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What is wrong with Amazon in India?

The India unit on Monday (Nov. 28) announced discontinuing Amazon Distribution, launched in 2020 to integrate small retailers, pharmacies, and department stores more tightly with its business.

“We don’t take these decisions lightly. We are discontinuing this program in a phased manner to take care of current customers and partners and we are supporting our affected employees during this transition,” the company said in a statement.

Amazon’s withdrawal follows the winding up of some of its other businesses, too, in India.

For instance, its online learning academy, launched during the Covid-19 lockdown in 2020, couldn’t match up to the likes of Byju’s and Unacademy.

“Amazon will discontinue Amazon Academy’s operations in a phased manner, starting August 2023, when our existing batch completes its test preparation module,” it said last week.

It was also forced to pull the plug on its food delivery business on Nov. 25, buckling before Zomato and Swiggy.

The American firm’s decision to curtail some of its India operations has come along with its move to lay off thousands across verticles globally amid fears of recession.

In India, though, Amazon is battling other challenges, too.

What’s happening with Amazon in India India’s e-commerce market is expected to reach \$133 billion in 2025 from \$72 billion this year, according to AllianceBernstein, a US-based market research firm. The growth, AllianceBernstein estimates, will largely be driven by small towns and villages, which the US retailer hasn’t been able to penetrate as much as it would like.

It has faced ferocious competition beyond India’s tier-1 cities from both, older rivals like Walmart-owned Flipkart and Reliance Retail and younger ones like Meta backed-Meesho.

“Reliance leads in e-grocery/online-to-offline categories with 15,000-store retail footprint and a stronger inventory-led model...Flipkart has maintained leader-

ship in the apparel category with 2x size of the nearest competition,” AllianceBernstein’s September report said.

“But newer players like SoftBank-funded Meesho (\$5 billion GMV) are winning the faster-growing tier II/ III cities where Amazon has struggled to gain traction, given low pricing, and zero commissions.”

Besides, India’s Tata group is expanding its e-commerce reach across verticles. Then there is the government’s own e-commerce aggregator, launched in July.

Amazon also faces regulatory hurdles in the country.

For instance, foreign companies like it aren’t allowed to own inventory and no single seller on its platform can have more than 25% of the market share. This is proving to be a disadvantage for the firm.

The success of retail categories like grocery and FMCG is highly dependent on retailers’ inventories and supply-chain logistics. Amazon hasn’t, therefore, been able to match Indian firms like Reliance Retail on this front.

Amid the expected global turmoil, therefore, Amazon may be either playing it safe in India or reworking its game plan altogether.

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Hyderabad Society of North Texas Presents
Shaam-e-Hyderabad
 Bringing Hyderabad Community Together In The Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex

President's Message:

HSNT is organizing its annual event Shaam e Hyderabad on Dec 17th. 6:00 pm at Crystal Banquets, Plano, TX.

All Hyderabadis and supporters are welcome to attend the event. Sufi Qawalis will be presented by Arsalan Rabbani and Group. Famous actor Adnan Sajid Khan of Gullu Dada fame will also entertain the audience

Hyderabad Society of North Texas which is also known as HSNT was established in 1992 by a well-known community leader and physician, Dr. Basheer Ahmed and has been a non-profit organization since 2006. The purpose of HSNT is to help the local DFW Hyderabadis get together to have fun and to keep our Hyderabad culture alive.

It becomes all the more important for our children that they have awareness of our Hyderabad roots, traditions, and culture and feel a sense of pride in it. Most of us have high regards for all that Hyderabad has to offer such as the excellent education provided by such schools and universities like the Osmania University,

Rosary Convent, Little Flower, Saint Paul, All Saints, Mahbubia, and many more.

We also appreciate the humility, the soft spoken language, the tehzeeb or mannerisms, and the delicious cuisine that the people from the City of Pearls try to hang on to.

HSNT has two main get-together or events. The first one is a picnic during the spring season which is held at a local DFW park. This is an informal event which usually attracts 250 to 300 people. We enjoy kite flying, games for children of all ages, delicious food and music.

The second event of the year is a formal evening dinner which usually takes place in October or November with numerous forms of entertainment such as music, songs, comedy in our Hyderabad lingo and of course, Hyderabad cuisine. Last year we had qawalis which were enjoyed by many. We also get to enjoy wearing some of our traditional clothes such as Sherwin's, etc.

These two events bring the new Hyderabadis in the community as well as the ones who have been residing here for decades to come together



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Community honors life of veteran, doctor killed at Killeen mosque

Col. Muhammad Idrees Khan, 69, was a highly-decorated veteran who served for decades with the Texas National Guard as a combat surgeon. Khan served three tours of duty—in Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan and Iraq. He also received over two dozen medals and honors for his service.



Khan also helped found the Islamic Community of Greater Killeen, in hopes of bringing a place of prayer to a religious minority in the area.

Community members joined together on Tuesday afternoon for a funeral service, which included prayer and a military salute as Khan was laid to rest.

Khan's longtime friend and co-found of the Islamic Community of Greater Killeen, Osman Danquah, said Khan was a visionary dedicated to his country and community.

The two founded the mosque after retiring from the service, after seeing a need for a space for the Muslim community.



Omar Suleiman

There are some people that seem too good to be true. Salman Haq was one of those brothers. It's hard to imagine writing this about him in the past tense since we were all just together a few days ago, but such is the nature of this world. Salman was a brother with character that I've only ever seen in one other person who also happened to die young. He had a humility and kindness to him that was matched by a beautiful hidden generosity. When I would post anything about anyone that had passed away, I knew he would be the first to message me asking how he could help the family in private. Despite being a young man in good health who happens to be a cardiologist, Allah decreed that he would die from sudden cardiac arrest. He died on the night of Jumah which we pray is a sign of him being protected from the trials of the grave. A rare precious gem of a human being and a brother. We will miss you so dearly. You seemed too good to be true. May Allah grant you an abode that is too good to be grasped in this dunya. Ameen

May Allah make it easy for his wife and 8 children, the older kids being huffadh of Quran, and the young 2 year old who will know what a great man he was inshaAllah through the love and care and duas he made for her, and the example he leaves behind. May Allah make it easy for them and crown them all together as people of Quran in Paradise. Ameen





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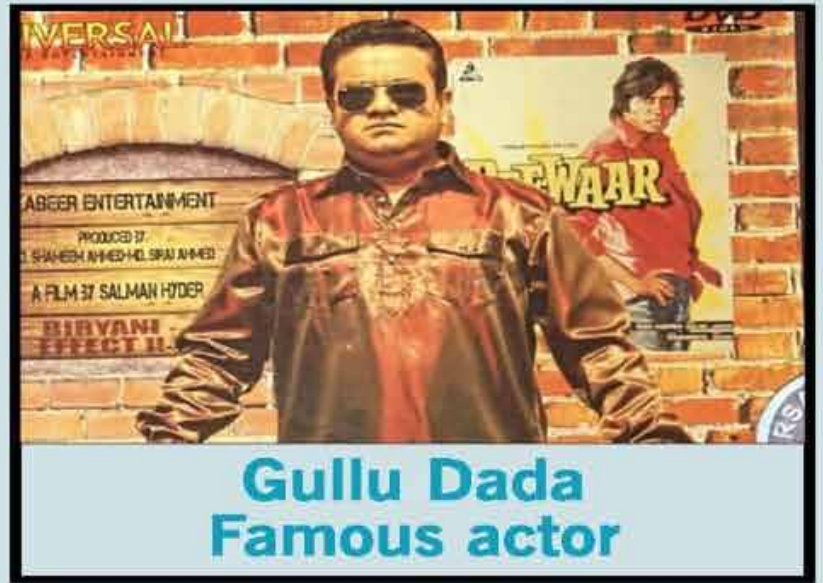
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Texas A&M is engineering Fort Worth for the next century

DALLAS BUSINESS JOURNAL

When Fort Worth magnate John Goff stood before the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents meeting in May, he called the upcoming law school and research center expansion the single most impactful thing to happen to the city that will occur this century.

While the project is still in its early stages, it seems Goff's words are already ringing true. Fort Worth's industry titans, from Alcon to Lockheed Martin, are already discussing with the Texas A&M University System how to use the sweeping R&D and workforce implications the expansion promises to deliver.

Civic and business leaders agree that the Texas A&M University System's downtown Fort Worth expansion will redefine the city.

"At 8:30 in the morning, he said, 'Do you want to dip?'" Price said. "I said, 'No, but if we get this done, I want to drink a tequila.'"

The proposed expansion made a lot of sense for various reasons, said Sharp, Texas A&M University System Chancellor. Fort Worth fits

research capabilities of the expansion have broad implications for not just Fort Worth businesses but others across the state.

Less tangible are the impacts the expansion will have on real estate, economic development and the fabric of Fort Worth itself. A Tier 1-university presence boosts Fort

isn't difficult to imagine the next billion-dollar idea being born in the halls of the new campus. Fort Worth has a startup community that has created industry behemoths, and adding the weight of Texas A&M to the mix will accelerate trends already in place.

Adding a skilled workforce to the



The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents rubber-stamped the project during a meeting in May, allocating \$85 million for a Law and Education Building and another \$85 million for a Research and Innovation Center in Fort Worth. The campus will be built on several blocks adjacent to the existing Texas A&M University School of Law building, which is also scheduled to be replaced in 2024.

The law school will be replaced with a "Gateway Building," which will act as a front door to the complex and house additional space for the law school, administrative offices and other uses.

The project originated from a meeting almost two years ago between the Texas A&M University System leadership, Goff and former Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price. During the regent's meeting, Price said the pitch to expand A&M's presence in Fort Worth took John Sharp by surprise.

A&M's brand, and the city needs a Tier 1 research presence.

Dean of the Texas A&M School of Law, Robert Ahdieh, and Texas A&M University System Chancellor John Sharp discuss the new campus.

Enlarge Dean of the Texas A&M School of Law, Robert Ahdieh, and Texas A&M University System Chancellor John Sharp discuss the new campus. JAKE DEAN

The upcoming expansion will immediately impact Fort Worth and have long-term ripple effects that are hard to quantify. In the short term, the project will create many jobs and reshape the downtown area, adding foot traffic for retail and other businesses.

Upon completion, the expansion will add to the city's skilled workforce in ways that go beyond an increased number of lawyers. The

Worth's profile as a relocation destination, and industry leaders have been excited about the expansion since it was announced.

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The area immediately surrounding the expansion and beyond has a concrete reason for increased development, whether retail, entertainment, residential or hospitality. Southern Land Company announced late last year that it was building the first residential high rise seen in Fort Worth in the last 30 years. The firm's Deco 969 project won't be the last residential high rise to grace Fort Worth's skies.

Universities with a heavy research component breed startups, and it

city attracts companies who want to tap into an employment base and boost income for the city's population. The tailwinds from that dynamic could greatly impact multiple facets of Fort Worth's life.

The Texas A&M University System has planted its flag in Fort Worth in a big way. The leaders who helped create the project and those watching it agree on one thing; it's impossible to quantify exactly how far-reaching an impact this expansion will have on the city.

Whatever that impact may be, it will most certainly reshape the city.

Another rendering of the new campus, this time with a ground-level view from Calhoun Street.

Enlarge Another rendering of the new campus, this time with a ground-level view from Calhoun Street.

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Interfaith thanksgiving at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Schaumburg, IL

Architect Abdur Rahman Saleem was invited by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Schaumburg for interfaith thanksgiving speech. He have represented Muslim community and recited Surah Rahman verse 1-13 and it's English explanation with a short speech. A Christian pastor and a Jew pastor spoke from their holy books. It was a good experience. Dr Khalid Abdus Sami Accompanied him to the event.

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By Architect Abdur Rahman Saleem

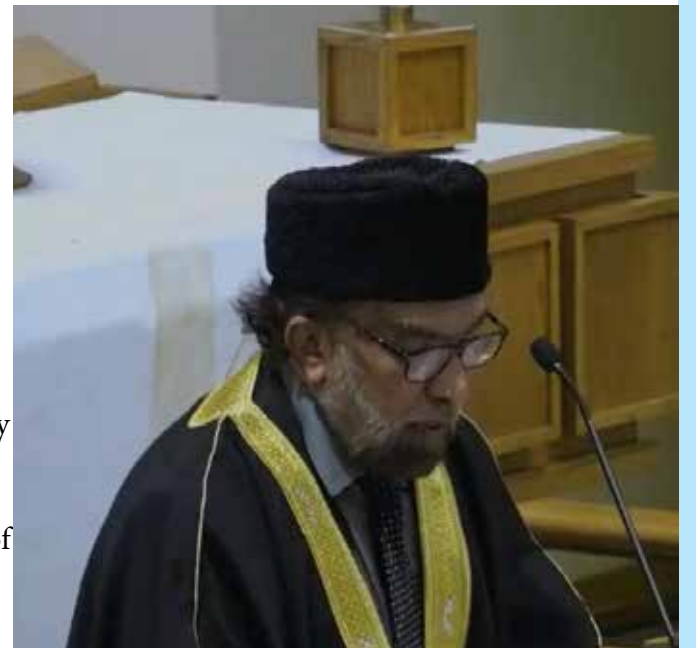
“As most people present here are not very familiar with holy Quran, therefore, I will briefly put it in proper perspective and context before the translation of the verses of Quran just read. The Quran has 30 parts and 114 chapters. It is not a book of history but a book of guidance, though time to time it talks about some historical facts and incidences for us to draw lessons from them.”

this title deeply relates to the subject matter of the Surah, because from the beginning to the end, the manifestations and fruits of Allah's attribute of mercy and grace have been mentioned. This Surah or chapter addresses the humans and reminds them that among all the creations on this earth they are the vicegerent of God on the earth. They are reminded of His countless blessings on them and their own helplessness and accountability before Him and have been warned of the evil consequences of



His disobedience and made aware of the best results of His obedience.

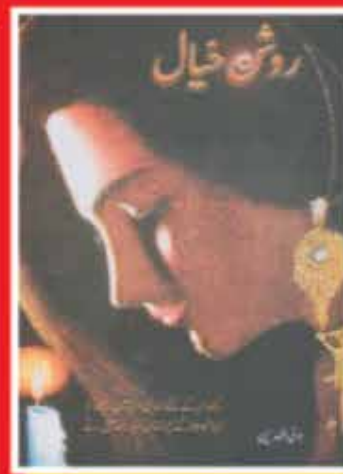
In another important truth that has been expressed is that Allah has established the entire system of the universe precisely and equitably on justice, and the nature of this system requires that those who dwell in it also should adhere to justice within the bounds of their authority and should not disturb the balance. “Helping a fellow human is a true service to God. while we are thanking the Lord Almighty for His blessings on us on this thanksgiving day and when we are helping less fortunate here in USA, please pray for end of suffering of humanity in the world, especially in the Palestine, Afghanistan, Iraq and Ukrain



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Not upset or angry with anyone in party: Congress leader Shashi Tharoor



Congress MP Shashi Tharoor said he was not upset or angry with anyone in the Kerala unit of the party and has no reservations in speaking to anyone as “we are not in kindergarten to refrain from talking to each other”.

Speaking to media in the port city of Kochi, where he came to attend a state-level conclave of the All India Professionals’ Congress, the Thiruvananthapuram MP said he has not spoken against anyone in the party or acted against its directives and has no clue why such a controversy has been created.

“I am not upset or angry with anyone. I have not blamed or accused anyone. There are no complaints or issues from my end. I have no problem seeing everyone as one and neither do I have any reservations about speaking to

anyone,” he said before the event.

On being asked whether he would be speaking to Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the state assembly V D Satheesan and Kerala PCC (KPCC) president K Sudhakaran at the event, Tharoor said that the latter was not well and would be participating via video conference.

Regarding Satheesan, he said that “if we see each other at the venue, then we will see”.

“If they talk to me, will I not respond? We are not in kindergarten to refrain from talking or speaking to each other. But if we are not in the same place at the same time, how will we talk or speak to one another?” he asked.

Satheesan, without naming Tharoor, had recently said that any kind of sectarianism or parallel activities would not be allowed in the party and warned that such moves would be dealt with “seriously”.

Tharoor’s opponents in the party feel that through his programmes, he was trying to position himself as an ideal chief ministerial candidate of the Congress-led UDF for the 2026 Assembly polls to end the rule of the CPI(M)-led LDF, which has been in power since 2016.

