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ISRO to launch 30 satellites in one go in December

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) said it will launch 30 satellites in a single mission on board its Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) in December.

The mission, whose main payload would be Cartosat-2 series earth observation satellite, will be the first PSLV mission after the unsuccessful launch of navigation satellite IRNSS-1H in August.

“We are planning our next launch in the second half of December, all things are in place... It will be a satellite of Cartosat-2 series along with other co-passengers,” ISRO Chairman Kiran Kumar told reporters here.

PSLV-C40 will be used for the launch from the spaceport in Sriharikota, about 100 kilometres from Chennai.

The mission will be a combination of 25 nano satellites, three micro-satellites and one Cartosat satellite, along with “maybe” one university satellite, ISRO officials said.

They said most of the co-passengers of Cartosat-2 series satellite would commercial satellites from foreign countries, including Finland and the US.

On August 31, India’s mission to launch its backup navigation satellite IRNSS-1H

onboard PSLV-C39 ended in a failure after a technical fault on the final leg following a perfect launch.

ISRO had then said the heat shield did not separate on the final leg of the launch sequence, and, as a result, the IRNSS-1H got stuck in the fourth stage of the rocket.

To a question about PSLV-C39 failure, Kumar said when a system, which had worked sixty times, fails because of a particular reason, it should not be a fundamental problem.

“We are trying to improve further on the robustness of this (rocket). It is not a fundamental issue,” he said.

Another big launch in ISRO’s calendar is the next lunar mission Chandrayaan-2, on board GSLV-Mk II, scheduled for March 2018.

On Chandrayaan-2, Kumar said right now the orbiter was getting integrated at Bengaluru and some more tests were going on with regard to the lander and rover, instruments and systems.

“By the first quarter of the next year we expect to put the orbiter, lander, rover - all the things together into the lunar orbit,” he said.

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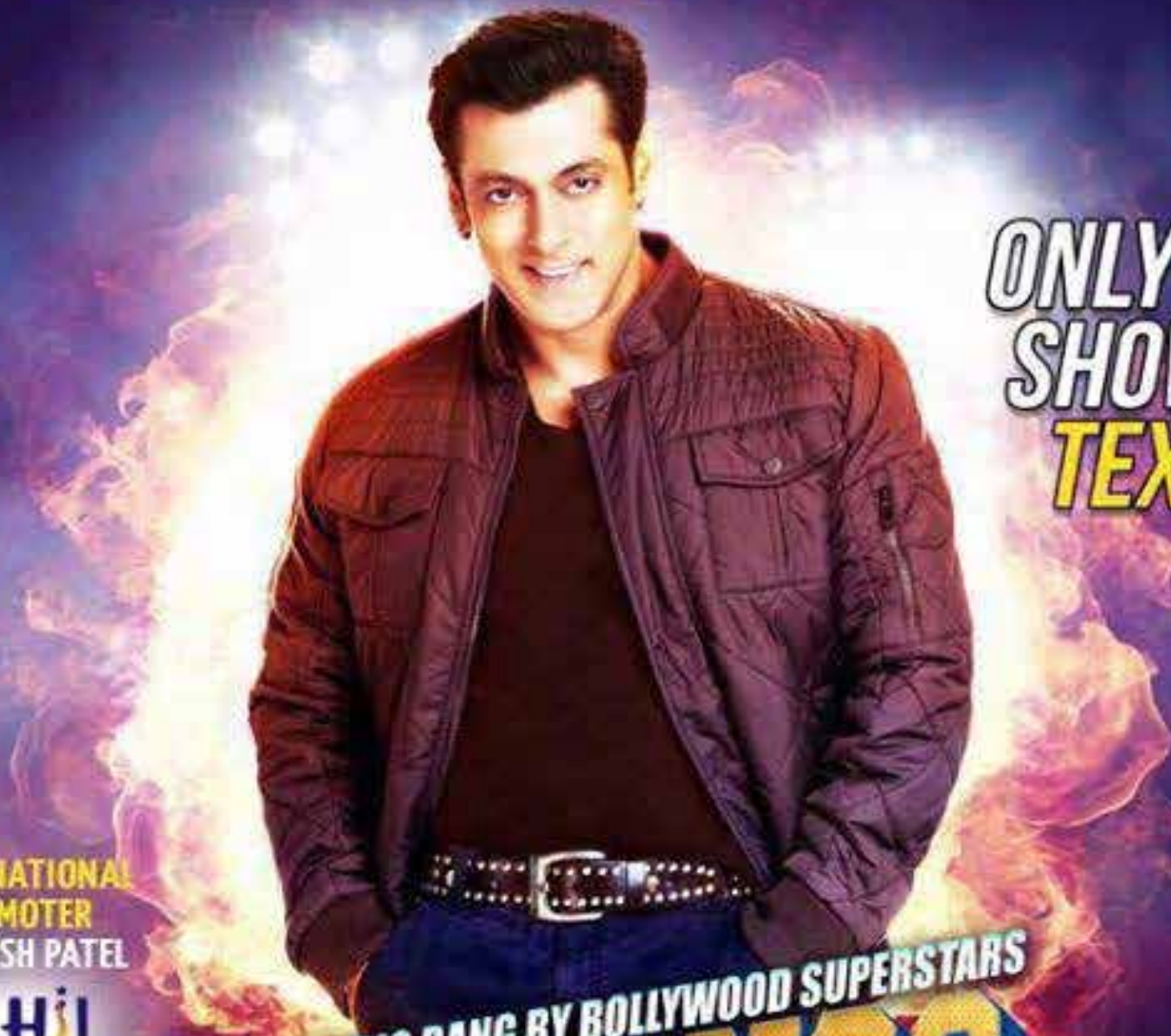
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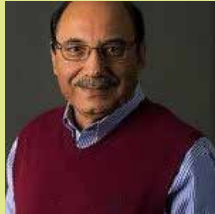
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Will India Give Up on Building Stealth
Fighters with Russia?

India's Air Force is pushing the government to abandon a massive deal with Russia for a fifth-generation fighter aircraft, citing its inferiority to America's F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.

Defense News reported that [3] the Indian Air Force (IAF) has been pushing back against the proposed nearly \$10 billion agreement for India and Russia to jointly develop and produce a fifth-generation fighter aircraft, or FGFA. A senior IAF official told Defense News, "IAF is not keen to continue with the program," adding that the service had raised its concern with the Ministry of Defense.

The article lists a number of IAF concerns. First among them is that the Air Force believes the plane's stealth and cross-section features are inferior to America's F-35. Another concern, according to the article, is that the FGFA "does not have modular engine concept, making maintenance and serviceability of the fleet expensive and troublesome." A second IAF official explained that the lack of a modular engine would prevent India's Air Force from repairing planes in-house. Instead, servicing would have to be performed by the manufacturer. Previously, IAF sources have complained about the high maintenance costs of the Su-30 planes India purchased from Russia.

This is not the first time the IAF has expressed opposition to the bilateral agreement, which has India procuring between 120 and 130 planes. Just last month, an Indian media outlet published a report citing IAF complaints about the expected cost of the aircraft.

"Sources said the investment of \$6.7 billion (Rs 44,800 crore) would give India only four prototypes of the FGFA aircraft and it will have to pay another \$135 million (Rs 900 crore) each for the 127 planes, which would be ready for induction only after 2027-28," India Today reported in September [6]. "The cost per aircraft at the time of delivery in 2027-28, due to high inflation in defense deals, would come around \$250 million bringing the total project value to around \$32 billion (Rs 2 lakh crore)."

India's Air Force's opposition is not the only issue holding up the agreement. The two countries have also clashed over the issue of sensitive technology transfers from Russia to India. As the Diplomat reported in March of this year [8]: "India wants a guarantee that [it] will be able to upgrade the fighter jet in the future without Russian support, which would require Moscow sharing source codes (sensitive computer code that controls the fighter jet's various systems — the key to an aircraft's electronic brains). In addition, the FGFA should directly support India's advanced medium combat aircraft (AMCA) program—a separate Indian fifth generation fighter project." One Indian official has called [9] the last demand "mandatory." Another issue, although one that appears to be resolved, is over how many planes each side will buy for their own armed forces.

Still, there are signs for continued support for the deal from both sides. For instance, in February of this year, the Hindustan Times reported that [10] the Ministry of Defense established a panel to review the FGFA program and offer up recommendations. In August, it was reported that



the four-person panel "strongly recommended" moving forward with the program. After the Defense News report was published this week, Russia's official arms exporter, Rosoboronexport, put out a statement saying that both countries remain committed to developing the FGFA. "Currently, the Russian-Indian inter-governmental agreement is in effect; there are commitments, under which the parties are implementing the joint project for developing the 5th-generation plane in accordance with the agreed stages and time limits," Rosoboronexport said, according to Russian media [11].

The FGFA program dates back to 2007, when India and Russia signed an agreement to explore jointly developing a fifth-generation aircraft. Three years later, the two countries reached an agreement to spend \$295 million for a preliminary design of the jet. The project stalled after that phase, however, until reports last spring suggested that the two sides could reach an agreement to each invest \$4 billion to complete the final phase of the plane's development. The increasingly vocal opposition from India's Air Force is likely an attempt to prevent that deal from ever coming to fruition.

If the two sides decide to move forward, the plan is for the FGFA to be based on the Sukhoi Su-57, Moscow's first fifth-generation aircraft. As Franz-Stefan Gady has explained [12], "The Sukhoi Su-57 is a fifth-generation multirole, single seat, twin-engine air superiority/deep air support fighter intended to replace the Russian Air Force's fleet of MiG-29 and Su-27. The Su-57 will be armed with beyond visual range air-to-air missiles as well as of air-to-ground missiles including the extended range Kh-35UE tactical cruise missile."

Russian media have explained that the FGFA itself will be modified to meet India's technical needs. This likely will include enabling it to carry Indian-origin weaponry. In addition, Tass has reported [13] the modifications will include "the design and development of a two-seater version of the aircraft, the integration of an advanced engine with increased thrust are planned at the request of India." Russian media have also said [11] that after India purchases the jet, it could be exported to other countries.

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Dr Ahmed is the chairman emeritus and the founder of Muslim Community for Human Services(MCCHS) which provides services to all residents of the DFW area irrespective of ethnicity, race, religion, or country of origin. Many of MCCHS physicians and staff are from different regions, including India, Pakistan, the Middle East, and of course the USA with many different ethnicities and religious backgrounds.



Fiqh Council of North America a national body of prominent Islamic scholars and Jurists concluded their 3 day meeting here in Dallas, TX hosted by ISNA & Islamic Relief USA. From the front row: Shaykha Zainab Alwani, Shaykh Deina Abdelkader, Ameer of FCNA Shaykh Muzamil Siddiqi, Shaikh Adam El Shaikh, Imam Hasan Qazwini, Dr Khalid Shoukat, back row: Dr Ihsan Bagby, Sh Omar Mustafa, Shaykh Zulfikhar Ali Shah, Imam Mohammad Qatanani, Shaykh Abdul Rahman Khan & the host Azhar Azeez.

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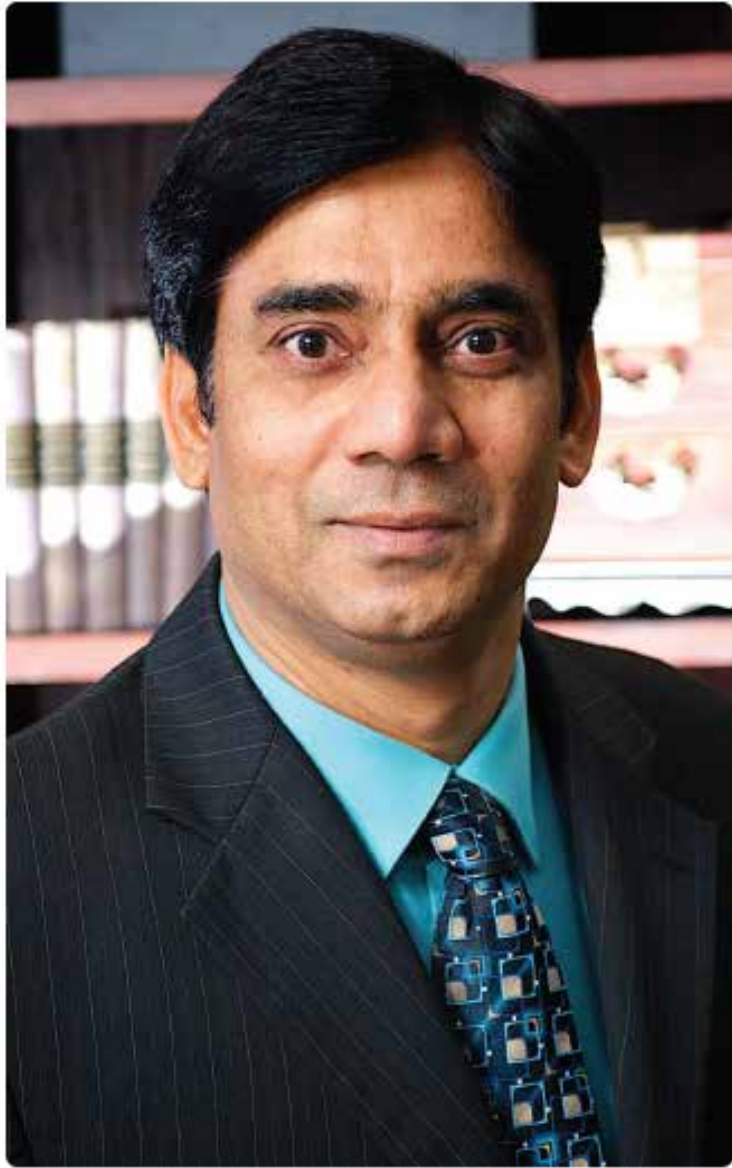
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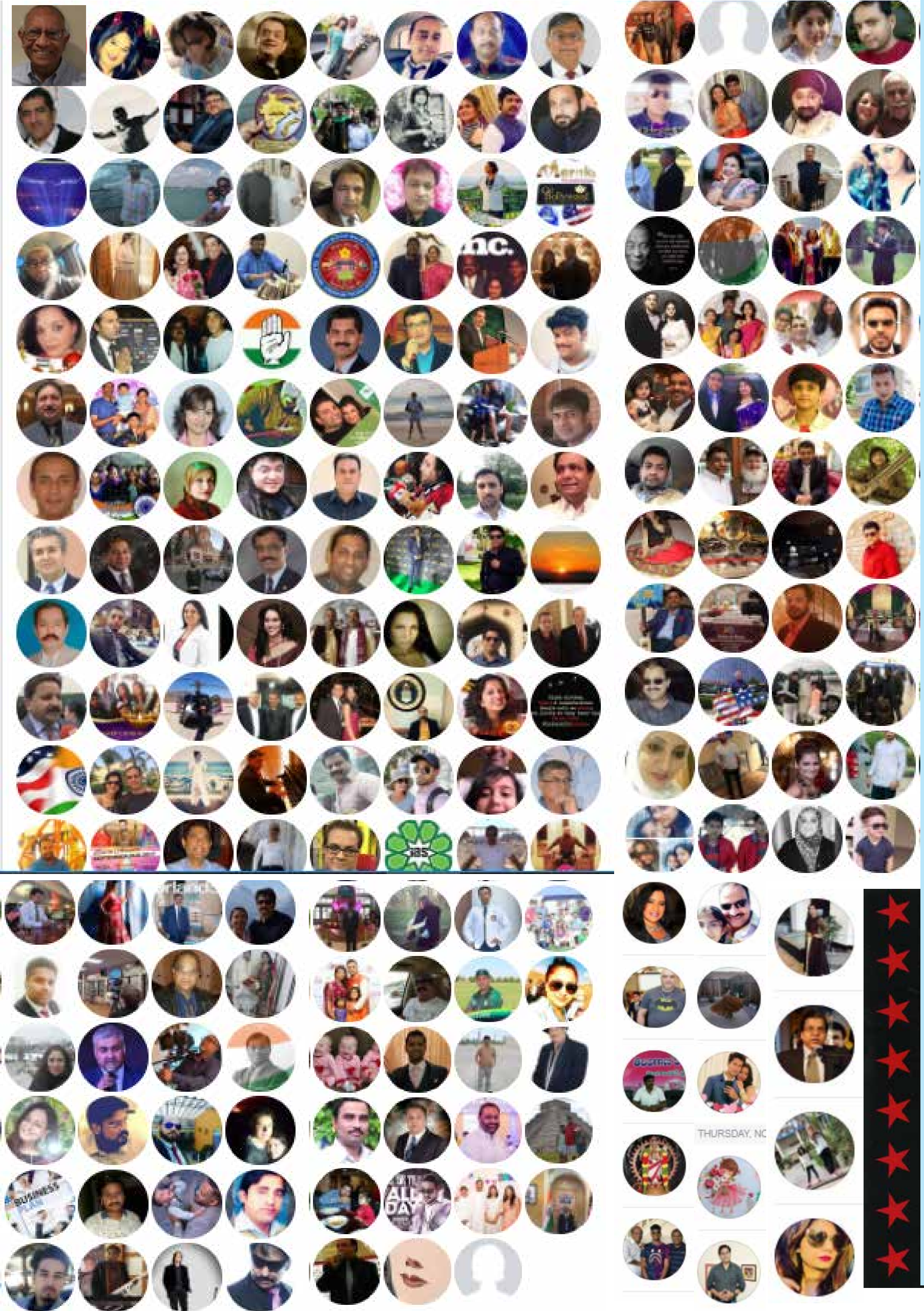
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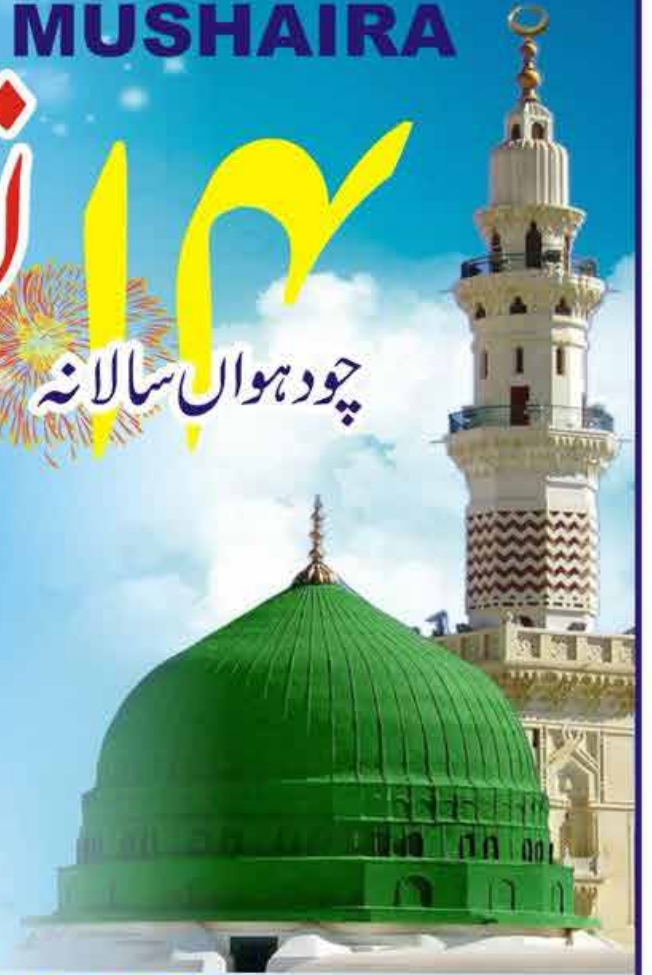
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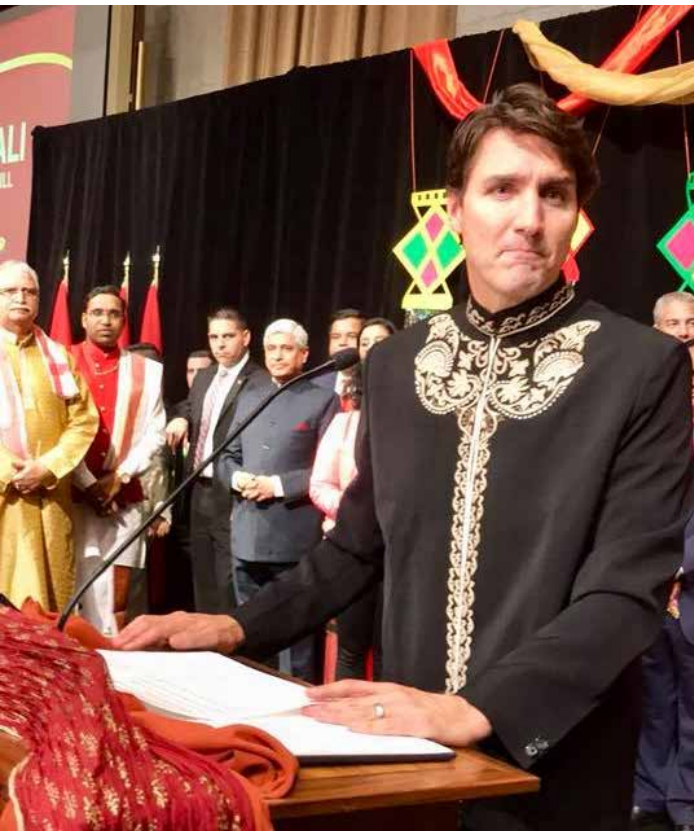
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Rao Kamran Ali with Stephen Yates, Lt Governor candidate GOP Idaho, Dr Jack Lessetter, Fahim Rahim ground breaking ceremony of CardioRenal Centers of America (CRCA), a venture of Fahim Rahim and Naeem Rahim and team. The event was filled with warmth from physicians, local politicians, hospital management as well as community. Literally haven't seen this mutual love and care ever before. Truly means "giving back to community"



DR. Umar Farooq received Community Service Award from NAACP where Governor Tom Wolf was a key note speaker. Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick attended the event as well.



