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# Biden gives a defiant defense of the withdrawal from Afghanistan 'I was not extending a forever exit'

President Joe Biden offered a vigorous defense of his decision to withdraw US troops from Afghanistan, defending the chaotic withdrawal from Kabul a day after the last American military planes left the country, marking the conclusion of the US' longest war nearly 20 years after it began.

"My fellow Americans, the war in Afghanistan is now over," Biden said at the White House, marking a symbolic moment he said was long overdue. "I'm the fourth president who has faced the issue of whether and when to end this war. When I was running for president, I made a commitment to the American people that I would end this war. Today I've honored that commitment."

Biden was defending a decision that has drawn scrutiny for its chaotic

execution that undercut his promise to restore competence to government. His speech, delivered in an impassioned tone that revealed flashes of anger toward his critics, offered no apology for how the war ended. Instead, Biden said the real choice in Afghanistan was "between leaving and escalating," framing his call to withdraw troops as the only option aside from surging more forces to the country. He suggested that the humbling end to the war, with the Taliban back in control after trillions of dollars and thousands of lives were spent ousting them, was the fault of decisions made long ago. "I was not going to extend this forever war, and I was not extending a forever exit," he said, casting aside arguments that leaving some troops in the country was a feasible way to keep the Taliban

at bay.

Eager to move on, Biden hopes his speech amounts to something of the last word after a two-and-a-half week scramble to leave the country. Questions linger over potentially hundreds of Americans who were not evacuated and many more Afghan allies who want to leave. While Biden pledged the mission to help those people leave would continue, he also made clear that America's interest in Afghanistan was over. So, too, did he explain that the era of invading countries with an aim toward installing American values was no longer viable.

Biden argued that the US "no longer had a clear purpose in an open-ended mission in Afghanistan" and that the US' withdrawal signaled "ending an era of major military operations to remake other countries." The US withdrawal was rocked by the Taliban's unexpectedly swift takeover of Afghanistan's capital. CNN



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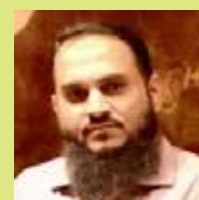
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# Suspected Gunman in Lyft, dies in Plano PD Shootings

Imran Ali Rasheed, 32, “may have been inspired by a foreign terrorist organization to commit these crimes,” an FBI official said during a joint press conference with the Garland and Plano police departments.

Police investigators and the FBI are working to determine if Sunday’s attack should be classified as an “act of terrorism.”

Dallas FBI Special Agent in Charge Matthew De Sarno made clear that “inspired by” an organization does not mean Rasheed was directed by an outside group.

“What inspired means is we’ve not found indication that Rasheed was either directed by or in contact with foreign terrorist organization actors,” De Sarno said. “We believe, at this point, that he was inspired by rhetoric or propaganda by foreign terrorist organizations.”

De Sarno would not specify what terrorist group may have inspired Rasheed.

The local police departments said they notified the FBI when they discovered a note Rasheed left in his victim’s vehicle, but De Sarno did not go into details about a potential motive in either incident.

Police said the first shooting happened Sunday, just before 12 p.m. in the 400 block of Forest Gate Drive in Garland.

Authorities identified the Lyft driver Monday as 26-year-old Isabella Ann Lewis. There was no indication Lewis and Rasheed knew each other, just that she picked him up for a Lyft ride, Garland police Chief Jeff Bryan said.

Bryan said Lewis picked up Rasheed and he fatally shot her during the car ride. Rasheed then pulled her body out of her car and took off in it, Bryan added.

Lewis’ car was later located outside the Plano



Police Department, where authorities said a gunman, identified Monday as Rasheed, fired a handgun at a civilian police employee and a citizen in the lobby.

Rasheed initially went into the lobby telling the civilian police employee that there was a man was outside in the parking lot acting weird. As the employee called for police to respond, Rasheed is accused of returning to the lobby with a mask on, a semi-automatic pistol and opening fire.

Plano police Chief Ed Drain said an officer ran out and fired three rounds, all of which struck Rasheed. He was taken to a local hospital and later died. NBC 5



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# Afghans have never lost a war

M. Basheer Ahmed M.D., Dallas

The Taliban as an organization is regarded as controversial in the Muslim world. They are recognized for their strong faith in Islam, but many Muslims are concerned about their extremist interpretation of Islamic Sharia laws and its applicability in the 21st century.

Afghanistan is known as the graveyard of superpowers, Britain, Russia, and now the U.S.A.,

Afghanistan was attacked three times by the British in 1839, 1878, and 1919 to blockade the Russian expansion, but the Afghan forces defeated them each time. King Amanullah Khan defeated the British in 1919 and introduced several modern reformations. However, with a civil war in



1928, he was deposed. King Zahir Shah ruled the country from 1933-1973 when he left due to a communist uprising. The Soviets invaded the country in 1979. President Reagan met with Afghan mujahideen (before the

Taliban movement) and supported financial and military arsenal and training to resist Soviet invasion. Finally, the Soviets withdrew from Afghanistan in 1989 when the Taliban movement gained power, and they ruled the country from 1996 to 2001. They were credited for their success due to the strength in their faith, fearless fighting, and willingness to sacrifice their lives for their country and to preserve their ethnicity and cultural heritage. We can truly say that the Taliban's victories are the only Muslim victories in the last several hundred years against the Western colonialists.

The Taliban have 60,000 active fighters who fought with Kalashnikov rifles and rocket-propelled grenades without the support of any world power. They showed a strong will to confront a large Afghan army of 350,000 soldiers who were well-equipped with modern weaponry and with air force support, and were well-trained by the Americans for over 20 years.

The Afghan army was too dependent on Americans and did not show any will to fight for the country. When they lost American support, they fled. Afghans joined the army for the sake of gaining power, wealth, property, and status in the community. Instead of sacrificing their lives for a cause

and for the country, they surrendered. The Taliban achieved their success with a limited budget, mostly from taxes collected in the areas under their control, or profits from opium exports. (Opium was strictly prohibited for consumption by Taliban).

The Afghan government knew from Feb. 2020 that the Trump administration was negotiating with the Taliban and that the US will withdraw forces by May, 2021. The Afghan leaders had ample time to prepare themselves to govern the country, but they failed to do so. As a result, President Biden stated, "We could not provide the Afghan army a will to fight for their country and their future."

In December 2001, the Taliban were ousted from its final stronghold of Kandahar. Many Afghans celebrated the end of a dark era of harsh repression, public stoning and hanging of those who disobeyed the sharia laws. At the time, the speed of the Taliban's collapse seemed so swift. However, two decades later, it took the Taliban only two days to overrun Kandahar and many other provincial capitals and in a couple of months they marched on the capital of Kabul.

The Afghan occupation cost the United States taxpayers 2 trillion dollars and the loss of over 2,000 US soldiers. Hundreds of thousands of Afghans lost their lives too. The US public and the world was informed that the US was leading a coalition of western powers using NATO forces to build a democratic and inclusive government. However, as soon as the US withdrawal of troops began, President Ashraf Ghani fled the country in a hurry and the Pentagon sent troops to evacuate the embassy signifying the end of grandiose dreams of nation-building efforts. There was a mismanagement of aid and corruption by Afghan elites who enriched themselves at



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## Afghans have never lost a war... Cont'd

the expense of the population. The ineffective U.S. presence allowed the Taliban to portray themselves as a nationalist movement and their Afghan rivals as puppets of a foreign power. America helped in creating the Taliban to fight Soviet occupation without realizing that someday they would turn against Americans as foreign occupiers. US had a wrong impression that liberal, moderate, and non-practicing Muslims are the best leaders for Muslim countries. The American liberal secular system could never be too appealing to or compatible with any Islamic country, especially with the super-conservative Afghan society.

The only group which benefitted from this fiasco in Afghanistan was the US military industrial complex. For over 20 years and four Presidents, both Republican and Democrats supported the military contractors who gained billions of dollars through this unjustified war. Just imagine if those trillions of dollars would have been spent on health and education, the USA might have been on the top of the world.

The Taliban is a movement that started in Pakistan in the refugee camps in the early to mid-1990s. They swept into power in the mid-90's



and eventually captured most of the country. After 9/11, President George W. Bush demanded that the Taliban hand over Bin Laden and Al Qaeda leaders. When the Taliban balked, the United States invaded Afghanistan in Oct, 2001. U.S. and its allies quickly toppled the Taliban government and most of the Qaeda and Taliban officials who survived fled to Pakistan. The main objective of destroying the Taliban and removing Al Qaeda leadership was accomplished by December 2001. The Americans could have left Afghanistan after that. However, the US decided to build an Afghan army to prevent the Taliban from reemerging. The US then developed a superb program of converting Afghanistan into a modern democratic county by implementing secular, liberal policies, without understanding that the common Afghan people did not want those changes. The US increased armed forces to 70,000 during the Bush administration and to 100,000 during the Obama administration. It was expected that by this time Afghan forces will be ready to combat the Taliban. During the Trump administration, the Afghan army was leading the combat operation with US logistics and air support. Then Trump reduced the US forces to 17,000 and started peace talks with the

Taliban and announced that US forces will be leaving the country by May 2021. By the time president Biden took over, the US had reduced the forces to 2500 mostly providing logistics and air support.

The US misread the Taliban's strength and capabilities and overestimated the power of the Afghan government. As soon as Biden announced that he would withdraw all forces by September 2021, the Taliban start regaining the control of several provinces. The Taliban convinced local tribal leaders and even anti-Taliban war lords to switch alliances from the US to the Taliban.

While Taliban atrocities are widely understood, those committed by western forces and their allies have been ignored. According to newspaper reports, 300,000-strong Afghan army and US forces committed atrocities all over Afghanistan and engaged in theft, rape, kidnapping, and extortion. Airstrikes killed thousands of civilians. There was also an increase in the corruption of government officials and warlords. These atrocities committed by the West gave the Taliban legitimacy as being better leaders and they were welcomed in many parts of the country.

The current situation and an unpredictable future in Afghanistan. The Taliban declared the new government Emirath-e-Islami Afghanistan will be different than their previous government. Mulla Abdulla Ghani Baradar founded the Taliban organization with Mulla Omar. After the Taliban captured Kabul in 1996, he was among the ruling elites of the Taliban until 2001 when US defeated them. He took shelter in Pakistan but was kept under house arrest at the urge of US and was released in 2018 at the recommendation of US and was relocated to Qatar. He participated in peace negotiations with the US. He will most probably be the new ruler of Afghanistan under the authority of Haibatullah Akhuzad, who is the supreme spiritual leader of the Taliban. Mr. Akhuzad's deputy is Sirajuddin Haqqani, the son of the head of the Haqqani network in Pakistan and regarded as a terrorist organization due to assassinations and suicidal bombings. Mulla Yaqoob is the son of Mulla Omar who led a military offense against the US and Afghan forces. He played a prominent role in capturing Kabul. The roles of Sirajuddin Haqqani and Mulla Yaqoob are not certain. The Taliban announced that there will be no violence and they asked all the businesses and government offices to continue to work as usual. They announced that girls will be able to go back to school. They tolerated a small group of women protesting in Kabul demanding work, education, and political participation. While the Taliban expressed that they were committed to women rights and their freedom, they kidnapped the female governor of the Balkh province and female TV anchors of Afghan

television are told that they are no longer the employees of the media. In the last few months, one million Afghans fled the country and thousands of Afghans are still waiting to leave. While the Taliban claim that they will include Shias in the council of the government, their leadership still denounces Shias and there is an uncertainty about their safety. Afghans represent multiethnic culture and languages. There are fourteen recognized ethnic groups and the Taliban represents only one group -Sunni Pashtuns. Unless they recognize and try to build harmonious relationships among different groups, they will have a hard time ruling the country. Another major issue is that the young population in their twenties were raised in a different Afghanistan and have not faced the Taliban rule.

The Taliban must make drastic change in their ideology and develop a national unity government including a major ethnic and tribal group and show some understanding about handling the younger generation. The Taliban face financial challenges as sanctions are placed on foreign aid which has been its major economic support. These questions cannot be answered at present. The policy of the Taliban towards women and Shias will become clearer in the days to come. The Taliban must show tolerance towards people of all faiths and aqeedas and build harmonious relationships within the community groups not by fear but by acceptance. They must develop harmonious relationships with their neighbors and must fully commit to building a country which can focus on industrial development by higher education so that they can survive in this competitive world. They must follow the Quranic guidelines for developing a pluralistic community showing toleration and acceptance as stated below.

"Surely those who believe, and those who are Jews, and the Christians, and the Sabians — whoever believes in God and the Last Day and does good, they shall have their reward from their Lord. And there will be no fear for them, nor shall they grieve." (The Holy Quran 2:62) Islam promotes gender equality and asks its followers to pursue education.

We must give an opportunity to the Taliban to establish a modern Islamic state. Western powers should not declare them a terrorist group as their atrocities in the Muslim world were not any more horrible than the atrocities committed by the same western powers. US can help them by giving them the 10 billion dollars which belongs to Afghanistan. The Taliban are showing good intentions so let us give them the opportunity to give women and Shias equal opportunity and to demonstrate that they can run an independent state in 21st century.

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Mr. Mumtaz Ali Akram, Director of Hi-tech Group of Companies, Jubail, Saudi Arabia and Advisor at Asia Times US is back in Hyderabad after 2 years.

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Mohammed Ashraf Visited the Painting Exhibition showcased by the Embassy of India Riyadh Saudi Arabia as a part of 75 years of Indo-Saudi diplomatic relation Saudi artist Dr.Ahmed Al Salamah and Indian artist Sabiha Majeed depicted their works in the 3 day long exhibition at the Community Hall of Indian Embassy, Diplomatic Quarters Riyadh.



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at exclusive gathering of inner circle of US Congressman Chuyi J Garcia at Cubs Game reception. Congressman spoke about a bill to be signed in a week which will clear almost 12 million pending green cards which will help Indo-American community . Congressman also spoke about 3 trillion infrastructure bill to revamp the economy and improve our highways , bridges and many such improvements .



Good to be present on a friendly Cricket match today between Oak Brook , Illinois team and Burr ridge team . Had good chat with my senior friend Sam Pitroda Ji former Chief Advisor to Prime Minister Dr Man Mohan Singh Govt. Of India , Gopal Lalmalani president of Oak Brook Village, Trustee Dr Suresh Reddy , Trustee Shahid , trustee Asif and many others of Indo-American community.



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# FEDERATION OF INDIAN ASSOCIATIONS, CHICAGO HOSTS GLITTERING INDIA'S INDEPENDENCE DAY GALA AND PARADE

Chicago IL: The Federation of Indian Associations, Chicago (Original & Established in 1980) Hosted the 75th India's Independence Day with Glittering Gala Banquet made memorable with traditional, patriotic and contemporary dance presentations depicting the majestic elements and the highlighting the Gala Celebration event at Fairfield Inn & Suite by Marriott at Schaumburg, IL on Friday August 13rd 2021.

A lamp lighting ceremony followed by Indian and American anthem was led by FIA Chicago's Chair Trustee Shri Babubhai Patel President Rajesh Patel with Consul General Amit Kumar, Ms. Khushi Patel - Miss India USA Miss Popular 2021 & Miss India Florida for 2020-21, Harold D'Souza - Founder of Eye Open International (Non-profit organization). Major Satish Sharma, Major Dr. Rakesh Ashtana, Major Jasbir Singh Sehgal, Banquet Chair Iftekhar Shareef and also presented to all FIA Chicago trustees & Executive Committee.

Speakers at the gala made inspiring speeches. Chief guest Consul General Amit Kumar, U.S. Congress Raja Krishnamoorthi, Mayor of Lincolnwood Jesal Patel, to kick-off 75th India's Independence celebrations.

Master Ceremony Jayesh Patel & emcee Prachi Jaitley welcomed dignitaries, Individuals and Business community present, thanked the FIA Chicago leadership team and saluted leading freedom fighters who lost their lives to bring India's freedom glory back.

FIA Chicago President Rajesh Patel started on a high note with the importance of Indian



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Independence and thanked all Chief guests, Dignitaries and shared community leader's contribution in tough times like pandemic & natural calamities.

Consul general Amit Kumar noted the high points of India's successful journey prior and since its independence and the rapid growth & impact on global platforms and shared about the direction of healthy Indo-US relationship. He recognized and presented awards to several community, business leaders and young talent too

### PARADE

Under the leadership of its President Mr Rajesh Patel, the Federation of Indian Associations, Chicago organized a spectacular parade on Devon Avenue to mark India's 75th



United States' ranking Congressman Danny Davis participated in India's Iconic Chicago Parade.

Addressing the Community from the Grandstand, Congressman Danny Davis said: "I wish India and

Indian Community a very happy India Independence Day and congratulate the organizers for this exceptionally beautiful parade."

Instantaneously reciprocating Congressman Danny Davis for his greetings and compliments, President Rajesh Patel stated that Indian Community is grateful to Congressman for attending the Parade. He also thanked him for Congressman Danny Davis' continued support to all NRIs.

Highlighting the significant of the current year's Parade, President Rajesh Patel stated, "Today's Parade The parade receded into history the ghastly memories of community's sufferings from the preceding covid-19 pandemic.

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Independence Day. Mr Niranjn Shah's daughter Ms Smita Shah marshaled the parade.



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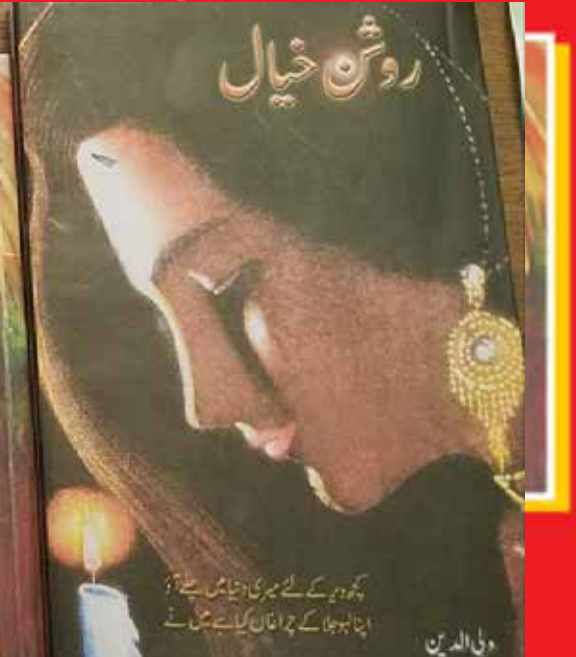
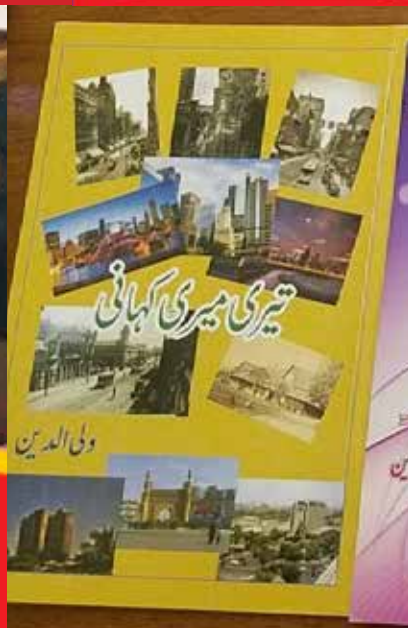
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## Urdu teacher Prof. Fatima Begum Parveen passes away

Days before the Teachers' Day, one of the finest Urdu teachers of Telangana, Prof. Fatima Begum Parveen, passed away on Friday. Known for her pedagogical skills and oratory, Prof. Parveen died following complications arising out of Covid infection. She was 68 and is survived by two sons and two daughters. Her husband, Majeedullah Siddiqui, predeceased her. Prof. Parveen, who was conferred the title 'Bulbul-e-Deccan' was popular



for her eloquent speeches. Poet, writer, critic and orator par excellence, she was a name to reckon with in the literary circles. No programme of Urdu book release was considered complete without Prof. Parveen holding forth on the new publication. Over the years she emerged as a fine naqqad (critic) and made her mark in this challenging sphere largely dominated by men. At the time of her death she was working on the poetical works of the 7th Nizam, Mir Osman Ali Khan.

The sudden demise of Prof. Parveen cast a shadow in Urdu literary circles and left her colleagues and students saddened. "Her death is an irreparable loss to Urdu literature and the vacuum created by her is hard to fill", remarked Dr. Taqi Abedi, Hyderabad born Canadian physician and well known poet and Urdu scholar. The social media is awash with her legion of fans pouring out their condolences. Prof. Parveen's seminal works on Ghavasi, the poet laureate of Qutb Shahi kingdom, and Akhtar Ansari, the progressive bard known for his emotional shayeri, are considered a milestone in understanding these great poets. This apart, she also did a detailed evaluation of the poetry of Amir Khusrau, Mirza Ghalib, Meer, Mirza Rafi Sauda, Shaikh Ibrahim Zauk, Deccani Qas-eeda and the Marsiyas (elegiac poems) of Mir Anees and Dabeer. For research scholars her assessment of these poets open new vistas of understanding. Her 23 books include: Akhtar Ansari Ki Shayari Ka Tanqidi Mutaliya (1980), Karbe Karbala (1987), Zaveyae Nigah (2004), Deccani Adab Ka Mutaliya (2005) and Classici Shayeri Ka Mutala (2009). During 2019 she came up with three more books - Ashke Gham (third part), Prof. Moghni Tabassum - Aik Raushan Chiragh Tha Na Raha and Deccani Adab Ek Mutaliya.

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At Independence Day Celebrations: Iftekhar Shareef, Minhaj Akhter and others

## American atrocities doomed the Afghanistan occupation

In Afghanistan a U.S. drone blew up a car with a missile. Military sources told journalists it was an ISIS vehicle filled with explosives, and the story was reported as such across the American media.

Except it seems that wasn't the whole story. The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times, and CNN report family members of the victims saying that the missile also destroyed a nearby car and killed 10 civilians, including a guy who worked for a U.S. defense contractor and seven children. Whether there was any ISIS vehicle at all is unclear as yet.

If you want to know why the American occupation of Afghanistan failed, look no further.

Perhaps nothing is more emblematic of the American approach to empire than the drone strike. To even attempt the putative goal of the Afghanistan occupation — to build up a liberal democracy in an impoverished country with no experience of one — would have required a massive occupation force in the hundreds of thousands. Pacifying every single province of the country, establishing basic security and law and order, and setting up a functioning government with a true monopoly on the use of force would have been the task of half a million troops and a decade at least.

(Now, I am quite sure that such an occupation would have failed just like the real one did. I'm just saying what a real attempt might have looked like.)

But all presidents from George W. Bush to Donald Trump knew for certain that the American public would not tolerate the level of U.S. casualties that a massive, years-long occupation would have entailed. So they relied ever-more heavily on airstrikes, especially from drones, which could be carried out at no physical risk to the operator (though at considerable mental risk, it turns out). For ground forces, they relied more and more on

Afghan proxies, which were obtained in part by looking the other way at rampant corruption or tolerating pedophile warlords.

The drone strike gone wrong last weekend was the first in years to get the kind of attention it is getting. In September 2019 a drone bombing reportedly killed at least 30 pine nut farmers by mistake. In December that year another one reportedly killed five civilians, including a brand-new mother. Another in September 2016 reportedly killed 15 more civilians. A drone strike reportedly hit a wedding in November 2008 and killed another 40 innocent people. Overall, the Bureau of Investigative Journalism estimates that between January 2004 and February 2020, the U.S. carried out at least 13,072 drone strikes, which killed between 300-909 civilians, including 66-184 children. Only a handful of these got more than passing mention in American media.

And aside from innocent people directly killed or wounded by American airstrikes, untold thousands more have gotten PTSD from the constant fear of being vaporized. Just imagine if a drone bomb shot by a foreign conqueror blew up your neighbor's house and killed half your family. Imagine if you then heard that same drone circling endlessly over your house, day after day, for years on end. Would you not be driven to the brink of madness? Would you not be filled with boiling rage? Would you not welcome virtually any way to make it stop?