In the wake of the brewing controversy over his recent tour, the disciplinary panel of KPCC, on Saturday, issued a strict directive to its leaders not to bypass the respective party forums while attending programmes in each place and directed the leaders to intimate them in advance. When this was pointed out to the Thiruvananthapuram MP by reporters on Sunday, he said that District Congress Committee (DCC) presidents are always informed whenever he attends any public event.

However, if it was a private event, there was no need to inform DCC presidents about the same, he added.

Well-known artist and comedian Ismail Tara passes away

KARACHI:

The well-known artist and comedian Ismail Tara was entered in his eternal abode at the Isa Nagri Graveyard on Friday.

A large number of people from all walks of life including Provincial Minister Saeed Ghani, PML-N Sindh leader

Ali Akbar Gujjar and a large number of people associated with the arts participated in the funeral prayer and burial. Ismail Tara breathed his last on Thursday night at a private hospital where he was under treatment for kidney ailment.



His funeral prayer was offered at Memon Masjid Pahariwala on Shaheed Millat Road after Friday prayers. Provincial Minister Saeed Ghani, Ali Akbar Gujjar of PMLN, The President Arts Council of Pakistan Karachi Ahmed Shah, number of people form arts community including artist Shahroz Sabzwari, Shahzad Raza, Aftab Alam, Shakeel Siddiqi, Rauf Lala, Asalam Sheikh, Ayaz Khan, producer Iqbal Lateef attended the funeral prayer. Many actors including Shahzad Raza could not control their emotions on the occasion of the funeral prayer and people watched many emotional scenes.

Saeed Ghani said that services of Ismail Tara will always remember. His death is a big loss. He entertained people for a long time through his comic acting. Saeed Ghani said that a street in the city will be named after Ismail Tara.

Actor Rauf Lala said, “I was associated with Ismail Tara for the last 42 years. Some time ago, Umar Sharif left us, few days ago Tariq Teddy died in Lahore and now Ismail Tara also passed away. Those who spread happiness and smiles among people are slowly saying goodbye.”

According to Rauf Lala, Ismail Tara was a big artist of variation. He has ability to absorb himself regarding getup and character.



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USE SAFE DRIVING TOOLS

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

SEEK COVER

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

STAY FOCUSED

MAINTAIN AWARENESS

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

BE PROACTIVE

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

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HIGH WATER ON THE ROAD & AVOIDING HAZARDS



BE PREPARED

VERIFY CONDITIONS

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

ENSURE ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES

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

PLAN FOR MORE

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

SLOW DOWN

TURN AROUND

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

BE CAUTIOUS

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

HAVE A WAY TO ESCAPE

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

STAY FOCUSED

OBSERVE SURROUNDINGS

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

CALL A TIME-OUT

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

REMAIN ALERT

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

Why Pakistan's army chief matters far beyond its borders

By Gibran Naiyyar Peshimam

KARACHI, Pakistan (Reuters) - Pakistan named Lieutenant-General Asim Munir as the head of the country's nuclear-armed military, the most powerful institution in a nation seldom far from its next crisis.

The appointment could have a crucial bearing on the future of Pakistan's fragile democracy, and whether relations with neighbouring India are allowed to improve:

THE ARMY'S ROLE IN PAKISTAN During the 75 years since independence and formation of Pakistan out of the Partition of India, the army has seized power three times and directly ruled the Islamic republic for more than three decades, fighting three wars with India along the way.

Even when a civilian government holds power, Pakistan's generals retain a dominant influence over security matters and foreign affairs.

WHO IS ASIM MUNIR

Munir will replace General Qamar Javed Bajwa, who retires later this month after a six-year term.

Munir served in an area disputed with India that borders China and also in Saudi Arabia, a major financial supporter of Pakistan.

He later headed Pakistan's two most influential intelligence agencies - Military Intelligence (MI) in 2017 and then the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) in 2018. He was removed as ISI chief after just eight months on the request of then-Prime Minister Imran Khan. No reason was given for his removal.

Munir is currently serving as the army's quartermaster general, in charge of supplies.

WHY IT MATTERS GLOBALLY

Pakistan's army chief will play a key role in managing risks of conflict with nuclear-armed rival India on its eastern border, while dealing with potential instability and friction with Afghanistan on its western frontier.

Many world capitals, including Washington and Beijing, have direct ties with Pakistan's military, given the country's strategic location in a volatile neighbourhood, and a coastline close to major shipping lanes serving the oil-rich Gulf.

Foreign governments have periodically questioned the safety of a nuclear arsenal, which includes long-range missiles, in a country so



frequently needing IMF bailouts and where anti-Western and anti-India militant groups have proliferated.

And internal security has been a near constant problem due to insurgencies in ethnic Pashtun and Baloch regions.

Despite all the risks, Pakistan and its military have dismissed foreigners' concerns over the command and control, and security of its nuclear weapons.

WHY IS THIS APPOINTMENT IMPORTANT DOMESTICALLY?

The military has long been accused of manipulating the democratic process to maintain its dominance. Nineteen of Pakistan's 30 prime ministers were elected, but not one of them completed their five year terms.

Having recently admitted to its past meddling in politics, the army has said it would no longer interfere. Whether the new chief stands by that commitment could be key to Pakistan's democratic evolution.

Pakistan is in the midst of another bout of political uncertainty as Khan has led country-wide protests in an attempt to force Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif into early elections.

The incoming army chief could potentially play a key role in lowering the political temperature as Pakistan attempts to survive an economic crisis and recover from historic floods.

BAJWA'S LEGACY

Bajwa sought to balance ties with China and the United States. While Islamabad moved

closer to Beijing, Bajwa also worked to thaw relations with Washington, with whom he worked closely during the evacuation of Kabul in 2021 when western forces pulled out of Afghanistan.

Bajwa also took an active interest in economic matters, as well he might given how much of the budget goes to the military.

He made highly publicised visits to Beijing and the Middle East - helping to secure financial assistance for Pakistan. He also lobbied Washington to help strike a deal with the International Monetary Fund.

He even summoned Pakistan's top industrialists to a meeting at army headquarters to encourage them to pay more tax.

During his tenure, India and Pakistan fought air skirmishes in 2019, but he was a public proponent of better ties and avoided escalation when tensions ran high, such as when an Indian missile accidentally crashed into Pakistan's territory this year.

In early 2021, Bajwa sanctioned a restoration of a ceasefire agreement with Delhi in the disputed region of Kashmir.

Domestically, he was accused of political meddling. Politicians said he helped former cricketer Imran Khan become prime minister in 2018. In an about-turn earlier this year, Khan accused Bajwa of playing a part in his downfall.

(Reporting by Gibran Peshimam; Editing by Simon Cameron-Moore and Neil Fullick)

Flashes of Arab unity at World Cup after years of discontent

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — For a brief moment after Saudi Arabia's Salem Aldawsari fired a ball from just inside the penalty box into the back of the net to seal a World Cup win against Argentina, Arabs across the divided Middle East found something to celebrate.

Such Arab unity is hard to come by and fleeting when it arrives. But Qatar's hosting of the World Cup has provided a moment where many in the Arab world have rallied by Doha and the Saudi team's win.

Whether that momentum continues will be tested as Saudi Arabia faces Poland — and as regional tensions, religious differences and renewed economic competition between countries resume.

"All Arabic countries are celebrating because one Arab team won," said 27-year-old Saudi Rakan Yousef after Arab fans congratulated him in Doha, Qatar, on the Green Falcons' win. "Even the emir of Qatar attended our match. ... There's this feeling now that we are all brothers. That's why I'm speechless."

The Arab world's division start even with the Arabic language.

Spoken Arabic changes regionally, with the Berber-infused Arabic of North Africa, the rapid-fire Egyptian heard in movies and television comedies, the soft Levantine drawl and the guttural dialect of the Gulf Arabs.

Religion is another differentiator — there are Muslims, both Sunni and Shiite with subgroups within, and minority Christians, Druze, Baha'i and others. Different views on religion and regional rivalries bleed into conflicts, such as the ongoing war in Yemen.

But despite an attempt by al-Qaida to stir up extremists, the monthlong World Cup in energy-rich Qatar so far has seen unity among the Gulf Arab nations. Saudi Crown



Prince Mohammed bin Salman and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi, the heads of state in two countries that only some two years ago had boycotted Qatar, attended the tournament's opening match.

Dubai's ruler, Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, called Qatar's hosting of the tournament "a milestone for all Arabs" and also attended the opening. That feeling was shared by others as well.

"We are proud to be here for the first World Cup in an Arabic country," Morocco coach Walid Regragui said.

Jordan's Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi similarly praised Qatar while dismissing the criticisms of journalists — and by extension, rights groups.

"Qatar did a tremendous job organizing a World Cup. ... Qatar never claimed it was perfect," Safadi said. "We have differences in opinion, we have differences in views but that should not take away from the fact that Qatar has really put together a World Cup that is unique in every sense of the word."

But the biggest surprise came two days later as Saudi Arabia stunned Argentina by winning their opener in the tournament, with Aldawsari doing a cartwheel and a flip. Qatar's ruling emir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, attended the match and wore a Saudi flag around his shoulders.

One veteran Saudi sports journalist, Majed al-Tuwaijri, even wept on air after the match.

"This is the most beautiful and important moment in my life and my 30-year media career," he said, his voice choking up. "I find myself failing to express myself because of the complexity of my feelings toward this great historical victory."

Saudi Arabia's King Salman declared Wednesday a public holiday to commemorate the



win. In the kingdom and outside of it, people cheered and waved the country's green and white flag to celebrate.

The Saudi flag itself carries two images that show its complicated place in the wider Arab world. It bears a white sword and the Arabic inscription of the shahada, a Muslim declaration of faith: "There is no god but Allah; Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah." After the death of the Prophet Muhammad in 632 A.D., Islam spread from the austere desert reaches of the Arabian Peninsula that later would become Saudi Arabia.

Today, Saudi Arabia maintains beheading as a form of execution and is one of the world's top enforcers of the death penalty. The kingdom also has used its oil money since the 1980s to export an ultraconservative view of Islam called Wahhabism into mosques around the world. Extremists have exploited Wahhabi organizations receiving Saudi funding as well.

That history, as well as regional politics, make a wholehearted embrace of Saudi Arabia more complicated for Arabs in the Mideast. While some celebrated Saudi Arabia's win in the Gaza Strip, the Palestinian enclave blockaded by Egypt and Israel is ruled by the militant group Hamas. The kingdom, while not diplomatically recognizing Israel, now allows Israeli airlines overflight rights.

The limits also can be seen in Yemen, where Saudi Arabia has been fighting the country's Iranian-backed Houthi rebels since 2015. Houthi Information Minister Daifallah al-Shami on Twitter offered "a thousand congratulations" to Saudi Arabia for placing "Arab football back on the map." He later deleted the tweet and apologized.

"There are red lines that no party or person should cross," al-Shami wrote.

The Saudi win, which the daily newspaper Okaz described as "restoring the glories" of the kingdom, also fits into the new, more nationalistic Saudi Arabia forming under Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

As the prince has risen to power, the kingdom has socially liberalized by allowing women to drive, reopening movie theaters and curtailing its morality police. His comments to the team ahead of the tournament, urging them to "enjoy" the matches, have been repeated constantly in Saudi Arabia's tightly controlled press.

But Prince Mohammed also led a self-described corruption crackdown targeting anyone with power in the kingdom. U.S. intelligence agencies believe the brutal slaying of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi at the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul came at his orders, something denied by the kingdom.

Meanwhile, economic competition between the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia has been increasing as Riyadh tries to draw international business from Dubai. Qatar, which faced a Saudi-led boycott only two years earlier, has embraced the kingdom while solidifying ties with the United States as hedge. The inconclusive war in Yemen still rages.

Soccer provides a respite, but no panacea for those woes.

"You'd have to have a historical lobotomy to think this is a stable region," said David B. Roberts, an associate professor at King's College London who long has studied Gulf Arab nations.

Associated Press writers Isabel DeBre and Gerald Imray in Doha, Qatar, and Renata Brito in Barcelona, Spain, contributed to this report.

AP World Cup coverage: <https://apnews.com/hub/world-cup> and https://twitter.com/AP_Sports

Pigeon Paramyxovirus

vian Paramyxovirus type 1 in pigeons (PPMV1) is a viral infection that is present in most countries that can spread rapidly and cause high rates of pigeon illness and death.

The first Australian detection was in Victoria in August 2011. It has since spread and become endemic in domestic and feral pigeon population in Victoria, NSW, Tasmania and South Australia. The disease was also reported to affect a spotted turtle dove (an introduced species) and a predatory sparrow hawk (a native species).

The virus

Paramyxovirus strains are generally capable of affecting other avian species including poultry. But so far, there has not been any detection of natural infection of poultry.

Human infection with this virus is rare and usually occurs only in people who have close, direct contact with infected birds. The virus



causes mild flu-like symptoms.

PPMV1 is a very serious disease that can kill up to 100 per cent of pigeons in some lofts.

Some of the signs of PPMV1 infection include:

- lethargy
- vomiting or regurgitation
- green diarrhoea
- twisting of the neck
- circling
- head flicking
- laboured breathing
- runny eyes and beak.

Sick birds can die within 3 days. The infection spreads easily between birds and there is no specific treatment.

Pigeon with twisted neck

Pigeon with twisted neck

Infected birds may shed the virus in their faeces and other discharges, contaminating the environment (including feed, water, equipment and human clothing) and allowing transmission to other birds. PPMV1 can survive for several weeks in the environment, especially in cool weather.

The spread of PPMV1 is typically due to the movement of birds, but it can be carried in eggs or on equipment used with pigeons, as well as on people and their clothing.

Diagnosis

The clinical signs and gross pathological changes, if any, are not specific to PPMV1. Many other bird diseases can cause similar signs.

Confirmation of PPMV1 requires laboratory analysis.

Any suspected dead bird or samples (organs or swabs) should be forward in an Eskey with ice packs to AgriBio state laboratory, located at La Trobe's Melbourne campus in Bundoora.

A person who suspects that birds may have PPMV1 should immediately contact a vet and phone the our Customer Service Centre on 136 186.

Protection from spread

In assuming responsibility for protecting their pigeons, keepers should consider implementing biosecurity measures and vaccination for their birds.

Organisers of Pigeons' shows and races are encouraged to ensure that only vaccinated birds are allowed to take part in these activities.

Biosecurity

Pigeon owners' primary defence against PPMV1 is to prevent the introduction of the disease into their loft by the implementation of the following biosecurity procedures:

- cleaning and disinfecting footwear and washing hands and clothes after visiting other birds
- keeping lofts and equipment clean
- disinfecting equipment used to house, transport, feed and water other birds
- preventing wild birds and feral pigeons (and their droppings) from having contact with your pigeons or contaminating their feed or water
- quarantine for at least 2 weeks any new birds or birds returning from a show or a race
- limiting any unnecessary visitors to your pigeons' loft.

Vaccination

There is no currently registered PPMV1 vac-

cine for use in pigeons in Australia. However, Newcastle Disease (ND) vaccines registered for use in chickens are available for 'off label' use in pigeons with the written instruction of a veterinarian. The ND vaccine provides adequate protection against PPMV1 and minimise the potential impact of spread of infection.



Research trials on the use of ND vaccines showed that they are safe to use in pigeons, and if pigeons are vaccinated properly twice they are likely to produce antibody levels that should protect them against PPMV1.

Inactivated (killed) ND vaccines in 2 applications at 4 weeks apart are used to vaccinate pigeons against PPMV1. An inactivated vaccine is a vaccine that contains a virus that has been killed. The vaccine also contains adjuvants to stimulate stronger and longer lasting immunity.

Injection sites are subcutaneously (under the skin) at the base of the neck or in the loose skin between the leg and the body.

Inactivated vaccines must not be frozen. They should be kept at the manufacturer's recommended temperature, which is usually between 4 to 8°C.

Only healthy pigeons in healthy flocks should be vaccinated. It is important to vaccinate all the pigeons in a loft to optimise loft protection. Young pigeons are often given the first vaccine dose at 4 weeks of age and the second vaccine dose 4 weeks later. An annual booster vaccination is highly recommended.

Reporting

PPMV1 is a notifiable disease in Victoria and a person who suspects that birds may have PPMV1 must immediately contact an Inspector of Livestock at Agriculture Victoria within 12 hours of suspicion or confirmation of the disease.

