Manila). Mr. Rashid was also a member of the delegation. Consul General Dr. Aman Rashid now Ambassador in Switzerland asked APA to explore the idea of Sister city



with Pakistan but it was very amateur at that time as to which cities should be considered. There were several cities under consideration including, Jhelum, Sialkot, Faisalabad and Multan but nothing was concrete. Then Consul General Zaheer Pervez now ambassador in Tunisia shared idea to make Sialkot and Bolingbrook Sister cities and asked APA to consider his request.

Ambassador Zaheer was interested more since he was from Sialkot and expresses his interest to make this happen but we could not formalize the task because of his transfer from Chicago but kept in contact. But the current Consul General in Chicago Faisal Niaz Tirmizi worked very hard for the past 3 years to get this task materialized. He wrote letters to concerned authorities in Pakistan at all levels to get this done. Finally we see that his efforts brought fruit and now we have Sister cities. This agreement defines that both cities desire friendship and good will and agreed to collaborate for their mutual benefit of their communities by exploring educational, cultural, humanitarian and economic opportunities. The agreement also reads "it is in the citizen's best interest to understand and value the unique culture needs and dreams of the residents of other countries in the world, our shared goal is peace, prosperity, stability and justice". Bolingbrook wants to foster enhanced educational, health, agricultural and information technology opportunities for the residents of Sialkot while Sialkot will support educational and health care, business and civic organizations of Bolingbrook.

Bolingbrook is host of 2 mosques 2 cricket fields and Islamic school Furqan Academy which is full time school who also offers Hifz program Association of Pakistani Americans founder Mr. Talat Rashid said proudly that this is the only city in the United states that arranges a flag hoisting ceremony for the past 25 years and attracts thousands of people ever year. Bolingbrook is home of 2 mosques, 2 cricket fields, Furqan academy. Mr. Mir Ali the founder of Bolingbrook Cricket League (BPL) and a key member of APA is very proud to say that his entire youth Cricket program is unique in the United



states. Mir has just build a Turf Cricket pitch approved by ICC in Bolingbrook in a newly build state of the art Cricket ground where now night matches can be also played.

Please join APA on Saturday August 26th Saturday for Annual Flag hoisting ceremony at the Village of Bolingbrook and Taste of Pakistan from noon to 11PM behind village Hal. Since it is close to Eid ul Adha it is perfect time for women to do their shopping and put Henna on their hands. There will be over 30 booths. It is still time to get booth if your interesting in participating. Please contact Mir ali at 6 30-862-6957 or Talat Rashid 312-550-1081.

"A street in Bolingbrook Lily Cache at the corner of Veteran's parkway and Lily Cache (where new Bolingbrook mosque is located) has been named "SIALKOT ROAD" and similar street Haji Pura Deska road in Sialkot will be named Bolingbrook road.

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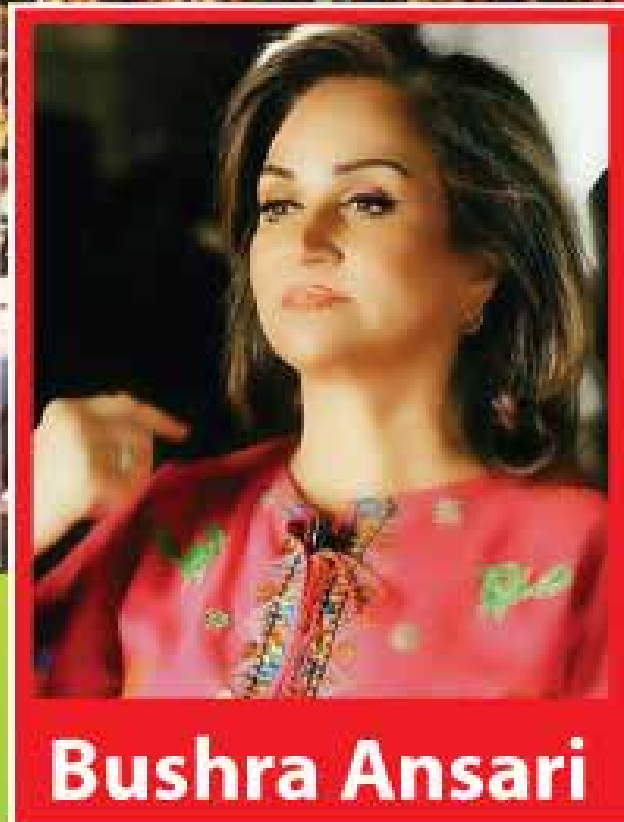
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From Left: * Haji Maqsood Ahmed, Chairman, Bikaner City Improvement Council.* Sister Kanti of the Convent School. * Mr. Rajput (wearing honor turban and shawl). * His holiness Mahant Shree Somgiri Jee Maharaj. * Shree J. Kalla, Rajasthan Congress Party Chief. * Moulana Abdul Wahid.* Sardar Inder Singh, Chief of Gurduwara Sahib.



Mr. Sher Mohammed Rajput, Trustee of East-West University Chicago receiving President of India Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam on his first visit to Chicago, IL USA in April 2011

Sher Mohammed Rajput of Chicago USA, who has dedicated his life serving the Muslim, Hindu, Sikh, and Christian community in Chicago, has also carried the mantra of Hindu, Muslim, Sikh Esai humsab hai bhai bhai to his native city of Bikaner, Rajasthan for the past 20 years. On his 20th annual visit to Bikaner this year, he was rousingly welcomed and felicitated by the city of Bikaner's elite citizens, and was awarded the promoter of the concept of true brotherhood among all religions by the "Sarv Dharam Maha Sabha" of greater Rajasthan. He also received the best N.R.I. native son award from Maharajah Dungar Singh College Of Bikaner.

Mr. Rajput has a secular outlook and was bestowed with Outstanding Member of the Community Award recently from Geetha Mandalam, a Hindu Religious. He is a founding member and Board of Trustees of East West University and was recognized by the University Board for his great contributions. He is also a founding member and Board of Trusty of Indo-American Community Center.

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The Freedoms we Celebrate

Dr. Azher Quader

Earlier this month our country celebrated its 241st Independence Day. That same weekend ISNA had its 54th Annual Convention too, here in Chicago, which was unusual for it as its normal schedule for Labor Day weekend was conflicting with Eidul Adha this year. The confluence of these two events had some special significance and relevance for us. One celebrated the Quran, the other celebrated freedom.

We Americans take great pride in the freedoms we enjoy. Our founding fathers included freedom of speech and freedom of religion in the document we revere as our constitution. At a later date President Roosevelt added two more freedoms as goals to pursue: freedom from want and freedom from fear.

The Quran emphasizes another freedom: freedom of choice, given to all humans.

As is often the case with such a far reaching document as a constitution, which is meant to guide individuals and societies over perpetuity, the original intentions of the creators are subject to the way such directives are interpreted and implemented by subsequent generations, that determines their outcomes over different periods of time. Such is also the case with the Quran where its guidance, intended to produce successful outcomes for individuals and societies, by its Creator, has sometimes not done so, frustrating individuals and societies due to their particular interpretations and implementations of its guidance.

Our genius as American citizens today as well as members of our faith community, therefore we may surmise, face similar challenges. If we are experiencing as Americans, divisions within the country that are unprecedented in our times and if we are suffering as Muslims, the agony of terrible turmoil abroad and insecurity at home, should we not perhaps question our interpretations of our revered documents as well as our sacred texts?

In addressing the issue of freedom to choose, the Quran accepts the premise of human reason and intellect as valid instruments to choose with, but says it has provided some help through revelation from time to time, just in case we humans, in our pride and arrogance would choose to conclude our reason and intellect can never go wrong.

While all other freedoms we cherish are dependent upon the benevolence of a state or the will of another entity, freedom of choice, the Quran declares, is personal and independent of any external authority. By exercising this freedom over issues of our daily life, using the guidance from reason bolstered by revelation, the Quran makes the argument, a more "just and compassionate" society can be established. Furthermore, where reason and revelation appear to contradict, we can and should observe outcomes to determine if the choices we make are appropriate or not.

From the sobering stories of history, the Quran repeatedly reminds us that when societies failed to pursue a code of ethics, upholding the centrality of "justice and compassion", they suffered the inevitable misfortune of decay and self destruction. The rise and fall of nations and civilizations it contends has little to do with their economic prosperity or their military might during their times, but everything to do with the pursuit of this moral code. The boomerang of cause and consequence, dictated by the choices we make, never fails to bring home the inevitable results, regardless of what our wishes may be.

So how does all this stack up on the issue of our freedoms in America. Famously the freedom of speech, for instance, guaranteed in our constitution that we celebrate so much. How well have we interpreted and implemented it through the course of our history? Have we always done a good job? Not very convincingly, it seems if we are to look dispassionately on the record, at many times.

Why then we should wonder young Snowden is living in Russia for spilling the beans on our government's secrets. What about a preacher from Georgia who was preaching non violent means for ending racial segregation, but met with a violent end in Tennessee? What about a truth teller named Malcolm, who spoke a bit too harshly about the hypocrisy of white America's claim for equal rights and we silenced him for good as well? Or should we forget the four who raised their voices against the war in Vietnam on the campus of Kent State and we sent the National Guard to shoot them down? Who decides when the freedom we cherish is the freedom to crush? Do we really permit people to speak their minds or do we disallow the kind of speech that speaks truth to power? Are we truly free to speak our minds or

are we warned through these examples to hold our tongues? As our poet philosopher of the East would say:

"Ye Dastoor-e-Zuban Bandi Hai Kaisa Teri Mehfil Mein Yahan To Baat Karne Ko Tarasti Hai Zuban Meri"
Why does this tradition of silencing exist in your place?
My tongue is yearning so much to speak over here
Iqbal

The Quran too promotes free speech, open debates and discussions, encourages us to listen and learn, to reason and reflect, to understand another's point of view. But is that how we have interpreted its guidance in our communal life? What is our reality?

Try making a case for the permissibility of interest within orthodox circles and see what happens. Or question the infallibility of Hadith and see the verbal lashing you receive. Or mention adjusting the rate of Zakat, heaven forbid arguing against the payment of Zakat. Or speak about the futility of memorizing the Quran without understanding its meaning. Or talk about women's empowerment at home, the workplace or even the masjid, much less raise the concern for gender equity in matters of inheritance. Or render an opinion on celebrating Milad within a crowd of Wahabi patriots. Try rocking the boat any and you will drown in the puddle of your audacious free speech. Yes freedom provided by the Book, yet denied by the mullah, who chooses to interpret the text much differently, is the way the argument ends.

The Quran regularly insists for us to share the abundance, to serve the other, to be engaged, to be good neighbors, to be bridge builders, to be action oriented, to speak up for the oppressed, to stand up for justice. But look what so many of us choose to do? We choose to collect and not give, to be isolated and disengaged, to be meditative and aloof, to be silent and voiceless, to be indifferent to the needs of the other, to be strangers to our neighbors, to be consumed with our self interest. We repeatedly choose the easier ways, the ones less painful, more comfortable, less demanding of any sacrifices. We choose rituals over service, dialogues over dynamism, mediocrity over excellence, conformity over change. When asked to climb the steep path, we choose to travel the level road. Need we question our interpretations and our implementations of the Divine writ? Are we making the prudent choices for our salvation?

Let us check out another freedom we celebrate as American citizens so very much. Our cherished freedom of religion. When we are told of this freedom we are regularly reminded of the separation of church and state. That we can have our churches, our temples, our synagogues and our mosques; build them, worship in them, practice our rituals, recite our sacred texts, sing our praises of the Lord and congregate there with complete freedom. No government body, we are comforted, will interfere and impose any restrictions upon our religious practices there. We are told we have the freedom to observe our holy days and our religious festivals. We can wear our yarmulks and our hijabs, our kufis and our turbans, observe our fastings and our sabbaths.

But sadly that is where the case for religious freedom ends. Is there nothing more to religion? Does religion not have a say in the way we are to live? The larger domain of ethics and morality which is really foundational to the understanding of religiosity, is carved out from this freedom on the grounds of domain. When we draw a line between the practice of rituals and the foundations of faith where "justice and compassion" abide, and say this freedom you are guaranteed but not this other one, what freedom do we really celebrate?

The pilgrims did not come to America in pursuit of rituals to practice but a life of ethics and morality to live. That freedom is what they sought. That freedom today we no longer possess. The values for which they journeyed across stormy waters, risking their lives, are all but lost. Today we worship the secular life, which has redefined marriage, idolized adultery, institutionalized racism, legalized abortion, commercialized pornography, corrupted our democracy with money laws declared constitutional and given us a new religion to claim as our own, and a new freedom in its name to cherish. Yes we have freedom of religion and the religion we have now adopted is called 'secularism'.

There was another place and time in history when our favorite poet again alluded to this mistaken understanding of religious freedom, when he cautioned his people in his own special way:

"Mullah ko jo hai Hind mein sajde ke ijazat
Nadaan yeh samajhta hai ke Islam hai azaad!"