Naseer Mehdi Khan: Celebrated Diwali at Canadian Parliament with RT. Hon Justin Trudeau PM of Canada, Harjit Sajjan Minister of National Defence, Hon. Ahmed Hussen Immigration Minister , Hon. Bardish Chagger Minister, Hon. Amarjeet Sohi Minister, Hon. Navdeep Bains Minister, Hon. Francis Scarpaleggia MP, Frank Baylis MP, Many more Ministers,MPs and friends



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Deputy Chief minister of Telangana State Janab Mehmood Ali Sahab doing Khusur Pusur with Iftexhar Shareef



it was pleasure to visit the facility of Shadan Medical college and research institute at Moinabad, Hyderabad. Toured the place with my young dynamic friend the Managing director of group of VRS Colleges Mr. Sarib Rasool Khan where more than 50,000 students are studying.

It was honour to present a decent check on behalf of Sarib to Moulana Abul Kalam Azad university Principal for upcoming education seminar next week in conjunction with American Consulate office at Hyderabad



Top: with Azharuddin, cricketer. Right: Diwali celebration with school kids of Carmel Montfort High School in a remote village Chintlachuru , Medak District. This school recently acquired by Montford Brothers group which runs thousands of Schools in India including Little Flower HS , All Saints HS , St. Paul HS , Boys Town HS , St. John's and many . Seen with me is Brother Shajan Antony Rector of the School



Family dinner hosted at the residence of Honourable Deputy Chief Minister of Telangana State Janab Mehmood Ali Sahab for American Consulate General at Hyderabad Ms.Katherine Hadda . Seen in picture from left is Furqan Ahmed grandson of Mehmood bhai , Masiullah, Mr Azam Ali s/o Mehmood bhai , Katherine Hadda , Micheal Hadda and Iftexhar Shareef



grand opening of new location of Mujtaba Jewellers Humayun Nager , Hyderabad. Seen in pictures is Asadullah Baig the owner showing the new collections of jewellery including Rose Gold sets, all 22 karats gold . Very large location on two floors , must visit to see collections



Diwali with President Trump in Oval office. President warmly met everyone, lighted Diyas, spoke about Diwali, Hindu Heritage and contributions of Indian Americans. Select Republican Hindu Coalition members and Indian Americans in administration attended. Official celebration pictures followed. Happy Diwali! Proud to see our own Krishna Bansal ji from Chicago in the selected few.

Message from the President:
 Today, I was deeply honored to be joined by so many administration officials and leaders of the Indian-American community - to celebrate Diwali -- the Hindu Festival of Lights. As we do so, we especially remember the People of India, the home of the Hindu faith, who have built the world's largest democracy. I greatly value my very strong relationship with Prime Minister Modi. Diwali is one of the most important celebrations in the Hindu religion. A time of peace and prosperity for the New Year, it is a tradition that is held dear by more than 1 billion Hindus worldwide and more than 2 million Hindus in the United States. It is also celebrated by millions of Buddhists, Sikhs, and Jains in America, India and around the world.

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We wish all of America's Hindus and everyone who celebrates Diwali a joyous holiday and blessings of light, goodness, and prosperity throughout the New Year. And now we will light the Diya.

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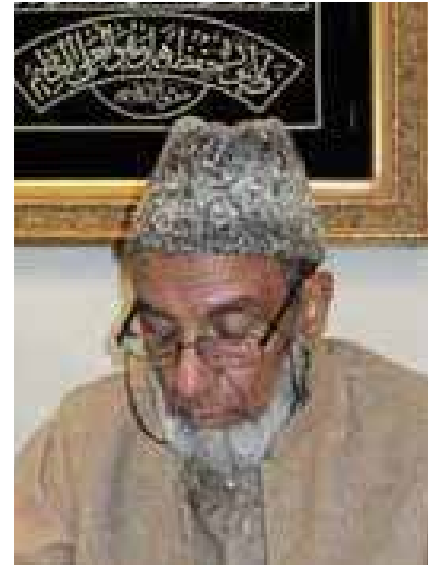
Dr. Imtiaz Ahmed, Sayed Iftiqar and Shawkat Mohammed and others at CMMA conference in Chicago.

Andhra Pradesh CM Chandra Babu Naidu in Chicago



Receiving Hon CM of Andhra Pradesh Shri Chandrababu Naidu at O'Hare. A number of business meetings were planned.

Mr. Abdul Hameed Dogar and Dr. Zia Hassan passed away - A huge blow to Chicago Muslim Community



Indian American Artist Shines at US Film Festival

Chicago, IL: A Chicago based Indian American artist recently made her community proud and performed at a film festival, a Chicago-based competition festival for independent filmmakers worldwide. During her performance at the festival, Jaitly performed Bollywood dance with a saxophone artist Derrick Tate accompanying her on the instrument. Jaitly and Tate presented a fusion of Bollywood and Hollywood through dance and saxophone. The festival was sponsored by Various Artists TV, an independent network and website launched earlier this year in Chicago. This unique festival was designed to provide artists the opportunity to showcase their creativity and participate in a healthy competition with their talented peers. The two day festival showcased a variety of films that included documentaries, comedies Short Film, Music Videos, Short Film, TV / Web Series Pilots, Documentary, Animation, Foreign Film, Horror / Thriller, Children / Family Content, and concluded with award presentations for each category. The judges for the festival included working industry professionals like Barrie M. Osborne (Producer 'Lord of the Rings', 'The Matrix'), Joyce Cox (VFX Producer 'Avatar', 'Titanic', 'The Dark Knight') and Bob Gale (Writer / Producer 'Back to the Future Trilogy'), Chris Walas (SFX Make Up Academy Award Winner 'The Fly' 1986 and so on.

Born and raised in Haryana, India, Prachi Jaitly currently lives in a Chicago suburb and performs a variety of roles. A mother and a wife, Jaitly runs a dance school in Chicago and also works a full time job in a hospital. Jaitly's husband and son accompanied to the festival her to support her. Jaitly is an experienced writer, editor, English language faculty, Human Resource professional and a trained Indian classical dancer (Kathak). She has been teaching for over 10 years and has been performing for last 25 years. She is the Director of Bollywood Arts Academy Inc, Chicago and teaches dance and theater. She finished her MBA in Human Resources and Management from University of Illinois, Chicago and currently works as a Staffing Coordinator in a hospital. She worked as English Language and Literature faculty for Kurukshetra University and for Union Territory, Chandigarh for over five years utilizing her Masters in English Language and Masters in Philosophy. Putting her degree in Journalism and Mass Communication to work, she has written articles for Hindi and English newspapers and blogs in India as well as the US. "Dance is a form of Mediation for me. It connects me with my inner self. Through dance, I try to try to spread joy and happiness around me. Walking the red carpet at today's festival was a proud moment for me and my family", said Jaitly.



It is with our deepest sorrow that we inform you of the passing away of Dr. Zia Hassan, Ph.D., Chairman Emeritus of Islamic Foundation, Villa Park, IL and also Dean Emeritus of IIT's Stuart School of Business. Dr. Hassan passed away this morning, October 29, 2017 after being ill for sometime and he was 84. He is survived by his wife Dr. Sha-keela Hassan, three daughters and five grandchildren. We all pray to Allah to grant Dr. Hassan a place in Jannah and give Dr. Hassan's family patience. Dr. Hassan's Janaza prayer will be on Monday, October 30, 2017, after Zuhr Prayers (1:30 p.m.) at Islamic Foundation, Villa Park, IL.

Dr. Zia Hassan was one of the early immigrants and migrated to United States in the 1956. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Punjab in Pakistan before receiving his Master's Degree (1958) and Ph.D. (1965) in Industrial Engineering at the Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago. Dr. Hassan began his career as a Lecturer in IIT in early 1960's and worked his way up the ranks of becoming Dean of the IIT's Stuart School of Business. Dr. Hassan taught business policy and quality management. His research focused on effective organizations and quality issues on organizations. He has published more than 30 papers, co-authored Basic Programs for Production and Operations Management, and wrote the chapter "Design of Interrelated Manufacturing and Quality Systems" in Manufacturing High Technology Handbook. Dr. Hassan was a Fellow of the American Society for Quality and has served as an examiner for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

Dr. Zia Hassan had a great passion for community work. He was one of the founding members and the first Chairman of Board of Trustees for Islamic Foundation, Villa Park, IL. He was a Chairman of Islamic Foundation for over 40 years and oversaw the formation and growth of various parts of Islamic Foundation. During his tenure

as the Chairman, Islamic Foundation grew from a small weekend religious school to one of the largest Islamic Centers in the United States with a Large Mosque, Full-time School (Pre-K to 12), and 4 weekend programs.

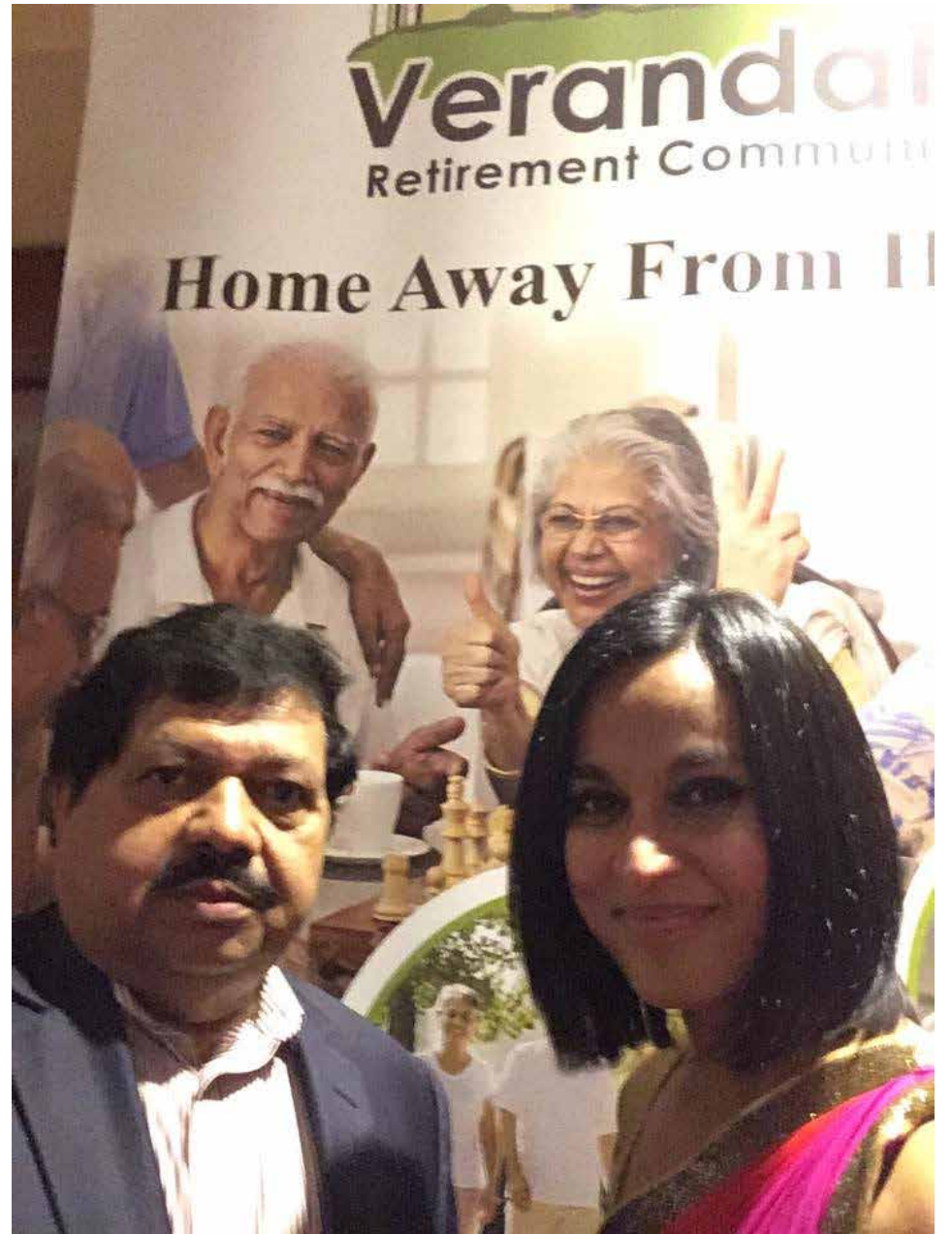
It is with profound sorrow we must inform you all, about the sad demise of Brother Abdul Hameed Dogar also affectionately known as Dogar Sahib. Dogar Sahib was one of the founding members of Islamic Foundation, Villa Park and served as a Director of Islamic Center for over 40 years. He died late Sunday night on October 29, 2017 in his home after being ill for sometime and he was 93. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Masooda Dogar, two sons and two daughters. We all pray to Allah for Dogar Sahib's Magfirath and give Dogar Sahib's family patience. Dogar Sahib's Janaza Prayer will be on Monday, October 30, 2017, after Zuhr Prayers (1:30 p.m.) at Islamic Foundation, Villa Park, IL along with Dr. Zia Hassan's Janaza prayers. Both were the founding trustees of Islamic Foundation and oversaw the growth of Foundation from a small weekend school to one of the largest Islamic Centers in the United States.

Dogar Sahib earned his B.E. Degree in Civil Engineering from Aligarh Muslim University in India before the partition. He worked as a Civil Engineer in Pakistan and later migrated to the United States in March of 1962. He worked for Illinois Department of Transportation (I-DOT) from 1963 until his retirement in 1991. He was Licensed Profession Civil and Structural Engineer. He designed I-55 and some of the bridges in I-355. Dogar Sahib was a visionary and wanted to establish an Islamic Educational Institution in the Chicago and thus laid the foundation for establishing Islamic Foundation Mosque and School. He was voracious reader and scholar. He has written multiple Islamic books. One of his publications is "Islam God's Final Message to Mankind".

Mahatma Gandhi's statue unveiled in Oak Brook, IL



Oak Brook village president Hon Gopal Lalmalani at the unveiling of Mahatma Gandhi's larger than life bronze sculpture at the World Headquarters of the Lions Club International in Oak Brook with Consul General of India Neeta Bhushan, and Oak Brook Trustee Moin Sayed



Gujarat Cultural Association honor Dr. Anuja Gupta well known cardiologist on Diwali Party held on October 28,2017. We all are proud of Dr Anuja Gupta to bring dream community like Verandah to Chicago. Our seniors and Indian community very much need place like that where they feel at home & can enjoy together. Seen here with Dr. Anuja Gupta is Mr. Anil Shah, President at World's Money Exchange, Inc Anil Shah and World's Money Exchange, Inc was one of the major sponsor of this event.

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Fareed Ali Khan:

A Grand Event was organized by Telangana NRI Forum #Riyadh on 27th October 2017 at Pak House Retardant featuring Ustaad Nizam Ali Khan Sahab ...!!

It was an amazing event with houseful crowd ..!! The event was attended by many dignitaries of Riyadh !! The event was lead by Mohd Jabbar and Mahmood Bin Jaffer Misri from Jeddah which resulted in a Grand Success !!

Aijaz Ahmed Khan sahab accompanied Nizam Ali Khan sahab from Jeddah and many others from Jeddah also attended the event !!

Event was attended by

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Mr. Fareed Ali Khan

Dr.Dilshad Ahmed - MC Chairman IISR

Mr. Sultan Mazharuddin - MC Member IISR

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Dr. Mohammed Ashraf - Presedent AIUS

Mr. Taquiuddin - Bazme Urdu toastmasters Club

Dr. Sayeeduddin - President Riyadh NRI forum

Mr. Zia ur Rahman - President Deccan Cultural Association

Bazme Urdu Toastmasters conducts special session on Sir Syed's bicentennial

By Mir Mohsin Ali

RIYADH: First Secretary at the Indian Embassy Riyadh TM. Dr. Hifzur Rahman Azmi stressed on the necessity to read, understand and follow the writings of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan. "Even though these writings are more than a century old but they are relevant even for the current period, he said.

He was addressing the special session of 81st club meeting of Bazme Urdu Toastmasters club based on the theme Sir Syed and his vision, commemorating the 200th birth anniversary of this great visionary.

Quoting Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, Rahman said, "Do not show the face of Islam to others instead show your face as the follower of true Islam representing character, knowledge, tolerance and piety.

Former President of AMUOBA and associate professor at King Saud University Ahamad Badshah shed light on

the writings of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan and said that he changed his way of thinking upon advice of poet Mirza Galib.

A former student of AMU, Basha said that the alumni of this great university are spread across the globe and are contributing in various fields.

On the table topic segment conducted by TM. Abdul Quddus Javed, Abdul Hameed, Mohammed Quaiser, Dr. Dilshad Ahamad, Aftab Nizami, Mohammed Saifuddin, delivered impromptu speeches on various topic given to them on the spot.

Documentary on Aligarh Muslim University by senior



Talat Aziz - the living legend

Born, Nov 11, 1956, in Hyderabad, India to Abdul Azeem Khan and Sajida Abid, a famous Urdu writer and poet. He went to Hyderabad Public School when he finished his ISC and then joined The Indian Institute of Management and Commerce for his B.Com (Hons) Course.

His family loved fine arts and used to organise Mehfil in their house, inviting artists and poets like Jagjit Singh, Jaan Nisaar Akhtar to name a few. This greatly influenced him and he started learning music from an early age. He is married to Bina Aziz a famous painter/art curator. They have two sons Adnan Aziz and Shayaan Aziz.

He released his first album in Feb 1980, under the baton of Jagjit Singh. Jagjit Singh composed this album titled 'Jagjit Singh presents Talat Aziz'. This was a runaway hit and the ghazals from this album like Kaise Sukoon Paoon, Chahenge Tujhe par... to name a few which are still favourites of all ghazal lovers. Subsequently in 1981 Khayyam Saheb the legendary music director introduced Talat Aziz in the classic film Umrao Jaan with the famous ghazal 'Zindagi Jab bhi' and followed it by Bazaar, with the immortal ghazal 'Phir Chidi Raat' which he sang along with the legendary Lata Mangeshkar. He has also sung film songs composed by Laxmikant Pyarelal in the film Dhun (where he also acted as a main lead and sang a bhajan along with Mehdi Hasan). Rajesh Roshan in the film Daddy 'Aaina mujhse meri' to name just a few. All these numbers are still most sought after in his concerts. Talat Aziz took his initial training in music from Kirana Gharana. He was trained primarily by Ustad Samad Khan and later by Ustad Faiyaz Ahmed Khan from the Kirana Gharana.