Shivnarine Chanderpaul - Cricket Hall of Fame

Barely a month after Shivnarine Chanderpaul was inducted in USA Cricket Hall of Fame, the West Indies Run Machine is inducted in ICC Cricket Hall of Fame today

Atlanta, November 8, 2022: Former West Indies captain and one of their mainstay in batting for a long long time, Shivnarine Chanderpaul was inducted in the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame during a function in Sydney (Australia) last evening. Barely a month ago, on October 2, 2022, the West Indies Run Machine, Chanderpaul, was inducted into the USA Cricket Hall of Fame. Chanderpaul couldn't attend that function as he was tied up in the Caribbean Premier League (CPL) as the head coach of the Jamaica Tallawahs. Another USA Cricket Hall of Famer, Mr Jatin Patel received the award on behalf of Chanderpaul that evening. This is the first instance in history that a cricketer has been inducted in the USA Cricket Hall of Fame, first in the world, and the international body in such close proximity.

Expressing his gratitude after his induction in the ICC Hall of Fame, Chanderpaul said, "I am extremely honored and very humbled to receive this very prestigious honor. I do so on behalf of my family who supported me all my life, my teammates who encouraged me and helped me, the many supporters around the world, and the loyal fans of West Indies cricket who I played every magical moment for. From the first moment I stepped onto the field in my West Indies cap, I knew what my responsibility was, and I always knew I had to give my 100 percent. I enjoyed every moment of my time.

"When I was a boy growing up in Guyana with that over-sized bat in my small hands and you told me I would make it into the ICC Hall of Fame, I would have said 'you're mad!'. Never ever in my wildest dreams did I think I would make it this far. But I did dream big. And this honor here shows that your dreams, when combined with hard work and dedication, can come true. Your hard work can take you places you never imagined.

"Today I am proud, as I join a list of the game's elite who represent the best of all time. I receive this ICC Hall of Fame award with humility and



hope that what I achieved for West Indies and what I did on the field will inspire a new generation of young cricketers to always dream big and always give their 100 per cent," said Chanderpaul, one of the finest gentlemen the game has ever witnessed.

The only West Indian cricketer after Brian Lara to have scored more than 10,000 Test runs, Chanderpaul is mostly recognized for his unique stance and dogged determination while batting. Making his debut as a 19-year-old in 1994 till he called it quits as a 41-year-old in 2015, Chanderpaul has scored 11,867 runs in 164 Tests with a batting average of 51.37 and a highest score of 203 not out. There have been many instances when he has single-handedly retrieved West Indies' plummeting fortunes and that he has done in all three formats of the game, both as the captain of the side and as a lower middle order bat. In 268 ODIs, Chanderpaul has scored 8778 runs with an average of 41.60 and a highest score of 150. He didn't play too many T20s but, in 81 matches he scored 1576 runs with an average of 23.52 and strike rate of 105.77. His highest T20 score was 87 not out. With his slow leg-break, he has also picked 9 Test and 14 ODI wickets in his career.

Chanderpaul holds some unique records which shows his temperament and the price he puts

on his wicket. Chanderpaul has been involved in 771 partnerships in Test, the most by any player, during which he batted with 83 different partners, which is also the highest than any cricketer ever. During his Test career, Chanderpaul watched 507 dismissals of his batting partners from the other end, the most by any batsman. Another highlight of his batting career is when he batted for more than 1000 minutes in a Test match on four different occasions, the highest being 1513 minutes.

A wonderful cricketing brain, Chanderpaul shifted his focus to coaching in 2016 after his retirement and in 2020 launched the Chanderpaul Cricket Academy along with multi-discipline coach and USA Cricket Hall of Famer Mr Jatin Patel. This year, in his first season as the coach of Jamaica Tallawahs,

he earned the rare distinction of taking the team all the way to the championship title. The year 2022 has been a good year for Chanderpaul and as the head coach of the USA Women's Under-19 Team, he led the team to the West Indies Zonal tourney where the USA U-19 girls finished undefeated in the six-team tourney. The icing on the cake this year was when his son Tanagerine Brendon Chanderpaul got his maiden call to represent West Indies in the two-match Test series against Australia later in the year. Shivnarine Chanderpaul has earned many laurels during his playing career, and that includes the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for ICC Cricketer of the Year, Wisden Cricketer of the Year, and the WICB West Indies Player of the Year to name a few. Now as a coach, he has already started making an impact. But, knowing the tenacity of Shivnarine Chanderpaul and his discipline, dedication, and determination to succeed, this is just the beginning of yet another glittering career for one of the finest ever to have played the game and more than that, an amazing human being.

(This article is written by Ajit Bezbaruah)

STRENGTHEN YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Islam in Qatar explained ahead of FIFA World Cup

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Qatar is a Muslim nation, with laws, customs and practices rooted in Islam. The country is neither as liberal as Dubai in the United Arab Emirates nor as conservative as parts of Saudi Arabia. Most of its citizens are Sunni Muslim.

Qatar's most powerful clan originates from the Arabian Peninsula's landlocked interior, where the Wahhabi ideology was born. Its national mosque is named after the 18th century religious figure, Mohammed Ibn Abdul-Wahhab, who spurred the ultraconservative interpretation of Sunni Islam known as Wahhabism.

Visitors to this mosque and others in Qatar are asked to dress conservatively, with men covering their knees and women preferably donning loose-flowing robes known as abayas and headscarves.

Unlike Saudi Arabia, where adherence to Wahhabism led to strict segregation of unmarried men and women, banned women from driving and kept concerts, cinemas and even yoga off-limits for decades, Qatar has long sponsored the arts, allowed women to participate in high levels of governance and encouraged tourists to feel at ease in the country. It also permits the sale of alcohol in licensed hotels and bars.

As fans travel to Qatar for the FIFA World Cup this year, here's a look at how Islam is practiced in the country:

ISLAM IN QATAR

Mosques in Qatar amplify the Muslim call to prayer five times a day on loudspeakers, including at dawn and dusk.

It is common to hear Muslims use phrases such as "alhamdulillah," which means "praise be to God" or "thank God," and "Inshallah," which means "if God wills it." The traditional Arabic Muslim greeting of "as-salamu alaikum," means "peace be upon you." References to God, such as "ya Allah" and "Allahu akhbar," can be heard in times of tribulation or celebration.



Muslims believe God revealed the Quran to the Prophet Muhammad. He is not only considered part of a long line of major prophets, including Moses and Jesus, but is also considered the last prophet in Islam.

Islam is a monotheistic religion with belief in only one God. Muslims believe the Quran is a continuation of the core values of the Torah and



Bible.

Qatar's laws are rooted in Islamic Shariah law, but also includes civil laws.

TABOOS IN QATAR

Most Qatari women wear the modest head covering or headscarf, known as hijab, and the long black robes known as abayas. Qatari men dress in traditional long, loose white garments known as a "thoub" — pronounced "thuwb."

In general, tourists are expected to dress in a way that is sensitive to Qatar's norms, including avoiding public displays of affection such as kissing, even between married couples. Transparent clothing and skin-baring is reserved strictly for pools and beaches.

Some Muslim women also prefer not to shake hands with men to whom they are not directly related. In greetings, it is customary to allow women to initiate handshakes if they choose.

While alcohol is permitted at hotel restaurants and bars, it is illegal to consume it in general public spaces. Though it might be somewhat tolerated during the World Cup,



it is otherwise not allowed to be openly drunk in public. At the World Cup, alcohol will be available in certain public "designated areas".

Drugs are also strictly prohibited in Qatar, as is homosexuality and crossdressing. World Cup organizers have told The Associated Press that anyone, regardless of their sexual orientation, can come "without fear of any sort of repercussions."

TOLERANCE FOR OTHER RELIGIONS

Qatar's laws punish "offending" Islam or any of its rites or beliefs, as well as committing blasphemy against Islam, Christianity or Judaism.

The circulation of texts that provoke religious strife or contain material that defames one of these three religions is a punishable offense. The government closely monitors and censors websites, newspapers, magazines and books if they display content deemed as derogatory of Islamic values.

Authorities generally permit various faiths to practice privately, but proselytizing for any religion other than Islam may result in a prison sentence. Hotels and stores, however, display Christmas trees and decorations in December.

The only religions registered in Qatar to have their own places of worship are Islam and Christianity, according to the U.S. State Department. AP - By AYA BATRAWY

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On My Way to Hyderabad

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It was April 1968, I was on an African airline flight, on my way to the one and only visit to my native country, Hyderabad. A young lady asked me if she could sit next to me. She began with what were my beliefs on smuggling.

I told her what I had learned from my father that smuggling was a Western concept; Islam was for free trade as caravans laden with goods plied the world, trading back to times immemorial.

I had a long layover in Bombay (now Mumbai) for my flight to Hyderabad so she offered to show me the city. Very kind of her to take me to her family home for lunch. It was her first visit also from Tanzania where she lived with her young family. I also learned she was Aga Khani.

She wrote me on every occasion Eid, New Year, etc., always reminding me that she had met me on a flight to Bombay.

In 1972, I was on an around-the-world RCAF Global Re-supply mission with a stopover in Dar es Salam, Tanzania's capital. It was a one-horse town then, 50 years ago, similar to Darwin, Australia. One Hotel Kilimanjaro, one night club Simba, one restaurant run by AGIP (an Italian petroleum exploration company), one swimming pool where all the North American and European women congregated, etc.

One evening a senior officer in our entourage, who had trained the Tanzanian Air Force pilots on his previous tour of duty, offered to take us to an Indian shop where we could buy anything and had to pay nothing. What I inquired. No, the Indian owner would give you a list of bank accounts in Canada, USA, UK or Europe and one just sends a cheque for the amount one incurs. It was an amazement that the capital of that poor country was being pilfered and syphoned in that way by the Asians.

The American and European ladies around the swimming pool the following day told me the same story they purchased everything from an Indian store using the same mode of payment.

I phoned that lady I had met on my flight to Bombay, and found out that she had a different name than what I had known her by, and I was also informed that she had gone to New York. Upon my return to my base in Canada, I found a letter from her that she was indeed in New York with her daughter, recuperating from some personal surgery. Next letter after a few months came from Toronto, less than 100 miles from my air base, CFB Trenton in Ontario.

One weekend I had gone to Toronto to visit a base there and called her, who was living in a sprawling apartment on Don Valley Parkway, then a high-end area (maybe not now). She prepared a sumptuous dinner for me, and after the dinner, she told me she had to go to the Mosque. I offered to drive her and her daughter to the Mosque. When I arrived at the Mosque, as a courtesy I offered to walk her to the door; she said abruptly "We don't allow Muslims in our Mosque". That's the last time I saw her.

But I learned a lot about East-African -Asian Aga Khanis. In 1972 also Idi Amin kicked the Indians out of Uganda. Karim Aga Khan, the Living Imam for the Aga Khanis, visited Ottawa and asked the then Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau if he would accept some 6,000 of his followers as refugees. Now there are about 10 times that number in Canada.

At the beginning they integrated well with the Sunni and Shi'a Muslims in Ottawa of necessity that I'm aware of. Then it became apparent that they were seeking their own distinct identity. All the Order-in-Council appointments made by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) were going to Muslims: Senators, Citizenship Court judges, members of different Agencies, Boards, Commissions, etc. Most to Aga Khanis.

When a Sunni approached for assistance, they told the person they are Shi'a. When a Shi'a sought help, they are Ismaili. To the Bhora Ismaili they were Aga Khani Ismaili Imami Shi'a Muslims. How can one win?

There are about 100,000 Muslims in Ottawa, mainly first generation, struggling to keep their head above water, majority just surviving. The Aga Khanis own chains of hotels and motels, and other money-making ventures. They never offer any help to the poor.

Only in Canada the Aga Khanis have an em-

bassy which has won several architectural laurels, but where is their country? They operate a Global Centre for Pluralism in Ottawa too. When a Canadian asks them of their good fortune, they say, they are blessed.

On an Eid al Milad un Nabi one year held on the Parliament Hill, where they had invited all the Muslim countries' High Commissioners and Ambassadors, they recognized only the Israeli Ambassador. The Arab heads of Missions walked out.

The Ambassadors of Egypt and Iran, and Pakistan's High Commissioner, formed a committee and informed the government and the Aga Khani community's president that such behaviour will not be tolerated. Besides he had asked a rabbi to bless the food being served. Touché.

Once I confronted an Aga Khani couple that they were duplicitous as they were pretending to help Palestinians while dallying with Israel. We are friends with everyone was their response. I mentioned a friend of everyone is a friend of none.

One honest Ugandan Indian lady named Shamin, told me that Idi Amin was a gentleman, he let us go after what we did to his country.

I saw an Aga Khani gentleman on TV and asked someone from Uganda if he knew him. He is not one of ours, he must be from India or Pakistan, was his curt reply.

Wonderful for those who claim discrimination by the dictator, Idi Amin.

I've had many Aga Khani friends from India and Pakistan; they have been absolutely, amazingly fantastic. I would rather again forget the lady I met on the flight of the African airline as it never happened, for Muslims are not allowed in her Mosque. Sorry for the diversion from my solo trip to Hyderabad. Maybe, next time I'll tell you my fantasy journey to the Fairyland of the Nizams.

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Kerala lesbian 'brides' in 'wedding' photoshoot

"There's freedom now, we can live our dreams."

Adhila Nasarin and Fathima Noora made headlines earlier this year when a court in the southern Indian state of Kerala reunited the two women after they had been forcibly separated by their parents.

The women had petitioned a court against the opposition they faced after they came out to their families.

Last month, they made headlines again. This time, for a wedding photoshoot in which the couple posed as brides.

Decked in silver jewellery and dressed in embellished brown and deep blue lehengas (long skirts), they beamed as they exchanged rings and rose garlands under a canopy by the seaside in Ernakulam district.

When Ms Noora, 23, shared the photos on her Facebook page - captioned "Achievement unlocked: together forever" - congratulations poured in for the happy couple.

"We just tried the photoshoot because we thought the idea was interesting," Ms Nasarin told the BBC over the phone.

Adhila Nasarin and Fathima Noora The two women had petitioned the court for help in June after they were forcibly separated by their families The women are among several queer couples who have participated in such photoshoots.

"We're not married yet," Ms Nasarin says. "But at some point, we'd like to be."

India's Supreme Court decriminalised gay sex in 2018 after a decades-long legal battle by activists and LGBTQ+ groups. Over the years, awareness about the community has increased, but members still face stigma and a resistance to complete acceptance.

Ms Noora and Ms Nasarin are all too familiar with this. The couple say they still face threats of separation from Ms Noora's family.

In India, same-sex marriages have no legal sanction, though petitions for legalisation are under consideration in the Delhi high court and the Supreme Court.

In the meantime, many gay couples have been participating in commitment ceremonies.



Ms Noora and Ms Nasarin have sanction from the Kerala high court to be together, but they do not have the privileges or rights that a married couple would enjoy in India.

"If we fill out any form, they ask for a wife, husband or father's name," Ms Nasarin explains. "At my workplace and elsewhere, I still have to use my father's name. We were at a hospital recently and had to give our fathers' names. It was frustrating."

This is all the more difficult because the women are not on good terms with their families.

In the absence of support from their families and the community they grew up in, the women rely on each other and LGBTQ+ groups like Vanaja Collective which helped them come together.

Ms Noora and Ms Nasarin met in high school and became close. They spent three years apart after leaving school while living with their families in different districts of Kerala as they worked on getting college degrees, making do with occasional calls and chats when they could.

Finish your education and get a job first - this was the advice they received from support groups they reached out to.

It's the same advice they now offer others who reach out to them.

Ms Nasarin says they knew it would not be easy to leave their conservative families to be together.

"In our community, a lot of people do not have a good educational background. When we try to help people find jobs, this lack of education can become a hindrance," Ms Nasarin says.

This is why they advise anyone who may be in their position to become financially independent.

"Having a job is very important in being able to live your own life," Ms Noora says. "The financial security means you are not at the mercy of someone else."

Since the court order, the two women say they miss nothing from their past.

The freedom they feel is evident from the parts of their lives they share on social media.

Once limited to a shot of holding hands or the backs of their heads, their photos now show them building their lives together - goofing around with Instagram Reels, hanging out with friends and raising a dog together.

"There's nothing I would change right now," Ms Noora says. "It's like we've left toxicity behind."

The couple say they continue to be moved by the support they have received from people. They've given several interviews, featured in a popular women's magazine and on a TV show in the state where their story has been hailed as one of strength and courage.

"Now even if we wear a mask and glasses, people recognise us," Ms Nasarin says. And so far, public attention has been warm and encouraging.

Their families, they say, still believe that their relationship is a passing phase and similar comments crop up on their Facebook and Instagram pages.