The mullah in India is happy to have the freedom to pray

The foolish one believes his religion (Islam) is free
Iqbal

To be sure we have freedom of religion in our country, but the religion that celebrates freedom here today is unfortunately not the religion originally prescribed for us by Moses or Jesus or Buddha or Muhammad (pbu them all).

What about FDR's vision of a country and world someday enjoying freedom from want and freedom from fear? Ignore the world for now. Let us see how far we have succeeded in our own country in eliminating want. Here are the sobering facts.

- 45 million Americans live in poverty (poverty line defined as individuals making less than \$12k a year; or a family of four making less than \$24K). An additional 97 million earn less than twice the poverty line. Translation: nearly half of the population in America is poor or of low income.
- 42 percent of our workforce makes less than \$15 an hour. In 23 of our 50 states the minimum wage is stuck at \$7.25 an hour. Two earner families is not an issue of choice today, but a matter of necessity, and even then millions work more than one job and still live paycheck to paycheck.
- 47.5 million are on food stamps.
- 51% of public school students depend on free or reduced-price lunches for their only decent meal for the day
- 3.5 million people become homeless each year and 39% of them are children

The war on poverty that President Johnson launched in 1964, gave us Medicare, Medicaid, Food Stamps and College Loans for sure, but failed to free us from our wants. 28 million still lack health insurance, not counting another 11 million undocumented who remain invisible to the system. Medicaid is under assault by the present bunch in congress. Without it millions will lose long term care and disability benefits. Our student loan debt has mushroomed to \$1.2 trillion with no relief in sight for the 40 million young people struggling to repay it. We have neither eradicated poverty nor overcome our wants, but arguably created, as some would say, a culture of dependency in our society. Clearly we need to rethink our strategies if we are to ever find cures for our wants.

Lastly the issue of freedom from fear needs little discussion. Since 911 fear and worry has become a quiet accompaniment of our daily lives. Terror hides in ambush at every corner, to maim and murder, in malls and markets, in clubs and classrooms wherever people come to meet and enjoy their freedoms. Gangs play shooting games on our neighborhood streets, while neighbors live in mortal fear, hiding in their unsafe homes. Law enforcement terrifies a whole community with their open distrust and profiling of them. Millions live in the shadows without status, fearful of that knock on the door, when they can be deported and separated from their loved ones. Thousands of kids brave going to school every day, painfully afraid of the bullies they have to face in their class rooms. And so many live in fear of bankruptcy from medical bills they could not pay if they fell sick or hurt and have no coverage. Our political class delight in hate speech to win cheap votes and spread fear among the people. Our money managers steal the workers pensions, robbing them of their life savings, leaving them fearful of their retirement years. Hate crimes, road rage, sexual assault, worker abuse, have all become normalized in a world where passions fly high while patience runs low. How then can there be freedom from fear?

Such is the state of freedoms we live in and celebrate. Freedoms we have all been told are exceptional and to be proud of. We are often reminded, that our journey "for a more perfect union" as written in our constitution, is ongoing. But it is our journey for justice on which we have been stumbling all these past two centuries or more that should concern us. Without learning to stand tall and walk straight on this journey, our goal for perfection will remain elusive. When freedom is worshiped and justice ignored, that freedom is wanting and offers little to celebrate. Our love affair for freedom without a passion for justice, will forever frustrate us to overcome our wants and find peace, security and happiness.

May His guidance show us the way and help us travel the path which will lead us to celebrate real freedom.

Judicial Martial Law: This experiment will fail too.

K. Ashraf

Imran Khan and company's task was to have Judicial Martial Law imposed in Pakistan. He has succeeded in his venture. Now, Pakistan is practically under Judicial Martial Law. How long this martial law will last, it depends on how long Pakistani nation will take to understand this new form of martial law in Pakistan.

Before Pakistan, Bangladesh tried this system, but she failed miserably. In Pakistan, this 'Judicial Martial Law' is bound to fail. Sooner or later, democracy lovers of Pakistan will see this beast and stand up against it like they stood against martial laws in uniform.

For me, irony in this whole exercise is ignorance of Pakistan's political leadership. Particularly, first PML (N) and then Pakistan Peoples Party.

PML(N) leadership including Nawaz Sharif did not know this time it is not military coup; this time it is judicial coup coming in the Trojan Horse of corruption investigation.

PPP's nascent leader Balawal Bhutto Zardari, following the tradition of his mother Muhtarma Benazir Bhutto, has welcomed the judicial martial law. She (the champion of democracy) welcomed General Musharraf's martial law.

Later, she disgracefully negotiated NRO with the same general and then lost her life. The same general is still a suspect in her murder case.

As far Tahreeq-e-Insaf, Jama'at-e-Islami and their like minded are concerned, I have no comments about them. It is my considered opinion, they are the tools which ultra-constitutional forces use to impose their control on Pakistan.

The people of Pakistan always have been back-bencher in Pakistan's political scheme of things.

In my recent Urdu posts, I touched this issue from different angles. I clearly wrote, the people of Pakistan should not expect any good news from the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

This time, new dimension is their control over civil authorities. When Supreme Court of Pakistan established JIT it was its first step in this direction. Now, Supreme Courts orders to the President of Pakistan to fill the positions of Prime Minister and Cabinet Ministers and appointment of a Judge to monitor the NAB's preparation of references against Sharif family.

This whole bizarre process of corruption case against Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif was evident the decision

to impose 'Judicial Martial Law' in Pakistan was already made and the exercise was only done to back-up this decision.

After the fact, PML (N) has realized what has really happened. This realization will help them make correct political decisions and set their direction right.

The lords of Supreme Court of Pakistan, like any military dictator, will use all their available tools like 'contempt of court' etc. to control the opponents. While controlling the opponents of 'Judicial Martial Law' through these tools, Supreme Court will continue haunting Mian Nawaz Sharif through corruption investigations to strengthen the Judicial Martial Law in the country. Eventually, they will fail like the lords failed in Bangladesh.

The last word: Nothing will change in Pakistan. The real rulers of Pakistan will continue playing their games through their stooges. Zindgi zinda baad.

July 28, 2017



Pakistan's Nawaz Sharif names brother as successor

Shahid Khaqan Abbasi to serve as interim PM until Shahbaz Sharif can take over after national assembly election. Islamabad, Pakistan - Deposed Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has named his younger brother Shahbaz to replace him as the country's leader, after having been removed from office by the Supreme Court a day earlier for lying on a wealth declaration.

Addressing a televised meeting of leaders of his PML-N party in Islamabad on Saturday, the elder Sharif said he accepted the Supreme Court's verdict, but did not agree with it.

Pakistan's Nawaz Sharif steps down as PM after court disqualifies him (1:52) Shahbaz Sharif, currently the chief minister of Punjab province, which is Pakistan's most populous region and the Sharif's political heartland, will have to resign from that post and run for a by-election to join Parliament before he is elected as prime minister.

In the interim period, Nawaz Sharif said, party leader Shahid Khaqan Abbasi would serve as the country's prime minister.

"It will take Shahbaz some time to be elected, about 50 days ... so in the interim period ... I suggest Shahid Khaqan Abbasi as the candidate," the former prime minister said.

Pakistani President Mamnoon Hussain is due to convene a session of Parliament shortly to elect Abbasi to the post. Sharif's PML-N party holds a comfortable majority in the lower house of Parliament and the election is expected to pass without much drama.

'I don't understand grounds for dismissal'

Sharif was removed from office on grounds that he did not declare his role in a company based in the United Arab Emirates, from which he was paid a salary, in a 2013 wealth declaration made



before running for Parliament. Sharif dismissed the allegations against him as minor, adding that no corruption charges had yet been proven against him.

"I still do not understand the grounds for my dismissal," he said. "I am only content that I was not disqualified on the grounds of alleged corruption." Sharif contends that he never withdrew that salary and was therefore not liable to declare it.

"When I never took a salary, what would I declare?" asked Sharif at the meeting on Saturday. "When you take something, there's a problem; when you don't, there's a problem."

Panama Papers' landmark ruling followed months of hearings sparked by the leak of the Panama Papers, which showed that three of Sharif's children were connected to

three offshore companies registered in the British Virgin Islands.

Those companies, the documents showed, had been involved in the mortgage of four apartments in London's posh Park Lane neighbourhood. Sharif's political opponents had been alleging for years that the properties had been obtained through ill-gotten gains made during Sharif's previous two terms in power in the 1990s.

The Sharif family has denied any wrongdoing, saying the apartments were bought using proceeds from the sale of a steel mill in the UAE.

What's next for Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif?

The Supreme Court, having constituted a high-level investigative panel to probe the allegations, concluded on Friday that there was enough evidence to refer

Sharif, his three children and Finance Minister Ishaq Dar to a corruption trial court.

No democratically elected prime minister in Pakistan's history has completed the five-year term in office.

Sharif himself has been removed twice before from power. In 1993, he was removed after a bitter struggle with the country's president, and in 1999 the military overthrew him in a bloodless coup.

Other prime ministers have been removed through votes of no-confidence in Parliament, the dissolution of the assemblies by the military or in direct military coups.

Pakistan's military has ruled the country for roughly half of its 70-year history.



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The bride's grand father was one of the famous police officers from Hyderabad India, Nawab Wajid Ali Khan (late), Superintendent of Police. The groom's father Dr. Mohammed Saifuddin, MD and grand father Mr. Mohammed Naseeruddin (late), Joint Collector. Both the families belongs to an aristocratic and famous families from old Hyderabad state.

On this occasion of Wedding, about 550 to 600 dignitaries guests have attended the event. The food served was real authentic Hyderabad Moguli dishes. All the events of the Wedding were performed in authentic Hyderabad style. The costumes attire the food and all customs were all in authentic old and real Hyderabad style. The guests attended were from all walks of life.

Many religious, political, professional friends and relatives like Doctors, Engineers, attorneys, chartered accountants, business men and politicians etc. Many guests came to attend from India, Saudi Arabia, Dubai, UK, Canada and many states of USA.

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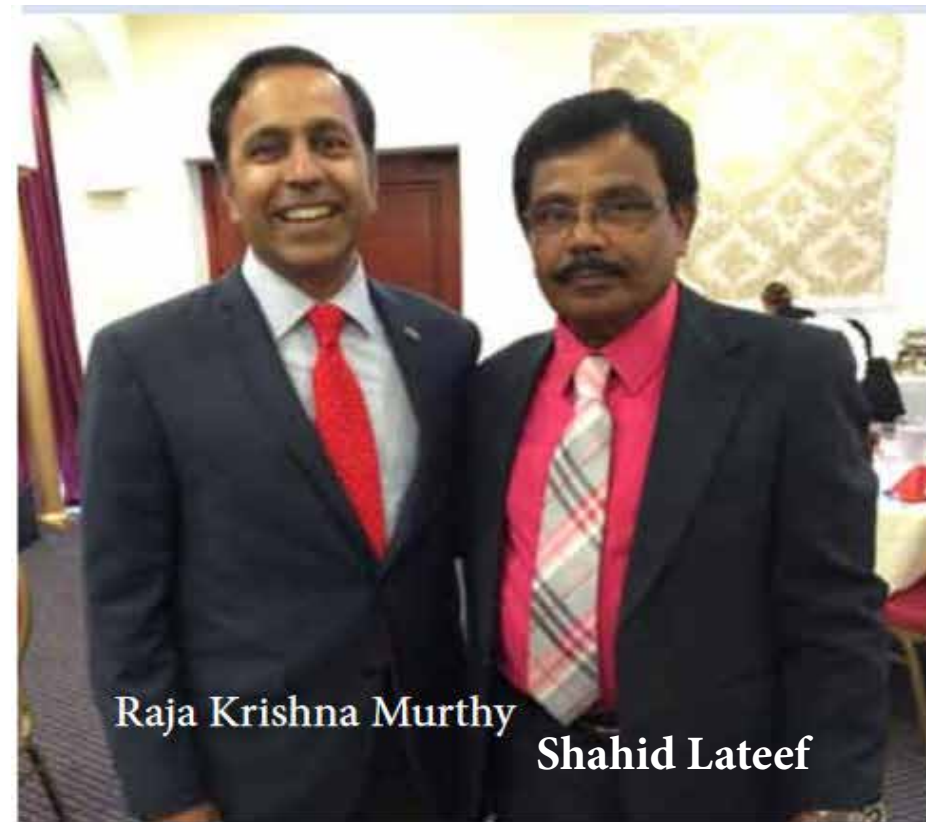
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Iran's missile programme to continue 'with full power'

Tehran remains defiant as it seeks 'an appropriate reaction' to US sanctions against

Iran's ballistic missile tests. Iran has vowed to press ahead with its missile programme, denouncing new US sanctions as "an effort to weaken the nuclear deal".

Bahram Ghasemi, Iran's foreign ministry spokesman, said on Saturday Tehran considers the US move as "hostile, reprehensible and unacceptable".

