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## What was Pelé's net worth?

At the time of his death, Pelé's net worth was around \$100 million, according to Celebrity Net Worth but most of his money was made after he retired from football. He debuted professionally at age 15 with Santos FC in 1956 and scored in his very first match. The following year, he was the top scorer overall in the entire Brazilian professional league. He was quickly called to play for the Brazilian national team and at 17, he became the youngest player to play in, as well as win, a FIFA World Cup in 1958. Pelé and the Brazilian team would go on to win again in 1962 and 1970.



## Cristiano Ronaldo signs reported \$200 million-per-year deal with Al Nassr

Cristiano Ronaldo has put pen to paper on a \$75 million-per-year contract with Al Nassr FC, who play in the top-flight of Saudi Arabia.

Previous reports claimed that Ronaldo would be paid \$207 million per season. New reports claim that Ronaldo will be guaranteed \$75 million per year for his on-field services, with the potential to reach a sum in the neighborhood of \$200 million through commercial agreements with the club.



Ronaldo, 37, was a free agent after agreeing to terminate his contract at Manchester United and it was believed he could head elsewhere in Europe to try and wrack up more records in the UEFA Champions League, but he didn't receive any "serious offers" to continue his career in Europe.



**The Indian rupee** ended 2022 as one of the worst-performing Asian currencies with a fall of 10.14%, its biggest annual decline since 2013, as the dollar rocketed on the U.S. Federal Reserve's aggressive monetary policy stance to tame inflation.



The rupee finished the year at 82.72 to the U.S. currency, down from 74.33 at the end of 2021, while the dollar index was headed for its biggest yearly gain since 2015.

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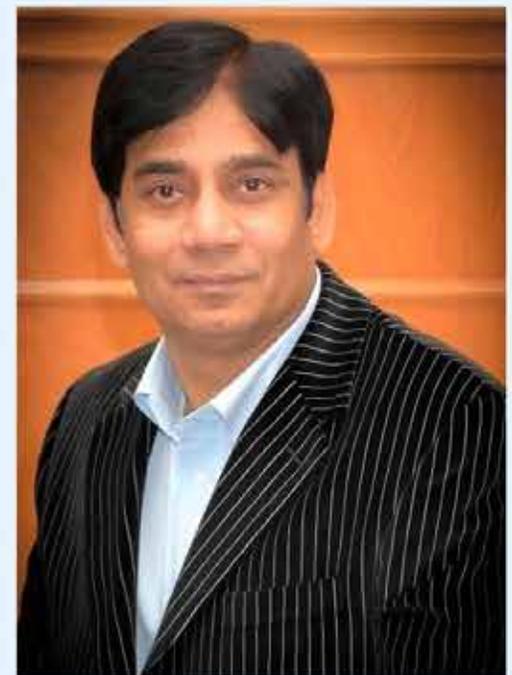
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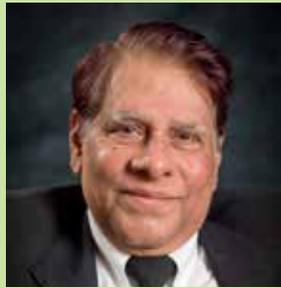
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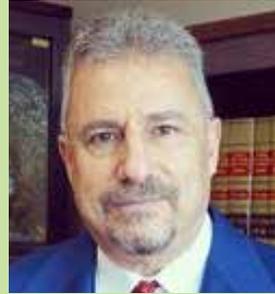
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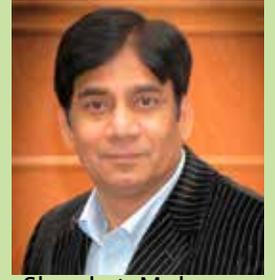
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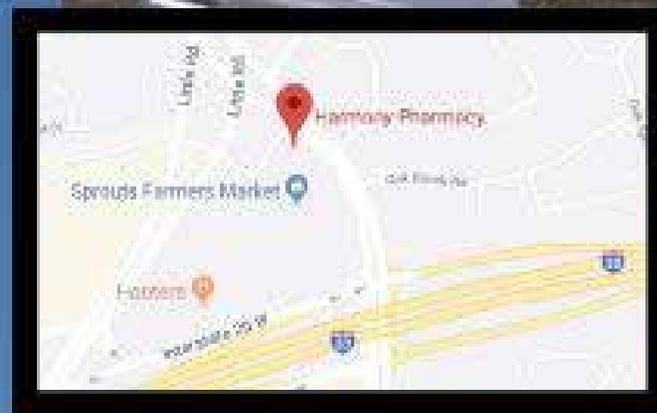


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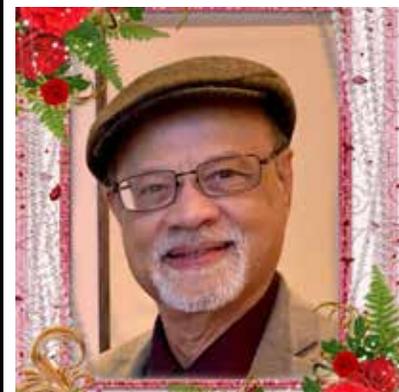
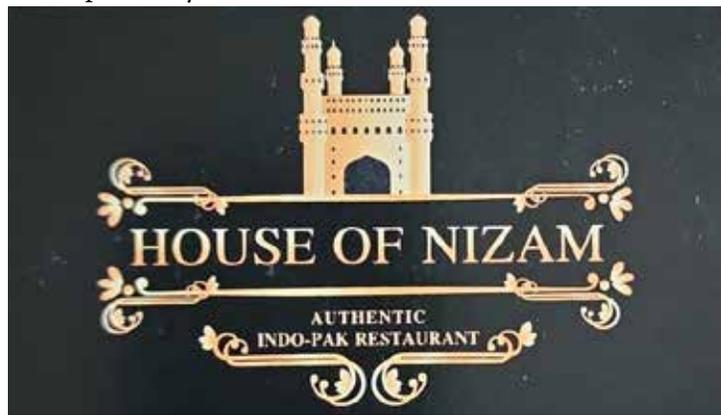
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**HOUSE OF NIZAM -SAN ANTONIO  
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Family of Mir Wajid Ali & Sakina Wajid, Owner, House of Nizam in San Antonio, Texas organized event for Adnan Sajid Khan of Gullu Dada fame from Hyderabad. Around 250 people attended and enjoyed the program on December 22nd. Scrumptious Hyderabadabi zabiha halal food was served.



We at Charminar Connection profusely thank the Publisher of Asia Times Azeem A. Quadeer and his staff for bringing out this very informative magazine every month and enlightening us with news and entertainment for our reading pleasure , and we wish the readers a

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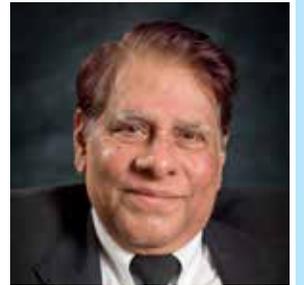
may the new year bring you all the joys you wished for

**Editor Charminar Connection  
Pervaiz Baig**



**NEWYEAR MESSAGE**

From Basheer Ahmed, MD



The New year is always a time to reflect on the previous year and celebrate the arrival of a new one. May the new year bring for you and your family, joy, happiness, and prosperity. I hope each day of the coming year is filled with success and blessings from God.

We should start new year with dreaming big, believing in yourself, setting goals, and determination for achieving what you wish for. You can accomplish anything you set your mind to in 2023.

Thomas Jefferson said “I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past. Barack Obama said that “Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time”.

We are the only one who can bring the change. Contribute in the American dream to build an inclusive diversified community.



We need to make effort to build a more humane, a kinder and a more rational world and keep the secular democracy alive. We all need to participate with sincere efforts. It will take time, effort, and energy and I am hoping that the future generation will continue this goal.

We must play a major role in bringing Peace and harmony in this troubled world and Pray to God for our dream to come true.

How we define faith, trust, hope, confidence, and an attitude. Please see the forwarded stories I gathered.

Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.

When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know that you will catch them. That is trust.

Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive in the next morning, but we still set the alarms to wake up. That is hope.

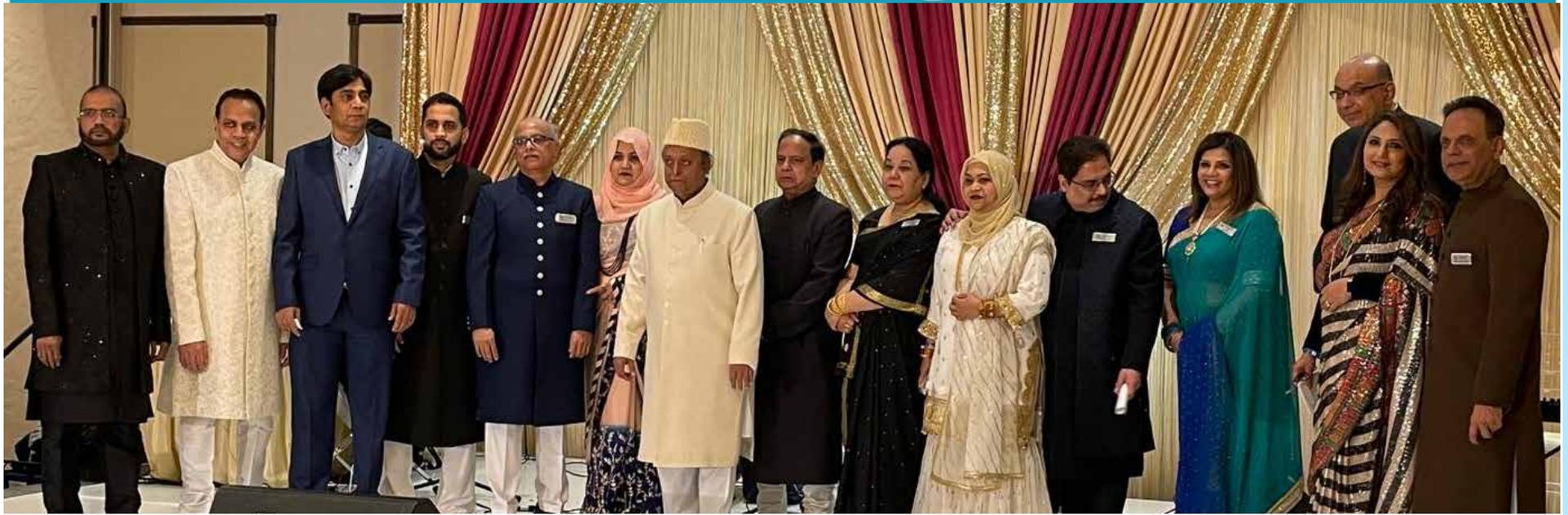
We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.

On an old man’s shirt was written a sentence “I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience. That is attitude.(From anonymous source) The New Year comes and goes, but we hope the relationship we build will last a lifetime. I hope your holidays are restful and restorative. Happy New Year to a year of good health, lots of love, and plenty of joy.

**M. Basheer Ahmed M.D**

Hyderabad Society of North Texas Presents

# Shaam-e-Hyderabad



The vibrant Hyderabad community of DFW metro area came together on Dec 17th to celebrate an evening filled with music, food & fun. Hyderabad Society of North Texas (HSNT) organized their annual "Shaam e Hyderabad event at Crystal Banquet, Plano. Around 500 people attended and enjoyed the event.

**Adnan Sajid Khan** of Gullu Dada

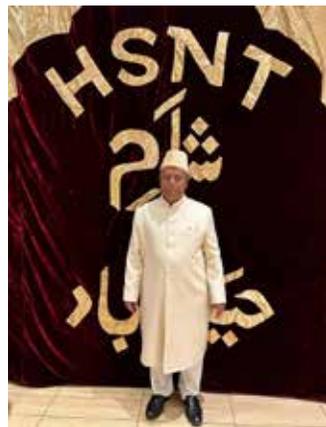
fame came in for a special performance from Hyderabad. He has performed in more than 20 movies that have been made in the Hyderabad Daccani language. Most of his movies completed 50 days in theatres. He was supported on stage by **Atif Siddiqui and Faiz Hashmi** for a hilarious performance. Adnan also showcased his singing skills in other appearances

The evening's main performer **Arsalan Rabbani** treated the audience with a mix of Sufi music, qawwalis and Bollywood classics. Zark entertainment provided superior quality audio for the event. Arsalan performed Tajdare Haram by Atif Aslam while playing Harmonium. This amazing event's success reflects the leadership

of President Mohammed Abdul Hameed, who led this event from the front to its completion. He was well supported by his team

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Professional pictures from Bombay studio can be viewed at [www.hsntdfw.com](http://www.hsntdfw.com) once uploaded in the next few days



**Mohammed Abdul Waheed**

was recognized for his Community Service Award from Hyderabad Association of North Texas. He was one of the founding members of HSNT with Dr Basheer Ahmed and established the organization in 1991. His vision was to bring a community together and by helping vulnerable families in India by providing an education. His culture and his roots were very important when he came to America in 1969. He came to serve his community and provide to help many deserving individuals in India.

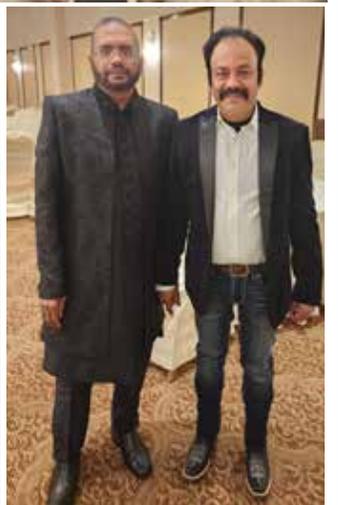


**Salman Farshori**

was honored by "Person of the Year" award for his invaluable community service. Mohammed Salman Farshori is a global Social Impact and Inclusion leader, recognized for his passion for diversity, inclusion, Justice, and social impact. He has successfully led award winning business diversity groups at local and national levels and his efforts have been instrumental in taking Asian American nonprofits in the US to new heights. A recipient of the Dallas Business Journal's Minority Business Leader award, Immigrant Journey Award, Asian Chamber of Texas's Diversity Leader Award and US President's Volunteer Service Award.



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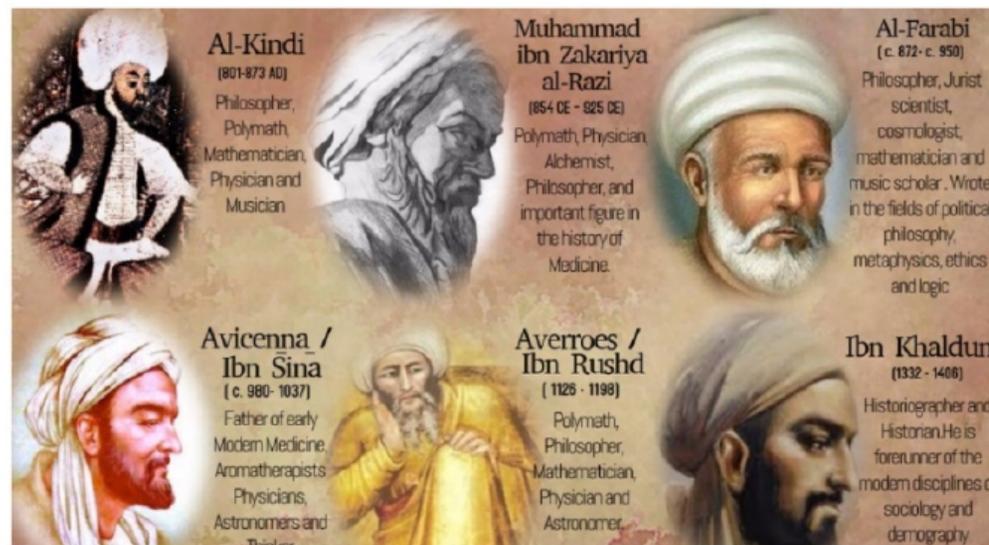
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## **Arab leaders in Saudi Arabia for Chinese leader Xi's visit**

Gulf Arab leaders and others in the Mideast met Friday in Saudi Arabia as part of a state visit by Chinese leader Xi Jinping, seeking to firm up their relations with Beijing as decades of U.S. attention on the region wanes.

Before a joint meeting with Xi, representatives of the Gulf Cooperation Council met in a summit helmed by Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, further signaling his control of a kingdom still overseen by his father, the 86-year-old King Salman.

Among them was Qatar's ruling emir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, whose country now hosts the FIFA World Cup and has largely restored ties to its Arab neighbors after a yearslong boycott. Bahrain's King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, whose island nation still has strained relations with Qatar, also attended.

Prince Mohammed made a point in his opening remarks, aired on state television, to applaud Qatar for its hosting of the World Cup. He also could be seen warmly greeting Sheikh Tamim before the meeting, something unthinkable only two years earlier amid the boycott.

The GCC includes Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman,

Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. The leader of the Emirates, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, did not attend, instead sending the ruler of the emirate of Fujairah, Sheikh Hamad bin Mohammed Al Sharqi. Kuwait's crown prince and a representative of Oman's sultan also attended.

Xi's visit comes as China relies on the Gulf Arab states, particularly Saudi Arabia, for billions of dollars in crude oil imports to power his country's economy. While the U.S. still maintains bases across the region and stations tens of thousands of troops, Gulf Arab nations feel Washington's attention has shifted elsewhere after the end of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

They also want to maintain relations with China even as U.S. officials believe they face a growing threat from China in Asia and Russia as Moscow wages its monthslong war on



Ukraine.

During Xi's visit, Saudi officials have said deals had been signed between Riyadh and Beijing, including some involving Chinese technology company Huawei on cloud-computing, data centers and other high-tech ventures. The U.S. has already warned its Gulf Arab allies about working with Huawei over spying concerns.

Xi and King Salman also agreed to hold meetings between the two countries' leaders every two years, the state-run Xinhua news agency reported.

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# Sania Mirza of U.P. on the flight path to be India's first Muslim woman fighter pilot

Sania Mirza on path to history as she could become India's first Muslim woman fighter pilot if she successfully completes all required courses. If all goes well, Sania Mirza, daughter of a TV mechanic hailing from Mirzapur district's Jasovar village in Uttar Pradesh, might become In-

dia's first Muslim woman fighter pilot after she cleared the prestigious National Defence Academy (NDA) examination with an overall rank of 149. After the declaration of results, many reports claimed that India will get its first Muslim woman fighter pilot, which forced the Indian Air Force (IAF) to put the facts in perspective through a statement which categorically stated the chances of Ms. Mirza becoming an IAF fighter will depend on her completing successfully multiple courses which she will undertake in the academy during the next four years. "Assuming that the young woman received joining instructions for NDA, it would take four years from now for her to be commissioned as a pilot in the IAF. During these four years, she will have to successfully complete the designated training for the flying branch and have the aptitude and merit to make it as a fighter pilot," the statement issued by the IAF read. The IAF extended best wishes to Ms. Mirza for her successful future and hoped her dreams come true.