Along with well-wishers who extend support and cheer them on are detractors who tell them they have set a bad example and that they should get married to men.

Once in a while, Ms Noora and Ms Nasarin respond on Instagram to comments that seem particularly egregious.

But their response is not without humour.

Recently, when an Instagram user wrote that their sexuality had to be a phase because he'd never seen a lesbian older than 40, they responded with: "Wait till we're 40." BBC

Solar System, Galaxy, Universe: What's the Difference?

Many people are not clear about the difference between our Solar System, our Milky Way Galaxy, and the Universe.

Let's look at the basics.

Our Solar System consists of our star, the Sun, and its orbiting planets (including Earth), along with numerous moons, asteroids, comet material, rocks, and dust. Our Sun is just one star among the hundreds of billions of stars in our Milky Way Galaxy. If we shrink the Sun down to smaller than a grain of sand, we can imagine our Solar System to be small enough to fit onto the palm of your hand. Pluto would orbit about an inch from the middle of your palm.

Artist diagram of Milky Way galaxy On that scale with our Solar System in your hand, the Milky Way Galaxy, with its 200 – 400 billion stars, would span North America (see the illustration on the right). Galaxies come in many sizes. The Milky Way is big, but some galaxies, like our Andromeda Galaxy neighbor, are much larger.

The universe is all of the galaxies – billions of them! NASA's telescopes allow us to study galaxies beyond our own in exquisite detail, and to explore the most distant reaches of the observable universe. The Hubble Space Telescope made one of the deepest images of the universe, called the Hubble Extreme Deep Field (image at the top of this article). A galaxy is a gravitationally bound system of stars, stellar remnants, interstellar gas, dust, and dark matter. The word galaxy is derived from the Greek galaxias (γαλαξίας), literally "milky", a reference to the Milky Way. Galaxies range in size from dwarfs with just a few hundred million (10⁸) stars to giants with one hundred trillion (10¹⁴) stars each orbiting its galaxy's center of mass.

Milky Way's central black hole, known as Sagittarius A*, has a mass four million times greater than the Sun. As of March 2016, GN-z11 is the oldest and most distant observed galaxy with a comoving distance of 32 billion light-years from Earth, and observed as it existed just 400 million years after the Big Bang.

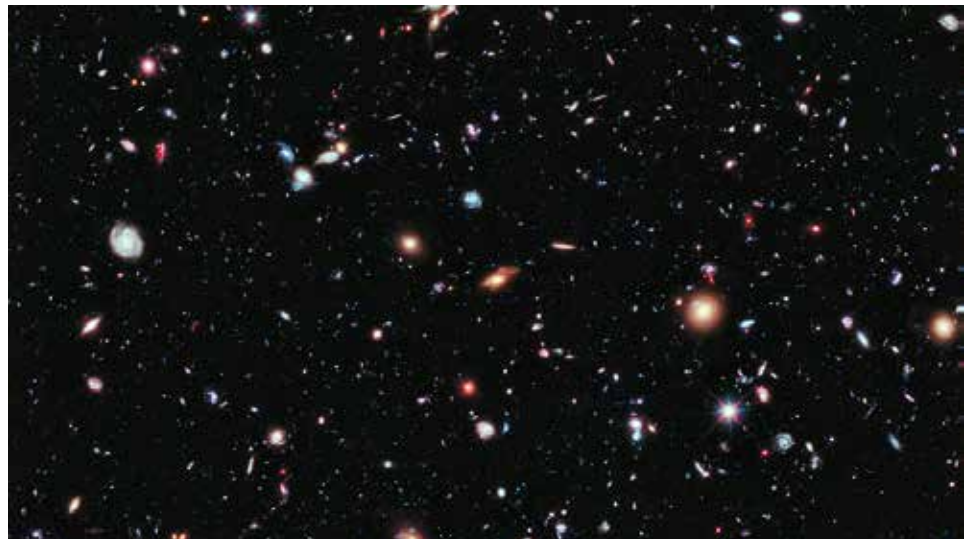
Research released in 2016 revised the number of galaxies in the observable universe from a previous estimate of 200 billion (2 × 10¹¹) to a suggested two trillion (2 × 10¹²) or more and, overall, as many as an estimated 1 × 10²⁴ stars (more stars than all the grains of sand on planet Earth). Most of the galaxies are 1,000 to 100,000 parsecs in diameter (approximately 3,000 to 300,000 light years) and separated by distances on the order of millions of parsecs (or megaparsecs). For comparison, the Milky Way has a diameter of at least 30,000 parsecs (100,000 ly) and is separated from the Andromeda Galaxy, its nearest large neighbor, by 780,000 parsecs (2.5 million ly).

The space between galaxies is filled with a tenuous gas (the intergalactic medium)

top of this article). Soon the James Webb Space Telescope will be exploring galaxies forming at the very beginning of the universe.

You are one of the billions of people on our Earth. Our Earth orbits the Sun in our Solar System. Our Sun is one star among the billions in the Milky Way Galaxy. Our Milky Way Galaxy is one among the billions of galaxies in our Universe. You are unique in the Universe!

You can observe objects in our solar system and even see other galaxies at a star party near you—and rest assured that everything you are seeing is a part of the same universe as you! Find out more by using our club and event finder and connect with your local astronomy club. We invite you to join the NASA Night Sky Network astronomy outreach community on Facebook and Twitter for the latest updates on astronomy events, outreach opportunities, and astronomy activities. Pictures of your astronomy outreach and other behind the scenes photos are featured on our Instagram feed.



having an average density of less than one atom per cubic meter. The majority of galaxies are gravitationally organized into groups, clusters, and superclusters. The Milky Way is part of the Local Group, which is dominated by it and the Andromeda Galaxy and is part of the Virgo Supercluster. At the largest scale, these associations are generally arranged into sheets and filaments surrounded by immense voids. Both the Local Group and the Virgo Supercluster are contained in a much larger cosmic structure named Laniakea. **tymology** The word galaxy was borrowed via French

and Medieval Latin from the Greek term for the Milky Way, galaxias (κύκλος) γαλαξίας (κύκλος) 'milky (circle)', named after its appearance as a milky band of light in the sky. In Greek mythology, Zeus places his son born by a mortal woman, the infant Heracles, on Hera's breast while she is asleep so the baby will drink her divine milk and thus become immortal. Hera wakes up while breastfeeding and then realizes she is nursing an unknown baby: she pushes the baby away, some of her milk spills, and it produces the band of light known as the Milky Way.

In the astronomical literature, the capitalized word "Galaxy" is often used to refer to our galaxy, the Milky Way, to distinguish it from the other galaxies in our universe. The English term Milky Way can be traced back to a story by Chaucer c. 1380:

"See yonder, lo, the Galaxyë
Which men clepeth the Milky Wey,
For hit is whyt."

— Geoffrey Chaucer, *The House of Fame* Galaxies were initially discovered telescopically and were known as spiral nebulae. Most 18th to 19th century astronomers considered them as either unresolved star clusters or anagalactic nebulae, and were just thought as a part of the Milky Way, but their true composition and natures remained a mystery. Observations using larger telescopes of a few nearby bright galaxies, like the Andromeda Galaxy, began resolving them into huge conglomerations of stars, but based simply on the apparent faintness and sheer population of stars, the true distances of these objects placed them well beyond the Milky Way. For this reason they were popularly called island universes, but this term quickly fell into disuse, as the word universe implied the entirety of existence. Instead, they became known simply as galaxies

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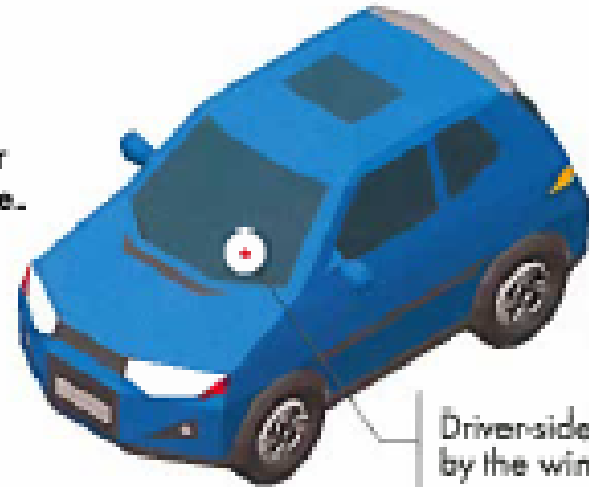
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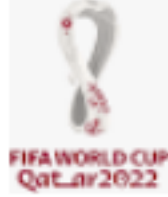


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The Conscious Muslim

By: Gulam Samdani

There is no better introduction to Muhammad's (pbuh) Muslim but to go to the opening verse of Surah Bukhara.

An approximate translation of the second line of the Surah "This Book has no doubt in it – a guidance for the Muttaqin".

Very few translators such as scholar Muhammad Marmaduke Pickthal in English and in Urdu Ahmed Ali did the approximate closest translation. Pickthal on his part used the term "who ward off (evil)", and Ahmed Ali uses the term "Parez Gaar".

It is important that we get an appropriate translation, because the usual translations of "those who fear Allah" or as done in Urdu "Khuda se darne waala" are not the most appropriate translations.

Their inappropriateness lies in the aspect that they are not closer to the explanation provided by the Prophet of Allah Muhammad (pbuh) to Umar (RA), when he Umar (RA) ask Muhammad (pbuh) the meaning of the word Taqwa/Muttaqin.

The following was the explanation of the beloved Muhammad (pbuh): "O Umar (RA) imagine you are going through a thorny bush, and you collect your clothing together, close to yourself so that the clothes don't get stuck in the bush. O Umar (RA) that is taqwa"

If you look at the explanation, then you see how Pickethal and Ahmed Ali are more appropriate per the explanation.

Pickethal and Ahmed Ali refer to is the qualities of a Conscious person and the explanation of Rasool Allah Muhammad (pbuh) also points to a person who is conscious of his surroundings. The person in explanation of Rasool Allah (pbuh) is not avoiding the path of the bush out of fear but taking precautions out of his or her complete consciousness of his or her surroundings.

And indeed, the honorable and the beloved of Allah (SWT), Muhammad the all praised one (pbuh) was a man of conscience. He was aware of the situations around him, he was fully aware that he was an orphan. He grew fully aware and conscious that he was not the only one that was in situation of lesser privilege, from his place of disadvantage in society he was completely aware of other disadvantaged people in society.

He was fully aware and conscious of the people ignored by society as he himself was ignored as well being an orphan, until he became known by his character of Al Amin.

As you can see Muhammad (pbuh) is a man among men, but he is something more. Even when he was a child, as he grew into his teenage and then into adult hood in every stage of his life, he was special, because he had consciousness.

In our society we are mostly geared towards fulfillment of objectives and not concerned on the quality of completion of these objectives. When you look at the stalwarts of the community the honorable companions the sahaba ikram, these were people of immense consciousness be it Abu Bakar (RA), Uthman (RA) or other like them.

Their consciousness existed even before they accepted Islam at the hands of the beloved Muhammed (pbuh). Quran behooves to the ones that don't have consciousness either due to our surrounding or their own laziness to achieve it by means of loving or at least fearing Allah. (A rough paraphrased quotation from Quran).

Quran relies on fear, love, and reason to inculcate consciousness among the creation. For Quran these are a means to develop consciousness.

As you can see the repeated goal of Allah is to bring us to the state of Consciousness. And is the most important objective of Allah (SWT) via the Quran and his beloved Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).

Consciousness is a state of being in the present, a state of recognizing the present. To be in this moment observing, recognizing, understanding and accepting the inevitability of this moment. It is only when you have a full grasp of your current state can you benefit from the environment or protect yourself from the environment.

Consciousness is a state that requires the person to be in this moment, accept the inevitability of the moment and not be dreaming of what has passed.

A person might have passed by and walked on soft grass a few moments back, but that moment existed in the past. A requirement of consciousness is to completely and full recog-

nize and accept this moment, While being conscious of your surroundings, if a thorn pricks you in this moment you know you did your best in avoiding the thorns but the pricking of this thorn was inevitable.

Adoption of this moment, the consciousness of this moment removes Human suffering. And that is truly the goal of the Allah (SWT) through the Quran delivered via the beloved prophet Muhammad (pbuh). Instead we have made it a path to attain some certain eternity.

Remember that Rasool Allah Muhammad (pbuh) had gone through different pains in life as an orphan, growing up as an unknown in a society, seeing under privileged people being drowned by the privileged ones and unwanted children being thrown in the desert to die.

His consciousness brought him his purpose which was to elevate people from their unconscious state of living. It was the purpose given to him first by his consciousness then formalized by Allah (SWT) when he Rasool Allah (pbuh) was anointed as the Prophet. He was to elevate people from their unconscious living standards to a life of consciousness.

We sadly have only established suffering as a path in this world to get the benefits in the hereafter. If people are good, then we have made them believe that their suffering is Allah's test and if they did wrong then it is their punishment. We have sincerely walked away from the real goal of Allah (SWT) and his beloved prophet.

The real goal of Allah (SWT) and the Quran, delivered so amazingly via his beloved prophet, was to bring consciousness to people.

Consciousness does not mean no pain; it only means that you do not suffer. Pain is a consequence of even happy aspects of life. Like a woman when she is giving birth to her baby, she is in immense pain. But she is not suffering because she is accepting this moment, the importance of this moment.

It is by being happy, accepting this moment and planning towards the million beautiful possibilities of the future that we will remove suffering from human beings.

Being Conscious does not mean that you don't plan for future. You do plan for future, but you don't live in



the future with the experiences of the past. When we completely disregard this moment and live in the future based on the experiences of the past, we lose the capability to affect our future and at the same time we even lose our present.

In growing the generation ahead, as a people we need to incorporate a few things in our children. First, they need to know that they are very part of this earth. That it was this clay from earth not from Mars, not from Jupiter, and not from paradise that our species was created in its structure. That we all originate from that one Will that is Allah (SWT), when he said we breathe life into Adam (AS).

When our children grow with this mindset of feeling for this earth, feeling for their fellow creations, feeling for their fellow human being, grow with the mindset that the stone that they just threw across the land was also in Prayer of its lord, and they understand that the apple that they just plucked from a tree was also in prayer to its lord then it is at that point that we will be developing a generation of individuals that are conscious of their diversity and their oneness.

It is only when we build such a generation of children that understand it is them but not just them and they are many but one, then we would have a good seed to lay down and grow conscientious Muslims that will enthrall the earth with happiness and will undergo their pain without suffering.

It is my ardent prayer to move our children amid nature, because it is by being in nature that we elevate to the Muslim that took oath in the Alam-e-Arwah. Once they realize how close they belong to this world, these conscious human beings will even be good Momineen walking with the light of the Quran in this moment and building a bright future for a world to come.

Former Pakistan PM Khan calls off protest march to avoid creating 'havoc'

ISLAMABAD (Reuters) - Former Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan, in his first public appearance since being wounded in a gun attack earlier this month, said on Saturday he was calling off his protest march to Islamabad because he feared it would cause havoc in the country.

Khan has been holding country-wide protests to push the government for early elections since being ousted from power in April. The protests were to culminate in a march to Islamabad, which threatened to worsen political turmoil in the nuclear-armed country which is battling an economic crisis.

"I have decided not to go to Islamabad because I know there will be havoc and the loss will be to the country," Khan said while speaking at a gathering of thousands of supporters in the garrison city of Rawalpindi, near the capital Islamabad.

Tight security was in place for Khan's appearance. A police official told local television channel Geo TV that a total of 10,000 personnel had been deployed for the event, with snipers positioned at various points for his security.

Khan was earlier this month shot in the shin when his anti-government protest convoy bound for Islamabad came under attack in the east of the country, in what his aides said was a clear assassination attempt by his rivals.



He named Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and a senior military official of plotting his assassination, but both the government and military have denied involvement. Sharif has called for a transparent inquiry. One person has been arrested over the incident and said he acted alone.

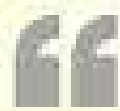
On Saturday, Khan arrived on stage using a walking frame and addressed the crowd from behind bulletproof glass. He said he had been told by various security sources there was still a threat to his life.

Khan said he was consulting his party, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), on the possibility of resigning from all provincial assemblies in a fresh bid to push for early elections. PTI has already resigned from the federal parliament, but remains in power in two provinces and two administrative units.