"It's ultimately an effort to weaken the nuclear deal," he said, referring to the 2015 agreement between Iran and US-led world powers that lifted some sanctions on Tehran in return for curbs on its nuclear programme.

"We will continue with full power our missile programme," he said. "The military and missile fields are our domestic policies and others have no right to intervene or comment on them."

Iranian state TV reported on Saturday that

the country's parliamentary committee on national security and foreign policy held an urgent meeting to review its response to a package of sanctions approved by the US Senate.

"It is imperative that we show an appropriate reaction in light of such hostile and vicious actions taken by the United States," Abbas Araghchi, Iran's deputy minister and senior Iranian negotiator, told reporters.

The US legislation imposes mandatory penalties on people involved in Iran's ballistic missile programme and anyone who does business with them.

It would also apply "terrorism" sanctions to Iran's prestigious Revolutionary Guard and enforce an arms embargo.

The bill was passed by the US Senate on Thursday, two days after being approved by the House of Representatives. It is due to be signed by President Donald Trump. Separately, Washington imposed new

sanctions on Friday, targeting Iran's missile programme, one day after Tehran tested a satellite-launch rocket.

Iranian state television broadcast footage of the launch from the Imam Khomeini space centre in the eastern province of Semnan.

The launch vehicle was capable of propelling a satellite weighing 250kg into orbit at an altitude of 500km, it said.

Destabilising' action

Western governments suspect Iran of trying to develop the technology for longer-range missiles with conventional or nuclear payloads, a charge denied by Tehran, which insists its space programme has purely peaceful aims.

In a joint statement, Britain, France, Germany and the United States condemned Tehran's "destabilising" action, saying the



test violated UN Security Council Resolution 2231 that endorsed the nuclear deal. "We call on Iran not to conduct any further ballistic missile launches and related activities," they said.

Resolution 2231 called on Iran not to test ballistic missiles capable of carrying a nuclear warhead, and an arms embargo has remained in place.

Iran says it has "proven its compliance with the nuclear deal" as repeatedly confirmed by the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Wife of Zimbabwe's leader tells Mugabe to name successor

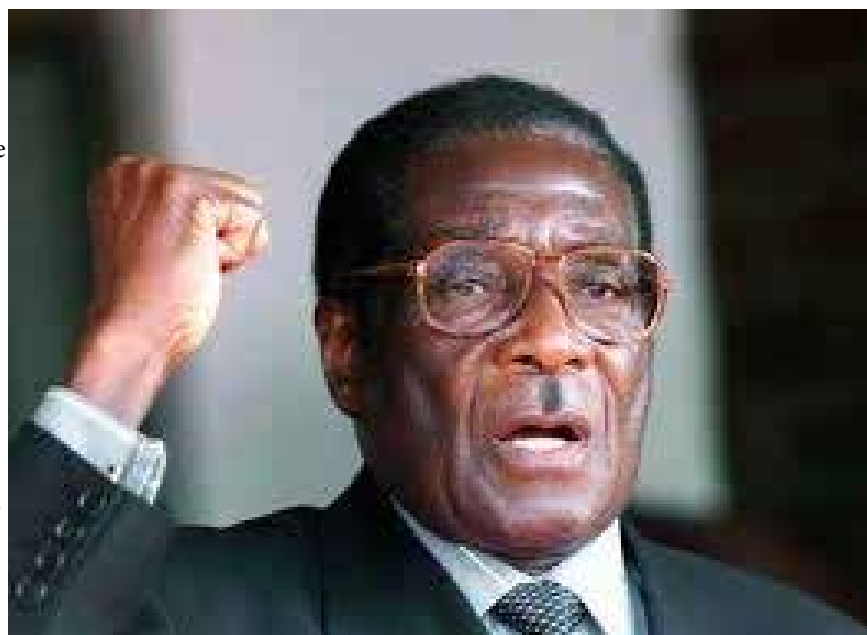
HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) — Zimbabwe's first lady on Thursday publicly urged her 93-year-old husband to name a successor, wading into a subject that President Robert Mugabe has regarded as taboo.

Grace Mugabe, whose political influence has been growing, previously said the world's oldest head of state could rule from the grave. "If God decides to take him, then we would rather field him as a corpse" in the 2018 election, she said early this year. But in comments shown by state broadcaster ZBC, the first lady said she had been arguing with him about naming a successor: "He says no, no, no."

With her husband in attendance, she told members of the ruling ZANU-PF party women's league: "I am

asking him now in front of you ... You, president, don't be afraid. Tell us your choice, which horse should we back. Because we respect him, his word will be final." The audience cheered, though the president's response was not immediately clear.

The president, who has led the southern African nation since 1980, already has started campaigning for next year's vote. He has repeatedly said he will not choose a succes-



sor.

The 52-year-old Grace Mugabe, who heads the ZANU-PF women's league, has become increasingly powerful. Her decisions have carried more weight at times than those of the country's vice presidents, and she has been headlining her own political rallies since 2014.

While she is seen as a potential successor to her husband, she has sent mixed signals. She has said she has no problem becoming president but on other occasions has said

she has no such ambitions. The first lady used a biblical analogy of a son who organized a feast to crown himself because his father was close to death. She said naming a successor "has been the trend in other countries," ZBC reported.

Some analysts have suggested that Robert Mugabe, who visibly struggles to walk these days, could call an early election.

His party's secretary for administration, Ignatius Chombo, last month said Mugabe could call an election in February or March. He can only do that if Parliament, where his party holds a majority, chooses to dissolve itself.

The constitution stipulates the earliest date Mugabe can call an election is in July 2018.

Fights to succeed Mugabe have intensified in recent months, with Cabinet ministers and military generals trading insults on mainstream and social media over the issue.

Mugabe and his wife have warned against senior party officials anointing themselves as successors. A Cabinet minister, Jonathan Moyo, has repeatedly tweeted that Vice President Emmerson Mnangagwa, a close Mugabe ally since the 1970s war of liberation from white minority rule, has done so. Mnangagwa has denied the claim, saying he is loyal to the president.

Mnangagwa leads one of the two factions setting themselves up to succeed Mugabe. The first lady is associated with a youthful faction called G-40, or Generation 40.

Pakistani Sa Re Ga Ma Pa contestant Zain Ali found dead

Sa Re Ga Ma Pa contestant and Pakistani singer Zain Ali was found dead at his friend's house in Lahore. As per Pakistani media reports, Zain's brother said that he told him he was going out to hang out with friends for a few days.

No wonder people want to come to India from Pakistan. Just jihadi elements are safe in Pakistan.

Zain was from Lahore and was visiting his friends in Sheikhpura on 20th July. His brother shared that he had no conflicts of any sort and was excited about a new song he was going to sing for a movie.

Zain's body was found in the washroom and medical investigations are still on. Currently, the cause of death has not been revealed.

Zain became popular in India and Pakistan after competing in the singing reality show Sa Re Ga Ma Pa in 2012.

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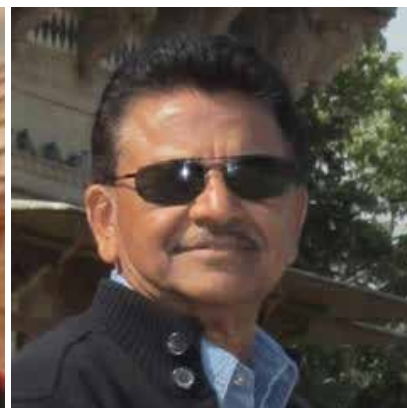
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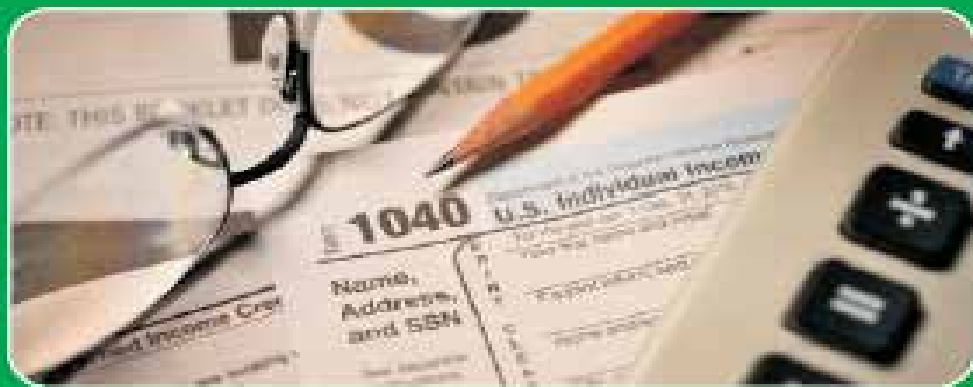
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3	Lal Bahadur Shastri	09 th June 1964 – 11 January 1966
4	Smt. Indira Gandhi	24 January 1966 – 24 march 1977 14 th January 1980 – 31 st October 1984
5	Shri Morarji Desai	24 March 1977 – 28 July 1979
6	Shri Charan Singh	28 July 1979 – 14 January 1980
7	Shri Rajiv Gandhi	31 st October 1984 – 02 nd December 1989
8	Shri VishwanathPratap Singh	02 December 1989 – 10 November 1990
9	Shri Chandra Shekhar	10 th November 1990 – 21 st June 1991
10	Shri P. V. Narasimha Rao	21 st June 1991 – 16 th May 1996
11	Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee	16 th May 1996 – 01 st June 1996 19 March 1998 – 22 May 2004
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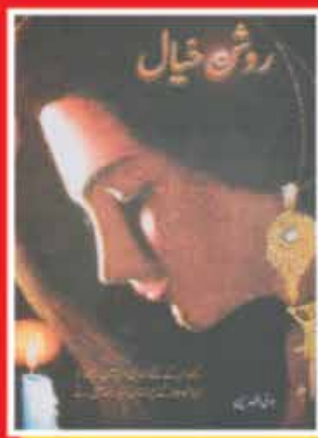
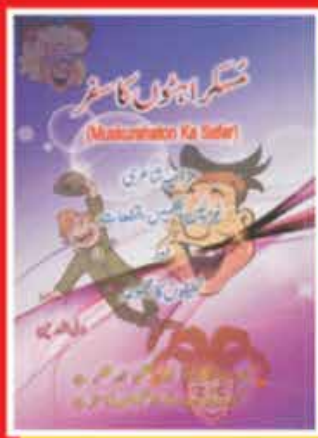
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MARIJUANA: A GATEWAY TO DRUG ADDICTION

-Dr. Iqbal Memon



Marijuana is the most commonly used “illicit” drug in the Unites States. Its use is widespread among young people. In 2015, more than 11 million young adults ages 18 to 25 used marijuana. According to the “Monitoring the Future survey”, rates of marijuana use among middle and high school students have dropped or levelled off in the past few years after several years of increase. However, the number of young people who believe marijuana use is risky is decreasing. Legalization of marijuana for medical use or adult recreational use in a growing number of states may affect these views.

What is Marijuana ?

Marijuana refers to the dried leaves, flowers, stems, and seeds from the hemp plant, Cannabis sativa. The plant contains the mind-altering chemical delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and other related compounds. Extracts



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can also be made from the cannabis plant.

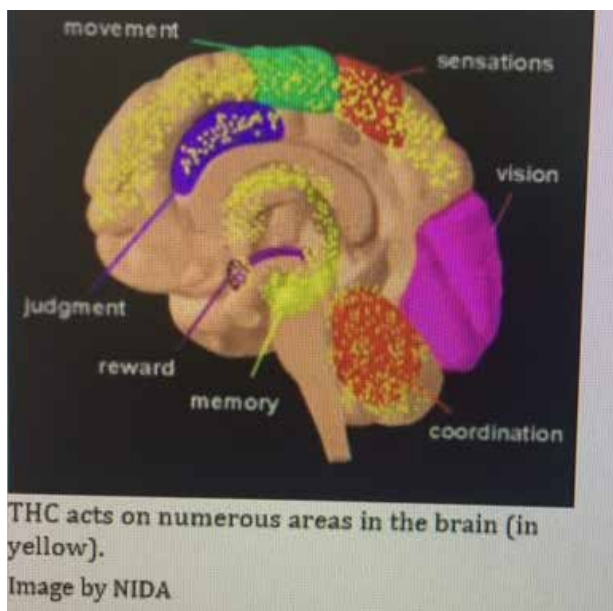
How do people use marijuana ?

People smoke marijuana in hand-rolled cigarettes (joints) or in the pipes or water pipes (bongs). They also smoke it in blunts--emptied cigars that have been partly or completely refilled with marijuana. To avoid inhaling smoke, some people are using vaporizers. These devices pull the active ingredients (including THC) from the marijuana and collect their vapor in a storage unit. A person then inhales the vapor, not the smoke. Some vaporizers use a marijuana liquid extract. People can mix marijuana in food (edibles), such as brownies, cookies, or candy, or brew it as a tea. A newly popular method of use is smoking or eating different forms of THC-rich resins (a practice called dabbing).

How does marijuana affect the brain ?