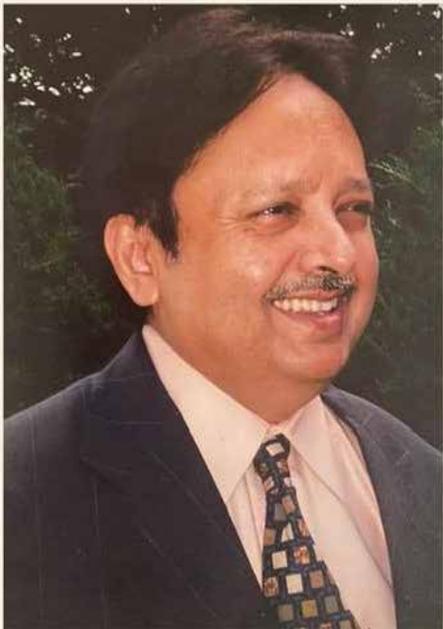


Ms. Mirza, a student of Guru Nanak Girls Inter College, was the district topper in the U.P. Board's Class 12 examination. After the NDA result was announced, Ms. Mirza told local mediapersons that she wants the younger generation to get inspired by her, like how she was inspired by Flight Lieutenant Avani Chaturvedi, who was among the three women inducted into the IAF as combat pilot. Ms. Mirza appeared in the NDA examination held on April 10 this year. She is one of the two women selected in flying branch and will join the training course in Pune on December 27.

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Right Pic: Iftekhhar Shareef with Home minister of Telangana State Janab Mehmood Ali along with Kopulla Eshwar Telangana State Minister of Minority Affairs



Below Pic: Adnan Sajid Khan (Gullu Dada) event in Chicago



Hanumanth Reddy ATA founder with Kalvakuntla Kavitha & Iftekhhar Shareef



Mohammed Azharuddin former India's cricket captain



Iftekhhar Shareef with his cat Winter a Ragdoll



Mrs & Mr Iftekhhar Shareef in Arizona



Myself with Mohammed Soheil owner of Soheil Hotel , Malakpet, Hyderabad



Adnan Sajid (Gullu Dada) last week with myself & Aftab Baig of Monty's

## UCCA hosts Grand Musical Christmas Banquet in Chicago



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Chicago IL: A glittering evening replete with stirring melodious carols, dance presentations, inspiring remarks and uplifting yuletide sermonette marked the Grand Christmas Banquet celebrations organized by United Christian Cultural Association [UCCA] on Friday, December 16, 2022 at the Cotillion Banquet in Palatine, Illinois that drew a large gathering of families illustrating the spirit of Christmas with interludes of beautiful strains of Christmas carols presented by Tollywood's blockbuster music director Anup Reuben that elevated the festive merriment.

This Grand Christmas celebration was strikingly enhanced by the presence of Ambassador Somnath Ghosh, Consul General of India and were joined by a host of community/business leaders representing all major faiths complemented by a large presence of families who converged to celebrate the grand pre-Christmas banquet.

The evening encompassed mesmerizing musical performances presented by Tollywood's blockbuster music director Anup Reuben and his ensemble who enthralled the guests with uplifting Christmas carols and musical hits. He presented a new genre of music, a fusion of the traditional Christmas songs transposed with upbeat melodies. Anup Reuben energized the entire evening with his zestful music and was later collectively honored and blessed by the clergy.

The evening celebrations set off with the inter-faith lighting of the Christmas Candles led by Ambassador Somnath Ghosh, Consul General of India – who in his remarks - said

Christmas festival manifests joy, peace and fosters fellowship with each other in the spirit of goodwill and love. Ambassador Somnath Ghosh outlined the history and applauded the role of Christians in contributing to help build modern India. Ambassador Somnath Ghosh expressed his profound appreciation to the UCCA leaders for inviting him to the Christmas celebration program and complimented them for hosting such a grand festivity.

Dr. Heyer Devarapalli, Founder Chair of UCCA welcomed the gathering and said UCCA has been in the forefront taking initiatives in hosting medical camps, charitable drives and other humanitarian work to help fellow human beings – which he said represents the spirit of Christmas and Christianity. Dr. Paul Heyer Devarapalli acknowledged and thanked the fellow board and directors for their unstinted cooperation in hosting this grand Christmas banquet and showcasing the community's strength of unity and its growing significance.

Earlier, Keerthi Kumar Ravoori welcomed the gathering and introduced the chief guest Ambassador Somnath Ghosh, Consul General of India and later joined by UCCA leaders honored the ambassador by presenting a silk shawl and flower bouquet by UCCA's women leaders.

Raju Enoch Pasumarthi, UCCA President thanked the gathering of the families by unitedly celebrating Christmas and added that UCCA is geared up to announce an exciting series of summer programs for the community. Emmanuel Neela, UCCA Vice President recognized some of the prominent telugu community leaders. While Vasanth Charles proposed a vote

of thanks. Satish Dadepogu unveiled UCCA's plans for hosting a summer cricket tournament in partnership with the Illinois Cricket Association. Pastor Zadda Chakravorthy delivered a Christmas sermonette. Youth presented a Christmas Nativity play directed by Deena Pasumarthi and performed by Tina Devarapalli and Sharon Dadepogu. Ms. Angel Varghese made a special dance performance.

The Christmas candle light ceremony was led by Havilah Devarapalli, Margaret Charles, Saritha Pasumarthi, Ujwala Neela and Persis Dadepogu. The event was eloquently emceed by Margaret Charles. Several community leaders were acknowledged at the evening including Ajeet Singh, Madan Pamulpati, Sreenivas Bopanna, Nick Verma, Subbu Iyer, Mahesh Kakarla, Sheshu Reddy, Hemachandra, Ramakrishna Nuna, Naresh, Khurram Syed, Nageshwari Cherikonda, Malati Domaraju, Vijay Ravoori, Rahul Viratapu.

In closing UCCA President Raju Pasumarthi honored, Chicago community's pastors Rev. Dr. David Vidyasagar, Rajamani Gounu, Mrs. Subhadra Vipparthi, Victor Omega, Mathew Vattiprolu, Zadda Chakravorthy and Madhukar Bushi.

The evening celebrations concluded with the entire hall luminous with candlelights while singing the traditional carol "Silent Night" which was followed by the serving of the festive dinner.

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Illinois Association of Highway Engineers. Dec 6th, 2022 L-R Najim Hyderi, President CEP Engineering Corp; Martin McManamon, Commissioner Highways; Engr Ameer Khan, Construction Manager CEP Engineering Corp

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ROSHAN



ولی الدین

## روشن کے نام

(ساگرہ پر)

حسین ہو، جوان تم آج بھی ہو  
میرا دل میری جان تم آج بھی ہو  
اتنے برسوں سے تمہارا ساتھ ہے  
پر دل اب بھی کہتا یہی بات ہے  
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میری شاعری کا عنوان تم آج بھی ہو  
حسین اور جوان تم آج بھی ہو  
میرا دل میری جان تم آج بھی ہو  
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یہ محفل یہ دوستوں کی بارات نہ ہوتی  
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میرا دل میری جان تم آج بھی ہو

اور بھی لگتی ہو حسین ایک سال گزرنے کے بعد  
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روشن کی قربت میں وتی کو جنت ملی  
اب تمنا نہیں حوروں کی مرنے کے بعد

### Shakeelullah Khan honored by friends before leaving for Umrah



Mohammed Ghouse and Shakeelullah Khan

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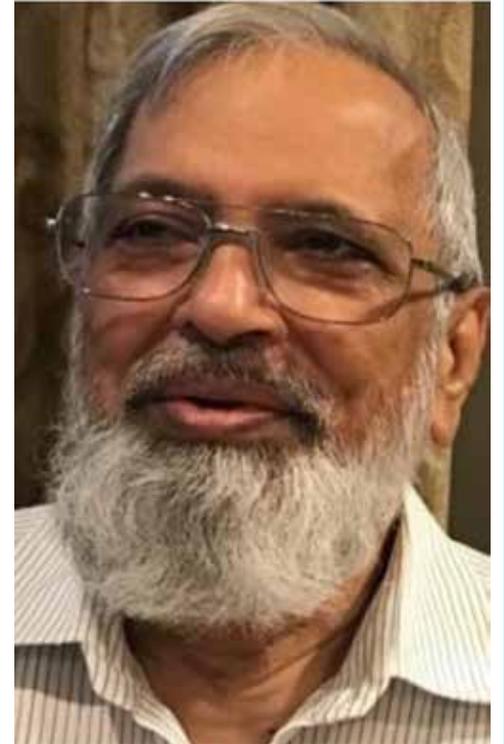


### Sadia Gul Covert election victory





Another successful event 2022 Christmas Musical Program by Mohammed Hafeez in Chicago



Mr K.M. Akif passed away in Chicago. He was 76



**Abbas Jamal Fared uddin Sabiri**

### **‘Veer Baal Diwas’ was observed in the Embassy of India in Washington DC**

‘Veer Baal Diwas’ was observed in the Embassy of India in Washington DC on 26 December 2022 in presence of Indian Diaspora and students.

All attendees paid tributes to the unparalleled sacrifices made by Sahibzade- the beloved sons of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji. A digital exhibition on the lives of Sahibzades, Baba Ajit Singh Ji, Baba Jujhaar Singh Ji, Baba Zorawar Singh Ji and Baba Fateh Singh Ji was also mounted on this occasion.

Speaking at the event, Charge d’Affaires Ms. Sripriya Ranganathan highlighted the various initiatives implemented by the Government of India which have facilitated commemoration of sacred festivals of Sikhism- including opening of Kartarpur Sahib Corridor; celebration of 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev ji across the world; the commemoration of 400th birth anniversary of Guru Teg Bahadur ji - with a special commemorative coin and postage stamp being released by the Hon’ble Prime Minister to mark Guru Teg Bahadur’s 400th Prakash Purab; and bringing back three ‘Holy Swarups’ of the Guru Granth Sahib Ji from Afghanistan with full honour in August last year.



The inaugural commemoration of ‘Veer Baal Diwas’ is taking place in India and across the world, as the country celebrates the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav signifying 75 years of India’s independence. Hon’ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi had announced on the occasion of the Prakash Purab of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji on 9th January 2022 that 26th December will be observed as ‘Veer Baal Diwas’ every year.

Washington, DC  
December 26, 2022



# Xi Jinping urges steps to 'protect' lives as China battles COVID wave

Chinese President Xi Jinping urged officials on December 26 to take steps to protect lives in his first public remarks on COVID-19 since Beijing dramatically loosened hardline containment measures this month.

Having mostly cut itself off from the rest of the world during the pandemic, China is now experiencing the planet's biggest surge in infections after abruptly lifting restrictions that torpedoed the economy.

amid concerns that the country's blooming wave of infections is not being accurately reflected in official statistics.

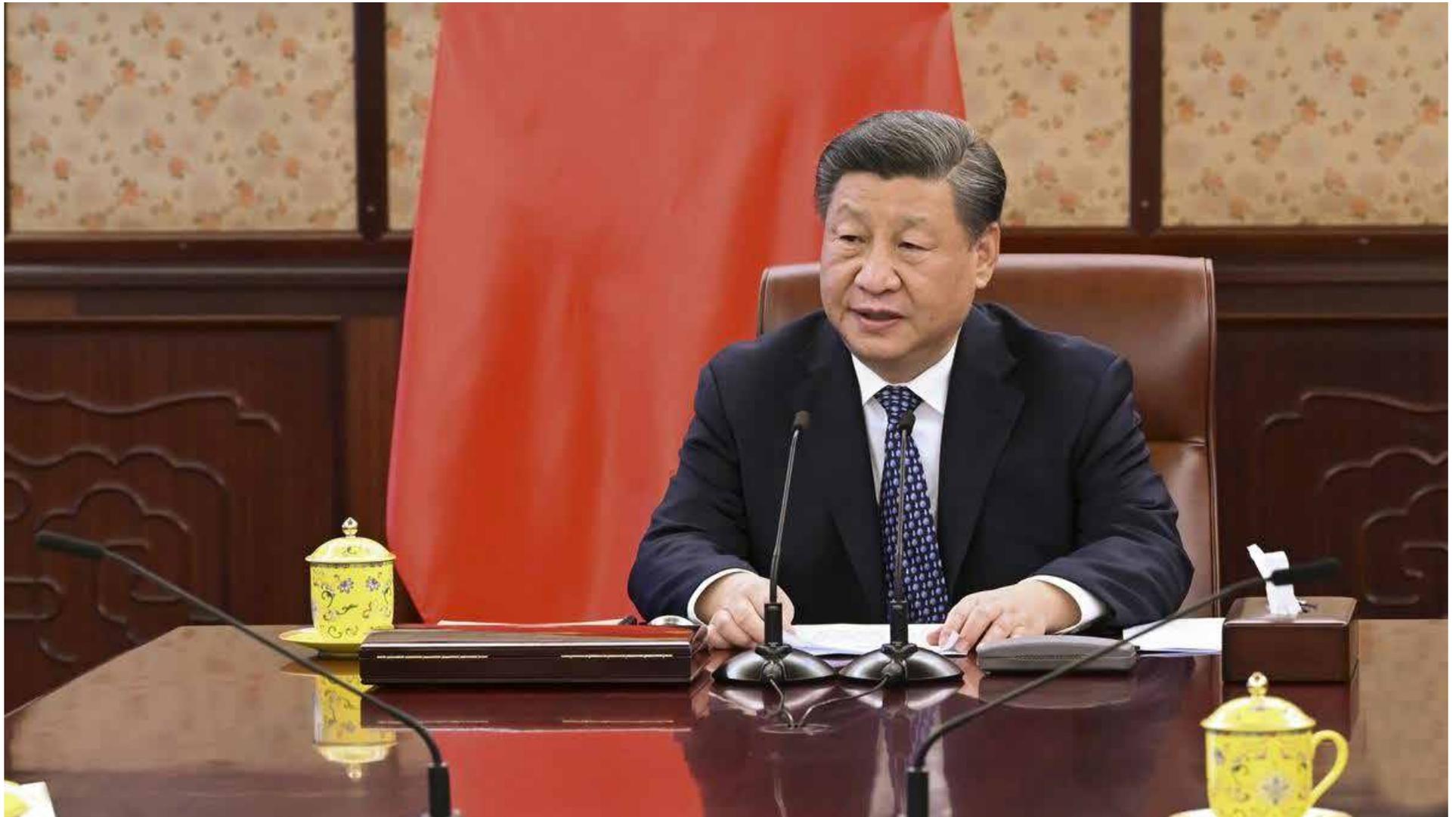
Beijing has admitted the scale of the outbreak has become "impossible" to track following the end of mandatory mass testing, as people are now not obliged to declare test results to authorities.

And last week, Beijing narrowed the criteria by which COVID-19 fatalities were counted — a move experts said would suppress the number of

the coastal city of Qingdao predicted roughly 5,00,000 new daily infections and the southern manufacturing city of Dongguan eyed 2,50,000 to 300,000.

Unofficial surveys and modelling based on search engine terms suggest that the wave may have already peaked in some major cities, including Beijing and Chongqing.

A poll of over 1,50,000 residents of the southwestern province of Sichuan organised by disease



Studies have estimated that around one million people could die over the next few months. Many in the population are now grappling with shortages of medicine, while emergency medical facilities are strained by an influx of undervaccinated elderly patients.

"At present, COVID-19 prevention and control in China are facing a new situation and new tasks," Mr. Jinping said in a directive, according to state broadcaster CCTV.

"We should launch the patriotic health campaign in a more targeted way... fortify a community line of defence for epidemic prevention and control, and effectively protect people's lives, safety and health," Mr. Jinping said.

Hospitals and crematoriums across the country have been overflowing with COVID patients and victims, while China's National Health Commission on Sunday announced it would stop publishing daily nationwide infection and death statistics.

The decision to scrap the daily virus count comes

deaths attributable to the virus.

The winter surge comes ahead of two major public holidays next month, in which millions of migrant workers are expected to travel to their hometowns to reunite with relatives.

Authorities are bracing for the virus to hit under-resourced rural areas hard, and on Monday called for the guaranteed supply of drugs and medical treatment during New Year's Day and the week-long Lunar New Year holiday, which begins January 21.

Explained | What is the threat from global COVID-19 rise?

The ruling Communist Party and State Council issued a notice calling on officials to "ensure the smooth and orderly adjustment and transition of epidemic prevention and control measures".

In recent days, health officials in the wealthy coastal province Zhejiang estimated that one million residents were being infected per day, while

control officials showed that 63 percent had tested positive for COVID, and estimated that infections peaked Friday.

Only six COVID deaths have been officially reported since Beijing unwound most of its restrictions earlier this month.

But crematorium workers interviewed by AFP have reported an unusually high influx of bodies, while hospitals have said they are tallying multiple fatalities per day, as emergency wards fill up.

The main funeral service centre in the southern metropolis of Guangzhou postponed all ceremonies until January 10 to focus on cremations due to the "large workload", according to a notice published online Sunday.

China's censors and mouthpieces have been working overtime to spin the decision to scrap strict travel curbs, quarantines and snap lockdowns as a victory, even as cases soar.

AFP

# SAFE DRIVING IN INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS



Inclement weather can pose many hazards and dangerous road conditions for operators. Workers should be aware of impacting weather events and its effects on safely driving and operating vehicles and equipment.

## BE PREPARED

### CHECK LOCAL FORECAST

Stay caught up on the latest weather conditions for your area. In the event of severe weather, operations may need to be altered to accommodate the changes.

### CONDUCT PLAY OF THE DAY

Based on current and future weather conditions, detailed communication in regards to each worker's assigned task, safe routes to take, and specific operations should be discussed in-depth.

### PERFORM THOROUGH PM

Check tires, windshield wipers, fluids, lights, and other essential equipment functions that will ensure the vehicle is ready to operate safely and efficiently.

## SLOW DOWN

### BE DEFENSIVE & OFFENSIVE

Practice safe driving techniques related to defensive driving and Smith System 5 Keys. By using these tools, drivers can remain vigilant in their efforts to arrive safely.

### USE SAFE DRIVING TOOLS

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

### SEEK COVER

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

## STAY FOCUSED

### MAINTAIN AWARENESS

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

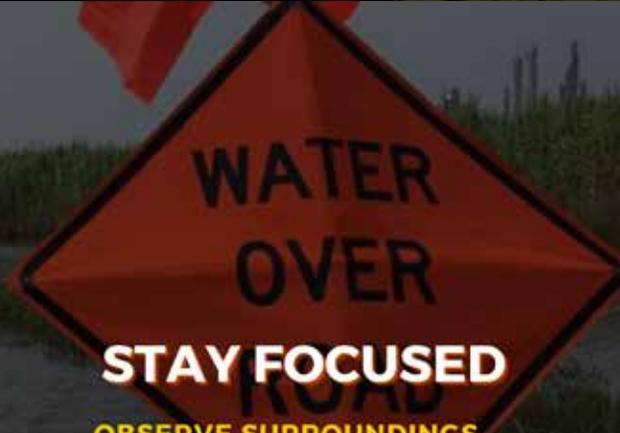
### BE PROACTIVE

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

### COMMUNICATE

Keep constant communication with team members about conditions. Radios will be an essential resource in the event that cell towers or electricity are impacted by storms.