After the initial training, Talat learnt music from the Ghazal maestro Mehdi Hassan. On many occasions, like on a concert tour of the US and Canada in 1986, he shared the stage with him on concerts in India and abroad. Mehdi Hasan Saheb once remarked on Talat's purity of voice and how well he learnt and imbibed Mehdi Saheb's knowledge and gayaki and yet carving his own path.

Composer Talat has also composed music for TV serials and has also acted in several of them. He composed music for teleserials like Deewar, Baaz, Adhikaar, Ghutan, Sailaab, Aashirwaad and the magnum opus, Noorjehan. He also composed the music and sang too for a feature film titled 'Majaz-Ae Ghame dil' recently in 2016. This film was produced by Shakeel Akhtar and was a biography of the iconic poet Majaz Luckhnawi.



Zahyr Siddiqi of Bolingbrook, IL and Talat Aziz

Actor As an actor he has acted in serials like Sahil, Manzil, Dil Apna Aur Preet Parayee and Noorjehan a TV serial written by Nida Fazli. He also acted as the main lead in the film 'Dhun' directed by Mahesh Bhatt where



At a concert in Houston Oct 2017

his co stars were Anupam Kher and Sangeeta Bijlani with the music by Laxmikant Pyarelal and lyrics by Anand Bakshi. The music album was released by HMV in 1991 at a glittering event where all the who's who of the Indian Film industry were present. The music album was a hit. Songs like 'Yaad Aane wale "Laagi Prem dhun laa-gi' 'Main Aatma' are still remembered by music lovers. One interesting fact is that Mehdi Hasan sang a bhajan along with Talat "Main aatma tu Parmaatma" for the first time in an Indian film.

Recently Talat Aziz acted in the feature film 'Fitoor' produced and released by Disney in 2015 where he played a cameo. This film directed by Abhishek Kapoor had Aditya Roy Kapur, Katrina Kaif, Tabu Rahul Bhat and himself in key roles.

Talat released many albums like Talat Aziz live, Images A team Come True, Lehren, Ehsaas, Suroor, Saughaat, Tasavvur (The first video album of ghazals in 1987), Manzil, Storms, Dhadkan, Shahkaar, Mehboob, Khubsoorat, Irshaad, Khushnuma, Caravan e Ghazal in which Sonu Nigam also participated in a duet 'Qurbaton mein bhi' a ghazal written by Ahmed Faraaz. His also recorded an album 'A Tribute to his Master' which was recorded in Los Angeles as a tribute to his guru Mehdi Hasan and the tabla accompaniment for this unique album was none other than the great maestro Ustad Tari Khan. This album got a nomination in the best ghazal album category in the prestigious GIMA Global Indian Music Awards.

The singer was the first ghazal artiste to release a ghazal music video of Tasavvur, in 1987 when a video album was not even thought of. He is often seen on the small screen in various roles as a music judge.

Talat Aziz has been singing in concerts for over four decades and has travelled the globe with his sell out performances. On 31st Dec 1999 he was invited by the Prime Minister of India Shri Atal Behari Vajpayee to perform specially for him and his close family at the Taj Garden Retreat Kumarakom Kerala. He sang a special number written by Janab Nida Fazli for the occasion titled Vrin-davan ke Krishn Kanhaiyya Allah Hoo which was deeply appreciated by everyone specially the PM.

In 2003 he was invited by the King of Morocco Mohd XI to Marrakech as his special guest to celebrate the New Year along with a host of celebrities from around the world including none other than Sir Sean Connery.

In 2007 he was invited by Shri L.K. Advani the deputy PM at that time to sing in Delhi. He sang the famous song from the film 'Daddy' which is Shri L.K. Advani's favourite.

He celebrated his 25 Years Anniversary with the launch of a special audio and video album at the NCPA Tata auditorium Mumbai where the veritable who's who of the music industry were present and a special documentary on his life was screened. This documentary featured video bytes from the likes of legends like Mehdi Hasan Lata Mangeshkar Asha Bhosle Ghulam Ali and contemporaries Pankaj Udhas Anup Jalota Hariharan to name a few and was released by Universal Music India as a special commemorative DVD with the audio cd pack of two released by Times Music.

He also curated a Bollywood Electro Music Festival titled Bollyboom for Percept India which was held all over India and the World from November 2013.[2]

He also recorded two tracks with young upcoming artists like Piyush Shankar, Teesha Nigam for the new year 2017 titled "Meri Dua- A prayer" and another song with another talented upcoming singer Siddharth Slathia for Valentine's Day 2017. These songs were written composed and sung by him in collaboration with youngsters. Released worldwide on Facebook of all music lovers.

In November 2013 he started hosting a special radio show titled Carvaan e Ghazal as an RJ on 92.7 BIG FM which was relayed every Sunday



9 pm to 11 pm nationally in 45 cities all over India. This radio program was about ghazals, ghazal singers, ghazal lovers ghazals in films and was in the top 3 programs on the channel. It was a weekly and received an amazing response. It also won the most prestigious Radio Award called the IRF India Radio Forum Awards for the best Hindi non breakfast radio show on the 31st of May 2014. He had stalwarts like Ghulam Ali Saheb Gulzar Saheb Nida Fazli Saheb Sonu Nigam Asha Bhosleji Chitra Singh and friends like Pankaj Udhas Anup Jalota Hariharan amongst a host of celebrities who came to the show at his invitation and graced it with their presence. This show got over in Oct 2015 although there was and is still a lot of demand for it.

In fact the great doyen Dilip Kumar Saheb was so impressed by this show that Saira Bano ji invited Talat and his wife Bina to their home as Dilip Kumar Saheb a fan of Talat wanted to congratulate him in person

In the month of Aug and September 2015 he toured the U.S. for a special show titled 'The Iconic Tour' conceived by Bina Aziz in conjunction with Prria Haider Productions in USA who executed it for six packed concerts all over the U.S. where for the first time he sang Bollywood retro songs with Asha Bhosle ji. The highlight of this tour was that all the concerts were held at very prestigious venues like the Fox Theatre in Atlanta, the Grand Sears Arena in Chicago The Allen Center in Dallas The Arena Theatre in Houston and with a grand Finale at the New Jersey Performing Arts Centre NJPAC and they were sold out completely and set a standard of excellence. For the first time high end graphics were special designed under the supervision of Bina Aziz with VJ Tarang which were programmed for each track individually adding to the great ambience and this was highly appreciated by the audience.

In Feb 2016 he released a ghazal single titled 'Wo Shaam' the first digital ghazal audio and video release and it reached more than 600,000 people in a time frame of two weeks through the social Media like Facebook.

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OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT BY SHAHINA KHAN AS THE 1ST INDIAN AMERICAN LAW STUDENT

Chicago, Oct. 24, 2017: The Chicago-Kent trial advocacy team represented by Shahina Khan, 3rd year JD student with three other students in the National Civil Trial Competition Championship 2017, held at Santa Monica and Los Angeles, Calif. Chicago-Kent won over over Georgetown University Law Center, Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, and American University Washington College of Law twice in the quarter and semi finals rounds. In the finals, Chicago-Kent got 1st runnerup to the team of Stamford University Cumberland School of Law. She also the recipient of prestigious J.J. Bittenbinder Award in UIC and the Obama Award for her championship in extra and co curricular activities during High School years .



Shahina Khan

PRESIDENT
2017-2018

Muslim Law Student Association and member of Trail advocacy Team (2017-2018). Earlier to this, she also served as the Vice President for these associations. She graduated from University of Illinois at Chicago in 2015 with a bachelors in Criminal law with honors. She is doing her internship in Cook County State's Attorney's Office, Chicago. She wants to pursue a career in Criminal Litigation.



From left: The Chicago-Kent team of Alexis Halsell '18, Jesse Pollans '18, Shahina Khan '18 and Kristen Farr Capizzi '18 finished in second place at the 2017 National Civil Trial Competition.

Shahina Khan belongs to the aristocratic and respectable family of old Hyderabad Estate. She is the daughter of Engr. Ameer Mohammed Ali Khan, Practicing Consultant of IDOT, and grand daughter of President's Gold Medalist, Late Nawab Wajid Ali Khan, Superintendent of Police, Ex. AP, India. Shahina Khan's great grand father, Late Abul Faiz Mirza Mohammed Ali Baig, was an eminent lawyer in pre and post independent India Hyderabad. He was the President of Bar Councils, Civil and Criminal courts, Hyderabad, India. He was one of the few eminent lawyers of India who had an opportunity to write the constitution of India.

Shahina Khan is the President for Criminal Law Society,



Wali host the show in Bristol Court banquet with Amit and Tariq khan and singers Sameer Siani, Manmeet Kaur and others.



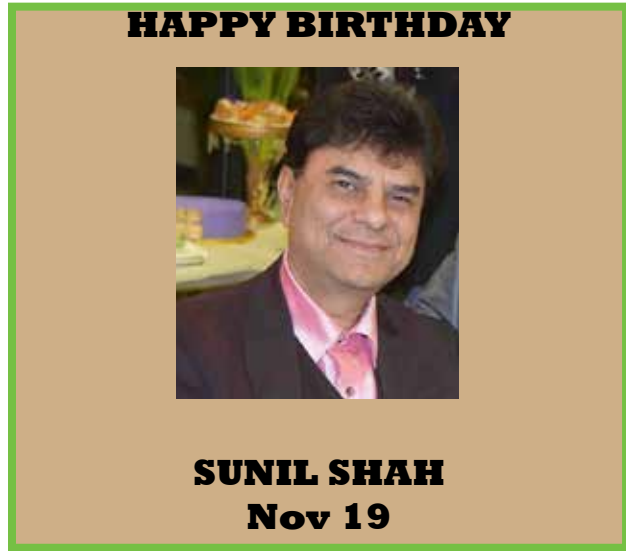
Wali is with Pakistan famous TV and Film Artist Aftab Alam in the play ABIC (Akbar Badshah in Chicago).



Wali and Roshan with Famous TV and Film Artist Aftab Alam



Islamic Center Naperville welcomed Consul General Chicago Hon Neeta Bhushan



Successful Diwali event: Pratibha Jairath with Vibha Rajput, Hitesh Gandhi, Anuja Gupta, Sunil Shah, Om Dhingra, Madhu Uppal and Brij Sharma.



Good friends Krishna Bansal and Meghna Garg Bansal hosted an wonderful Diwali Party with Friends and Family's at their Residence. It was great opportunity to meet all our community leaders, friends and political leaders at one place. Thank you so much Krishna Bhai and Megha for the invite and for being a great host.



Islamic Centre of Naperville was Honoured to host Honourable Consul General of India, Ms. Neeta Bhushan at Islamic Centre of Naperville for Round Table Conference. The round table conference was attended by ICN Board and its Leadership. It was wonderful to hear Consul General about India and its rich diversity with so many faith. CG also spoke about different challenges Indian Community members face in US and Consulate facilitating many services for Indian Community.

Fundraising event "Taare Zameen Par"



Shawkat Mohammed from Dallas with singers Farha Salaam and Abdul Ghafoor



Nawab Shah Alam Khan Sahab passed away

Janab Nawab Shah Alam Khan saheb, a descendent of nobility of erstwhile Hyderabad State, he was one of the leading industrialists, a philanthropist, an educationist and an administrator. He held the positions of chairman of A.P. minority state financial corporation, Member of the Board of Management and Academic Senate of Osmania University and Member of the Academic Council of Aligarh Muslim University. He was also member of Darussalam Educational Trust. He was also the chairman of Anwarul Uloom Educational Society and many more educational societies. He converted Anwaruloom from a small educational institute into an educational hub. Today about 18,000 students attend schools and colleges run by society. An engineering college 'Nawab Shah Alam' was named after him. He was widely respected as one of the leading lights of education in general and minority education in particular, in the country. May Allah swt grant him the highest place in Jannah Ameen



Jagirdar family in 1921. He was also the Chairman of Anwarul Uloom Educational Society and an engineering college was named after him. He was the one who converted a small educational institute into a society under which several institutions have run.

Nawab also officiated as Chairman of Andhra Pradesh Minority Finance Corporation, Member of the Board of Management and Academic senate of Osmania University and Member of Academic Council of Aligarh Muslim University.

He was 96 years and widely respected in the city's social circles as a leading industrialist, philanthropist and an educationist. Nawab Shah Alam Khan was born in a

He is survived by seven sons including Nawab Mahboob Alam Khan.

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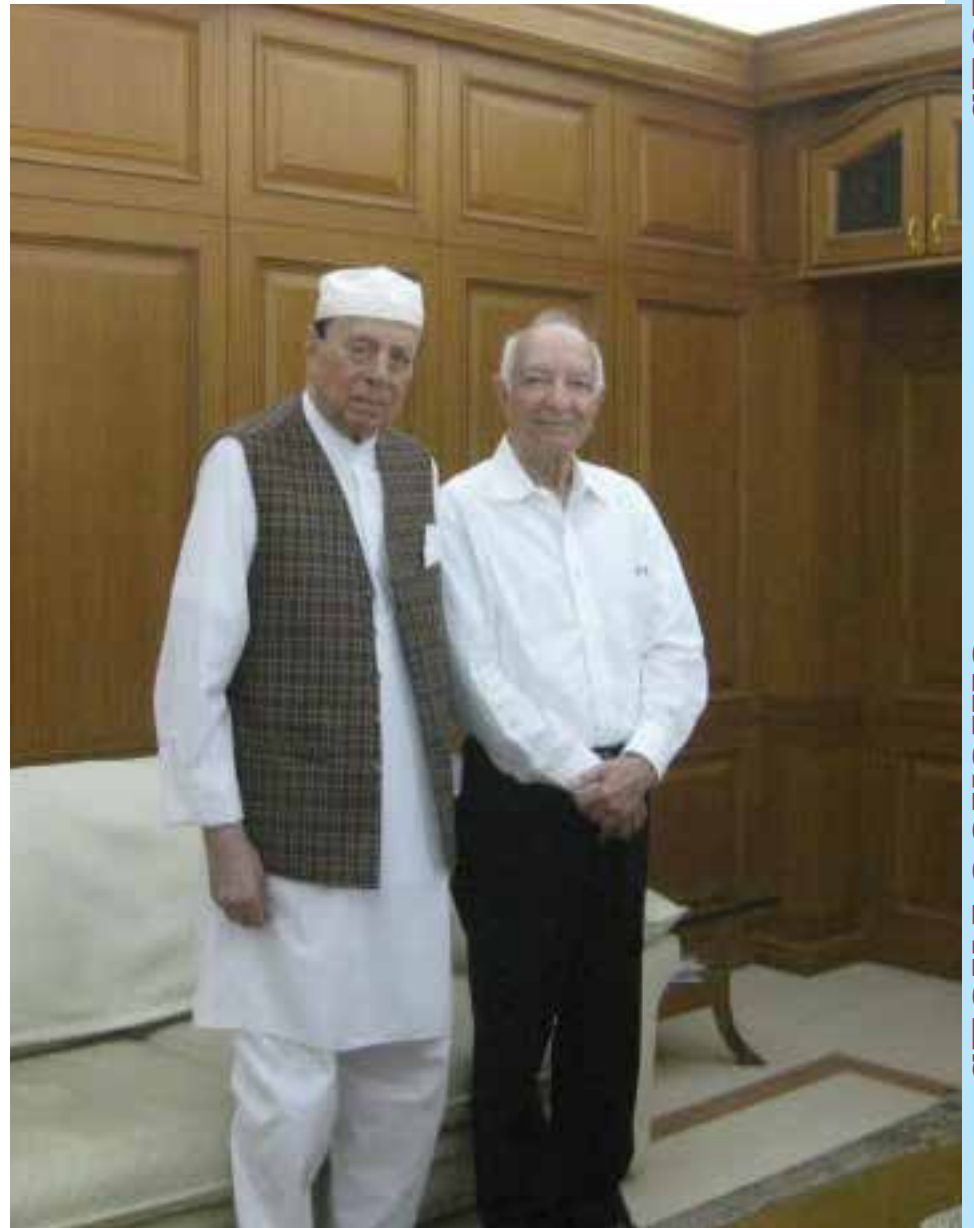
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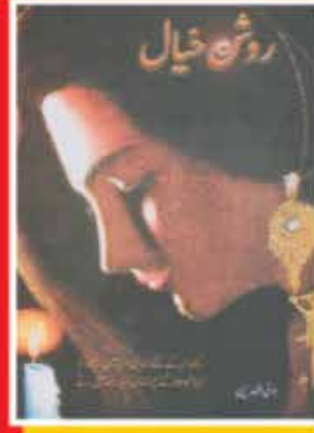
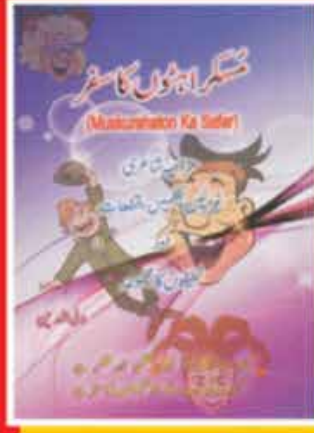
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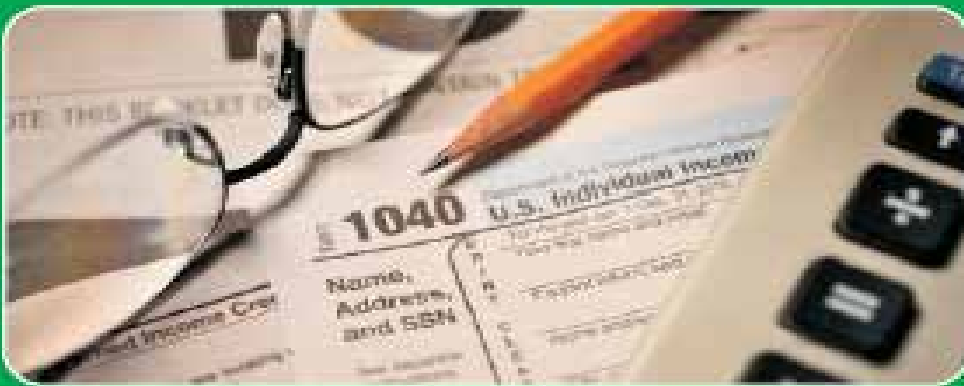
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Safety

Playing it Safe on Halloween

Preparing Ghosts and Goblins for Their Tricks and Treats

- Make sure older kids go out with friends. Younger children should be accompanied by an adult. If you live in a rural area, offer all kids a ride in the car.
- Set a time limit for children to trick-or-treat. Together, map out a safe route so you know where they'll be. Remind them not to take shortcuts through backyards, alleys, or playing fields.
- Remind kids not to enter a strange house or car.
- Try to get kids to trick-or-treat while it is still light out. If it is dark, make sure the children are carrying flashlights that work.

Pranks That Can Be a Little Tricky
Halloween is notoriously a night of pranks—toilet papering a house or filling mailboxes with shaving cream are not unusual. Try to get a handle on your children's plans before they go out. Explain to them that while you want them to have a good time, some tricks could hurt other people or vandalize property. Emphasize that you disapprove of vandalism.

Eating the Treats

- Kids need to know not to eat their treats until they get home. One way to keep trick-or-treaters

from digging in while they're still out is to feed them a meal or substantial snack beforehand.

- Check out all treats at home in a well-lit place.
- What to eat? Only unopened candies and other treats that are in original wrappers. Don't forget to inspect fruit and homemade goodies for anything suspicious. By all means, remind kids not to eat everything at once or they'll be feeling pretty ghoulish for a while.

Halloween may be a fun holiday for kids, but for parents, trick-or-treat time can be a little scary. Concerns about children's safety—whether they are out in the neighborhood or back at home with bountiful bags of goodies—can cast a spell on the evening's festivities. But not to worry! Following a few safety tips will ensure that Halloween will be a "howling" good time for all.