THC overactivates certain brain cell receptors, resulting in effects such as:

1. Altered senses
2. Changes in mood
3. Impaired body movement
4. Difficulty with thinking and problem-solving
5. Impaired memory and learning



THC acts on numerous areas in the brain (in yellow).

Image by NIDA

Marijuana use may have a wide range of effects, both physical and mental, which include:

1. Breathing illnesses
2. Possible harm to fetus's brain in pregnant women
3. Hallucinations and paranoia

Few other facts about Marijuana:

* The amount of THC in marijuana has been increasing steadily, creating more harmful effects.

* It is unlikely that a person will fail a drug test or get a “contact high” from inhaling secondhand marijuana smoke.

* A marijuana overdose doesn't lead to death but can cause some very uncomfortable side effects, such as unease and shaking and, in rare cases, extreme psychotic reaction.

* Marijuana can lead to a substance use disorder, which takes the form of addiction in severe cases. Research suggests that 30 percent of those who use marijuana may develop some degree of “marijuana use disorder”. People who begin using marijuana before age 18 are four to seven times more likely than adults to develop a “marijuana use disorder”

Marijuana “withdrawal” symptoms:

Many people who use marijuana long term and are trying to quit report withdrawal symptoms that make quitting difficult. These include:

1. Grouchiness
2. Sleeplessness
3. Decreased appetite
4. Anxiety
5. Cravings

How can people get treatment for marijuana addiction ?

Behavioral support has been effective in treating marijuana addiction. Examples include therapy and motivational incentives (providing rewards to patients who remain drug-free). No medications are currently available to treat marijuana cravings. Some of my colleagues in Psychiatry might provide medications to treat other issues, such as anxiety and depression, that accompany addiction.

Future scope for the appropriate specific medication : Continuing research may lead to new medications that help ease specific withdrawal symptoms, block the effects of marijuana, and prevent relapse.



Four R's of Civilized Societies Rights, Responsibilities, Respect for other's Rights, and Rules of Law

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As individuals, families, communities, and nations, we have been bestowed with certain powers. These powers fall into categories of “Physical Power”, “Intellectual Power”, and “Spiritual Power”. At the individual level, physical power comes from the body, often enhanced with personal tools and weapons, as well as monetary wealth. The intellectual power comes from the mind, often enhanced with technology, as well as socio-political status. The spiritual power comes from our soul, often enhanced with religious convictions. Similarly, at the national level, physical power is measured by military and economic strength. The intellectual power comes from the institutions of education, research, and technology. The spiritual power comes from the moral and ethical values of its people.

Within civilized societies, we as individuals, families and communities, claim the “Rights” to freely exercise these powers to protect and/or advance our own self interests or those of our friends and allies. Same appears to be also true for governments in a civilized international community of nations. However, the “Rights” to freely exercise these powers without “Responsibilities” results in conflicts at the boundary, where it begins to infringe on the “Rights” of others. In the absence of “Respect” for others’ Rights to pursue their own self interests, and any ethical or moral framework to constrain the “Rights” of individuals and nations at these boundaries, “Rules of Law” are needed to protect weaker individuals, families, communities, and nations from abuse of power by the stronger ones. Unless we as individuals, families, communities, and governments,

give a higher priority to the Rights of others over those of our own, we cannot claim to be a civilized society. When individuals, communities, and governments choose to exercise their powers without respect for others’ rights and/or exercise them beyond the framework of laws, conflicts arise resulting in violence and break-down of the civil order. Those guilty of breaking the law and order in such conflicts must then be brought to courts to face justice. Unfortunately, as the history of human civilization shows, there have been no periods where the guns have remained silent, or no violence has taken place. Stronger individuals, families, communities, and nations have consistently preyed over the weaker ones to dominate and subjugate them.

block use of human embryos for stem cell research, or a self-proclaimed guardian of the unborn's Right to assassinate medical practitioners performing abortions, or the newspapers' Right to publish derogatory cartoons and syndicated columns attacking Islam and the holy prophets, or the nations' Right to use their military might to change regimes of other nations or to destroy neighboring country's infrastructures to gain release of couple of soldier hostages, these Rights must be exercised with Responsibilities, with Respect for others' Rights, and within the framework of Rules of Law, if we are to leave a world more peaceful for our children and grand children than the one we inherited from our parents and grand parents.

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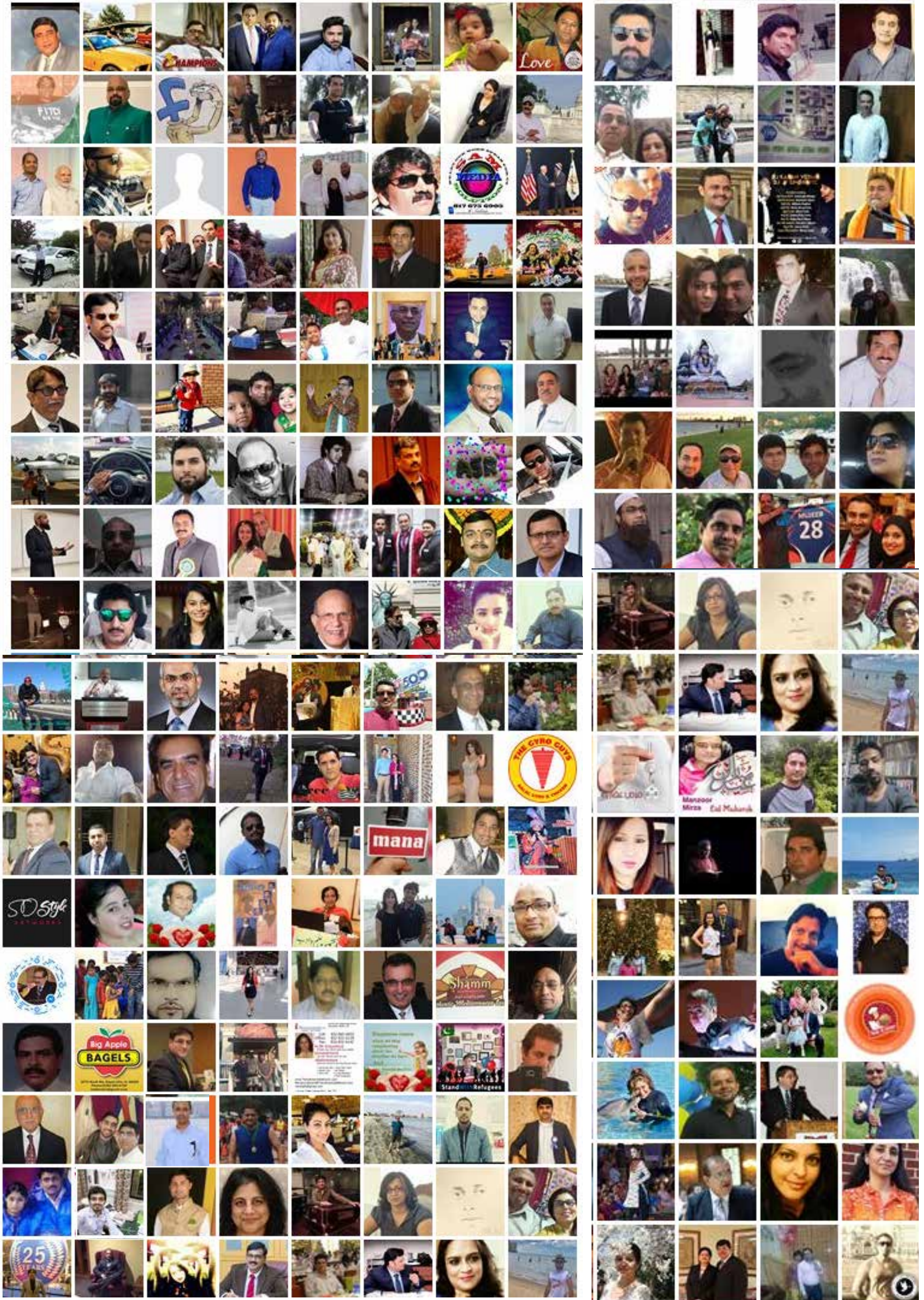
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Which came first Chicken or egg?

Dr. Navaneet Pandurangan



Which came first, the chicken or the egg? One might answer that the egg came first only to have another challenge him and say the chicken came first and produced that egg.

Let us have a few humorous answers. Place the two in a race, and the chicken will surely come first. In a restaurant, whatever is ordered first will come first.

Stephen Hawking, the famous astrophysicist who is often called the successor to Albert Einstein, has argued that the egg came before the chicken. Scientifically, the egg in general came first as egg-laying reptiles evolved before birds. In fact, reptiles (like dinosaurs) are ancestors to birds. Reptiles in turn evolved from a different ancestor amphibians like frogs.

Let us peek into ancient beliefs. In the Bible, on Day Five of Creation Week, God created "every winged bird according to its kind" (Genesis 1:21). God created mature birds with the ability to reproduce. So the bird was first, ready to lay eggs.

Hinduism and Buddhism hold that there is a wheel of time, meaning that there is no first in eternity. Time is cyclical. There is no creation, so neither the egg nor the chicken came first. Creator and created are not separate, only illusions makes them appear so.

Monotheistic concepts such as Christianity, Islam and Judaism have dualistic explanations. That is, the creator, God, is separate from the humans he created. But, in monism, there is also the concept from eastern culture that "creation IS in essence the creator, they are one and same".

In Hinduism, perspectives of both dualistic (Dvaita Vedanta or God and the created are separate) and non-dualistic (Advaita Vedanta or God and the created are the same) concepts exist. Vedas were considered to be dualistic (monotheistic) whereas Upanishads were non-dualistic (monistic). Though millions of pluralistic gods exist, they are united and share one unified nature/essence.

Being of a pluralistic nature, the philosophical strength of India is strong. Religious debates (Shastrathas) were regularly conducted in ancient days at Kashi. Even atheists took part in these debates. Buddha, an atheist, knew no almighty god but, is now considered as one of Vishnu's many avatars.

Our daily natural observations are mostly dualistic. Hell and heaven, male and female, good and evil, God and Satan, benevolent and malevolent. But once the illusion of Maya or ignorance is lifted, separations disappear and form one united nature filled with understanding. Sadhguru, an Indian yogi, says "An atheist and a theist are not different. One believes there is God, another believes there is no God. Both of them are believing something

that they do not know."

In physics, energy and matter become interchangeable. $E=mc^2$ where e is energy, and m is mass. Even with this understanding, we have much more left to discover and understand. "Concerning matter, we have been all wrong. What we have called matter is energy, whose vibration has been so lowered as to be perceptible to the senses. There is no matter." - Quote attributed to Albert Einstein.

One of the latest concept in physics is the "string theory". Everything in the universe (mass, charge, energy, and other properties) are manifestations of vibrations. Matter is simply a perception, an illusion.

Whenever you are provided with a question where the answer seems to be either A or B, you are not obligated to choose between them, but instead can choose 'Z'. Maybe, the answer is not egg and chicken rather an ancestor, such as a more rudimentary organism.

Our current civilization must grow beyond our current belief conflicts and come to a better understanding of humanity and its harmony with the universe.

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Muslim beauty queen to wear Kaftan instead of bikini

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onstage. Muna said, "I wouldn't wear a bikini to the beach, so I'm not going to wear one in a competition to score points."

Miss Universe GB is the UK qualifier for the global Miss Universe pageant in which women from over 80 countries participate to compete for the coveted title. The swimwear round is an essential part of the pageant in which the contestants walk the ramp in bikini while the judges decide who looks the best and the most confident. Muna's volunteer work

with children in the region last year pushed her to think once more about taking part in Miss Universe GB, which would allow her to share what she had learnt with a wider and more diverse audience. She is hopeful of the competition helping her in raising awareness about the sufferings of children caught up in the migrant crisis.

Mathematician Maryam Mirzakhani, First Woman to Win Fields Medal, Dies Age 40

Iranian mathematician Maryam Mirzakhani, the first woman to be awarded the prestigious Fields Medal, has died in the U.S.

The 40-year-old reportedly had breast cancer that spread to her bones. Mathematician Maryam Mirzakhani has died after a long battle with cancer. Stanford University

In a statement, Stanford University said Mirzakhani "died early Saturday after a long battle with cancer. Mirzakhani was 40 years old."

It described her as "ambitious, resolute and fearless in the face of problems others would not, or could not, tackle. Maryam Mirzakhani, Fields Prize winner, teaches a class at Stanford. screengrab

The Fields Medal is awarded every four years to between two and four mathematicians under the age of 40. Mirzakhani won the prize in 2014 for her work on geometry and dynamical systems. She was also the first Iranian to win the prize.

In a 2014 interview with the Guardian, she described the excitement and challenge of

mathematics.

"Of course, the most rewarding part is the "Aha" moment, the excitement of discovery and enjoyment of understanding something new—the feeling of being on top of a hill and having a clear view. But most of the time, doing mathematics for me is like being on a long hike with no trail and no end in sight," she remarked. Stanford President Marc Tessier-Lavigne said: "Maryam is gone far too soon, but her impact will live on for the thousands of women she inspired to pursue math and science."