So when former ambassador to Afghanistan and Iraq Ryan Crocker writes, "Mr. Biden's decision to withdraw all U.S. forces destroyed an affordable status quo that could have lasted indefinitely at a minimum cost in blood and treasure," he is not only dead wrong — remaining in Afghanistan would have re-started the war and gotten more Americans killed — he is also displaying the monstrously callous selfishness that doomed the occupation to failure in the first place.

For members of the foreign policy Blob, the only blood that matters is American. Afghans can get killed by the tens of thousands fighting an unwinnable war until the end of time, and Blob warmongers won't bat an eyelash. Is it any surprise that an occupation conducted with a sociopathic indifference towards the people of the country being occupied was a bloody failure? Can you blame former Afghan MP and women's rights activist Malalai Joya for calling American troops "a cancer in the body of my society, in the body of my beloved country ... they are like COVID-19."

That indifference was also what allowed the Taliban to whip America politically. They set up elementary structures of governance that were reasonably reliable and free of corruption — at least by the wretched standards of the U.S.-backed regime — and thereby could credibly promise that they could end the war and allow some semblance of peace to return. The Financial Times reports that before taking power, the Taliban had already developed a system of taxation that accounted for almost all their revenue. A video report from Kabul way back in 2007 found even many Shias (who had suffered terribly under prior Taliban rule) wistful for the pre-occupation days when there was at least modicum of security and only modest corruption.

A continued American presence in Afghanistan would simply mean more insecurity, more corruption, and more errant drone bombs turning children into red mist. As my colleague Damon Linker argues, let us not prolong the war by arming the so-called opposition, or as historian Adam Tooze writes, by imposing counterproductive sanctions on the country out of some sense of prideful vindictiveness. The Taliban victory is an accomplished fact. The least America can do is not make things worse than they already are.

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Beard: Yes  
 Age: 28 (Born in Sept 1992)  
 Height: 6 ft  
 Marital status: Never Married  
 Legal Status: H1B, Indian  
 Place of Birth: Hyderabad  
 Education: Master's from New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark - NJ  
 Profession: Cloud DevOps Engineer (IT)  
 Residence: Pennsylvania, USA  
 Religious Sect: Sunni, Hanafi  
 Language: English, Urdu  
 Ethnicity: Indian  
 Mother - M.Com (Homemaker)  
 Sister - completed B.Pharmacy  
**LOOKING FOR: FEMALE**  
 Hijabi: Yes (Non Hijabi is also ok), should be religious  
 Age: 23 - 27  
 Height: 5'4 and above  
 Marital Status: Never Married  
 Legal Status: US Citizen/GC holder/Gulf Born  
 Education: Professional degree or Master's  
 Profession: Any  
 Residence: USA/India  
 Religious Sect: Sunni  
  
 Ethnicity: Indian  
  
 Contact:  
  
 WhatsApp # Admin 2055676126

Age: 36 (December 1984)  
 Height: 5'8"  
 Residence: Virginia, USA  
 Education: BS in Electrical Engineering from George Mason University, MBA from University Of MD Global Campus  
 Profession: IT Management Consultant  
 Legal Status: Permanent Resident (Green-card)  
 Marital status : Never Married  
 Ethnicity: Indian  
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim  
 Family: Sunni Syeds from Hyderabad India (parents reside in New Delhi India)  
 Father: Businessman  
 Mother: Homemaker  
 Hobbies: Travelling, Eating, Sports, Technology  
**LOOKING FOR FEMALE:**  
 Age : Younger than 32  
 Height: 5'2 - 5'5  
 Residence: USA/Canada  
  
 Education: Undergrad  
  
 Marital Status: Never Married  
  
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim  
  
 Ethnicity: Indian  
  
 Contact: Admin 2055676126

Age: 36  
 Height: 5'9  
 Residence : Chicago, IL  
 Education:  
 Bachelor's of Science in Honors Marketing from DePaul University  
 Profession: Corporate Human Resources  
 Legal Status: U.S Citizen  
 Born and Raised in Chicago  
 Marital status : Divorced, no children  
 Ethnicity: Pakistani  
 Caste: Memon  
 Religious Sect: Sunni  
 Family: Mom and Dad. No siblings.  
 Hobbies: Spending time with family and friends. I also like trying new restaurants.  
 Activities: Golfing, Ping Pong, Pool and Bowling, Movies  
 Sports: Hockey, Football, Basketball, UFC, Boxing  
**LOOKING FOR:**  
 Female  
 Age : 26 to 34  
 Height: no preference  
 Residence: USA  
 Education: Bachelor's or higher  
 Profession: No preference  
 Legal Status: U.S Citizen  
 Marital Status: Any (no kids).  
 Religious Sect: Sunni  
 Ethnicity: Indian or Pakistani Contact Admin 2055676126

Full Name: Male  
 Date of Birth: March , 1992  
 Age: 29 years old  
 Height: 5'7  
 Marital Status: Single (never married)  
 Legal Status: US citizen (by Nationalization)  
 Education: Bachelor's degree from NYU; Master's degree in public health from NYU  
 Profession: Assistant Director, Health-care department at NYC Hospital (Kings County. Brooklyn)  
 Residence: Long Island, NY, USA  
 Religious Sect: Sunni  
 Language: Urdu  
 Ethnicity: Hyderabad Deccan, India  
 Family Background:  
 Father: Business  
 Mother: Homemaker  
 Elder daughter: Teacher, married  
 Younger daughter: College student  
 Looking for a modest, female:  
 Hijabi: Yes  
 Age: 24-26 years old  
 Height: 5'3 - 5'7  
 Marital Status: Never married  
 Legal status: US Citizen/resident  
 Education: Bachelors/Masters  
 Residence: Around New York  
 Ethnicity: Indian (preferably Hyderabad)  
 Religious Sect: Sunni  
 Contact Admin 2055676126

Male  
 Beard: No  
 Age: 27 yrs  
 Height: 5'8"  
 Education: Masters in Mechanical Engineering (Residing in USA since 6 years)  
 Profession: Production Engineer  
 Residence: New Jersey, USA  
 Legal Status: H1 B Visa  
 Marital status: Never Married  
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim  
 Language: Urdu, Telugu, English, Hindi  
 Ethnicity: Andhra Pradesh, India  
 Family: Parents are in India  
  
**LOOKING FOR: FEMALE**  
 Hijabi: No  
 Age: 24 to 27 Yrs  
 Height: 5'4"  
 Education: Bachelors or Masters  
 Profession: Any  
 Residence: USA  
 Legal Status: US Citizen, greencard, H1 B visa  
 Marital Status: Never Married  
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim  
 Ethnicity: Andhra Pradesh, India  
 Contact:  
 WhatsApp : +1 (205) 567-6126

Male  
 Beard: No  
 Age: 27  
 Height: 6 app  
 Marital status: unmarried  
 Legal Status: working on EAD  
 Education: BE (Electrical) Mumbai University  
 MS (Industrial engineering)  
 Profession: sr. Associate in Atria New Jersey  
 Working on EAD  
 Residence: New Jersey  
 Religious Sect: sunni  
 Language: English Hindi Urdu  
 Ethnicity: sunni  
 Family: well educated  
  
**LOOKING FOR: FEMALE**  
 Hijabi yes  
 Age: between 21 to 27  
 Height: min 5.3  
 Marital Status: unmarried  
 Legal Status:  
 Education: Engineer or any professional course  
 Profession:  
 Residence:  
 Religious Sect: sunni  
 Ethnicity: sunni  
  
 Contact +12055676126

Name: R.A  
 Age: 1994  
 Height: 5'9  
 Residence : Texas  
 Education: MBA  
 Profession:  
 Legal Status: US Citizen  
 Marital status : never married  
 Ethnicity: Indian  
 Religious Sect: Sunni  
 Family:  
 Language: Urdu, English  
 Hobbies:  
**LOOKING FOR:**  
 Hijabi: yes  
 Age : upto 25  
 Height:  
 Residence:  
 Education:  
 Profession: preferably doctor  
 Legal Status: citizen  
 Marital Status: never married  
 Religious Sect: Sunni  
 Ethnicity: Indian & Pakistani  
  
 Contact info:  
  
 2055676126

Male  
 Name: WM  
 Date of birth: July 1992  
 Height: 5ft 8"  
 Residence : Chicago  
 Relocate Y  
 Education: Masters in IT  
 Profession: Software Engineer  
 Legal Status: F1  
 Marital status : Single  
 Ethnicity: Indian/Hyderabad  
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim  
 Language: English/Urdu/Hindi  
 Hobbies: Gym, Long drives, spending time with family and friends  
**LOOKING FOR:**  
  
 Age : 24-28  
  
 Height: 5.2 or above  
  
 Hijabi: Any  
  
 Residence: Any  
  
 Education: Graduate Min  
  
 Legal Status: US Citizen/GC  
  
 Marital Status: Single  
  
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim  
  
 Contact info:  
  
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FEMALE  
 Hijabi : Yes  
 Age: 32  
 Height: five feet 3 in  
 Marital status: divorced, 2 daughters ages 5 and 8  
 Legal Status: US Citizen  
 Education: BA in English and AAS in Health IT, RHIT  
 Profession: Billing Rep  
 Residence: Chicago, IL  
 Religious Sect: Sunni  
 Language: English, Urdu  
 Ethnicity: Indian  
 Family: No siblings, lives with mother and father

LOOKING FOR: MALE  
 Beard: Doesn't Matter  
 Age: 32-41  
 Height: about 5feet 5 in  
 Marital Status: divorced, single, widowed  
 Legal Status: Doesn't matter  
 Education: at least bachelors  
 Profession: any professional  
 Residence: must move to Chicago  
 Religious Sect: Sunni  
 Ethnicity: Any  
 CONTACT ADMIN ASLAM 2055676126 &&DMR251&&

DOB:\*. March 1994, Born in Jubail, Saudi Arabia  
 Height: 5'5  
 Education: Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS)  
 Currently working as Associate Dentist SS Dental Clinic Hyderabad and preparing for US Dental License Exam (Having B1 & B2 visa)  
 Marital status: Unmarried  
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim  
 Language: Urdu, Hindi, English  
 Residence: Mehdipatnam, Hyderabad  
 Ethnicity: Indian Hyderabad  
 Family:  
 Father's Name: MAR  
 Project Manager, (Civil)Saudi Arabia  
 Sisters:  
 1 elder (Married, B.Tech, Settled in Phoenix, Arizona (US Citizen)  
 2 younger sisters - Studying

LOOKING FOR MALE  
 Age: 28-31  
 Height: 5.10 and above  
 Education: Professional Graduate/Post Graduate, settled in USA ( Preferably Citizen or Green card Holder)

\*Religious Islam Sect:\*Sunni  
 [4:36 AM, 8/25/2021] Aslam Sharief Admin Mubarak Rishte: Contact Admin 2055676126

Hijabi: Yes  
 Age: 22 years (1998 November 3rd)  
 Height: 5 feet 6 inches  
 Marital status: unmarried  
 Legal Status: Indian  
 PLACE OF BIRTH :QATAR  
 Education: Bachelors in Genetics and Biotechnology from Loyola college, Completed P.G (Diploma) in Bioinformatics from Osmania University.  
 Profession: None  
 Religious Sect: Islam Sunni, Hanafi  
 Language: Urdu/Hindi/English  
 Ethnicity: Indian/Hanafi (Hyderabad)  
 Family:  
 •Father- Supervisor in GSCS Doha, Qatar  
 •Mother- B.A.B.Ed (Homemaker)

LOOKING FOR: MALE  
 Beard: preferably No but if he has it it's not a deal breaker  
 Age: 27-30  
 Height: 5'8-5'10  
 Marital Status: Unmarried  
 Legal Status : Must be on H1B  
 Education: Should have a Masters  
 Profession: Any  
 Residence: Hyderabad  
 Religious Sect: Islam Sunni, Hanafi  
 Ethnicity: Indian/Hanafi  
 Contact: +1 2055676126

Hijabi : Yes  
 Age: 22  
 Height: 5'4"  
 Marital status: Never married  
 Legal Status: US Citizen; Canadian Citizen  
 Education: JD (Law School) 2nd yr student  
 Profession:  
 Residence: Chicago Suburbs  
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim  
 Language: English, Urdu  
 Ethnicity: Hyderabad Deccan, India  
 Family: 1 brother, 2 sisters

LOOKING FOR: MALE  
 Beard: Yes /No  
 Age: 23-27  
 Height: 5'8" and up  
 Marital Status: Never married  
 Legal Status: US/Canadian Citizen  
 Education: Professional  
 Profession:  
 Residence:  
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim  
 Ethnicity:  
 Contact:  
 WhatsApp # 2055676126

Name: AS  
 Hijabi : Yes Age: 29  
 Height: 5' 3"  
 Marital status: Unmarried  
 Legal Status: Indian  
 Residence: Mehdipatnam  
 Education: B.E (CS)  
 Profession: Software Engineer at Infosys ( working to keep herself busy, post marriage job is optional)  
 About her : She is an easy going person having positive attitude towards life, she is simple, friendly likes reading/browsing, spending time with family/friends, enjoys sightseeing. Performs salah and likes to attend Islamic lectures as well.  
 Maslak Sect: Sunni Hanafi  
 Dargah: Gents goes  
 Language: Urdu, English  
 Family info:  
 Father: Govt Job holder  
 1 Sis: Bsc, Bed  
 1 Brother: Bcom (Mcom)  
 LOOKING FOR: MALE  
 Beard: Not compulsory as it's sunnah  
 Age: >=30  
 Height: 5' 3 to 6  
 Marital Status: Unmarried  
 Legal Status: Anything  
 Residence: Hyderabad/ Gulbarga/ Bangalore  
 Education: BTech/ Mtech/MBA/ any working professional  
 Religious Sect: Sunni Hanafi  
 +1 (205) 567-6126

DOB:\*. June 1993, Born in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia  
 Height: 5'7  
 Hijabi: Yes  
 Education: B. Pharmacy  
 Marital status: Unmarried  
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim, following Durud and Fateha  
 Language: Urdu, Hindi, English  
 Residence: Diamond Hills Colony, Shaikpet  
 Ethnicity: Indian Hyderabad  
 Family:  
 Father's Name:  
 Retired Administrative Officer, National Commercial Bank - Jeddah

Sisters: 2 elder (married)

Brother: 1 elder (married, working in Hyderabad)

LOOKING FOR MALE  
 Age: 29 - 32  
 Height: 5.9 and above  
 Education: Professional Graduate/Post Graduate, settled in India or Abroad

Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim  
 \*Contact: Admin 2055676126

Hijabi : Yes  
 Age: 1996  
 Height: 5.3"  
 Marital status: never married  
 Legal Status: visit visa B1B2 and PR UAE and CZ IND

Education:BDS & Islamic studies Quraan with tajweed

Profession: dentist  
 Residence: USA&UAE  
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim  
 Language: Arabic English Urdu French  
 Ethnicity: Indian Hyderabad  
 Family: Father mother siblings all are well educated and settled in the USA and UAE Alhamdulillah

LOOKING FOR: MALE  
 Beard: Yes /No  
 Age: 24 ---32  
 Height:5.7" and above  
 Marital Status: never married  
 Legal Status: H1B green card PR UK CANADA AUSTRALIA  
 Education:MS ,MDS MD ,DDS ,CA  
 Profession:Any  
 Residence:Any  
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim  
 Ethnicity: Indian/Pakistani Contact  
 Whatsapp 2055676126

Hijabi : Yes  
 Age: 22  
 Height: 5'4"  
 Marital status: Never married  
 Legal Status: US Citizen; Canadian Citizen  
 Education: JD (Law School) 2nd yr student  
 Profession:  
 Residence: Chicago Suburbs  
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim  
 Language: English, Urdu  
 Ethnicity: Hyderabad Deccan, India  
 Family: 1 brother, 2 sisters

LOOKING FOR: MALE  
 Beard: Yes /No  
 Age: 23-27  
 Height: 5'8" and up  
 Marital Status: Never married  
 Legal Status: US/Canadian Citizen  
 Education: Professional  
 Profession:  
 Residence:  
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim  
 Ethnicity:  
 Contact:  
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The Speed of Light is NOT About Light?

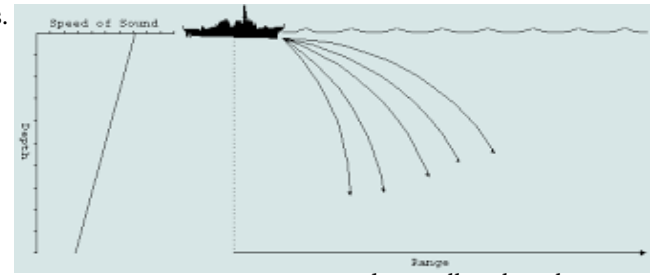
Light is the fastest thing in the universe, nothing can travel faster and, in most cases, not even close to that. This speed is also the upper limit for how fast anything can travel in our universe, no matter what kind of object it is – particles and bits of regular matter, energy, or any other information-carrying signal. We often tend to think about the propagation of light

based on our understanding of classical physics: something has to initiate all that movement through space, and most of us often forget about an interesting fact that there is no acceleration for light: photons are already flying at light speed the same moment they were created.

Photons are not really particles, in a conventional sense. Their existence is governed by quantum physics and this is why photons – which make up the flow of

light – mostly act like waves. But this is certainly not the only interesting fact about the speed of light.

For example, did you know that the speed of light has (most likely) has nothing to do with light. Certainly, we admit, this sounds strange. But there is an interesting scientific reasoning explaining why there exists the upper speed limit in



our universe, and, actually, what phenomenon is the cause for the speed of light:

NASA's James Webb Space Telescope Has Completed Testing

After successful completion of its final tests, NASA's James Webb Space Telescope is being prepped for shipment to its launch site.

Engineering teams have completed Webb's long-spanning comprehensive testing regimen at Northrop Grumman's facilities. Webb's many tests and checkpoints were designed to ensure that the world's most complex space science observatory will operate as designed once in space. Now that observatory testing has concluded, shipment operations have begun. This includes all the necessary steps to prepare Webb for a safe journey through the Panama Canal to its launch location in Kourou, French Guiana, on the northeastern coast of South America. Since no more large-scale testing is required, Webb's clean room technicians have shifted their focus from demonstrating it can survive the harsh conditions of launch and work in orbit, to making sure it will safely arrive at the launch pad. Webb's contamination control technicians, transport engineers, and logistics task forces are all expertly prepared to handle the unique task of getting Webb to the launch site. Shipping preparations will be completed in September.

Webb Will Soon Be on its Way

"NASA's James Webb Space Telescope has reached a major turning point on its path toward launch with the completion of final observatory integration and testing," said Gregory L. Robinson, Webb's program director at NASA Headquarters in Washington. "We have a tremendously dedicated workforce who brought us to the finish line, and we are very excited to see that Webb is ready for launch and will soon be on that science journey." While shipment operations are underway, teams located in Webb's Mission Operations Center (MOC) at the Space Telescope Science Institute (STScI) in Baltimore will continue to check and recheck the complex communications network it will use in space. Recently this network fully demonstrated that it is capable of seamlessly sending commands to the spacecraft. Live launch rehearsals are underway within the MOC with the explicit purpose of preparing for launch day and beyond. There is much to be done before launch, but with integration and testing formally concluded, NASA's next giant leap into the cosmic

unknown will soon be underway.

Once Webb arrives in French Guiana, launch processing teams will configure the observatory for flight. This involves post-shipment checkouts to ensure the observatory hasn't been damaged during transport, carefully loading the spacecraft's propellant tanks with hydrazine fuel and nitrogen tetroxide oxidizer it will need to power its rocket thrusters to maintain its orbit, and detaching 'remove before flight' red-tag items like protective covers that keep important components safe during assembly, testing, and transport. Then engineering teams will mate the observatory to its launch vehicle, an Ariane 5 rocket provided by ESA (European Space Agency), before it rolls out to the launch pad. Webb is an international program led by NASA with its partners, ESA (European Space Agency) and the Canadian Space Agency.

The James Webb Space Telescope is an amazing feat of human ingenuity, made more impressive by the obstacles Webb personnel overcame to deliver this amazing space science observatory. Earthquakes, a devastating hurricane, snowstorms, blizzards, wildfires, and a global pandemic are only some of what the people behind Webb endured to ensure success. Webb's story is one of perseverance – a mission with contributions from thousands of scientists, engineers, and other professionals from more than 14 countries and 29 states, in nine different time zones.

"To me, launching Webb will be a significant life event – I'll be elated of course when this is successful, but it will also be a time of deep personal introspection. Twenty years of my life will all come down to that moment," said Mark Voyton, Webb observatory integration and test manager at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland. "We've come a long way and worked through so much together to prepare our observatory for flight. The telescope's journey is only just beginning, but for those of us on the ground who built it, our time will soon come to an end, and we will have our opportunity to rest, knowing we put everything on the line to make sure our observatory works. The bonds we formed with each other along the way will last far into the future."



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After launch, Webb will undergo an action-packed six-month commissioning period. Moments after completing a 26-minute ride aboard the Ariane 5 launch vehicle, the spacecraft will separate from the rocket and its solar array will deploy automatically. After that, all subsequent deployments over the next few weeks will be initiated from ground control located at STScI.

Webb will take one month to fly to its intended orbital location in space nearly one million miles away from Earth, slowly unfolding as it goes. Sunshield deployments will begin a few days after launch, and each step can be controlled expertly from the ground, giving Webb's launch full control to circumnavigate any unforeseen issues with deployment.

Once the sunshield starts to deploy, the telescope and instruments will enter shade and start to cool over time. Over the ensuing weeks, the mission team will closely monitor the observatory's cooldown, managing it with heaters to control stresses on instruments and structures. In the meantime, the secondary mirror tripod will unfold, the primary mirror will unfold, Webb's instruments will slowly power up, and thruster firings will insert the observatory into a prescribed orbit.

Once the observatory has cooled down and stabilized at its frigid operating temperature, several months of alignments to its optics and calibrations of its scientific instruments will occur. Scientific operations are expected to commence approximately six months after launch.

'Flagship' missions like Webb are generational projects. Webb was built on both the legacy and the lessons of missions before it, such as the Hubble and Spitzer space telescopes, and it will in turn provide the foundation upon which future large astronomical space observatories may one day be developed.

"After completing the final steps of the James Webb Space Telescope's testing regimen, I can't help but see the reflections of the thousands of individuals who have dedicated so much of their lives to Webb, every time I look at that beautiful gold mirror," said Bill Ochs, Webb project manager for NASA Goddard.

The James Webb Space Telescope will be the world's premier space science observatory when it launches in 2021. Webb will solve mysteries in our solar system, look beyond to distant worlds around other stars, and probe the mysterious structures and origins of our universe and our place in it.

# Odisha Chief Minister Inaugurates East India's Largest Facility To Aid Covid Patients

The facility, having nine ECMO (extracorporeal membrane oxygenation) machines, was set up at the SCB Medical and College Hospital.

Cuttack: Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Friday inaugurated eastern India's largest ECMO facility in Cuttack for providing free treatment to critically ill COVID-19 patients.

The facility, having nine ECMO (extracorporeal membrane oxygenation) machines, was set up at the SCB Medical and College Hospital.

"The patients of Odisha now need not be airlifted to other states for the ECMO treatment," Mr Patnaik said, launching the facility as the state readies to fight the possible third wave of the pandemic.

"Though it is a costly treatment, the people of Odisha will get the service free of cost. The state government will bear all the

expenses," he said.

Mr Patnaik said the ECMO facility in Cuttack is the largest such facility in eastern India as nowhere nine ECMO machines are available in one place.

"The second wave of the pandemic was very much painful. Even as the lockdown restrictions have been relaxed, the pandemic is not yet over. We have to remain more cautious for the impending third wave," he said.