"Unhaunting" Your House and Neighborhood

- Welcome trick-or-treaters at home by turning on your exterior lights.
- Remove objects from your yard that might present a hazard to visitors.
- Ask your Neighborhood Watch or citizens' group to patrol the community.
- Involve students from a local college or university to be "witch's helpers." These students help trick-or-treaters cross busy streets and watch out for ghoulish behavior.

or eliminate places an intruder might hide: the spaces between trees or shrubs, stairwells, alleys, hallways, and entry ways. With many law enforcement agencies cutting costs, it has never been more important for citizens to work together to prevent crime.

Information about Home and Neighborhood Safety
Neighborhood Safety Tips For Parents
Advice for parents on keeping your kids safe in your neighborhood

Neighborhood Watch
Tips and information on starting and running a Neighborhood Watch program

Strategies
Techniques people can use to reduce crime in their communities

Gas Station Theft Prevention
Tips and posters for preventing crime in gas stations

Training on Home and Neighborhood Safety
Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Training Program



- Drive slowly all evening—you never know what creature may suddenly cross your path.
- Report any suspicious or criminal activity to your local police or sheriff's department.

Consider This
Parents and kids can avoid trick-or-treating troubles entirely by organizing a Halloween costume party with treats, games, contests, music, scary stories, and much more.

Make your Halloween party the place to be!
Schools, fire stations, libraries, even malls in many communities organize "haunted houses" and other festivities for families.

Making Safe Costumes

- Check that costumes are flame-retardant so the little ones aren't in danger near candlelit jack-o-lanterns and other fire hazards.
- Keep costumes short to prevent trips, falls, and other bumps in the night.
- Encourage kids to wear comfortable

shoes.
Try makeup instead of a mask. Masks can be hot and uncomfortable and, more importantly, they can obstruct a child's vision—a dangerous thing when kids are crossing streets and going up and down steps.

- Make sure kids wear light colors or put reflective tape on their costumes.

Dressed Up and Dangerous?
Halloween blood and gore are harmless stuff for the most part. But sometimes dressing up as a superhero, a scary monster, or a slimy alien from outer space—coupled with the excitement of Halloween—brings out aggressive behavior. Even fake knives, swords, and guns can accidentally hurt people. If these objects are part of a child's costume, make sure they are made from cardboard or other flammable materials. Better yet, challenge kids to create costumes that don't need "weapons" to be scary and fun.

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) theories contend that law enforcement officers, architects, city planners, landscape and interior designers, and resident volunteers can create a climate of safety in a



community right from the start.
Publications and Products on Home and Neighborhood Safety
Travel Safety Tips Flier
This online Flier Travel Safety Tips from National Crime Prevention Council and McGruff The Crime Dog

Positive Change Through Policy
This online guide features examples of policies that create safer communities

Locking Your Home
Times have changed, and locks have changed, but burglars still look for homes that are easy targets.

Neighborhood Watch Needs You
This publication discusses reasons to get involved, the kinds of activities Watch groups do, and how they can help a neighborhood strengthen hometown and homeland security activities.

Programs on Home and Neighborhood Safety
Celebrate Safe Communities
Celebrate crime prevention and local communities making a difference

Home and Neighborhood Safety

Crime prevention and personal safety tips to help keep you and your community safe from crime

In these times of economic distress, many people are concerned about the threat of rising crime in their communities. Fortunately, there are ways to help protect your home and your neighborhood from crime. From simple steps like keeping your doors locked to starting a Neighborhood Watch program, there are plenty of things you can do to prevent crime.

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'Open To All Religions,' Says Saudi Prince.

Investors Burst Into Applause

It was a comment that stunned the people in the room.

At an event in Riyadh meant to highlight the kingdom's influence in the business world, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman said Saudi Arabia was returning to "moderate" Islam and intended to "eradicate" extremism.

This in a country that was founded on an austere form of Islam and has been defined by it for decades. The remarks seemed aimed at religious ultra-conservatives who have been tolerated by the ruling Al Saud family in exchange for their support.

"We are only returning to what we used to be, to moderate Islam, open to the world and all religions," the 32-year-old prince said at the conference in the capital. "We won't waste 30 years of our lives dealing with any extremist ideas. We will eradicate extremism."

The remarks made by the kingdom's predominant leader were his strongest statements to date that the country's founding precepts aren't working. They came as he added to a host of reform promises by announcing plans to build a new city on the Red Sea coast with more than \$500 billion in investments that will offer a lifestyle not available in today's Saudi Arabia. It's part of efforts he's spearheading to prepare Saudi Arabia for the post-oil era.

In the course of his meteoric rise to power since 2015, the prince has announced plans to sell a stake in oil giant Saudi Aramco and create the world's largest sovereign wealth fund, and has ended some social constraints, including a long-standing ban on female drivers. Women will be allowed to drive in June 2018.

And yet Saudi Arabia still enforces gender segregation in many public places and women remain marginalized in the workplace. It has also been criticized over its export of Wahhabism, a fundamentalist strain of Sunni Islam

that has inspired extremist groups including al-Qaida and Islamic State. And it's not clear the prince can deliver on his promises.

"The risk here is that you can't just throw away the old fundamentals of support of the kingdom. It's like jumping off one train that's still moving and trying to get on another one," said Kamran Bokhari, a senior analyst with Geopolitical Futures and a senior fellow with the Center



for Global Policy. "The political system of the kingdom is dependent on the religious establishment."

The changes are part of a blueprint, called Vision 2030, that the prince introduced last year to transform a major economy now reliant on petrodollars. Failure to find the right answers risks leaving the kingdom in limbo: An absolute monarchy with diminishing resources to fund an unsustainable version of state capitalism. Saudis will get more restless and the economy, already ground to a halt, could get worse.

The latest attempt at an overhaul was triggered by a sharp drop in oil revenue in 2014 that hasn't reversed. To avoid what the prince and his advisers saw as a catastrophic rundown on savings, they canceled projects deemed unnecessary, cut costly subsidies and halted payments to

contractors.

At the forum, where men and women mingled as a group played traditional Arabic music, the prince sounded upbeat while talking about the new city, to be called Neom. The event was attended by some of the world's most prominent business people, keen to explore new opportunities in the kingdom. They burst into applause after Prince Mohammed made his comments about "open to the world and all religions" while speaking on a panel.

Rami Khouri, professor of journalism and senior public policy fellow at American University of Beirut and nonresident senior fellow at Harvard Kennedy School, said the prince's efforts were meant to impress the West.

"He's doing this to give a new face of Saudi Arabia aimed at the Western world, primarily, dazzling them with all the buttons that they want to hear pushed about entrepreneurship, liberalism, moderate Islam," said Khouri. "The leadership thinks that it can play with its society and its people like Silly

Putty, that they can suddenly say now we've changed," he added. "He's reinforcing and reaffirming the weaknesses of traditional Arab autocratic leaderships rather than actually coming out with anything that's innovative and modern and creative."

Bokhari said for the crown prince and his father, King Salman, the slump in oil revenue means the old way of buying loyalty from interest groups is no longer viable.

"So what do you do?" said Bokhari. "You can't make everyone happy so you say I'll go with the youth, I'll go with the women and I'll go with the people who are modern and inshallah (God willing) enough of the religious scholars will give me a rubber stamp for what I am doing. It's not going to work."

Guard Chinese soil, President Xi Jinping tells herdsmen near Arunachal Pradesh border

President Xi Jinping has told herdsmen from a Tibetan settlement bordering Arunachal Pradesh to "set down roots" to safeguard "Chinese territory" and focus on developing their hometown.

"Without peace in the territory, there will be no peaceful lives for the millions of families," Xi, who began his second term in office after the Communist Party of China (CPC) Congress, wrote to a herding family in Lhunze County in Tibet.

Xi told the herding family from Lhunze County, near the Himalayas, to set down roots in the border area, safeguard "Chinese territory" and develop their hometown. India asserts the Sino-Indian border dispute covers the 4,057 km Line of Actual Control, while China claims it is confined to about 2,000 km to the area of Arunachal Pradesh, which it refers to as Southern Tibet.

The family is based in Yumai, China's smallest town in terms of population, where steep slopes and rugged paths make it difficult to live, state-run Xinhua news agency reported. Xi acknowledged the family's efforts to "safeguard the territory, and thanked them for the loyalty and contributions they have made in the border area," the report said.

Xi, who also heads the Central Military Commission – the overall high command of the Chinese military – made the remarks in a reply delivered to the Tibetan herders on Saturday, after they wrote to him introducing their township.

Two girls – Zhoigar and Yangzom – from the Tibetan family wrote the letter to Xi, while the Congress was in session in Beijing, telling him their experiences in safeguarding the border area and the development of their township over the years.

The Chinese president hoped the family would motivate more herders to set down roots in the border area "like galsang flowers," and become guardians of Chinese territory and builders of a happy hometown. Xi told the family the party would continue to lead people of all ethnic groups towards better lives, the report said.





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Message to Young Muslims

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I believe it is up to us American Muslims to take primary responsibility for promoting a peaceful ideology. US gives us the opportunity to express our opinion without the fear of repercussions. The vast majority of Muslims are peace-loving people, but they are silent. When we are silent, we become irrelevant and complicit in crimes against Muslims. We must become proactive in order to prevent further deterioration. My position is to face the situation and do something about it—not keep on blaming. I believe that true change and development will only happen if Muslims take the initiative. We can take inspiration from Islamic cultures of the past and use our wealth to build world-class universities and research centers, instead of purchasing more weapons to kill people. Ijtihad, or critical reasoning, is needed rather than blindly following the views of past scholars. If Islamic countries modernize their systems of education and give proper importance to science and technology while at the same time reinforcing Islamic values and ethics, we will be able to produce scholars of the same caliber as Ibn Sina, Ibn Khaldun, and Ibn Rushd. We are fortunate to live in a country that is culturally and religiously the most diverse on earth. We enjoy freedom of speech and have the freedom to practice our religion and cultural traditions without fear of persecution. We are also free to pursue our ambitions and dreams. You can fulfill your destiny if you are dis-

ciplined. Unless you lived elsewhere, you might not realize the importance of these freedoms. I believe that Islam has given me guidance to do righteous things and to serve humanity by providing directives in Quranic verses and the examples of prophet Muhammed. I also believe that Salvation does not depend on the religion one practices, but on one's behavior, morality, and service to humanity. Instead of arguing and fighting over which religion is true and which is false, we should pay attention to our own religion and behavior and follow the guidelines prescribed by our sacred book Holy Quran (2:262; 5:69). The primary purpose of religion is to serve humanity, to live in peace and harmony with others, and to respect the dignity of all human beings, regardless of their religion, color, race, or country of origin. Religion promotes universal human rights and justice. In order to be recognized and heard, you must be an integral part of the US political system, so get involved in politics as soon as possible. Dream big, aim high, work hard, and pursue your dream! Achieve your full potential and create your legacy. Once you are successful, serve others by sharing and giving back to the community. I encourage you to become an exemplary American Muslim, proud of your faith, your heritage, your country and to work with others to create a harmonious world. As it says in the Quran, "The condition of people will not change until they change within themselves."



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Tabbu is from Hyderabad - Really?

Tabassum Fatima Hashmi (born 4 November 1971), known mononymously as Tabu, is an Indian film actress. She has primarily acted in Hindi films, and has also appeared in English, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, Marathi and Bengali language films. She has won the National Film Award for Best Actress twice, and has received six Filmfare Awards, including a record four Critics Awards for Best Actress. She was awarded the Padma Shri by the Government of India in 2011.

Tabassum Fatima Hashmi was born to Jamal Hashmi and Rizwana to a Muslim family.[1][5] Her parents divorced soon after.[6] Her mother was a school teacher and her maternal grandparents were retired professors who ran a school. Her grandfather, Mohammed Ahsan, was a professor of Mathematics, and her grandmother was a professor of English Literature. She went to St. Anns High school in Hyderabad. Tabu moved to Mumbai in 1983 and studied at St. Xavier's College for two years.[7]

She is the niece of Shabana Azmi and Baba Azmi and the younger sister of actress Farah Naaz. She speaks Urdu, Telugu, Hindi and English

Tabassum "Tabu" Hashmi did a small appearance in the film Bazaar in 1980,[citation needed] and later in the film Hum Naujawan (1985) at the age of fourteen; she played Dev Anand's daughter in the film. Her first role as an actress was in the Telugu film Coolie No.1, co-starring with Venkatesh. In December 1987, Boney Kapoor launched two major films; Roop Ki Rani Choron Ka Raja and Prem. In Prem (film)|Prem, Tabu was signed opposite Sanjay Kapoor. The film took eight years in making and it was the biggest flop in Boney Kapoor's production career.[citation needed] Fortunately Tabu's career took off well after this film, in spite of the long delay.

Tabu's first release in Hindi as a leading lady was Pehla Pehla Pyar, which went unnoticed.[9] She came into prominence with her role in Vijaypath, (1994) opposite Ajay Devgan, for which she received the Filmfare Best Female Debut Award. This was followed by many films that did not do well at the box office.

In 1996, Tabu had eight releases. Two films Saajan Chale Sasural and Jeet went on to be hits; both were within the top five films of that year.[10] Her other significant film, Maachis, was critically acclaimed. Her role as a Punjabi woman caught in the rise of Sikh insurgency was acclaimed; she went on to win her first National Film Award for Best Actress for her performance. The same year saw her major blockbuster films down south. She starred in the Telugu blockbuster Ninne Pelladata, opposite Nagarjuna, a film which won the National Film Award for Best Feature Film in Telugu. The critically acclaimed Malayalam period epic film Kalapani directed by Priyadarshan with Mohanlal and Prabhu Ganesan in the lead roles, brought her laurels for her acting from all across South India. She also debuted in Kollywood through the highly

successful Tamil film Kadhal Desam, directed by Kathir, with Abbas and Vineeth.

Tabu's first release of 1997 was Border. The movie was about the real life events surrounding the Battle of Longewala during the 1971 Indo-Pak war. She played the

role of Sunny Deol's wife. Her role was small, but the film went on to be the biggest hit of 1997.[11] That year, she also starred in the critically acclaimed film Virasat. The film was a success at the box office and Tabu won the Filmfare Critics Award for Best Performance.

Birthday Specials

In 2000, the actress starred in Hera Pheri and Astitva. The former was a box office success whilst the latter was critically acclaimed. Hindustan Times critic Arnab Banerjee wrote of her performance: "Tabu is brilliant and once again proves her mettle as an actress. The mind-blowing range of emotions she displays, her exquisite face and her subtle quiet dignity with which she handles her character, will take her far in her film career." [13][14] She received her third Filmfare Critics Award for Best Performance for Astitva.[15] Down south, Tabu had two releases in Tamil, namely Kandukondain Kandukondain, a multi-starrer blockbuster film directed by Rajeev Menon; and Snegithiye directed by Priyadarshan, along with a Malayalam release Cover Story. Original Malayalam version of Snegithiye, which is Raakilipattu was later released in 2007.

2001 saw her star in Chandni Bar directed by Madhur Bhandarkar. Her portrayal of a bar dancer met with unanimous praise, and she won her second National Film Award for Best Actress for her performance.[16] Critic Taran Adarsh said: "Chandni Bar is Tabu's film all the way and there are no two opinions on that. Her performance deserves the highest marks and of course, all the awards. Her work is flawless and the impact her character makes on the minds of the viewer is also due to a tailor-made role".[17] Another critic mentioned: "if there is one actress who can carry a film on her shoulders, it is Tabu. As usual, she sparkles".[18]

She has acted in a number of Telugu movies, many of them very successful, such as Coolie No. 1 and Ninne Pelladutha, the latter being one of her most famous and popular movies.[19] She further continued to star in films such as Chennakeshava Reddy and Pandurangadu with Nandamuri Balakrishna, Andarivadu with Chiranjeevi and Aavida Maa Aavide with Akkineni Nagarjuna. Tabu made a reentry into Telugu movies after a long hiatus with the film Pandurangudu in 2008. Her roles in Telugu movies largely focused on glamorous roles.

In 2003, Tabu starred in an adaptation of William Shakespeare's Macbeth. The actress played Nimmi based on the character Lady Macbeth. The film, titled Maqbool, was directed by Vishal Bhardwaj and premiered at the 2003 Toronto International Film Festival.[20] Maqbool was a box office failure, but was met with huge acclaim. Tabu's performance opened to much appreciation; critic Ron Ahluwalia said: "Tabu shines in a dark role. The most versatile actress in Bollywood takes to villainy like a second nature. She is menacing and seductive, but keeps an innocent look on her face, making her even viler. The way Tabu delivers her taunts is simply perfect. Her gradual insanity is heart-wrenching and her final outburst is easily the highlight of the film." [21] Another critic said: "Tabu is fantastic in a complex role. Her performance in the film is worthy of awards. After Chandni Bar, this is another role that will be remembered for a long, long time." [22]

She had a supporting role in Fanaa (2006), with Aamir Khan and Kajol. The film went on to become the fourth biggest hit of that year.[23]

In 2007, Tabu starred in her first Hollywood film The Namesake, directed by Mira Nair. The film was a big hit overseas.[24] She also starred in Cheeni Kum, in which she played a 34-year-old woman who falls in love with a 64-year-old played by Amitabh Bachchan. Critics were



generally positive towards the film; Taran Adarsh said: "Tabu stands on her feet despite a formidable co-star's domineering presence. She's excellent." [25] Though the film did not do as well domestically, it performed well overseas, especially in UK and US.[26]

She started off 2009 by being featured on the cover of Vogue India's January 2009 issue.

In 2010, Tabu portrayed the lead role in the romantic comedy film Toh Baat Pakki!, which earned huge publicity as it marked Tabu's return to Bollywood after three years. However, the film was a commercial failure. Her next release of the year was Khuda Kasam opposite Sunny Deol, a film long-delayed. Her other film Banda Yeh Bindaas Hai, directed by B. R. Chopra, got indefinitely shelved owing to the plagiarism issues. She made a comeback to Malayalam cinema in 2011 with her brief song appearance in the multi starrer film Urumi, directed by Santosh Sivan. The song "Aaranne Aaranne" featuring Tabu alongside Prabhu Deva and Prithviraj Sukumaran was declared a chartbuster of the year.

In 2012, she featured in her second Hollywood film Life of Pi, directed by Ang Lee. She played a supporting role as the mother of the protagonist. Her next and only release in 2013 was David, a Tamil - Hindi bilingual film, starring Vikram in the lead and directed by Bejoy Nambiar. The year 2014 saw her comeback to mainstream commercial cinema with the Salman Khan starrer Jai Ho, a remake of the Telugu film Stalin, playing the elder sister role to Khan. The film evoked mixed responses and was a failure at the box office. Following this, she teamed up with her Maqbool director Vishal Bhardwaj for his adaptation film of Shakespeare's Hamlet titled as Haider. In this, she played the mother role to Shahid Kapoor's character. The film was a critical and commercial success, and Tabu's performance as Ghazala Meer was critically acclaimed, with the New York Times saying that the film should have been titled Ghazala, rather than Haider.[27] Her next venture saw her teaming up with actor Ajay Devgan after a gap of 16 years. She paired opposite him in Nishikant Kamat's murder-mystery film Drishyam, which was a remake of the successful Malayalam film with the same title. Her performance of a strict police officer investigating her son's murder case received rave reviews and unanimous praise. This was followed by a cameo appearance in Meghna Gulzar's directorial Talvar. She then starred in Abhishek Kapoor's Fitoor, an adaptation of Great Expectations, opposite Aditya Roy Kapoor and Katrina Kaif, in which she essayed the role of Begum Hazrat, based on the character of Miss Havisham. Although the film did not do well at the box office, she received positive reviews for her performance.

Her forthcoming projects include a role in Golmaal Again; Rohit Shetty's fourth installment in the Golmaal franchise. She also has a psychological thriller film titled Missing, produced by actor Manoj Bajpai.



WhatsApp finally lets you recall messages you've sent by mistake

WhatsApp has finally got your back when you send a message to the wrong person or group.

The Facebook-owned messaging app is rolling out a feature that will finally let its 1 billion-plus users delete a message for all people within a conversation.