"Maryam was a brilliant mathematical theorist, and also a humble person who accepted honors only with the hope that it might encourage others to follow her path. Her contributions as both a scholar and a role model are significant and enduring, and she will be dearly missed here at Stanford and around the world."

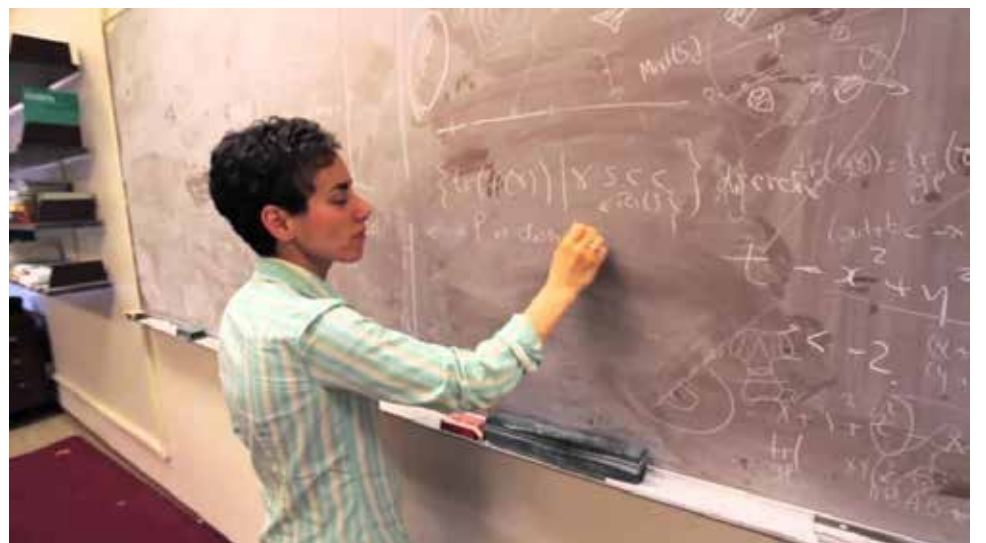
Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif paid tribute to her.

"The news of young Iranian genius and math professor Maryam Mirzakhani's passing has brought a deep pang of sorrow

to me and all Iranians who are proud of their eminent and distinguished scientists," Zarif posted in Persian on his Instagram account, reported the Tehran Times. "I do offer my heartfelt condolences upon the passing of this lady scientist to all Iranians worldwide, her grieving family and the scientific community," he added. Mirzakhani was born in Tehran in 1977, and was twice awarded the International

Mathematical Olympiad's gold medal in her youth.

She earned a doctoral degree from Harvard University in 2004 and became full professor of mathematics at Stanford at the age of 31.





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HOME SAFETY TIPS



In the kitchen,

Keep a distance between flammable objects (papers, curtains, plastics, etc.) and fire sources (oven, stove top, portable heater, etc.)

Use harmful products (cleaning solutions, lighters) with caution (follow instructions!) and keep them out of reach of children and pets.

Never leave sharp objects (knives) or other such tools and utensils misplaced or unattended.

Ensure electrical cords aren't draped across other appliances or the counter or stove top.

Leave space around appliances for proper ventilation.

In the bathroom,

Keep electrical appliances wrapped and away from water.

Use non-slip strips or floor mats

Always keep the room clean and as dry as possible.

In the bedroom,

Never smoke.

As always, ensure that everything else is a safe distance away from a source of fire or heat.

Opt for mattresses with open flame-resistant protection.

You're most vulnerable when you sleep.

Even in bed, keep a phone, light, (and, if necessary, a weapon) within reach.

In the garage,

This is probably where you store most of your tools and equipment. Take precautions with flammable liquids, chemicals, and anything producing fumes.

Keep poisonous substances (paint thinner, antifreeze, rat poison, etc.) locked up and out of reach of children and pets.

Keep your space clean and organized, especially as many of your tools are sharp, heavy, or otherwise dangerous.

In the yard,

Surround your property with a sturdy fence (this is more for keeping in children and pets, but can also serve to remind strangers to keep out).

If you've got a pool, keep it locked down or fenced in when not in use.

Be careful when working in bad weather.

Use sand, salt, and good-traction footwear on ice and snow.

On the stairs,

Keep steps clean and dry.

Always install stable and sturdy railing on both sides of the stairs.

Ensure that the distance between the rails is narrow enough to prevent a child or infant from falling through.

Good rule of thumb: less than four inches!

Keep stairs well lit.

Guard against fire with these home safety tips:

Install smoke detectors, check them regularly, and replace the batteries at least once a year.

Avoid overloading outlets and extension cords.

Keep fire extinguishers handy and know how to use them.

Establish a safety exit, ensure all family members know and understand it, practice with drills, and ensure it's never blocked.

Never block or pile things on heaters or near heat-exuding appliances; give these a wide berth, plenty of breathing room, and make sure they don't get overheated.

Ensure that all materials are fire-resistant if you're renovating or just fixing up something around the house.

Never leave any type of fire or hot appliance unattended.

Remove dry vegetation around your home, especially during the dry seasons.

Cover the fireplace with a stable and large metal fire frame.

Have easy access to important phone numbers: the police, the fire department, poison control, and trusted family, friends, and neighbors, in case of an emergency.

Clearly mark your street number on the mailbox, fence, gate, or wall so you can easily be located in case of an emergency.

Consider investing on a home safety orientation training if you're working in the home care industry.

Did You Know?

85% of all U.S. fire deaths in 2009 occurred in homes (4) Every 14.6 seconds, one burglary takes place. (5) Most Burglars Leave Immediately When Forced Entry Fails Typically, burglars spend less than 60 seconds breaking into a home. The more difficult it is to gain access, the more likely a burglar is to reconsider the attack. (6)

Action Items

Establish an evacuation plan and discuss it with the rest of the household.

Purchase, renew, and check all of your home's smoke alarms.

Buy a fire extinguisher and have it in a handy, easily accessible location.

Place a "save the baby" or "save our pet" sticker on a front window to alert firefighters about family members who can't save themselves.

Keep the indoors a no-smoking zone; put up signs and stickers if need be.

Never leave fire—used in whichever room and for whatever purpose—unattended.

Guarding Against Intruders

Install a home security system.

Make sure locks are in place and are functioning correctly.

Always check through a peephole or window before opening the door when somebody knocks.

Keep your doors closed even when you're home, including the garage doors.

Keep blinds or curtains closed so you don't advertise what's inside (especially in expensive rooms!).

Store your valuables in a safe or a very clever hiding spot, instead of leaving them lying around.

Protect sliding doors from intrusion by inserting a metal bar or pipe on the bottom track (make sure it's the same length).

Request identification if a stranger claims

to be a police officer or other government official.

Adopt a guard dog.

Report any suspicious activity around your house or in the neighbourhood to the local authorities immediately.

Don't leave digital footprints for criminals. Social networks provide an easy, fun, and dangerous way to announce your exact whereabouts and all times. We often forget that our friends aren't the only ones privy all of to the information that we post.

Never announce that you're leaving your home, especially for prolonged absences.

Never post your address or phone number. Be careful of the information you provide on your answering machine, voicemail, or email signatures.

HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN

Never leave children alone or unattended near water or fire.

If a child is missing, always check bodies of water (pool or bathtub) first—you can prevent a drowning by mere seconds.

Unload and lock away firearms, and any other weapons.

Keep medications and chemicals safely out of reach.

Keep choking hazards (small items and small food) safely out of reach.

Keep heavy or breakable objects safely out of reach.

Use round-ended furniture, and avoid sharp objects and accessories.

Secure household items; prevent tipping by securing bookcases, shelves, and other objects or appliances that could disastrously fall.

Immediately replace any damaged, frayed, or faulty materials or appliances that could pose a hazard to an unsuspecting child.

Cover outlets, ground appliances, and coil extension cords when not in use; although these are rules to be followed anyway, they are especially important with children underfoot.

Avoid lead poisoning by double-checking the toys and equipment for your child.

Opt only for cribs, high chairs, and other regularly used furniture that have been painted after 1978.

Buy new furniture; old pieces might be worn down or have missing parts, which is hazardous.

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Reduce the risk of suffocation.

Remove access to trunks, old refrigerators, car trunks, and any other such area where children could get locked in.

Keep beds and cribs as bare as possible—infants in particular are susceptible to suffocation.

Block or lock the windows, stairways, and doors to prevent accidental falls or unintended wanderings by small children.

Protect kids from plants. Plants are beautiful, infuse the air with oxygen, and decorate a room nicely. But they can be toxic if consumed. Know what plants you have, and opt for the safest ones.

HOUSEHOLDS WITH ELDERLY



Guard against falls:

Install rails along the staircase, in the bathroom.

Secure windows, block stairways, and lock doors.

Replace unstable or slippery rugs and runners.

Ensure the floor is always clean, clear, and dry.

General tips:

Keep rooms well lit; elders often have trouble with vision (or other senses, in which case it's even more important for them to see).

Use night lights or motion-sensor lights for easy navigation.

Arrange furniture for easy navigation.

Rearrange furniture and items to make often-used objects more accessible.

Easy access to phone numbers in case of an emergency or in order to contact family/a trusted neighbor.

WHEN VACATIONING AWAY FROM HOME

Lock up. Ensure that all your locks are functioning properly and that all doors and windows are locked.

Create the illusion that someone is home:

Turn on (and leave on) a TV or stereo

Leave some interior lights on; use a timer if you're gone for more than a day.

Leave on exterior lighting

Use exterior lights that turn on via motion detectors

Never leave notes on the door when you go out (for a neighbor, handyman, family member, or whomever)—this is practically you hollering that you've left the building.

Lower your ring tone. If you'll be gone for a while, adjust your telephone so that the volume is low, and the incessant ringing doesn't trumpet your absence.

Pull the plug on certain appliances. You don't need the toaster, the computer, or the washing machine to be on, for example.

You'll save energy, money, and the risk of something messing up or igniting due to power surges or other mishaps.

Have a trusted neighbour or friend regularly pick up your mail.

Never pause or cancel mail delivery—you never know who might pick up on that.

Never leave extra keys in expected places.

Under the doormat and in the flowerpot next to the door aren't the wisest of hiding places. Find a very inconspicuous place, or entrust a good neighbour.

When to worry about worrying

There is no shortage of things to worry about --- from personal concerns about job security or health, to fears related to larger issues such as political conflicts or natural disasters. Temporary anxiety can be a healthy response to uncertainty and danger, but constant worry and nervousness may be a sign of generalized anxiety disorder.

Coping with Anxiety and Stress Disorders

Everyone worries or gets scared sometimes. But if you feel extremely worried or afraid much of the time, or if you repeatedly feel panicky, you may have an anxiety disorder. Anxiety disorders are among the most common mental illnesses, affecting roughly 40 million American adults each year. Thankfully, never before have there been so many therapies to help control anxiety. This report will provide up-to-date information on these treatments.

Do I have generalized anxiety disorder?

You'll need your doctor's help to know for sure, but while other types of anxiety disorders arise from particular situations, generalized anxiety disorder is characterized by debilitating worry and agitation about nothing in particular, or anything at all.

People with generalized anxiety disorder tend to worry about everyday matters. They can't shake the feeling that something bad will happen and they will not be prepared. They may worry to excess about missing an appointment, losing a job, or having an accident. Some people even

worry about worrying too much.

Physical symptoms are common too, and can include a racing heart, dry mouth, upset stomach, muscle tension, sweating, trembling, and irritability. These bodily expressions of anxiety can have a negative effect on physical health. For example, people with generalized anxiety disorder are at greater risk for heart attack and other cardiovascular problems.

Taming anxiety

Persistent, excessive worry about several different things for at least six months Fatigue, difficulty sleeping, or restlessness Trouble concentrating Irritability Muscle tension Feeling tense or "on edge"

If you have generalized anxiety disorder, therapy — particularly cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) — can help. CBT helps people recognize when they are misinterpreting events, exaggerating difficulties, or making unnecessarily pessimistic assumptions, and offers new ways to respond to anxiety-provoking situations.

For some people, medications can be an important part of treatment. Commonly prescribed drugs include antidepressants, such as selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (like Prozac or Zoloft), or dual serotonin and norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (like Effexor or Cymbalta).

These drugs take longer to work than the traditional anti-anxiety drugs, but also may provide greater symptom relief over time.

Symptoms of generalized anxiety disorder Treating anxiety without medication

Treating anxiety without medication effective strength training

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If you suffer from anxiety, the constant, nagging feelings of worry can be troubling and hard to control. These feelings are usually intense and out of proportion to the actual troubles and dangers in your everyday life. They can make it hard to function at home, at work, or in social situations.

Anxiety can be treated with medication, but several mind-body approaches may also be effective.