In a video message, Mr Patnaik said health experts have predicted that more children will be infected in the possible third wave.

"To protect our children, we need to strictly follow the COVID-19 norms. I appeal to people to wear masks, maintain a proper hand hygiene routine and practice social distancing. Stay safe and keep children protected," he said.

Even as the new cases are declining, the number of infections among those below 18 years is rising in Odisha, officials said, adding that the rate of infection among children and adolescents is around 13 per cent.

Law Minister Pratap Jena said the manpower required for the operation of the ECMO machines were trained in Kolkata in batches and more people will also learn the technique from them.

A number of critically ill COVID patients require ECMO treatment post-recovery and earlier, the government used to airlift such patients either to Hyderabad or Kolkata, Jena said. The nine ECMO machines



will be very helpful for the people of the state, he said.

Hospital sources said a large unit, housing six ECMO machines, will be made available for COVID patients, while another small unit having three machines will be available for other patients. NDTV

## Turkey Holds First Talks With The Taliban In Kabul: Recep Tayyip Erdogan

"We have held our first talks with the Taliban, which lasted 3.5 hours," Erdogan told reporters. "If necessary, we will have the opportunity to hold such talks again."

Istanbul, Turkey: President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Friday said Turkey has held its first talks with the Taliban in Kabul, adding that Ankara was still

assessing the terrorist group's offer to run the Afghan capital's airport.

"We have held our first talks with the Taliban, which lasted 3.5 hours," Erdogan told reporters. "If necessary, we will have the opportunity to hold such talks again."

NDTV



## Jallianwala Bagh Memorial must serve as reminder to future generations: Amarinder

CHANDIGARH: Describing the newly renovated Jallianwala Bagh Smarak as a tribute to the great martyrs and a symbol of inspiration for the youth, Punjab chief minister Amarinder Singh on Saturday said the monument must serve as a reminder for the future generations about the right of the people to peaceful democratic protest.

In what was apparently an oblique reference to the ongoing agitation of the peacefully protesting farmers, the Chief Minister said the Smarak, along with the Jallianwala Bagh centenary memorial recently dedicated to the people by the state government, should serve to remind our leaders of the inalienable right of Indians to conduct peaceful democratic protests, which could not be stifled, as the British also learnt from the Jallianwala Bagh incident.

The Smarak and the Centenary Memorial established by the state government "seek to pay tribute to the great martyrs so that history may always remember their sacrifice and our present and future generations can draw inspiration from their patriotism," said the Chief Minister, in his brief remarks before Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually dedicated the Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial (Smarak) to the nation

through the remote.

Amarinder also requested the Prime Minister that the Government of India should use its good offices to bring back the personal effects, i.e. pistol and personal diary of Shaheed Udham Singh Ji, who avenged the injustice of this massacre, from United Kingdom to India. He said he had already written to External Affairs Minister Dr. Jaishankar in this regard.

The event was also attended, among others, by several union ministers, Punjab Governor, Leader of the Opposition and the Jallianwala Bagh trustees, along with several MPs and MLAs. Families of the Jallianwala massacre martyrs were also present.

Describing the Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial as "an everlasting symbol of non-violent and peaceful struggle for the freedom of India", the Chief Minister said that "at another level, it also stands testimony to one of the most barbaric acts of violence and State oppression perpetrated on a group of peacefully assembled people."

Amarinder observed that the state government had also recently, on 14 August 2021, dedicated a Jallianwala Bagh Centenary Memorial, at a



separate location in Amritsar, as a tribute to the great martyrs to commemorate the Centenary. The said memorial bears the names of all 488 martyrs available as per records, he said, adding that his government had also constituted a Special Research team of Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, to identify any missing names of martyrs that need to be inscribed on this memorial, for which sufficient space has been left.

# 'Allow Me To Take Decisions Or Else...': Navjot Singh Sidhu To Congress

Navjot Sidhu's threat was linked directly to Harish Rawat's statement pressing him to sack his advisers for their controversial statements on Pakistan and Kashmir. Chandigarh: Stung by the Congress's ultimatum in a controversy over his advisers, Navjot Sidhu has warned that it will be "disastrous" for the party if he is not given freedom in decision-making. "I have always worked towards changing lives; even today I'm working towards developing a Punjab model. I have told the high command that if I am able to live up to the expectations and hope of people surrounding the model, I assure you that I'll not let the Congress down and it will prosper for the next 20 years. But if you won't let me take decisions, eint naal eint bi kharkaonga (it will be disastrous for the party). There's no point in becoming a showpiece," said Navjot Sidhu, who was recently appointed the party's Punjab chief in a tense compromise with Chief Minister

Amarinder Singh. Asked to comment on Mr Sidhu's pronouncement at an event in Amritsar yesterday, Congress's Punjab in-charge Harish Rawat reacted cautiously. "I can't question him on the basis of media speculation... I will see the context of the statement. He is party chief, who other than him can take decisions," he said.

Mr Rawat met with Congress president Sonia Gandhi this afternoon, reportedly to brief her on the Punjab mess. He has asked the party to relieve him of the Punjab role, citing the Uttarakhand election next year.

Mr Sidhu's threat was linked directly to Mr Rawat's statement pressing him to sack his advisers for their controversial statements on Pakistan and Kashmir.

"These advisers were not appointed by the

party. We have asked Sidhu to dismiss them. If Sidhu does not do that, I will. We do not want people who embarrass the party," Mr Rawat told NDTV on Wednesday. One of the advisers, Malvinder Singh Mali, quit today.

The row over Mr Sidhu's advisers has erupted just weeks after the Congress brokered a delicate truce between him and Amarinder Singh, to try and end a feud that has endangered the party's prospects in the Punjab election next year.

The hostilities resurfaced on Sunday when the Chief Minister publicly told off Mr Sidhu's advisers over comments that he said were "potentially dangerous" to the peace and stability of Punjab and the



country and "totally misplaced and antagonistic" to the stated position of India and the Congress on Pakistan and Kashmir.

Amarinder Singh also urged Mr Sidhu to rein in his advisers before they ended up doing more damage to India's interests. NDTV

# Kabul Airport Blasts: India Seeks a Peaceful Afghanistan, Says MEA, Calls Quad Important

India seeks a prosperous and peaceful Afghanistan and evacuations are ongoing amid the security threat in Kabul, said Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Arindam Bagchi addressing queries on the situation in the war-torn country overtaken by the Taliban earlier this month. Bagchi said India had evacuated more than 550 people on six flights through Kabul or via Dushanbe, which included 260 Indians (including embassy and other personnel), and the rest being Afghans and other officials. According to the MEA spokesperson, the Government of India was also coordinating on evacuation with other agencies, and was in touch with various parties on the matter.

Asked about the people left to evacuate from Afghanistan, Bagchi said the vast majority of Indians who had sought to come back had, adding that those who remained would be brought back soon; a number that kept changing with requests coming in. On being asked whether Afghan nationals being evacuated to India would be given a 'refugee' status, the MEA spokesperson said they were being kept on emergency visa-basis for now, which was valid for six months. He said the situation would be assessed after the time period ended due to its evolving nature.

No Info on Govt formation in Afghanistan, Quad Important for India

"The situation on the ground is uncertain. Our prime concern is security and safety of citizens. Right now, no information on the formation of the government in Afghanistan is available," said Bagchi.

On discussions with relevant stakeholders amid the Afghan crisis, Bagchi said the Indo-Pacific Quad grouping was important for India.

He said regular consultations with Russia were ongoing on the Afghanistan situation, through the channel that was spoken



about in the conversation between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

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# Afghans Arriving In India Will Get Six-Month Visa: Foreign Ministry

Over a thousand visas were reportedly stolen in Afghanistan, prompting the Centre to introduce e-Visas after the fall of Kabul. New Delhi: Afghans arriving in the country will get a six-month visa and the government will "take it from there" as making long-term plans have not been the "best of ideas" under similar circumstances, India said today. This comes as the Union Home Ministry announced that all Afghan nationals must travel to India only using e-Visa given the current security situation in Afghanistan.

of ideas," said Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi during a weekly press briefing.

India has evacuated over 550 people on six separate flights, from Kabul and Dushanbe. "Of these, over 260 were Indians."

"We were moving to the e-Emergency visa system. It appears that all this could have led to some confusion, which led to the unfortunate incident of denial of entry to a particular Afghan national," Mr Bagchi said. He said that the decision was made in view of the deteriorating security situation in Afghanistan. "There were reports of a group of people who raided one of our outsourcing agencies where Afghan passports with Indian visas were there."

Over 11,000 visas issued by the Indian embassy in Afghanistan between August 12 and 14 have been cancelled after more than a thousand visas were reportedly stolen, prompting the Centre to introduce e-Visas after the fall of Kabul. A senior official on Thursday had said that the intelligence agencies anticipated that the stolen visas could be misused amid chaos in the neighbouring country.

Afghanistan's situation is worsening as people are in a rush to leave the country after the Taliban seized control.



On August 15, the country's government fell soon after President Ashraf Ghani left the nation. On Thursday, twin blasts were reported near Kabul airport, which led to the death of over 80 people.

# All Teachers Vaccinated, Bengal Prepared For 3rd Wave: Mamata Banerjee

Bengal is "prepared to tackle the possible third wave" of the pandemic, and parents of children aged 12 and below are being prioritised for vaccinations, Mamata Banerjee said.

Kolkata: Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday said all teachers in the state have been vaccinated against coronavirus, a day after Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said two crore additional doses will be made available across the country for them.

Ms Banerjee, after chairing a meeting of health department officials, also said that the state is "prepared to tackle the possible third wave" of the Covid pandemic, and parents of children aged 12 and below are being prioritised for vaccinations.

Chief Secretary HK Dwivedi, Transport Minister and chairman of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation's board of administrators, Firhad Hakim, were also present at the meeting.

Amid concerns that the third wave might pose a greater threat to kids, the chief minister said, "We are trying to prioritise vaccination of parents of children who are 12 years old and below.

"Around 10,000 beds have been readied for handling the third wave. Also, we have vaccinated 100% of teachers," the chief minister, who holds the health portfolio said

Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya had on Wednesday said that over two crore additional doses of Covid vaccines will be distributed among states this month for vaccinating all school teachers on priority before Teachers' Day on September 5.

The chief minister, while talking to the reporters, further said that experienced nurses and those who have put up excep-

tional performances will be promoted to the post of "practitioner sisters".

They will have responsibilities "quite similar to that of the doctors", she said.

"These nurses can pitch in when there is a dearth of doctors. The health department will come out with an official guideline in the matter," she maintained.

Ms Banerjee stated that quacks in the state's rural areas will be given adequate training and asked to serve at primary health centres.

Lauding all healthcare professionals for their hard work and dedication amid the pandemic, she said that a 10-acre land will be allotted by her government for doctors



and nurses to build a housing complex. A decision has also been taken to set up a hostel on Lee Road in Kolkata for the doctors and nurses of state-run SSKM hospital, she underlined.

The chief minister said she will hold another meeting on the health infrastructure of the state  
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# Amid Punjab Poll Speculation, Actor Sonu Sood To Meet Arvind Kejriwal

Sonu Sood has in recent months come to be known for his aid to people hit by the Covid pandemic and floods. New Delhi/Chandigarh: Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will meet actor Sonu Sood tomorrow in New Delhi, sources have said. The meeting comes amid speculation that either the Bollywood movie star or his sister may contest the upcoming Punjab Assembly polls. Mr Sood is the brand ambassador for the Punjab government's Covid vaccination programme.

Mr Kejriwal will be meeting the actor in

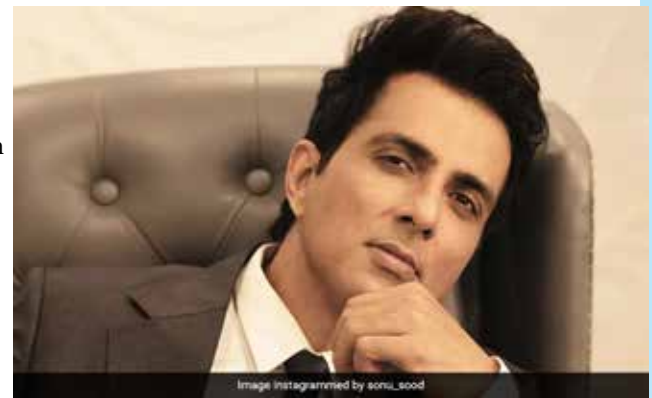
the morning tomorrow, sources have said. Besides his movie fame, Mr Sood is best known for the several instances of help he provided to a whole lot of desperate people during the Covid lockdown last year and at the peak of the second wave earlier this year.

From delivering oxygen cylinders to helping the needy get proper medical attention to setting up oxygen plants, Mr Sood was seen doing it all. It was reported earlier this month that he had also extended support to people affected by flood in parts of Maharashtra.

Of late, there has been much talk about either him or his sister, Malvika Sachar, contesting the Punjab polls from the Moga constituency on a Congress ticket.

Mr Sood has, however, said he won't take the political plunge.

Ms Sachar, meanwhile, has been active with social work in the Moga area of Punjab over the past few months.



She was invited in local functions by various government departments.  
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# Economy May Recover In FY23 If Centre Doesn't Take Foolish Decisions: P Chidambaram

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P Chidambaram said that the GDP's recovery may happen in the year 2022-23. (File)

Panaji: Former Union finance minister P Chidambaram on Thursday said that India's economy is at the "lowest ebb" right now and it may recover in fiscal 2022-23

provided the government does not take any "foolish decisions". Mr Chidambaram, who has been appointed by the Congress as the party's election observer for Goa, where Assembly polls are due early next year, made the statement during a press conference here on the second day of his two-day visit to the coastal state.

"Indian economy is at the lowest ebb. Please remember that last year we ended with negative growth in GDP... The GDP declined," he said.

"The government talks of V-shaped recovery.

In this year, the GDP will not be back to pre-pandemic level. It is only when the GDP goes back to the pre-pandemic level you can say it is recovering," he added. Mr Chidambaram said that the GDP's recovery may happen in the year 2022-23.

"But everything will depend upon how many foolish decisions the government takes," the Congress veteran said.  
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# Half A Million Afghans Could Flee Across Borders: UN

Geneva: Up to half a million Afghans could flee the crisis in their homeland, the U.N. refugee agency UNHCR said on Friday, appealing to all neighbouring countries to keep their borders open for those seeking safety.

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An internally displaced Afghan girl carries a child near their shelter at a camp on outskirts of Kabul

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"While we have not seen large outflows of Afghans at this point, the situation inside Afghanistan has evolved more rapidly than anyone expected," she added.  
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# The Afghan Minister Who Became A Bicycle Courier In Germany

Leipzig, Germany: Sayed Sadaat used to be communications minister in the Afghan government before moving to Germany last September in the hope of a better future. Now he is a delivery man in the eastern city of Leipzig. He said some at home criticised him for taking such a job after having served in the government for two years, leaving office in 2018. But for him now, a job is a job.

“I have nothing to feel guilty about,” the 49-year-old said, standing in his orange uniform next to his bike. “I hope other politicians also follow the same path, working with the public rather than just hiding.”

His story has gained particular prominence with the chaos unfolding at home after the Taliban takeover. Family and friends of his also want to leave - hoping joining the thousands of others on evacua-

tion flights or trying to find other routes out. With the withdrawal of U.S. troops on the horizon, the number of Afghan asylum seekers in Germany has risen since the beginning of the year, jumping by more than 130%, data from the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees showed.

But even with his background, Sadaat struggled to find a job in Germany that matched his experience. With degrees in IT and telecom, Sadaat had hoped to find work in a related field. But with no German, his chances were slim.

“The language is the most important part,” said Sadaat, who also holds British citizenship.

Every day he does four hours of German at a language school before starting a six-hour evening shift delivering meals for Lieferando, where he started this summer.



“The first few days were exciting but difficult,” he said, describing the challenge of learning to cycle in the city traffic.

“The more you go out and the more you

see people, the more you learn,” he said.

(Reporting by Leon Malherbe and Stefan Remter, and Riham Alkousaa in Berlin; Editing by Alison Williams)

## Citizens Cannot Be Thrown Out For Raising Grievance Against Government: High Court

As per the externment order, issued in November last year, Mr Siddiqui was barred from entering Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Kheda and Mehsana districts for a period of one year.

Ahmedabad: Quashing the police's externment order against the organiser of an anti-CAA protest, the Gujarat High Court observed that citizens cannot be externed or thrown out for raising their grievance against the government. Justice Paresch Upadhyay on Thursday set aside an externment order issued by the Ahmedabad city police against 39-year-old activist Kaleem Siddiqui.

As per the externment order, issued in November last year, Mr Siddiqui was barred from entering Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Kheda and Mehsana districts for a period of one year.

Mr Siddiqui then challenged the order in the High Court, which had stayed its execution in March.

Inspired by the agitation against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Delhi's Shaheen Bagh, Mr Siddiqui and a few others had organised a sit-in protest in Rakhiyal area between January and March last year.

In December 2019, the city police had lodged an FIR of unlawful assembly against unknown persons for holding demonstrations against the CAA and NRC, and claimed that Mr Siddiqui had been a part of the crowd. This was one of the two FIRs, which became the basis for Mr Siddiqui's externment, the High Court noted.

“As far as the second FIR of December 2019 is concerned, it was against a crowd of unknown persons who were demonstrating against the policy of the Government on the NRC/CAA. The petitioner is stated to be one of the persons in the said crowd,” the court order stated.



“A citizen cannot be subjected to externment for raising his grievance against the Government. On this count also, the externment order needs to be set aside,” Justice Upadhyay said. While giving relief to the petitioner, the court also noted that of the two FIRs mentioned by the Ahmedabad police in its externment order, Mr

Siddiqui had already been acquitted in the case filed in 2018.

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## How Long Will UP Government Hide “Corruption”: Priyanka Gandhi On CAG Report

The report has highlighted faulty-budget making process and also loss accrued to the state government on account of irregularities in many departments' functioning. New Delhi: Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Thursday hit out at the UP government over irregularities listed in a CAG report, asking how long it will cover up “corruption”. The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) report was tabled in the Uttar Pradesh Assembly on August 19.

The report has highlighted faulty-budget making process and also loss accrued to the state government on account of irregularities in many departments' functioning.

The CAG also suggested that the UP government should make budget estimates more realistic.

Commenting over it, Ms Gandhi in a Hindi tweet claimed, “The CAG report has exposed scams worth thousands of crores in many departments of the UP government.” “Till when the government will cover up its corruption? Thousands of crores of people of UP have been lost in scams and the government has no answers,” she added.

The Congress leader, who is also the incharge of the UP affairs at the AICC,

also pointed to a sharp rise in prices of diesel and stagnant sugarcane rates. In another tweet, Priyanka Vadra said despite a regular increase in prices of diesel and electricity for farmers, the price of sugarcane has not seen any rise since 2017.



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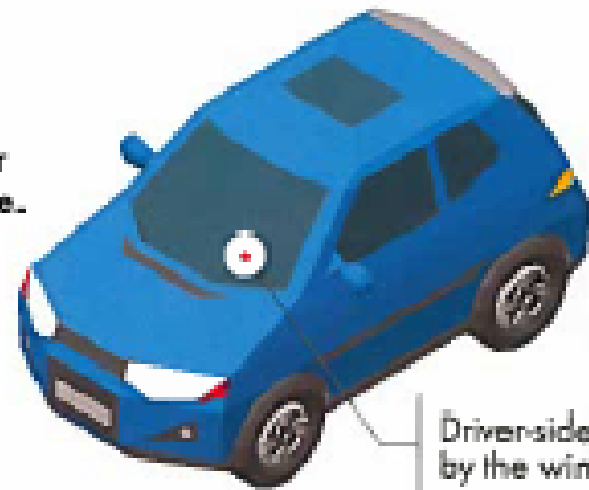
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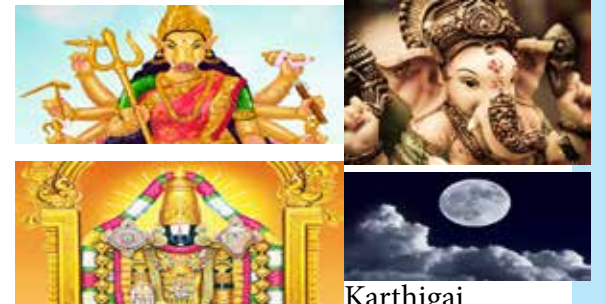
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# 2021 September Hindu Festivals Calendar

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Saturday  
Sani Pradosham  
September 04, 2021, Saturday  
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06  
Monday  
New Moon  
September 06, 2021, Monday  
New moon  
New moon  
10  
Friday  
Ganesh Chaturthi  
September 10, 2021, Friday  
Ganesh Chaturthi  
Ganesh Chaturthi

13  
Monday  
Shukla Ashtami  
September 13, 2021, Monday  
Shukla Ashtami  
Shukla Ashtami  
17  
Friday  
Pradosham  
September 17, 2021, Friday  
Pradosham  
Pradosham  
18  
Saturday  
Purattasi Saturday  
September 18, 2021, Saturday  
Purattasi Sani  
Purattasi Sani

20  
Monday  
Full Moon  
September 20, 2021, Monday  
Full moon  
Full moon  
23  
Thursday  
Sankatahara Chaturthi  
September 23, 2021, Thursday  
Sankatahara Chaturthi  
Sankatahara Chaturthi  
25  
Saturday  
Purattasi Saturday  
September 25, 2021, Saturday  
Purattasi Sani  
Purattasi Sani



Karthigai  
Nakshatra  
September 25, 2021, Saturday  
Krittika Nakshatra  
Krittika Nakshatra  
28  
Tuesday  
Krishna Ashtami  
September 28, 2021, Tuesday  
Krishna Ashtami  
Krishna Ashtami

## History Of Ganesh Chaturthi Festival

Ganesh Chaturthi is also known as 'Vinayak Chavithi'. Know how, when and where to celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi 2021. Ganesh Chaturthi is an annual festival commemorating Lord Ganesha's birth. The festival takes place in August/September, according to the Gregorian calendar. The date for Ganesh Chaturthi 2021 is September 10th. Ganesh Chaturthi is also referred to as 'Vinayak Chavithi'. Ganesh Chaturthi 2021 is on September 10th. The festival lasts ten days, with the final day, Anant Chaturdashi, falling on September 19.

Depending on the lunar cycle, the celebration takes place in late August or early September. In the Hindu month of Bhadrapad, it occurs on the fourth day after the new moon.

The Peshwas popularised Ganesha Chaturthi in the 18th century, and Lokmanya Tilak commended the yearly household festival of Sarvajanic Ganesh Utsav in his newspaper, Kesari, and dedicated his efforts to turning it into a major, well-organized public event. Lord Ganesha is commonly referred to as "everyone's god."

### Mythology Behind Ganesh Chaturthi Festival

Goddess Parvati is said to have created Lord Ganesh out of clay and given him life. She then requested him to keep an eye

on the gate and make sure no one came in while she bathed. When Lord Shiva attempted to enter, Ganesha refused. The child's head was then removed by enraged Shiva. Goddess Parvati was devastated.

Lord Shiva then ordered his men to fetch the head of the first creature they encountered, which they were to replace on Ganesha's body. The men, on the other hand, were only able to find a baby elephant's head. Lord Ganesha was reincarnated with the head of an elephant in this manner. Ganesha was named Ganpati and was made the leader of Shiva's disciples, the Ganas. He is a personification of good fortune and wealth.

### Which States Celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi Festival?

The festival is widely celebrated in the state of Maharashtra. One of the best places to experience the festival in Mumbai is the Siddhivinayak temple. Other celebratory states include Goa, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Telangana, and Andhra Pradesh.

### Traditions/ Rituals Of Ganesh Chaturthi Festival

Installation of Ganapati statue: A statue Ganpati is installed either at home or in a



public place with pranprathishtha puja. Not looking at the moon: On the first night of the festival, people avoid looking at the moon

Praying: Washing of the statue, chanting of shlokas, offerings of flowers and sweets, doing aarti with a plate filled with diya, kumkum and flowers are part of this festival.