Right now, the app's delete feature is fairly useless as it only removes a message for the person who sent it. That means that those the message wasn't intended for can still read it. But this new update will give the option to "delete for everyone," which rids it from the chat for all. Instead, they will see a notification explaining the message has been removed.

The feature is still rolling out, so not everyone has it yet: I don't, but at least one of my TechCrunch colleagues does. More details can be found on the company's FAQ page:

To delete messages for everyone

Deleting messages for everyone allows you to delete specific messages you have sent to either a group or an individual chat. This is particularly useful if you sent a message to the wrong chat or if the message you sent contains a mistake.

Messages you successfully delete for everyone will be replaced with "This message was deleted" in your recipients' chats (*). Similarly, if you see "This message was deleted" in a chat, it means that the sender deleted their message for everyone.

You can only delete messages for everyone for up to seven minutes after sending. Once seven minutes have passed, there is no way to delete messages for everyone.

The sole caveat for that is that all conversation participants must have the latest version of WhatsApp installed on their device. That's a pretty major deal-breaker at this point but, as time goes by and more people update their app, the option to undo those embarrassing mis-messages will apply to more and more conversations.



Most WhatsApp users will agree that this update is long overdue.

Jon Russell

Manikchand Group chairperson Rasiklal Dhariwal dies of cancer in Pune

He was on ventilator support for 15 days, the doctors said. Manikchand Group chairperson Rasiklal Dhariwal dies of cancer in Pune

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Industrialist and chairperson of the Manikchand Group Rasiklal Dhariwal died on Tuesday evening at a Pune hospital, PTI reported. He was 78.

Dhariwal was suffering from parotid gland cancer, the Hindustan Times reported. He was admitted to Pune's Ruby Hall Clinic, and was in the hospital since September 4. "Dhariwal died of multi-organ failure. He was on ventilator support for 15 days," Sanjay Pathare, medical director, Ruby Hall Clinic, told the newspaper.

The industrialist is survived by his wife Shobha and five children.

Popularly known as the "gutkha baron", Dhariwal began his career with the beedi, or rolled cigarette, factory he inherited from his father. He later began manufacturing gutkha, or chewing tobacco, and became one of the biggest producers of the product in India.



Shraddha Shashidhar crowned Yamaha Fascino

Mumbai, 11th October, 2017: The most awaited moment is finally here. The prestigious beauty pageant of the year concluded with none other than the heartthrob Shahid Kapoor crowning Shraddha Shashidhar as the winner of Yamaha Fascino Miss Diva Miss Universe India 2017. Peden Ongmu Namgyal was adjudged Yamaha Fascino Miss Diva Supranational 2017. Apeksha Porwal was crowned Yamaha Fascino Miss Diva 2017 2nd runner up at the Hotel Sahara Star in Mumbai.

The main winner will represent India at the Miss Universe pageant this year. The night came to a stand-still when the winner's name was announced marking an end to this beautiful journey of 15 gorgeous divas. The esteemed judge's panel included the likes of the Miss Universe and Actress Lara Dutta, Superstar of the Oscar nominated film Newton Rajkumar Rao, famous director of Ek Tha Tiger Kabir Khan, Boxing champion Vijender Singh and none other than Miss Universe 2016 Iris Mitten-aere.

The finale night was a visual treat which saw sizzling performances by beautiful actress Kriti Sanon and singer and model Anushka Manchanda. The two performances act left the audiences asking for more and the hosts Malaika Arora Khan and Yudhisthir aka VJ Yudi lightened the mood as the anchor for the night and his punches and witty one-liners kept the mood light as the anxious contestants waited for the final crowning moment. We had the gracious presence of President of Miss Universe Organisation Paula M Shugart and President of Miss Supranational Organisation Gerhard Lipinski.

The contestants who had been vying for the coveted title underwent rigorous training, workshops under the mentorship and guidance of Bollywood Actor and Former Miss Universe, Lara Dutta. Lara Dutta quoted, "It has been a wonderful journey. All the girls are winners in their own right, however there can be only one winner. It was difficult for the panelists to choose that one winner from 15 divas who were all very talented and promising. The winner is very deserving and I would like to wish all the winners all the best. I am looking forward to the prestigious Miss Universe pageant and hope that we bring the crown home this year."



Yusuf Pathan - Indian Cricketer

Yusuf Pathan (born 17 November 1982) is an Indian cricketer. Pathan made his debut in first-class cricket in 2001/02. He is a powerful and aggressive right-handed batsman and a right-arm offbreak bowler. His younger brother Irfan Pathan is also an Indian cricketer. [1] Yusuf Pathan was born in Baroda, Gujarat, to a Pathan family.[2] He is the older brother of Indian cricketer Irfan Pathan. Yusuf married Mumbai based physiotherapist Afreen on . His wife gave birth to a boy on 17 April 2014.

Following his impressive performances in the 2007 Deodhar Trophy and the Inter-state domestic Twenty20 competition held in April 2007, Pathan was made a part of the Indian squad for the inaugural Twenty20 World Championship, held in South Africa in September 2007. He made his Twenty20 international debut in the final against Pakistan. He opened the batting for India in the match, and scored 15 runs in the process.

Following his good showing in the IPL, he was selected for the Indian one-day team. After IPL, though he played all the games in the Kitply Cup and Asia Cup, he got to bat only four times and could not perform well with both bat and ball. He was later dropped from the series against Sri Lanka. He performed well in domestic circuit and impressed the selectors and was selected for the England ODI series in November. He scored a fifty off just 29 balls in the second ODI against England in Indore, on his 26th birthday.

Yusuf had made his One-Day International debut for India against Pakistan at Dhaka on 10 June 2008. He became a regular feature of the national One-Day International team, but is yet to make his test debut.

Even though Pathan could not repeat his first IPL performance in the second season, he was selected in the Indian team to play the 2009 ICC World Twenty20 championships in England. In the second of India's Super 8 matches, he made an unbeaten 33 from 17 balls against England. Despite his knock, the team lost the game and crashed out of the tournament without making it to the semi-finals. He considers himself lucky for his rare international debut which came in the final of the ICC World Twenty20 in 2007.

In late-2009, Pathan was dropped from the limited overs team after a series of unproductive performances.

In the final of the 2010 Duleep Trophy cricket tournament, Pathan scored a hundred in the first innings and a double hundred in the second and led his team West Zone to a three wicket win over South Zone. Pathan made 108 in the first innings and an unbeaten 210 from 190 balls in the second innings to help his team chase down a mammoth target of 536. This became a world record for the highest successful run chase in first-class cricket history.

On 7 December 2010, Pathan's power hitting sealed a memorable 5-wicket win for India. Pathan clobbered the New Zealand attack with his aggressive innings, smashing an unbeaten 123 from 96 balls and shared an unbroken 133-run partnership with Saurabh Tiwary to guide India to a huge target of 316 with seven balls to spare and give the hosts a 4-0 lead in the series. He was named man of the match for this effort. The all-rounder clubbed seven fours and seven sixes on the way to his maiden one-day century to help the hosts overhaul New Zealand's challenging 315-7 with seven balls to spare at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bangalore.

At the awards distribution ceremony he stated that "this knock will boost my career". Indian captain Gautam Gambhir said "I have always said Pathan can finish games on



his own, and that's what he did today, I had never seen something like this before. But I knew till the time Pathan was there, we would win the game." [8]

New Zealand skipper Daniel Vettori said "It was a great game of cricket, we were in the game, but Pathan was pretty amazing and took the game away from us."

In the MTN ODI series against South Africa, before the 2011 World Cup, he gave a stand-out performance in a match in Pretoria where he scored a brilliant 105 in 70 deliveries (comprising 8 fours and 8 sixes). Even though India lost the match, his performance was complimented heavily.[9] During this knock, he reached his century off 68 balls which is the sixth fastest by an Indian and the second fastest by an Indian outside the subcontinent. Thanks to his stream of good performances, he made it to the Indian team for 2011 World Cup. and also scored 100 for just 37 balls vs Mumbai Indians in IPL 2010 Though Yusuf did not have a great World Cup, he ended up having the winner's medal and the honor of holding the World Cup aloft.

He was named in the Indian team for 2012 Asia Cup to be held in Bangladesh. He featured in the triangular series in Nairobi-Kenya and played for Baroda's team against Gujarat and Kenya international where he was honoured by a local fan who said "Yusuf the number one player in cricket after the great Sachin Tendulkar."

After a good domestic season in 2007/08, he was signed by the Rajasthan Royals in the Indian Premier League for USD 475,000 (INR 1.9 crore). In the 2008 IPL season, he scored 435 runs and took 8 wickets. He recorded the season's fastest half century (from 21 balls) against the Deccan Chargers, and was also the Man of the Match in the final against the Chennai Super Kings.

Yusuf Pathan was named as the vice-captain of Rajasthan Royals during IPL 3. On 13 March 2010, Pathan scored a century off 37 balls, in an Indian Premier League match against Mumbai Indians. The innings also included 11 consecutive hits to the boundary

After that knock where he scored the fastest IPL century, his Rajasthan Royals skipper Shane Warne described his innings as one of the best innings he has even seen in his career and also compared Yusuf Pathan with his country-mate Andrew Symonds as two of the cleanest hitters of the ball.

In the 2011 IPL auction, he was bought for \$2.1 million by Kolkata Knight Riders and was retained by the Kolkata Knight Riders for Rs 3.25 crores via the 'Right to Match' option in the Indian Premier League (IPL) auction 2014.

On 24 May 2014, Yusuf hit the fastest 50 in IPL history doing it in a mere 15 balls. As a result, Kolkata Knight Riders ended up 2nd in the league table and Won the title for the season.

On 15 May 2013 Yusuf Pathan became the first batsman to be given out for obstructing the field in Twenty20 cricket while playing for the Kolkata Knight Riders in the IPL 2013 against Pune Warriors India.

Americans 'are not properly cleaning their anuses': Doctors warn toilet paper does little to remove feces

Experts warn that toilet paper does little to remove feces and the United States is one country that hasn't improved its sanitation when wiping.

While countries such as Japan, Italy and Greece use bidets in the toilets as a way to keep the anus clean, the US has mostly relied on toilet paper as the norm to keep that area clean.

But doctors say excessive wiping could cause health problems such as anal fissures and urinary tract infections. Though the suggestion may sound absurd, celebrities such as will.i.am, Will Smith and Terrence Howard have been vouching for baby wipes instead of tissue for years - with Smith even hailing the habit as 'special and incredible'

Toilet bidets are one sanitation device that countries such as Italy, Spain and Greece have implemented in most bathrooms to clean the anus after using the bathroom. According to Tonic, 90 percent of households in Italy, Spain and Greece have a bidet installed in their bathroom for cleaning.

This device squirts water into the area to make cleaning with toilet paper easier.

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Cleanliness is not the only reason why people should

consider bidets or baby wipes instead.

Aggressive wiping has been known to cause health problems such as anal fissures and hemorrhoids.

An anal fissure is a tear in the lining of the rectum and can cause bleeding or pain for the person when they are pooping.

Most fissures heal at home after eight to 12 weeks, but it is important to be careful when wiping because it can irritate the area.



Hemorrhoids are swollen veins and tissue in the lower rectum and anus. They are more serious than fissures and sometimes can be harder to treat.

External hemorrhoids happen around the rim and are the ones that are typically irritated from excessive wiping, but they can be treated with cream or medication.

Also, bidets can prevent people from developing a urinary tract infection.

If people wipe from back-to-front, they are pulling bacteria from the anus towards the front of the body.

This can impact women especially and cause them to develop UTI from the bacteria getting into the urethra.

By using a bidet or wet wipe instead, it kills the bacteria and prevents it from infecting the urinary tract.

By Danielle Zoellner For Dailymail.com



FEELINGS

What does it mean when we say we feel? Do you touch? Do you inhale? But we feel, we say. Why do we feel?

Is it because all of us, the entire humanity, share some part of a genome that enriches our feelings for each other? But what of the murderers? Do they feel? Do they cringe when some drops of blood splatters on their bodies when they are beheading innocent people?

Religion and politics, such strange bedfellows. One preaches and the other taunts. Why does one have the temerity to draw cartoons to insult other religions or prophets? Does that mean that the cartoonist instigates the cycle of murder? Would it not be better if people didn't insult other religions, were tolerant to color and race, and smiled and loved? Would that be so difficult? Education, understanding, being cognizant of other faiths and beliefs is the greatest FEELING one can have. That sense embraces all humanity. It does not denigrate any one, and elevates all people into a different sphere of empathy.

I live in my soul. I love this soul of mine. I am not afraid of dying, but I am afraid of hurting others. I want to reach out to each and every one I know, and allow them to touch me, and let them feel these waves of soft energy that binds my form to my soul.

**Zakiah
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Illinois**

Man who left gal pal to die in fiery blaze charged with murder

The Brooklyn man who intentionally left his gal pal to burn to death in a fiery crash while he calmly hailed a cab has been slapped with murder charges, authorities said Thursday.

Draped in a hospital gown, Saeed Ahmad, 23, appeared in Brooklyn Supreme Court, where he pleaded not guilty to charges of second-degree murder, second-degree vehicular manslaughter, leaving the scene of an accident, driving while intoxicated and other crimes.

Healing burns were visible on his neck and arms, and a bandage could be seen peeking out from his upper inner arm.

Ahmad was held without bail, and special medical attention was ordered by Judge Neil Firetog. He is scheduled to return to court Jan. 12 and faces up to 25 years behind bars if convicted.

He is accused of leaving Harleen Grewal, 25, to die after he lost control of his Infiniti G35 sedan in Red Hook earlier this month.

Ahmad, who has been hospitalized since the incident, previously was charged with criminally negligent homicide, leaving the scene of an accident, aggravated unlicensed operation of a vehicle and speeding.

Ahmad's younger brother has called the man a "hero."

"He tried to get her out," Waheed Ahmad, 21, previously told The Post. "That's how his hands and his legs and his neck got burned. He couldn't get her out. The fire got too crazy. It just burned so quick."

Video obtained by ABC 7 shows the blaze engulfing the vehicle as a man walks toward a waiting taxi.

"Can I get a ride?" he can be heard asking the cabbie before he gets inside and is driven away.

"This defendant's alleged actions before and after crashing his car caused the death of a vibrant young woman who had her entire life ahead of her," Acting Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez said in a statement. "He showed complete disregard for human life and for the safety of everyone using our roadways."



10 INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE MILKY WAY

The Milky Way Galaxy is an immense and very interesting place. Not only does it measure some 120,000–180,000 light-years in diameter, it is home to planet Earth, the birthplace of humanity. Our Solar System resides roughly 27,000 light-years away from the Galactic Center, on the inner edge of one of the spiral-shaped concentrations of gas and dust particles called the Orion Arm.

But within these facts about the Milky Way lie some additional tidbits of information, all of which are sure to impress and inspire. Here are ten such facts, listed in no particular order:

1. It's Warped:

For starters, the Milky Way is a disk about 120,000 light years across with a central bulge that has a diameter of 12,000 light years (see the Guide to Space article for more information). The disk is far from perfectly flat though, as can be seen in the picture below. In fact, it is warped in shape, a fact which astronomers attribute to the our galaxy's two neighbors -the Large and Small Magellanic clouds.

These two dwarf galaxies — which are part of our "Local Group" of galaxies and may be orbiting the Milky Way — are believed to have been pulling on the dark matter in our galaxy like in a game of galactic tug-of-war. The tugging creates a sort of oscillating frequency that pulls on the galaxy's hydrogen gas, of which the Milky Way has lots of (for more information, check out How the Milky Way got its Warp).

The Spiral Galaxy ESO 510-13 is warped similar to our own. Credit: NASA/Hubble Heritage Team (STScI / AURA), C. Conselice (U. Wisconsin / STScI/ NASA). The warp of Spiral Galaxy ESO 510-13 is similar to that of our own. Credit: NASA/Hubble

2. It Has a Halo, but You Can't Directly See It:

Scientists believe that 90% of our galaxy's mass consists of dark matter, which gives it a mysterious halo. That means that all of the "luminous matter" – i.e. that which we can see with the naked eye or a telescopes – makes up less than 10% of the mass of the Milky Way. Its halo is not the conventional glowing sort we tend to think of when picturing angels or observing comets.

In this case, the halo is actually invisible, but its existence has been demonstrated by running simulations of how the Milky Way would appear without this invisible mass, and how fast the stars inside our galaxy's disk orbit the center.

The heavier the galaxy, the faster they should be orbiting. If one were to assume that the galaxy is made up only of matter that we can see, then the rotation rate would be significantly less than what we observe. Hence, the rest of that mass must be made up of an elusive, invisible mass – aka. "dark matter" – or matter that only interacts gravitationally with "normal matter".

To see some images of the probable distribution and density of dark matter in our galaxy, check out The Via Lactea Project.

3. It has Over 200 Billion Stars:

As galaxies go, the Milky Way is a middle-weight. The largest galaxy we know of, which is designated IC 1101, has over 100 trillion stars, and other large galaxies can have as many as a trillion. Dwarf galaxies such as the aforementioned Large Magellanic Cloud have about 10 billion stars. The Milky Way has between 100-400 billion stars; but when you look up into the night sky, the most you can see from any one point on the globe is about 2,500. This number is not fixed, however, because the Milky Way is constantly losing stars through supernovae, and producing new ones all the time (about seven per year).

These images taken by the Spitzer Space Telescope show the dust and gas concentrations around a supernova. Credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech

These images taken by the Spitzer Space Telescope show dust and gas concentrations around a distant supernova. Credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech

4. It's Really Dusty and Gassy:

Though it may not look like it to the casual observer, the Milky Way is full of dust and gas. This matter makes up a whopping 10-15% of the luminous/visible matter in our galaxy, with the remainder being the stars. Our galaxy is roughly 100,000 light years across, and we can only see about 6,000 light years into the disk in the visible spectrum. Still, when light pollution is not significant, the dusty ring of the Milky Way can be discerned in the night sky.

The thickness of the dust deflects visible light (as is explained here) but infrared light can pass through the dust, which makes infrared telescopes like the Spitzer Space Telescope extremely valuable tools in mapping and studying the galaxy. Spitzer can peer through the dust to give us extraordinarily clear views of what is going on at the heart of the galaxy and in star-forming regions.

5. It was Made From Other Galaxies:

The Milky Way wasn't always as it is today – a beautiful, warped spiral. It became its current size and shape by eating up other galaxies, and is still doing so today. In fact, the Canis Major Dwarf Galaxy is the closest galaxy to the Milky Way because its stars are currently being added to the Milky Way's disk. And our galaxy has consumed others in its long history, such as the Sagittarius Dwarf Galaxy.

6. Every Picture You've Seen of the Milky Way Isn't It:

Currently, we can't take a picture of the Milky Way from above. This is due to the fact that we are inside the galactic disk, about 26,000 light years from the galactic center. It would be like trying to take a picture of your own house from the inside. This means that any of the beautiful pictures you've ever seen of a spiral galaxy that is supposedly the Milky Way is either

a picture of another spiral galaxy, or the rendering of a talented artist.

Artist's concept of Sagittarius A, the supermassive black hole at the center of our galaxy. Credit: NASA/JPL

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Imaging the Milky Way from above is a long, long way off. However, this doesn't mean that we can't take breathtaking images of the Milky Way from our vantage point!

7. There is a Black Hole at the Center:

Most larger galaxies have a supermassive black hole (SMBH) at the center, and the Milky Way is no exception. The center of our galaxy is called Sagittarius A*, a massive source of radio waves that is believed to be a black hole that measures 22.5 million kilometers (14 million miles) across – about the size of Mercury's orbit. But this is just the black hole itself.

All of the mass trying to get into the black hole – called the accretion disk – forms a disk that has 4.6 million times the mass of our Sun and would fit inside the orbit of the Earth. Though like other black holes, Sgr A* tries to consume anything that happens to be nearby, star formation has been detected near this behemoth astronomical phenomenon.

8. It's Almost as Old as the Universe Itself:

The most recent estimates place the age of the Universe at about 13.7 billion years. Our Milky Way has been around for about 13.6 billion of those years, give or take another 800 million. The oldest stars in our the Milky Way are found in globular clusters, and the age of our galaxy is determined by measuring the age of these stars, and then extrapolating the age of what preceded them.