(Reporting by Gibran Peshimam; Editing by David Holmes)



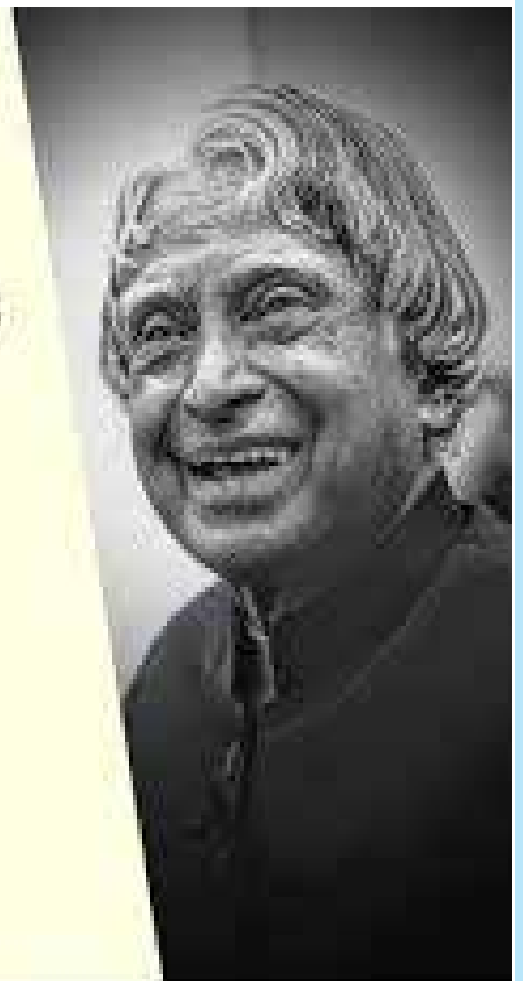
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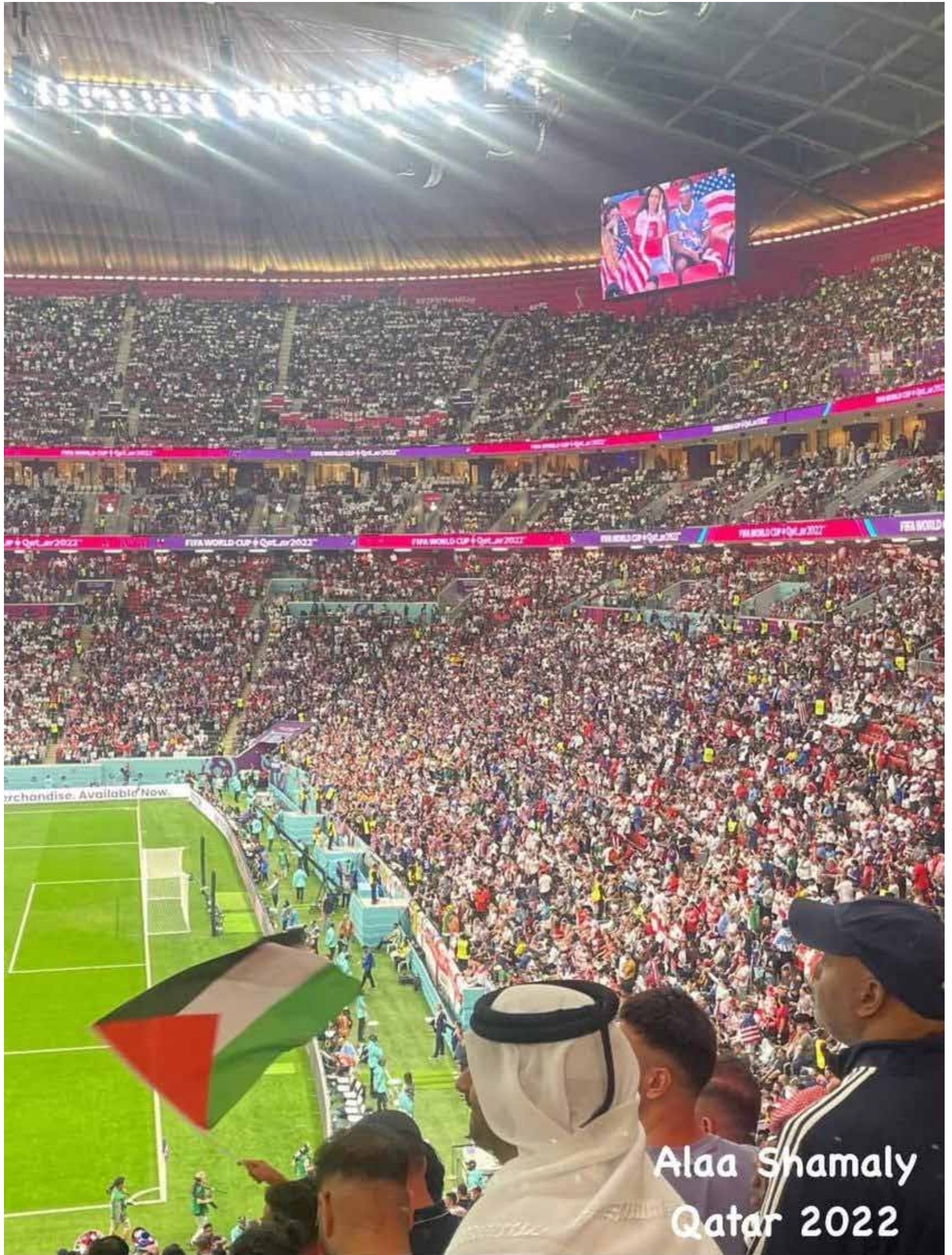


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Landlord Solutions

Becoming a landlord is a fantastic way to invest in your future, and buying property is something that many people are choosing to do. The benefits can be enormous, but it can occasionally feel like a double-edged sword. While your investment is growing steadily in the long game, the day-to-day issues can sometimes feel overwhelming. Many landlords complain that it feels as though things in their rental properties are always breaking, and the worry of mounting costs is a real one. Handing the job over to contractors can prove expensive, especially when there are fixes required in the kitchen and bathroom. These rooms are more than just functional; they are hubs of activity in most homes and are used to relax, socialize, pamper and bond. Unfortunately, by their very nature, the steam, heat and water present can all cause issues.

Kitchen and bathroom problems can't be ignored, but we understand that budgets are not bottomless. So, if you want to keep your tenants happy, or attract new ones, these two rooms must be maintained and kept in good working order.

Believe it or not, you can address many of the common problems yourself, and it won't eat too much into your time or your pocket. We have put this post together to share simple, low-cost DIY fixes for bathrooms and kitchens. Go ahead and bookmark it, because as a landlord you are almost guaranteed to be needing this in the future!

DIY Steps For Fixing A Leaking Faucet

A leaking faucet may seem like a minor issue that you don't need to rush to address. However, a constant drip, drip, drip can be a major source of irritation for your tenants, not to mention a waste of water. In addition, a leaking faucet can actually cause unsightly damage to your basin or bathtub, leaving it rusted or pitted. That is something that will be far more costly to put right. When faced with this problem, you should first check that the faucet is completely turned off. The best-case scenario is that this is all it needs! If that doesn't work, then a fix will be required. But it is something you can manage yourself, with minimal outlay and a couple of tools. Simply follow the steps below.



Identify the type of faucet that you are dealing with. Does it have two handles? For instance, one for hot and one for cold? If so, this is a compression faucet. If you have one spout (a mixer with hot and cold coming through the same 'pipe'), you will have either a ball faucet or a cartridge faucet.

Next, turn off the water using the shut-off valve, which you will find below the basin. Be sure to turn off the valve that leads to the hot water as well as the one that leads to the cold.

Depending on the model of faucet, you will need to replace the gasket, o-ring (washer), or cartridge.

You will need to remove the valve handle, which will probably require an Allen key. Then, with a wrench or pliers, remove the nut that holds the o-ring in place.

If you are dealing with a cartridge, this will need to be removed.

Take the cartridge to a hardware or plumbing store to find the correct replacement.

Replace the new cartridge or o-ring, and put everything

back together in reverse order.

Be aware that some faucets require a replacement kit, and the manufacturers generally supply detailed instructions with these.

DIY Steps For Fixing Curling Or Ripped Vinyl Flooring
Vinyl flooring is often chosen by landlords for kitchens and bathrooms, as it is low-cost to install when compared to tiles, and it is waterproof and hardwearing, flexible, soft and warm to the touch. It comes in a variety of colors, textures, and styles too, which explains why it is so popular.

However, there is a downside to this material, as it can curl up and even tear quite easily. This can look unsightly, and, even worse, can mask a real problem. Tears and curling of the vinyl can allow water to sink beneath it, where it is then trapped and unable to dry. This can result in potentially huge repair bills. The best thing to do here is act quickly to avoid any hidden damage.

Curly Vinyl

A great place to start with repairing curled vinyl is to apply heat to the affected area, using a clothes iron. Protect the vinyl with a towel, and then apply heat using steady pressure.

Pull back the vinyl a few inches, which allows access for you to clean and dry underneath

Once the area is dry, apply a moderate amount of fresh vinyl adhesive to the area. Too much can cause ripples. Re-lay the vinyl back in place and use a heavy object to apply constant pressure to the area, maintaining this for a few hours.

Once it has dried, you can finish the job by applying a fresh bead of caulk at the joint.

Torn Vinyl

For torn vinyl, the repair process is similar: once again cleaning the area beneath the vinyl, re-applying fresh adhesive, and re-laying the patch

If the ripped area is too damaged, you can purchase a new piece of (hopefully!) matching vinyl.

Cut and remove the damaged section from the floor, following the design of the vinyl and cut a matching 'patch' from the new vinyl.

Attach the new piece using vinyl adhesive and fill the seams with a bead of caulk.

DIY Steps For Clearing A Clogged Drain

Clogged drains are not pleasant, and this is especially true when you are the landlord dealing with your tenant's drain. We don't want to know what is hiding in the pipes and causing water to run away slowly.

Fortunately, the solution can be quick, and it is super cheap. You can have the water draining nicely in a matter of minutes - with no expensive plumber invoices in sight. Pour a generous amount of baking soda into the clogged plug area, around 60 grams.

Then, follow this with approximately 120 mls of white vinegar.

The combination of the two products causes a reaction, which you will witness as fizzing and bubbling. This should clear the inside of the pipes and have everything running smoothly in no time.

You can add some lemon juice to banish any bad smells that may be emanating from the drain.

For bad blockages, leave the solution for an hour or more, and then run boiling hot water down into the drain to clear the whole thing away.

This solution does not cause damage to the pipes, and it is recommended that you repeat the process every few weeks to maintain your plumbing.

Vinegar and baking soda are far cheaper than unblocking kits and plumbers for sure! This drain unblocking solution could be a landlord's best friend.

DIY Steps To Banish Mildew And Mold

Mold and mildew can be a constant battle in some bathrooms, due to a combination of high levels of moisture and poor ventilation. As a landlord, you will want to keep on top of mold for a number of reasons. Yes, it is unsightly, and it can smell bad; but it is also a red flag for bigger problems, such as damage to plaster and walls. Most

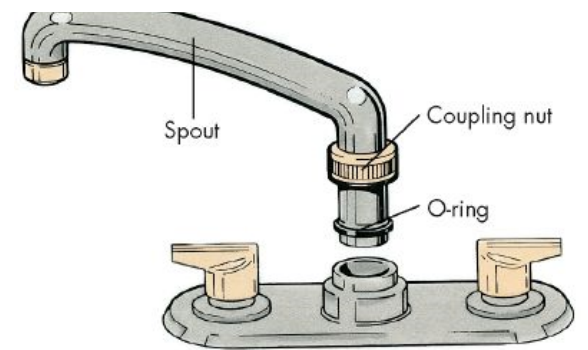
importantly of all, mold spores can be detrimental to the health of your tenants.

As an ongoing solution, it is recommended that affected areas are scrubbed with a solution of 1/3 cup of powdered laundry detergent, one liter of liquid chlorine bleach, and three liters of warm water, using a bristled brush. This should then be rinsed and dried thoroughly.

If the caulking and grout between tiles is stained too badly to remove the mold by cleaning alone, this will need to be removed, cleaned, and then reapplied.

The best way to prevent mold and mildew from returning is to keep the bathroom well ventilated and as dry as possible. You can advise your tenants to keep the windows open as much as possible while bathing and showering. Wet towels and shower curtains should be allowed to dry properly and not left scrunched up.

It is also advisable to install an extractor fan, which you can do yourself if you follow the manufacturer's instruc-



tions.

Repairing A Blocked Shower Head

This is a nice, quick, and inexpensive fix that you can do in minutes, making you the landlord of the year. Clogged shower heads are the result of a build up of limescale, which reduces the water pressure and results in a less pleasant showering experience.

Once again, vinegar comes to the rescue here. You simply need to unscrew the shower head and first shake out any solid chunks of limescale, which look like pieces of chalk. Then, place the shower head in a large container that you have filled with one part vinegar and eight parts boiling water.

Just leave it in there to soak for as long as possible, then rinse it out with running water and fix it back into place.

DIY Solution For A Blocked Garbage Disposal

Garbage disposal units are often expected to handle all manner of things that we chuck down the sink, and, as a landlord, it is sensible to have a conversation with tenants about the best way to keep theirs in good working order. With that said, it is generally expected that a blockage will occur at some point. Fortunately, it can be rectified relatively simply, following these steps.

Turn off the garbage disposal at the switch and check to see if the breaker has been tripped.

Reset and turn back on to see if the problem clears itself. If it is still blocked, turn off the disposal at the wall to remove all power.

Ladle out as much water and debris as possible using a spoon.

Then, use baking soda, vinegar and boiling water as per the blocked drain method above.

You may need to repeat the process a few times, but this should clear the blockage and have the disposal working again.

Fixing A Burn Mark On A Kitchen Countertop

Kitchen surfaces are not cheap, whether you have opted for laminate or wood, and it can be infuriating to see that a tenant has burned a big ring mark into the countertop. But of course, accidents do happen; minds wander or fingers are burned, and we put a pan down on reflex. Fortunately we have some DIY solutions here that may help to save you from replacing an entire section of your kitchen counter, also saving some of your hard-earned money.

RECIPES

Onion Pakoda in Air fryer

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup besan (gram flour)
- 2 onions medium , peeled and thinly sliced
- 1 tbsp coriander seeds of crushed
- 1 tsp methi of kasoori
- 1 tsp red chilli powder
- 3/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp turmeric powder
- 1/4 tsp baking soda
- optional coriander leaves Finely chopped ,

Onion Pakoda in Air fryer

INSTRUCTIONS

In a large bowl, mix all the ingredients well and leave it covered for 5 minutes. The onions will release some of the moisture due to the salt, use that to bring it together into a dough, using a few sprinkles of water as required. Don't make it

too wet or it may not crisp up. Make bite sized pakodas by pressing it into logs in your slightly oiled palm.

Preheat the air fryer at 200 C by turning the timer to 5 minutes, but the machine is preheated when the indicator light goes off.

Place a sheet of parchment or lightly oiled aluminium foil on the basket, but leaving some part of the edge open. This is optional, but just makes the cleaning easier. Place pakodas in a single layer and air fry for 5 minutes. After this, you can remove the basket, turn them around to the other side or give it a shake and keep for 5 more minutes, until all sides are golden brown.

Serve immediately with green chutney / tamarind chutney or



Air fryer Onion pakoda

ketchup. You can also use these to make Pakoda Kadhi or in a Moar Kozhambu.

Verdict: The colour turned beautifully golden, and it had a crunch on the outside. The inside of the pakoda was well cooked. But I guess the highlight of the pakoda is the

juiciness that comes from deep frying and this will take some getting used to, otherwise for the 2 tsp oil used, it was really delicious!.

Prep Time 10 minutes
Cook Time 10 minutes

Tandoori Chicken - Air Fryer

A flavor packed spicy dish from the Indian subcontinent popular all over the world. Chicken is marinated in yogurt, ginger, garlic, spices and lemon juice, then grilled in the air fryer or oven. Low carb and keto friendly.

INGREDIENTS

- 5 Chicken Drumsticks de-skinned (about 1.6 lbs)
- 1 tbsp Oil
- 2 tbsp Cilantro leaves to garnish
- 4 Lemon wedges
- For Marinade
- 1/4 cup Yogurt thick
- 1 tbsp Garlic paste
- 1 tbsp Ginger paste
- 1 tsp Cayenne or Red Chili powder
- Kashmiri chili powder preferred
- 1/2 tsp Ground Turmeric (Haldi powder)
- 1/2 tsp Garam Masala
- 1 tsp Ground Cumin (Jeera powder)
- 1 tbsp Dried Fenugreek leaves (Kasoori Methi) (optional)
- 1 tsp Salt adjust to taste
- 1 tbsp Lime juice

INSTRUCTIONS

Make 3-4 slits on each drumstick. Mix together all ingredients for the

marinade.

