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The man who gives too much

DC | M Roushan Ali |

Salwa Fathima, whose father works in a bakery, is the first woman pilot from the Old City. Zahid Ali Khan, editor of the Urdu daily, Siasat paid Rs 16 lakh for her training. The 69-year-old Khan, originally from Gattaiah, has been a messiah to thousands of Hyderabadis. His charity knows no boundaries or religion. He was there for the people of Gujarat after the earthquake ravaged the state. He also helped the victims of Mumbai riots. Khan carries out his philanthropy under the banner of several trusts and organisations.



Owing to his tall standing in society (and in real life: he is a really big man), he holds several key positions; member of the National Integration Council, member of the National Council for Communal Harmony.

Apart from doling out largesse from his own coffers, he raises funds through appeals in Siasat. Nearly 30 per cent of his family's earnings is set aside for charity.

Revered by his readership as "Rehbar-e-Millat" (guide for the community), Khan's sincerity, dedication and commitment to serve the society is apparent when he says, "I want to ensure that the recommendations of the Sachar Committee and Ranganath Mishra Commission are implemented. If the governments, at the Centre and in the State, fail to implement them, I will try and ensure its implementation in the city and the state to start with."

"He is a role model for everyone in the family and a gentleman. When we travel together to foreign countries he is a great companion. He eats less but wants a wide range of spread on the dining table," said Khan's wife, Shams Fathima Khan.

Among one of the most eminent families in the walled city, Khan's ancestors came to Hyderabad from Madina at the invitation of Aurangzeb to teach Quran and Islamic law to his daughter. "After completion of studies, our ancestors were requested to stay back and the Bijapur Jagir was bestowed upon them. My great grandfather, Intekhab, was given the tile of Jung by the Nizam. My grandfather, Mahmood Ali Khan, was handed the title of Mir. Nawab Intekhab Jung was the classmate of the Nizam VI while Mir Mahboob Ali was the classmate of the Nizam VII, Mir Osman Ali

Khan," Khan said.

Siasat was founded in 1948 by Khan's father Abid Ali Khan and his friend Mehoob Hussain Jigar. "After the demise of my father, I took over the reins of Siasat and now my son is assisting me. I want my grandson to become the editor one day," said Khan.

His son, Amir Ali Khan, says he was inspired by his grandfather Abid Ali Khan. Armed with a degree in journalism and an MBA, Amir is now concentrating on expanding the reach of Siasat.

"My father has trained me well and I want to be his true successor. For an Urdu daily to not only survive but also grow, it's crucial that the owner and the editor should be one. We have just

launched our edition in Qatar. Siasat is also the first Urdu e-paper in the country and gets the highest hits on the net among all Urdu dailies in the world. The US administration and the Pentagon are some of the regular visitors of our website," Amir said.

Amir's wife, who grew up in Abu Dhabi and studied in the US, didn't have any trouble adjusting to life with the Khans. "This family is so warm and cordial that it took no time to be one of them. My parents are family friends of Amir's uncle," she said. Amir's uncle, Zaheeruddin Ali Khan, is the managing editor of Siasat and looks after its Internet edition.

Khan's three brothers and two sisters meet every Monday and Friday for lunch — a sign that a family that eats together, sticks together.

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Meeting held in remembrance of Dr Khayam Khan MBT President



Under the banner of American Hyderabad Association, convener Syed Mukkaram and friends organized a Jalsa-e-Taziyat in Chicago USA in remembrance of Dr. Khayam Khan, former President Majlis Bachao Tehreek. The Jalsa was preceded by a Quran Khani for the Isaal e Sawab of Dr. Khayam Khan. Organized under the supervision of Liaquat Ali Khan, numerous Hyderabadis across political party lines attended to show solidarity and express grief. Each speaker shared personal memories and highlighted the strong character and vast knowledge Dr. Khayam Khan possessed. Among those who gave speeches at the gathering were M.A. Basith (Ex-Chairman Standing Committee MCH), Rahmat Ali Khan (President MICC), Iftexhar Shareef (past President FIA), Manzoor Shah Khan, Masood Shah Khan, Syed Saleem, and Ahmed Hussain Khan.



The speakers lauded Dr. Khayam Khan on his exceptional oratory skills and strong Islamic knowledge. While he was not a hafiz-e-Quran, he had a majority of the Quran memorized. Not only did he know much of the Quran by heart, but he would be able to reference verses with translation and explanation. In every public gathering or personal interaction, he would quote Quran or Hadith in his discussion to encourage betterment of society. Dr. Khayam Khan often emphasized the necessity to be punctual in offering Namaz and urged youth to regularly read Seerat-un-Nabi. Senior speakers noted his physical similarities to Qaid e Millat Nawab Bahadur Yar Jung but further added how he also passionately followed Qaid e Millat's mission of serving the poor and downtrodden masses. He had a constant anxious-

ness in always working to improve the community. They also noted that despite facing hurdles in past assembly elections, Dr. Khayam Khan was never disheartened or deterred. He never sacrificed his moral values and continued his social efforts supporting the needy at any opportunity, especially through offering free medical services through his hospital.