Though some of the constituents of the Milky Way have been around for a long time, the disk and bulge themselves didn't form until about 10-12 billion years ago. And that bulge may have formed earlier than the rest of the galaxy.

9. It's Part of the Virgo Supercluster:

As big as it is, the Milky Way is part of an even larger galactic structures. Our closest neighbors include the Large and Small Magellanic Clouds, and the Andromeda Galaxy – the closest spiral galaxy to the Milky Way. Along with some 50 other galaxies, the Milky Way and its immediate surroundings make up a cluster known as the Local Group.

A mosaic of telescopic images showing the galaxies of the Virgo Supercluster. Credit:



NASA/Rogelio Bernal Andreo. A mosaic of telescopic images showing the galaxies of the Virgo Supercluster. Credit: NASA/Rogelio Bernal Andreo. And yet, this is still just a small fraction of our stellar neighborhood. Farther out, we find that the Milky Way is part of an even larger grouping of galaxies known as the Virgo Supercluster. Superclusters are groupings of galaxies on very large scales that measure in the hundreds of millions of light years in diameter. In between these superclusters are large stretches of open space where intrepid explorers or space probes would encounter very little in the way of galaxies or matter.

In the case of the Virgo Supercluster, at least 100 galaxy groups and clusters are located within its massive 33 megaparsec (110 million light-year) diameter. And a 2014 study indicates that the Virgo Supercluster is only a lobe of a greater supercluster, Laniakea, which is centered on the Great Attractor.

10. It's on the move:

The Milky Way, along with everything else in the Universe, is moving through space. The Earth moves around the Sun, the Sun around the Milky Way, and the Milky Way as part of the Local Group, which is moving relative to the Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB) radiation – the radiation left over from the Big Bang.

The CMB is a convenient reference point to use when determining the velocity of things in the universe. Relative to the CMB, the Local Group is calculated to be moving at a speed of about 600 km/s, which works out to about 2.2 million km/h. Such speeds stagger the mind and squash any notions of moving fast within our humble, terrestrial frame of reference!

We have written many interesting articles about the Milky Way for Universe Today. Here's 10 Interesting Facts about the Milky Way, How Big is the Milky Way?, What is the Closest Galaxy to the Milky Way?, and How Many Stars Are There in the Milky Way?

For many more facts about the Milky Way, visit the Guide to Space, listen to the Astronomy Cast episode on the Milky Way, or visit the Students for the Exploration and Development of Space at seds.org.

HISTORY OF THANKSGIVING

In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.

In September 1620, a small ship called the Mayflower left Plymouth, England, carrying 102 passengers—an assortment of religious separatists seeking a new home where they could freely practice their faith and other individuals lured by the promise of prosperity and land ownership in the New World. After a treacherous and uncomfortable crossing that lasted 66 days, they dropped anchor near the tip of Cape Cod, far north of their intended destination at the mouth of the Hudson River. One month later, the Mayflower crossed Massachusetts Bay, where the Pilgrims, as they are now commonly known, began the work of establishing a village at Plymouth. Throughout that first brutal winter, most of the colonists remained on board the ship, where they suffered from exposure, scurvy and outbreaks of contagious disease. Only half of the Mayflower's original passengers and crew lived to see their first New England spring. In March, the remaining settlers moved ashore, where they received an astonishing visit from an Abenaki Indian who greeted them in English. Several days later, he returned with another Native American, Squanto, a member of the Pawtuxet tribe who had been kidnapped by an English sea captain and sold into slavery before escaping to London and returning to his homeland on an exploratory expedition. Squanto taught the Pilgrims, weakened by malnutrition and illness, how to cultivate corn, extract sap from maple trees, catch fish in the rivers and avoid poisonous plants. He also helped the settlers forge an alliance with the Wampanoag, a local tribe, which would endure for more than 50 years and tragically remains one of the sole examples of harmony between European colonists and Native Americans.

In November 1621, after the Pilgrims' first corn harvest proved successful, Governor William Bradford organized a celebratory feast and invited a group of the fledgling colony's Native American allies, including the Wampanoag chief Massasoit. Now remembered as America's "first Thanksgiving"—although the Pilgrims themselves may not have used the term at the time—the festival lasted for three days. While no record exists of the historic banquet's exact menu, the Pilgrim chronicler Edward Winslow wrote in his journal that Governor Bradford sent four men on a "fowling" mission in preparation for the event, and that the Wampanoag guests arrived bearing five deer. Historians have suggested that many of the dishes were likely prepared using traditional Native American spices and cooking methods. Because the Pilgrims had no oven and the Mayflower's sugar supply had dwindled by the fall of 1621, the meal did not feature pies, cakes or other desserts, which have become a

hallmark of contemporary celebrations.

Check out the Thanksgiving by the Numbers infographic for more facts about how the first Thanksgiving compares to modern holiday traditions.

THANKSGIVING BECOMES AN OFFICIAL HOLIDAY

Pilgrims held their second Thanksgiving celebration in 1623 to mark the end of a long drought that had threatened the year's harvest and prompted Governor Bradford to call for a religious fast. Days of fasting and thanksgiving on an annual or occasional basis became common practice in other New England settlements as well. During the American Revolution, the Continental Congress designated one or more days of thanksgiving a year, and in 1789 George Washington issued the first Thanksgiving proclamation by the national government of the United States; in it, he called upon Americans to express their gratitude for the happy conclusion to the country's war of independence and the successful ratification of the U.S. Constitution. His successors John Adams and James Madison also designated days of thanks during their presidencies.

In 1817, New York became the first of several states to officially adopt an annual Thanksgiving holiday; each celebrated it on a different day, however, and the American South remained largely unfamiliar with the tradition. In 1827, the noted magazine editor and prolific writer Sarah Josepha Hale—author, among countless other things, of the nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb"—launched a campaign to establish Thanksgiving as a national holiday. For 36 years, she published numerous editorials and sent scores of letters to governors, senators, presidents and other politicians. Abraham Lincoln finally heeded her request in 1863, at the height of the Civil War, in a proclamation entreating all Americans to ask God to "commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife" and to "heal the wounds of the nation." He scheduled Thanksgiving for the final Thursday in November, and it was celebrated on that day every year until 1939, when Franklin D. Roosevelt moved the holiday up a week in an attempt to spur retail sales during the Great Depression. Roosevelt's plan, known derisively as Franksgiving, was met with passionate opposition, and in 1941 the president reluctantly signed a bill making Thanksgiving the fourth Thursday in November.

THANKSGIVING TRADITIONS

In many American households, the Thanksgiving celebration has lost much of its original religious significance; instead, it now centers on cooking and sharing a bountiful meal with family and friends. Turkey, a Thanksgiving staple so ubiquitous it has become all but synonymous with the holiday, may or may not have been on offer when the Pilgrims hosted the inaugural feast in 1621. Today, however, nearly 90 percent of Americans eat the bird—whether roasted, baked or deep-fried—on Thanksgiving, according

to the National Turkey Federation. Other traditional foods include stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. Volunteering is a common Thanksgiving Day activity, and communities often hold food drives and host free dinners for the less fortunate.

Parades have also become an integral part of the holiday in cities and towns across the United States. Presented by Macy's department store since 1924, New York City's Thanksgiving Day parade is the largest and most famous, attracting some 2 to 3 million spectators along its 2.5-mile route and drawing an enormous television audience. It typically features marching bands, performers, elaborate floats conveying various celebrities and giant balloons shaped like cartoon characters.

Beginning in the mid-20th century and perhaps even earlier, the president of the United States has "pardoned" one or two Thanksgiving turkeys each year, sparing the birds from slaughter and sending them to a farm for retirement. A number of U.S. governors also perform the annual turkey pardoning ritual.

THANKSGIVING CONTROVERSIES

For some scholars, the jury is still out on whether the feast at Plymouth really constituted the first Thanksgiving in the United States. Indeed, historians have recorded other ceremonies of thanks among European settlers in North America that predate the Pilgrims' celebration. In 1565, for instance, the Spanish explorer Pedro Menéndez de Avilé invited members of the local Timucua tribe to a dinner in St. Augustine, Florida, after holding a mass to thank God for his crew's safe arrival. On December 4, 1619, when 38 British settlers reached a site known as Berkeley Hundred on the banks of Virginia's James River, they read a proclamation designating the date as "a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God."

Some Native Americans and others take issue with how the Thanksgiving story is presented to the American public, and especially to schoolchildren. In their view, the traditional narrative paints a deceptively sunny portrait of relations between the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag people, masking the long and bloody history of conflict between Native Americans and European settlers that resulted in the deaths of millions. Since



1970, protesters have gathered on the day designated as Thanksgiving at the top of Cole's Hill, which overlooks Plymouth Rock, to commemorate a "National Day of Mourning." Similar events are held in other parts of the country.

THANKSGIVING'S ANCIENT ORIGINS

Although the American concept of Thanksgiving developed in the colonies of New England, its roots can be traced back to the other side of the Atlantic. Both the Separatists who came over on the Mayflower and the Puritans who arrived soon after brought with them a tradition of providential holidays—days of fasting during difficult or pivotal moments and days of feasting and celebration to thank God in times of plenty.

As an annual celebration of the harvest and its bounty, moreover, Thanksgiving falls under a category of festivals that spans cultures, continents and millennia. In ancient times, the Egyptians, Greeks and Romans feasted and paid tribute to their gods after the fall harvest. Thanksgiving also bears a resemblance to the ancient Jewish harvest festival of Sukkot. Finally, historians have noted that Native Americans had a rich tradition of commemorating the fall harvest with feasting and merrymaking long before Europeans set foot on their shore.



Indira Gandhi - first lady PM of India

Indira Priyadarshini Gandhi Nehru; 19 November 1917 – 31 October 1984) was an Indian stateswoman and central figure of the Indian National Congress. She was the first and, to date, the only female Prime Minister of India. Gandhi belonged to the Nehru–Gandhi family and was the daughter of Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Indian prime minister. Despite her surname Gandhi, she is not related to the family of Mahatma Gandhi. She served as Prime Minister from January 1966 to March 1977 and again from January 1980 until her assassination in October 1984, making her the second longest-serving Indian prime minister after her father.

Gandhi served as her father's personal assistant and hostess during his tenure as Prime Minister between 1947 and 1964. She was elected Congress President in 1959. Upon her father's death in 1964 she was appointed as a member of the Rajya Sabha (upper house) and became a member of Lal Bahadur Shastri's cabinet as Minister of Information and Broadcasting.[1] In the Congress Party's parliamentary leadership election held in early 1966 (upon the death of Shastri) she defeated her rival, Morarji Desai, to become leader, and thus succeeded Shastri as Prime Minister of India.

As Prime Minister, Gandhi was known for her political ruthlessness and unprecedented centralisation of power. She went to war with Pakistan in support of the independence movement and war of independence in East Pakistan, which resulted in an Indian victory and the creation of Bangladesh, as well as increasing India's influence to the point where it became the regional hegemon of South Asia. Citing fascist tendencies and in response to a call for revolution, Gandhi instituted a state of emergency from 1975 to 1977 where basic civil liberties were suspended and press was censored. In 1980, she returned to power after free and fair elections. She was assassinated by Sikh nationalists in 1984, less than a month before her 67th birthday. The assassins, Beant Singh and Satwant Singh, were both shot by other security guards. Satwant Singh recovered from his injuries and was executed after being found guilty of murder.

Indira Gandhi was born as Indira Priyadarshini Nehru in a Kashmiri Pandit family on 19 November 1917 in Allahabad.[3] Her father, Jawaharlal Nehru, was a leading figure in India's political struggle for independence from British rule, and became the first Prime Minister of the Dominion (and later Republic) of India.[4] She was the only child (a younger brother was born, but died young),[5] and grew up with her mother, Kamala Nehru, at the Anand Bhavan; a large family estate in Allahabad.[6] She had a lonely and unhappy childhood.[7] Her father was often away, directing political activities or incarcerated, while her mother was frequently bed-ridden with illness, and later suffered an early death from tuberculosis.[8] She had limited contact with her father, mostly through letters.[9]

Indira Nehru c. early 1930s

Indira was mostly taught at home by tutors, and intermittently attended school until matriculation in 1934. She was a student at the Modern School in Delhi, St Cecilia's and St Mary's Christian convent schools in Allahabad,[10] the International School of Geneva, the Ecole Nouvelle in Bex, and the Pupils' Own School in Poona and Bombay, which is affiliated to University of Mumbai. [11] She and her mother Kamala Nehru moved to Belur Math headquarters of Ramakrishna Mission where Swami Ranganathananda was her guardian[12] later she went on to study at the Visva-Bharati University in Santiniketan. It was during her interview that Rabindranath Tagore named her Priyadarshini, and she came to be known as Indira Priyadarshini Nehru.[13] A year later, however, she had to leave university to attend to her ailing mother in Europe.[14] While there, it was



Indira Gandhi meeting the Shah of Iran Mohammad Reza Pahlavi and Shahbanu Farah Pahlavi during their state visit to India in 1970



decided that Indira would continue her education at the University of Oxford.[15] After her mother died, she briefly attended the Badminton School before enrolling at Somerville College in 1937 to study history.[16] Indira had to take the entrance examination twice, having failed at her first attempt with a poor performance in Latin.[16] At Oxford, she did well in history, political science and economics, but her grades in Latin—a compulsory subject—remained poor.[17][18] She did, however, have an active part within the student life of the university, such as the Oxford Majlis Asian Society.[19]

During her time in Europe, Indira was plagued with ill-health and was constantly attended by doctors. She had to make repeated trips to Switzerland to recover, disrupting her studies. She was being treated there in 1940, when the Nazi armies rapidly conquered Europe. Gandhi tried to return to England through Portugal but was left stranded for nearly two months. She managed to enter England in early 1941, and from there returned to India without completing her studies at Oxford. The university later awarded her an honorary degree. In 2010, Oxford further honoured her by selecting her as one of the ten Oxasians, illustrious Asian graduates from the University of Oxford.[20] During her stay in Great Britain, Indira frequently met her future husband Feroze Gandhi (no relation to Mahatma Gandhi), whom she knew from Allahabad, and who was studying at the London School of Economics. The marriage took place in Allahabad according to Adi Dharm rituals though Feroze belonged to a Zoroastrian Parsi family of Gujarat.[21] The couple had two sons, Rajiv Gandhi (born 1944) and Sanjay Gandhi (born 1946).

In the 1950s, Indira, now Mrs Indira Gandhi after her marriage, served her father unofficially as a personal assistant during his tenure as the first Prime Minister of India.[22] Towards the end of the 1950s, Indira Gandhi served as the President of the Congress. In that capacity, she was instrumental in getting the Communist led Kerala State Government dismissed in 1959. That government had the distinction of being India's first ever elected Communist Government.[23] After her father's death in 1964 she was appointed as a member of the Rajya Sabha (upper house) and served in Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri's cabinet as Minister of Information and Broadcasting.[24] In January 1966, after Shastri's death, the Congress legislative party elected Indira Gandhi over Morarji Desai as their leader. Congress party veteran K. Kamaraj was instrumental in achieving Indira's victory.[25] Because she was a woman, other political leaders in India saw Gandhi as weak and hoped to use her as a puppet once elected:

Congress President Kamaraj orchestrated Mrs. Gandhi's selection as prime minister because he perceived her to be weak enough that he and the other regional party bosses could control her, and yet strong enough to beat Desai [her political opponent] in a party election because of the high regard for her father...a woman would be an ideal tool for the Syndicate.[26]

Gandhi moved to restore order by ordering the arrest of most of the opposition participating in the unrest. Her Cabinet and government then recommended that President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed declare a state of emergency because of the disorder and lawlessness following the Allahabad High Court decision. Accordingly, Ahmed declared a State of Emergency caused by internal disorder, based on the provisions of Article 352(1) of the Constitution, on 25 June 1975.

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

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NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V606
 Manufacturer : Silver Eagle Manufacturing Company
 Subject : Caliper Bolts Improperly Torqued/FMVSS 121

Make	Model	Model Years
SILVER EAGLE	VAST-20W	2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V608
 Manufacturer : Kia Motors America
 Subject : Steering Gear May Separate

Make	Model	Model Years
KIA	SOUL	2014-2016
KIA	SOUL EV	2014-2016

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V609
 Manufacturer : Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc.
 Subject : Engine may Stall or Overheat

Make	Model	Model Years
MITSUBISHI	LANCER	2015-2016

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V554
 Manufacturer : PACCAR Incorporated
 Subject : Front Axle Sway Bar may Detach and Affect Steering

Make	Model	Model Years
KENWORTH	K270	2010-2018
KENWORTH	K370	2010-2018
PETERBILT	210	2009-2010, 2012-2018
PETERBILT	220	2009-2010, 2012-2018
PETERBILT	330	2012-2018
PETERBILT	337	2012-2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V555
 Manufacturer : Thor Motor Coach
 Subject : Incorrectly Installed Windshield Wiper System

Make	Model	Model Years
THOR	ACE	2014-2016
THOR	CHALLENGER	2014-2016
THOR	DAYBREAK	2014-2016
THOR	HURRICANE	2014-2016
THOR	MIRAMAR	2014-2016
THOR	OUTLAW	2014-2016
THOR	PALAZZO	2014-2016
THOR	WINDSPORT	2014-2016
THOR MOTOR COACH	TUSCANY	2014-2016
THOR MOTOR COACH	TUSCANY XTE	2014-2016

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V556
 Manufacturer : KZRV, L.P.
 Subject : Missing 2 Amp Fuse Could Cause Fire

Make	Model	Model Years
KZRV	CONNECT	2017-2018
KZRV	SPORT TREK	2017-2018

Make	Model	Model Years
MITSUBISHI	LANCER EVOLUTION	2015
MITSUBISHI	OUTLANDER	2015-2017
MITSUBISHI	OUTLANDER SPORT	2015-2016

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V610
 Manufacturer : Maserati North America, Inc.
 Subject : Fuel Pump may Fail and cause Stall

Make	Model	Model Years
MASERATI	QUATTROPORTE	2015-2017

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V617
 Manufacturer : Hyundai Motor America
 Subject : Seat Belt Linkage Detaches from Pretensioner

Make	Model	Model Years
HYUNDAI	SONATA	2011-2014
HYUNDAI	SONATA HYBRID	2011-2015

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V622
 Manufacturer : Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.
 Subject : Auxiliary Heater Electrical Connector may Melt

Make	Model	Model Years
AUDI	A4	2013-2016
AUDI	A5	2013-2016

KZRV SPREE 2017-2018
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V557
 Manufacturer : Eldorado National- California, Inc.
 Subject : Improperly Torqued Suspension Link Rod Clamps

Make	Model	Model Years
ELDORADO	AXESS	2015

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V558
 Manufacturer : Corp. Micro Bird Inc.
 Subject : Seat Belt Mounting Studs have Inadequate Padding

Make	Model	Model Years
MICRO BIRD	G5	2016

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V560
 Manufacturer : Altec Industries Inc.
 Subject : Possible Jib Mast Failure

Make	Model	Model Years
ALTEC	AERIAL DEVICE	2011-2017

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V561
 Manufacturer : Highland Ridge RV
 Subject : Incorrect Tire Information on Label/FMVSS 110

Make	Model	Model Years
OPEN RANGE	3X	2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V562
 Manufacturer : Chrysler (FCA US LLC)
 Subject : Water Pump Leak may cause Fire

Make	Model	Model Years
RAM	2500	2013-2017
RAM	3500	2013-2017

Make	Model	Model Years
AUDI	Q5	2013-2016

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V627
 Manufacturer : Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC.
 Subject : Inadvertent Driver Air Bag Deployment

Make	Model	Model Years
MERCEDES BENZ	B250E	2014-2017
MERCEDES BENZ	C250	2012-2015
MERCEDES BENZ	C300	2012-2018
MERCEDES BENZ	C350	2012-2015

Make	Model	Model Years
MERCEDES BENZ	C350E	2016-2017
MERCEDES BENZ	C400	2015
MERCEDES BENZ	C43 AMG	2016-2018
MERCEDES BENZ	C63 AMG	2012-2018