Apply evenly to chicken drumsticks and let them marinate for 1 hour in the refrigerator (you can keep it refrigerated for up to 10 hours).

Remove marinated chicken from refrigerator when ready to cook. Arrange in a single layer in the air fryer pan or basket. Baste with some cooking oil.

Cook in air fryer at 360°F for 10 mins. Flip over the chicken, and baste with oil. Then cook for another 5 minutes. Remove on a serving plate. Garnish with cilantro. Serve with lemon wedges and sliced onion.

NOTES

This recipe makes spicy Tandoori Chicken. Adjust red chili powder to your taste.

If you have, use kashmiri red chili powder for this recipe, as it gives the natural red color. You could use Cayenne pepper or Paprika as a substitute too.

Oven Variation: Preheat oven at 450 F. Then bake the chicken for 15 minutes. Turn and cook for another 5-10 minutes until it is cooked. Follow this by 3-5 minutes of broiling to get the



charred marks.

NUTRITION

- Calories: 231kcal
- Carbohydrates: 4.3g
- Protein: 22.6g
- Fat: 12.7g
- Saturated Fat: 3.2g
- Cholesterol: 113mg
- Sodium: 957mg
- Potassium: 101mg
- Fiber: 0.5g

- Sugar: 1.4g
- Calcium: 30mg
- Iron: 1.6mg
- Servings: 4
- Calories: 231
- Course: Appetizer, Main Course
- Cuisine: Indian, North Indian
- Diet: Gluten-free, Low Carb, Nut
- Prep Time: 1 hr 10 mins
- Cook Time: 15 mins
- Total Time: 1 hr 25 mins



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Is my forgetfulness normal?

Now You Can Protect and Even Improve Your Memory as You Age with Improving Memory, an online course from the experts at Harvard Medical School. One of the most common fears we all have as we grow older is losing our memory. In this fascinating course, you'll get tools and techniques to protect your memory as well as 7 specific strategies to improve your memory.

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IS IT A COLD OR ALLERGIES?

It's often hard to tell the difference between a cold and allergies. Both can cause similar symptoms, such as a runny and/or stuffy nose, sneezing, fatigue, and a sore throat. However, there are some differences that might help you tell if it's allergies vs. a cold.

Simply put, colds are infections caused by viruses. Colds can be contagious up to two days before symptoms start and can last two weeks after exposure to the virus. Allergies, on the other hand, are not contagious, and the symptoms you experience are your immune system's reaction to allergens, such as pollen.

Take our simple allergies vs. cold quiz to learn the differences between cold and common allergy symptoms.

Cold bacteria icon Woman sneezing icon

ALLERGIES VS. COLD QUIZ

Can't tell if you have a cold or allergies? Find out which one you might have to help get relief. Take this quiz, and muddle no more! Runny nose icon Nose with smile icon

DO YOU HAVE A RUNNY NOSE?

YES

A thin, clear discharge is most likely a sign of allergies.

NO

The most common symptom of both allergies and a cold is a stuffy and/or runny nose. Thermometer with low temperature Thermometer with high temperature indicating fever

DO YOU HAVE A FEVER?

NO

Allergies don't usually cause a fever.

YES

One symptom of a cold can be a low-grade fever. Face with content expression Face with painful expression

DO YOU HAVE ACHES AND PAINS?

NO

Allergies are not usually accompanied by an aching body.

YES

An aching body typically means that you have a cold vs. allergies.

Hopping bunny icon Slow turtle icon

DID YOUR SYMPTOMS DEVELOP FAST OR SLOW?

FAST



Allergy symptoms typically flare up as soon as you come into contact with an allergen.

SLOW

Cold symptoms have a gradual onset and might take several days to develop. Smiling warm sun icon Snowflake icon

IS THE WEATHER WARM OR CHILLY?

WARM

Allergies are more common during the warmer months, when the air is filled with pollen.

CHILLY

Colds are more likely to develop in

winter. Cat and dog with pet dander icon Grass, ragweed and pollen icon

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Safety

28 BASIC KITCHEN SAFETY TIPS

Make sure all wires, cords and plugs on your appliances are not frayed and that the plugs have 3-prong grounded connections. This would include coffee makers, toasters, blenders, microwaves, mixers, etc. Don't use extension cords. You can obtain a junction box that has built-in GFI (ground fault interrupters). This will allow you extra plug in space and the GFI will kick in if there is a power shortage. Helps avoid water/electrical shock accidents.

Get rid of any appliance that is broken or damaged. New ones are very inexpensive these days. If a new one would bust your budget, try garage and tag sales (just make sure you're not buying somebody else's broken appliance).

Put a childproof lock not only on the cabinets with your medicines and cleaning supplies, but also your oven.

Don't leave the kitchen with pots & pans cooking on the stove. Make sure to turn off burners as soon as you take the pot off.

Avoid wearing inappropriate clothing while cooking. That means loose sleeves and sweaters.

Keep dish towels, pot holders and oven mitts away from the stove.

Keep matches and lighters in high places where curious little hands can't reach them.

If using candles in the kitchen, don't leave the room (or home) while they're burning. Make sure they are in a safe place and are in flame proof containers. Check furniture, curtains, dish towels, etc. to be sure they are not blocking heaters or vents.

Keep a fire extinguisher in or near the kitchen, but not near the stove or the heater.

In case of a grease fire, salt and/or baking soda will help if you do not have a fire extinguisher.

Keep emergency numbers handy - 911 is easy to remember, but phone numbers to Poison Control might take longer.

Scalding is one of the most common injuries in the kitchen. Make sure to turn pot handles away from the front of the stove and away from little curious hands.

Scalding can occur from hot steam as well. Be careful when lifting lids from hot food (including opening that hot bag of microwave popcorn)!

Handling Knives: (a) Always cut away from your body when using a knife. It can slip and cut you, (b) Always use a cutting board, (c) Protect your counter tops, (d) Keep blades sharp, (e) Keep knives clean (including handle) - slippery handles can cause injuries, (f) Don't put knives in

a sink of soapy water - they may not be seen and accidents can occur, (g) Wash and dry carefully keeping sharp edge away from your hands, (h) Always lay them flat, never on the back or edge, (i) Don't attempt to catch a knife as it falls - better it hits the floor than cut your hand, (j) Wash knives with warm soapy water after each use.

Be sure appliances are unplugged before touching sharp edges (blenders, can openers, mixers, etc.).

Never stick a fork in a toaster to retrieve trapped toast - you may get shocking results. Always be sure the blender is unplugged before touching the blades.

Be careful about sharp edges: scissors, broken glass, potato peeler, etc.

Cooking Safety Tips



Check for combustible materials around the cooking surface, like oven mitts or kitchen towels



Keep a fire extinguisher in or near the kitchen



Never leave children unattended in the kitchen



Never leave food unattended



Be careful of loose clothing like flowing sleeves or aprons



Never put water on a grease fire



Never ever, ever leave cooking foods unattended - not even for a minute.

Casualness causes casualties - don't answer or talk on the phone while cooking - you can be distracted and injuries can result.

Clean up spills immediately - wet floors are slippery when wet.

Keep the kitchen floor clear of toys and other items.

Be certain that walking areas are always clear of toys and other items.

Keep young children out of the kitchen while cooking. Always use a step-stool to reach high places.

Store cleaning supplies and all chemicals in a safe place. Use safety latches.



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Barrister Asaduddin Owaisi at Hazrat Khwaja Dana (R.A.) dargah in Surat, Gujarat

IF YOU WANT TO SHINE LIKE A SUN, FIRST BURN LIKE A SUN.



You have to dream before your dreams can come true.
- A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

“ WE SHOULD NOT GIVE UP AND WE SHOULD NOT ALLOW THE PROBLEM TO DEFEAT US.

List of Bollywood films of November 2022

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| | <i>India Lockdown</i> | Madhur Bhandarkar | Shweta Basu Prasad · Aahana Kumra · Prateik Babbar · Sai Tamhankar · Prakash Belawadi |
| 9 | <i>Salaam Venky</i> | Revathi | Kajol · Vishal Jethwa |
| | <i>Vadh</i> | Jaspal Singh Sandhu | Sanjay Mishra · Neena Gupta |
| | <i>Maarrich</i> | Dhruv Lather | Tusshar Kapoor · Naseeruddin Shah · Rahul Dev · Seerat Kapoor · Anita Hassanandani |
| | <i>Blurr</i> | Ajay Bahl | Taapsee Pannu · Gulshan Devaiah |
| 16 | <i>Govinda Naam Mera</i> | Shashank Khaitan | Vicky Kaushal · Kiara Advani · Bhumi Pednekar |
| | <i>No Means No</i> | Vikash Verma | Dhruv Verma · Gulshan Grover · Sylwia Czech · Sharad Kapoor · Deepraj Rana · Anna Guzik · Natalia Bak |
| 17 | <i>The Good Maharaja</i> | Vikash Verma | Sanjay Dutt · Dhruv Verma · Sharad Kapoor · Gulshan Grover |
| 23 | <i>Cirkus</i> | Rohit Shetty | Ranveer Singh · Pooja Hegde · Jacqueline Fernandez · Varun Sharma |
| | <i>Ganapath</i> | Vikas Bahl | Tiger Shroff · Kriti Sanon |

Veteran actor Vikram Gokhale passes away

Veteran actor Vikram Gokhale passed away on Saturday following multi organ failure. The 77-year-old actor breathed his last at the Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital in Pune, where he had been undergoing treatment since November 5. His remains will be taken to Bal Gandharva Rang Mandir and last rites will be performed at Vaikunth.

“This is to confirm that Mr Vikram Gokhale passed away this afternoon. We would like to thank everyone for their good wishes, support and prayers through this difficult time,” his daughter said.

On Saturday morning, the hospital released a statement saying that the actor’s health had “slightly deteriorated” but he continued to be on ventilator support.

Vikram Gokhale, who started his journey on the Marathi stage, went on to make his mark in a slew of Marathi and Hindi films, including Hum Dil De Chuke Sanam where he played Aishwarya Rai’s father. He has also featured in Hindi movies like Agneepath (1990), Khuda Gawah, Insaaf, Salim Langde Pe Mat Ro, Bhool Bhulaiyaa, Mission Mangal and Aiyaary, among others. His Marathi film credits include Natsamrat, Lapandav, Kalat Nakalat, Vazir, Bala Gau Kashi Angar, Anumati, Mukta, Me Shivaji Park and AB Aani CD. Gokhale had made his Marathi directorial debut with the film Aaghaat. Ghar Aaja Pardesi, Alpaviraam, Jaana Na Dil Se Door, Sanjeevni and Indradhanush were some of his popular shows.

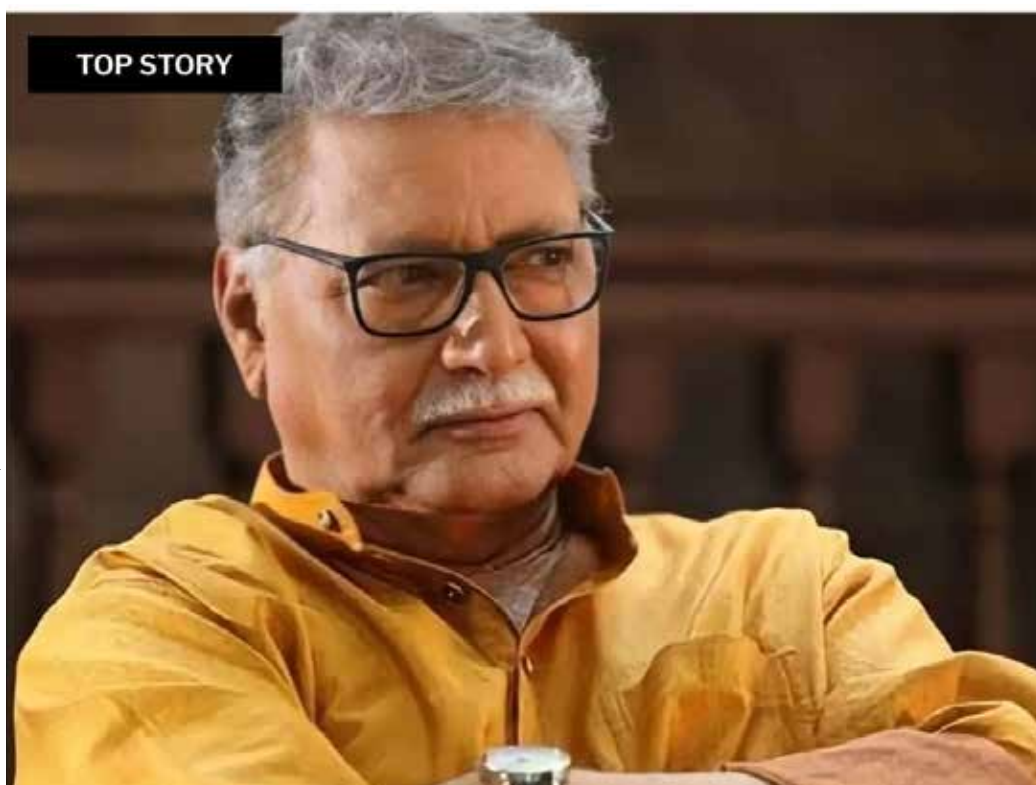
Gokhale won the National Award for Best Actor at the 60th National Film Awards for the Marathi movie Anumati in 2013.

Vikram Gokhale was last seen in the Marathi film Godavari, which

hit theatres earlier this month.

(With inputs from Anuradha Mascarenhas)

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Shehnaaz Gill hobnobs with Munawar Faruqui

Standup comedian Munawar Faruqui took to his Instagram handle and shared beautiful pictures with actor-singer Shehnaaz Gill. The pictures were clicked at Raghav Sharma's birthday party and Munawar also dedicated a poem to Shehnaaz. The reality star also mentioned that Shehnaaz has a beautiful heart apart from being an amazing person.



He wrote in the caption, "Ab nahi hum charago ke mohtaj uski ankhein mehfile roshan karti hai. Mai kitaaben almari me rakh aaya hun. Suna hai woh ba-kamaal insaan padti hai.- Munawar. She is beautiful at heart too."

Fans loved the pictures and took their excitement to the comments section of the post. One of the fans commented, "Wow shehnaz X Munawar." Another fan wrote, "Two favourite in one frame."

On the work front, Shehnaaz Gill recently launched her celebrity talk show Desi Vibes. She will also be seen in Salman Khan's Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan. Shehnaaz, who was earlier in Dubai for an award ceremony, dedicated her award to late actor Siddharth Shukla.

Shehnaaz said, "Ek cheez aur. Main ek bande ko thank you bolna chahti hun. Thank you mere life mein aane k liye. Itna mere pe invest kiya ki aaj main yaha pe hu (I want to thank a certain person. Thank you for coming into my life. I have reached this place because you invested so much in me)." Raising the trophy up, a visibly emotional Shehnaaz added, "Siddharth Shukla this is for you."

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Cirkus teaser: Ranveer Singh in a double role

The world has changed dramatically since the 60s. The internet and everything that it brings along, for one. So, when Rohit Shetty decided to set his upcoming movie, Cirkus, in the 60s, how social media has changed the world ever since is played for laughs. And that's just the Cirkus teaser, introducing its cast and revealing its release date, in true Shetty style. So we meet Ranveer Singh and Varun Sharma — both in double roles, Jacqueline Fernandez and Pooja Hegde.



Other actors who often add colour to a Rohit Shetty film — Tiku Talsania, Johnny Lever, Sanjay Mishra, Brijendra Kala, Mukesh Tiwari, Ashwini Kalsekar and Vrajesh Hirjee — also make their presence felt as they drop quotable quotes. They also reveal that the film is a Christmas release. Ranveer shared on Instagram, "Welcome to our world! Trailer coming out on 2nd December!" along with a list of quirky emojis. The film is inspired by Gulzar-Sanjeev Kumar film Angoor, which in turn is an adaptation of Shakespeare's Comedy of Errors.

Rajinikanth dubs for Baba

Superstar Rajinikanth recently dubbed for the remastered version of Baba. The 20-year-old film has been digitally enhanced and will be re-released on Rajinikanth's 72nd birthday on December 12. Director Suresh Krissna is personally monitoring the re-working of the film's visuals.