Dr. Khayam Khan, a MBBS graduate from Kashmir University, was the eldest son of Ghazi-e-Millat al-Haj Amanullah Khan who founded Majlis Bachao Tehreek in 1992. Dr. Khayam Khan served as President of Majlis Bachao Tehreek for nearly 3 years after the demise of prior President Advocate Adam Malik in 2013.



Renowned Urdu poet

Prof. Malikzada Manzoor Ahmad is no more

A renowned personality of Urdu literary circle Prof. Malikzada Manzoor Ahmad passed away in Lucknow on Friday (April 22). He was 87. He is survived by six daughters and two sons.

He was a great poet, critic, composer, compere, educationist and above all a good humourist. As a compere in Mushairas, he won the heart of million of people across the Urdu world. (Mushaire ki Nezamat ka Badshah)

He retired as Professor, Department of Urdu, University of Lucknow.

Many literary and Urdu organisations have condoled the demise of this great promoter of Urdu.

His books include College Girl, 1954 (Novel), Urdu ka Mas'laa, 1957 (Monograph), Shahr-e-Sukhan, 1961 (Poetry), Abul Kalam Azad: Fikr-o-Fan, 1964, Abul Kalam Azad Al-Hilal ke Aaine Mein, Ghubaar-e-Khaatir ka Tanqeedi Mut'alaal, Shahr-e-Sitam (Poetry), Raqs-e-Sharar, 2004 (Autobiography), Intikhaab Ghazaliyat Nazeer Akbarabadi

He has written preface of more than 200 books.

Prof. Ahmad recited poems at thousands of mushairas (Urdu poetry) and kavi-sammelan (Hindi poetry) since 1949,

in a number of countries other than India, viz., the USA, Canada, the UAE, Bahrain, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Iran, Nepal and Pakistan. He was the editor of Imkan (Monthly Urdu literary journal from Lucknow) and President, All India Urdu Rabita Committee.



He was also the former president of the Fakhruddin Ali Ahmad Memorial Committee, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh Urdu Academy.

He received many Awards and acclamation including UP Urdu Academy Award for Lifetime Contribution to Urdu Literature, Award for the promotion of Urdu language, MP Urdu Academy Award for Lifetime Contribution, Imtiaz-e-Mir and Iftikhar-e-Mir from the All India Mir Academy, Honour from the Khuda Baksh Library, Patna, Maekash Akbarabadi Award, Harivansh Rai Bachchan Award, Sufi Jamal Akhtar Award, Firaq Samman from the Aalami Urdu Conference, New Delhi, Momin Khan Momin Ghazal, Faqr-e-Urdu Award from the Osmania University Ex-Students' Association of



Hasan Chishti with Janab Malikzada Manzoor Ahmad (1988) at Ghalib Academy New Delhi - Courtesy: Dr. A.A. Barqi

Greater Chicago, Title of Sahitya Saraswat by Hindi Sammelan, Prayag.

Na Khauf-e-barq na Khauf-e-sharar lage hai mujhe
Khud apne bag ke phoolo se Dar lage hai mujhe
ajib dard ka rishta hai sari dunya main kahin ho jalta makan apna ghar lage hai

mujhe
mai ek jam hoon kis kis ke honTh tak pahnchoo
Gazab ki pyas liye har bashar lage hai mujhe
tarash leta hoon us se bhi aine "Manzoor"
kisi ke hath ka pathar agar lage hai mujhe

Iftexhar Shareef page



Deputy CM of Telangana State Mehmood Ali Sahab hosted dinner at his official residence for ATA President Sudhaker Perikari, Iftexhar Shareef, Damodar reddy, present where Rector All Saints brother Sha-jon Anthony, Mohammed Asaduddin son of Mohammed Azharuddin former India's Cricket captain and Masi Ullah general secretary greater Hyderabad TRS party.



Br. Imran after a detailed discussion with FBI Chief of Anti Terrorism, Chicago on Unanimous Muslim Opinion AGAINST ISIS.

Br. Imran with Janab, Ausaf Sayeed I.F.S., Chicago Counsel General of India and Janab Iftexhar Shareef, the first dual citizen of India and President and C.E.O. of many industries and companies

Glory of Hyderabad

May 15 th 2016 "Glory of Hyderabad" all day events at Shalimar Banquets, Addison, Illinois.