Hypnosis is sometimes used along with cognitive behavioral therapy to treat anxiety. It can help people focus their attention, rethink problems, relax, and respond to helpful suggestions. Hypnosis relies mainly on your ability to concentrate and on the trust you have in the therapist. If you are interested in hypnosis, discuss it first with your psychiatrist or psychologist. She or he can help you find a qualified practitioner.

Biofeedback measures specific body functions, such as heartbeat or breathing, and feeds this information back to you in the form of sounds or lights. This can help you become aware of your body's responses and learn to control them using relaxation and cognitive techniques. You can practice different relaxation techniques while attached to biofeedback equipment and get immediate sensory input about which techniques produce the desired results, such as slowing the heart rate or relaxing tense muscles. The hope is that this extra

feedback helps people find — and refine — techniques that can calm the body and reduce anxiety.

Other relaxation techniques that may ease anxiety include deep (diaphragmatic) breathing, visualization, and body scanning.

Deep breathing

To practice this technique, begin by finding a comfortable, quiet place to sit or lie down. Start by observing your breath. First, take a normal breath. Now try taking a slow, deep breath. The air coming in through your nose should feel as though it moves downward into your lower belly. Let your abdomen expand fully. Now breathe out through your mouth (or your nose, if that feels more natural). Alternate normal and deep breaths several times. Pay attention to how you feel when you inhale and exhale normally and when you breathe deeply. Shallow breathing often feels tense and constricted, while deep breathing produces relaxation.

Continue this for several minutes. Put one hand on your abdomen, just below your belly button. Feel your hand rise about an inch each time you inhale and fall about an inch each time you exhale. Your chest will rise slightly, too, in concert with your abdomen. Remember to relax your belly so that each inhalation expands it fully. Try to practice this breathing technique for 15 to 20 minutes every day. You might also try shorter bouts lasting a few minutes when anxiety begins to build, to see if this feels calming.

Lightheaded? Top 5 reasons you might feel woozy

Dehydration, medication side effects, sudden blood pressure drops, low blood sugar, and heart disease or stroke may be to blame.

Feeling woozy, lightheaded, or a little faint is a common complaint among older adults. Although it's not usually caused by anything life-threatening, it could be, so you need to be careful.

"Don't ignore it. Even if the lightheadedness does not have a serious cause, it could lead to serious injuries from a fall. And at the worst, the cause may itself be life-threatening,

If you feel lightheaded, Dr. Grossman recommends having a drink of water or orange juice and lying down. If symptoms last more than 15 minutes, he says it's time to seek medical help in an urgent or emergency care setting. Even if symptoms are brief, and even if you think you know the cause, report the lightheadedness to your doctor.

Following are the top causes of lightheadedness and common fixes.

Dehydration

You may become dehydrated if you're overheated, if you aren't eating or drinking enough, or if you're sick. Without enough fluids, the volume of your blood goes

down, lowering your blood pressure and keeping your brain from getting enough blood, causing lightheadedness. "A glass of water may be enough to make you feel better, but if you haven't been eating or drinking much for days, it will take more than that to rehydrate your body," says Dr. Grossman. You may need an intravenous infusion of fluid. A doctor can check to see if you need electrolytes like potassium or salt.

Drug side effects

Sometimes medications make you feel lightheaded, especially those that lower your blood pressure or make you urinate more. "If they work too well, they'll lower your blood pressure too much and make you lightheaded. Diuretics are notorious for this," says Dr. Grossman. The fix may be as simple as adjusting the dose or trying a different drug.

Sudden drop in blood pressure

The autonomic nervous system helps the body regulate the shift in blood pressure when we stand up. As we get older, this system may deteriorate, causing a temporary drop in blood pressure when we stand—known as orthostatic hypotension—resulting in lightheadedness. This may be a long-term problem, but there are medications to treat it, such as mido-

drine (ProAmatine) and fludrocortisone (Florinef), so this too warrants a trip to your doctor.

Low blood sugar

"When you don't have enough blood sugar, every system in your body goes on reserve to use as little energy as possible, including your brain, making you feel lightheaded or confused," says Dr. Grossman. It may only take a drink of juice to relieve your symptoms, but it's best to get your blood sugar levels checked, especially if you need more glucose (sugar) in intravenous or pill form.

Heart attack and stroke

At its most serious, lightheadedness may be a sign of a heart attack or stroke. Other symptoms of a heart attack often accompanying lightheadedness are chest pain, shortness of breath, nausea, arm pain, back pain, or jaw pain. Symptoms suggesting a stroke are the sudden onset of headache, numbness, weakness, visual changes, trouble walking, or slurred speech. "But in older adults, lightheadedness may be the only symptom of a heart attack or a stroke, especially if it doesn't go away," says Dr. Grossman. In that case, every second counts, so get to an emergency room for treatment.

Dizziness: How it's different



"Are you feeling lightheaded or dizzy?" your doctor may ask. Although it is often hard to tell the difference, your answer may have a big impact on how the doctor moves forward with diagnosis. Lightheadedness is not the same as dizziness, also known as vertigo, which refers to feeling like your surroundings are spinning. Common causes of dizziness include medication side effects; infections or other disorders of the inner ear; tumors; a stroke that occurs in the back of the brain; Ménière's disease, which attacks a nerve important in balance and hearing; benign paroxysmal positional vertigo, when tiny crystals in the inner ear become dislodged and move around inside the ear canals; and Parkinson's disease.

Treating the underlying condition can relieve dizziness. But don't ignore bouts of dizziness, warns Dr. Grossman. "Vertigo can lead to falls and injury. It's a real problem, particularly in the elderly, and in many cases, it can be prevented

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The Curse of Queen Soraya of Persia

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Aryamehar Shahenshah Mohammad Reza Shah Pehalvi, also held the title as Aryamehr which means "Light of Aryans". The Emperor, due to need for a male heir as per "agnatic primogeniture" royal charter, divorced his beautiful Queen Soraya and married a young lady. 1.7m tall Farah Diba and after the marriage she was titled as Shahbanu. Her bridal gown was designed by Yves Saint Laurent, she wore a diamond which was commissioned as "Noor ol Ain Diamond, the royal marriage to a commoner was celebrated with great pomp and glory. Persians rejoiced for days together. Persians also called as Iranians are proud of their culture, heritage and wealth. Farsi or Persian is very rich language and its classic Shahnama written by Ferdowsi, written between 977 and 1010 AD has been translated in almost every known language for its rich literature through ten thousand odd couplets. Persian was the official language of India till 1834. During the days of the Shahenshah, wealthy Iran was routinely used to import goods from Europe, USA, and Japan. Tehran was compared to major cities of the world. India was not a major trading partner, though a sizeable number of Indians, many Sikhs and Sindhis had settled there doing businesses. Raj Kapoor's movie "Sangam" ran in theatres for years together raking in tons of moolah to its distributors, said to be the famous Hinduja family.

We as an Indian company hoped that the Islamic revolution of 1979 would open market for Indian engineering goods. Despite our best efforts, we were not able to enter the Iranian machine tools market which was dominated by Germans. In 1989, I was sent to explore the market for Indian made machines, it was my first visit to fabled Iran. On arrival at Imam Khomeini Airport, Tehran, there was an intimidating atmosphere as everywhere young Revolutionary Guards brandishing new Kalashnikovs were overseeing almost every happening and goods entering. The customs too, scrutinized personal baggage in a very rude and exhaustive manner and after finding nothing objectionable to their dismay, I was allowed in. The drive from Airport was pleasant, cabbie's mannerisms reminded me of Lucknow culture back home. I checked in a "five Star" hotel Esteghlal which used to be a Foot Ball Club before revolution, with no star facilities except the tariff. The floor was tiled with US military insignia, so that the hotel guests would step and walk on the emblem to record their insult to USA. As an Indian, I found it strange, annoying and therefore, I skirted the emblem, as any of my countrymen would do. The hostage crisis of 1981 was still fresh and a rallying issue for the revolutionaries.

Iran is beautiful country of the size and population comparable to France. As for their stock is concerned, they claim and proud of their Aryan background and ancient civilization dating back to 3200 BC with Manichaeism and Zoroastrianism. Our Indian Parsis brethren are Zoroastrians and have cultural roots in Iran. They were forced to flee Iran as by and large the majority of people had embraced Islam in seventh century AD. It was Gujarati Hindu King Jadi Rana who gave refuge to fleeing Parsis from Persia with one condition that they observe their rituals only during the evenings, in dark and not disturb the local culture of Gujaratis. Starting in 1736 under Nader Shah, who took away Koh e Noor diamond from us, Iran reached its greatest territorial extent, briefly possessing what was arguably the most powerful empire in the world. It is a land known for its four distinct seasons, very clearly changing every 3 months. I was lucky to be in Tehran during the spring season which starts on 21st March, with temperature hovering around 16-18 degs C, a gentle breeze, flowers and fruits in plenty to add the charm to local beauties. The city is in the embrace of Alborz range of mountains and one could see snow caps even in late spring.

The rich Iranians have apple orchards and weekend retreats on the nearby mountains which could be just a couple of hours drive from their homes. On one such visit to an orchard of a friend, I was surprised to see that a drove of donkeys is left loose in the orchard to eat thousands of fallen apples due to wind, as the owners find it expensive to hire labour to pick and remove. City has beautiful boulevards with water stream flowing on both sides which is brought down from the Alborz, from naturally melting snow, absolutely clear, and it is a music to the ears to listen to the sound of flowing water. Shopping arcades and roads were monitored by the guards who will ensure that women are dressed appropriately in traditional hijab, in black covering head to toe. If any woman was found careless and displaying even her hairdo, the guards would take her away in the waiting vans, for counseling and punishment. In a restaurant, I overheard an Iranian lady saying "they have made us to look like black crows which are found in the streets". Foreigners were generally scared a lot and the hostage crisis was always at the background,

noticeable from their very polite body language, and good behaviour. While shopping around for souvenirs, I came across "Tear Catcher" a colourful "S" shaped bottle with an opening of the stem that is formed to your eye. In ancient Persia, when the Sultan returned from the war, he would check the bottles with each of his wives to estimate who had missed him most and who wept most during his absence. I brought one and gave it to my wife, which always remains in the show case, perhaps she is waiting for me to go to war!

I was counting days and hours to return back to India, although later, it would be felt that this was façade and internal situation was different, very human and enjoyable. My first task was to look for a suitable middleman to represent us and to accompany me to meetings with prospective customers. After couple of days of being wanderlust, I found through a contact an Iranian associate Nasser who met me and offered to be our Agent in Iran. In fact, a private medical college in India had given a free seat to Nasser's wife so that his services could be used by the Chief of college who had a strong religious belief from scriptures that an avatar of Kalki Bhagwan who is also an avatar of Lord Vishnu is already born and is living in Iran. Therefore, the Chief believed that he should visit Iran as often as possible and he would certainly meet the Bhagwan. In the heart of hearts, I thanked Kalki Bhagwan for giving me an Agent who has strong Bangalore connection and would visit Iran as often as we would desire. Later, I learnt that Nasser also acts as an agent of students from Iran to get them admission in colleges, for which he would get commission from the colleges. Educational Institutions preferred this as they would get a higher capitation fees. This was the reason we could find hundreds of Iranian students in Bangalore and Bangalore is a preferred destination for Iranian students. Nasser arranged few meetings in the Industry where I would present the prospectus of my company and distribute catalogues and floppies. Communicating with customers was difficult as they use "Farsi" extensively and even all technical drawings were made in Farsi language. Our target was IDRO, a Government establishment which was an umbrella organization of Industries with nominal participation in equity and acting as a funnel to bring in technology from abroad.

A meeting with the help of Nasser was arranged with the Chief of IDRO and I found an opportunity. India was perhaps one of the few countries in the world in early 80s who had capacity to design and build Computer Numerically Controlled machine tools. CNC machine are basically machines with digital mathematics and repetitive accuracy of the component machined is guaranteed. During my second visit to IDRO, Iran, I offered them a technology package of design drawings, planning documents, CKDs, CNC systems and training. I convinced them, as it was an essential technology for any developing country and West may not offer them, and this strategy worked. After hectic negotiations, we signed our first post revolution contract for ten CNC machines and it was a very huge order. During the entire period of negotiations, one Revolutionary Guard in plain clothes was seated, who would simply watch and listen to the proceedings and never ask a question. The payment was through Asian Currency Unit mechanism set up amongst Iran, India, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Turkey, which is currently inactive due to sanctions from USA. This mechanism was set up by IMF to avoid clearing house expenses which accrue to clearing houses in US, similar arrangement exists in Latin America too. Though the currency is designated in USDs, the actual payment made would be in local currencies taking into account the exchange rate applicable at the time of transaction. SBI was the only bank authorized in India to handle the transactions.