Special performances: Some public celebrations conduct performances like dance, music, and skits.

Making modak: Ganapati's favourite sweet is said to be modak. Therefore, these

dumplings are distributed as Prasad. Visarjan: The immersion of the idol in a water or visarjan is conducted on the last day. It is accompanied by a procession of people chanting bhajans and shlokas. Popular Cuisines Of Ganesh Chaturthi Festival

The main and most important sweet dish during the festival is Modak but karanji is also quite popular. Laddu, vundrallu, panakam, vadapappu and chaliveidi are some of the other main items cooked during this festival.



## Air pollution in 13 Andhra Pradesh cities to be cut

Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board (APPCB) has prepared an Action Plan to reduce air pollution within 13 municipal towns of the state. Under it, average annual level of PM10 will be brought down from 70–80 microgram per cubic metre to less than 60 microgram per cubic metre in next five years concluding 2025–26. These towns are district headquarters and part of 132 non-attainment cities in the country.

APPCB chairman Aswini Kumar Parida said Andhra University will assist towns of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Rajamahendravaram, Kakinada and Eluru in this regard, while IIT-Tirupati will help out Vijayawada, Guntur, Ongole, Nellore and Tirupati. National Atmospheric Research Laboratory (NARL), Tirupati, will deal with municipal towns of Chittoor, Anantapur, Kadapa and Kurnool. The three organisations will undertake studies to identify hotspots and carrying capacity of towns concerned.

The board has prepared city-level action plans involving municipalities / municipal corporations and transport, industry and agriculture departments for implementing all micro-level interventions. There will be close monitoring by implementation committees headed by respective district collectors. Funds available under different government schemes in urban sectors will be dovetailed with resources of municipalities and corporations to execute pollution-control plans.

Parida said CSR funds available with local industries will also be utilised, while the state government will provide Rs. 639 crore as gap funding during the next five years till 2025–26. Rs 274 crore is being earmarked for Visakhapatnam and Rs232 crore for Vijayawada. Of Rs 639 crore, Rs 506 crore are XVth Finance Commission grants for Vizag and Vijayawada. Rs133 crore will be provided out of National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) for the remaining 11 municipal towns. Massive environment awareness campaigns will be undertaken involving youth, communities and civil society organisations.

APPCB has appealed to all industries within the state to make available



their CSR funds for the Clean Air Andhra Pradesh (CAAP) programme. This way they can become part of Ecosystem Restoration process for providing clean air to people in municipal towns close to their industries.



## Vijayawada airport ready to accept VVIP landings

Vijayawada: VVIPs flying in special aircraft can now land at the Vijayawada International Airport, which passed an ‘overshoot flight’ test. This means the President or the Prime Minister flying on the aircraft with the designated call sign ‘Air India One’ or in other large aircraft can land in the airport.

A Boeing 777 aircraft recently carried out the ‘overshoot flight’ successfully to test the technical viability and functioning of instrumentation for landing and take-off, on the extended 3,360-metre runway at the Vijayawada airport.

The Boeing 777 which arrived from the Indira Gandhi International Airport at Delhi, flew very low at the Vijayawada airport runway as if it was going to land, but continued its flight after checking the functioning of technicalities involved in landing and take off.

The Airports Authority of India recently extended the Vijayawada airport runway to 3,360 metres from the 2,286 meters, extending it by 1,074 metre to facilitate landing and take-off of large aircraft.

Vijayawada airport authorities say that follow-



ing successful conduct of ‘overshoot flight’, they are ready to facilitate operation of large aircraft carrying VVIPs and passengers.

The airport facilitates arrival and departure of nine flights each, per day to destinations like Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Chennai and Delhi in addition to operation of flights to the Gulf region.

Vijayawada International Airport director G. Madhusudhana Rao said, “Given the vast potential for international travel by the passengers from the city, we have developed the airport for operation of large aircrafts.”



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Don't sit still for leg pain. Get the relief and security you want.

## When to worry about worrying

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

Get your copy of Anxiety and Stress Disorders

Everyone worries or gets scared sometimes. But if you feel extremely worried or afraid much of the time, or if you repeatedly feel panicky, you may have an anxiety disorder. Anxiety disorders are among the most common mental illnesses, affecting roughly 40 million American adults each year. This Special Health Report, Anxiety and Stress Disorders, discusses the latest and most effective treatment approaches, including cognitive behavioral therapies, psychotherapy, and medications. A special section delves into alternative treatments

for anxiety, such as relaxation techniques, mindfulness meditation, and biofeedback. Do I have generalized anxiety disorder? You'll need your doctor's help to know for sure, but while other types of anxiety disorders arise from particular situations, generalized anxiety disorder is characterized by debilitating worry and agitation about nothing in particular, or anything at all.

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

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

are at greater risk for heart attack and other cardiovascular problems.

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

For some people, medications can be an important part of treatment. Commonly prescribed drugs include antidepressants, such as selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (like Prozac or Zoloft), or dual serotonin and norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (like Effexor or Cymbalta). These drugs take longer to work than the traditional anti-anxiety drugs, but also may provide greater symptom relief over



time.

Symptoms of generalized anxiety disorder  
Persistent, excessive worry about several different things for at least six months  
Fatigue, difficulty sleeping, or restlessness  
Trouble concentrating  
Irritability  
Muscle tension  
Feeling tense or "on edge"  
Only your doctor can determine whether you meet the criteria for generalized anxiety disorder. If you think you might have this condition, don't hesitate to talk to your primary care doctor. There are many different treatments that can ease the very real discomfort of this condition.

## How to get rid of muscle cramps in your legs

The muscles in your legs are made up of bundles of fibers that alternately contract and expand to produce movement. A cramp is a sudden, involuntary contraction (tightening) of one of these muscles, typically in your calf. Cramps can last anywhere from a few seconds to several minutes. They can be mild, or intense enough to wake you out of a sound sleep. A sudden, painful muscle spasm in the leg is called a charley horse, which legend has it is named after baseball player Charlie "Hoss" Radbourn, who reportedly suffered from frequent cramps back in the 1880s. The conditions that contribute to leg pain can range from fractures, muscle tears, and sprains, to long-term problems caused by osteoarthritis, peripheral neuropathy, and vascular disease. This Special Health Report is designed to help you resolve both the pain and the problem. Healing Leg Pain will take you from symptoms to

source to solution. You'll find how to accelerate treatment, avoid recurrence, and assure renewed leg strength and wellness. Sometimes there is no obvious cause for a cramp. Exercise is a common trigger, especially after you've exercised for a long period of time or in the heat. Muscles that are tired or dehydrated become irritated and are more likely to cramp up. A deficiency of electrolytes such as magnesium or potassium in your diet can lead to more frequent cramping, by preventing your muscles from fully relaxing. The risk of a cramp increases during pregnancy, possibly because of circulatory changes and increased stress on the muscles from a growing belly. Age is another factor, with cramps becoming more frequent in middle age and beyond. Older muscles tire more easily, and they become increasingly sensitive to lower fluid volumes in the body. Cramps can also be a side effect

of medicines like statins, which are used to treat high cholesterol.

**Symptoms of muscle cramps**  
They can include: Sudden pain and tightness in a muscle, typically in your calf  
A temporary hard lump or twitching under the skin

**Diagnosing muscle cramps**  
You should be able to treat a cramp on your own, but see a doctor if your cramps are severe, you get them often, or you have other symptoms (like numbness or weakness) along with them. Rarely, cramps can signal a problem with the spine, blood vessels, or liver. **Treating muscle cramps**  
Most cramps will go away on their own within a minutes. Massaging or gently stretching the muscle will help it relax. Heat is soothing to tense muscles. Apply a heating pad or warm wet washcloth to help loosen up the muscle.



To avoid leg cramps in the future, drink plenty of fluids before and during exercise. Muscles need fluid to contract and relax properly. Prevent tightness by warming up your leg muscles before you work out with some walking in place or a slow jog. After each workout, stretch out your leg muscles for a few minutes. Do another set of stretches before bed if you tend to get cramps while you sleep.

# RECIPES

## HYDERABADI CHICKEN MASALA RECIPE

Chicken is marinated in yogurt, spice powder, fried onion paste, and coriander leaves and then cooked. Easy and simple chicken recipe for a beginner.

### TIPS & TRICKS TO MAKE THE PERFECT HYDERABADI CHICKEN MASALA:

Roast the coriander seeds, cumin, and dried red chili until aromatic and grind it. Freshly ground masala is more aromatic. Use the oil (that is used to fry the onions) to marinate the chicken. This oil has all the flavors of onions in it.

Fry onions, ginger, and garlic till golden brown and make a paste without adding water.

Addition of all the whole spices is optional. But use some of the whole spices that are easily available in your kitchen.

I have used Kashmiri red chili powder that enhances the color of Hyderabad chicken curry.

If using sour curd then do not add lemon juice in the recipe. I have used fresh curd to make chicken Hyderabad.

Marinate the chicken for at least 2 hours. Do not skip it. As the chicken becomes tender and absorbs all the flavors of the marinade. This will make the chicken more juicy from inside and enhance the taste of the gravy.

Better to marinate overnight. Just cover

and refrigerate the marinated chicken overnight.

Use a heavy bottom vessel to make this recipe.

Open the lid and keep stirring it at regular intervals to avoid burning of chicken or the spices. Do not cut down the quantity of oil.

Addition of saffron milk is optional. Traditionally, saffron milk is added but you can skip it. I have made this recipe with and

without saffron milk both ways and didn't



find any difference in the taste.

## Vegetable Biryani Recipe

A Classic Indian vegetable biryani is a perfect dish for any occasion. Long grain basmati rice and assorted vegetables in a spicy masala are cooked in alternate layers under dum to give you a final dish that is a treat to your all of your senses. Whole spices, fragrant rice, nutritious veggies and the aromatic saffron blend together perfectly in this vegetable biryani recipe and that is the magic of a good dum biryani. Plus this one is a microwave version of it, so it really is a quick biryani unlike a traditional clay pot one that takes hours for the dum to build and the biryani itself to cook. This is what I love to eat when a biryani craving hits! Tried, tested and loved by several of our viewers this one is well worth a try.

Prep Time : 16-20 minutes

Cook time : 26-30 minutes

Serve : 4

Level Of Cooking : Moderate

Taste : Mild

### Ingredients for Vegetable Biryani Recipe

Basmati Rice 1 1/2 cups

Carrots 2 medium

Carrots 1/2 inch pieces 2 medium

French beans 1/2 inch pieces 15

Cauliflower 10-12 florets

Green peas shelled 1 cup

Salt to taste

Green cardamoms 8

Black cardamom 1

Cloves 15

Cinnamon 1/2 inch stick

Bay leaf 1

Caraway seeds (shahi jeera) 1/2 teaspoon

Ginger-garlic paste 1 1/2 tablespoons

Turmeric powder 1 teaspoon

Red chilli powder 1 tablespoon

Coriander powder 1 tablespoon

Yogurt 1/2 cup

Rose water 1/2 teaspoon

Saffron (kesar) a few strands

Fresh tomato puree 1 cup

Garam masala powder 1 teaspoon

Fresh coriander leaves chopped 2 tablespoons

Fresh mint leaves chopped 2 tablespoons

### Method

Step 1

Boil rice in four cups of salted boiling water with two green cardamoms, one black cardamom, five cloves, half inch stick of cinnamon, until three-fourth done. Drain excess water and set aside.

Heat a non-stick pan. Add the remaining green cardamoms, cloves, black cardamom



and cinnamon along with bay leaf and caraway seeds and roast. Add onions, carrot, French beans, cauliflower florets and green peas.

Step 2

Sprinkle salt, cover and cook on medium heat for two minutes. Add ginger-garlic paste mixed with a little water and stir. Cover and cook for two minutes. Add turmeric powder, red chilli powder and coriander powder and cook. Whisk yogurt with rose water and saffron. Add a little water or milk and whisk well. Add tomato puree to the vegetables along with half teaspoon garam masala powder and mix well. Simmer for two minutes. Take a microwave safe deep bowl.

Step 3

Arrange a layer of rice at the bottom. Over that arrange half the cooked vegetables followed by another layer of rice. Sprinkle half of the remaining garam masala powder, half the coriander leaves, half the mint leaves and half the yogurt mixture. Arrange the remaining vegetables followed by the remaining rice. Sprinkle the remaining garam masala powder, remaining coriander leaves, remaining mint leaves and the remaining yogurt mixture. Cover with a silicon lid and cook in the microwave oven for four to five minutes on HIGH (100%). Let it stand for five minutes. Serve hot.

## Famous sweet of Gujarat "mohanthal"

Ingredients

2-3 people

250 gms gram flour

1 cup + 3 tbsp clarified butter

6 tbsp milk

1 1/4 cups sugar

1/4 tsp cardamom powder

Few saffron strand

1 tbsp pistachio for sprinkling

1/2 tsp oil for greasing

1 tsp poppy seeds

Steps

To make mohanthal combine saffron strands & 1/2 tsp warm water in a bowl. Mix well & keep aside

Combine gram flour, 3tbsp of clarified butter & 3tbsp of milk in a deep bowl & mix well till no lumps remain

Gently press it to even out the mix-

ture cover with a lid & keep side for 30 mins

Break the lumps lightly with your fingertips & sieve it using a sieve with big holes. Keep aside

Heat a clarified butter in a heavy bottom pan on a high flame for 1 minute. Add the sieved gram flour mixture, mix well & cook on a medium flame for 5 mins or till mixture turns brown in colour.. while stirring continuously

Remove from the flame & keep aside to cool for 15 mins

Combine sugar & 1 cup of water in a deep nonstick pan, mix well & cook on a high flame for 2 mins.. lower the flame to slow, when it boils add 2tsp of milk, mix well & cook on a medium flame for

3-4mins, stirring occasionally. Remove the dirt that floats on the sugar syrup

Cook till the syrup is of 1.5 thread consistency.. while stirring occasionally

Add cardamom powder, saffron water & prepared sugar syrup to the cooled gram flour mixture, mix well & stir approx 3-4 mins



using a flat spatula.

Sprinkle pistachio slivers, poppy seeds over the mohanthal.

Keep it aside to cool completely for 1-2 hrs.

Cut into equal size & serve it or store in an air tight container

This stays 7 days fresh in an air tight container at room temperature

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# Important Recall Info That MAY Affect Your Vehicle

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V585  
 Manufacturer : Mitsubishi Fuso Truck of America, Inc.  
 Subject : Front Leaf Spring Shackle Bolts May Be Loose  
 Make Model Model Years  
 MITSUBISHI FUSO FEC9T 2020-2021  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V588  
 Manufacturer : Wabash National Corporation  
 Subject : Fuel Tank Brackets May Detach  
 Make Model Model Years  
 WABASH NATIONAL VAN 2018-2022  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V597  
 Manufacturer : Volvo Bus Corporation  
 Subject : Wheelchair Lift Outer Barrier May Fail/FMVSS 403  
 Make Model Model Years  
 VOLVO BUS 9700 2009-2021  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V601  
 Manufacturer : PACCAR Incorporated  
 Subject : Fuel Hose Leak  
 Make Model Model Years  
 KENWORTH T270 2021-2022  
 KENWORTH T280 2021-2022  
 KENWORTH T370 2021-2022  
 KENWORTH T380 2021-2022  
 KENWORTH T440 2021-2022  
 KENWORTH T470 2021-2022  
 KENWORTH T480 2021-2022  
 PETERBILT 536 2021-2022  
 PETERBILT 537 2021-2022  
 PETERBILT 548 2021-2022  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V602  
 Manufacturer : SPECTOR MANUFACTURING, INC.  
 Subject : Steering Arm May Detach  
 Make Model Model Years  
 SPEC TEC SEC 2019  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V604  
 Manufacturer : Newmar Corporation  
 Subject : Fuel Hose Leak  
 Make Model Model Years  
 NEWMAR DUTCH STAR 2021-2022  
 NEWMAR NEW AIRE 2021-2022  
 NEWMAR VENTANA 2021-2022  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V609  
 Manufacturer : PACCAR Incorporated  
 Subject : Insufficiently Crimped Wires In ePowertrain  
 Make Model Model Years  
 PETERBILT 220 2020  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V613  
 Manufacturer : Maserati North America, Inc.  
 Subject : Incorrect Tire Pressure/FMVSS 110  
 Make Model Model Years  
 MASERATIGHIBLI 2021  
 MASERATIQUATTROPORTE 2021  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V620  
 Manufacturer : Custom Fire Apparatus, Inc.  
 Subject : High Pressure Fuel Rail Assembly May Leak Fuel  
 Make Model Model Years  
 CUSTOM FIRE FREIGHTLINER M2 2017-2021  
 CUSTOM FIRE KENWORTH T370 2017-2021  
 CUSTOM FIRE KENWORTH T880 2017-2021  
 CUSTOM FIRE PETERBILT 348 2017-2021  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V621  
 Manufacturer : Forest River, Inc.  
 Subject : Fresh Water Tank May Detach  
 Make Model Model Years  
 FOREST RIVER SALEM 2019-2021  
 FOREST RIVER STEALTH EVO 2020-2021  
 FOREST RIVER WILDWOOD 2019-2021  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V623  
 Manufacturer : Forest River, Inc.  
 Subject : Fuel Heater May Overheat and Cause Fire  
 Make Model Model Years  
 STARCRAFT BUS ALLSTAR XL 2017-2018  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V627  
 Manufacturer : KTM North America, Inc.  
 Subject : License Plate Bracket May Contact Rear Wheel  
 Make Model Model Years  
 HUSQVARNA SVARTPILEN 701 2019-2020  
 HUSQVARNA VITPILEN 701 2018-2020  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V630  
 Manufacturer : Custom Fire Apparatus, Inc.  
 Subject : High Pressure Fuel Rail Assembly May Leak Fuel  
 Make Model Model Years  
 CUSTOM FIRE SPARTAN GLADIATOR 2017-2021  
 CUSTOM FIRE SPARTAN METROSTAR 2017-2021  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V631  
 Manufacturer : Ford Motor Company

Subject : Parking Brake Cable May Fail  
 Make Model Model Years  
 FORD TRANSIT 2015-2020  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V632  
 Manufacturer : Chrysler (FCA US, LLC)  
 Subject : Side Curtain Air Bag Inflator May Rupture  
 Make Model Model Years  
 RAM 1500 2015-2020  
 RAM 2500 2015-2016  
 RAM 3500 2015-2016  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V633  
 Manufacturer : General Motors, LLC  
 Subject : Rear Toe Links May Fracture  
 Make Model Model Years  
 BUICK LACROSSE 2013  
 BUICK REGAL 2013  
 CHEVROLET MALIBU 2013  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V635  
 Manufacturer : Jaguar Land Rover North America, LLC  
 Subject : Fuel Outlet Flange May Crack And Leak Fuel  
 Make Model Model Years  
 LAND ROVER LR4 2010-2016  
 LAND ROVER RANGE ROVER SPORT 2010-2013  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V636  
 Manufacturer : Grand Design RV, LLC  
 Subject : Incorrect Inner Bearing On Axle  
 Make Model Model Years  
 GRAND DESIGN IMAGINE 2021  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V638  
 Manufacturer : Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC  
 Subject : Incorrect Front Passenger Air Bag Installed  
 Make Model Model Years  
 MERCEDES BENZ C250 2012-2015  
 MERCEDES BENZ C63 AMG 2012-2015  
 MERCEDES BENZ E400 2015-2016  
 MERCEDES-BENZ C350 2012-2015  
 MERCEDES-BENZ E350 2011-2014  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V639  
 Manufacturer : Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC  
 Subject : Air Bag Control Unit Software Malfunction  
 Make Model Model Years  
 MERCEDES-BENZ GLB250 2020  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V641  
 Manufacturer : Alexis Fire Equipment Company  
 Subject : Rear LED Lights Too Bright/FMVSS 108  
 Make Model Model Years  
 ALEXIS FIRE EQUIPMENT FIRE APPARATUS 2015-2020  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V642  
 Manufacturer : Newmar Corporation  
 Subject : Fuel Hose Leak  
 Make Model Model Years  
 NEWMAR DUTCH STAR 2021-2022  
 NEWMAR NEW AIRE 2021-2022  
 NEWMAR VENTANA 2021-2022  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V646  
 Manufacturer : BMW of North America, LLC  
 Subject : Incorrect Tire Label Information/FMVSS 110  
 Make Model Model Years  
 BMW X4 2022  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V551  
 Manufacturer : Shyft Group  
 Subject : Loose Tie Rod Clamps  
 Make Model Model Years  
 UTILIMASTER WALK-IN VAN 2021-2022  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V552  
 Manufacturer : Kalmar Solutions, LLC  
 Subject : Stability Control Harness Installed Incorrectly  
 Make Model Model Years  
 KALMAR OTTAWA 2021  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V553  
 Manufacturer : Tracker Marine, LLC  
 Subject : Incorrect Size Safety Cable  
 Make Model Model Years  
 RANGER TRAIL RT198P 2021-2022  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V559  
 Manufacturer : Altec Industries, Inc.  
 Subject : Pole Guide Joystick May Be Activated Inadvertently  
 Make Model Model Years  
 ALTEC DIGGER DERRICK 2016-2021  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V562  
 Manufacturer : Rosenbauer America  
 Subject : Weight and Tire Pressure Incorrect/FMVSS 567  
 Make Model Model Years  
 ROSENBAUER COMMANDER 2012-2016  
 ROSENBAUER WARRIOR 2012-2016  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V567  
 Manufacturer : Marion Body Works Inc.  
 Subject : Solenoid Corrosion May Hinder Fire Fighting  
 Make Model Model Years  
 SPARTAN FIRE GLADIATOR 2009-2021  
 SPARTAN FIRE METROSTAR 2009-2021  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V571  
 Manufacturer : Newmar Corporation