Enjoy Mushaira , Islamic Calligraphy by Siasat Daily , HyderAli Baig theater show s , Sufi music, Qawalis , community recognition Hyderabadi dinner and much more. Meeting held last night Headed by Honorable Consul general of India Dr Ausaf Sayeed , Farah Sayeed , Iftexhar Shareef , Mir Khan "Javed" , Dr Muzzafer Mirza , Iqbal Syed , Dr Ropani , Ashfaq Hussain Syed , Khalid /Tasleem Osmani , Syed Hussain , Ghazala , Anis Khan , Ateeq Ahmed , Shafakat Hussain , Sami of Naperville, and many more . VIP's invited from Hyderabadi . Wait for more information. Added value is to support Poor girls education in Aligarh and feed the hunger by Azhar Maqsusi of Dabeerpura HYDERABAD



Glory of Hyderabad celebration by Counsel General of India, at Chicago, on may 15th. 2016, poster release by ATA (American Telugu Association) meeting on May 1st 2016 at Tamarind Banquets , Naperville , Illinois by Mr Hanumanth Reddy ATA founder , Chandra Sheker Reddy conference Convener, Keerthi Ravoori, Krishna Mushyam Executive Director and many Telugu leadership , announcement was made in presence of 200 people . ATA is committed to attend and have a booth for upcoming ATA conference to be held from July 1st to July 3rd at Rosemont Convention Center . ATA conference will be attended by over 15,000 people from U.S and India . I am glad and honored to serve as Chairman Reception Committee . Third pic is from 2007 ATA conference at Detroit, attended by Keshav Roa garu who is present Member of Parliament and General Secretary of TRS party, along with me, Hanumanth Reddy Anna, Dr. Prem Sager Reddy of California and many others.



Iftexhar Shareef with Honorable MP K Kavitha Rao, at Merchandise Mart Plaza in Chicago downtown. Daughter of Telangana CM Chandrashekhar Rao, she is a Member of Parliament from Nizamabad Constituency 2014. She is the founder of Telangana Jagruthi. Telangana Jagruthi is a registered Non Governmental Organisation which was formed in 2008 with the primary mission of

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At a private live concert in Chicago from Left to Rt: 3rd from Left Mohammed Mazhar Ali Khan, Ibrahim Moosa, Shahid Lateef Sound Engineer, Puranlal Vyas famous tablist, Azeem A. Quadeer, Ataullah Shareef, Meena Kumari, Singer Sheena Dwivedi
Sitting: Aslam Sb Keyboard Player and Syed Ashraf Harmonium Player

Presenting an Enriching Cultural Gala to celebrate the “Glory of Hyderabad”

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Chicago IL: Presenting an enriching Cultural Gala under the patronage of The Consulate General of India, Dr. Ausaf Sayeed, to celebrate the “Glory of Hyderabad” on Sunday, May 15th, 2016 from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM at Shalimar Banquets, 280 W. North Ave, Addison, IL. Part of the proceeds of this event will benefit “Feed the Hungry” in Hyderabad and youth education programs in India.

The Gala will be a platform to experience, feel, and support the extraordinary artistic creativity of the Urdu and Arabic Calligraphy in India. The Siasat Urdu Daily of Hyderabad will showcase hundreds of art pieces of the calligraphy made by artists from India. These pieces will be available for sale during the event. The Calligraphy Exhibition will open for the guests at 11:00 AM. Mr. Zahid Ali Khan, Editor, Siasat Urdu Daily will be gracing the event.

Qadir Ali Baig Theatre Foundation, Hyderabad will presents two internationally acclaimed Theatrical Performances, “SPACES: Story of Hyderabad Haveli” (English; Duration 90 Minutes) at 2:00 PM, and “Quli: Dilon ka Shahzaada” (Urdu; Duration 65 minutes) at 4:30 PM. These extraordinary plays have been directed by Mohammed Ali Baig, a 2014 Padma Shree Award recipient for Art & Theatre. “SPACES” revolves around a question that most of us ask ourselves in any developing city or urban society across the globe: Do we define our space or does our space define us?

“QULI: Dilon ka Shahzaada” is based on the historic love-legend of the founder of the city of Hyderabad, prince Quli Qutub Shah and his beloved dancer-singer Bhagmati. With a blend of performing arts, embellished with Indian classical and shadow dances, period sets and costumes, the play takes audience back in time to the 17th century Indian kingdom of Golconda through a philosophical tale of true love.

Both plays “SPACES and Quli: Dilon ka Shahzaada have



been unanimously hailed as the “Indian Masterpieces” and “Mesmerizing” by the European and American media. These plays were the toast of prestigious theatre festivals and avenues in Canada, France, Turkey, UK, USA, and across India.

The evening will culminate at 6:00PM with a formal program including documentary on Hyderabad’s glorious past and present, award recognitions, followed by authentic Hyderabad dinner and Qawwali Extravaganza by a six member team of Riyaz Qawwals. In order to truly experience the Glory of Hyderabad, all guests are requested to

dress in the traditional Hyderabad attire.