# HIGH WATER ON THE ROAD & AVOIDING HAZARDS



## BE PREPARED

### VERIFY CONDITIONS

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

### ENSURE ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES

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

### PLAN FOR MORE

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

## SLOW DOWN

### TURN AROUND

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

### BE CAUTIOUS

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

### HAVE A WAY TO ESCAPE

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

## STAY FOCUSED

### OBSERVE SURROUNDINGS

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

### CALL A TIME-OUT

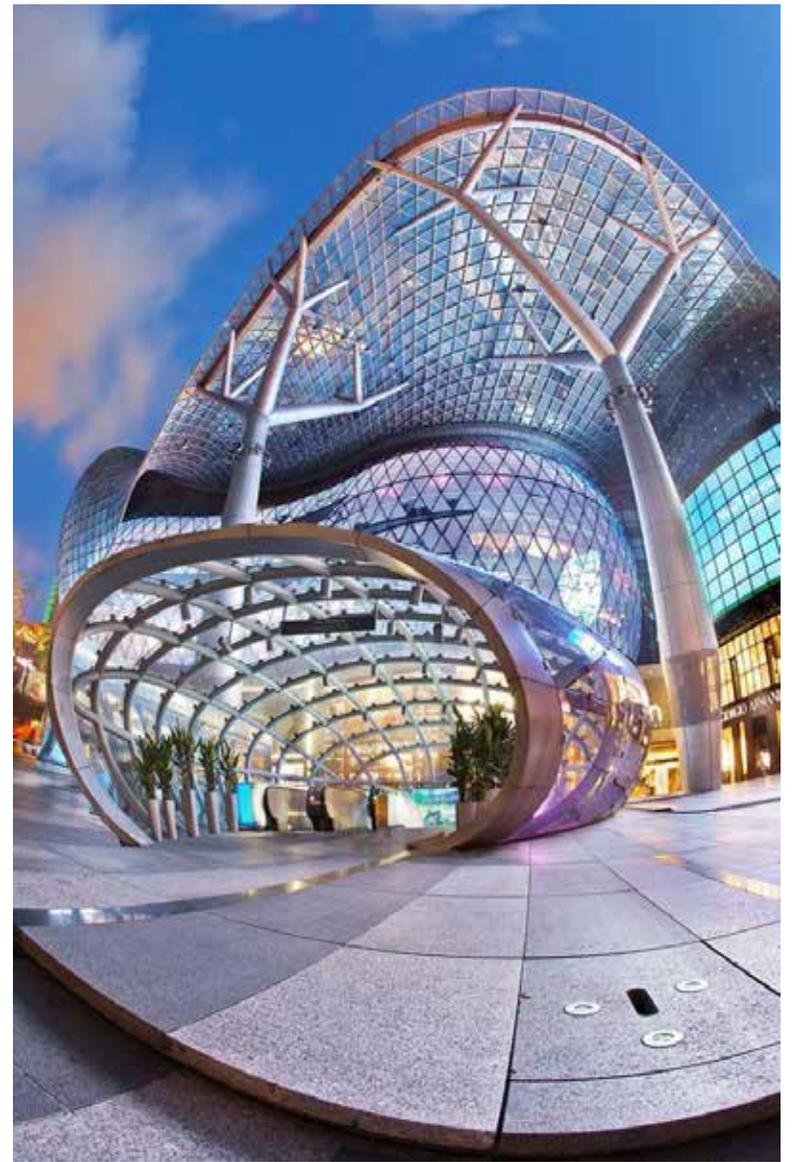
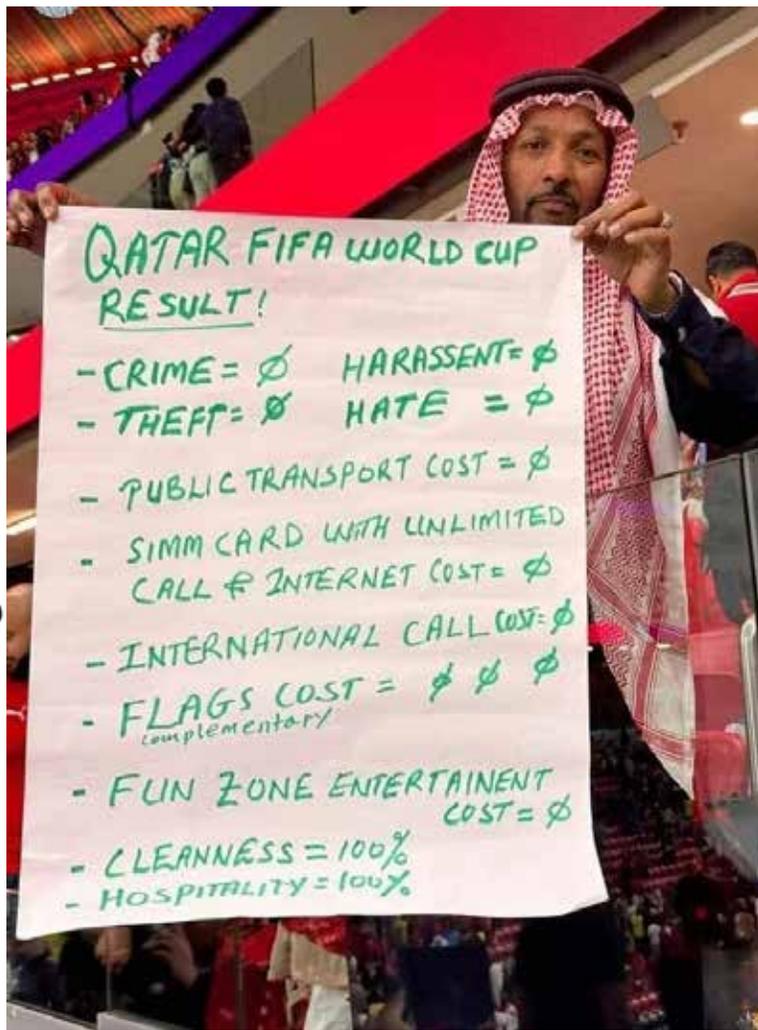
When faced with situations that may become unsafe, workers should utilize stop work authority and communicate hazards with others. When conditions improve, a new plan of action may be taken.

### REMAIN ALERT

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

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- 🇲🇽 Monterrey
- 🇨🇦 Toronto
- 🇨🇦 Vancouver



You have to dream before your dreams can come true.

If you want to shine like a sun. First burn like a sun.



You: Teacher!  
 Teacher: Yes?  
 You: Would You Punish Me For Something I Didn't Do?  
 Teacher: Of Course Not.  
 You: I Didn't Do My Homework.

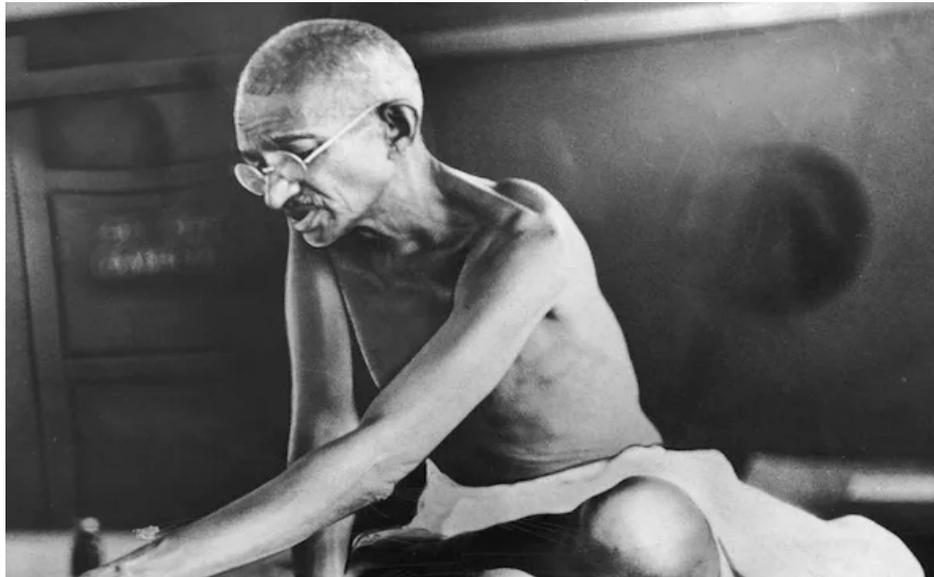


# Viewpoint: When Hindus and Muslims joined hands to riot

A hundred years ago, colonial Bombay (now Mumbai) was convulsed by one of the most unusual riots in Indian history. Hindus and Muslims fought together on one side, joining hands against other groups. Historian Dinyar Patel writes about the lessons that moment holds for today's India.

The riots of 1921 - or the so-called Prince of Wales Riots - are all but forgotten now in Mumbai. But, in these polarised times, history provides important lessons about religious intolerance and majoritarianism.

The violence that unfolded involved an Indian Independence hero, a future British



monarch, and a tottering Ottoman sultan. It was fuelled by disparate ideologies and goals: swaraj (self-government), swadeshi (economic self-reliance), prohibition, and pan-Islamism.

The lawyer who fought for women's suffrage in India The singer who preached nonviolence to bandits

In November 1921, the Prince of Wales, the future Edward VIII, began a spectacularly ill-timed royal tour of the Indian empire.

India was then in the grips of Mahatma Gandhi's non-cooperation movement, the biggest threat to British colonial rule since the rebellion in 1857.

Under the banner of "Hindu-Muslim unity", Gandhi had joined forces with the Khilafat movement, led by Indian Muslims. They worried that after the Ottoman Empire's defeat in World War One, Great Britain would depose its sultan, whom they regarded as the legitimate caliph of Islam.

While ushering in a remarkable moment of communal fraternity, Hindu-Muslim unity raised fears of majoritarianism among smaller minority groups: Christians, Sikhs, Parsis and Jews. Gandhi said they had nothing to fear. "The Hindu-Muslim entente does not mean that big communities should dominate small communities," he declared.

The Prince of Wales, for his part, naively hoped that his visit would rouse loyalist sentiments and take the steam out of Gan-

dhi's movement. In response, the Indian National Congress resolved to welcome the prince to Bombay with a hartal or strike, and bonfires of foreign-made cloth, a symbol of Britain's economic imperialism.

On the morning of 17 November 1921, a significant number of Bombay's residents defied the strike and attended the prince's arrival by ship. Many of these well-wishers were Parsis, Jews and Anglo-Indians.

India's hidden massacre

Why is India's wealthy Parsi community vanishing?

Despite Gandhi's directive to remain non-violent, Congress and Khilafat volunteers reacted with rage. Homai Vyrawalla, who became India's first female photojournalist, was a young witness to these events.

When I interviewed her in 2008, she recalled Parsi schoolgirls staging garbas - a traditional dance - to welcome the Prince of Wales. But in the following days, Vyrawalla observed pitched battles on Bombay's streets. Rioters used the marble stops of soda bottles as lethal projectiles. They targeted Parsi-owned liquor stores, hurling stones and threatening to burn them down.

Gandhi had tried hard to include prohibition in the non-cooperation movement, urging Parsis, who had a disproportionately large stake in the liquor trade, to voluntarily close down these shops. As violence shook Bombay, Hindu and Muslim rioters singled out liquor stores as symbols of Parsi economic dominance and their resistance to nationalist politics. They threatened to burn down one Parsi residential building with a liquor store on its ground floor, relenting only when the store owner emptied his stock into the street gutter.

Parsis and Anglo-Indians were not simply innocent victims. Many of them joined the fracas, wielding lathis or bamboo sticks and guns. They assaulted individuals dressed in khadi, the homespun garb of Gandhians, and yelled "Down with the Gandhi caps". Congress-aligned Parsis or Christians could be targeted by both sides.

Gandhi swiftly reacted to the violence,

bringing together leaders of various communities to broker peace. On 19 November, he launched his first-ever hunger strike against religious rioting, vowing to abstain from food or drink until the violence abated.

Was Mahatma Gandhi a racist?

His tactics worked: by 22 November, Gandhi was able to break his fast, surrounded by Indians of various communities and political persuasions.

But the Prince of Wales Riots shook him to the core. "We have had a foretaste of swaraj," he declared with irony. He bitterly noted that the riots had validated smaller minorities' fears of violent majoritarianism.

And so, as Bombay recovered from the carnage, Gandhi feverishly worked to regain the trust of these minorities. He instructed Congress and Khilafat volunteers on the importance of minority rights and worked out reparations. Majority communities, Gandhi declared, had a sworn responsibility to uphold minorities' welfare. At meetings and in Congress publications, he yielded significant political space to minority representatives, who voiced their misgivings about Gandhian tactics and their worries about majoritarian impulses.

Most remarkably, Gandhi steadily replaced the slogan of Hindu-Muslim unity with a new one: "Hindu-Muslim-Sikh-Parsi-Christian-Jew unity".

It was an unwieldy phrase, but it did the job, helping convince smaller minorities that they would have a place in independent India.

At least 58 people died in the riots, while over one in six liquor establishments in Bombay were attacked. For the Prince of Wales, the riots marked an ominous beginning to his tour. Elsewhere in India, he was greeted with strikes or threats of assassination.

But Gandhi's steadfast diplomacy is the reason the riots are now forgotten. He



dissipated the spectre of majoritarianism, ensuring that the riots did not permanently scar Bombay.

Herein lie some lessons for today. Communal violence, as the Prince of Wales Riots demonstrated, is largely a political construct.

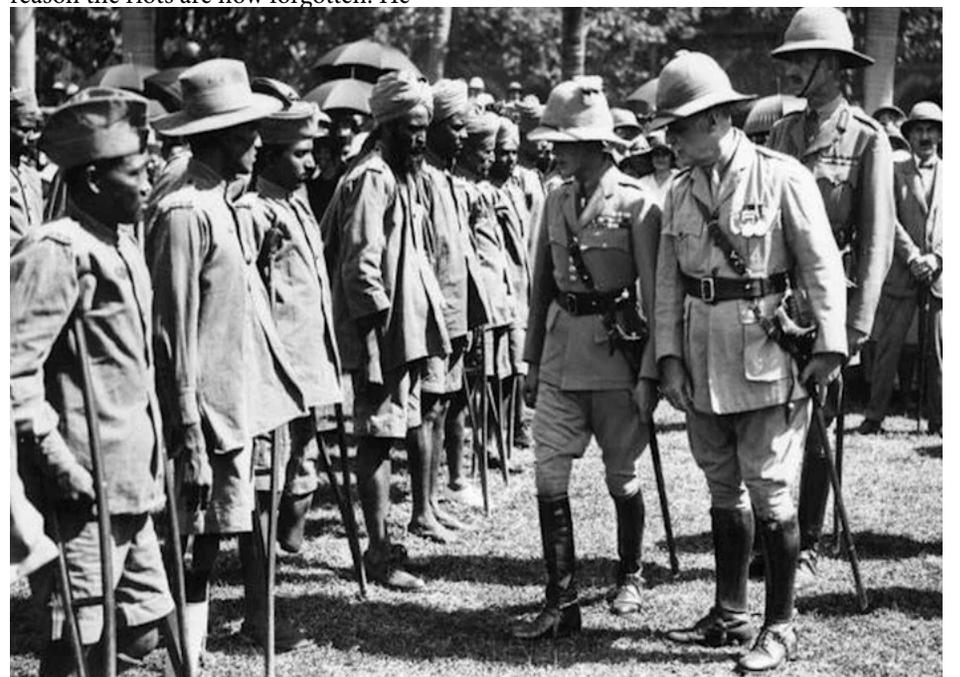
It is not the product of ancient, unbridgeable religious differences. In 1921, the political mood impelled Hindus and Muslims to fight together against other communities. Only a few years later, after the collapse of the Congress-Khilafat alliance, Hindus and Muslims engaged in even bloodier skirmishes against one another.

There is another lesson. Majoritarianism is a fickle, unwieldy thing. Its underlying calculus can shift and fragment in unpredictable ways, just as it did on Bombay's streets in the 1920s.

Perhaps that is why Gandhi went to such lengths to foreswear majoritarianism, instead stressing tolerance of even the smallest of minorities.

A hundred years ago, he issued a prescient warning: if the majority unites today to oppress others, then "tomorrow the unity will break under the strain of cupidity or false religiosity".

Dinyar Patel is the author, most recently, of a biography of Dadabhai Naoroji  
Yahoo News



# EXCEL ALL SHORTCUT KEYS

INTERNATIONAL PAGES

SHORTCUT WITH ALT KEYS	
ALT+F1	INSERT CHART
ALT+F2	SAVE AS
ALT+F4	EXIT
ALT+F8	MACRO DIALOG BOX
ALT+F11	VISUAL BASIC EDITOR
ALT+TAB	CYCLE APPLICATIONS
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ALT+N	GO TO THE INSERT TAB
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ALT+W	GO TO THE VIEW TAB
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CTRL + K	INSERT HYPERLINK
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CTRL + 4	UNDERLINE
CTRL + 5	STRIKETHROUGH
CTRL + 6	SHOW/HIDE OBJECTS
CTRL + 7	SHOW/HIDE STANDARD TOOLBAR
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CTRL + 9	HIDE ROWS
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CTRL + +	INSERT
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F5	GOTO
F6	NEXT PANE
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# Islam in Qatar explained ahead of FIFA World Cup

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

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

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

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

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

## ISLAM IN QATAR

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

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

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

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



Bible.

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

## TABOOS IN QATAR

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

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

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

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



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

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

## TOLERANCE FOR OTHER RELIGIONS

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

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

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

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





Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal kickstart their 2023 campaigns in Adelaide and Sydney respectively, with the superstar veterans and great rivals eyeing up yet more Australian Open glory.

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**Meri Kahani**

**Idris BenTahir**

In my around-the-world flight, a major (navigator) asked me why were we queried or had to fill forms in the Long Rooms in Australia, Malaysia, India, Pakistan (twice: Rawalpindi and Karachi on the same day), Tanzania, Ghana, and walked Scot free in the US (3 landing in California, Hawaii, American Samoa), Thailand, S. Vietnam, Spanish Canary Islands, etc.? I told him to wait for my answer.

As we were approaching an air base in Nova Scotia (the Maritimes in Canada) the loadmaster came up with declaration forms. It was a Sunday and we had to take everything we purchased on the trip to the Long Room. The Customs officials were very mad as they had to work on the weekend and stamped our forms and told us to get out. I had never seen such long faces of my comrades light up as the clam shell was shut and the 4 engines of the aircraft roared. Everyone shouted, Hurray. I turned to my

major friend with: John, the British have been here too to teach us bureaucracy!

This perhaps is a short answer for the Tanzanian lady as Aga Khanis are good people readers. When they need you, they use you.

I've had very good relations with many East African Aga Khanis but found all of the relationships were self serving. One by one they broke off. I have also a book written by Daftari, a good public relations piece given to me by an Aga Khani, who left his Federal Government position to work for his Hazir Imam. He was with him when PM Justin Trudeau spent his holidays on that island owned by HH the Prince Aga Khan you mentioned. My moniker for him is Aga's Secret Servant (ASS). His wife told me she doesn't believe in the Hereafter. There was a Parliamentary Ethics Inquiry about the Prime Minister holidaying with the Prince.

I don't care if they get all the jammy jobs: Alberta's Lieutenant Governor, Supreme Court Justice, et al., but don't announce as another Muslim appointment. The Aga Khani Ismailis have nothing to do with Islam . They are

an esoteric group quite self-serving. And this was the reason for Idi Amin ousting them from Uganda for raking the country of its wealth and transferring it overseas. Idi Amin used to say that these folks' bodies are in Uganda, but their wallets are in London.

There are about a thousand Aga Khanis in Ottawa, about 1 per cent of the Muslim population, and own \$1B worth of real estate. I don't care about their good fortune but don't abuse the good name of Islam .