The shipment of CKDs and documents was made from our factory, the designers were very happy as their design drawings were sold at a considerable value. The shipment included a brochure of CNC System with Siemens logo mentioning that the system was being manufactured by HMT in collaboration. The shipment was received and within few days, IDRO informed that the systems supplied by us were not from Siemens, Germany. The Guards had raised an objection after comparing the material received with the brochure on which carried a picture of System with Siemens logo. We were alleged to have cheated IDRO. An official complaint was lodged by them and they were not able to appreciate that the system supplied by HMT were imported and assembled in India. The dispute went on for few weeks and they were adamant. Finally, we relented, imported the CNC systems directly from collaborators Siemens, Germany, into Iran to solve the issue.

**HINDI MOVIE RELEASE DATES**

Opening	Name NA	Genre NA	Director	Cast
July 7	<i>Guest in London</i>	Comedy	Ashwini Dhir	Kartik Aaryan, Kriti Kharbanda, Paresh Rawal, Tanvi Azmi, Ajay Devgn(Cameo appearance), Sanjay Mishra (actor)
	<i>Babu Ji Ek Ticket Bambal</i>	Social Drama	Arvind Tripathi	Rajpal Yadav, Sudha Chandran, Bharati sharma, Milind Gunaji
	<i>Mom</i>	Thriller/Drama	Ravi Udyawar	Sridevi, Akshaye Khanna, Adnan Siddiqui, Sajal Ali
14 July	<i>Jagga Jasoos</i>	Comedy/Romance	Anurag Basu	Ranbir Kapoor, Katrina Kaif
July 21	<i>Munna Michael</i>	Action/Romance	Sabbir Khan	Tiger Shroff, Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Nidhi Agerwal
	<i>Daddy</i>	Crime/Drama	Ashim Ahluwalia	Arjun Rampal, Aishwarya Rajesh, Nishikant Kamat
	<i>Lipstick Under My Burkha</i>	Drama	Alankrita Shrivastava	Konkona Sen Sharma, Ratna Pathak Shah, Aahana Kumra, Plabita Borthakur, Sushant Singh, Vikrant Massey, Shashank Arora, Vaibhav Tatwawadi, Jagat Singh Solanki
July 28	<i>Mubarakan</i>	Comedy/Romance	Anees Bazmee	Anil Kapoor, Arjun Kapoor, Ileana D'Cruz, Athiya Shetty
	<i>Indu Sarkar</i>	Drama	Madhur Bhandarkar	Anupam Kher, Neil Nitin Mukesh, Kirti Kulhari, Tota Roy Chowdhury
August 4	<i>Jab Harry Met Sejal</i>	Romance	Imtiaz Ali	Shah Rukh Khan, Anushka Sharma
	<i>Yeh Hai India</i>	Patriotic/Drama	Lom Harsh	Gavie Chahal, Deana Uppal, Mohan Agashe, Mohan Joshi
	<i>JD</i>	Drama/Thriller	Shailendra Pandey	Govind Namdev, Aman Verma, Vedita Pratap Singh, Arvind Gaur
August 11	<i>Toilet: Ek Prem Katha</i>	Romance/Satire	Shree Narayan Singh	Akshay Kumar, Bhumi Pednekar, Divyendu Sharma, Anupam Kher
August 18	<i>Haseena: The Queen of Mumbai</i>	Biographic	Apoorva Lakhia	Shraddha Kapoor, Sharman Joshi, Siddhanth Kapoor, Ankur Bhatia
	<i>Bareilly Ki Barfi</i>	Comedy/Romance	Ashwini Iyer Tiwari	Ayushmann Khurrana, Rajkummar Rao, Kriti Sanon
August 25	<i>A Gentleman</i>	Action/Romance	Raj and D.K.	Sidharth Malhotra, Jacqueline Fernandez, Darshan Kumar, Suniel Shetty
September 1	<i>Baadshaho</i>	Action	Milan Lutharia	Ajay Devgn, Emraan Hashmi, Vidyut Jammwal, Ileana D'Cruz, Esha Gupta
September 8	<i>Poster Boys</i>	Comedy	Shreyas Talpade	Sunny Deol, Shreyas Talpade, Bobby Deol
September 8	<i>Love Per Square Foot</i>	Romance/Comedy	Anand Tiwari	Vicky Kaushal, Angira Dhar
September 15	<i>Simran</i>	Drama	Hansal Mehta	Kangana Ranaut, Sohum Shah
September 22	<i>Bhoomi</i>	Action/Drama	Omung Kumar	Sanjay Dutt, Aditi Rao Hydari
September 29	<i>Mangal Ho</i>	Sci-Fi/Comedy	Pritish Chakraborty	Pritish Chakraborty, Anushka Ramesh, Sanjay Mishra, Annu Kapoor
September 29	<i>Judwaa 2</i>	Action/Comedy	David Dhawan	Varun Dhawan, Tapsee Pannu, Jacqueline Fernandez
October 6	<i>Mein Terrorist Nahi Hoon</i>	Action	Arjin Uppal	Gulshan Grover, Rahul Dev, Afiq Muiz, Chacha Maembong, Farida Jalal
6 October	<i>Chef</i>	Drama	Raja Krishna Menon	Saif Ali Khan, Sobhita Dhulipala
October 18	<i>Golmaal Again</i>	Comedy	Rohit Shetty	Rohit Verma, Ajay Devgan, Parineeti Chopra, Neil Nitin Mukesh, Tabu, Shreyas Talpade, Tusshar Kapoor
	<i>Secret Superstar</i>	Musical Drama	Advait Chandan	Zaira Wasim, Abin Muhammed, Aamir Khan, Meher Vij
November 9	<i>Drive</i>	Action/Romance	Tarun Mansukhani	Sushant Singh Rajput, Jacqueline Fernandez
	<i>Omerta (2017 film)</i>	Drama	Hansal Mehta	Rajkummar Rao
November 17	<i>Padmavati</i>	Period Drama	Sanjay Leela Bhansali	Deepika Padukone, Shahid Kapoor, Ranveer Singh, Aditi Rao Hydari
December 1	<i>Tumhari Sulu</i>	Comedy Drama	Suresh Triveni	Vidya Balan, Manav Kaul, Neha Dhupia
	<i>102 Not Out</i>	Drama	Umesh Shukla	Amitabh Bachchan, Rishi Kapoor
December 8	<i>Fukrey Returns</i>	Comedy	Mrighdeep Singh Lamba	Pulkit Samrat, Varun Sharma, Ali Fazal, Manjot Singh, Richa Chadda
	<i>Parmanu: The Story Of Pokhran</i>	Action/Drama	Abhishek Sharma	John Abraham, Diana Penty, Boman Irani
December 22	<i>Tiger Zinda Hai</i>	Action/Drama	Ali Abbas Zafar	Salman Khan, Katrina Kaif, Paresh Rawal, Sudeep, Angad Bedi, Girish Karnad, Kumud Mishra

OUAAR marks Telangana Engineers Day

BY Mir Mohsin Ali

RIYADH — Osmania University Alumni Association, Riyadh (OUAAR), celebrated Telangana Engineers Day to mark the 140th birth anniversary of Nawab Ali Nawaz Jung Bahadur.

Nawab Ali Nawaz Jung was one of the most brilliant engineers of the erstwhile Hyderabad State who played an important role in agricultural and infrastructure development of the region. He was responsible for transforming semi-desert land of the Telangana state into rich agricultural land by undertaking a number of water harvesting projects for the purpose of irrigation.

During his tenure as the chief engineer of the state, Ali Nawaz launched and executed many prestigious projects, including Nizam Sagar Dam, Nagarjuna Sagar, Pocharam, Ali Sagar. He also designed the assembly building, Osmania General Hospital, Osmania Arts College and Hyderabad House in Delhi.

The contribution of Ali Nawaz in the development of Telangana region was forgotten by the successive government but the first chief minister of Telangana state recognized his services and announced to celebrate Telangana Engineers Day every year on July 11, which is the birth anniversary of Ali Nawaz Jung.

The OUAAR celebrated Telangana

Engineers Day and paid rich tributes to Engineer Ali Nawaz Jung. On the occasion, OUAAR announced the formation of Telangana Engineers Forum, Saudi Arabia, with Engineer Mohammed Abdul Hameed as its president, Mohammed Mubin, general secretary, Abdullah Reddy Baddam, vice president Eastern Province, Mohammed Rafiuddin, vice president Western Province, Aliuddin Ahamad, vice president Central Province.

The first Ali Nawaz Jung award was presented to Engineer Mohammed Abdul Hameed by the chief guest Dr. Hifzur Rahman Azmi, first secretary, Embassy of India, Riyadh.

On this occasion Engr. Mohammed Abdul Hameed presented the slideshow comprising the contribution of engineer Ali Nawaz Jung.

Dr. Hifzur Rahman appreciated the efforts of Telangana engineers and advised the people from other states to follow the same. He said he was astonished to know about the contribution of Engineer Ali Nawaz Jung.

In his presidential address, architect Mohammed Abdul Rahman Saleem, patron of the OUAAR, announced the formation of Telangana Engineers forum Saudi Arabia. He also announced the inception of Ali Nawaz Jung memorial award which will



be presented annually to an engineer from the state of Telangana in recognition his services in Saudi Arabia and back home.

Architect Mohammed Abdul Rahman Saleem announced that the OUAAR will sponsor two students every year for the preparations of the civil services examination. On behalf of the OUAAR, Engineer Aliuddin Ahmed took the responsibility to sponsor the students.

Mohammed Mubin, acting president of the OUAAR in his welcome address thanked Telangana Chief Minister Kalvakuntla Chandrashekhar Rao for recognizing the great son of the soil and announcing to

celebrate Telangana Engineers Day on his birthday.

On this occasion Dr. Misbah Ul Arafin, Abdullah Reddy Baddam, Syed Zia Ul Rahman, Engineer Aliuddin Ahmed spoke about the services of Engineer Mohammed Abdul Hameed.

Taqiuddin Mir, conduct the proceedings Mohammed Farooqui Shabaz, general secretary proposed vote of thanks.

Earlier Hafiz Khaja Aleemuddin recited few verses of the holy Qur'an.

NRI Forum Riyadh elected Dr. Sayeed Mohiuddin as its President

The general body meeting of the NRI Forum, Riyadh elected Dr. Sayeed Mohiuddin as new President for the term 2017 - 2019. The new team consists of President Dr. Sayeed Mohiuddin, Vice President - Dr. Syed Anwar Khursheed, Gen. Secretary - Nooruddin Jahangeer, Treasurer - Shakeel Mah, Executive Members: Dr. Sanjay Mahat, Arshad Qazi, Abdul Khadeer Khaleefa and Youth Icon - Mirza Khalid Baig. Syed Akram Mohiuddin, the outgoing President welcomed the Chief Guest Mr. Anil Nautial, Counsellor (Community Welfare), Embassy of India in Saudi Arabia. The event was anchored by Arshad Qazi who also briefed the activities of NRI Forum Riyadh. Dr. Sayeed Mohiuddin expressed his happiness and gratitude on being elected president.



Earlier Syed Akram Mohiuddin, the founder President (who will now be the Patron in Chief of NRI Forum, Riyadh) presented the report of his tenure and thanked his colleagues for extending overwhelming support to him. He also remembered the historic Ghazal concert during his period. Zulfiqar Khan and his troupe were invited from New Delhi for that grand event.

Anil Nautial acknowledged the activities of NRI Forum Riyadh and applauded its services towards Indian community. Dr. Syed Anwar Khursheed, Vice President NRIF also spoke on the occasion and assured of his full support with his rich experience of over 35 years in the Kingdom.

Various heads of prominent social and community organizations graced the occasion. Dr. Sanjay Mahat presented the vote of thanks and invited the audience for dinner.