Make	Model	Model Years
MERCEDES BENZ	C63S AMG	2015-2018
MERCEDES BENZ	E250	2014-2016
MERCEDES BENZ	E400	2015-2017
MERCEDES BENZ	E400 HYBRID	2014
MERCEDES BENZ	E550	2012-2017
MERCEDES BENZ	E63	2012, 2014-2016
MERCEDES BENZ	GLA250	2015-2018
MERCEDES BENZ	GLC300	2016-

Make	Model	Model Years
RAM	4500	2013-2017
RAM	5500	2013-2017

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V563
 Manufacturer : Cruiser RV
 Subject : Axles Installed Incorrectly

Make	Model	Model Years
CRUISER RV	SHADOW CRUISER ULTRA LITE	2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V564
 Manufacturer : Heartland Recreational Vehicles, LLC
 Subject : Axles Installed Incorrectly

Make	Model	Model Years
HEARTLAND	SUNDANCE XLT TT	2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V565
 Manufacturer : Kimble Mixer
 Subject : Hex Nuts may be Improperly Torqued

Make	Model	Model Years
KIMBLE	MIXER CUSTOM CHASSIS	2014

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V566
 Manufacturer : Halcove Group, Inc.
 Subject : Door Striker Bolts may Fail/FMVSS 206

Make	Model	Model Years
AEV	TRAUMAHAWK	2016-2017

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V568
 Manufacturer : Volvo Bus Corporation
 Subject : Accelerator Pedal May Not React

Make	Model	Model Years
MERCEDES BENZ	GLC350E	2018
MERCEDES BENZ	GLC43 AMG	2017-2018
MERCEDES BENZ	GLK250	2013-2015
MERCEDES BENZ	GLK350	2013-2015
MERCEDES-BENZ	CLA250	2014-2018
MERCEDES-BENZ	CLA45 AMG	2014-2018
MERCEDES-BENZ	E350	2012-2016
MERCEDES-BENZ	GLA45	2015-2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V629
 Manufacturer : Daimler Trucks North America LLC
 Subject : Loose Upper Pinch Bolt may cause Loss of Steering

Make	Model	Model Years
FREIGHTLINER	CASCADIA	2017-2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V638
 Manufacturer : Harbor Freight Tools
 Subject : Tires may have Insufficient Strength/FMVSS 119

Make	Model	Model Years
HAUL MASTER	UTILITY TRAILER	2014-2017

Make	Model	Model Years
VOLVO BUS	9700	2017-2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V570
 Manufacturer : Pierce Manufacturing
 Subject : Tie Rod may Loosen

Make	Model	Model Years
PIERCE	ARROW XT	2015-2016
PIERCE	ENFORCER	2015-2016
PIERCE	IMPEL	2015-2016
PIERCE	QUANTUM	2015-2016
PIERCE	SABER	2015-2016
PIERCE	VELOCITY	2015-2016

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V571
 Manufacturer : Nissan North America, Inc.
 Subject : Insufficient Welds on Air Bag Inflator

Make	Model	Model Years
INFINITI	Q50	2017
INFINITI	Q50 HYBRID	2017

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V573
 Manufacturer : Forest River, Inc.
 Subject : Propane Line may have Insufficient Clearance

Make	Model	Model Years
FOREST RIVER	RAINIER	2016-2018
FOREST RIVER	VIBE	2015-2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V598	Subject : Reduced Braking due to Incorrectly Installed Axles	NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V603	Make Model Model Years BMW X3 2006-2010
Manufacturer : Ford Motor Company	Make Model Model Years TRAIL KING FLATBED TRAILER 2013-2018	Manufacturer : Wabash National Corporation	NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V607
Subject : Rivets Missing from the Roof Braces		Subject : Counter Weight Tube May Detach	Manufacturer : Hino Motors Sales U.S.A., Inc.
Make Model Model Years FORD F-150 2018	NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V601	Make Model Model Years WABASH CONVERTER DOLLY 2012-2013	Subject : Improper Retention of Wrist Pin Bushing
Manufacturer : Ford Motor Company	Subject : Incorrect Federal Tire Placard/FMVSS 110	NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V604	Make Model Model Years HINO NE8J 2011-2012
Subject : Insufficient Seat and Seat Belt Weld/FMVSS 210,207	Make Model Model Years RAM PROMASTER CITY 2015-2017	Manufacturer : Polar Tank Trailer, LLC.	HINO NJ8J 2011-2012
Make Model Model Years FORD F-150 2017	NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V602	Subject : Caliper Bolts Do Not Meet Torque Specifications	HINO NV8J 2011-2012
FORD F-250 SD 2017	Manufacturer : C & M Trailers Inc.	NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V605	NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V612
FORD F-350 SD 2017	Subject : Rear Lamps Mounted too High/FMVSS 108	Manufacturer : BMW of North America, LLC	Manufacturer : Forest River, Inc.
FORD F-450 SD 2017	Make Model Model Years C&M CARGO TRAILER 2015-2016	Subject : Front Passenger Seat Occupant Detection Mat Defect	Subject : Inaccurate Information on Label/FMVSS 120, 567
FORD F-550 SD 2017		NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V605	Make Model Model Years FOREST RIVER FORESTER 2018
NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V600	Manufacturer : Trail King Industries, Inc.	Manufacturer : BMW of North America, LLC	

Sleepless in Modi's economy

Latha Jishnu

WHO is sleeping well in India in these days of economic gloom and the terrifying spectre of joblessness that is spreading across the country? It's an intriguing line of inquiry sparked by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's astounding response to worries articulated in public by elder members of his Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) as well as economists and commercial organisations.

"There are some people who sleep well only after they spread a feeling of pessimism. We need to recognise such people," he declared at a national meeting of company secretaries. He dismissed the doomsayers as just a 'handful of people' who were painting a negative image of the economy based on the slowdown experienced during just one financial quarter. As the prime minister put it, the fuss over a decline in growth to 5.7 per cent in the last financial quarter was unwarranted since it had fallen to much lower levels below that during the previous Congress rule. Modi is right about that. But his response is revealing of the way he and the BJP regime deal with criticism even within the party.

Firstly, it uses fudged facts — the decline in the growth has been consistent over six quarters — and neatly side-steps inconvenient truths (such as the lowering of growth rates by everyone from the IMF to the Reserve Bank of India). However serious the issue, the doctrine of denial and deflection relies on ad hominem attacks and uses the abrasive language of the hustings to demolish critics. Above all, the rhetoric is dangerously delusional and sinks to ludicrous levels as when the BJP party chief claims the dip in growth rate is due to 'technical reasons' without explaining what these could be.

As growth rates dip and industries fold up, unemployment remains a terrifying prospect for young India.

The hard truth is that India has slipped badly. From being the poster boy of the big economies in 2015 when it was the world's fastest-growing big economy India is turning into a laggard, problem child whose fundamental deficiencies are coming into the spotlight. These deficiencies have been made worse by the economic disruption caused by the chaotic demonetisation exercise last November and the near standstill resulting from the GST, a poorly

planned and implemented national tax system. If one needed a strong pointer to the consequences one has to look no further than the industrial hub of Surat in Modi's home state Gujarat where entrepreneurs are pulling the shutters on industry and putting their money into speculative finance.

While the government is now stirring itself to sort out the GST mess it continues to pretend that all is well with economy. The growth rate of 5.7pc in the second quarter of the 2017 financial year is not a bad thing as Modi claims, but as Yashwant Sinha, a former BJP finance minister, reminded Modi uncomfortably in a recent newspaper article, the current figures of growth are all based on statistical fudge by changing the methodology for calculating the GDP. If the earlier method was used, the actual growth rate in the last quarter would be a mere 3.7pc!

Sinha's article encapsulates what economists have been pointing out over the past year. "Private investment," he says, "has shrunk as never before in two decades, industrial production has all but collapsed, agriculture is in distress, construction industry, a big employer of the workforce, is in the doldrums, exports have dwindled, sector after sector of the economy is in distress..."

So who is sleeping well in India? Clearly, nobody except the fat cats of business who are close to the ruling regime and whose businesses flourish under official protection. For the rest, it appears to be a nightmare from which there is no escape.

Admittedly, there are deep structure problems in the economy which have resulted in the economic mess. But what is also undeniable is that Modi's capricious economic policies, such as the pointless demonetisation exercise, coupled with his government's inability to implement the long planned GST — it has been in the making for 16 years — have come as severe blows to the economy and the hopes of a demographically young country. Joblessness is looming large over India keeping awake millions of desperate young people who are finding jobs disappearing at an alarming rate. In industry after industry, from banking to capital goods, in premium sectors such as IT, the job losses are of staggering proportions.

For the young who naively but genuinely believed that Modi would indeed create 10 million jobs every year as he promised in his 2014 election campaign, the awakening has been specially bitter. India's demographic bulge means that least 12m young people are added to the workforce every year but the government's record on job creation has been dismal so far and has touched a six-year low. The experts offer no hope of the nightmare ending soon. CIEL HR, a top staffing services firm, says the current scale of the current disruption in white-collar jobs has not happened in the past whereas Teamlease, the country's biggest recruitment firm, warns the nightmare is not about to end anytime soon. It forecasts a further 30pc to 40pc reduction of jobs in the manufacturing sector.

And the distress is widespread, encompassing agriculture and service, too. For much of this year, farmers have been kept awake by policies that are positively inimical to their well-being, forcing them to agitate continuously, regardless of the bullets and indifference they have met with.

So while economists, industry experts and government official slug it over the figures of economic decline and job losses, academics, parents of the young and society in general are losing sleep over the fallout: the strains on the social fabric of India which has been rent by Hindutva politics. As violent young men, presumably of no fixed occupation, roam the streets looking for soft targets to vent their rage, cattle traders of the minority community and the untouchables of Hindu society have already seen their livelihood disappear in the name of religion. The official crackdown on abattoirs has had a serious impact on the economy with export of leather goods, an important foreign exchange earner, taking a beating.

If anyone is sleeping well in India, it appears to be the government.

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Nostalgia and emotions prevent one from seeing and understanding history and historical events in their proper perspectives.

A case in point is the legacy of the V11 Nizam of Hyderabad, Mir Osman Ali Khan (ALA HAZATH). And for good or bad this crops up every year around September, with some erstwhile Hyderabadis heaping praises on the late Nizam for his care and concern of his people irrespective of their faith and religion. While a fresher lot of politicians and social activists aligned with the rightwing Hindu extremist organizations see the Nizam as a tyrant who mistreated Hindus.

Fortunately for the people of Hyderabad no untoward incident happened on the 18th September, 2017, the day antagonist of the Nizam rule planned agitations. Credit in full must be given to the government of Chief Minister, K.Chander Shehkar Rao for keeping the peace. In fact KCR, as he is popularly known, has alarmed rightwing Hindu party and affiliated groups, by his deep respect and appreciation of the contributions the Nizams' made to make the city of Hyderabad and the Telangana a jewel.

Returning to the legacy of Nizam, it is acknowledged by a cross section of the Hyderabadis that Osman Ali Khan, was cast in a benevolent mould dispensing welfare and justice to all his subjects. It is equally acknowledged with a flourish that he was a confirmed miser for self but concerned and generous in providing succor to the poor needy and state requirements.

More than anything else, the rule of the last Nizam, Mir Osman Ali Khan, or to reproduce his titular due, Lieut General, His Exalted Highness, Rustom-E-Dowran, Arustu-E- Zaman, Sipah Salar, Asaf Jah Muzzafurl Mulk, Nizam-ud -Dowllah, Nawab Mir Osman Ali Khan Bahdur, Fateh Jung, Sultan ul- Uloom G.C.S. I, G.B.E, Faithful Ally of the British Government, Seventh Nizam of Hyderabad and Berar, was exemplary in that people of all religions, caste, and creeds were ruled alike. It was a perfect example of communal harmony, which is a rarity in present day Bharat.

When he became Nizam the VII, following the death of his father Mir Mehboob Ali Khan, the state treasury was empty. For Mehboob Ali Khan, whose reign was fondly called, "The days of the Beloved" was a large hearted ruler, living extravagantly, extremely generous to friends, providing lavish feasts and gifts, his largess was legendary. Result the state coffers were almost empty. Mir Osman Ali Khan is said to have refurbished the state coffers collecting Nazars from his nobles and Jagirdars in bestowing titles like Nawab, Jung, and Jaha in return. It is said, he would send a petty gift to one of the nobles, who keeping in traditions would make a bigger return to the Nizam. Even the King Kothi, was a gift from one of the nobles named, Kamal Khan, who had his initials KK engraved on the main entrance to the Deodi. Osman Ali Khan was invited to the Deodi, he liked it very much and Kamal Khan had no other option but to gift it to the Nizam

A lot of political, social and royal bedroom yarn is knitted around this man, who became a legend in his own life time. Despite his and his predecessors loyalty to the Crown, the treacherous British never granted him the title of King, which is deserved by virtue of being a ruler of land the size of France, that had the most modern infrastructure and wealth exceeding that of many European petty states.

Unfortunately, neither the close family of Osman Ali Khan, (Nawab Mukkaram Jah and Muqhaff jah), his nobles from Paigah, the bureaucracy, the Khana Zads and the Hyderabad Ashraf had the courage and the determination to carry on the legacy of Nizam by excepting the CHANGE and adapting to it.

Hyderabad was also referred as "BALDA" in official jargon, WAS LOST, SWEEP AWAY BY THE STRONG WINDS OF CHANGE. A NEW DAWN ARRIVED AND WE WERE FOUND SLEEPING, WHILE OTHERS WALKED AWAY WITH THE SUCCESS THAT CHANGE BROUGHT. MANY OF US WHO ALWAYS RANT'S AND CRIB ABOUT BEAUTIFUL HYDERABAD GOING DOWN THE DRAIN ARE THOSE WHO TOOK TO OTHER SHORES IN SEARCH OF GREENER PASTURES. DO WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO LAMENT AND CRY FOR A CULTURE WE ABANDONED BY CHOICE
BALDA IS DEAD, LONG LIVE HYDERABAD.

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Rajiv Gandhi and Paris Air Show in 1985

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Paris is known for its museums and architectural landmarks, the Louvre was the most visited art museum in the world in 2016, with 7.4 million visitors. The Musée d'Orsay and Musée de l'Orangerie are noted for their collections of French Impressionist art, and the Pompidou-center Musée National d'Art Moderne has the largest collection of modern and contemporary art in Europe. The historical district along Seine River in the city center is classified as a UNESCO Heritage Site just like our own Taj Mahal. Landmarks in the center of the city include the Cathedral of Notre Dame de Paris and The Gothic royal chapel of Sainte-Chapelle, both on the Île de la Cité; the Eiffel Tower, constructed for the Paris Universal Exposition of 1889; the Grand Palais and Petit Palais, built for the Paris Universal Exposition of 1900; the Arc de Triomphe on the Champs Elysees, and the Basilica of Sacré-Coeur on the hill of Montmartre. Paris received 22.2 million visitors in 2015, making it one of the world's top tourist destinations. Living in Algiers, and Paris being just across Mediterranean and about two hours by air was a great attraction to visit as frequently as possible. The Paris Air Show (Salon international de l'aéronautique et de l'espace de Paris-Le Bourget, Salon du Bourget) claims to be the world's calendar-oldest air show. Established in 1909, it has been held every odd year since 1949 at Paris-Le Bourget Airport in north Paris, France. It was spring in June 1985 in Paris, a city beautiful with a history which has shaped many parts of the world including the United States with the concept of "Liberty". Those days Rajiv Gandhi and his team were active in enhancing the technology in the defence sector. India Festival was held to coincide with the dates around the Paris Air Show. The leisure loving French were delighted to see colourfully half clad Indian artistes drumming to glory at the base of Eiffel tower in the chill of spring season. PM Rajiv was visiting France with a high powered delegation which included Arun Singh, Arun Nehru, Air Chief Marshall Khatre, Rahul Bajaj, CMDs of HMT, HAL, BHEL, and many top bureaucrats. The Indian Embassy at Paris with its Ambassador Air Chief Marshal (Retd) I.H.Latif was a hive of activity in view such a high level visit of PM. On the sidelines, were famous Hinduja brothers and other business leaders. The India Festival group included Malika Sarabhai, Karen Lunel, the famous Lyrill Girl. I was called from Algeria as an Aide to be of assistance to our CMD and for interpretation of French. Opportunities were being explored by the PM to get technology for Public Sector Companies in the aviation sector and therefore, we were considered as one of the potential customers by the French aviation industry and treated to unmatched hospitality, picked up by helicopter everyday from Hotel Terrace to Le Bourget airport to watch the aircrafts displays and to technical discussions, while watching the shows from the Chalets of French manufacturers, who would treat us to the choicest French Wines and Food.

My company, HMT was expected to avail technology for the fuses of Exocet missiles and therefore

most of the time ACM Khatre was interacting with my CMD and me along with Serge Dassault, the owner of Dassault Aviation. We watched demonstrations of various aircrafts from different countries and for the first time USSR displayed Antonov AN 124 which could carry 700 battle ready troops in various configuration. Amazing it was to watch a mountain flying and the Soviet pilots scrambling the giant with ease, like a toy. There were state dinners for the delegation and I was informally included as an official member of the delegation without any protocol. In formal dinner we were introduced to President Mitterrand and PM Rajiv, they shook hands with us. These shakes are like trophies in my memory. Our PM also hosted a formal dinner at the second floor banquet hall of Eiffel Tower and Malika Sarabhai and Karen Lunel were doubling as chief hostesses of Indian delegation. Hear me out si'l vous plait, I am bringing you to an important evening. A private dinner was hosted for CMDs, Rahul Bajaj, Air Chief Marshall Khatre and this ordinary mortal by Hinduja brothers, in their luxurious flat, just opposite and at a stone throw from Eiffel Tower. Though the brothers were very simple, the residence had formally white uniformed and gloved French waiters and servants who were serving us drinks and short eats. It was about 7.30 in the evening, after a couple of drinks, seated on the floor the group, decided that they would eat only Indian food that too from a restaurant of Grosvenor in London. There were few suggestions on the menu, Gopichand Hinduja telephoned his staff in London and the food was ordered to be air lifted by a chopper. The group settled with drinks, exchanging freely ideas about business and of course politics. Though, I was young and a junior, they all made me feel part of the group exchanging pleasantries. After a while, ACM Khatre and Ashok Hinduja pulled me aside to a corner and started chatting about Exocet Missile Fuses, the subject was flying over my head, they perhaps believed, that I could influence my CMD to consider seriously making them in HMT. They were highlighting the benefits to the country and technology to my company, and requested me to highlight these issues to Manu, as they use to call fondly my CMD TV Masukhani. Later, while we were returning to hotel, I broached the subject with him explaining what was told to me by ACM Khatre, he listened to me patiently, and then told me that he would like the Company to remain a Machine Tool Manufacturer only. I wish he had agreed with ACM Khatre's views. Years later, after my retirement, I called on TV Masukhani and handed over few old pictures of us taken during the Paris Air Show '85, as souvenirs and he recalled those good old days with wet eyes.