Composer AR Rahman has also requested the filmmakers for the preview of the film's new version. It's said that Rahman has volunteered to improve the film's score if needed.

Earlier, the filmmakers only planned a token release in one theatre in Tamil Nadu to mark the birthday celebration of Rajinikanth. But, buoyed by the anticipation that the news about the re-release created among the fans, they are now considering a release across the country and in a few international markets.

Rajinikanth wrote and produced Baba, besides playing the lead. The film was released amid a lot of hype in 2002, given that the film marked the reunion of Rajinikanth and Suresh after a long gap. The duo had earlier delivered blockbusters such as Annamalai, Veera and Baasha. However, Baba failed to re-create the previous success of the duo. The film became one of the biggest flops in Rajinikanth's career. Taking full responsibility for Baba's commercial failure, Rajinikanth compensated the losses incurred by the film's distributors and set a new precedent.

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آج عمران خان ایک تاریخی لانگ مارچ کی قیادت کر رہا ہے۔ یہ لانگ مارچ کل ہی شروع ہوگئی تھی جب تاریخ میں پہلی بار آئی ایس آئی کے چیف نے اس کھلے ڈلے طریقے سے سابق وزیراعظم کے خلاف پریس کانفرنس کی۔ گوکہ انکا خطاب منطقی تھا اور ان کے کئی نکات اور سوالات بے حد اہم تھے لیکن اصل میں وہ اپنی ہار کا شکست کا، چال الٹی پڑنے کا اقرار کرنے آئے تھے۔ وہ ہاں اسی وقت گئے تھے جب وہ مانگ پر آئے تھے کیونکہ جاسوسی کرنے والی ایجنسی کے سربراہ کا نہ تو یہ کام ہے اور نہ طریقہ کار۔ دوسری اہم بات یہ کہ وہ عمران خان کی منافقت کے ساتھ اپنی منافقت کا اقرار کرنے آئے تھے۔ وہ یہ بتانے آئے تھے کہ ہمارا ایک اور تجربہ ناکام ہو گیا ہے۔ وہ یہ بتانے آئے تھے کہ بھٹو کے ڈیڈی جرنیل ایوب خان نواز شریف کے مربی جرنیل ضیا الحق کے بعد، جنرل پاشا، جنرل ظہیر، جنرل

باجوہ کی فیکٹری کا ایک اور پرزہ ڈیفالٹ کر گیا۔ اچھی قسمت کہ پہلے دونوں تجربات کے زمانے میں سوشل میڈیا نہیں تھا؛ پی ٹی وی پر قبضہ کر لیا، جنگ اور نوائے وقت کو دھمکی لگادی اور راوی چین ہی چین لکھتا۔ لیکن سچ تو یہ ہے کہ عمران خان اور اسکے ٹائیگرز نے جرنیلوں کی ناک سے لکیریں نکلوا دی ہیں۔ عمران خان کی حکومت نااہل تھی، اسکے زیادہ تر ساتھی ناکام نمونے تھے/ہیں لیکن نئے پاکستان کی تاریخ، فوج کو حکومت کنٹرول کرنے سے روکنے کی تاریخ عمران لکھ رہا ہے۔ اور یہ تاریخ اس بلاگ میں بھی محفوظ رہے گی۔ یہ اور بات ہے کہ وہ یہ بھی مجبوراً کر رہا ہے کیونکہ وہ باجوہ کو پٹا نہیں سکا۔ ہاتھ نہ پہنچے تھو کوڑی والا معاملہ بھی ہے لیکن وجہ کوئی بھی ہو اس میں دور رس فائدہ ملک کا ہے۔

عمران خان نے فوج کی "بس اوئے بس اوئے" جیسی کروائی ہے ویسی تو ہانیہ نے عام لیاقت مرحوم کی نہیں کروائی تھی۔ انقلاب ضروری نہیں کہ خمینی اسٹائل میں آئے؛ سو فٹ

انقلاب ایسے آتا ہے کہ ایک سال تک تصویر نہ دکھانے والا خفیہ ایجنسی چیف سامنے آکر بین ڈالے۔ یہ hit bottom sign ہے۔ یہ پہلی بار بر ملا اقرار ہے کہ میرے باپ ہمیں معاف کر دے؛ سیاستدانوں ہمیں معاف کر دو اور محفوظ راستہ دے دو۔ سالہا سال ہم شہید بہادر فوجیوں کی میتوں کی دیوار بنا کر اسکے پیچھے ڈی ایچ اے؛ گھوڑی پال مرے، اور انڈسٹریل ایمپائر چھپاتے رہے لیکن یہ عمران کے متوالے ہماری اصلیت سامنے لے آئے ہیں۔ اب ہماری مٹی پلید ہو رہی ہے۔

گمان غالب ہے کہ لانگ مارچ پر امن ہوگی؛ فیصل واوڈا کے ذریعے جو "خونی مارچ" کا شوٹا چھوڑا گیا اسکے بعد فوج کے لئے ضروری ہے کہ یہ پر امن رہے ورنہ ہر لاش جرنیل کی وردی پر بغیر جنگ لڑے دیگر میڈیوں کی طرح لٹکتی رہے گی۔ فیصل واوڈا کی تقریر کسی جرنیل نے کروائی، ن لیگ نے یا کوکین نے؛ لیکن اس نے لانگ مارچ کے شرکا کو "مفت" کی سیکورٹی

فراہم کردی ہے۔ لانگ مارچ سے عمران کو حکومت نہیں ملے گی لیکن اس کے اثرات اس ملک کو اسٹیبلشمنٹ سے نجات دلوانے میں مددگار ثابت ہوں گے۔ ججوں کا حوصلہ بھی بڑھا ہے تو فوج کو نیب کے دائرہ کار میں لانے کی بات چل رہی ہے۔ پی پی پی کے خمیر میں نصف صدی سے فوج نہیں ہے، نواز شریف فوج سے مک مکا نہیں کرے گا، عمران خان کے بعد کون ہے؟ شاہد آفریدی؟ وہ محض ایک گلیمرس کھلاڑی ہے ورنہ نہ تو کبھی اچھا کرکٹر ثابت ہوا، ناں محدود ذہانت (لو آئی کیو) کے ساتھ عمران کی جگہ نہیں لے سکتا۔ دسویں پاس ناک کی سیدھ والے اور شاطر آکسفورڈ گریجویٹ میں فرق ہے۔ قوی امکان ہے کہ اب واقعتاً فوج سیاست سے نکلے گی۔ سیاستدان یہ معاملات آپس میں طے کریں گے۔ مستقبل قریب میں حقیقی جمہوریت یعنی حقیقی ترقی کے امکانات روشن ہیں۔

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

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حضرت شیخ سعدی شیرازی رحمۃ اللہ علیہ

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اُردو حکایت: کسی شخص نے ایک مرحوم سردار کو خواب میں دیکھا کہ جنت کے ہرے بھرے باغوں میں سیر کر رہا ہے۔ پوچھا کہ تجھے یہ مرتبہ کیسے ملا، اُس نے جواب دیا، میں نے ایک مرتبہ ایک یتیم بچے کے پاؤں سے کانٹا نکالا تھا۔ اللہ تعالیٰ کو میرا یہ کام اس قدر پسند آیا کہ اُس نے مجھے مرنے کے بعد ایسے باغوں سے نوازا جس میں ہر طرف پھول کھلے ہیں۔

فارسی شعر:

مشو تا توانی ز رحمت بری

کہ رحمت برندت چو رحمت بری

حاصل کلام:

جہاں تک ہو سکے تو رحم سے خالی نہ رہ۔ جب تو رحم کرے گا تو تجھ پر بھی رحم کیا جائے گا۔

منظوم ترجمہ:

رحم کر، ہاں رحم کر، دل رحم سے خالی نہ رکھ
رحم فرمائے گا اللہ، گر کرے گا رحم تو



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

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

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

ہمایوں سعید پاکستان کی شو بزنڈ سٹری کے سپر اسٹار



ہمایوں سعید پاکستان کی شو بزنڈ سٹری کے سپر اسٹار ہیں کیونکہ وہ عمروں سے کام کر رہے ہیں۔ ہمایوں سعید ایک ہنرمند اور ورسٹائل پاکستانی اداکار اور پروڈیوسر ہیں جو روک نہیں سکتے۔ حال ہی میں، ہمایوں سعید نے "ایف وائے پوڈ کاسٹ" کو انٹرویو

اس کی شادی کسی اور سے ہو گئی تو کیا ہوگا۔ میں نے اپنے والدین سے اصرار کیا کہ میں شادی سے شادی کروں گا کسی اور سے نہیں۔ میرے والدین بھی اس کے حق میں نہیں تھے کیونکہ وہ سمجھتے تھے کہ یہ میرے لیے صحیح عمر نہیں ہے، لیکن میں نے کسی طرح ان پر اصرار کیا اور شادی سے شادی کر لی۔

دیتے ہوئے اپنی شادی اور ذاتی زندگی کے بارے میں بات کی ہے۔ اپنی شادی کے بارے میں بات کرتے ہوئے ہمایوں نے بتایا کہ میں شادی کو کچھ عرصے سے جانتا تھا اور ہم ایک دوسرے سے ملتے تھے۔ جب میری زندگی میں وہ لمحہ آیا جب مجھے شادی کرنے کا فیصلہ کرنا پڑا تو میں رونے لگا، سوچنے لگا کہ اگر

سلمان خان سے لے کر دیپیکا تک۔۔۔

یہ ہیں کالج ڈراپ آؤٹ ستارے، پوری لسٹ جان کر رہ جائیں گے حیران

سلمان خان سے لے کر دیپیکا کے نام سے مشہور عامر خان کا دل بچپن سے تک۔۔۔ یہ ہیں کالج ڈراپ آؤٹ ہی کھیل اور ایکٹنگ میں لگا کرتا تھا۔ اس کے



ساتھ ان دنوں ان کے افراد خاندان کی مالی حالات بھی بہت اچھے نہیں تھے۔ اسی کے بعد عامر نے اپنی پرھانی کو چھوڑ کر فلموں کی طرف رخ کر لیا۔

سلمان خان: آنے والے دنوں میں کسی کا بھائی کسی کی جان اور ناٹنگ 3 میں جلوہ دکھانے کو تیار سلمان خان کی بہت ہی زبردست فین فالوویگ ہے۔ ان کے فینس کو شاید ہی یہ بات پتہ ہو کہ سلمان نے فلموں کے لیے اپنے گریجویٹیشن کو سینڈ ایئر میں ہی چھوڑ دیا تھا۔ رنبیر کپور: حال ہی میں والد بننے والے رنبیر کپور کا شروع سے ہی فلم میکنگ اور ایکٹنگ میں گہری دلچسپی تھی۔ اپنے اسی جھکاؤ کی وجہ سے رنبیر نے دسویں کے بعد اپنی پڑھائی کو چھوڑنا ہی صحیح سمجھا۔

دیپیکا پڈوکون: شاہ رخ خان کے ساتھ فلم پنہان میں جلوہ بکھیرنے کو تیار دیپیکا پڈوکون کو بھی ایکٹنگ کا بہت شوق تھا۔ انہوں نے اپنی پڑھائی کے دنوں میں ہی فلموں میں انٹری کر دی تھی اور آج تک وہ ڈگری حاصل نہیں کر پائی ہیں۔

عالمی بھٹ: گنگو بانی کاٹھیاواڑی میں اپنی زبردست ایکٹنگ سے فینس کا دل خوش کرنے والی عالمی بھٹ کو شروع سے ہی فلموں میں کافی دلچسپی تھی۔ اپنے اسی شوق کو پورا کرنے کے لیے عالمی نے 12 ویں کی پڑھائی کو بیچ میں ہی چھوڑ کر بالی ووڈ میں قدم رکھ دیا۔

عامر خان: فلم انڈسٹری میں مسٹر پرفیکشنسٹ اپنے بچوں کو اردو پڑھائیے

اردو ایک زندہ زبان ہے۔۔۔ اس کی تشہیر کیجئے

شہناز شیخ اب سی وی سیر نیل کیوں نہیں دیکھتیں؟

مشہور ٹی وی اداکارہ شہناز شیخ جنہوں نے 1980 ایک حالیہ انٹرویو میں، انہوں نے فن، ثقافت اور نجی کی دہائی میں آنکلی کی شمار اور تہائیاں میں زارا چینلز پر دکھائے جانے والے جدید ٹی وی ڈراموں کے بارے میں بات



ٹی وی ڈراموں کے معیار کے بارے میں پوچھے جانے پر انہوں نے کہا کہ میرے خیال میں عام طور پر ٹی وی ڈراموں نے اپنا معیار کھو دیا ہے۔ جب ہم ٹی وی میں ڈرامے کرتے تھے

کا کردار ادا کیا تھا اور اس وقت گھر کا نام تھا، اب ٹی وی سیریل نہیں دیکھتے۔ سیریلز یا ڈرامے اچھا نہیں چل رہے ہیں وہ کہتی ہیں کہ میں ٹی وی سیریل نہیں دیکھتی کیونکہ ان کی بہت سی اقساط ہوتی ہیں۔ کبھی کبھی ایک سیریل میں 26 یا 27 اقساط ہوتے ہیں۔ اس قسم کا کام اب مجھے بہت آسان لگتا ہے کہ حالات بہت بدل چکے ہیں۔ لیکن میں یہ نہیں کہوں گا کہ تمام سیریلز یا ڈرامے اچھا نہیں چل رہے ہیں، کیونکہ ان میں سے کچھ ایسے ہیں۔ جن کی اداکاری کی مہارت کو نہ صرف پاکستان بلکہ تقریباً ہر دوسرے ملک میں بھی سراہا جاتا ہے جہاں اردو بولی یا سمجھی جاتی ہے۔ ڈان کے ساتھ

تو ہمارے پاس پڑھے لکھے پروڈیوسر یا ڈائریکٹر ہوتے تھے جو کاسٹنگ کے بارے میں بہت کچھ جانتے تھے اور برے سے اچھا سکرپٹ بتا سکتے تھے۔ تمام ڈراموں اور فنکاروں کے اخراجات پنی ٹی وی ادا کرتا تھا۔ مجھے یہ کہتے ہوئے بہت دکھ ہو رہا ہے کہ پنی ٹی وی کو منصوبہ بند طریقے سے تباہ کر دیا گیا ہے تاکہ نجی چینلز اور "برانڈز" کی مدد کی جا سکے جو اس وقت پرائیویٹ چینلز کو سپانسر کرتے ہیں۔ اب، برانڈز فیصلہ کرتے ہیں کہ کہانی کیا ہے اور اسے کیسے بتایا جانا چاہیے۔ پنی ٹی وی میں سیاسی تقریریاں اس سارے گزربڑکا بدترین حصہ تھیں۔

بچوں کو بھرپور وقت دیں، انہیں آپ کی ضرورت ہے

بچے معصوم ہوتے ہیں.... انہیں محبت چاہئے اور ان کا ساتھ تو جیسے سارے جہاں کی خوشیاں.... والدین کو بھی چاہئے کہ وہ بچوں کو بھرپور وقت دیں۔ ہم اکثر بچوں کے معصوم سوالوں کو نظر انداز کر دیتے ہیں، اس کا انہیں پیار سے اور پیار بھرا جواب دیں، انہیں آپ کی توجہ کی ضرورت ہوتی ہے

آفس کے بعد بچوں کا ساتھ
والدین آفس کا کام ختم کرنے کے بعد فوراً ٹی وی پر سیریل، نیوز، تفریحی وغیرہ میں مصروف نہ ہو جائیں، بلکہ سب سے پہلے تھوڑا سا وقت بچوں کو ضرور دیں۔ اس کے لئے چاہے آپ کو اپنے پسندیدہ ٹی وی سیریل کو بھی قربان کیوں نہ کرنا پڑے یا پھر ضروری نیوز ہی کیوں نہ چھوٹ جائے... مگر ایسا کر کے آپ اپنے بچے کے قیمتی بچپن کو اور بھی نکھار سنوار سکتے ہیں۔