Subject : Window Adhesive Failure  
 Make Model Model Years  
 NEWMAR BAY STAR 2019-2021  
 NEWMAR CANYON STAR 2019-2020  
 NEWMAR DUTCH STAR 2018-2021  
 NEWMAR ESSEX 2019-2020  
 NEWMAR KING AIRE 2019-2020  
 NEWMAR KOUNTRY STAR 2020  
 NEWMAR LONDON AIRE 2019-2020  
 NEWMAR MOUNTAIN AIRE 2019-2020  
 NEWMAR NEW AIRE 2019-2021  
 NEWMAR VENTANA 2019-2021  
 NEWMAR VENTANA LE 2019  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V572  
 Manufacturer : Shyft Group  
 Subject : Rear Bumper May Fall Off  
 Make Model Model Years  
 UTILIMASTER WALK-IN VAN 2020-2021  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V573  
 Manufacturer : Mack Trucks, Inc.  
 Subject : Rear Axle Brakes May Fail  
 Make Model Model Years  
 MACK GRANITE (GR) 2021  
 MACK LR 2021  
 MACK TERRAPRO (TE) 2021  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V574  
 Manufacturer : Mack Trucks, Inc.  
 Subject : Loose Front Suspension Bolts  
 Make Model Model Years  
 MACK MD 2022  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V582  
 Manufacturer : Black Tie Products  
 Subject : Incorrect Tire/Rim Size and GAWR Rating/FMVSS 110  
 Make Model Model Years  
 BLACK TIE OPTIMUM RESTROOM TRAILER 2020-2021  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V583  
 Manufacturer : NRC MODIFICATIONS, INC.  
 Subject : Stove Saddle Valves May Leak Gas  
 Make Model Model Years  
 NRC MOTOR HOME 2019-2020  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V589  
 Manufacturer : Shyft Group  
 Subject : Instrument Cluster May Go Blank  
 Make Model Model Years  
 SPARTAN K1 2018-2022  
 SPARTAN K2 2018-2022  
 SPARTAN K3 2018-2022  
 SPARTAN K4 2018-2022  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V593  
 Manufacturer : Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A.  
 Subject : Loss of Oil Pressure May Cause Engine Stall  
 Make Model Model Years  
 KAWASAKI ZR1000K 2020-2021  
 KAWASAKI ZR1000L 2021  
 KAWASAKI ZX1002D 2021  
 KAWASAKI ZX1002J 2020-2021  
 KAWASAKI ZX1002L 2021  
 KAWASAKI ZX1002M 2021  
 KAWASAKI ZX1002N 2021  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V594  
 Manufacturer : Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A.  
 Subject : Bearing Failure May Cause Rear Wheel To Lock  
 Make Model Model Years  
 KAWASAKI ZX1002A 2018  
 KAWASAKI ZX1002B 2018  
 KAWASAKI ZX1002D 2019-2021  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V599  
 Manufacturer : Nissan North America, Inc.  
 Subject : Rear-view Camera Image May Not Display/FMVSS 111  
 Make Model Model Years  
 INFINITI Q50 2021  
 INFINITI Q60 2021  
 INFINITI QX80 2021  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V605  
 Manufacturer : Bentley Motors, Inc.  
 Subject : Seat Belt Locking Retractor Malfunction/FMVSS 208  
 Make Model Model Years  
 BENTLEY BENTAYGA 2021  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V606  
 Manufacturer : Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.  
 Subject : Seat Belt Locking Retractor Malfunction/FMVSS 208  
 Make Model Model Years  
 AUDI A4 2021  
 AUDI A5 2021  
 AUDI A5 CABRIOLET 2021  
 AUDI A6 2021  
 AUDI A6 ALLROAD 2021  
 AUDI A7 2021  
 AUDI A8 2021  
 AUDI E-TRON 2021  
 AUDI Q3 2021  
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 AUDI S5 2021  
 AUDI S5 CABRIOLET 2021  
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 AUDI S7 2021  
 AUDI S8 2021  
 AUDI SQ5 2021  
 AUDI SQ7 2021  
 AUDI SQ8 2021  
 VOLKSWAGEN ID.4 2021  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V607  
 Manufacturer : Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.  
 Subject : Incorrect Seat Belt Assemblies Installed/FMVSS 208  
 Make Model Model Years  
 VOLKSWAGEN ID.4 2021  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V608  
 Manufacturer : Porsche Cars North America, Inc.  
 Subject : Seat Belt Locking Retractor Malfunction/FMVSS 208  
 Make Model Model Years  
 PORSCHE 911 2021  
 PORSCHE PANAMERA 2021  
 PORSCHE PANAMERA 4 E-HYBRID 2021  
 PORSCHE PANAMERA 4S 2021  
 PORSCHE PANAMERA GTS 2021  
 PORSCHE PANAMERA TURBO S 2021  
 PORSCHE TAYCAN 2021  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V611  
 Manufacturer : General Motors, LLC  
 Subject : Roof Rail Side Air Bags May Not Deploy Properly  
 Make Model Model Years  
 CADILLACCT4 2020-2022  
 CADILLACCT5 2020-2022  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V612  
 Manufacturer : General Motors, LLC  
 Subject : Tire Tread Separation  
 Make Model Model Years  
 CHEVROLET EQUINOX 2021-2022  
 GMC TERRAIN 2021-2022  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V615  
 Manufacturer : Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.  
 Subject : Engine Control Unit Software May Cause Stall  
 Make Model Model Years  
 VOLKSWAGEN TAOS 2022  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V616  
 Manufacturer : Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.  
 Subject : Damaged Relays In Fuse Box May Cause Fire  
 Make Model Model Years  
 VOLKSWAGEN ATLAS 2021  
 VOLKSWAGEN ATLAS CROSS SPORT 2021  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V617  
 Manufacturer : Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing  
 Subject : Fuel Pump May Fail and Cause Engine Stall  
 Make Model Model Years  
 TOYOTA YARIS 2019-2020  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V619  
 Manufacturer : Hyundai Motor America  
 Subject : Trunk Emergency Release May Fail/FMVSS 401  
 Make Model Model Years  
 HYUNDAI ACCENT 2018-2020  
 HYUNDAI AZERA 2016-2017  
 HYUNDAI SONATA 2017-2018  
 HYUNDAI SONATA HYBRID 2016-2018  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V622  
 Manufacturer : Kia Motors America  
 Subject : Trunk Emergency Release May Fail/FMVSS 401  
 Make Model Model Years  
 KIA FORTE 2016-2018  
 KIA RIO 2018-2019  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V624  
 Manufacturer : NRC MODIFICATIONS, INC.  
 Subject : Window Adhesive Failure  
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# SEPTEMBER 2021 Monthly Horoscope

**Aries (Mar. 21 – Apr. 20)** As September 2021 begins the Moon is passing through fiery Aries. This gives you lots of energy to start new things and express yourself creatively. The bad news is that Mercury has stationed (appears to have stopped moving) in your house of creativity, temporarily frustrating the flow of that energy. While this won't last very long at all, it will give you a perspective on how you sometimes use your emotions. This is a great time to learn more about surrender and to synchronize with the timing of the Universe. This will be a very important lesson at mid-month when Sun and Mars (two powerful planets for Aries) conjoin in your sixth house of ambition and life direction. In advance of this period take the time to feel passionately about what you'd like to manifest in your life.



**Taurus (Apr. 20 – May 21)**

Venus is the ruler of your Sun sign and therefore a powerful planet for you this month. As the month begins she is located alongside Saturn in your third house. This will be an important time for third house matters particularly communication, writing and business. Saturn's placement here allows us to look at motivation in these areas. What would you like to communicate or accomplish? Where do you hold back in these areas and how can you change that? Venus will enter your fourth house of home and nurturing on the 7th and remain there until October 4th. Use this period for home improvement and getting closer to the family. Give special attention to the children. The energies of romance and creativity are in the air.



**Gemini (May 21 – Jun. 21)**

The emphasis this month is on fourth house affairs: home, family and your emotional self. Things may feel just a bit overwhelming in the first half of the month. Challenges appear on the 9th as karma revealing Pluto in your house of relationship squares Mars in the fourth house. The Sun and Mars conjunct in your fourth house on September 14th providing an opportunity for breakthrough or meltdown. This is a time to nurture yourself, sort out relationship needs sensitively and be with the family. There may be deeper, nagging questions about career and life direction that are at the heart of your frustration. What do you need in this regard? It's time to be really honest with yourself so you can achieve the fulfilment you deserve.



**Cancer (Jun. 21 – Jul. 22)** Saturn's "Who am I?" transit of your Sun sign gets an energetic, creative bounce from the Sun, Mars and Jupiter moving through your third house of mind, communication and business. Your mind is fertile and active and can help you out of a creative rut. The enlightenment or attitude adjustments near the 9th can be turned into action in the second half of the month. September offers great opportunities to make new friends, promote yourself, advertise your business or create an internet presence.



**Leo (Jul. 22 – Aug. 22)**

You feel creatively fertile, ready to give birth to some new talent or aspect of who you are. This is a good time for precisely that as doors are opening in your job or your career field. Don't let your anxiousness get the best of you early in the month. Pay close attention to family and home needs so that they receive appropriate and conscious attention. Finances should be doing well but avoid increasing your debt load without due consideration. Better to save up for bigger and better things ahead.



**Virgo (Aug. 22 – Sept. 22)**

Happy Birthday! What a powerful month astrologically! The planets that rule the three fire signs are all transiting through Virgo near your natal Sun. Also, Mercury, the ruler of Virgo, enters your sign on the 10th. Finally, a New Moon, auspicious for new beginnings, takes place on the 14th, conjunct benevolent, expansive Jupiter. This will be a good test for you. You are burning with inspiration, ambition and likely yearning for a new sense of direction.

It's time to re-balance that rational, analytical part of you with your feeling, heart and passion for life. It simply won't suffice to plan things out in your usual methodical manner. You are going to have to feel this energy of possibility palpably with your body. It is a resonance, a frequency of vibration, which you have to nurse, nurture and grow. Feel the power of your passion for life. Your passion represents your sense of Knowing and Truth about who you are and why you are here. The 'plan' you are always needing will reveal itself. Trust yourself and the Universe. Being in control is vastly overrated.



**Libra (Sept. 22 – Oct. 22)** Venus and Saturn, Libra's two biggest planetary allies, begin the month conjunct one another in your house of career, status and responsibility. This suggests that the energies of change in these areas – energies set in motion last February and March – are moving toward resolution in the next six to eight weeks. Use this time to 'lighten up' with your sense of over-responsibility. If you can't love your work, then try to work with love. Take the pressure off of yourself wherever you can. Do things around the home to make you feel more cozy and special. Your perceptions of yourself and what you value are changing. Enjoy the ride. Finances can show improvement at the end of the month just in time to buy yourself the birthday present you really deserve.



**Scorpio (Oct. 22 – Nov. 21)**

You may find the first days of September 2019 a bit like slogging through mud that's up to your hips. Pluto, the ruler of Scorpio, and Mercury have just switched from retrograde to direct motion. Use the first week in September to inventory and integrate Pluto's second house lessons (talents, self-esteem, and what you value) which came in during the April to August period of retrogradation. By the 11th your focus will have shifted to eleventh house affairs where Sun, Mars, Mercury and Jupiter will be congregating. The eleventh house is the house of friends, networking, promoting oneself, ones ideal, long-term goals and money generated from career. There is lots of energy available so pay particular attention to these areas of your life. Get a good grasp on your idealism and expectations so you don't torpedo the potentially powerful results. You simply can not change other people. Change the lens through which you view them by adjusting your beliefs about yourself. There is a big 'ah-ha' to be found in reading or studying higher teachings that you are drawn to.



**Sagittarius (Nov. 21 – Dec. 21)**

Your usual optimism may be a bit challenged when the month begins as Chiron, Neptune and Uranus – all retrograde – are lined up in your second, third and fourth houses which represent your fundamental values, thoughts, beliefs and feelings. There are some deep issues percolating which require your awareness. Your inspiration and motivation will be piqued soon enough, however. On September 14th there is a New Moon taking place conjunct transiting Jupiter who is the powerful ruler of your Sun sign. On the 15th Sun and Mars are conjunct. These two potent events both take place in your tenth house of career, status and responsibility. The

portal is open if you would like to do some healing or service-related work. This is the time for you to dream things as they could be and say 'Why not?'



**Capricorn (Dec. 21 – Jan. 20)**

The Moon in fiery Aries provides motivation at the beginning of the month and pulls us out of the disorienting effects of Mercury, Chiron, Uranus and Neptune retrograde. A lot of energy can be focused on relationship opportunity. That can mean a chance for romance for those who are actively seeking. For others, it signifies focusing on existing relationships and what they are telling you. Don't overlook the lessons here. You would do well to be more honest about what you need and your vision for the two of you. Your thoughts would be welcomed. Opportunities for creative expression are at a peak this month. Let your creative talents fly. There is also a great deal of inspiration to be gained from ninth house affairs, travel or higher teachings. Visit your teacher, take a workshop or read a book that will help you to shift your perception.



**Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 19)**

Saturn's transit of your sixth house has you focusing a lot these days on your goals and life direction. Even though the last few weeks have made things as clear as mud, don't sweat it. The transformative power of the Sun, Mars and Jupiter in your eighth house of change may be very revealing. 14th and 15th will crystallize many things for you. Consider pending possibilities carefully. If you are the overly idealistic ivory tower type of Aquarius, it is time to get your heart and feelings out of cold storage! You are a great catalytic agent for change and reform so don't keep it to yourself. Synergy is the secret to being a happy Water Bearer. Give the healing waters of the gods away to whoever will receive from you and you will be always happy. The 24th and 25th are green light days for you to take action.



**Pisces (Feb. 19 – Mar. 21)** Saturn transits through the later degrees of your house of creative self-expression. Your creative energies are looking for just the right avenue for expression. Don't rush the process; take your time to find what feels right for you. Saturn tells you to go within and find the muse or motivation that suits the new you. Transiting Sun, Mars and Jupiter oppose your natal Sun making relationships fertile ground for challenges, especially mid-September 2021. There are likely some matters that have been left hanging that require discussion. Clarify with your partner what works for you and what does not and what is negotiable. You have let the ball be in 'their' court long enough this lifetime. If you feel in a rut socially, some new, stimulating, supportive friendships may be in order. You are flexing your spiritual muscles now. Have faith in yourself.

# Best Places to Vacation in September El Encanto in Santa Barbara

California is one of the best places to vacation in September, offering sandy beaches and great weather. The theme at the iconic El Encanto in Santa Barbara is romance and the idea is to create a luxurious retreat where couples come to rejuvenate for a weekend of great food, privacy and spa treatments. The property has 92 unique suites and bungalows surrounded by lush gardens and ocean views. Guests get to relax on their private patio, luxuriously furnished, and next to the indoor fireplace. California coastal cuisine is served in the restaurant which offers romantic coastal views. Indoor and terrace seating is offered. The Wine Room is available for private parties, while the Lounge serves light meals and Afternoon Tea. The spa incorporates local flora into seasonal treatments that make you feel pampered from head to toe. The Fitness Studio features a variety of core, Pilates, yoga and strength training classes. Nightly rates start at \$425 USD.

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## Villa La Diouana

Once you are done exploring the busy Marrakech, drive to the beautiful Atlantic coast of Morocco and rent Villa La Diouana in Oualidia. A hammock swaying under a tree, lounge chairs by the pool and beautiful starry nights will make you forget about the hurried life you left behind. The villa has three bedrooms, a separate cottage and an apartment. If you are traveling with a bigger group and need more space, consider renting all three. The luxury villa is furnished in modern style with traditional Moroccan touches such as woodwork and polished plaster floors. The living room has WiFi and a wood-burning stove. There is a library, patio and a rooftop terrace overlooking the garden with trees and flowers such as oleander, pine and mimosa. Oualidia is a small coastal village on the Atlantic coast of Morocco, a three-hour drive from Marrakech. Activities include bird-watching, boating and relaxing in the sun. The property rents from GBP 1,300 per night.

Long weekend getaways with friends near you, weather, best small towns, what should I do in for couples, cheap, with friends, nearby beach, fun things to do near me today: CO, From San Diego, VA, OH, WI, MI, IL, VA, San Diego, TX La Lancha Hotel in Guatemala

La Lancha Hotel is a lakeside getaway surrounded by a lush rainforest in Guatemala. The hotel overlooks lake Peten Itza and is near historic Mayan ruins which consist of 3,000 structures, ancient temples and plazas. The property has an outdoor pool and an open-air restaurant with spectacu-

lar rainforest and lake views.

Guests are accommodated in Rainforest and Lakeview cottages with hammocks and Guatemalan and Balinese furnishings. Ask for a view of the lake, especially if you are planning a romantic getaway. You will be able to have breakfast overlooking the water and relax in a hammock with a view. Luxury cottage amenities include organic, locally sourced, handmade toiletries, plush bathrobes and a shellphone for communicating with reception. Lago Peten Itza is the second largest lake in Guatemala. Complimentary canoes are available to guests. Once you are done exploring The Maya ruins of Tikal, relax by the split level pool with a view. Many exotic birds and howler monkeys can be seen on the property. Go on a guided horseback ride on the adjacent 70-acre farm. Cottages start from \$125 per night. Children under 12 eat for free at any of the restaurants. Children ages 12 - 18 receive a 50% discount on all meals.

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## La Mamounia in Marrakech

La Mamounia in Marrakech is a glamorous hotel which has attracted many famous guests, including Winston Churchill, Franklin D Roosevelt, Alfred Hitchcock and Charlie Chaplin. The hotel was recently renovated, preserving its trademark look from the 1920s. The property is set on 17 acres with century-old gardens and a large outdoor pool. Choose from 210 guest rooms, including 71 luxury suites. Guest accommodations overlook city rooftops, gardens and the Atlas mountains in the distance. These rooms and suites are among the most spacious in Marrakesh. Ask for a private terrace with scenic city views.

The luxurious 27,000 square foot spa offers extensive facilities for relaxation and rejuvenation. Facilities include traditional Hammam, beautiful indoor pool, saunas, steam rooms and a beauty salon. Inside the spa you will find black and white traditional Moroccan tiling and a calm ambiance. There are four restaurants serving Moroccan, French and Italian dishes. Room rates start at \$475 USD per night (Phone: +212 5243-88600)

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# Noted educationist and activist Rubina Saigol passes away in Lahore

Eminent scholar, educationist, feminist and human rights activist Rubina Saigol passed away in Lahore on Friday.

Her niece Nida Usman Chaudhry confirmed to Dawn.com that Saigol had contracted the coronavirus and was under treatment for the last 10 days.

“With profound grief and sorrow, I regret to inform that our beloved Ruby khala has passed away. Please pray for her,” Chaudhry said in a tweet. As news of her death spread, condolences poured in from politicians, journalists and activists who paid rich tribute to Saigol.

PPP chairperson Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari said he was “deeply saddened” to hear of her passing.

The Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) noted that Saigol’s “work on gender, nationalism, human rights and education has inspired three generations

of activists and academics”. The Women’s Action Forum (WAF), of which Saigol was a senior member, too expressed its grief and sorrow.

“She has left a huge mark on us all and touched many lives. [We] will honour her memory and carry on the struggle,” the WAF tweeted. The Aurat March Lahore team said Saigol had been a “feminist giant”, adding: “Her contribution to the Pakistani and South Asia feminist movement and thought is unmatched. We will miss her marching among us each year.” While expressing sadness at the educationist’s death, columnist Nadeem Farooq Paracha paid tribute to her services.

“A brilliant scholar, she was one of the first academics to fully explore and dissect the impact of myopic ideologies on the curriculums of Pakistan and India.” “The human rights world has lost a great fighter today,” said journalist Munizae Jahangir. Academic and columnist Umair

Javed noted that Saigol had been an “author of unmatched, incisive work on Pakistani education, nationalism, and culture, and a tireless activist for gender rights”.

“We are undoubtedly poorer today in her absence,” he added. Calling her a “giant of the women’s movement in Pakistan”, researcher Ammar Rashid recalled that Saigol had “helped a generation of scholars & activists understand the relationship between state, gender & nationalism, themes so central to today’s feminist & progressive movements”.

“Dr Rubina Saigol was one of the most brilliant and kindest people I met. Big loss to the progressive movement,” said activist Ammar Ali Jan.

A prominent feminist, educationist and activist, Rubina Saigol completed her MA in Developmental Psychology from Columbia University in 1982 and her PhD in Education and Development from the



University of Rochester in 1989.

Over the course of her career, she wrote multiple research papers in Urdu and English and authored and edited several books including The Pakistan Project: A Feminist Perspective on Nation & Identity and Contradictions and Ambiguities of Feminism in Pakistan: Exploring the 4th Wave.

## Arrangements ordered in Karachi to host ‘Afghans, foreigners’ leaving Afghanistan

The Karachi administration has begun making accommodation arrangements for “Afghan nationals and foreigners” being evacuated from Afghanistan in the wake of the security situation following the Taliban takeover of the country.

The arrangements for evacuees will be made in the vicinity of the Jinnah International Airport, according to the commissioner’s office. In a notification dated Aug 26, the office of the Karachi commissioner said at least 2,000 people were expected to arrive in Karachi in the next three to four days, adding that they would stay in the provincial capital “for the next few days” “The Deputy Commissioner Malir is requested to make adequate arrangements on emergency basis in the vicinity of the Jinnah International Airport, Karachi for the boarding, lodging, transport, and security of Afghan nationals and foreigners arriving at Karachi airport for transit purposes in coordination with Provincial Disaster Management Authority and law enforcing agencies,” the notification read.

This decision was taken at a meeting on Aug 26 at 5 Corps headquarters with “chief of staff” in the chair, according to the commissioner’s office.

Two hotels and marquees surrounding the Karachi airport were identified by the administration for hosting people coming from Afghanistan.

“The passengers availing the facility at identified hotels shall themselves bear all the expenses of their stay at the hotels,” the administration said.

The commissioner’s office also asked the Federal Investigation Agency, provincial health department and power utility K-Electric to make necessary arrangements in coordination with Malir deputy commissioner to facilitate the process.

A day ago, Islamabad’s administration took control of all hotels in the capital for several weeks to arrange accommodation for foreigners being evacuated from Afghanistan.

About 1,500 foreigners were scheduled to arrive from Afghanistan on Friday aboard separate flights while over 1,000 foreigners are expected to land in Islamabad on each day of the next couple of weeks, according to officials.

The capital’s administration asked the managements of all the hotels to close reservations for 21 days starting on Friday, leaving all the vacant rooms in them at the disposal of the administration.

A notification issued by the office of district magistrate said that in view of the current situation across the border, thousands of people were being evacuated from Afghanistan and passengers using transit flights for the purpose were staying in Islamabad.

On Aug 1, National Security Adviser Moeed Yusuf had said that arrangements should be made to keep displaced Afghans inside their country instead of pushing them into Pakistan.

Yusuf had said Pakistan was focused on ensuring that tensions in Afghanistan do not lead to more bloodshed. “But if a

situation arises, it is the responsibility of the international community to create a secure area inside Afghanistan.”

capacity to take more refugees,” he had emphasised.

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“Why make them dar-ba-dar (homeless)? Make arrangement for them inside their country. Pakistan does not have the



# India will soon know about Taliban's capability to run Afghan govt, says leader

Prominent Taliban leader Shahabuddin Dilwar, in response to Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's statement casting doubt on the sustainability of a new regime in Afghanistan, said India will soon know that the Taliban can run the country's affairs smoothly.

The statement from the Taliban leader comes a week after Modi commented on the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan saying "an empire on the basis of terror may dominate for some time but its existence is never permanent".

The Indian premier, in a veiled criticism of Taliban, had on Aug 20 tweeted: "The destroying powers, the thinking that builds an empire on the basis of terror, may dominate for some time in a period of time, but, its existence is never permanent, it cannot suppress humanity for a long time."

Reacting to the Indian premier's statement in an exclusive conversation with Radio Pakistan correspondent Bilal Khan Mehsud in Kabul Dilwar warned India not to interfere in the internal affairs of Afghanistan. He said Pakistan was a neighbour of Afghanistan and a friendly country. Dilwar thanked Pakistan for hosting over three million Afghan refugees.

"We are thankful to Pakistan for its services [...] for welfare of the refugees," he added.

He underlined that Taliban wanted peaceful ties with all countries based on mutual respect.

The Taliban completed a lightning fast takeover of the country, finally walking into Kabul on Aug 16 without firing a shot, according to Reuters.

The group had declared the war in Afghanistan over after taking control of the presidential palace in the Afghan capital.

"Today is a great day for the Afghan people and the mujahideen. They have witnessed the fruits of their efforts and their sacrifices for 20 years," Mohammad Naeem, the spokesman for the Taliban's political office, had told Al Jazeera TV.

Although the group has sought to present a more moderate face since its takeover, the Taliban ruled with an iron fist from 1996 to 2001, before being toppled by US-led forces for sheltering Al Qaeda militants, who were behind the September 11 attacks.

Currently, the group is in talks with a spectrum of leaders and politicians in Afghanistan to form an "inclusive government" to run the country, according to multiple statements by Taliban spokesmen.

Interior Minister Sheikh Rashid had on Monday said the Afghan Taliban reassured the [Pakistan] government that the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) would not be given permission to operate in Afghanistan against Pakistan.

"The Afghan Taliban have reassured [us] that Afghanistan's land will not be allowed to be used in any case by the TTP," Rashid had said at a press conference in Islamabad.



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Rashid had said the government was in "full contact" with the Taliban on the issue of some TTP members such as Maulvi Faqir Mohammad being released after the takeover of Kabul. Pakistan claims that the TTP was being funded by India and its intelligence agencies, in connivance with the Ashraf Ghani led Afghan government, to carry out terrorism in Pakistan from Afghan soil.

However, after the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan, Information Minister Fawad Chaudhry said the TTP is in a state of "disarray" as Indian funding to the group had come to a halt.