A Shi'a Iranian Professor told me once that the Aga Khanis are Shuthar Murgh (Ostrich). You ask them are you Shuthar (camel)? No they would say, Murgh (chicken). Are you Murgh? No, no we're Shuthar. Let them be Chicken Shuthars.

I. Ben-Tahir  
 Ottawa, Canada

**On My Way to Hyderabad**

**Idris BenTahir**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Only in Canada the Aga Khanis have an embassy which has won several architectural laurels, but where is their

country? They operate a Global Centre for Pluralism in Ottawa too. When a Canadian asks them of their good fortune, they say, they are blessed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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INTERNATIONAL PAGES

# Here's What Will Happen to Qatar's Billion Dollar Stadiums Now That the World Cup Is Over

An exterior detail general view taken on March 23, 2022 in Doha, Qatar, of shipping containers at the Stadium 974 a host venue for the Qatar 2022 FIFA World Cup. It is the first built in World Cup history that was meant to be torn down, making it the first ever temporary world cup stadium. Credit - Photo by Matthew Ashton—AMA/Getty Images



The men's soccer world championship ended in Qatar on Dec. 18 with one of the most thrilling finals in the league's 92-year history. It was a night of heart-stopping drama that went into overtime, and then some, ultimately ending with the coronation of Argentina as world champions. For Qatar, a gas-rich gulf nation with big ambitions and little in the way of a soccer tradition, it was a star-studded coming out party, marking its entry on the world stage by showing off its political and sporting event prowess. Qatar spent some \$220 billion over 12 years getting ready to host the championships, shelling out \$6.5 billion to build seven of the most technologically advanced stadiums in the world, and to renovate another. An untold number of migrant laborers imported to do the work died in the process. But as the athletes pack up their trophies and the last of the fans trickle home, what happens to the stadiums now that the party is over?

Giant sporting events are often memorialized by the white elephants they leave behind, massive stadiums that cost hundreds of millions in construction, require millions more in annual maintenance, and are rarely—if ever—used again to their full capacity. Cape Town's 2010 World Cup stadium has become a cherished local landmark, but the occasional concert and \$4-a-person tours are not enough to fund its constant repairs. Eight of the 12 stadiums built for Russia's 2018 World Cup, spread across a country with a population of 143 million spanning 11 time zones, are faring a bit better by hosting local soccer teams and sporting events, but none of them are likely to recoup the cost of investment.

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The smallest country to host the World Cup since Switzerland in 1954, Qatar now has a surplus of very expensive stadiums on its hands. The country's compact size—the farthest distance between two stadiums is 34 miles (55 km)—was a boon for super fans eager to pack more than one game in a day, but now that the fans have all gone, it seems like overkill. The total seating capacity comes to 426,031, nearly 100,000 seats more than the entire native population of Qatar. Even with the country's 2-million migrant labor workforce factored in, there are enough seats for one out of every seven residents.

Read More: Thousands of Migrant Workers Died in Qatar's Extreme Heat. The World Cup Forced a Reckoning

Nonetheless, Qatar's Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy, the government body in charge

of organizing the World Cup, has pledged that its stadiums will not meet the same fate as those of previous tournaments, promising to implement "innovative legacy plans to ensure our tournament doesn't leave any 'white elephants,'" according to a statement by the Supreme Committee's Secretary General Hassan Al Thawadi. Some of the stadiums will be dismantled and recycled. Others will be downsized, and some transformed into residential and shopping destinations.

But before Qatar brings out the sledgehammers, it has another party coming up: the 2023 Asian Football Cup, which will likely be held in early 2024 to spare fans and players the scalding heat of a Qatari summer. China was to be the original host, but it relinquished the rights earlier this year in order to pursue its zero-Covid policy. Qatar will also host the 2030 Asian Games, and is bidding for the 2036 Olympic Games, which will be awarded in 2025. If successful, the Olympic bid could see some of the stadiums remodeled to suit different sports' demands.

One stadium, at least, won't make it that far. Ras Abu Aboud's Stadium 974, which is made up of 974 recycled shipping containers (it's not a random number—that's Qatar's international dialing code), will be completely dismantled and shipped to a still-yet-to-be-decided-upon country in need of a second-hand sports stadium. The world's first fully demountable covered football stadium, 974 could provide a template for low-impact sports arenas, doing away with white-elephant syndrome entirely. The surrounding area will be converted into a waterfront business district.

The rest of the stadiums will have their capacities reduced by up to a half. Those excess seats, some 170,000 in total, will be donated to underdeveloped countries in need of sporting infrastructure, according to a statement by Ali Dosari, the Supreme Committee's director of installations, "allow[ing] the culture of soccer to be promoted and to a greater extent the love of sport throughout the world."

The organizers are also hoping that the World Cup

will spark a bit more soccer culture in Qatar as well. Qatar owns the Paris Saint-Germain soccer club, where the final's rivals, Lionel Messi and Kilian Mbappé, play when they aren't on their national teams, but enthusiasm for the domestic Qatar Stars league is less pronounced, drawing crowds that rarely exceed 1,500. Nonetheless, local football clubs Al Rayyan and Al Wakrah will move into the Ahmad Bin Ali stadium, where the USA faced off against Wales on Nov. 21, and the Zaha Hadid-designed Al Janoub Stadium, respectively.

Not surprisingly, the Education City stadium, which is where most of Qatar's universities and research facilities are located, will serve students and faculty from nine different universities and 11 schools.

The top tier of the tent-like Al Bayat stadium, which hosted the opening match on Nov. 20 as well as the U.S.-England game on Nov. 25, will be removed and converted into a five-star hotel and shopping center. A sports medicine hospital is planned for the pitch-side lower levels as well. Al Thumama stadium will get a similar treatment—refurbished with a sports clinic and hotel—while continuing to host as-of-yet-still-unspecified sporting events.

Lusail City's Fabergé egg of a stadium will be completely transformed into a community hub and residential area, home to shops, schools, cafes, and medical clinics. The upper tier, with views over the spires and construction cranes of Qatar's nascent architectural wonderland, will be turned into outdoor terraces for the venue's new residents.

Khalifa International stadium, which was built by Qatar's former Emir, Sheikh Khalifa ibn Hamad Al Thani in 1976 as an independence gift for his people, is the only stadium that will be left as is, ready to host matches and big tournaments as Qatar doubles down on its ambition to become an international sporting destination. If it does, that \$6.5 billion stadium spending spree would have been well spent. If not, well, Qatar will join several other well-intentioned members of the International White Elephant Club.

# HEALTH

## Fight Health-Robbing Inflammation! with 7 Simple Steps

Science has proven that chronic, low-grade inflammation can turn into a silent killer that contributes to cardiovascular disease, cancer, type 2 diabetes and other conditions.

The fact that three out of five people around the world die from a disease linked to inflammation raises serious red flags.

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The experts at the renowned Harvard Medical School have just published Fighting Inflammation—the Special Health Report that clearly exposes the threat that chronic inflammation poses to your health and well-being and reveals the medical and lifestyle steps you can take to protect yourself.

Give us the word, we'll send you a copy of Fighting Inflammation, which reveal the highly effective, evidence-based strategies you can use to dampen low-grade inflammation BEFORE it has a chance to compromise your health.

Step #1: Eat to beat inflammation. Harvard experts warn that many “anti-inflammatory diets” are not grounded in science.

In this Special Report, you'll discover the three best diet choices—plus essential food “do's and don'ts” to help suppress inflammation levels.

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Step #3: Manage your weight. Discover the simple strategies to help you zero in on reducing abdominal fat—the kind that produces pro-inflammatory chemicals. For example, you'll learn surprising no-pain secrets to help reduce sugar in your diet.

Step #4: Get enough sleep. Inadequate sleep not only robs you of energy and productivity it also elevates inflammation—which is especially hazardous to heart health. Fighting Inflammation reveals 4 simple steps to help you get a healthier and more refreshing night's sleep!

Step #5: Stop smoking. Kicking the habit can result in a dramatic reduction in inflammation levels within just a few weeks, experts say. Even if you've tried to quit



before, the steps revealed in this Special Report can help you succeed!

Step #6: Limit alcohol use. When it comes to inflammation, alcohol can be either your friend or foe. Find out in this Special Report why a little alcohol may be helpful and how much is over the line for keeping inflammation in check.

Step #7: Conquer chronic stress. Chronic stress can spark the development of inflammation and cause flare-ups of prob-

lems like rheumatoid arthritis, cardiovascular disease, depression and inflammatory bowel disease. Fighting Inflammation reveals 10 powerful ways to help lower unhealthy stress.

Whether you're aiming to prevent cancer, heart disease, diabetes, dementia, or other conditions connected to chronic inflammation, the sooner you incorporate these seven steps into your life, the better!

## Controlling Your Blood Pressure

Controlling Your Blood Pressure is a powerful presentation that reveals how — no matter what your age — you can gain and maintain the protective benefits of lower blood pressure.

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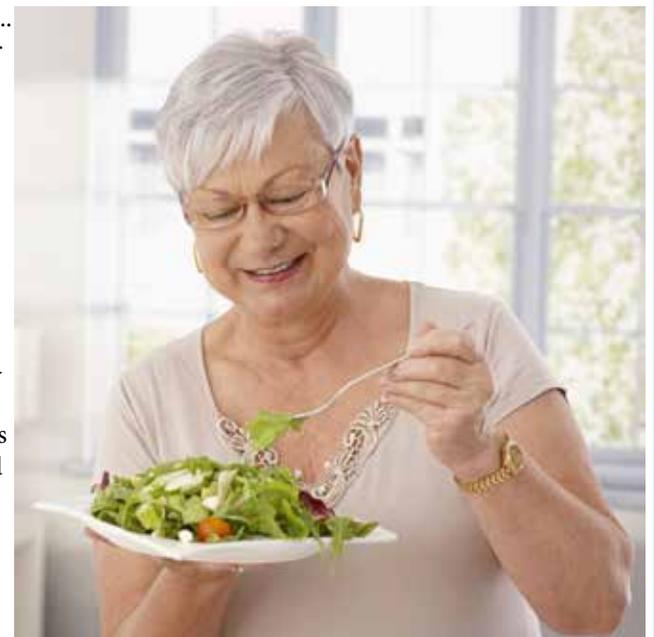
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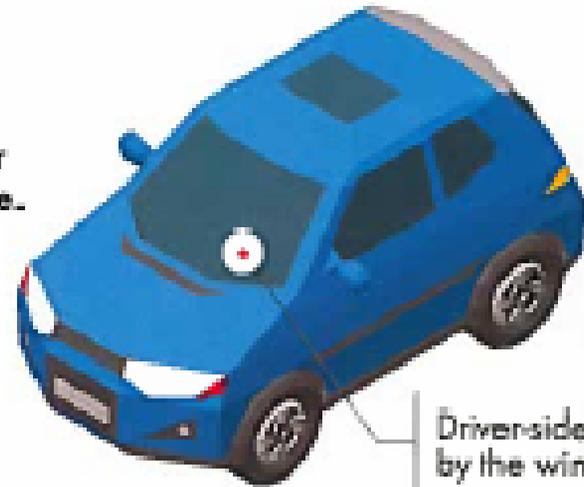
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# RECIPES

## SHRIMP SCAMPI

### Ingredients

1 lb. Large Shrimp, shelled and deveined  
 2 Tbsp. Olive Oil  
 1 Package Alouette Garlic & Herbs Soft Spreadable Cheese (6.5 oz.)  
 1/3 Cup Milk  
 3 Cups of cooked Rice  
 4 Plum Tomatoes, sliced and warmed  
 1 lb. Asparagus, trimmed and cooked  
 Salt and Pepper to taste

### Instructions

1. Thread shrimp onto skewers.
2. Brush lightly with oil and season with salt and pepper.
3. Grill over medium heat for 3 to 4 minutes per side. Cooked shrimp will be opaque throughout.
4. Blend Alouette Soft Spreadable Cheese

and milk. Microwave to warm the sauce mixture.

5. Divide rice onto 4 plates.
6. Arrange tomatoes and asparagus on rice.
7. Place shrimp on rice and vegetables.



8. Top with sauce.

### Ingredients

16 Fresh basil  
 1 Tbsp. Unsalted butter  
 1 lb. Cooked linguini  
 2 Tbsp. Olive oil  
 1 Medium onion, chopped  
 1 pin Crushed red pepper  
 1 jar (24 oz.) Classico® Riserva Marinara Sauce

### Directions

Heat olive oil in large skillet over medium-high heat. Add onions and saute for 5-10 minutes or until translucent. Add Classico® Riserva Marinara Sauce to the skillet along with about a dozen basil. Bring sauce to a low boil and then

lower heat to simmer. Whisk in butter until melted. Serve on top of cooked pasta, and garnish with remaining basil leaves.



## Chrissy's Apple Crumble Chex™ Mix

A comforting and delicious snack mix inspired by your favorite fruit crumble dessert. Start by baking cinnamon oat clusters. Then toss with sweetly spiced Apple Cinnamon Chex™ cereal, crunchy apple chips and lightly salted almonds.

### INGREDIENTS

1 cup old-fashioned oats  
 1/2 cup all-purpose flour  
 1/3 cup packed brown sugar  
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
 1/4 teaspoon fine sea salt  
 1/2 cup cold butter, cut into pieces  
 2 teaspoons water  
 4 cups Apple Cinnamon Chex™ cereal  
 3 cups apple chips  
 1 cup lightly salted, roasted almonds

### PREPARATION

Heat oven to 350°F. Line 15x10x1-inch pan with cooking parchment paper. In

medium bowl, add oats, flour, brown sugar, cinnamon and sea salt; mix well. Use pastry blender to cut in butter, until mixture looks like coarse crumbs. Stir in water until mixture comes together. Spread out evenly in pan; press down slightly on mixture to hold together. Bake 10 minutes; stir gently. Continue baking 10 to 13 minutes or until mixture is light golden brown. Cool completely on parchment in pan, about 1 hour. Carefully break into small clusters. In large serving bowl, mix cereal, apple chips and almonds; stir in clusters. Store in covered container at room temperature.

### TIPS

Try this as a delicious topper to your favorite yogurt. You may need to break up the apple chips a bit before topping. Adding water to crumble mixture helps all of the dry, flour mixture come together before baking. Watch crumble during baking

for excessive browning around edges. Mixture will continue to bake in pan during cooling. Make this a caramel apple crumble by drizzling with your favorite caramel sauce right before serving!

### NUTRITION

1/2 Cup Calories 190 (Calories from Fat 90); Total Fat 11g (Saturated Fat 3.5g, Trans Fat 0g); Cholesterol 10mg; Sodium 130 mg; Total Carbohydrate 20g (Dietary Fiber 1g, Sugars 8g); Protein 3g

% Daily Value: Vitamin A 4%; Vitamin C 2%; Calcium 6%; Iron 20%;

Exchanges: 1 Starch, 1/2 Other Carbohydrate,

2 Fat

Carbohydrate Choice: 1



## Double Layer Pumpkin Cheesecake

A great alternative to pumpkin pie, especially for those cheesecake fans out there. Serve topped with whipped cream.

### Ingredients

2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened  
 1/2 cup white sugar  
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
 2 eggs  
 1 (9 inch) prepared graham cracker crust  
 1/2 cup pumpkin puree  
 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
 1 pinch ground cloves  
 1 pinch ground nutmeg  
 1/2 cup frozen whipped topping, thawed

### Directions Step 1

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C).

### Step 2

In a large bowl, combine cream cheese, sugar and vanilla. Beat until smooth. Blend in eggs one at a time. Remove 1 cup of batter and spread into bottom of crust; set aside.

### Step 3

Add pumpkin, cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg to the remaining batter and stir gently until well blended. Carefully spread over the batter in the crust.

### Step 4

Bake in preheated oven for 35 to 40 minutes, or until center is almost set. Allow to cool, then refrigerate



ate for 3 hours or overnight. Cover with whipped topping before serving.

# Experts raise concerns as Nigeria limits cash withdrawals

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ABUJA, Nigeria (AP) — Experts on Wednesday raised concerns over a new policy announced by the Central Bank of Nigeria that heavily limits withdrawals of money in a push for a cashless economy.

The monetary policy, which applies to ATMs, banks and cash back from purchases, follows the launch of the West African nation's newly designed currency notes to control the money supply.

The central bank limited weekly over-the-counter cash withdrawals to 100,000 naira (\$225) for individuals and 500,000 naira (\$1,124) for corporations, with a processing fee required to access more.

When the policy takes effect in Jan. 9, ATMs will no longer dispense Nigeria's high denominations of 1,000 naira (\$2.25) and 500 naira (\$1.10) while withdrawals from ATMs and point-of-sale terminals also will be limited to 20,000 naira (\$45) daily.

“In compelling circumstances, not exceeding

once a month, where cash withdrawals above the prescribed limits are required for legitimate purposes, such cash withdrawals shall not exceed 5,000,000 naira (\$11,236) and 10,000,000 naira (\$22,471) for individuals and corporations, respectively,” said Haruna Mustafa, the bank's director of banking supervision.

Policymakers say the withdrawal limits and recent monetary initiatives from the central bank would bring more people into the banking system and curb currency hoarding, illicit flows and inflation.

But analysts worry that with digital payments often unreliable in Nigeria, the initiative could hurt daily transactions that people and businesses make.

“The policy is intended to cause discomfort, to move you from cash to cashless because they (the central bank) have said they want to make it uncomfortable and expensive for you to hold cash,” economic analyst Kalu Aja said.

“That is a positive for the CBN (because) the more discomforting they are able to achieve, the more people can move,” Aja said.

In Nigeria, the majority of people work in the informal sector — mainly activities outside of the legal framework and government regulation such as farming, street and market trade, and public transport. The economy is heavily dependent on this sector, and cash is usually preferred for transactions because many lack bank accounts.

Only 45% of adults in Nigeria have accounts with regulated financial institutions, according to the World Bank. In the absence of bank accounts, point-of-sale terminals have emerged as one of the fastest-growing areas of financial inclusion in the country.

Through the withdrawal limits, the central bank is “directly attacking” such agency banking services and “people will essentially begin to hoard their money,” said Tunde Ajileye, a partner at Lagos-based SBM Intelligence firm.

“It is not going to drive people to start to try doing electronic transactions. On the contrary, it is going to move people away from the financial institutions,” he said.



In this photo released by the Nigeria State House, Nigeria's central bank governor, Godwin Emefile, left, presents the newly designed currency notes to Nigeria's President Muhammadu Buhari, right, during a launch in Abuja, Nigeria, Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2022. Nigeria has unveiled newly designed currency notes that the West African nation's central bank says will help curb inflation and money laundering. (Sunday Aghaeze/Nigeria State House via AP) (ASSOCIATED PRESS)

# Shivnarine Chanderpaul chief guest in ACL awards night

Shivnarine Chanderpaul chief guest in ACL awards function, says Wasim Akram most difficult bowler he faced & Virat Kohli best batter of this era

By Ajit Bezbaruah

Atlanta, December 23, 2022:

In a glittering and fun-filled evening on December 17, 2022, at the Lanier Technical College auditorium, Cumming, GA, in the presence of ICC's latest Hall of Famer and former West Indies skipper Shivnarine Chanderpaul, the Atlanta Cricket League organizing committee gave away the winners' trophies for ACL 2022. In October 2022, the West Indies Run Machine, Chanderpaul, was inducted into the USA Cricket Hall of Fame. This is the first instance in history that a cricketer has been inducted in the USA Cricket Hall of Fame, first in the world, and the international body in such close proximity. USA Cricket Hall of Famer and multi discipline coach, Mr. Jatin Patel, was also present during the event. Patel, who has been an integral part of USA soccer and cricket with various roles during his career as a coach, referee, official, administrator, assigner, mentor and many other roles at scholastics and academics level for youth is also a Professional Sports Performance Analyst accredited by International Society of Performance Analysis of Sport (ISPAS) and holds Advance Sport Performance & Analysis Diplomas (Soccer) a global reputation in Football world of FIFA and Olympics.