HINDI MOVIE RELEASE DATES

Opening	Title	Director	Cast	Genre	Studio(Production House)
NOV	<i>Ittefaq</i>	Abhay Chopra	Sidharth Malhotra, Sonakshi Sinha, Akshaye Khanna	Thriller film	Dharma Productions, Red Chillies Entertainment & B.R Films
	<i>The House Next Door</i>	Milind Rau	Siddharth, Andrea Jeremiah	Horror	Viacom 18 Motion Pictures & Etaki Entertainment
	<i>Ribbon</i>	Rakhee Sandilya	Kalki Koechlin, Sumeet Vyas, Hitesh Malhan	Drama	Red Cart Films
	<i>Julie 2</i>	Deepak Shivdasani	Raai Laxmi, Ravi Kishan, Aditya Srivastava, Pankaj Tripathi, Rati Agnihotri, Yuri Suri	Erotic thriller	Triumph Talkies
	<i>Shaadi Mein Zaroor Aana</i>	Ratnaa Sinha	Rajkumar Rao, Kriti Kharbanda	Romance/Drama	Vikrant Studios
	<i>Qarib Qarib Single</i>	Tanuja Chandra	Irrfan Khan, Parvathy (actress), Brijendra Kala	Romance/Comedy	Zee Studios & Jar Pictures
	<i>The Window</i>	VK Choudhary	Amit Kumar Vashisth, Teena Singh, Preeti Sharma, Praveen Maheshwari, Atul Hanwat, Sayoni Mishra	Suspense Thriller	Adamant Pictures, Milestone Creations & Era Films
	<i>Tumhari Sulu</i>	Suresh Triveni	Vidya Balan, Manav Kaul, Vijay Maurya, Neha Dhupia, Mallishka RJ, Abhishek Sharma, Sindhu Shekharan, Seema Taneja, Trupti Khamkar, Santanu Ghatak, Uday Lagoo	Social/Comedy	T-Series
	<i>Dil Jo Na Keh Saka</i>	Naresh Lalwani	Himansh Kohli, Priya Banerjee	Romantic Drama	Diyas Productions
24	<i>Tera Intezaar</i>	Raajeev Wallia	Sunny Leone, Arbaaz Khan, Aarya Babbar,	Romantic Thriller	Bageshree Films
	<i>Firangi</i>	Rajiv Dhingra	Kapil Sharma, Ishita Dutta, Monica Gill, Inaamulhaq, Aanjan Srivastav, Maryam Zakaria, Raju Srivastav(Comeo Appearance), Edward Sonnenblich	Comedy Film	K9 Films & Sony Pictures Networks
DEC	<i>102 Not Out</i>	Umesh Shukla	Amitabh Bachchan, Rishi Kapoor	Drama	T-Series
	<i>Padmavati</i>	Sanjay Leela Bhansali	Deepika Padukone, Shahid Kapoor, Ranveer Singh, Aditi Rao Hydari, Sonu Sood, Jim Sarbh	Period Drama	Bhansali Productions
	<i>Fukrey Returns</i>	Mrighdeep Singh Lamba	Pulkit Samrat, Priya Anand, Varun Sharma, Ali Fazal, Manjot Singh, Richa Chadda, Vishakha Singh, Sayani Gupta, Pankaj Tripathi, Rajpal Yadav	Comedy	Excel Entertainment
	<i>Tiger Zinda Hai</i>	All Abbas Zafar	Salman Khan, Katrina Kaif, Paresh Rawal, Sudeep, Angad Bedi, Girish Karnad, Kumud Mishra	Action/Drama	Yash Raj Films
	<i>Mangal Ho</i>	Fwd: Important Recall Info That MAY Affect Your Vehicle - Inbox - madamsheela1@gmail.com - Mozilla Thunderbird	Aanushka Ramesh, Sanjay Mishra, Ash Hirjee, Swati Kumar, Sunit Razdan	Sci-Fi/Comedy	Ascent Films

Qarib Qarib Single Irrfan Khan is exceptional in this quirky rom-com

Directed by Tanuja Chandra, *Qarib Qarib Single* stars Irrfan Khan and Parvathy. Malayalam actress Parvathy makes her Hindi film debut with this film which looks like an unusual love story. Tanuja comes back to the director's chair with this film after a long gap of 11 years.

Starring Irrfan Khan and Parvathy, '*Qarib Qarib Single*' is a quirky love story where the two characters embark on an unusual journey that soon turns into an adventurous one.

From the trailer, it looks like that Irrfan Khan is acing the comic timing and Parvathy matches him at every beat. The film is shot in various cities on the banks of the river Ganga. The two

characters start their journey as '*Qarib Qarib Single*' (almost single) and will probably find love on their way. The film looks like a fun-filled comedy ride that is going to be loved by the audience.

The film's quirky caption, '*Saath jeene marne wali story nahi hai humari*' (Ours isn't the live together-die together kind of love story) suggests that the film will not be an emotional saga and will stick to light-hearted entertainment. After the superb success of '*Hindi Medium*' earlier this year, this film will again see Irrfan in a light-hearted role and if his performance in '*Hindi Medium*' is anything to go by, this one will hit it out of the park as well. '*Qarib Qarib Single*'

will also mark the Hindi film debut of Malayalam actress Parvathy.

Tanuja Chandra has returned to the director's chair with this one after a long gap of 11 years. The last film directed by Chandra, *Hope and a Little Sugar*, released back in 2006. The director is known for her thrillers like *Sangharsh* (1999) and *Dushman* (1998). It will be a refreshing change to watch a slice-of-life film from the director.



'Brahmastra' to cost over Rs 150 crore



'Brahmastra' starring Ranbir Kapoor, Alia Bhatt and Amitabh Bachchan has been the talk of the town for its superhero plot apart from its star-studded cast. Recently, director Ayan Mukerji expressed his excitement for the film saying that he hopes it becomes "the biggest success of his career". According to latest reports, the talented young director is pulling out all stops to attain the desired results for his trilogy. If reports doing the rounds are anything to go by, then the film is reportedly being shot on a budget that exceeds Rs 150 crore. The makers of the fantasy adventure series are reportedly keen to make this project match Hollywood standards and are also reportedly looking forward to releasing it in 3D. Ayan was recently quoted at an event saying, "It's the biggest project of my life. All my hopes are pinned on this film. I hope it becomes the biggest success... I am very excited about the cast but I hope the film gets even bigger than the cast." The film is slated to release in 2019.

Salman in Film "Bharat"



Salman and Eid in Bollywood go hand-in hand. There seldom have been times in past few years when the 'Dabangg' actor's fans have not been treated by his film on the occasion of the holy festival. Continuing the tradition, Salman Khan has yet again blocked the auspicious date for his 2019 release titled 'Bharat'. The film will reportedly be shot in Abu Dhabi and Spain, besides Punjab and Delhi in India. Prep in every department will be elaborate and the casting will be done over the next three months. The film marks Producer Atul Agnihotri joining hands with Salman Khan post the Blockbuster 2011 Eid release 'Bodyguard' and Ali Abbas Zafar directing the actor post 2016 Blockbuster Eid release 'Sultan'. Produced by Atul Agnihotri and directed by Ali Abbas Zafar, The film will go on floor in April 2018.

Kamal Haasan to join politics



CHENNAI: Actor Kamal Haasan has signalled his entry into politics. The actor has started meeting prominent activists and has spoken publicly on issues related to corruption in hospitals as well as pollution affecting fishermen in north Chennai. Kamal Haasan met activists from Arappor Iyakkam, the Chennai-based anti-corruption non-governmental organisation, and discussed with them the growing corruption in the state and ways to bring it out. He was interested in knowing the use of the Right to Information (RTI) Act, which is one of the key methods used by Arappor to highlight the chinks in the administration. "He was aware of our expose of bribery in the Chennai eye hospital. He had seen our videos where we had explained the link between shell companies using the shareholder pattern," said Arappor convenor Jayaram

Venkatesan.

In an article that appeared in a Tamil magazine, Haasan indicated that he would be galvanising youngsters for a movement at a meeting on November 7, his birthday. He also mentioned Arappor and their success in exposing the eye hospital bribery case in the article. "We have offered to train the volunteers in filing RTI applications," Venkatesan said. Haasan on Friday tweeted about environmental pollution of the Kosasthalaiyar river by power plants which indiscriminately dump fly ash which has an impact on fishermen dependent on catch from the river. Sources said he spoke to Carnatic musician T M Krishna regarding the minute details of the issue recently. Working with the environmental group Coastal Resource Centre (CRC), Krishna had been instrumental in several of north Chennai's environmental concerns gaining a bigger platform after his song on the issue became very popular.

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HEALTH

Age-proof your knees

Improving range of motion, muscle strength, and weight control can help reduce pain and make your knees feel younger.

Knee pain is common in older age, often caused by osteoarthritis (the wearing away of knee cartilage). Fortunately, there are ways to fool Father Time and postpone knee problems or even prevent them entirely. "In many cases, you can delay or avoid the need for surgical intervention, such as a knee replacement," says Dr. Lars Richardson, an orthopedic surgeon with Harvard-affiliated Massachusetts General Hospital.

The aging knee

Your knees absorb a huge amount of pressure with every step — typically one-and-a-half times your body weight. That pressure, plus regular wear and tear, takes a toll over time. Muscles and ligaments get weaker. The knee's two shock absorbers — pads of cartilage called menisci — start to deteriorate. So does the articular cartilage protecting the ends of the leg bones where they meet at the knee. If you have a family history of osteoarthritis, if you're overweight, or if you've had some knee injuries, you may be more prone to this deterioration.

When the cartilage is gone, the bones rub against each other, and you end up with pain, stiffness, and swelling.

Anti-aging defenses

That doesn't mean you need to let knee pain — or the threat of it — interrupt your life. By employing some of the following strategies, you can help keep your knees as young as you feel.

Strengthen the muscles. Boosting muscle strength stabilizes the knee joint and helps the muscles absorb stress you place on the knee. Strengthening should start with the quadriceps and hamstrings in the thighs, but it shouldn't end there. "In the old days, we just strengthened the quads. Now we know that it's also important to strengthen the hip and core muscles to maximize function of the knee," says Dr. Richardson. It's best to work with a physical therapist who can evaluate your needs and develop a strengthening program that's right for you.

One of Dr. Richardson's exercise recommendations is a body squat. "Don't squat so low that you're parallel to the ground," he warns. "That will put too much stress on the knee."

He also recommends a "step up" to strengthen your core, hip, and leg muscles. "Stand and face a staircase, and then rotate your body 90 degrees," he explains. "Hold on to the banister. Place the leg closest to the stairs onto the first step, and straighten that leg so that your other leg is off the ground. Lower yourself back down. Repeat that exercise 10 times, and then do the exercise with your other leg."

Lose weight. If you're overweight, each additional pound you carry translates to

another 4 pounds of pressure on the joints. A 20-pound weight gain, for example, would add 80 pounds of pressure on your knees. Losing weight relieves pressure and pain on the joints. "Getting your body mass index [BMI] to a healthy range will make your knees feel better," says Dr. Richardson. BMI is a measure that takes into account both your height and weight; values from 18.5 to 24.9 are considered healthy.

Increase range of motion.

"Most people's joints get stiffer with age, and there's clear evidence that people with better motion have fewer symptoms, especially if they can straighten the knee. So it's important to work on getting the knee straight," Dr. Richardson says. He recommends working with a physical therapist to improve range of motion. For an exercise to try at home, he suggests sitting on a bed or floor, putting a pillow under the ankle, and using your leg muscles to force the knee down gently.

A few more tips

Dr. Richardson says some activities can make osteoarthritis symptoms worse, such as standing on a hard surface or squatting for a long period (while gardening, for example). "Squatting can irritate the soft cartilage meniscus of the knee. Avoid long periods of time with your knees bent deeply," he warns.



Instead, wear cushioned shoes or gel inserts if you have a job or hobby that involves standing on hard surfaces, and use a low stool to sit on while gardening.

Avoid high-impact activities such as jogging and aerobics classes that involve jumping. Go for non-impact exercises, such as indoor or outdoor cycling or using an elliptical trainer.

Dr. Richardson also advises that you keep your goals of better knee health in mind, as incentive. "Maybe it's just climbing the stairs, going for a walk, or crawling on the floor to play with the grandkids," he says.

Frequently asked questions about colds and the flu

Q. When should I stay home from work or keep my child home from school?

A. Use your judgment to determine when you are feeling too sick to go to work or when your child is feeling too sick to go to school. It is important to stay home when you are most contagious. For colds, you are contagious the entire time you have symptoms, but you are most contagious right after you contract the viral infection, before you even have symptoms. For the flu, adults are most infectious from the day before symptoms start until about the fifth day of symptoms.

Q. When should I see my doctor?

A. If you experience any of the common flu symptoms or if your symptoms do not go away as quickly as you would expect, see your doctor.

Q. How can I avoid passing my cold or flu on to my family?

A. There are many steps you can take to try to avoid spreading germs to the people around you. Always cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze or cough, either

with a tissue or by coughing or sneezing into your elbow. Throw used tissues away immediately, ideally into a toilet where they can be flushed away without anyone else touching them. Wash your hands often, especially after you sneeze, cough, or touch your eyes, nose, or mouth. Keep your distance from others—don't kiss, hug, or stand so close to someone that saliva might get on them when you talk. Make sure someone is disinfecting household surfaces and items frequently, including children's toys.

Q. Why do colds and the flu increase in the winter?

A. Cold weather itself does not cause colds, but people are more likely to stay indoors and spread cold germs to one another when it's cold outside. There is emerging evidence that influenza spreads most efficiently at low temperatures and in low humidity, which may explain why cases of the flu increase so much in the winter.

Q. Is there any truth to the old saying "Feed a cold; starve a fever"?



A. No. When you have a cold or the flu, you should be sure to eat healthful foods and drink plenty of fluids, but there is no need to eat more or less than usual.

Q. Is it okay to get a flu shot when I have a cold?

A. Yes, you can get vaccinated when you have a cold as long as you are not feeling very sick and do not have a fever.

Congratulations to Superstar of Hyderabad Gullu Dada for the tremendous debut in Bollywood with SAAJAN CHALE SASURAL 2.



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Meeting with Ginning mills owners

A Meeting was held with Ginning mills owners for purchasing cotton for minimum support price from the farmers. Minister for Irrigation and Marketing Department T Harish Rao directed the Collectors of various districts to take necessary steps for purchasing cotton for minimum support price from the farmers, without creating any hurdles. The Minister along with the Principal Secretary of Agriculture Department Parthasarathi, Commissioner Jagan Mohan and Director of Marketing Department Lakshmi Bhai, held a video conference with the Collectors and Joint-Collectors along with the officials of Marketing department from the JAD conference hall in Hyderabad on Friday.

Addressing the officials through the video-conference, Minister Harish Rao said the farmers may incur heavy loss since the cotton price in the open market is so less. To prevent them from incurring loss, cotton is being purchased from them through cotton purchase centres for minimum support price. The Joint-Collectors and officials of marketing department along with the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) officials must ensure that the amount paid to the farmers from whom the

cotton is purchased for MSP (by fixing the MSP at Rs 4,320 per quintal) will be credited into their accounts. He warned not to cheat the farmers. Harish Rao directed the officials to open purchasing centres in ginning mills and market yards to speed up cotton purchase from the farmers. The farmers need to pay extra charges for selling their produce in ginning mills. The Joint-Collectors and the officials of marketing department must supervise the purchasing process that is going on in the purchasing centres by visiting regularly to the centres and inspecting the process carefully without giving any scope for irregularities along with issuing the identity cards to every farmer, ordered the Minister. Later, District in-charge Collector S Prabhakar Reddy responding to the suggestions made by the Minister T Harish Rao, said that identity cards will be sanctioned to every farmer within a week through the marketing department along with taking necessary steps for the convenience of the farmers. Agriculture Officer Thirumal Prasad, District Officer of Marketing department Praveen Reddy and the officials of CCI and Markfed were present along with others.





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یہ عہد نو کا بشر جانور لگے ہے مجھے
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امیر شہر کا دعویٰ ہے یہ ہیں سب خوش حال
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یہ نخل دل بھی میرا بے ثمر لگے ہے مجھے
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ہم آج بھی اسی آب و ہوا میں زندہ ہیں
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مخالفین، سزا و جزا میں زندہ ہیں
حکومت آئی ہے اب حزب اختلاف کی پھر
ہم اک زمانے سے کرب و بلا میں زندہ ہیں
اب اور مشکلیں ہم سے سہی نہیں جاتیں
یہ بات بھی ہے کہ فضل خدا میں زندہ ہیں
فساد کرنے کی ان کو ہے ضد جبکہ ہم
اب ایسا لگتا ہے فکر بقا میں زندہ ہیں
اذاں کی شکل میں جو گونجتی ہے کانوں میں
اُسی حسین نشاط صدا میں زندہ ہیں
اب اچھے دن کہیں ہم کو نظر نہ آئے منیر
ہم آج تک بھی سزائے انا میں زندہ ہیں
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بلا کی پیاس ہے، احساس تھگی ہے بہت
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خودی ہے حد سے زیادہ، کہ بے خودی ہے بہت
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خدا کا شکر! بہت کاٹتے ہیں، ہم توفیق
ہمارے علم کی کھیتی، ہری بھری ہے بہت
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لیڈروں اور لیڈروں کی صف میں کر دیا شامل مجھے
آج کل تو خیر سے میں وزیر تعلیم ہوں
کم از کم اب تو نہ کہئے ان پڑھ جاہل مجھے

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بنے اسپلی کے ممبر تھا ٹھٹھا بات کا زمانہ
گھر میں تھی بیوی باہر بھی تھا ایک ٹھکانہ
جب سے ہمارے ایکشن ہو گیا ہے ٹینشن
”ہلی خاک میں محبت جلا دل کا آشیانہ“

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مغرب سے سورج طلوع ہو گیا ہے
بھٹو خاندان کے مقابل نواز خاندان ہے
پر ہالی ووڈ نہیں ہے یہ پاکستان ہے

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حق مدافعت کا ہر اک ست ثور ہے
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چاند جب روٹھ کے رخصت ہوا بام و در سے
لوگ تپتے ہوئے سورج کو مٹانے نکلے
دل نے جب قید تعلق سے رہائی مانگی
قربتوں کے لئے کچھ اور بھانے نکلے
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خواب زاروں کو کبھی ہم جو جانے نکلے
ہم نے سمجھا تھا جنہیں دوست ہمیشہ سہیل
جب پڑا وقت وہی دل کو دکھانے نکلے
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شاہ نعیم الدین نعیمی

(شکاگو)

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شب کو تاروں کی صورت بکھر جائے گا
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On the lighter side....

What is the definition of adult?

ADULT:
A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

Two roofers, Larry and Joe, were on the roof laying tile, when a sudden win gust came and knocked down their ladder.

"I have an idea," said Larry. "We'll throw you down, and then you can pick up the ladder."

"What, do you think, that I'm stupid?" replied Joe. "I have an idea! I'll shine my flashlight, and you can climb down on the beam of light."

Larry wasn't having it. "What, do you think that I'm stupid? You'll just turn off the flashlight when I'm halfway down."

A man was driving the wrong way down a one-way street.

He was stopped by a policeman. "This is a one-way street," said the officer.

"I know," said the motorist, "I'm only going one way."

Myra was going to the office party but needed a new party dress.

In the clothing store she asked, "May I try on that dress in the window, please?"

"Certainly not, madam," responded the salesgirl. "You'll have to use the fitting room like everyone else."

A thief got married to a thief. They decided to give up



their old ways and begin a family.

Fifteen months after getting married, they were expecting a son. At the hospital their son was born and his hand was closed.

They went for a closer look. They opened up his hand and were surprised by what they found.

The wristwatch of the doctor who delivered him.

The Law of Equality states:

The time taken by a wife when she says "I'll be ready in 5 minutes" is exactly equal to the time taken by husband when he says "I'll call you in 5 mins."

At a store, a lady stood in line waiting to pay for her items. Three men stood before her in the line. After 15 minutes she realized that the line wasn't moving at all.

She shouted at the cashier, "Is this line going to take all day long?"

The cashier replied, "Please step aside ma'am and come here. You are standing behind three mannequins."

Blood may be thicker than water, but baseball beats them

both.

I learned this after explaining to my two boys that they were half-Lithuanian on their father's side, and half-Yankee, meaning their other set of parents came from an old New England family.

My younger son looked worried. "But we're still a hundred percent Red Sox, right, Mom?"

A college student could not take his seminar final exam because of a funeral.

"No problem," the teacher told him. "Make it up the following week." That week came, and again he couldn't take the test due to another funeral.

"You'll have to take the test early next week," the professor insisted. "I can't keep postponing it."

"I'll take the test next week if no one dies," the undergrad replied.

By now the instructor was suspicious. "How can you have so many people you know pass away in three weeks?"

"I don't know any of these people," the student exclaimed. "But I'm the only gravedigger in town."

Little Susie: Did you know carrots are really good for your eyes?

Little Ralph: How do you know that?

Little Susie: Well, have you ever seen a rabbit with glasses?



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