Since taking over, the Afghan Taliban have reassured Pakistan and other stakeholders

that they would not allow any group to use Afghan soil against any country, including Pakistan.

Chaudhry said that the announcement by the Taliban that Afghanistan would not be allowed to be used for terrorism against any country was a very "positive" one.

"We think the Taliban authorities will act on this. [...] Pakistan's top terrorists from the BLA (Balochistan Liberation Army) and TTP are sitting in Afghanistan and we want them.

"We hope we will have cooperation from Afghanistan on this. Inside the country we will look at these matters ourselves," the information minister told a press conference  
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## PM Imran nominates Ramiz Raja, Asad Ali Khan as members of PCB Board of Governors

Cricketer-turned-commentator Ramiz Raja and Asad Ali Khan have been nominated as members of the Board of Governors of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), according to a notification issued by the Ministry of Inter-Provincial Coordination.

The notification, issued on Friday, stated that Prime Minister Imran Khan, in the capacity of PCB patron-in-chief, had nominated Raja and Khan as members of the PCB's Board of Governors for a period of three years.

The development follows days of speculation over the appointment of the PCB chief, with Raja being one of the hopefuls and reports of the likelihood of outgoing PCB chairperson Ehsan Mani being asked to serve another term as his current one ended on Wednesday. Raja's nomination lends some validity to the latter.

Earlier this week, the prime minister had held separate meetings with Mani and Raja.

Raja told Dawn.com that he had "been informed by the Prime Minister's Office"

that he was Prime Minister Imran Khan's choice to take over the PCB from Mani.

Raja had said an official notification of his nomination by the prime minister would be issued soon, following which he would contest PCB elections and become the new chairperson of the board.

Meanwhile, Mani not continuing as the PCB chief was confirmed when a statement issued by the PCB quoted him as saying that he would not be serving another term in the position.

"I am thankful to PCB Patron, Prime Minister Imran Khan and grateful to my colleagues on the PCB Board of Governors for their support during the past three year[s]. We made significant progress in becoming a credible, transparent and professional organisation," he said in the parting note.

Mani further stated: "I want to thank the PCB team, all the PSL franchise owners and other stakeholders for their support during my three years in the office. It has










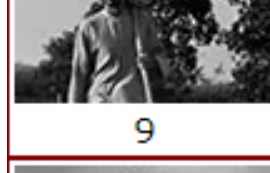

been an honour to lead this great organisation and I hope I have made positive contribution in taking Pakistan cricket forward."

"I would like to wish my successor the very best in taking the PCB and Pakistan cricket to the next level with the support of the excellent executive team at the PCB led by Wasim Khan," he added.

According to the statement, Justice (Retd) Azmat Saeed, as the election commissioner, will announce the schedule for the election of the 36th PCB chairperson.



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 1	Ye Zindagi Usi Ki Hai, Jo Kisi Ka Ho Gaya, Pyar Hi Me Kho Gaya You Tube ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.44 - 1945 votes	Lata Mangeshkar	Chitalkar Ramchandra	Bina Roy, Pradeep Kumar
		Anarkali (1953)	Rajinder Krishan	Romantic Songs, All Time Great
 2	Shaam-E-Gham Ki Kasam You Tube ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.38 - 1085 votes	Talat Mahmood	Khayyam	Dilip Kumar
		Footpath (1953)	Ali Sardar Jafri, Majrooh Sultanpuri	Sad Songs
 3	Muhaabbat Ki Daastaan Aaj Suno You Tube ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.42 - 356 votes	Lata Mangeshkar	Shankar Jaikishan	Sumitra Devi, Kishore Sahu, Asha Mathur
		Mayur Pankh (1954)	Hasrat Jaipuri	
 4	Ae Gam-E-Dil Kya Karu You Tube ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.48 - 808 votes	Talat Mahmood	Sardar Malik	Shyama, Shammi Kapoor
		Thokar (1953)	Majaz Lucknavi	Sad Songs
 5	Yaad Kiya Dil Ne Kahaan Ho Tum You Tube ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.51 - 3682 votes	Hemant Kumar, Lata Mangeshkar	Shankar Jaikishan	Usha Kiran, Dev Anand
		Patita (1953)	Hasrat Jaipuri	Romantic Songs
 6	Zindagi Denewale Sun, Teri Duniya Se Dil Bhar Gaya You Tube ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.39 - 1454 votes	Talat Mahmood	Ghulam Mohammad	Talat Mahmood
		Dil - E - Nadan (1953)	Shakeel Badayuni	Sad Songs
 7	Aaja Re, Ab Mera Dil Pukara You Tube ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.17 - 3681 votes	Lata Mangeshkar, Mukesh	Shankar Jaikishan	Nargis, Raj Kapoor
		Aah (1953)	Hasrat Jaipuri	Sad Songs
 8	Ai Pyaar Teri Duniyaa Se Ham You Tube ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.38 - 224 votes	Lata Mangeshkar	Chitalkar Ramchandra	Motilal, Kamini Kaushal
		Jhanjhar (1953)	Rajinder Krishan	
 9	Dharti Kahe Pukar Ke, Bij Bichha Le Pyar Ke, Mausam Bita Jaay You Tube ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.50 - 472 votes	Lata Mangeshkar, Manna Dey	Salil Chowdhury	Balraj Sahni, Nirupa Roy, Meena Kumari, Ratan Kumar
		Do Bigha Zamin (1953)	Shailendra	Mausam Songs
 10	Kaare Badaraa Tu Na Jaa Na Jaa Bairi Tu Bides Na Jaa You Tube ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.49 - 235 votes	Lata Mangeshkar	Shankar Jaikishan	Nalini Jaywant
		Shikast (1953)	Shailendra	Rain Songs



# HISTORY BITES

American military historian George F. Nafziger, in his book Islam at War, describes the battle:

“Although Yarmouk is little known today, it is one of the most decisive battles in human history..... Had Heraclius’ forces prevailed, the modern world would be so changed as to be unrecognizable.”

The Battle of Yarmouk was the most disastrous defeat ever suffered by the Eastern Roman Empire, which brought an end to the Roman rule in Syria. Soon, Emperor Heraclius would depart from Antioch and travel by the land route to Constantinople. On arrival at the border between Syria and what was known to the Muslims as ‘Rome’, he would look back towards Syria and, with a sorrowing heart, lament:

“Salutations to thee, O Syria! And farewell from one who departs. Never again shall the Roman return to thee except in fear. Oh, what a fine land I leave to the enemy!”

Heraclius ascended the Byzantine throne in 610 but his attempts to limit Muslim success in the Levant had failed over the years. Therefore, he decided to organize a massive and overwhelming attack. He would raise such an army as had never been seen in Syria, and with this army, he would bring the Muslims to battle in such a way that few, if any, would escape his clutches.

At this time of their Syrian campaign, the Muslims were split into four groups. In this dispersed situation, the Muslims were so vulnerable that each of their corps could be attacked in turn without the least chance of fighting a successful battle. And this situation was fully exploited by Heraclius in the plan which he put into execution.

On the other hand, the Muslims had established an excellent intelligence system in the land, and no major movement or concentration of enemy forces remained concealed from them. In fact, they had agents within the Roman army. As a result, the plans of Heraclius failed again.


The Byzantine army thus finally arrived at the plain of Yarmouk in July 636. On the other side, Abu Ubaidah adjusted the Muslim camps to correspond to a battle front running from the Yarmouk to the Jabiya Road. This is what Khalid had advised in the council. Now the two armies settled down in their respective camps and began to make preparations for battle.

For almost a month, there was no major action on the Plain of Yarmouk. It was this time that Abu Ubaida gave the command of the battle to Khalid bin Walid and ordered the other generals, “Abu Ubaidah commands that you listen to whatever Khalid says and obey his orders.”

The battle began on August 15, 636, and lasted for 6 days. As an example of a military operation, the Battle of Yarmouk combined many tactical forms. Khalid’s plan of remaining on the defensive until he had worn down the Romans had worked admirably.

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**MUSLIMS WON  
THE BATTLE OF YARMOUK**

**On August 20, 636, the Rashidun Caliphate forces commanded by Khalid bin Walid and Abu Ubaidah crushed the Byzantine armies at the plain of Yarmouk.**

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## Anupam Kher: My career has been a result of my optimism, rather than my talent

“When I am acting, it is my character’s catharsis; when I write, it’s my own,” observed Anupam Kher, when prodded by author, columnist, and Executive Editor of ETimes, Vinita Dawra Nangia on what led him to write his latest book, ‘Your Best Day is Today’, amidst the pandemic. In the chat session titled ‘Tuning into Happiness’, as part of the ongoing Times Litfest, the actor went on to reveal what compelled him into writing, his writing process, and how every one of his three books has been a result of what he was going through at the time. Speaking about the manner in which the third



one came about, the actor revealed that he was in the US, shooting for his show ‘New Amsterdam’ when the pandemic struck. Upon his return to Mumbai on March 20, he found himself in a ghost town. Never before had he seen the streets of Mumbai as deserted in his 39 years here. He reached home to find his usually overjoyed staff, greet him in masks, their eyes giving away neither happiness nor worry. But it was when son Sikander opened the door to his room only a crack to elbow bump him, refusing to come out for the next 14 days to avoid coming in contact with the actor who had travelled for 16 hours, did the fear of the unknown set in.

The actor relayed how, like most of us, he spent the next few days worrying about the helpless situation. He was also crestfallen with the deaths of his close acquaintances--Rishi Kapoor, with whom he had bonded like never before when the late actor was undergoing treatment in New York, and Irrfan Khan, who Anupam admired, his yoga teacher, and also a friend. But it was while matching tunes with cuckoos cooing outside his home, and staring at the uncharacteristically blue Mumbai skies, did the actor finally remember to look at the bright side again. “I am an eternal optimist; my career has been a result of my optimism, rather than my talent” mused the actor during the chat.

He also shared how the pandemic gave him the time to stop and smell the roses, along with the inclination to pen down his thoughts for a book. “As an actor, I knew the power of a



Playback Singer & wife of #Khayyam saab, Jagjit Kaur ji passed away  
“Tum apna ranjo gum apni Pareshani mujhe de do  
Tumhe gum ki kasam is Dil ki virani mujhe de do”

## Actor Arman Kohli taken to the NCB office for questioning

Bollywood actor Arman Kohli has been taken to the NCB office for questioning on Saturday evening. The actor’s house was raided on Saturday afternoon by the NCB officials. Now, the Zonal Director of NCB Sameer Wankhede said, “We will be questioning him tonight.”

According to the sources, the investigative agency has started an operation named ‘Rolling Thunder’ to crack down on everyone involved in banned drugs. Also, we hear that a fresh case will be made against the actor and he has not been taken into custody in relation to any other previous cases. The involvement of big names is being suspected by the agency. Armaan Kohli is known for his film ‘Jaani Dushman: Ek Anokhi Kahani’. The actor has also featured in Salman Khan starter ‘Prem Ratan Dhan Payo’ and several other films. He was also one of the contestants of the TV reality show Bigg Boss, hosted by Salman.



pause, but I didn’t know how important that was in life as well. I never believed in meditation and didn’t really understand the importance of ‘just breathing’. However, during this time I found out that the concept of time, which we measure in hours, days, years, is man-made, but, according to me, we all come with a certain number of breaths--the slower we breathe, the longer we live. Compare a dog’s breathing to that of a tortoise and you will know,” he explained.



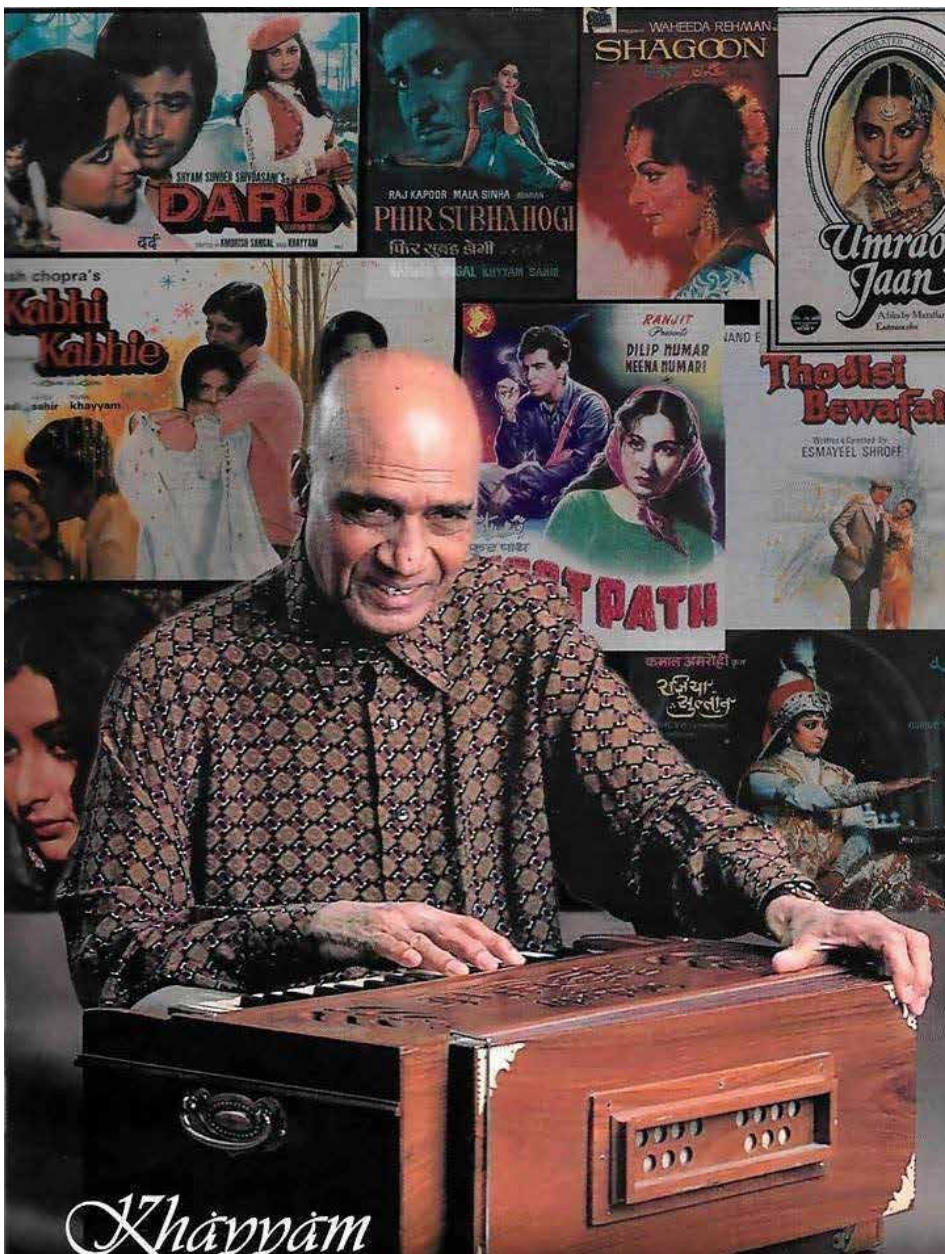
Actor Anupam Shyam passes away at 63 due to multiple organ failure.



Salman Khan with fans in Russia



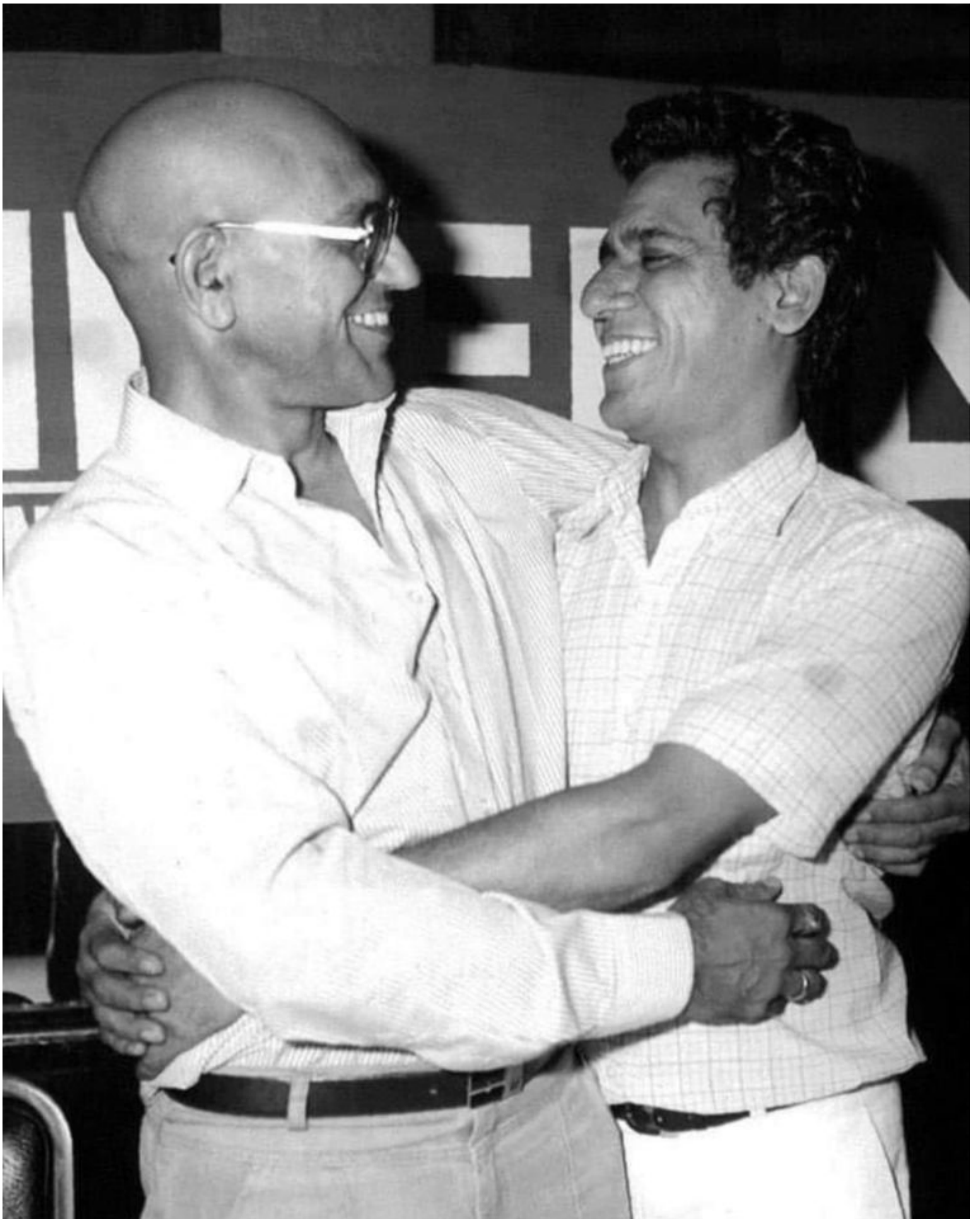
Legends At Kapil Sharma show

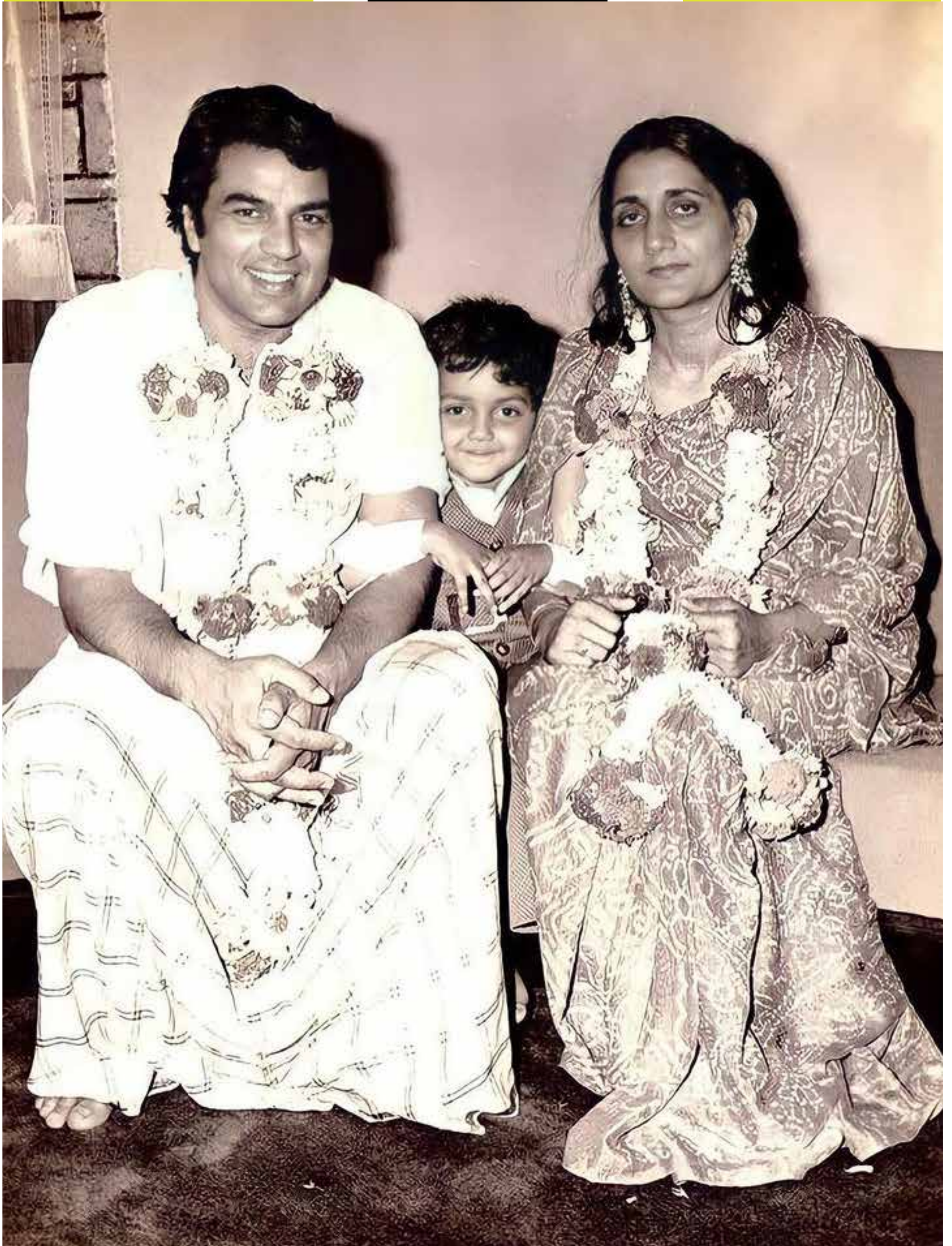


Kabhi Kabhi Mere Dil Mein Khayaal Aata Hai  
 Ki Jaise Tujhko Banaya Gaya Hai Mere Liye”  
 Remembering legendary music composer #Khayyam on his 2nd death anniversary. Khayyam, was an Indian music director and background score composer whose career spanned four decades. He won three Filmfare Awards: for Best Music in 1977 for Kabhi Kabhie and 1982 for Umrao Jaan, and a lifetime achievement award in 2010



Dilip Kumar with Urdu poet/lyricist Jan Nisar Akhtar and to his left is renowned architect IM Kadri (Suniel Shetty’s father in law). Jan Nisar Akhtar has made a distinguished mark as a romantic and revolutionary poet. He was born in 1914 in Gwalior, . His native village was Khairabad. Akhtar did his studies till matriculation from Gwalior and passed M.A. (Urdu) from Aligarh Muslim University. In 1940, he became a lecturer at Victoria College, Gwalior and then took up Professorship in Urdu at Hamidia College, Bhopal.





#Dharmendra with his first wife Prakash Kaur and son #BobbyDeol.