It is a matter of great pride for the team which under President Revanth Kundoor successfully completed the 2022 season, the annual event held after a two-year break due to the pandemic. This year's tournament saw participation of 2660 players, who played for 150 teams in an event that spanned 18 months and matches were played in seven grounds in Atlanta Cricket Fields. The event happened in three categories, T12 (12 overs game which we name Spring KO), and two main Leagues T20 (20 overs Championship) and F15 (15 overs and 9 players). Apart from this we also organize a Kids Camp and two charity tournaments in T20 and F15 format which is called the Superbash. This event also saw sponsorship coming in from fifty reputed companies in the US with Codeforce 360 the main league and banquet sponsor, KNAV for kids' camp, Jet Learns for spring knock-outs, and Paramount Software for Charity Superbash League.

Well known for his unorthodox batting stance, Chanderpaul expressed his happiness to be part of the grand celebrations of the annual Atlanta Cricket League event where the families and friends of all team members, officials and trustees took part.

During the event Chanderpaul also answered to many queries from fans where he said that the former Pakistani legend Wasim Akram was the toughest bowler he faced during his career. And to another query on who is the best batters in the current generation, Chanderpaul named the ex-Indian skipper Virat Kohli as his first choice to a huge applause from the crowd. While giving some useful tips to the youngsters Chanderpaul said that "focus, hard work, determination and dedication" are the only virtues that can help them achieve their goal.

Congratulating the organizing committee for putting up such a grand show with such huge participation and an event that was successfully held for such a long duration, he said, "It is amazing what you are doing here to popularize the game in this country and take the game to the next level. I wish you all the success in all your future endeavors."

Founder, Trustee and Banquet Chair of ACL Mr. Mahesh Pawar said, "We are extremely glad and thankful that Mr. Shivnarine Chanderpaul and Mr. Jatin Patel graced the ACL award ceremony with their honorable presence. They both are legends in their own field and so to be able to interact with them it is a great motivating factor to all the players of ACL and all the youngsters present here."

The list of other trustees who made this event possible are Venu Pisike (Founder and Trustee), Venkata R Parupalli (Chairman & Trustee), Vikram Sudini (Trustee), Kiran Manchikanti (Trustee), Rakesh Gandavaru (Trustee), Karun Krishnaswami (Trustee), Anj Balusu (Trustee), Gopi Koganti (Trustee), Raj Kada (Trustee) & Parthiban Bhoopathy (Board Member).



# FOR INDIA, THE ADANI GROUP IS GROWING TOO BIG TO FAIL

The Indian companies belonging to Gautam Adani, the world's third-richest man, have soared in value at breakneck pace. Some of Adani's listed companies—such as Adani Green Energy, Adani Enterprises, and Adani Transmission—have seen their shares rise over 1,000% in the past five years.

One significant engine of this growth has been Adani's closeness to prime minister Narendra Modi, which has

“The stake [held by LIC] is quite high, considering a lot of Adani group companies are not really cash-flow rich. Some of them are not even profitable,” Amit Kumar Gupta, founder of the equity research company Fintrekk Capital, told Quartz. “Some of the companies like Adani Green Energy are futuristic and heavy capex businesses... It is a bit of a risk, having so much from one group of companies, because it could have a domino effect, if there

11%, down from 31% in 2015-16. (The rest of the debt is in the form of corporate bonds and Adani's equity capital program.)

Although the share of loans from public banks to the Adani Group has dropped over the years, it doesn't dispel the cloud of worries over the banks' balance sheets. India's overall “bad loan” ratio, which measures the extent of default on loan repayment, is one of the highest among comparable countries, at 5.9% as of March 2022. Part of the bad loan problem, critics argue, stems from easy lending to cronies, who run businesses that are often less than creditworthy.

“Despite the worries around [the Adani group] being overleveraged, banks have been favoring Adani,” Sonam Chandwani, a managing partner at KS Legal & Associates, told Quartz. “They should be cautious, because if the group ever goes into a default cycle...it could wreak havoc.”

The Adani Group's Mundra port in Gujarat is the largest commercial port in India. The Adani Group's collapse will hurt the man on the street. That kind of collapse isn't out of the question. Rating agencies and financial experts have already flagged risk factors and how the group can spiral into a debt trap. CreditSights, a subsidiary of Fitch Ratings, highlighted in August that Adani Group is “deeply overleveraged” and may lead to the “default of one or more group companies.” The group also suffers from “high key-man risk”: the absence of robust managers below Adani himself.

“The risk is so high that Indian banks as well as some international capital bond market investors are considering limits on credit to one group, which can become a challenge for the conglomerate,” Abhishek Dangra, a senior director at S&P Global, said in an August 2022 report.

In a 15-page note responding to the CreditSights report, the Adani Group argued that its net debt-to-EBITDA ratio—a metric that measures a company's total obligations, including debt and other liabilities—has declined to 3.2 from 7.6 over the last nine years. A net debt-to-EBITDA ratio of less than 3 is considered healthy. The lower the ratio, the higher the probability of the firm successfully paying off its debt.

“The general anxiety is around the rate at which Adani's companies are growing and along with the acquisitions across multiple sectors, the question that comes to everybody's mind is whether the group will be able to digest the same,” said Amit Tandon, the founder of Institutional Investor Advisory Services, a Mumbai-based firm.

Tandon believes the picture around the Adani Group's growth will become clearer “three-four years from now.” But Chandwani worried: “If the Adani group's bubble bursts, the Indian stock market may experience a ripple effect.”

A massive default by one or several of Adani's companies will rock not just the equities markets but India's economy overall, given how deeply and widely the firms are embedded in the country's infrastructure. The taxpayer will be hit, additionally, by her indirect exposure to the group, through LIC and the state-owned banks. A bailout would limit the damage. That too would be funded by the public exchequer, but it would be unavoidable if the government decides that the Adani Group has indeed grown too big to be allowed to fail.



raised allegations of cronyism. Adani has won a slew of government contracts in energy and infrastructure. His companies mine coal, produce power, and transmit it. They run ports and airports. They're setting up giant solar farms. In each of these sectors, Adani's firms are among the largest players, if not the largest.

The contracts aside, though, vast volumes of taxpayer money, both as debt and investment, have also fueled Adani's rise. So much, in fact, that the question asks itself: Has Adani become so big that his companies cannot be allowed to fail, lest they set off shock waves in the economy at large?

India's LIC is heavily invested in Adani's companies. Despite the expansion of Adani's companies, private investors have been relatively wary of putting their money into Adani stocks. The government, though, has had no such hesitation: specifically, the 66-year-old Life Insurance Corporation (LIC), which is majority-owned by the government, and manages more than \$500 billion (41 lakh crore rupees) in assets. Over 50 million customers pay premiums for LIC's insurance products. In Indian public life, few brands are more trusted than LIC.

Over the last two years, LIC's investment in five of the seven listed Adani Group companies—Adani Enterprises, Adani Green Energy, Adani Ports, Adani Total Gas, and Adani Transmission—has increased to \$9.5 billion. These holdings account for 4.6% of the total market cap of these five companies as on Sep. 30. This is nearly five times the volume that mutual funds have invested in the same stocks.

In September 2020, LIC's exposure to these five Adani companies stood at \$889 million, or 1.24% of LIC's equity assets under management. But a spike in stock prices and increases in shareholding have multiplied that value—to \$3.9 billion in 2021, and now to \$9.5 billion or nearly 8% of LIC's total equity assets.

is a negative development of any kind with respect to the debt position.”

How the Adani Group affects LIC's fortunes To be sure, LIC's stakes in the companies of the Reliance and Tata groups are larger. But those are older, more time-tested conglomerates. The Adani Group's rise has been much more recent. Perhaps for that reason, LIC stands to gain the most—but also lose a lot—from swings in Adani stocks.

Shares of Adani Enterprises, the group's flagship entity, have risen over 2,500% in five years. In the last five months, it has acquired controlling stakes in firms across several sectors, including IT, airports, and the media. But if these debt-driven ventures do not pan out, LIC's stakes would shrink in value, potentially making it harder to fulfill policyholders' insurance claims.

The Adani Group took over the operations of Ahmedabad airport in November 2020. The Adani Group took over the operations of Ahmedabad airport in November 2020. Already, LIC has taken a huge hit after listing a 3.5% stake in itself in May this year. Adverse market conditions and high inflation have wiped out \$17 billion of its market value, making LIC one of the biggest wealth losers in Asia.

India's state banks are widely exposed to the Adani Group. The Adani Group's growing appetite for expansion also raises risks for Indian banks that are already grappling with bad loans.

In the 2022 fiscal year, the Adani Group had a total net debt of nearly \$20 billion. Out of this, loans from state-owned banks comprise 21%, including Bank of Baroda and Punjab National Bank, down from 55% in 2015-16. Nearly 40% of the loans from public-sector banks—a share that adds up to \$2.3 billion—originate from the State Bank of India. Loans from private banks comprise

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## What is a recall?

When a manufacturer or the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) determines that a vehicle creates an unreasonable risk to safety or fails to meet minimum safety standards, the manufacturer is required to fix that vehicle at no cost to the owner. That can be done by repairing it, replacing it, offering a refund (for equipment) or, in rare cases, repurchasing the car.

## What should I do if my vehicle is included in this recall?

If your vehicle is included in this recall, it is very important that you get it fixed as soon as possible given the potential danger to you and your passengers if it is not addressed. You should receive a separate letter in the mail from the vehicle manufacturer, notifying you of the recall and explaining when the remedy will be available, whom to contact to repair your vehicle, and to remind you that the repair will be done at no charge to you. If you believe your vehicle is included in the recall, but you do not receive a letter in the mail from the vehicle manufacturer, please call NHTSA's Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236, or contact your vehicle manufacturer or dealership.

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# HOLIDAY SHOPPING SAFETY TIPS

Neighbors watch out for neighbors! If you will be staying home or traveling, help keep an eye out for suspicious activity and report it to your local law enforcement. This makes communities safer. Let someone you trust know when you're traveling. Have them watch your house and retrieve any newspapers and collect your mail. If you are going to be gone long, contact your United States Postal Service and put your mail on hold. When out shopping, stay vigilant! Park in a well-lit area. Avoid shopping alone! Consider shopping with friends or relatives so everyone looks out for each other. If you are shopping with children, coach them on what to do if they become separated. Make sure they know their first and last name, have contact phone numbers memorized and teach them about 911. Do not leave packages in plain view in your vehicle. Lock your vehicle and place all your merchandise in the trunk. If you place packages in your vehicle and plan to go back inside for more shopping, please consider driving away from your current parking spot and park somewhere new, so no one knows what valuable items you just left unattended. Remember where you parked and be sure to locate your keys prior to going to your car. Prior to getting into your vehicle take a look inside and around before entering. Be cautious of strangers approaching you for any reason. Many thieves will use different methods to distract you with the intention of taking your money or merchandise. Consider Instead, volunteer-

ing or donating to a charity. Keep a secure hold on your purse. When approaching or leaving your vehicle, be aware of your surroundings. Keep your home safe! Set lights on timers, giving the impression the house is not alone. Make sure to close all blinds and lock all entry points such as windows, sliders, and all your doors. Celebrate responsibly by planning ahead. Even if you've had only one drink, play it safe and designate a sober driver or use a ride-share service to get home. If you plan on drinking, don't plan on driving. Don't use a debit card. Many people like using a debit card due to convenience or as a budgeting tool, but debit cards lack the same consumer protections that credit cards do. Should your account be compromised, you can be responsible for a greater share of the loss than if you had used a credit card. Be wary of online deals that are too good to be true. Do your research on whoever you are buying from. If an online seller asks you to wire payment, be suspicious. Many times fraudsters will advertise a great deal on a high dollar item, but will only accept a money wire transfer. Once the money is wired to an account, it is very difficult to recover it if later on it turns out you were the victim of fraud. Only do business with vendors who use secure websites. Keep an eye on your credit cards at all times. A common tactic of fraudsters employed by a legitimate company is to take the card you present as payment, swipe it

through the legitimate payment system, and then swipe it again through their own collection device. Your credit card information can then be used by the crook for their own purpose or sold to other crooks. Guard your identity the same as you would your pocketbook. Criminals not only want your money, they want your identity. With it, they can use it to get credit and make purchases while sticking you with the bill. Your information is valuable and can be sold to other criminals as well. Be suspicious of people claiming to be from your credit card company who need to "verify" information. If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from your credit card company asking you to verify Personally Identifiable Information be careful. The caller could be a scammer who is gathering information that will later on help him steal your identity. If you feel there is some legitimacy to the callers questions, terminate the call and call back the company using a phone number you know is legitimate. You can find these numbers on your credit card statement or the company's website. Monitor bank statements for suspicious activity. With increased activity during the shopping season, it is easy for a bad guy to slip in a few unauthorized transactions without you knowing it. Monitor bank and credit cards regularly for suspicious



transactions and question anything that does not look legitimate regardless of the amount. Most financial companies offer online access to your account and you can monitor transactions in real time. Limit use of free Wi-Fi. Don't use free wireless networks, such as those in coffee shops, when you shop online. Fraudulent Wi-Fi hotspots are too easy to set up and are often disguised to look like legitimate services offered by reputable companies. Bad guys use these fraudulent sights to capture your data or install malware on your device. Waiting until you have a secure connection at home or using data from your own personal cellular plan is a good way to eliminate this type of operation. Stay informed by following the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Headquarters social media pages and your designated patrol station to help keep you up-to-date on crime trends and safety tips.

## Holiday Home Food Safety Tips

Enjoying food with family and friends is one of the highlights of the holiday season and while everyone wants to join in to help, too many cooks in the kitchen can result in an increased risk of food poisoning. Food-borne illness can cause severe and even life-threatening illnesses. Easy-to-do, safe food handling practices protect everyone in the family from getting sick. Here are some tips to avoid common kitchen blunders when preparing meals, buffets and even homemade food gifts this holiday season. Tweet this Share the Gift of Home Food Safety This Season Follow these simple steps to properly handle food and reduce your risk of food poisoning: Defrost carefully. Never allow foods to defrost at room temperature, on the counter or in warm water. Defrost food only in the refrigerator, in the microwave or in a cool water bath with water that is changed every 30 minutes. When defrosting food in the refrigerator, remember to cover raw meat and place it on the bottom shelf so juices won't drip onto other foods. When defrosting food in the microwave, cook it immediately afterward. Wash hands before, during and after food preparation. Proper hand-washing may eliminate a large percentage of food poisoning cases. Remember to wash hands when switching tasks, such as handling raw meat and then cutting vegetables. Wash hands thoroughly in warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds. Keep kitchen surfaces clean. Use hot, soapy water to wash countertops and surfaces,

cutting boards, refrigerator door handles and utensils. After cleaning, keep it clean by avoiding cross-contamination. Use two cutting boards. Dedicate one for raw meat, poultry and fish and the other for ready-to-eat foods, such as fruits and vegetables. Make it easy to remember by using color-coded cutting boards, one for raw meats and one for ready-to-eat foods. Employ different utensils for different tasks. Use separate spoons and forks to taste, stir and serve food. Resist temptation. When baking, avoid eating foods containing raw eggs such as cookie dough or cake batter. Raw eggs may contain harmful bacteria that can lead to food poisoning. Buy and use a food thermometer. It is the only reliable way to determine the doneness of your food and ensure that food is cooked to proper temperatures. (Do not rely on "clear juices" to tell that the turkey is done.) Refrigerate food within two hours of serving. This helps to prevent the growth of harmful bacteria that can lead to food poisoning. This is especially important when serving buffets. Use a refrigerator thermometer and make sure it's set at below 40°F. Download the Kitchen Safety Checklist. Ensure your kitchen is ready with the tools and resources you need before the big event. Are Your Guests at High Risk for Food Poisoning? While you should always practice safe food handling, some guests might be particularly vulnerable to food poisoning, including older adults, pregnant women, young children and people with weakened immune systems. This may mean taking special



precautions and keeping certain high-risk foods off the menu. Whether you're bringing a holiday dish to the party or preparing the holiday feast yourself, it's important to practice safe food handling and keep in mind the needs of those who may be vulnerable to food poisoning. Tweet this Take special care during the holidays to ensure that vulnerable guests avoid high-risk foods, such as raw or under-cooked eggs, raw or unpasteurized dairy products, raw fish or shellfish, raw or rare meat or under-cooked poultry.

Joy to the Leftovers Holiday meals often bring leftovers. Perishable food should not be left at room tem-

perature for more than two hours. Refrigerate or freeze leftovers within two hours of serving or throw them out. In hot weather, when 90°F or above, toss within one hour of serving. Use an appliance thermometer to check that the refrigerator is cooling to 40°F or below and the freezer is 0°F or below. Store leftovers in shallow containers (2 inches deep or less). Remove turkey from the bone and store it separately from the stuffing and gravy. Slice breast meat; legs and wings may be left whole. Use turkey within 3 to 4 days; stuffing and gravy within 1 to 2 days. Reheat leftovers to 165°F.

## Exclusive dining: Pakistani hole-in-the wall dishes up faves

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LAHORE, Pakistan (AP) — No menu. No delivery. No walk-ins. Advance orders only. Explanations and instructions while you eat.

Welcome to Baking Virsa, a hole-in-the-wall in the eastern Pakistani city of Lahore described as the country's most expensive restaurant for what it serves — household favorites like flatbreads and kebabs.

It attracts diners from across Pakistan and beyond, curious about the limited offerings, the larger-than-life owner, and the rigid, no-frills dining experience that sets it apart from other restaurants in the area.

The windowless space opens out onto Railway Road in Gawalmandi, a neighborhood crammed with people, vehicles, animals, and food stalls. Restaurants belch out smells of baking bread, frying fish, grilling meats, and opinionated spicing into the early hours of the morning, when preparations begin for breakfast.

Lahore is a culinary powerhouse in Pakistan and, for years, Gawalmandi was famous for having a pedestrian area with restaurants and cafes.

Many of Gawalmandi's original communities migrated from Kashmir and eastern Punjab province before partition in 1947, when India and Pakistan were carved from the former British Empire as independent nations. The mix of Hindus, Sikhs and Muslims enriched Gawalmandi's commerce, culture and cuisine.

Some upscale parts of Lahore used to see Gawalmandi as "virtually a no-go area," said Kamran Lashari, the director-general of the Lahore Walled City Authority. But a makeover more than 20 years ago helped pull in the crowds and turn it into a magnet for diners.

"We had street performers. President Pervez Musharraf sat in the street with people all around him. The prince of Jordan also visited. Indian newspapers reported on Gawalmandi," Lashari said.

Restaurants in the neighborhood tend to be cheap and cheerful places.