بچوں کو وقت دیں، ان کے ساتھ کھیلیں، ان سے بات کریں اور ان کے سوالوں کا جواب دیں تجھ سے ناراض نہیں زندگی حیران ہوں میں.... تیرے معصوم سوال سے پریشان ہوں میں.... سچ ہے، کئی مرتبہ بچے اور زندگی میں ہم اس قدر الجھ جاتے ہیں کہ کس سے سوال کریں، کس کو جواب دیں.... مگر یہ تو جگ ظاہر ہے کہ بچے معصوم ہوتے ہیں، وہ اس حساب کتاب سے انجان ہوتے ہیں.... انہیں تو بس ساتھ چاہئے، محبت چاہئے... اور والدین کا ساتھ جیسے سارے جہاں کی خوشیاں.... آئیے جانتے ہیں کچھ اسمارٹ ٹریکس، جسے اپنا کر والدین بچوں کے ساتھ کوالٹی ٹائم گزار سکتے ہیں:

بچوں کے مطابق چھٹی کا دن
ہر ہفتے سنیچر کی شام یا رات بچوں کی مرضی کے مطابق گزاریں۔ پھر چاہے وہ کوئی فلم دیکھنا ہو یا باہر ڈنر کرنا یا پھر اتوار کو پنک ہی منانا کیوں نہ ہو۔ اس سے بچوں کے ساتھ آپ کی بانڈنگ بھی مضبوط ہوگی اور سبھی توانائی سے بھرپور محسوس کریں گے۔

ہیں۔ اس طرح آپ دونوں بچوں کے ساتھ اچھا خاصا وقت گزار سکیں گے۔

بچوں کے ساتھ ایک مساز
اگر آپ مارننگ واک، جیم، یوگا وغیرہ کرتے ہیں تو بچوں کو بھی اس میں شامل کریں۔ اس سے گھر والوں کی فٹنس اور کریٹیویٹی بڑھے گی اور والدین بچوں کا رشتہ بھی بہتر ہوگا۔

سوشل سائنس کو بھی آرام دیں
آج کل ہر کسی کا سوشل سائنس، جیسے فیس بک، انسٹاگرام، ٹویٹ، واٹس ایپ وغیرہ پر زیادہ وقت گزارنا مشغول بن گیا ہے۔ اگر آپ کو بھی یہ بیماری ہے تو اس کا فوراً علاج کرائیں۔ ان سب کا کم استعمال کریں۔ اس وقت کو بچے کے ساتھ کھیلنے، گھومنے پھیرنے، موج مستی کرنے میں گزاریں۔ ان سب سے بچے والدین سے زیادہ جڑتے ہیں اور والدین کو بھی تسلی رہتی ہے کہ وہ بچوں کو مناسب وقت دے رہے ہیں۔

باغبانی مل کر کریں
بچوں کو باغبانی کا بھی بہت شوق ہوتا ہے۔ آپ ان کے ساتھ باغبانی کر سکتے ہیں۔ بچوں کو بھرپور انداز میں باغبانی کرنے دیں۔ اس سے جہاں انہیں پھول پودا کی معلومات حاصل ہوگی وہیں ان کی ذہنی نشوونما بھی ہوگی۔

بچوں کے ساتھ مل کر کام کریں
زیادہ تر والدین اپنے بچوں سے کام کروانا پسند نہیں کرتے جو ٹھیک نہیں ہے۔ وہ کھانا بنانے سے لے کر صاف صفائی کرنے، پودا کو پانی دینے وغیرہ چھوٹے موٹے کام کرتے وقت بچوں کی مدد لے سکتے ہیں۔ ان کے ساتھ مل کر کام کرنے سے دو فائدے ہوں گے، ایک تو کام جلدی ہو جائے گا اور دوسرا آپ بچوں کے ساتھ زیادہ سے زیادہ وقت

کرتے رہیں بلکہ کچھ وقت کے لئے خود کو فون سے ڈسکنیکٹ کر لیں۔ بچوں کو یہ بالکل پسند نہیں ہوتا کہ والدین ان سے بات چیت کرتے وقت موبائل فون پر مصروف رہیں۔ لہذا اس بات کا خیال رکھیں۔

شاپنگ میں کٹوتی کی جاسکتی ہے
اس میں کوئی دو رائے نہیں کہ آج شاپنگ کرنا لوگوں کا پسندیدہ کام بن گیا ہے لیکن بچوں کے ساتھ زیادہ وقت گزارنے کے لئے اس میں بھی کٹوتی کی جاسکتی ہے۔ اسمارٹ شاپنگ کا طریقہ اپنائیں یعنی گھر سے باہر جا کر شاپنگ کرنے کے بجائے آپ آن لائن شاپنگ کر سکتے ہیں۔ اس کے علاوہ ضروری سامانوں کے لئے ہوم ڈیلیوری کی بھی سہولت لی جاسکتی ہے۔ اس سے آپ بچوں کے ساتھ زیادہ وقت گزار سکیں گے۔

گھر کے بجائے بچوں پر زیادہ توجہ دیں
اکثر خواتین گھر کی صاف صفائی، دیگر غیر ضروری کاموں میں زیادہ وقت گزار دیتے ہیں، ایسا نہ کریں۔ یہ ضروری نہیں کہ گھر کے سبھی کام آپ کو ہی کرنا ہے۔ آپ

جب بھی آپ بچوں کے ساتھ رہیں، موبائل فون کا استعمال نہ کریں یا پھر بہت ضروری ہو تبھی کریں۔ اس طرح آپ بچوں کے ساتھ زیادہ وقت گزار سکیں گے۔ بچے بھی خوشی خوشی اپنے دن بھر کی ایکٹیویٹی کے بارے میں آپ کو بتائیں گے۔ جیسے: انہوں نے دن بھر کیا کیا، آن لائن کلاس میں کیا کیا سیکھا، کوئی پریشانی ہوئی تو اسے بھی ضرور بتائیں گے۔ دھیان رہے، جب





حسن چشتی

غزل

وہ گلستاں کہ جہاں اپنا آب و دانہ ہے
اُسے بھی برق و شر نے عزیز جانا ہے
جہاں بھی شام ہوئی بس وہیں ٹھکانا ہے
نہ کوئی شاخ ہے اپنی، نہ آشیانہ ہے
پر اے درد کو اپنا ہی درد جانا ہے
ہم اہل درد کا رشتہ بہت پرانا ہے
دکن گئے تو ہوئے فرشِ راہ دیدہ و دل
خلوص کیا ہے یہ ہم نے وطن میں جانا ہے
جہاں نہ ٹھیس لگے دل کے آگینوں کو
وہی قبیلہ ہے اپنا، وہی گھرانہ ہے
گئے ہو جب سے ہر اک سمت ہو کا عالم ہے
بہت اداں ہمارا غریب خانہ ہے
غریب شہر ہیں لیکن گلاہ کج ہے حسن
یہ باکین تو ہمارا بہت پرانا ہے

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واجد ندیم

غزل

جادو نہ جانے کون سا اُس کی نظر میں ہے
ہر شخص ایسا لگتا ہے اُس کے اثر میں ہے
اُس نے قدم رکھا تو مرا گھر مہک اٹھا
خوشبو بلی ہوئی مرے دیوار و در میں ہے
مجھ کو نہیں ہے کوئی پسند اب ترے سوا
سودا سما یا جب سے ترا میرے سر میں ہے
نظروں کے سامنے ہی وہ رہتا ہے روز و شب
ہو کے جدا وہ مجھ سے مری چشم تر میں ہے
اتنی کٹھن ہے راہ طلب یہ گماں نہ تھا
بھٹکا ہوا ازل سے مسافر سفر میں ہے
وہ آئیں راستے میں تو آنکھیں بچھائیں ہم
اپنی نگاہ شوق اسی رہ گزر میں ہے
چاہیں تو آپ ان سے شکایت کریں ندیم
لیکن ثواب اس میں سدا درگزر میں ہے

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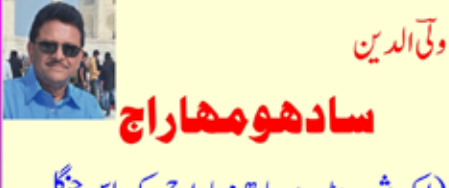


شاہ نعیم الدین نعیمی

غزل

سبھی ذی ہوش قوموں کا ہے قرونوں سے یہ اندازہ
کلید آگئی کرتی ہے پیدا فکر و فن تازہ
مفاد ذات غالب ہو اگر طرز سیاست میں
بکھر جاتا ہے ایسے عہد کا پھر جلد شیرازہ
نہ کھل پایا در ایجاب اب تک ان دُعاؤں پر
گو میں نے کھٹکھٹایا خوب اس کے گھر کا دروازہ
سزاوار سزا ہے صاف گوئی شہر میں تیرے
کہ سچ کہنے کا بھگتا ہے بہت کچھ ہم نے خمیازہ
نہیں تخصیص کوئی بھی مکاں ہر ایک ہے یکساں
جہاں پھولوں کی بلیں ہیں وہی ہے اس کا دروازہ
ہے وقت جلوہ افروزی نگاہیں باادب رکھنا
ہوا جاری دیار حسن سے فرمان اک تازہ
زمین کے ہم ملیں کب ہیں بصدِ مجبوری ٹھیرے ہیں
بھگتنا ہے ازل کی اک خطا کا ہم کو خمیازہ
مقتد ہوں میں جبرِ زیست کی سنگین دیواروں میں
بجز اک موت اور کوئی نہیں ہے اس کا دروازہ
بناوٹ کے تبسم پر نہ جاؤ یوں نعیمی تم
لے گا اصل چہرہ تم گر دیکھو تہہ غازہ

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ولی الدین

سادھو مہاراج

(ایک شوہر بڑے سادھو مہاراج کے پاس جنگل
میں گئے اور ان سے کہنے لگے)
میرے جیون کو سجا دو
مجھے کوئی ایسا منتر بتا دو
غصہ نہ آئے میری پتی کو کبھی
اُسے میرا دیوانہ بنا دو
یہ سن کر بولے سادھو مہاراج
بات یہ سمجھ آئی ہے آج
کاش یہ منتر میں نے جان لیا ہوتا
یا اپنی پتی کا کہا مان لیا ہوتا
گر میرے پاس ایسا کوئی جادو ہوتا
گھر میں چین سے بیٹھ کے کھاتا
جنگل میں بھیس بدل کے نہ سادھو ہوتا

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صوفیا انجم تاج

غزل

سرتے در پہ محبت میں جھکا تھا کہ نہ تھا
معنوی سہی تو میرا خدا تھا کہ نہ تھا
رشتہ درد مرے ساتھ رہا تھا کہ نہ تھا
تو میرے واسطے اوروں سے خفا تھا کہ نہ تھا
آج مغرور بہت ہے تو ذرا یاد تو کر
مرا جادو کبھی تجھ پہ بھی چلا تھا کہ نہ تھا
کیا کہوں تم سے میں شرمندہ شرمندہ ہوں
سچ کہو تم نے یہ اک روز کہا تھا کہ نہ تھا
آج تو آنکھ ملانے سے بھی کرتا ہے گریز
کل انہیں بے مزہ باتوں میں مزہ تھا کہ نہ تھا
آج انجم کی غزل سنتے ہی کیوں چونک اٹھے
بارہا تم نے یہی نام سنا تھا کہ نہ تھا

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ندیم شرنی

غزل

جیا تو زیست کو جینا سکھا گیا وہ شخص
مرا تو موت کو آنکھیں دکھا گیا وہ شخص
گلاب چہرہ نظر آیا فاصلے سے مگر
قریب آیا تو کانٹے چبھا گیا وہ شخص
فسانے اور بھی دُنیا میں تھے بہت لیکن
مرے ہی درد کا قصہ سنا گیا وہ شخص
تھکی تھکی سی زباں ڈبڈائی آنکھوں سے
ہنسا تو دل کے پھپھولے دکھا گیا وہ شخص
عجب طرح کا تھا ظالم کہ فیس بک پر بھی
مرے وقار کو بٹا لگا گیا وہ شخص
نہ جانے کب سے لگا تار کھا رہا تھا ادھار
ہر ایک بنک کو چونا لگا گیا وہ شخص
نہیں تھا گر کوئی شکوہ تو آئینے میں ندیم
مجھ ہی کو کیوں مرا چہرہ دکھا گیا وہ شخص

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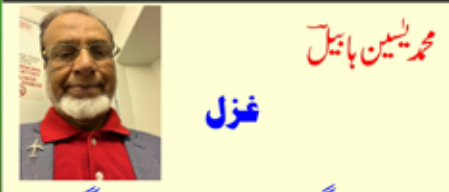


محبوب علی خان

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شکوہ ہر اک کا بر لب فریاد آ گیا
بزم جہاں میں پھر کوئی شداد آ گیا
آئینہ سامنے تھا فدا خود پہ ہو گئے
”لو آپ اپنے دام میں صیاد آ گیا“
ہم نے دلائی وعدہ فردا کی یاد جب
بولے وفا کریں گے اگر یاد آ گیا
اپنے نصیب ہی میں نہ تھی لذت گناہ
ساغر تھا ہاتھ میں کہ خدا یاد آ گیا
جھوٹی تسلیاں بھی تری کام آگئیں
روتا ہوا غریب گیا شاد آ گیا
محبوب تیرے چاک گریباں کو دیکھ کر
کہتے ہیں لوگ دیکھئے فرہاد آ گیا

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محمد یسین ہایتیل

غزل

دردِ زندگی کے پرانے ہو گئے
حقیقت آج ہمارے فسانے ہو گئے
دشمنی تو شدت سے رہی قائم
بس دوستی کے بہانے ہو گئے
خون اپنا بھی ہو گیا سفید
پیار محبت بے معنی ہو گئے
رشتے نبھاتے لوگ ناپ تول کر
دولت غربت ہی پہنچانے ہو گئے
وقت کے ساتھ زمانہ بدل گیا
اپنے بھی آج بیگانے ہو گئے
نام ان کا تھا ذکر خدا کے بعد
نام لبوں پہ آتے آتے زمانے ہو گئے
نہ لباس ہی مذہب نہ حجاب محترم
پہن کے بھی لباس ہم برہانے ہو گئے
ہایتیل کو وفا کا صلہ یہ ملا
عائد اس پہ بڑے جرمانے ہو گئے

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silence is golden...

Unless you have children...

If that is the case, silence is suspicious.

A lumberjack once told me he's cut down 27,653 trees.

"How do you know exactly how many?" I inquired.

"Easy. I keep a log."

What is a committee?

A committee is a group that keeps minutes and loses hours.

Thanksgiving Day was approaching and the family had received a Thanksgiving card with a painting of a pilgrim family on their way to church.

Grandma showed the card to her small grandchildren, observing: "The Pilgrim children liked to go to church with their mothers and fathers."

"Oh yeah?" her young grandson replied. "Then why is their dad carrying that rifle?"

I told my boss, "Sorry I'm late. I was having computer issues."

"Hard drive?" he asked.

"No, the commute was fine. It's my laptop."

An officer while walking his beat sees a lady walking a skunk along the sidewalk.

He says, "Hey lady, why do you have the skunk?"



"This is my Social Distancing Support Animal!"

For once, instead of the ridiculous statement, "Please note our menu options have changed..."

How about, "Our menu options are the same as they have been for years. Just prepare to be on hold for a very long time..."

I think the girl at the Airlines check-in just threatened me.

She looked me dead in the eye and said, "Window or aisle?"

I laughed in her face and replied, "Window or you'll what?"

When do you congratulate someone for their mistake?

On their Wedding Day!

While my parents were making their funeral arrangements, the cemetery salesman pointed out a plot that he thought they would like. "You'll have a beautiful view of the swan pond," he assured them.

Dad wasn't sold. Without missing a beat he told the sales-

man, "Unless you're including a periscope with my casket, I don't know how I'm going to enjoy that."

Little Johnny: "My pa is very religious. He always bows his head and says a prayer before meals."

Dick: "Mine always says something when he sits down to eat. But he does not bow his head."

Little Johnny: "What does he say?"

Dick: "Go easy on the butter, its up to a dollar and half a pound."

Did You Ever Wonder...

How come we choose from just two people for President and fifty for Miss America?

So I was in the chemist lab and I said to the assistant, "What gets rid of germs?"

She said, "Ammonia cleaner."

I said, "Oh sorry, I thought you worked here.."

I went to the doctor for my yearly physical. The nurse started with certain basics. "How much do you weigh?" she asked.

"135," I said. The nurse put me on the scale. It turns out my weight is 180.

The nurse asked, "Your height?"

"5 foot 4," I said.

The nurse checked and saw that I only measure 5 foot 2 inches. She then took my blood pressure and told me that it is very high.

"Of course it's high!" I screamed. "When I came in here I was tall and slender! Now I'm short and fat!"



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