# List of Bollywood films of SEPTEMBER, 2021

3	<i>Helmet</i>	Satramm Ramani	Aparshakti Khurana · Pranutan Bahl · Abhishek Banerjee · Ashish Verma · Sharib Hashmi
	<i>Faactory</i>	Faisal Khan	Faisal Khan · Roaleey Ryan · Raj Kumar · Kanojia · Ribbhu Mehra · Sharad Singh · Asha Singh
4	<i>Sharmaji Namkeen</i>	Hitesh Bhatia	Rishi Kapoor · Juhi Chawla · Paresh Rawal
10	<i>Thalaivii</i> <sup>[c]</sup>	A. L. Vijay	Kangana Ranaut · Arvind Swami
17	<i>Ankahi Kahaniya</i>	Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari · Abhishek Chaubey · Saket Chaudhary	Abhishek Banerjee · Rinku Rajguru · Delzad Hiwale · Kunal Kapoor · Zoya Hussain · Nikhil Dwivedi · Palomi Ghosh
	<i>Bhoot Police</i>	Pavan Kirpalani	Saif Ali Khan · Arjun Kapoor · Jacqueline Fernandez · Yami Gautam · Javed Jaffrey
	<i>The Battle of Bhima Koregaon</i>	Ramesh Thete	Arjun Rampal · Digangana Suryavanshi · Abhimanyu Singh

## Helmet

Helmet is an upcoming Hindi movie. The movie is directed by Satram Ramani and will feature Aparshakti Khurana, Pranutan Bahl, Abhishek Banerjee and Ashish Verma as lead characters.

A quirky comedy from the heartland of India, it touches upon a topic that is considered embarrassing for most people in India and will showcase the same in a hilariously entertaining manner.

Director  
Satram Ramani  
Writers  
Satram Ramani(original story)Rohan Shankar  
Stars  
Pranutan BahlAparshakti KhuranaAnurita Jha



## Faactory

Faactory is an upcoming Hindi movie scheduled to be released on 3 Sep, 2021. The movie is directed by Faisal Khan and will feature Faisal Khan, Rajkumar Kanojia and Roaleey Ryan as lead characters.





بہ قلم: ڈاکٹر منیر الزماں منیر (شکاگو)

ہمسفر ایجوکیشنل اور سوشیل ویلفیر سوسائٹی علی گڑھ انڈیا کے زیر اہتمام 75 ویں یوم آزادی ہند کے موقع پر 15 اگست کو آن لائن عالمی مشاعرہ/کوئی سٹیلن کا کامیاب انعقاد۔۔۔۔۔۔ مشاعرہ/کوئی سٹیلن کے پہلے دور کی صدارت پروفیسر شہپر رسول (دہلی) نے فرمائی جبکہ دوسرے دور کی صدارت ڈاکٹر منیر الزماں منیر (شکاگو) نے فرمائی۔ ڈاکٹر کمال اختر نے مشاعرہ کی نظامت کے فرائض انجام دیئے۔ ڈاکٹر ذوالفقار اس مشاعرہ کے کنوینر تھے۔

محترمہ اندو پادھیائے:

حضرت خمار دہلوی:

جادوئی تیری باتیں مرہم کا کام کرنے لگی  
زخم سارے سو گئے مجھ کو بھی نیند آنے لگی  
محترمہ سگیتا چوہان صدف:

جناب سعید نظر:

ساری دنیا پہ وہ چھا جاتا ہے خوشبو بن کر  
دل کے گلشن سے نکل کر جو کلام آتا ہے  
محترمہ سریتا جین:

محترمہ سریتا جین:

وجود اپنا منا کر قرض مٹی کا چکانا ہے  
ہمیں اس دیش کو سرتاج دنیا کا بنانا ہے  
جناب نیہا راج:

ڈاکٹر تارا اقبال:

کوئی سرحد نہ کسی ملک کے جھگڑے ہوتے  
اس سے بہتر تھا خدا ہم بھی پرندے ہوتے  
محترمہ ریکھا روشنی:

محترمہ ریکھا روشنی:

آئینہ چور ہونا جائے کہیں  
مجھ سے تو دور ہو نا جائے کہیں  
جناب محمود شاہد:

جناب محمود شاہد:

اپنی ہی نگاہوں میں شہاد ہوا ہوں میں  
اپنی ہی جنت میں برباد ہوا ہوں میں  
جناب ہلال بدایونی:

جناب ہلال بدایونی:

گنگناتے ہیں کتنے لوگ مجھے  
میرے الفاظ کھو نہیں سکتے  
محترمہ سعیدہ تبسم:

محترمہ سعیدہ تبسم:

آؤ جلا میں شمع محبت دلوں میں پھر  
کیا لیں گے ایک دو جے کے گھر کو جلا کے ہم  
جناب پردیپ کمار پرواز:

جناب پردیپ کمار پرواز:

سخت حالت میں جو شخص ضبط کئے رہتا ہے  
سر ہتھیلی پہ وہی شخص لئے رہتا ہے  
محترمہ چیتنا کپور:

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سانسوں کے ساتھ روح بھی معطر ہوئی مری  
خوشبو بھرے جو ہم نے نکالے تمہارے خط

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75 ویں یوم آزادی ہند کے موقع پر 15 اگست 2021 کو 7:30 بجے شام گوگل پر ایک آن لائن عالمی مشاعرہ/کوئی سٹیلن کا انعقاد عمل میں آیا۔ شعراء کی کثیر تعداد کے پیش نظر اس مشاعرہ کو دو حصوں میں منقسم کیا گیا تھا جس کے پہلے دور کی صدارت پروفیسر شہپر رسول (دہلی) نے فرمائی جبکہ دوسرے دور کی صدارت ڈاکٹر منیر الزماں منیر (شکاگو) نے فرمائی۔ مشاعرہ کی کارروائی ڈاکٹر کمال اختر نے نہایت خوش اسلوبی اور بہترین انداز میں چلائی۔ ڈاکٹر ذوالفقار اس مشاعرہ کے کنوینر تھے۔ اس مخصوص مشاعرے کے پہلے دور میں جملہ (13) شعراء نے کلام سنایا جو صرف بیرونی شعراء پر مشتمل تھا۔ دوسرا دور ہندوستانی شعراء پر مشتمل جس میں (22) شعراء اور شاعرات نے اپنے بہترین قومی بھکتی کلام سے نوازا۔ گنگا جینی تہذیب کے اس نمائندہ مشاعرہ کا آغاز معصوم لڑکے تمیم جے پوری کی تلاوت کلام پاک سے ہوا۔ ڈاکٹر دلشاد نے شمع روشن کی۔ جناب کامل راز دہلوی نے نعت شریف پیش کی۔ مشاعرہ کے دوسرے دور کا آغاز جناب رہبر پرتاب گڑھی کی نعت شریف سے ہوا۔

پروفیسر شہپر رسول:

کبھی روشن ضمیری نے وہ کی ہے رونمائی  
کہ محفل میں چراغوں کو بجھانا پڑ گیا ہے  
ڈاکٹر توفیق انصاری احمد:

امن کی آشا کا جلتا رہے دیکھ ہر دم  
بس یہ پیغام ہمارا ہے جہاں تک پہنچے  
ڈاکٹر منیر الزماں منیر:

رشتے دار آتے ہیں رہتے ہیں چلے جاتے ہیں  
اک سرائے کی طرح شہر میں ہے گھر میرا  
ڈاکٹر افضل الرحمن افسر:

بلبل کی نئے باغ میں یوں نغمہ زنی ہے  
پردیس میں رہتے ہوئے حب الوطنی ہے  
ڈاکٹر کمال اختر:

اداد کرنے والے گرفتار ہو گئے  
اب تو مدد کو ہاتھ بڑھانا بھی جرم ہے

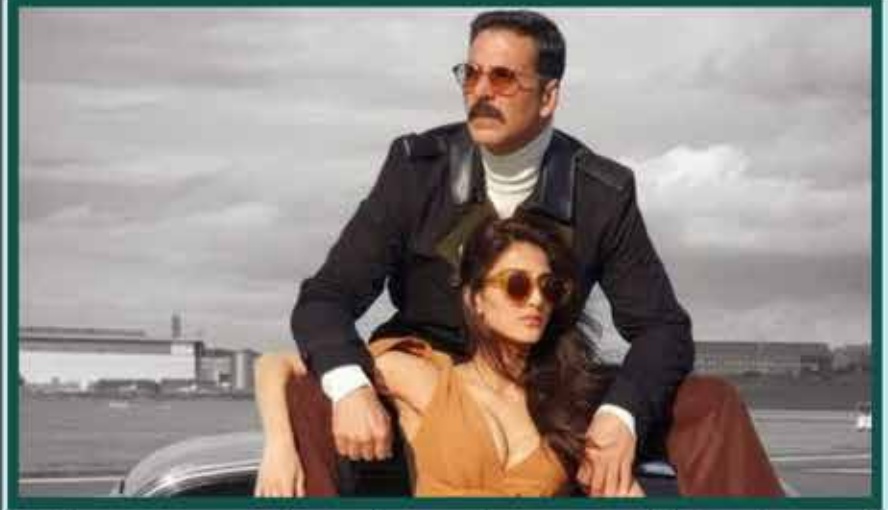
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## بیل بوٹم

ہائی جینگ کی کہانی پر مبنی اکٹھے کمار کی فلم پر تین خلیجی ممالک میں پابندی کیوں

کووڈ لاک ڈاؤن اور پابندیوں کے دوران کئی مہینوں کے بعد تھمیز مالکان کو سکون ملا جب اداکار اکٹھے کمار کی فلم 'بیل بوٹم' 19 اگست کو بڑی



سکرین پر ریلیز ہوئی۔ لیکن دنیا بھر میں ریلیز ہونے والی 'بیل بوٹم' پر تین خلیجی ممالک نے پابندی لگا دی ہے۔ اس فلم کو سعودی عرب، کویت اور قطر میں نمائش کی اجازت نہیں دی گئی ہے۔ مادھو بھوجوانی، جسکی بھگنانی، وشو بھگنانی اور نکھل اڈوانی فلم 'بیل بوٹم' کے پروڈیوسر ہیں۔ تین خلیجی ممالک میں 'بیل بوٹم' پر پابندی کے بارے میں پروڈیوسر مادھو بھوجوانی نے کہا کہ 'فلم کو ریلیز نہ کرنے کا فیصلہ ہر ملک کا ذاتی معاملہ ہے۔ ہم نے ایک فلم بنائی جو حقیقی واقعات سے متاثر ہے۔ یا ایسے کرداروں کو دکھایا گیا ہے۔ بہت سی چیزیں خیالی بھی لی گئی ہیں۔ اگر کسی ملک نے کوئی فیصلہ کیا ہے تو یہ ان کا ذاتی معاملہ ہے۔ ہم اس پر کچھ نہیں کہہ سکتے۔' معروف تجارتی تجزیہ کار کومل نہبتا کا کہنا ہے 'مواد پر اعتراضات کی وجہ سے فلم کو ان تینوں ممالک میں ریلیز کرنے کی اجازت نہیں دی گئی ہے۔' اس بارے میں کہ مواد کے حوالے سے اعتراض کیا ہو سکتا ہے، مدھو بھوجوانی نے کہا کہ ہم اس پر تبصرہ نہیں کر سکتے۔ پابندی کی وجہ دراصل یہ فلم طیارہ ہائی جینگ کی کہانی پر مبنی ہے۔ بتایا جا رہا ہے کہ اس کی کہانی 1984 میں طیارہ ہائی جینگ کے واقعے پر مبنی ہے جب مسافر طیارے کو ہائی جیک کر کے لاہور سے دبئی لایا گیا۔ 1984 کے اصل واقعے کے مطابق متحدہ عرب امارات کے اس وقت کے وزیر دفاع شیخ محمد بن راشد آل مکتوم نے ذاتی طور پر صورتحال کو سنبھالا اور متحدہ عرب امارات کے حکام نے

## صبیحہ خانم: جو اپنی معصوم اداکاری سے پاکستانی سینما کی خاتون اول بن گئیں

یہ 1930 کی دہائی کی بات ہے جب گجرات کی رومان پرور سرزمین پر ایک نئی داستان عشق نے جنم لیا۔ یہ سٹیج آرٹس اقبال بیگم عرف بالو اور محمد علی کی داستان تھی۔

اقبال بیگم سٹیج کے متعدد ڈراموں میں اپنے فن کے جوہر دکھانے کے ساتھ ساتھ 'سی پنوں' نامی مشہور فلم میں کام کر چکی تھیں کہ محمد علی نامی ایک کچوان ان کی زندگی میں داخل ہوا۔ محمد علی نے اقبال بیگم کو اپنی چرب زبانی کے ذریعے اپنی محبت میں گرفتار کر لیا۔

اقبال بیگم کے والد کو جب اس صورتحال کا علم ہوا تو انھوں نے دونوں کے درمیان دیواریں کھڑی کر دیں۔ اقبال بیگم اور محمد علی کے درمیان ملاقاتوں پر پابندی لگی تو محمد علی نے حال دل سنانے کا ایک نیا طریقہ نکال لیا۔ عوامی تھیٹر کے بھولے بسرے چہرے۔ انھوں نے اقبال بیگم کے بچہ میں مایہ کبھی شروع کر دیے۔ جب وہ سڑک کنارے کھڑے ہو کر یہ مایہ سنا تے تو سننے والے بہت متاثر ہوتے۔ مایہ کو اب پنجابی لوک گیتوں کا ایک حصہ قرار دیا جاتا ہے۔ مگر لوگوں کو علم نہیں کہ یہ ماہیا دراصل صبیحہ خانم کے والد محمد علی کی اختراع ہے۔ اسی وجہ سے محمد علی کا نام بھی محمد علی ماہیا پڑ گیا تھا۔ عشق جب حد سے گزر گیا تو اقبال بیگم کے والدین نے ننگ آ کر محمد علی سے اپنی بیٹی کی شادی کر دی۔ صبیحہ اسی شادی کی یادگار ہیں۔ صبیحہ خانم کی دونوں ابتدائی فلمیں ناکامی سے دوچار ہوئیں مگر یہ فلمیں ناظرین پر صبیحہ کی معصوم اور خوبصورت اداکاری کا نقش ضرور چھوڑ گئیں۔

صبیحہ ایک روایت کے مطابق 16 اکتوبر 1935 اور دوسری روایت کے مطابق 16 اکتوبر 1936 کو گجرات میں پیدا ہوئیں۔ والدین نے ان کا نام مختار بیگم رکھا مگر جب وہ چھ سال کی ہوئیں تو حالات سے غمزہ اور بیمار اقبال بیگم عرف بالو عین جوانی میں انتقال کر

گئیں۔ محمد علی ماہیا پہلے تو اپنی بیگم کی کمائی پر گزارہ کرتے رہے، پھر جب مختار بیگم 13، 14 برس کی ہوئیں تو وہ انھیں سٹیج یا فلم کی ہیروئن بنانے کے لیے لاہور کے رائل پارک کے چکر لگانے لگے۔ مشکل یہ تھی کہ مختار بیگم کا قد چھوٹا تھا اور محمد علی انھیں جس فلم ساز کے پاس لے کر جاتے وہ ان کے چھوٹے قد کی وجہ سے انھیں کام دینے سے انکار کر دیتے۔ ایسے میں سلطان کھوسٹ اور نفیس خلیلی نے مختار بیگم میں چھپی فنکارانہ صلاحیت کو پہچانا۔ سلطان کھوسٹ (عرفان کھوسٹ کے والد اور سرد کھوسٹ کے دادا) نے مختار بیگم کو اداکاری کی تربیت دی اور نفیس خلیلی نے انھیں اپنے ایک ڈرامے 'بت شکن' میں کاسٹ کر لیا۔ اس ڈرامے کے لیے نفیس خلیلی ہی نے مختار بیگم کو صبیحہ کا نام دیا۔ یہ ڈرامہ سنہ 1949 میں ریجنٹ سینما میں سٹیج ہوا۔ اس کے دیکھنے والوں میں سعادت حسن منٹو کے بھانجے مسعود پرویز بھی شامل تھے جو ان دنوں سنٹوش کمار اور رفیق غزنوی کی بیٹی شاہینہ کے ساتھ ایک فلم 'بیلی' بنانے کی تیاری کر رہے تھے۔ مسعود پرویز کو اس فلم کے لیے ایک سائیڈ ہیروئن کی ضرورت تھی چنانچہ انھوں نے 'بت شکن' کی صبیحہ کو اپنی فلم میں چانس دینے کا فیصلہ کیا۔ 'بیلی' چار فروری 1950 کو نمائش پذیر ہوئی۔ فلم فلاپ ہو گئی، شاہینہ بھی اپنی تمام تر خوبصورتی کے باوجود کامیاب نہ ہو سکیں۔ 'بیلی' کی فلم بندی کے دوران ہی ہدایت کار شکور قادری نے اپنی فلم 'ہماری بستی' شروع کی، اس فلم کے ہیرو بھی سنٹوش کمار تھے اور ہیروئن کا کردار نجمہ نے ادا کیا تھا۔ شکور قادری نے اس فلم میں صبیحہ کو بھی ثانوی کردار دیا مگر 'بیلی' کی طرح 'ہماری بستی' بھی کامیاب نہ ہو سکی۔ صبیحہ کی دونوں ابتدائی فلمیں ناکامی سے دوچار ہوئیں مگر ناظرین پر صبیحہ کی معصوم اور خوبصورت اداکاری کا نقش چھوڑ گئیں۔

# تم سے ہے زندگی مسیری

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اس نے کتنے اقسام سے پارٹی کا انتظام کیا تھا۔ تمام مہمانوں کے آنے کے بعد سب سے وہ یہی کہتی رہی کہ ”احتشام ابھی آتے ہی ہوں گے“ بار بار اندر سے باہر، باہر سے اندر چکر لگاتی ہی رہی۔ احتشام نہیں آئے۔ حالانکہ اس نے صبح ہی یاد دلادیا تھا کہ شام کو ٹھیک آٹھ بجے تک وہ گھر پہنچ جائے۔ آج ان کی شادی کی چوتھی سالگرہ تھی۔ انہوں نے ٹائم پر پہنچنے کا وعدہ بھی کیا تھا۔ لیکن وہ آٹھ بجے تو کیا دس بجے بھی نہیں پہنچ سکے۔ شفیق کا غصہ کی شدت سے برا حال ہو رہا تھا۔ مجبوراً اسے اکیلے ہی کیک کا ٹنڈا پڑا اور مہمان ایک ایک کر کے رخصت ہو گئے۔

ہال میں لگی گھڑی نے بارہ بجائے، اور دروازے کی بل بج اٹھی، شفیق جھلمل کرتی ساڑھی کا پلو سنبھالتی آگے بڑھی۔ دروازہ کھولتے ہی احتشام کا مسکراتا چہرہ سامنے تھا۔ وہ اندر چلے آئے لگتا تھا جیسے آج شام کی پارٹی انہیں یاد ہی نہیں رہی۔

”آج ہماری شادی کی سالگرہ تھی، آپ کو یاد ہی نہیں رہا۔“

”میں جانتا ہوں تم نے بھی ابھی تک کھانا نہیں کھایا ہوگا، چلو کھانا لگاؤ، کھانے پر تفصیل سے بات ہوگی“

احتشام مسکراتے ہوئے کہنے لگے۔ اور شفیق کو تو جیسے آگ ہی لگ گئی ہو۔

”تم کیا سمجھتی ہو شفیق! میں اتنے اہم دن کو بھول سکتا تھا۔ نہیں! مجھے بخوبی یاد تھا، مگر کیا کریں ہاسپٹل کی ڈیوٹی اور وہ بھی سرجن کی، ایک ایکسڈنٹ کا کیس آگیا تھا۔ ایمرجنسی آپریشن کرنا پڑا۔ جس کے لئے خون کی ضرورت تھی، ہمارے ہاسپٹل میں اس کا بلڈ گروپ کا بلڈ نہیں تھا۔ ان ہی الجھنوں میں وقت گزر گیا۔ ابھی پیشینت کی ہوش بھی نہیں آتی تھا مگر میں ڈیوٹی ڈاکٹر کی نگرانی میں کیس کو دے کر گھر چلا آیا۔“ میرا خود تھکن سے برا حال ہے۔“

لیکن شفیق کا غصہ ابھی کم نہیں ہوا تھا۔ ”احتشام آپ مجھے یہ بتائیں کہ ہاسپٹل کی ڈیوٹی اور آپ کا فرض مجھ سے میری خوشی سے بڑھ کر ہے اور بھی تو ڈاکٹر ہیں، وہ سب اپنی بیوی اور بچوں کو ان کی خوشیوں کو تو نہیں بھول جاتے۔ ایک آپ ہیں جسے اپنے پیسے اور اپنے فرض کے سیوا کچھ یاد ہی نہیں رہتا،“ شفیق کی آواز اونچی سے اونچی ہونے لگی۔

”شفیق! ایک بات ذہن نشین کرلو، میرا شمار ان ڈاکٹروں میں نہیں کرنا جنہیں اپنے فرض کے مفہوم بھی نہیں معلوم، اپنے پیسے کا احترام نہیں جانتے، میرے لئے ہمیشہ میرا فرض مقدم رہا ہے اور ہمیشہ رہے گا۔“ احتشام بے انتہا دکھی ہو گئے، اور تیز قدم بڑھاتے ہوئے ہاسپٹل کے لئے نکل گئے۔

ان کے فرض کے سامنے وہ اہم نہیں ہے۔ تو اس کے لئے بھی احتشام کے ساتھ قدم سے قدم ملا کر چلتے ہوئے وہ اپنے وجود کی صداقت کو ہی بھول جائے۔ شفیق نے تلمنی سے سوچا، احتشام مجبوراً میں آپ کے گھر سے چلی جاؤں گی۔ اتنا کچھ سن لینے کے بعد میرا اس گھر میں رہنا مشکل ہی نہیں ناممکن ہو گیا ہے۔

”بیٹی کیا اتنی معمولی سی بات پر گھر چھوڑا جاتا ہے۔ احتشام کی بغیر اجازت تمہیں گھر سے نہیں نکلتا چاہئے تھا“ امی کی سرزنش پر وہ کھول کر رہ گئی۔

”امی یہ میرا بھی گھر ہے، مجھے اپنے گھر آنے کے لئے کسی کی اجازت کی ضرورت نہیں!“

دو دن بعد اچانک خلاف امیدرات احتشام آگئے اور شفیق کو لگا وہ اس سے معافی مانگتے اور اس کو گھر لے جانے کے لئے آئے ہیں، وہ احتشام کی طرف دیکھتے ہوئے سوچتی رہی اور وہ سانس کو سلام کرتے ہوئے سامنے صوفے پر بیٹھ گئے۔

”آداب! امی۔ کیسی ہیں آپ“

”جیتے رہو! خوش رہو بیٹی“

”بابا کہاں ہیں نظر نہیں آرہے ہیں، بہت دنوں سے ملاقات ہی نہ ہو سکی۔ کیا کریں ہاسپٹل کی ڈیوٹی ہی ایسی ہے کہ اپنے نجی کاموں کو نظر انداز کرنا پڑتا ہے۔“

”ہاں بیٹی! ٹھیک کہا تم نے، بڑی ذمہ داری ہوتی ہے ایک ڈاکٹر کی، جب ہی تو مسیحا کا

لقب ملتا ہے ایک ڈاکٹر کو۔“

شفیق اٹھی اور اپنے کمرے میں چلی آئی احتشام کا انداز اسے سمجھ میں نہیں آیا، اور وہ اس سے ملے بغیر ہی واپس ہو گیا۔

جیسے ہی ابرار حسین گھر آئے وہ دوڑ کر باپ کے گلے لگی۔

”اوہو! ہماری بیٹی گھر آئی ہوئی ہے۔“

انہوں نے محبت سے اس کے سر پر ہاتھ رکھا۔ باپ کے پیار بھرے انداز پر شفیق کے اندر کا سارا غصہ، تمام تلخی زبان پر آگئی۔ سب کچھ کہہ ڈالا احتشام کو خطا وار ٹھہرانے میں کوئی کسر نہ چھوڑی۔