And then there is Baking Virsa, where dinner for two can quickly come to \$60 without drinks because drinks, even water, are not served. By comparison, a basket of naan at the five-star Serena Hotel in the capital, Islamabad, sells for a dollar and a plate of kebabs is \$8. In Gawalmandi, one naan usually costs as little as 10 cents.

There are five items in Baking Virsa's repertoire: chicken, chops, two types of naan, and kebabs. Owner Bilal Sufi also does a roaring trade in bakarkhani, buttery, savory, crispy pastry discs

best enjoyed with a cup of pink Kashmiri chai. Everything is available for takeaway but must be ordered days in advance, even when dining in.

It is not a restaurant but a tandoor, a large oven made of clay, the 34-year-old Sufi tells people. It has been in the same location for 75 years, serving the same items for decades.

Sufi says he is only doing what his father and grandfather have done, detailing his marinade ingredients, cooking methods, meat provenance and animal husbandry. His sheep are fed a diet of saffron milk, dates and unripe bananas.

He also tells people how to eat their food. "Pick it up with your hands! Take a big bite! Eat like a beast!" he urges them.

There is no salad, no yogurt, and no chutney, he tells a potential customer on the phone. "And if you ask for these you won't get them."

Sufi has run Baking Virsa for more than three years, taking over from his father Sufi Masood Saeed, who ran it before him and his grandfather Sufi Ahmed Saeed before that.

"In Pakistan, people think the spicier the better," said the third-generation tandoor owner. "Everywhere in Pakistan you'll have sauce or salad. If you have those on your taste buds, will you taste the yogurt or the meat?"

The meal arrives in a sequence.

First, Sufi presents a whole chicken, for \$30, followed by mutton chops at \$12.50, then a kebab, which costs \$8. Sufi says one kebab is enough for two people. A female diner asks for a plain naan with her chicken but is told she can't have it until she gets her kebab.

Her companion asks for a second kebab but is declined.

"All our kebabs are committed," Sufi tells him solemnly.

Another diner wants the mutton-stuffed naan but is told she can't have it as it wasn't part of the telephone order made three nights earlier.

Dinner comes on plastic plates atop plastic stools to a soundtrack of tooting rickshaws and other street life. Neighbors complain that the SUVs and sleek cars with Islamabad license plates block their doorways. Nobody moves their vehicles.

Sufi is unapologetic about everything. If he doesn't get the quality of meat he wants, he won't serve it. He'll cancel the order and return the money to customers.

If there aren't enough orders, he won't open on that particular day.

"It isn't necessary to open every day," he says. "We need to fulfil a minimum quantity for the recipes, that's 10-12 people."

He insists on his customers knowing what they eat, where it comes from, how it's made — and "why it tastes so different."

Baking Virsa, like the properties surrounding it, has no gas or running water. There is little to no street lighting on Railway Road. Any illumination comes from traffic, homes, and businesses. Away from the lip-smacking aroma of food, there is the occasional whiff of sewage.

Lashari, the city official, laments the "decay and disorder" that blights Gawalmandi and other traditional neighborhoods like it. He says they have a lot of commercial, residential and tourism potential but need an urban regeneration program.

Sufi, unperturbed by his very basic surroundings, has no intention of changing anything.

"Baking Virsa is a legacy," he says. "I'm doing this out of love and affection for my father."



# Safety

## 28 BASIC KITCHEN SAFETY TIPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Keep the kitchen floor clear of toys and other items. Be certain that walking areas are always clear of toys and other items.

Keep young children out of the kitchen while cooking. Always use a step-stool to reach high places. Store cleaning supplies and all chemicals in a safe place. Use safety latches.

### Cooking Safety Tips



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



Keep a fire extinguisher in or near the kitchen



Never leave children unattended in the kitchen



Never leave food unattended



Be careful of loose clothing like flowing sleeves or aprons



Never put water on a grease fire



# Janab Vizarat Rasool Khan saheb - A great Visionary

Mohammed Khaleequr Rahman



It is nine years that we lost a legend, an icon, a visionary, a leader, an educationist Janab Vizarat Rasool Khan saheb. My heartfelt tribute to the visionary departed soul on the Founders Day of Shadan Institute of Medical Sciences.

Janab Vizarat Rasool Khan saheb is known more as an educationist. He had set up a string of 56 minority institutions, including 18 engineering, five pharmacy and four medical colleges. The first B.Ed college in the Shadan group was established in April 1988 and first engineering college in 1995. He established first Muslim medical college and hospital for Girls after independence in India...

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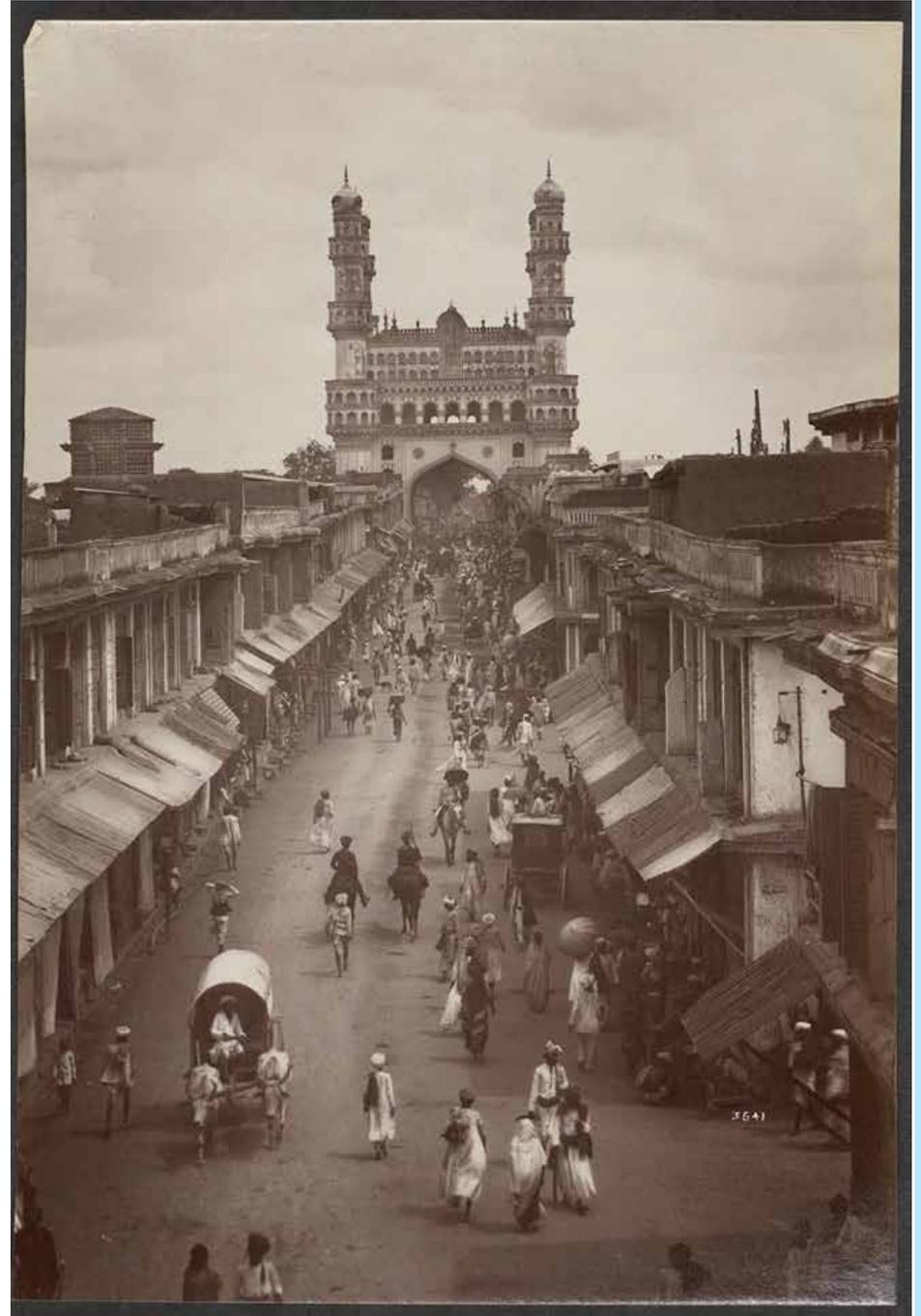
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Telangana MLC Mirza Riyaz-ul-Hassan Effendi, Zaheer Bin Saleh (Urooj) and others during a "Pad Yatra" in Old city Hyderabad



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# List of Bollywood films of December 2022

Opening	Title	Director	Cast
1	<i>Qala</i>	Anvita Dutt	Tripti Dimri · Swastika Mukherjee · Babil Khan
2	<i>An Action Hero</i>	Anirudh Iyer	Ayushmann Khurrana · Jaideep Ahlawat
	<i>Freddy</i>	Shashanka Ghosh	Kartik Aaryan · Alaya F
9	<i>India Lockdown</i>	Madhur Bhandarkar	Shweta Basu Prasad · Aahana Kumra · Prateik Babbar · Sai Tamhankar · Prakash Belawadi
	<i>Salaam Venky</i>	Revathi	Kajol · Vishal Jethwa
	<i>Vadh</i>	Jaspal Singh Sandhu	Sanjay Mishra · Neena Gupta
	<i>Maarrich</i>	Dhruv Lather	Tusshar Kapoor · Naseeruddin Shah · Rahul Dev · Seerat Kapoor · Anita Hassanandani
	<i>Josef – Born in Grace</i>	Susant Mishra	Victor Banerjee · Subrat Dutta
16	<i>Blurr</i>	Ajay Bahl	Taapsee Pannu · Gulshan Devaiah
	<i>Govinda Naam Mera</i>	Shashank Khaitan	Vicky Kaushal · Kiara Advani · Bhumi Pednekar
	<i>Ajay Wardhan</i>	Pragati Agarwal	Ruslaan Mumtaz · Arjumman Mughal
23	<i>Trahimam</i>	Dushyant Pratap Singh	Arshi Khan · Pankaj Berry
	<i>Cirkus</i>	Rohit Shetty	Ranveer Singh · Pooja Hegde · Jacqueline Fernandez · Varun Sharma

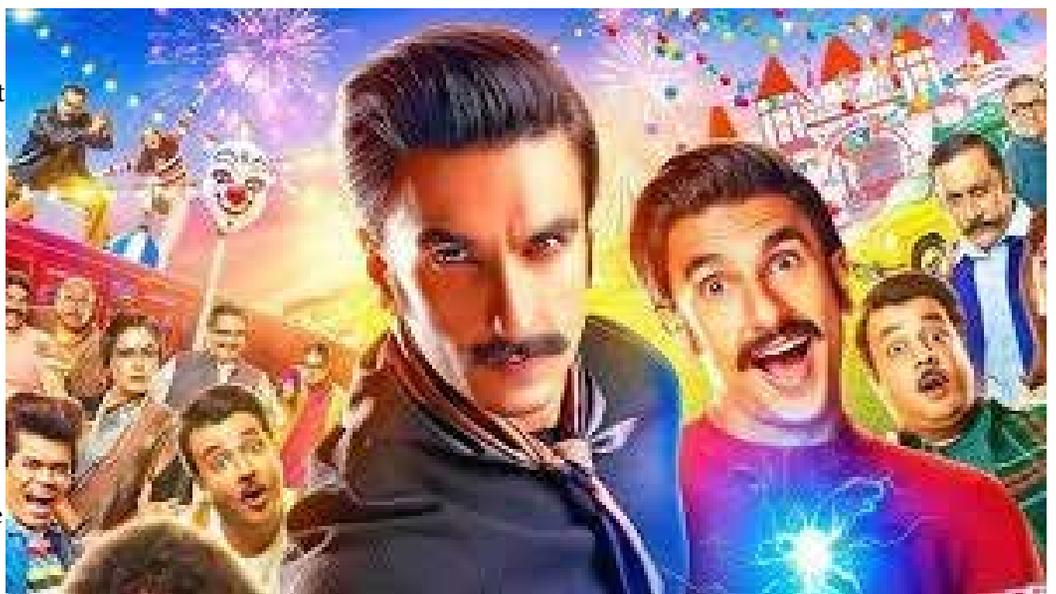
**Cirkus Story:** Two sets of identical twins separated at birth, end up in the same town at the same time, years later. The confusion and misunderstanding that ensues throws their lives into a tizzy.

**Cirkus Review:** A square and B square are the names of the twins, who are later christened as Roy (Ranveer Singh) and Joy (Varun Sharma) by the two different couples, who adopt them. Thus, unknowingly putting in place a recipe for disaster and confusion that is bound to play out when these four boys grow up and bump into each other. That's precisely the one-line story (if we can call it that) of this Rohit Shetty film that's supposed to be a comedy of errors but is abysmally low on that ingredient.

Set in the picturesque green hills of Ooty and carefully created colourful and unreal set pieces that look like a theme park, 'Cirkus' is based in the late 60s or early 70s era, as the film desperately tries to pay a tribute to the cinema of the time. Many classic Bollywood numbers pop up in the background at every given opportunity and the only thing louder than the yesteryear costumes of the actors, is their acting. It's an all-out slapstick comedy but the problem is not that, as Bollywood has seen several films in that genre that have taken the audience along with it for a joyride. It also includes some films from Rohit Shetty's stable.

Collectively, barely a scene or two manage to evoke the kind of laughter we are used to experiencing in a Rohit Shetty film. Sample this, our hero Roy is immune to high voltage shocks and his showstopper act at his 'Jubilee Cirkus' is to dramatically make

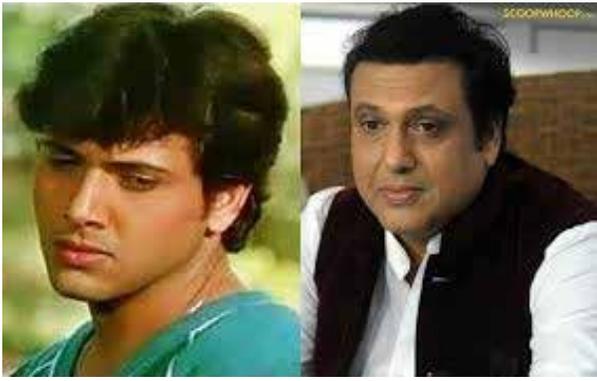
two live wires kiss each other, with his bare hands. But everytime he does that his judwaa bhai experiences a massive electric shock and so does anyone who touches him. All is well with him once the act is over. If you can get past this, then you'd perhaps have a little less discomfort in sitting through the rest of the plot that involves caricatures, good actors wasted in stereotypical characters, unfunny dialogues, and situations that literally go nowhere. The screenplay offers nothing fresh in terms of comedy and punchlines and suffers from abject repetition. Ranveer Singh tries to do his best in portraying both his characters, but sadly both the parts lack enough conviction. Deepika Padukone's cameo in the song 'Current Laga Re' is a highlight that comes as a true respite. Varun Sharma's comic timing is criminally wasted here and, in the end, it's upto the ever-so-dependable Johnny Lever (as Polson bhai) to bring in some much-needed organic laughter. The ace comedian creates more rib-tickling moments in his few minutes of screentime than the entire cast put



together. Pooja Hegde looks resplendent in her sombre role of Roy's wife Mala. Jacqueline Fernandez steps in to add the glam quotient as Roy's girlfriend and does just that. Sanjay Mishra once again takes one for the team in a role that isn't funny, but the actor makes up for the lack in the writing and the missing punchlines, which is a recurring problem of this unfunny mess.

'Cirkus' is a busy film filled with a battery of characters put together with a purpose to make us laugh, but is far from that. Entertaining the audience with slapstick comedy and drama is a tightrope that Rohit Shetty has successfully walked before but this time he seems to have tripped several times along the way.

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# Govinda Naam Mera

**Story:** Govinda Waghmare (Vicky Kaushal), a struggling choreographer, is wedged between his marriage to Gauri (Bhumi Pednekar), who dominates and insults him at every opportunity, and love for dancer girlfriend, Suku (Kiara Advani). But his problems snowball and life turns into a roller coaster ride when Gauri is found dead, and he becomes the prime suspect.

**Review:** Set in Mumbai, the movie quickly establishes Govinda Waghmare's (on his birth certificate, his name is misspelled as Govind A Waghmare) backstory of how he and his mother Asha (Renuka Shahane) inherited 'Asha Niwas' and are now owners of this bungalow worth Rs 150 crore. Cut to their current dispute over the same property with Asha's husband's first wife Charulata (Veenam Naair) and her son Vishnu (Akshay Gunawat). Not only that, but Govinda is also juggling his wife Gauri, who wants a divorce but demands two crores in exchange, and his girlfriend Suku, who wants to marry him. Most of the time, we know what will happen before Gauri is found dead and Govinda is charged with her murder. But by this point, the film is fully loaded with fun, drama, oodles of suspense, and a quirky murder mystery.

Writer-director Shashank Khaitan sets out to deliver an entertaining mix of comedy and mystery, in this 90s style thriller. The premise is light-hearted, with just the right amount of humour and unexpected twists and turns. When new characters (like six-pack Sandy and his father) are introduced in the film, they bring their own drama with them. For the most part, the film's breezy vibe and back-to-back hilarious lines keep you entertained. The first half is filled with laugh-out-loud moments, but it also slows down in places and the repetitive jokes (such as "My name is Govinda, not Govind") become stale. However, the latter half is crisper and more enjoyable.

Vicky Kaushal is outstanding in a never-seen avatar that is reminiscent of a quintessential masaledar 90s Bollywood hero. He imbues Govinda with the right amount of energy and comic timing. Kaushal's dance performances to some famous songs—like Bang Bang, Kajra Re, Radha Teri



Chunri—as well as his dream sequences, are hilarious. Bhumi performs earnestly as the domineering Gauri, but her complicated relationship with Govind could have been developed more. Kiara Advani plays Suku admirably and with the zeal that her character demands. Renuka Shahane as Govinda's paralysed, wheelchair-bound mother is a pure dramebaaz. Amey Wagh, who plays their lawyer Kaustubh, and Trupti Khamkar, as their housekeeper Manju, are both naturally funny characters.

Both the upbeat songs, *Kyaa Baat Haii 2.0* and *Bijli* will get you grooving. The film's background score (John Stewart Eduri) is designed interestingly and blends in with the story's tone.

Right from Vicky and Kiara shaking a leg to the track *Pappi Jhappi* to donning matching outfits, everything reminds you of the madness and quirks of the 90s comedies. *Govinda Naam Mera* is definite crowd-pleaser that entertains with ample laughter, confusion and comedy.