Ek Naujawan ki himmat-e-dastaan by Rao Kamran Ali, MD

ایک جوان کی ہمت کی داستان

اگر آپ لاہور کی اکبری منڈی کے سامنے سے گزریں اور بغل میں پندرہ بیس لاکھ روپے سے بھرا تھیلا دبائے، پان کی پیک تموکٹے کسی اڑھتی سے یا بیڑا دبائے کسی تاجر سے "شریفوں" کی "بدمعاشی" یا کرپشن کے بارے میں پوچھیں گے تو وہ بے پروائی سے مندرجہ ذیل میں سے ایک جواب دیں گے، "سانوں کی"، "اللہ دی اللہ جانے" یا "اللہ پچھے گا"۔ پاکستان میں یہ رویہ ہر اُس انسان کا ہے جو امیر ہے، اور اسکے پاس دولت کی ریل پیل ہے۔ دانشوران وطن محفلوں میں مشروب کی چسکیاں لیتے ہوئے کرپشن کا ذکر مصالحے دار نمک کی طرح کرتے، سسٹم کو گالیاں دیتے واپس اپنے اپنے گھروں کو نکل جاتے ہیں اور پھر وہی صبح پھر وہی دن۔ غریبوں کو اتنی فرصت نہیں کہ روٹی اور بیماری سے زیادہ سوچ سکیں اور وہ تو کرپشن زدہ الیکشن کا انتظار کرتے ہیں تاکہ ایک ہاتھ میں چند نوٹ آئیں اور دوسرا ہاتھ کسی مقدس کتاب پر رکھا جائے، ووٹ دینے کی قسم کے لئے۔ جبکہ مڈل کلاس بچوں کی تعلیم اور بینوں کے جہیز میں الجھی رہتی ہے۔

ایسے میں ایک بندہ کھڑا ہوا جو ہر اس نعمت سے نوازا گیا تھا جس کو بل گیش بھی ترستا ہوگا: بے پناہ وجاہت، خیرہ کن اسٹارڈم، دو نسلوں کی حسیناؤں کے دلوں کی دھڑکن اور ان سب کے بعد اتنی دولت مند خاتون کا شوہر بنا جس کے سامنے "نوٹس باجی" اور "بنت زرداری" کی حرام کی وراثت بھی بیچ ہے۔ لیکن وہ "سانوں کی" یا اللہ پر چھوڑنے کی بجائے اللہ کے نبی کی سنت کے مطابق حق پر ڈٹ گیا۔ ہم جیسے لوگ اس پر ہنستے رہے۔ اپنی ہی ایم این اے کی سیٹ ہار گیا۔ دس سال پہلے تک "سنگل سیٹر" کہلاتا رہا۔ طلاق ہو گئی، مذاق بن کر رہ گیا لیکن وہ ڈٹا رہا۔ جس زمانے میں کراچی سے لگ بھگ ہزار کلومیٹر دور بینھے خود ساختہ "دبنگ" صحافی پیلا پاجامہ پہن کر بھی الطاف حسین کا نام نہیں لیتے تھے، وہ دلیر لیڈر

اسے للکار کر کراچی گیا اور سنہا کر الطاف حسین نے اپنی ہی رابطہ کمیٹی کی پھینٹی لکوا دی۔ کئی دانشور اسے کم عقل کہتے رہے کہ مشرف کی وزیراعظم بنانے کی درخواست کیوں ٹھکرا دی تو بہت سے زرداری سے ہاتھ ملانے کا مشورہ دیتے رہے۔ لیکن وہ سب کو پچھاڑتا رہا۔ کوئی اُسکی مشقوں کا کریڈٹ جنرل پاشا کو دیتا رہا تو کوئی راحیل شریف کا شکر یہ ادا کرتا رہا لیکن وہ بار بار جمہوریت کی حمایت کرتا رہا۔ اب تو شریفوں کا اپنا چٹنا اور پسندیدہ آرمی چیف ہے تو اب کس کو الزام دیں؟ دو سال سے پانامہ لیکس کے پیچھے ہانگوں کی طرح لگا رہا۔ اگر نرا سا ایمان زندہ ہے تو دل پر ہاتھ رکھ کر بتائیں کہ اگر عمران خان نہ ہوتا تو اپوزیشن میں سے کسی کو وزارت کسی کو پیسہ اور کسی کا پیٹ ڈیزل سے بھر کر منہ بند کر دیا جاتا لیکن انمول کو کون خرید سکتا ہے۔ آگے سب تاریخ ہے کیسے سپریم کورٹ سے لیکر جے آئی ٹی تک قانونی کارروائی کی گئی اور جے آئی ٹی نے نام کے "شریفوں" کو عادی مجرم قرار دے دیا۔ اب پتا نہیں آگے نیب کیا کرے۔ ہوسکتا ہے "ملک کے عظیم تر مفاد" میں بڑی طاقتیں کچھ سمجھوتے کر لیں لیکن بہر کیف عمران خان نے سب کو کرپشن کے حمام میں ننگا کر دیا ہے۔ کچھ لوگ کہتے ہیں کہ عمران خان بھی جانے گا، تو وہ تو پہلے ہی قربانی دینے کا اعادہ کر چکا ہے۔ "ون مین آرمی" کا مفہوم ایک شجاع مرد کے لئے استعمال کیا جاتا ہے جو پوری فوج کے برابر لڑ سکتا ہو۔ پوری دنیا اس "ون مین آرمی" کو دیکھ سکتی ہے جو ہمارے ملک کی کرپشن کے جتنوں سے اکیلا بھڑ گیا اور سب کو دھول چٹا دی۔

سن 2001 میں آسکر کے لئے نامزد ہندی فلم "لگان" ریلیز ہوئی تھی جس میں ایک سادے مگر نڈر دیہاتی (عامر خان) نے انگریز راج کو کرکٹ میں برانے کے لئے دیگر دیہاتیوں کو کھیلانے کے لئے تیار کیا تاکہ سب گاؤں والے انگریزوں کے ظالمانہ ٹیکس سے جان چھڑوا کر پیٹ بھر کر روٹی کھا سکیں۔ ان دنوں میں گرتے پڑتے ایم بی بی ایس کرنے کے بعد امریکہ کے امتحان کی تیاری کر رہا تھا اور لگان فلم کے بلا تھامے بیرو عامر خان کا پوسٹر میری اسٹڈی ٹیبل کے

سامنے لگا تھا جس پر لکھا تھا "ایک نوجوان کی ہمت کی داستان"۔ جوش اور ہمت دلاتے کے لئے یہ فقرہ ہی کافی تھا۔ آنے والے دنوں میں جب میرے بچے کسی مشکل امتحان سے تھک جاتے تو میں انہیں بلا تھامے ایک اور بیرو کا پوسٹر لا کر دوں گا جس پر لکھا ہوگا، کرپشن کے خلاف، "ایک جوان کی ہمت کی داستان"!!!!

کالم نگار: راؤ کامران علی، ایم ٹی

بر بدھ وار کو کالم لکھا جاتا ہے۔ اگر پسند آئے تو شنیر کریں۔ مزید کالم پڑھنے کے لئے اس پیج Tez Hay Nok e Qalam کو like کریں شکریہ

Ghazals compiled by Janab Hasan Chishti Sb Chicago



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۳ اگست ۲۰۱۷ء

”.....“

دل تیری محبت میں گر قہار ہوا کچھ
دنیا کی محبت سے یہ پہلے ہار ہوا کچھ
سے کار تھا جب تجھے خبر دار نہیں تھا
صد شکر کہ اب تیرا خبر دار ہوا کچھ
کب کون تھا سنتا دل صد پارہ کی فریاد
سب سنتے ہیں جب تو مرا سنوار ہوا کچھ
میسودد دھڑکتا تھا ترے عشق سے پہلے
کچھ کار کا اب دل میرا بیکار ہوا کچھ
غیروں سے ہو کیوں شکوہ مجھے غیر تو ہیں غیر
اپنوں سے بھی دل میرا یہ پتلا ہوا کچھ
نے کچھ یہ بڑی بات ندیم عشق خدا میں
رہو اجوا اگر تو سر بازار ہوا کچھ

غزل

رضیہ فصیح احمد



مٹی تو کھیل کھیل ہے کوزہ گروں کے درمیاں
ہوتی ہے جنگِ سنگ اب شیشہ گروں کے درمیاں
شیشہ گرانِ شہر تو بیٹھے ہیں اب بھی آس میں
چاک تو سارے بٹ گئے کارگروں کے درمیاں
یہ بھی تو ایک طرز تھا، جاں دی مریض عشق نے
نوحہ گروں کے سچ میں، چارہ گروں کے درمیاں
اب کوئی سوچتا نہیں، اب کوئی بولتا نہیں
سارے سوال حل ہوئے دانشوروں کے درمیاں
اپنی تمام زندگی رضیہ نے یوں گزار دی
بیٹھی رہی وہ چھپ کے خود، دیدہ دروں کے درمیاں



سبیحہ سنبل

غزل

یہ کس نے میری آنکھوں میں سمندر بھر دئے ہیں
جذیر جاں ہوئے ہیں ایسے ساغر بھر دئے ہیں
مرے حصے میں کبھی ایسی تہائی کہ جس نے
طلوعِ صبح میں تاریک منظر بھر دئے ہیں
زمینِ ذہن پر اب تک مسلسل جنگ چاری ہے
جوگر کر پھر سنبھلتے ہیں وہ لشکر بھر دئے ہیں
مزے کیں مری تہائیاں لفظوں سے جس نے
وہ اب خاموش کیوں ہے، کیسے بھر بھر دئے ہیں
ابھی تو اور بھی ہیں بستیاں چلنے جلانے کو
ابھی ٹھنڈے کہاں ہو گئے وہ انگر بھر دئے ہیں
مری آنکھوں میں اب چھپنے لگے ہیں خواب بھی سہل
یہ کس نے پیسکر شیشے کے خنجر بھر دئے ہیں

Sofia Anjum

غزل

کیا تھا ضبط کا دعویٰ مگر نبھانہ سکے
ہم اپنے دل کی گلی دل گلی بنا نہ سکے
بیخ کے بزم میں یوں رو پڑے کہ گانہ سکے
غزل تو لے کے گئے تھے مگر سنا نہ سکے
وہ لمبی ڈالیاں سروس کی، پھول سروس کے
جب آئے گاؤں سے برسوں انہیں بھلا نہ سکے

کسی کی بزم کا منظر جو دیکھ آئی ہوں
انہیں میں کیسے دکھاؤں جو لوگ جا نہ سکے

نہ ہنسنے ہم پہ کہ ہم تو ہیں چوٹ کھائے ہوئے
انہیں پہ رویے جو لوگ چوٹ کھانہ نہ سکے

عجیب حسن ہے تیرا کہ ہم تیری تصویر
بنا نا چاہ رہے تھے مگر بنا نہ سکے

وہ ایک صبح جو آئی تھی رنجھوں کے بعد
پھر اس کے بعد کوئی رنجگا منا نہ سکے

جب ان نے پوچھا کہ کیسا مزاج ہے اجم
پھر میں درو وہ اٹھا کہ ہم بتا نہ سکے

On the lighter side....

An American tourist was visiting a small village in Newfoundland. He approached a local person and asked, "What's the quickest way to Marystown?"
The local, scratched his head, "Are ya walkin' er drivin'?" he asked the stranger.
"I'm driving," said the stranger.
"Well, that's the quickest way."

My cousin always "borrows" money from her older brother's piggy bank, which drives him crazy. One day, she found the piggy in, of all places, the freezer. Inside was this note: "Dear sister, I hope you'll understand, but my capital has been frozen."

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism.
To steal from many is research.

I told my boss that three companies were after me, so I needed a raise in pay to stay with the current job. He asked which companies?
I told him gas, electric, and cable.

A magician comes up to our table and does a card trick. Impressed, I asked him how he did it. He says "I can tell you, but I'd then have to kidnap you and take you away."
I said, "Can you tell my mother in law?"

A father was teaching his 6-year-old daughter how to unbuckle her seat belt. The daughter asked, "Do I click the square?"
The father said, "Yes."
The daughter then wanted to know, "Single click or double click?"

A fifth grade science teacher began her discussion of atoms by saying, "Never trust an atom... they make up everything!"



Wife to husband: Do you know what a closet is for?

Husband: Yes. A closet it wear I hang my clothes when all the door knobs are full.

A shoplifter was caught red-handed trying to steal a watch from an exclusive jewelry store. Listen," said the shoplifter, "I know you don't want any trouble either. What do you say I just buy the watch, and we forget about this?"

The manager agreed and wrote up the sales slip. The crook looked at the slip and said, "This is a little more than I intended to spend. Can you show me something less expensive?"

Why were all of the ladies at the surprise party staring at the pair of handsome chromosomes?
Because they weren't wearing any genes!

A young boy watched his grandfather put on shoes with a device he'd never seen before. The boy asked what it was. As he handed it to the boy, the grandfather answered, "It's a shoehorn."
After looking at it and turning it over the boy asked, "How do you play it?"

How did the octopus defeat the shark?

He was well armed!

A wealthy woman is giving a garden party, and several well-to-do guests attend. While the party ensues, two gardeners are out on the back lawn working. One guest was watching the gardeners do their thing, and while one gardener was busy weeding, the other jumped up and did graceful swirling dance movements.

Taken by his grace, the guest remarked to the host, "That man is such a talented dancer, that I would pay him a hundred dollars to demonstrate his dancing before my aerobics class!"

When the host asked the first gardener about such an arrangement, he yelled, "Hey Fred! Do you think for a hundred dollars you could step on that rake again?"

It's not hard to meet expenses...
They're pretty much everywhere.

A fellow tries to cross the Mexican border on a bicycle with two big bags balanced on his shoulders. The guard asks, "What's in the bags?"
The fellow says, "Sand!"

The guard wants to examine them. The fellow gets off the bike, places the bags on the ground, opens them up, and the guard inspects... only to find sand. The fellow packs the sand, places the bags on his shoulders, and pedals the bike across the border.

Two weeks later, the same situation is repeated... "What have you there?"

Sand" We want to examine." Same results... nothing but sand and the fellow is on his way again.

Every two weeks for six months the inspections continue. Finally, one week the fellow didn't show up. However, the guard sees him downtown and says to the fellow, "Buddy, you had us crazy. We sort of knew you were smuggling something. I won't say anything, but what were you smuggling?"

The fellow says, "Bicycles."



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