”ابھی تم بہت غصہ میں ہو، اس مسئلہ پر پھر کبھی بات کریں گے۔“

اس طرح دن گذرتے رہے۔ اس دوران احتشام دقت گھر آئے تھے ایک بار وہ اپنے کزنس کے ساتھ فلم دیکھنے گئی تھی، دوسری بار وہ اپنی کسی سہیلی سے ملنے گئی تھی۔ احتشام سے اس کی ملاقات ہی نہ ہو پائی۔ جیسے جیسے دن گذر رہے تھے اس کی پریشانی بڑھتی ہی جا رہی تھی۔

شفیق نے اپنے ہی وجود کا محاصرہ کر لیا۔ اپنے آپ کو ہی سوال و جواب کے کٹہرے میں کھڑا کر دیا۔ اور ایمانداری سے سوچنا شروع کیا تو لگا صرف احتشام کا رویہ ہی جارحانہ نہ تھا۔ اس کی سوچیں بھی مجرمانہ تھیں۔ وہ بھی انصاف نہیں کر سکی اس رشتے کے ساتھ جو اس کے اور احتشام کے درمیان تھا۔ ضمیر کی جواب دہی نے اس کی آنکھیں کھول دیں۔ احتشام علی جیسے شوہر لاکھوں کروڑوں میں کہیں ایک دو ہوتے ہیں۔ ایمانداری، سچائی، انصاف، ہمدردی جیسے بنیادی اصولوں پر چلتے ہیں۔ شفیق اپنی ہی سوچوں کا سامنا نہیں کر سکی۔ اپنے ضمیر کی عدالت میں کھڑے رہنا بڑا کٹھن ہوتا ہے۔

شفیق اپنا بکھر اسامان بیک کرنے لگی، جیسے وہ اپنی مرضی سے آئی تھی ویسے ہی وہ اپنی مرضی سے واپس اپنے گھر جانے کی تیاری کر رہی تھی۔ دل پر کوئی بوجھ نہ ہو تو سب کچھ کتنا اچھا لگتا ہے۔ تیار ہو کر اس نے بیگ اٹھایا۔ امی بابا سے ملنے نیچے آگئی۔

”یہ ان ہونی کیسے ہوئی، یہ کرشہ کیسے ہوا۔“

”امی آپ مجھے ایسے نہ دیکھیں، بابا مجھے اپنی زیادتی کا احساس ہو گیا ہے، دعا کریں کہ میں احتشام سے نظریں ملا کر بات کر سکوں، مجھے رشتوں کو سمجھنے، پرکھنے اور نبھانے کا سلیقہ آجائے اور تاحیات احتشام کے قدم سے قدم ملا کر چل سکوں۔“

”بیٹی مجھے خوشی ہے کہ تم نے دیر سے ہی سہی ایک صحیح فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ میری دعا میں تم دونوں کے ساتھ ہیں۔ جاؤ اپنے گھر، سدا خوش رہو، شاد و آباد رہو۔“

اور وہ لوٹ آئی اس گھر میں جو اس کا اپنا تھا۔ صرف اور صرف اس کا اپنا۔ شفیق تیزی سے کام کر رہی تھی تاکہ احتشام کے گھر آنے تک سب کام ختم ہو جائے اور وہ ابھی یہی۔ احتشام نے جب گھر میں قدم رکھا شفیق سب کاموں سے فرصت پا چکی تھی۔ وہ سیدھے اپنے کمرے کی طرف آئے۔ شفیق کمرے میں موجود تھی۔

دروازے پر کھڑے احتشام پر نظر پڑتے ہی وہ اس ارادے کے ساتھ ان کی طرف بڑھی کہ اپنی غلطی کا اعتراف کرنے، معافی مانگنے کے لئے، کچھ کہنے بھی نہ پائی ہونٹ لرزے ہی تھے کہ احتشام نے اسے کاندھوں سے تھام لیا۔

”کچھ کہنے کی ضرورت نہیں ہے شفیق! تم واپس آگئیں میرے لئے یہی اللہ تعالیٰ کی سب سے بڑی عطا ہے۔ مجھے میری دعاؤں کا صلہ مل گیا۔ یہ محبتیں یہ رشتے، ایسے بندھن ہیں، جو اتنی آسانی سے نہیں ٹوٹتے۔“

”میں آپ کے ساتھ ہوں اور زندگی بھر رہوں گی، ہر حال میں، ہر صورت میں۔“

شفیق احتشام علی کی چوڑی چھاتی میں سٹ گئی۔

”خدا کرے سدا ہمارے پیار کا یہ جہاں آباد رہے۔“

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تحریر کر چکا تھا نئی داستاں مگر  
میں تیرا نام لکھ نہ سکا انتساب میں

نوشہ بھی قید ہوگی کہیں اس کی جس طرح  
جھونکا ہوا کا قید ہے تازہ حباب میں

وہ کون تھے جو درسِ محبت کے نام پر  
بارود رکھ کے چل دیئے تازہ نصاب میں

اک آفتاب ہاتھ سے میرے نکل گیا  
اک روشنی سمٹی گئی ماہتاب میں

وہ جسم و جاں کے ساتھ فنا ہو گیا تو کیا  
زندہ ہے اس کی قدر مرے احتساب میں

عرفان زندگی کے لئے وقت کا سفر

سعید رحمانی

**غزل**

اجنبوں کا دن ملا تکلیف کی راتیں ملیں  
زندگانی کو ہمیشہ غم کی سوغاتیں ملیں

تفتی کا کرب میرے خشک ہونٹوں پر رہا  
اور آنکھوں کو بھرے سادوں کی برساتیں ملیں

چل رہا ہوں پھر بھی میں اپنی وفا کی راہ پر  
زندگی کے موڑ پر مجھ کو مگر گھاتیں ملیں

خوش کلامی کے ہنر میں جو کبھی تھا معتبر  
اس کے لب پر زہر میں ڈوبی ہوئی باتیں ملیں

سامنا کرتا رہا میں غم کے لشکر کا سعید  
آرزوؤں کو مگر حالات سے ماتیں ملیں

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مومن خاں شوق

**غزل**

اب بھی ہے آفتاب ہاتھوں میں  
زندگی کا نصاب ہاتھوں میں

کچھ لکیریں ہیں نیم روشن سی  
ہے حقیقت کہ خواب ہاتھوں میں

ہائے کیا زمانہ آیا ہے!  
شیخ صاحب! شراب ہاتھوں میں

کاش ہم اس سے باخبر ہوتے  
ہے عذاب و ثواب ہاتھوں میں

آج کی شاعری کی ریکھائیں  
دیکھ لیجئے جناب ہاتھوں میں

بل ہی جائے گا شوق کو اک دن  
روشنی کا حساب ہاتھوں میں

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ولی الدین

**کراچی**

پھر کراچی شہر کو گولیوں کی زد میں آنا تھا  
کبھی یہ روشنیوں کا شہر اپنا بھی آشیانہ تھا  
قسمت میں اس کی ہر دور میں آنسو بہانا تھا  
آج بھی لٹ گیا اس کے ہاتھوں دوست جو پرانا تھا

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**دل توجہ ہے**

ستا ہے غلطی صرف ایک بار کرتے ہیں  
پھر کیوں دوسری شادی میرے یار کرتے ہیں  
فوراً بولے ”دل تو بچہ ہے“  
اور بچے خواہشیں ہزار کرتے ہیں

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**محبت**

آنکھیں میری اور جلوے تیرے  
دیکھوں تجھ کو شام سویرے  
یوں محبت ہو جاتی ہے  
دیکھتے دیکھتے دھیرے دھیرے

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اقبال عظیم

**غزل**

ہم بہت دور نکل آئے ہیں چلتے چلتے  
اب ٹھہر جائیں کہیں شام کے ڈھلتے ڈھلتے

اب غم زیت سے گھبرا کے کہاں جائیں گے  
عمر گزری ہے اسی آگ میں جلتے جلتے

رات کے بعد سحر ہوگی مگر کس کے لئے  
ہم ہی شاید نہ رہیں رات کے ڈھلتے ڈھلتے

روشنی کم تھی مگر اتنا اندھیرا تو نہ تھا  
شمع امید بھی گل ہو گئی جلتے جلتے

آپ وعدے سے مکر جائیں گے رفتہ رفتہ  
ذہن سے بات اتر جاتی ہے نلتے نلتے

ٹوٹی دیوار کا سایہ بھی بہت ہوتا ہے  
پاؤں جل جائیں اگر دھوپ میں چلتے چلتے

دن ابھی باقی ہے اقبال ذرا تیز چلو  
کچھ نہ سوچو گے تمہیں شام کے ڈھلتے ڈھلتے

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فیصل امتیاز خان

**غزل**

پردہ تمہارے رخ سے ہٹانا پڑا مجھے  
یوں اپنی حسرتوں کو جگانا پڑا مجھے

میں نے تو کھیل کھیل میں توڑا تھا اس کا دل  
پھر ساری عمر اس کو منانا پڑا مجھے

جب عشق اک غریب سے مجھ کو ہوا تو پھر  
دل کا جو مول تھا وہ گھٹانا پڑا مجھے

اس نے کہا میں جی نہیں پاؤں گی تیرے بن  
اس واسطے وہ رشتہ نبھانا پڑا مجھے

فیصل وہ سارے لوگ تھے بہرے اسی لیے  
خاموش رہ کے شور مچانا پڑا مجھے

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عابد جعفری

**غزل**

خوں مرا جس سے ہوا ہے خنجر احباب ہے  
یہ حقیقت ہے مگر لگتا ہے جیسے خواب ہے

اس لیے مجھ سا نمایاں ہو گیا بے بال و پر  
جس جگہ میں ہوں وہاں ہر آدمی سرخاب ہے

ہم نے دیکھا ہے کہ اکثر ڈوب جاتا ہے وہی  
جو تلاش گوہر یکتا میں زیر آب ہے

اب کسی جنگل میں جارہے کہ اپنے شہر میں  
آدمی ہی آدمی کے واسطے نایاب ہے

زندگی اپنی بالآخر ہو گئی اس پر تمام  
جو کتاب زندگی کا نامکمل باب ہے

وہ تو یہ کہنے شکستہ ہو چکا ہے حوصلہ  
ورنہ دل اب بھی کسی کے وصل کو بیتاب ہے

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زبیر علی تابش

**غزل**

وہ پاس کیا ذرا سا مسکرا کے بیٹھ گیا  
میں اس مذاق کو دل سے لگا کے بیٹھ گیا

جب اس کی بزم میں دارورن کی بات چلی  
میں جھٹ سے اٹھ گیا اور آگے آگے بیٹھ گیا

درخت کاٹ کے جب تھک گیا لکڑ ہارا  
تو اک درخت کے سائے میں جا کے بیٹھ گیا

تمہارے در سے میں کب اٹھنا چاہتا تھا مگر  
یہ میرا دل ہے کہ مجھ کو اٹھا کے بیٹھ گیا

جو میرے واسطے کرسی لگایا کرتا تھا  
وہ میری کرسی سے کرسی لگا کے بیٹھ گیا

پھر اس کے بعد کئی لوگ اٹھ کے جانے لگے  
میں اٹھ کے جانے کا نسخہ بتا کے بیٹھ گیا

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## ڈاکٹر ادا کا مران علی بیٹوں کی بیٹیوں کی طرح پرورش



گلو ریا اسٹینم امریکی صحافی اور حقوق نسواں کی علمبردار ہیں۔ ساٹھ اور ستر کی دہائی میں جن چند گنے پختے صحافیوں نے خواتین کے حقوق کے لئے آواز بلند کی، گلو ریا ان میں سرفہرست ہیں۔ چند ہم خیال ساتھیوں کے ساتھ، گلو ریا نے 2005 میں اپنے ”ویمن میڈیا سنٹر“ کی بنیاد رکھی جس کا مقصد خواتین کے حقوق کو نمایاں کرنا اور میڈیا میں خواتین کو زیادہ سے زیادہ اجاگر کرنا ہے۔ گلو ریا اسٹینم کا ایک قول بہت مقبول ہوا کہ،

”ہم نے اپنی بیٹیوں کی پرورش تو بیٹیوں کی طرح کرنی شروع کر دی ہے لیکن بہت کم لوگوں میں یہ ہمت ہے کہ اپنے بیٹیوں کی پرورش بیٹیوں کی طرح کریں“

اس بیان پر بہت لے دے بھی ہوئی کیونکہ کون بیٹیوں کی پرورش بیٹیوں کی طرح چاہے گا، لیکن گلو ریا کا مفہوم مرد کا عورت کو جاننے اور سمجھنے کا عمل لڑکپن سے ہی شروع کر دینے کا تھا۔

امریکہ جیسے انتہائی ترقی یافتہ ملک

میں بھی عورت کے بارے میں اتنا تعصب موجود ہے کہ 240 سالہ تاریخ میں ایک بھی عورت سربراہ مملکت نہ بن سکی۔ گوروں نے ایک مرتبہ کالے مرد کو گوری عورت پر ترجیح دی اور دوسری مرتبہ عورتوں کی تذلیل کرنے والے شخص کی حکمرانی کو گوری عورت کی حکمرانی پر ترجیح دی۔ خواتین سے تعصب کی اس سے بڑی مثال ترقی پذیر ممالک میں بھی ملنا مشکل ہے۔

ترقی یافتہ سے لیکر ترقی پزیر ممالک تک عورتوں کے ساتھ منصفانہ تو کیا مساوی سلوک تک نہیں کیا جاتا۔ مساوی یا برابری کے سلوک سے مراد ہے کہ فرض کریں ایک جیسے قد و قامت کے مرد اور عورت کو پچیس کلو وزن اٹھانے کا کہا جائے۔ چونکہ عورت فطرتاً کمزور جسم کی ہے تو یہ مساوی یا برابری کا سلوک تو ہوا لیکن انصاف نہیں۔ انصاف یہ ہے کہ دیکھا جائے کہ جتنی آسانی کے ساتھ مرد پچیس کلو وزن اٹھا سکتا ہے اتنی ہی آسانی کے ساتھ عورت کتنا وزن اٹھا سکتی ہے؛ پانچ سے دس کلو یا اس سے بھی کم؟ اور عورت کے ساتھ اتنی ہی آسانی کا معاملہ کیا جانا چاہئے۔ یہی انصاف اور حقیقی مساوات ہے۔

گزشتہ دنوں انگریزی کے خوبصورت کالم نگار اور کارڈیالوجسٹ برادر ڈاکٹر عارف احمد نے امریکی ڈاکٹروں کی تنظیم ”اپنا“ میں خواتین کی نمائندگی کے فقدان پر توجہ دلوائی۔ بورڈ آف ٹرسٹیز میں سے کوئی ایک بھی خاتون ڈاکٹر نہیں اور شاید تنظیم کی چالیس سالہ تاریخ میں کبھی بھی کوئی خاتون ڈاکٹر بورڈ میں شامل نہیں ہوئی۔ اسی طرح چالیس سال کے عرصے میں صرف چار خواتین تنظیم کے صدر کے عہدے پر فائز ہوئیں۔ اس سلسلے میں جب ”اپنا“ کی چند انتہائی متحرک خواتین ڈاکٹروں سے بات ہوئی جو کہ بلاشبہ بہت سے مرد ڈاکٹروں سے زیادہ اہل اور بہترین منتظم ہیں کہ وہ کیوں تنظیمی الیکشنز میں حصہ نہیں لیتیں، تو انھوں نے انتخابات کے دوران سابقہ خواتین صدور کے حوالے سے افسوسناک داستانیں سنائیں ہیں کہ کیسے انکو ہراساں کیا گیا، کیسے ان پر کیچڑ اچھالی گئی اور کیسے انکی راہ میں روڑے اٹکائے گئے۔ انتہائی اعلیٰ تعلیم یافتہ پاکستانی آدمی امریکہ جیسے ملک میں بھی جب ایک خاتون سے مقابلے پر آتا ہے، تو سوٹ بوٹ کی تہذیب پھاڑ کر اسکے اندر کا ”اصلی مرد“ باہر آجاتا ہے،

جسے صرف عورت ذات کو نچا دکھانا ہوتا ہے۔ تاہم یہ بھی ہو سکتا ہے کہ ”مساوات“ کے اصولوں پر کار فرما ہوتے ہوئے مخالف خاتون امیدوار پر بھی اتنی ہی کیچڑ اچھالی جاتی ہو جتنی مخالف مرد امیدوار پر، لیکن بہر حال یہ ناانصافی اور قابل مذمت بات ہے۔

وقت کی ضرورت ہے کہ بہترین دل اور دماغ رکھنے والے ممبران متحد ہوں اور تنظیم کے آئین میں خواتین کے لئے الگ گنجائش پیدا کی جائے۔ جب تک خواتین امیدواروں کے لئے خصوصی تبدیلیاں نہیں کی جائیں گی جس میں انکے وقار اور عزت نفس کو ملحوظ خاطر رکھا جائے، ایک آدھ ”مہم جو“ خاتون ڈاکٹر کے علاوہ، زیادہ تر اس انتخابی عمل سے دور رہیں گی جو کہ انتہائی تشویش کی بات ہے۔

گلو ریا اسٹینم ٹھیک کہتی ہے ماؤں کو بیٹیوں کی تربیت بیٹیوں کی طرح کرنی پڑے گی تاکہ وہ صنف نازک کی حساسیت اور عزت نفس کو محسوس کر سکیں اور اسے مجروح ہونے سے بچائیں۔

اپنے بچوں کو اُردو پڑھائیے،  
اُردو ایک زندہ زبان ہے،  
اس کی تشہیر کیجئے۔

ڈاکٹر توفیق انصاری احمد  
شکاگو، امریکہ

## گل بوکی حکایت

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



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### جمشید کا کتبہ

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**اردو حکایت:** بادشاہ جمشید نے ایک چشمہ پر پتھر کا ایک کتبہ نصب کروایا جس پر یہ الفاظ کندہ کرائے، اس چشمہ پر مجھ جیسوں نے دم لیا مگر وہ پل بھر میں رخصت ہو گئے۔ میں نے بہادری سے دنیا جیتی لیکن اُس کو اپنے ساتھ قبر میں نہ لے جا سکا۔ جب تو کسی دشمن پر قابو پالے تو اُس کو نہ ستا اُس کی شکست ہی اُس کے لئے کافی ہے۔ پریشان حال دشمن کا زندہ رہنا اس سے بہتر ہے کہ تیری گردن پر اُس کا خون ہو۔“

منظوم ترجمہ:

ساتھ لے کر جا سکا نہ قبر میں  
تھا بھروسہ تجھ کو، ملک و مال پر  
ایک شکستِ فاش کافی ہے بہت  
چھوڑ دے دشمن کو، اُس کے حال پر

### دُنیا چھوڑ، آخرت کی فکر کر

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**اردو حکایت:** کہا جاتا ہے کہ اک بادشاہ دشمنوں سے شکست کھا کر بد حال و پریشان تھا۔ ایک قلعہ اور ایک شہر کے علاوہ مملکت میں کچھ اور نہ تھا۔ اب اس کو اپنے فرزند کی فکر کھائے جاتی تھی کہ اُس کے بعد، اُس کے فرزند کا کیا حال ہوگا۔ بادشاہ نے ایک نیک عالم سے اپنی پریشانیوں کا تذکرہ کیا۔ دانا عالم نے برہم ہو کر کہا ”آپ اپنی فکر کیجئے۔ جو آپ کے بعد آئے گا وہ اپنی فکر خود کرے گا۔ عمر کا بہترین حصہ گزر چکا۔ اب آخرت کی فکر کا وقت ہے۔ ملک و دولت سب فانی ہیں۔ ہاں! جو نیک نام چھوڑ کر مرا، اُس نے ابدی زندگی حاصل کر لی۔“

فارسی شعر:

بدانی گہ غلہ برداشتن  
کہ سُستی بود، تخمِ نا کا شتن

حاصل کلام:

غلہ اٹھاتے وقت تجھے پتہ چلے گا کہ بیج نہ بونے سے کتنی غفلت ہوتی ہے۔

منظوم ترجمہ:

کھیت سے غلہ اٹھانے جائے گا جس وقت تو  
بیج بونے میں جو کی غفلت سمجھ میں آئے گی



دانائے مشرق، بلبل شیراز، حضرت شیخ سعدی شیرازی رضی اللہ عنہ 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 آ بسا 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۔ 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۔ نوعمری میں والدین کے ساتھ پہلا حج کیا اور اپنی زندگی میں چودہ حج پایادہ 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 دُنیا 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۔

اردو 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 دُنیا 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۔ اردو 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 اردو زبان کا وہ سب سے پہلا شاہکار مشترکہ و منفرد گلدستہ ہے جس میں فارسی نثر کا ترجمہ اردو نثر میں اور فارسی نظم کا ترجمہ اردو 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)

My wife told me that I did not love any of her relatives...

I told her that is not true. I said, "I love your mother-in-law and father-in-law much more than I love mine."

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A woman told a marriage counselor that her husband's complaint that he leads a dog's life is probably well founded.

"He comes in the house with muddy feet," she said, "tracks across my clean floors, barks at nothing, growls at his food, and makes himself comfortable on my best furniture."

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Prior to turning on the TV to watch a recorded soccer match, I said to my wife, "Don't tell me the score!"

She replied, " Don't worry, there wasn't any."

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Husband throwing darts at his wife's photo and not even a single throw hitting the target.

From another room the wife calls, "Honey, what are you doing?"

Husband: "MISSING YOU..."

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Two ants were running along the top of a cardboard box as fast as they could.

"Hey!" puffed one ant, "Why are we running so fast?"

"Can't you read?" replied the other. "It says tear along the dotted line!"

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Lawyer: Doctor, did you say he was shot in the woods?

Doctor: No, I said he was shot in the lumbar region.

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SIGN OVER A DOCTOR'S OFFICE:

"Dr. Jones, OBGYN, at your cervix!"

The conceited young man had been in the hospital for some time and had been extremely well looked after by the pretty young nurse.

"Nurse," said the patient, one morning. "I'm in love with you. I don't want to get well."

"Don't worry," replied the nurse cheerfully, "you won't. The doctor's in love with me too and he saw you kissing me this morning."

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I asked my 91-year-old father, "Dad, what were your good old days?"

His thoughtful reply: "When I wasn't good, and I wasn't old."

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I was in a taxi the other day and the driver said, "Do you mind if I put some music on?"

I said, "Not at all."

He said, "Kiss?"

I said, "Let's listen to the music first, then see how we feel."

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The youngest child of seven was the only boy in the family. He often heard people saying how grown up his sisters were getting so he asked his mother when he was going to be a grown up.

She smiled, stooped down, and hugged him saying, "My sweet boy, one day you'll be a responsible adult but please know, since you're a guy you'll never actually grow up."

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After finishing our Chinese food, my husband and I cracked open our fortune cookies.

Mine read, "Be quiet for a little while."

His read, "Talk while you have a chance."

I was at the hardware store to get a duplicate of my car key made when the store clerk said, "You're a model?"

It was exactly what a woman in her mid-30's wanted to hear. "Well, no, I'm not," I said, blushing. "But, I'm flattered that..."

He stopped me right there, pointed to my car keys and slowly repeated, "Year...and...model?"

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My wife left me because I'm insecure...

No wait, she's back, she just went to get coffee.

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I was on a date with this really great lady.

Well it wasn't really a date-date, more like we ate dinner and saw a movie together.

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Then the plane landed.

A doctor was trying to check an epidemic in a village. Visiting a family, he asked, "Are you taking precautions to prevent spread of contagion?"

"Yes, sir, doctor," replied the head of the family. "We've even bought a sanitary cup and we all drink from it."

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A small boy was at the zoo with his father. They were looking at the tigers, and his father was telling him how ferocious they were.

"Daddy, if the tigers got out and ate you up..."

"Yes, son?" the father asked, ready to console him.

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"... Which bus would I take home?"

Grandpa always said when one door closes, another one opens...

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Great man, horrible cabinet maker.



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