## علامہ حضرت قدر عریضی شخصیت اور فن مقابلہ برائے ایم فل کی تقریب رسم رونمایی اور مشاعرہ



عالیجناب عابد رشید نے شرکت فرمائی اور اپنے زرین تفصیلی خیالات کا اظہار کیا۔ شکاگو کے مشاق ناظم مشاعرہ عالیجناب نذر نقوی نے بڑی ہی عمدگی سے ادبی اجلاس اور مشاعرہ کی کارروائی چلائی۔ ادبی اجلاس کے بعد مصنف مقالہ ڈاکٹر منیر الزماں منیر کی کئی ادبی شخصیات کی جانب سے کثرت سے گلوشی اور شال پوشی کی گئی۔ تقریب کے تیسرے دور میں مشاعرہ کا اہتمام کیا گیا تھا جس میں قابل ذکر نام ڈاکٹر توفیق انصاری احمد، عالیجناب غلام مصطفیٰ انجم، عالیجناب ساجد چودھری، عالیجناب عابد رشید، عالیجناب نذر نقوی، عالیجناب حسمت سہیل، عالیجناب طاہر حنفی، محترمہ طاہرہ ردا، محترمہ سیما عابدی اور صاحب کتاب ڈاکٹر منیر الزماں منیر شامل ہیں۔ ناظم ادبی اجلاس و مشاعرہ عالیجناب نذر نقوی کے اظہار تشکر پر اس خوشگوار تقریب کا شام ۶:۰۳ بجے اختتام عمل میں آیا۔

دی عثمانیس (یو ایس اے)، برج میڈیا (یو ایس اے)، بزم ارباب سخن (شکاگو)، سخنور شکاگو، انجمن علم و ادب (شکاگو)، بزم سخن (شکاگو)، اور بزم تطہیر ادب (حیدرآباد) کے زیر اہتمام ڈاکٹر منیر الزماں منیر کا ایم فل کے لئے تحریر کیا گیا تحقیقی مقالہ کی تقریب رسم رونمایی کا یکشنبہ ۱۱ دسمبر ۲۰۲۲ء کو ۱۳ بجے دن بمقام شاہی بریانی رستورنٹ میں انعقاد عمل میں آیا۔ اردو ادبی دنیا کے عالمی شہرت یافتہ استاد شاعر ڈاکٹر توفیق انصاری احمد نے اس کتاب کی رسم اجرائی انجام دی اور تقریب کی صدارت بھی فرمائی۔ میر گلینڈیل ہائٹس عالیجناب چودھری کھوکھڑ صاحب نے مہمان خصوصی اور عالیجناب غلام مصطفیٰ انجم صاحب نے مہمان اعزازی کی حیثیت سے شرکت فرمائی۔ مہمانان ذی وقار اور مقررین میں پروفیسر مسرور قریشی، چیف ایڈیٹر ہفتہ وار جذبہ پوسٹ اور



شکاگو، لمس کی خوشبو جیسے اخبارات و رسائل میں تو اتر کے ساتھ شائع ہوتی رہتی تھیں۔ اردو کے ساتھ ساتھ فارسی زبان کے شاعر بھی تھے۔

تاثرات: شمیم حنفی برقی کی بدیہ الکلامی پر تبصرہ کرتے ہیں کہ ”بدیہ گوئی کا ملکہ ان میں حیرت انگیز ہی کہہ سکتے ہیں۔ وہ چلتے پھرتے شعر کہ لیتے ہیں اور ہمیں ان کہنہ مشق، زبان و بیان پر گرفت رکھنے والے استاد شاعروں کی یاد دلاتے ہیں، جو موضوع اور مسئلے کی قید سے یکسر آزاد تھے اور کسی بھی تجربے کو اپنا شعری اور تخلیقی تجربہ بنا سکتے تھے۔“ حنفی القاسمی کا خیال ہے کہ ”احمد علی برقی اعظمی اسم با مسمیٰ ہیں۔ وہ برق رفتاری سے شعر بھی کہتے ہیں اور نئی برق تجلی سے قاری کو روشناس بھی کرتے ہیں۔ اردو میں برقی کی طرح ارتجالاً شعر کہنے والے بہت کم لوگ ہیں۔ ان کی بدیہ گوئی یقیناً قابل رشک ہے۔“ حنفی کا ماننا ہے کہ اردو شاعری میں برقی جیسا فی البدیہہ شعر کہنے والا کوئی نہیں تھا۔

اعزازات: برقی اعظمی کو ان کی کتاب روح سخن کے لیے اردو اکادمی دہلی کی طرف سے اردو اکادمی اعزاز سے نوازا گیا۔ نیز ان کو ملنے

کرنے کے بعد شبلی نیشنل کالج، اعظم گڑھ سے 1971ء میں انٹرمیڈیٹ، 1973ء میں بی اے اور 1975ء میں ایم اے اردو کی سند حاصل کی اور پھر 1976ء میں وہیں سے بی ایڈ کیا۔ [1] بعد میں 1977ء کو جواہر لعل نہرو یونیورسٹی، نئی دہلی میں ایم اے فارسی کرنے کے لیے داخل ہوئے اور 1979ء کو جے این یو سے ایم اے فارسی کی ڈگری حاصل کی، پھر 1996ء میں انھوں نے جے این یو سے ہی فارسی میں پی ایچ ڈی کیا۔

عملی زندگی: برقی اعظمی کو 15 سال کی عمر ہی سے شعر گوئی کا ذوق و شوق رہا ہے، ان کی دلچسپی جدید سائنس میں انٹرنیٹ اور خاص طور پر اردو کی ویب سائٹس سے جنون کی حد تک رہی۔ وہ اردو اور فارسی میں یکساں مہارت کے ساتھ غزل کہتے تھے، فی البدیہہ اور موضوعاتی شاعری میں وہ مہارت رکھتے تھے۔ وہ آل انڈیا ریڈیو میں شعبہ فارسی کے انچارج کے عہدے پر فائز رہے۔ انھوں نے وہاں بحیثیت ترجمہ کار اور اناؤنسر خدمات انجام دیں۔

احمد علی برقی اعظمی ایوارڈ لیتے ہوئے: ان کی تخلیقات متعدد ویب سائٹوں اور بزم سہارا، راشٹریہ سہارا، نئی دنیا، گواہ، حیدرآباد، اردو لنک

## احمد علی برقی اعظمی

احمد علی برقی اعظمی (معروف بہ برقی اعظمی؛ 1954ء - 2022ء) اردو و فارسی کے ایک شاعر تھے۔ ان کا شعری مجموعہ روح سخن کے عنوان سے ہے۔ پیشہ ورانہ طور پر، وہ آل انڈیا ریڈیو، نئی دہلی کے شعبہ فارسی کے انچارج رہے اور وہاں بطور ترجمہ کار اور اناؤنسر خدمات انجام دیتے رہے۔ انھوں نے اپنی زندگی اردو زبان اور اس کی ادبی ثقافت کو آگے بڑھانے کے لیے وقف کر رکھی تھی۔ ان کے والد رحمت الہی برقی اعظمی، نوح ناروی کے شاگرد اور ایک استاد شاعر تھے۔

ابتدائی و تعلیمی زندگی: برقی اعظمی 25 دسمبر 1954ء کو محلہ باز بہادر، شہر اعظم گڑھ، اتر پردیش، بھارت میں پیدا ہوئے تھے۔ ان کے والد رحمت الہی برقی اعظمی، نوح ناروی کے شاگرد اور ایک استاد شاعر تھے۔ برقی اعظمی نے درجہ پنجم تک کی تعلیم مدرسہ اسلامیہ باغ میر پیٹو، محلہ آصف گنج، شہر اعظم گڑھ میں حاصل کی۔ پھر انھوں نے 1969ء میں شبلی ہائر سینڈری اسکول سے دسویں کا امتحان پاس

والے دیگر اعزازات میں اردو گلڈ جموں و کشمیر کی جانب سے دیا جانے والا فخر اردو ایوارڈ 2014ء اور اکرم میموریل پبلک سوسائٹی نجیب آباد، بجنور کی جانب سے دیا جانے والا محمد علی جوہر ایوارڈ شامل ہے۔

وفات: برقی اعظمی کا انتقال 5 دسمبر 2022ء بہ روز دو شنبہ جو پور، اتر پردیش میں ہوا۔ ان کے آبائی وطن محلہ کوٹ، اعظم گڑھ میں سپرد خاک کیے گئے۔

### قلمی خدمات:

برقی اعظمی تصانیف میں مندرجہ ذیل کتابیں شامل ہیں:

روح سخن (مجموعہ کلام: 2013ء)

مختر خیال (مجموعہ کلام: 2019ء)

تنویر سخن (اپنے والد رحمت الہی برقی اعظمی کے مجموعہ کلام کی ترتیب: 2003ء)

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## گل بوکی حکایت

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



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حضرت شیخ سعدی شیرازی رحمہ اللہ علیہ

### 34 یتیم کو خوش کرنا اللہ کو خوش کرنا ہے

**اردو حکایت:** حضرت شیخ سعدی فرماتے ہیں کہ جب میں بچہ تھا اور اپنے باپ کے قریب رہتا تھا تو میری قدر و منزلت بادشاہوں جیسی ہوتی تھی اگر میرے جسم پر مکھی بیٹھ جاتی تو سب گھر والے پریشان ہو جاتے جب بچپن میں باپ کا سایہ سر سے اٹھ گیا تو مجھے بچوں کے درد کی خبر ہوئی۔ یہ درد وہی سمجھ سکتا ہے جس کو یتیمی کا داغ لگا ہو۔ نصیحت فرماتے ہیں کہ اے دوست! جس بچے کا باپ مر گیا ہو اس کے سر پر ہاتھ رکھ اس کے چہرے سے گرد پونچھ، پاؤں سے کانٹا نکال، تجھے کیا معلوم کہ اس پہ کیسی مشکل آپڑی ہے۔ یتیم کی ہر طرح دلجوئی کر۔ خبردار! یتیم رونے پڑے۔ اس کے رونے سے عرش الہی کانپ جاتا ہے۔ یتیم کے آنسو پونچھ اور اپنے سایہ میں اس کی پرورش کر۔

منظوم ترجمہ:

مر گیا ہو باپ جس کا اُس کے سر پر ہاتھ رکھ  
پاؤں سے کانٹا نکال، اور پونچھ دے چہرے سے گرد

یتیم کو نہ رُلا اُس کا دل کبھی نہ دکھا  
کہ اس سے عرش الہی بھی کانپ جاتا ہے



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

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

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

## ہم سائیکلون: امریکہ اور کینیڈا میں 156 اموات، یہ جنگ کے میدان میں جانے جیسا ہے

ہے۔ اس کی وجہ سے شمالی امریکہ برف، تیز ہواؤں اور جمادینے والے درجہ حرارت کی لپیٹ میں ہے۔ ماہرین نے متنبہ کیا ہے کہ اس قدر سرد موسم میں باہر نکلنے پر صرف پانچ سے 10 منٹ کے اندر اندر فراسٹ بائٹ ہو سکتی ہے، یعنی جسم کی جلد اور ٹشو جم سکتے ہیں۔ اس حالت میں سب سے زیادہ ناک اور ہاتھ پیر کی انگلیاں متاثر ہوتی ہیں۔ دراصل فراسٹ بائٹ جسم کا شدید سردی کے خلاف ایک قدرتی رد عمل ہے۔

اس کے شکار افراد میں جسم کے سب سے آخری حصوں تک خون کی روانی انتہائی کم ہو جاتی ہے۔ اس کی علامات میں ٹھنڈ سے سوجن اور درد شامل ہیں۔ انتہائی درجے کے کیسز میں ٹشو ضائع ہو جاتی ہیں اور سرجری کی مدد سے انہیں جسم سے ہٹانا پڑتا ہے۔ اگر کوئی فراسٹ بائٹ سے متاثر ہوتا ہے تو اسے فوراً گرم ماحول میں لے جا کر طبی ماہرین سے رجوع کرنا چاہیے۔ ماہرین موسمیات نے سردی کے اس طوفان کو 'ہم سائیکلون' کا نام دیا ہے، یعنی یہ طوفان کی دھماکے کی طرح ہے جس کی شدت مسلسل بڑھتی رہتی ہے۔ اس کی وجہ یہ ہے کہ گذشتہ 24 گھنٹوں میں ہوا کا دباؤ کم از کم 24 ملی

لے کر امریکہ کی جنوبی ریاست ٹیکساس تک تقریباً 3200 کلومیٹر کے رقبے میں کم از کم



17 لاکھ افراد بجلی کے بنا رہنے پر مجبور ہیں۔ تاہم حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ برفانی طوفان نے گذشتہ چند روز سے تباہی مچا رکھی ہے اور جن علاقوں میں بجلی معطل ہوئی ہیں انہیں بتدریج بحال کیا جا رہا ہے۔ امریکہ اور کینیڈا میں 10 لاکھ سے زیادہ افراد کمرس کا دن بجلی کے بغیر گزارنے پر مجبور ہوئے۔ شمالی امریکہ میں جاری شدید برفانی طوفان کے باعث ہزاروں پروازیں منسوخ کر دی گئیں جس کے باعث لاکھوں افراد کمرس کے دن بھی اپنے پیاروں تک نہ پہنچ سکے۔ فضا کا دباؤ انتہائی کم ہو جانے کی وجہ سے ایسا برفانی طوفان بنتا ہے جسے 'ہم سائیکلون' کہا جاتا

گاڑیوں اور گھروں میں پھنسے مزید لوگ ملنے کا امکان ہے۔ آئندہ چند دنوں میں

صورتحال بہتر ہونے کی امید ہے تاہم حکام نے غیر ضروری سفر نہ کرنے کی تجویز دے رکھی ہے۔ امریکہ اور کینیڈا 'ہم سائیکلون' کی لپیٹ میں برفانی طوفان سے ورمونٹ، اوہائیو، میسوری، وکونسن، کنساس اور کولوراڈو میں بھی ہلاکتیں ہوئی ہیں۔ اس کے علاوہ ریاست مینیسوٹا، آئیوا، وکونسن اور مشیگن میں بھی بے انتہا برف باری ہوئی ہے۔ امریکہ کے محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق ریاست نیویارک کے شہر بفلو میں حدنگاہ 'صفر' رہی ہے۔ بفلو شہر سے تعلق رکھنے والے امریکی ریاست نیویارک کی گورنر کیوتھی ہوچل کا کہنا تھا کہ 'یہ برفانی طوفان بفلو شہر کی تاریخ میں بدترین طوفان کے طور

شمالی امریکہ میں برفانی طوفان کے باعث ہونے والی تباہ کاریوں سے نمٹنے کی کوششیں جاری ہیں اور اب تک کینیڈا سے لے کر میکسیکو کی سرحد تک کم از کم 56 ہلاکتوں کی تصدیق کی گئی ہے۔ امریکہ کی مغربی ریاست نیویارک میں برفانی طوفان سے کم از کم 28 اموات ہوئی ہیں۔ ایک سرکاری اہلکار نے کہا ہے کہ وہاں بعض لوگ دو دن سے زیادہ عرصے سے اپنی گاڑیوں میں پھنسے ہوئے ہیں اور یہ ان کی زندگیوں کا شدید سب سے خوفناک برفانی طوفان ہے۔

ماہر موسمیات نے متنبہ کیا ہے کہ منگل کو ریاست کے کچھ حصوں میں نوانچ برف پڑ سکتی ہے۔ امریکہ کے صدر جو بائیڈن نے نیویارک میں امدادی کارروائیوں کے لیے وفاق کو ایمرجنسی منظوری دی ہے۔ وہ کہتے ہیں کہ 'میری ہمدردیاں ان لوگوں کے ساتھ ہیں جنہوں نے چھٹیوں کے دوران اپنے پیاروں کو کھو دیا۔ نیویارک کے شہر بفلو، جہاں اکثر اموات ہوئی ہیں، کے ایک عہدیدار مارک بولنکار نے کہا ہے کہ 'ایسا طوفان زندگی میں ایک بار ہی دیکھنے کو ملتا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ طوفان سے ہونے والی تباہی تاحال تھمی نہیں۔ انہوں نے طبی حکام کے حوالے سے بتایا کہ اکثر لوگ دل کے عارضوں سے ہلاک ہوئے جب وہ برف ہٹانے کی کوشش کر رہے تھے جبکہ بعض لوگ اپنی گاڑیوں میں مردہ حالت میں پائے گئے۔ نیویارک کی گورنر نے کہا ہے کہ 'یہ جنگ کے میدان میں جانے جیسا ہے۔ سڑک کنارے گاڑیوں کی حالت حیران کن ہے۔ خیال رہے کہ برف پگھلنے کے بعد



پر یاد رکھا جائے گا۔' مغربی امریکی ریاست مونٹانا میں اس وقت شدید سردی ہے اور وہاں کا درجہ حرارت منفی 50 ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ تک گر چکا ہے جبکہ کینیڈا کے صوبہ اونٹاریو اور کیوبک بھی برفانی طوفان سے شدید متاثر ہوئے ہیں۔ اس طوفان سے تقریباً 25 کروڑ افراد متاثر ہوئے ہیں۔ کینیڈا کے مشرقی صوبے کیوبک سے

# ارجنٹینا 36 برس بعد پھر ورلڈ کپ فاتح: 'ہم ایسا فائنل پھر کبھی نہیں دیکھیں گے'

یعنی آج سے 36 برس قبل جیتا تھا۔ ارجنٹینا سنہ 2014 کے فائنل تک پہنچا تھا لیکن اسے جرمنی کے ہاتھوں شکست کا سامنا کرنا پڑا تھا۔ سوشل میڈیا تو جیسے سکتے میں آ گیا، دنیا بھر کے سپورٹس سٹارز کی نگاہیں میچ پر جمی تھیں۔ بی بی سی ون سے بات کرتے ہوئے ریو فرڈینینڈ نے کہا کہ 'میں ایسا سوچ بھی نہیں سکتا۔۔۔ جب آپ دنیا کی دو بہترین ٹیموں کو آمنے سامنے دیکھیں اور کوئی بھی پیچھے ہٹنے کو تیار نہیں تھا۔' دونوں ٹیموں کے سپر سٹار ایک ایک گول کے لیے لڑ رہے تھے۔۔۔ یہ بہت شاندار میچ تھا۔ انگلینڈ کے سابق سٹرائیکر ایلن شیمر نے کہا کہ 'یہ ایک ناقابل یقین فائنل تھا۔ میں نے آج تک ایسا میچ نہیں دیکھا اور میرا خیال ہے کہ میں ایسا میچ پھر کبھی دیکھوں گا۔ یہ حیران کن تھا۔ ارجنٹائن کے مینیجر لیونیل سکا لونی نے میچ کے بعد کہا کہ وہ 'پرسکون' تھے لیکن ان سے اپنی خوشی چھپائی نہیں جا رہی تھی۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ 'یہ پاگل کر دینے والا میچ تھا۔ میں جانتا تھا کہ ہم پہلے 90 منٹ میں ہی میچ جیت سکتے تھے۔' اس وقت میرے احساسات بہترین ہیں۔ سب سے اہم چیز یہ ہے کہ ہم یہ حاصل کرنے میں کامیاب رہے۔'

یوں فرانس کا مسلسل دوسری مرتبہ ورلڈ کپ فائنل جیتنے کا خواب پورا نہ ہو سکا۔ ارجنٹینا کی جانب سے دو گول لیونل میسی اور ایک اسٹیل ڈی ماریہ نے کیا جبکہ فرانس کی جانب سے تینوں گول کیلیان امباپے نے کیے۔ فرانس کے کیلیان امباپے کو ٹورنامنٹ میں سب سے زیادہ گول کرنے پر گولڈن بوٹ ایوارڈ دیا گیا جبکہ ارجنٹینا کے گول کیپر ایبیلیا نو مارٹینیٹز کو ٹورنامنٹ کا بہترین گول کیپر قرار دیا گیا۔ لیونل میسی کو ٹورنامنٹ کی بہترین کارکردگی دکھانے پر



حاصل تھی مگر میچ کے آخری 11 منٹوں میں

قطر میں جاری فٹ بال ورلڈ کپ 2022 کے فائنل میں ارجنٹینا سنسنی خیز مقابلے کے بعد پینلٹی شوٹ آؤٹ پر فرانس کو شکست دے کر بالآخر 36 برس بعد ایک مرتبہ پھر ورلڈ کپ فاتح بن گیا ہے۔ قطر کے لوئیس سٹیڈیم میں کھیلے گئے فائنل میں ارجنٹینا نے فرانس کو پینلٹیز میں دو کے مقابلے میں چار گول سے شکست دی۔



'گولڈن بال ایوارڈ' دیا گیا۔ ارجنٹینا نے آخری مرتبہ فٹ بال ورلڈ کپ سنہ 1986 میں

فرانسیسی کھلاڑی کیلیان امباپے کی جانب سے ایک پینلٹی گول اور پھر 90 سیکنڈ کے اندر ان کے ایک اور شاندار گول نے میچ دو دو گول سے برابر کر دیا۔ اضافی وقت میں میسی نے اپنا دوسرا اور ٹیم کا تیسرا گول کر کے ارجنٹینا کو تین دو کی برتری دلا دی لیکن پھر فرانسیسی کھلاڑی امباپے نے تیسرا گول کر کے ہیٹ ٹرک کرتے ہوئے ارجنٹینا کی برتری ختم کر دی۔ اس کے بعد اضافی ٹائم کے اختتام تک دونوں ٹیمیں کوئی گول نہ کر سکیں اور مقابلہ پینلٹی شوٹ آؤٹ تک پہنچا جس میں ارجنٹینا نے چار پینلٹیز سکور کر لیں۔

ارجنٹینا نے 1978 اور 1986 میں ورلڈ کپ اپنے نام کیا تھا۔ انگلینڈ کے سابق دفاعی کھلاڑی ریو فرڈینینڈ نے غالباً ہر اس شخص کی سوچ کو ان الفاظ میں سمودیا جس نے فٹ بال ورلڈ کپ کی تاریخ کا سب سے عظیم فائنل میچ دیکھا۔ اس میچ میں سب کچھ ہی تھا۔ سپر سٹار میسی اور کیلیان امباپے کی دو بدو جنگ، ڈرامائی انداز میں فرانس کی میچ میں واپسی اور پھر ایک اعصاب شکن پینلٹی مقابلہ جس نے فاتح کا فیصلہ کیا۔ ورلڈ کپ کے فائنل میں پہلے ہاف میں ہی ارجنٹینا نے فرانس کے خلاف دو صفر کی برتری حاصل کر لی تھی، ارجنٹینا کی جانب سے پہلا گول لیونل میسی نے 23 ویں منٹ میں پینلٹی پر کیا جبکہ دوسرا گول اسٹیل ڈی ماریہ نے 36 ویں منٹ میں کیا۔ میچ کے پہلے ہاف میں ارجنٹینا کو دو صفر سے برتری



## پاکستانی فلم چلے تھے ساتھ ایک ڈاکیو ڈراما



سال 2017 پاکستانی فلموں کے لیے کافی مایوس کن رہا ہے۔ تھوڑا جی لے، وسل، بالو ماہی اور راستہ جیسی فلموں کی وجہ سے شائقین نے سینما کا رخ کرنے سے توجہ کر لی تھی لیکن ہدایتکار عمر عادل کی چلے تھے ساتھ شائقین کی توجہ حاصل کرنے میں کامیاب نظر آتی ہے۔ ہالی وڈ فلم فاسٹ 8 اور ہالی وڈ فلم نور کے سامنے دو ہفتے تک سینما میں رہنا ہی اس فلم کی بڑی کامیابی ہے۔ اس فلم میں زیادہ تر نئے اداکاروں کو متعارف کرایا گیا ہے جنہوں نے جاندار اداکاری کی وجہ سے سب سے داد وصول کی۔ کچھ لوگ چلے تھے ساتھ کو ڈاکیو ڈرامہ کہہ رہے ہیں اور کچھ کے خیال میں اس میں کہانی کا فقدان ہے۔ دونوں ہی باتوں میں کچھ حد تک صداقت ہے کیونکہ زیادہ تر مناظر گلگت، ہنزہ اور شمالی علاقوں میں فلمائے گئے ہیں جو ویسے ہی خوبصورت ہیں تو اس پر ڈاکیومنٹری کا گمان ہونا بعید از قیاس نہیں۔ کہانی ایک چینی نوجوان ایڈم (کینٹ ایس لیونگ) اور ایک پاکستانی ڈاکٹر ریشم (سازہ

شہروز) کے گرد گھومتی ہے جنہیں ایک ٹرپ کے دوران محبت ہو جاتی ہے۔ ریشم کے دوست ان کی مدد کرنے کی کوشش کرتے ہیں لیکن کچھ ان کے والد (بہروز سبزواری) کی سختیوں اور کچھ اپنی ماں کی طبیعت کی وجہ سے ایڈم اپنے ملک واپس چلا جاتا ہے۔ اسی دوران پہاڑی تودہ کرنے کی وجہ سے ریشم کا گھر تباہ ہو جاتا ہے اور تمام لوگ کیمپ میں زندگی گزارنے لگتے ہیں۔ ایڈم کی واپسی سے نہ صرف ریشم کے والد خوش ہوتے ہیں بلکہ دونوں کی شادی بھی کرا دیتے ہیں۔

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## پاکستان میں پہلا بین الاقوامی خواتین فلم فیسٹیول

پاکستان میں خواتین کے پہلے بین الاقوامی فلم فیسٹیول کا آغاز ہو گیا ہے جس میں 18 غیر ملکی اور پاکستانی فلموں کو لے کر چلنے کا طریقہ بین الاقوامی فلم سازوں کا زیادہ بہتر ہے مدیجر رضانا نے بتایا کہ غیر ملکی فلم ساز خواتین نے صرف اپنا کام بھیجا ہے اور وہ خود اس لیے نہیں آپائیں کہ یہ پہلا پراجیکٹ ہے جو بغیر کسی مالی مدد کے منعقد کروایا گیا ہے۔ البتہ انہوں نے امید ظاہر کی اگلے فیسٹیول میں وہ غیر ملکی خواتین کو مدعو کر سکیں گی۔



پاکستانی خواتین فلم سازوں نے اپنی فلمیں سکریٹنگ کے لیے بھیجی ہیں۔ فیسٹیول کی بانی اور منتظمہ مدیجر رضانا نے بی بی سی گفتگو کرتے ہوئے بتایا کہ دس خواتین نے پاکستان کے مختلف شہروں سے شرکت کی ہے جبکہ باقی آٹھ فلمیں بیرون ملک سے موصول ہوئی ہیں۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ نیپال، ملیشیا، تائیپیریا، انڈیا، بنگلادیش اور برصغیر سے فلمیں خواتین کے اس بین الاقوامی فلم فیسٹیول میں دکھائی جائیں گی جو کہ صنفی مساوات، خواتین پر تشدد اور کمال خواتین کے موضوعات پر بنائی گئی ہیں۔ مدیجر رضانا کا کہنا تھا اگر بین الاقوامی اور مقامی فلموں کا آپس میں مقابلہ کیا جائے تو تربیت اور فلموں کو لے کر چلنے کا طریقہ بین الاقوامی فلم سازوں کا زیادہ بہتر ہے۔

## فلم پٹھان کے پہلے گانے بے شرم رنگ نے تنازع پیدا کیا جا چکا ہے

شاہ رخ خان اور دپیکا پڈوکون کی آنے والی ہے۔ جھومے جو پٹھان کو تقریباً ۳ کروڑ مرتبہ فلم پٹھان کا دوسرا گانا 'جھومے جو پٹھان' جمہرات کو دیکھا گیا جھومے جو پٹھان گانا حال ہی میں ریلیز ہو گیا ہے۔ بے شرم رنگ کی طرح یہ گانا بھی ریلیز ہو گیا ہے۔



زیادہ مرتبہ دیکھا جا چکا ہے۔ اس گانے کے تعلق سے مداحوں میں حیرت انگیز جنون دیکھا جا رہا ہے۔ اس گانے کے نئے ریمیکس بھی بنائے جا رہے ہیں۔ اب سوشل میڈیا پر اوئے انکت نامی شخص نے اس گانے کو سن کر اس کا ریمیکس ورژن بنایا ہے جسے سوشل میڈیا پر کافی پسند کیا گیا ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ سنک کا مطلب یہ ہے کہ ایک گانے کے آڈیو یا آواز کو دوسرے گانے کے ویڈیو سے اس طرح جوڑ دیا جائے کہ محسوس ہو کہ ویڈیو میں یہی گانا گایا جا رہا ہے۔ دراصل، سنک بنانے والے نے شاہ رخ کی 1999ء کی فلم بادشاہ کے مشہور گانے 'وہ لڑکی جو سب سے الگ' اداکار کے طور پر کام کیا۔ اب شاہ رخ پٹھان کے



ہے، 'جھومے جو پٹھان' سے ہم آہنگ کیا ہے۔ ویڈیو دیکھ کر لوگ کہہ رہے ہیں کہ یہ ریمیکس یہ ویڈیو پوری طرح وائرل ہو چکا ہے اور اس پر کئی ردعمل سامنے آ رہے ہیں۔ ویڈیو دیکھنے کے بعد ایک صارف نے لکھا "ایسا لگتا ہے کہ یہ ریمیکس پٹھان ریلیز سے پہلے ہی تنازعات کا شکار کر دی گئی صرف اس ویڈیو کے لیے بنایا گیا ہے۔"

خمار بارہ بکوی



غزل

وہی پھر مجھے یاد آنے لگے ہیں  
جنہیں بھولنے میں زمانے لگے ہیں  
وہ ہیں پاس اور یاد آنے لگے ہیں  
محبت کے ہوش اب ٹھکانے لگے ہیں  
سنا ہے ہمیں وہ بھلانے لگے ہیں  
تو کیا ہم انہیں یاد آنے لگے ہیں  
ہٹائے تھے جو راہ سے دوستوں کی  
وہ پتھر مرے گھر میں آنے لگے ہیں  
یہ کہنا تھا ان سے محبت ہے مجھ کو  
یہ کہنے میں مجھ کو زمانے لگے ہیں  
ہوائیں چلیں اور نہ موجیں ہی اٹھیں  
اب ایسے بھی طوفان آنے لگے ہیں  
قیامت یقیناً قریب آگئی ہے  
خمار اب تو مسجد میں جانے لگے ہیں

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بیکل اتاہی



غزل

فصل گل کب لٹی نہیں معلوم  
کب بہار آئی تھی نہیں معلوم  
ہم بھٹکتے رہے اندھیرے میں  
روشنی کب ہوئی نہیں معلوم  
کب وہ گزرے قریب سے دل کے  
نیند کب آگئی نہیں معلوم  
درد جب جب اٹھا ہوا محسوس  
چوٹ کب کب لگی نہیں معلوم  
بے بسی جس کی زیست ہو اس کو  
زیست کی بے بسی نہیں معلوم  
ناز سجدوں پہ ہے ہمیں لیکن  
نازش بندگی نہیں معلوم  
اپنی حالت پہ تیرے وحشی کو  
کیوں ہنسی آگئی نہیں معلوم  
ہوش آیا تو مے کدہ نہ رہا  
ہائے کس وقت پی نہیں معلوم  
دور حاضر کی بزم میں بیکل  
کون ہے آدمی نہیں معلوم

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ستارچشتی



غزل

جب تک جنون شوق میں وارفتگی رہی  
نظمِ جہان نو سے بڑی آگہی رہی  
بھٹکا سکی نہ گردشِ دوراں بھی راہ سے  
دل میں خیالِ یار کی جب روشنی رہی  
اپنا کے بھی جو اُن کو نہ اپنا بنا سکا  
شامل مرے نصیب کی برگشتگی رہی  
گزری خزاں نہ فصلِ بہاراں ہی آسکی  
گلشن میں اضطراب رہا برہمی رہی  
ہر چند کم نہ تھا غمِ دُنیا بہ ایں ہمہ  
دامانِ یادِ یار سے وابستگی رہی  
شوچ بہارِ عہدِ جنوں چودھویں کی شب  
ایسے میں کیا غضب ہے تمہاری کمی رہی  
ستارِ حادثاتِ زمانہ بجا مگر  
کس کا خدا رہے جو یہی زندگی رہی

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ولی الدین



سادھو مہاراج

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

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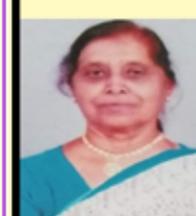
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پاگل پن میں

بیوی تھیں بیمار بہت تو شوہر لگ گئے پیار جتانے  
لگے سنانے اپنی وفا کے اور محبت کے افسانے  
بیگم جب تم ہی نہ رہو گی میں تو پاگل ہو جاؤں گا  
کپڑے وپڑے پھاڑ کے اپنے جنگل کو میں نکل جاؤں گا  
بیوی بولیں جھوٹ نہ بولو خوب سے تم کو جانتی ہوں میں  
کتنی چاہت والے ہو تم اچھی طرح پہچانتی ہوں  
میری آنکھیں بند ہوتے ہی دوسری عورت کر لاؤ گے  
پاگل داگل کچھ نہیں ہو گے سہرا باندھ کے اٹھاؤ گے  
شوہر بولے کیا بتلاؤں کچھ بھی ممکن ہو سکتا ہے  
پاگل پن میں پاگل انسان کوئی بھی حرکت کر سکتا ہے

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اطیب اعجاز



غزل

کفکش تھی رنج و غم کی انتہا تھی میں نہ تھا  
زندگی کی گردشِ صبر آزمائی میں نہ تھا  
ٹھو کا عالم تھا حصارِ روح میں پلچل نہ تھی  
جسم کے گنبد میں سانسوں کی صدا تھی میں نہ تھا  
میں نے دیکھا ہے گھلی آنکھوں سے ہستی کا زوال  
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میرے اندر حق و باطل بر سر پیکار تھے  
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جا چکا تھا سب کو میں اپنا تصور بخش کر  
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ثناء الماس باذیر



غزل

دل کی حسین کوٹھی کے ملبے کو دیکھ کر  
یاد آ گیا ہے سب کچھ وہ گوشے کو دیکھ کر  
سر کو اٹھاتا ہی نہیں سجدے میں جا کے وہ  
حیران ہو گئی ہو میں سجدے کو دیکھ کر  
خاطر میں جس کو لاتی تھیں نہ میں شروع سے ہی  
گھر آگئی ہوں اسکے میں رتبے کو دیکھ کر  
دل عاشقی سے میرا یہ گھبرانے لگ گیا  
لیلیٰ کے اور مجنوں کے قصے کو دیکھ کر  
خود کو جو سمجھے شاطر تو یہ شرط ہے میری  
مضمون بھاپ لینا لفافے کو دیکھ کر

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محمد یسین ہائیل



غزل

معشوق کی جب ادا قاتلانہ ہوتی ہے  
تب عاشق کی خطا فاتحانہ ہوتی ہے  
بات جو بھی زباں سے اس کے نکلے گی  
ہر پہر وہ صداقتِ مردانہ ہوتی ہے  
جو طالب ہوتا ہے علم کی دولت کا  
سدا فطرت اس کی عاجزانہ ہوتی ہے  
جو ہوتے پیدائش میں خاندانی رکبے  
ان کی طرزِ زندگی سدا فقیرانہ ہوتی ہے  
ہر چمکتی شے سونا و موتی نہیں ہوتی  
اک کسوٹی ہی تحقیق کا پیمانہ ہوتی ہے  
جو بندہ آراستہ نہیں اخلاقی زیور سے  
تو شخصیت اس کی سر محفل بے معنی ہوتی ہے  
جو کبھی نہ ہے زمانے کے ظلم و ستم  
تو ان کی سیرت نہ منصفانہ ہوتی ہے  
ہائیل تری بندگی میں نہ ہو اخلاص  
تری عبادت خدا کے آگے باغیانہ ہوتی ہے  
جن کے قلوب ہوتے ہیں چاہت سے سرشار  
تو ان کی دشمنی بھی محض عارضانہ ہوتی ہے

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**On the lighter side....**

“Don’t be afraid of the dog,” said the lady to Little Johnny, who was delivering her groceries.

“You know the old proverb, ‘A barking dog never bites?’”

“Yes,” replied Little Johnny. “You know the proverb. I know the proverb. But does your dog know the proverb?”

Why did the superhero flush the toilet?

Because it was their doo-dy!

As the storm raged, the captain realized his ship was sinking fast. He called out, “Anyone here know how to pray?”

One man stepped forward. “Aye, Captain, I know how to pray.”

“Good,” said the captain, “you pray while the rest of us put on our life jackets - we’re one short.”

A man had just got his car stuck in a during a drive in the country and he needed help getting it out. So he walked until he found a farm and asked the farmer for help. The farmer agrees to help the guy out. So he takes a horse out of the stable and leads him to the car. The farmer then ties a harness around the horse and the other end to the car.

The farmer yells, “Pull, Sandy!”

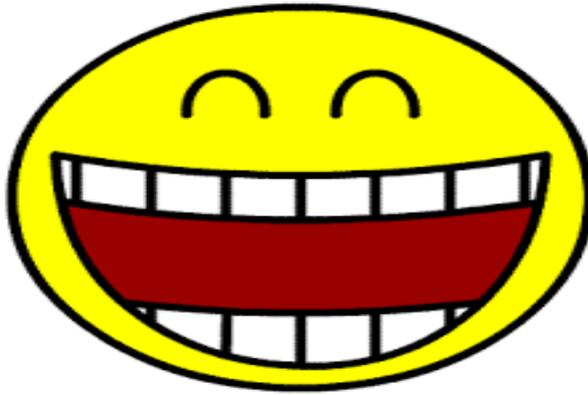
The horse just stands there.

The farmer yells, “Come on now, pull Twister!”

The horse once again just stands there.

Finally the farmer yells, “Ok dangit, PULL RANGER! You’re just standing there!”

Finally the horse springs forward and with all the strength he has he pulls the car out of the ditch and onto the road-



side.

The man thanks the farmer many times, but before leaving the farmer why he yelled out names of horses that weren’t there.

The farmer just smiles and replies, “Oh, you see Ranger there is completely blind and a lazy horse. He wasn’t going to pull if he thought he was the only one trying.”

The test I gave my math class covered everything we’d studied all year -- fractions, percentages and portions of whole units.

But maybe I could have explained things better. To the question “What portion of a foot is six inches?”

One student answered, “The toes?”

What branch of the military accepts newborns?

The infantry.

I adopted a 9 month old female Chihuahua; after a two week struggle for dominance she won leaving me somewhat perplexed.

After going over the training events step by step an

epiphany graced me with a large dose of reality.

“If one wishes to train a dog he must first be smarter than the dog.”

When I look at chocolate, I hear two voices in my head.

The first one says, “You need to eat the chocolate.”

The second one says, “You heard. Eat the chocolate.”

I asked my wife when her birthday was.

She said March 1st.

So I walked around the room and asked again.

Her: Could you loan me ten dollars please?

Him: What did you say?

Her (a bit louder): Could you loan me twenty dollars please?

Him: I thought you asked for ten!

You know that you’re a really boring person when someone steals your identity and then tries to give it back.

Why was a new born puppy mad at his mother?

He felt that she gave him a licking for no reason.

Little Johnny: “Having a farm is really hard work.”

Billy: “It’s an ant farm Johnny, all you have to do is supervise.”

Where do you find lost silverware?

Answer: At the fork in the road.



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