Keepsake Program Book of the Glory of Hyderabad will be provided to each guest as a memento of this gala event and celebration. Due to limited seating capacity, guests are urged to purchase their tickets before it is sold out. Tickets can be purchased at <https://gloryofhyderabad.eventbrite.com>.

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Glory of Hyderabad



Please join us as we celebrate the *Glory of Hyderabad* under the patronage of
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by Siasat Newspaper (starts at 11AM)

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Chicago IL: Share a Smile Chicago, is a registered non-profit, charity organization with a 501C-3 status. It has a unique global vision to share and give back to the less privileged senior citizens by identifying those who are most vulnerable and underserved, first within the Greater-Chicago community, and then reaching out overseas. We hold a fundraiser every year to raise money to fund various projects that we endorse including our main benefactor - senior home called Sukhdham.

This year's annual fundraiser was held on April 22nd, 2016 at The Meadows Club, featuring "The Funny Indian" Rajiv Satyal, an Indian-American stand-up Comedian who created a sensation when his "I am Indian" video went viral in August 2014. Before this, he opened many shows for world famous comics like Russell Peters. His latest claim to fame is opening the show for the Prime Minister of India, Mr Narendra Modi in front of a crowd of 17000 people in San Jose, California last year.

The Opening act featured Chicago-born comedian, Azhar Usman. Usman obtained a law degree, but did not practice law after law school. Instead he started doing stand-up comedy and had the crowd roaring with laughter at his opening act.

Share-a-smile Chicago truly believes that "Great things are done through a series of small things brought together" "Keeping that in mind on a monthly basis they hold community gatherings for the seniors to socially engage, educate, foster communications with peers and simply to have fun !

They work with Barrington Area Council of Aging and support their Meals-on-wheels program to help deliver hot and nutritious meals to home bound seniors. They work in conjunction with Autumn Leaves - a senior Community serving people suffering from Alzheimer's and dementia.

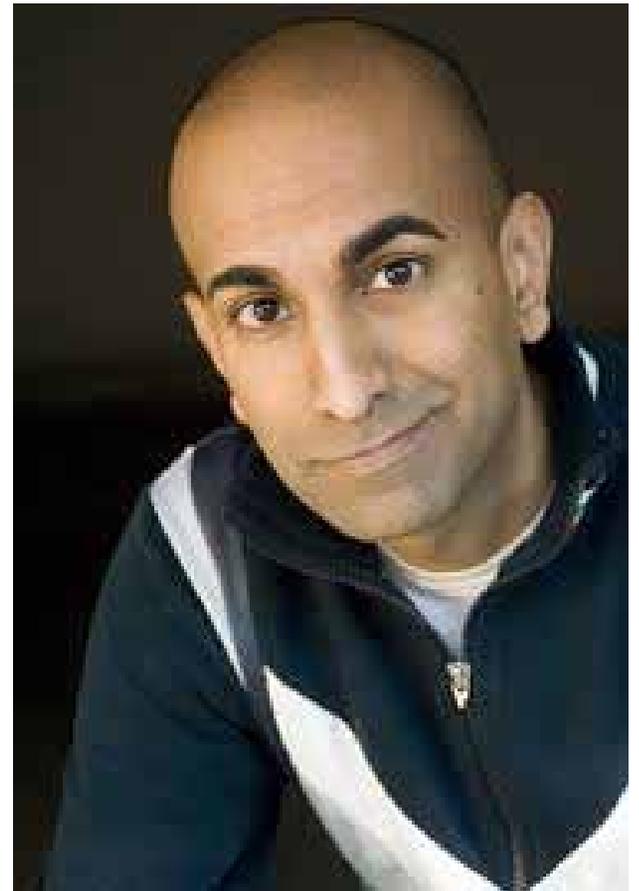
One of their major benefactors is "SUKHDDHAM" - which simply means a place of wellbeing. It houses seniors who have been abandoned by their families are housed, fed and their medical expenses are taken care of. It takes \$600 to support a senior for one year at this home.

This has been a landmark year for SASC. They also sent a container of essential supplies and goods to flood victims of Chennai, helped victims of domestic abuse and distributed coats to the homeless in Chicago. In March, they announced the launch of our SASC Naperville chapter started by a group of likeminded women and we applaud the Naperville community in embracing this cause with open arms!

The president Vandana Walia thanked all the volunteers and core SASC committee members who had worked hard to make this event happen and all the volunteers, sponsors and the Chairman Sushma Bhanot. The proceeds from this year's fundraiser will support these charity projects.

If you would like to get more information or to get involved please check out our website: www.shareasmile-chicago.org

The evening included a beautiful Ganesh Vandana dance



by Amy Verma, Devina Sharma and Ananya Sharma which was followed by a Latin dance performed by Aaron and Alissa from Fred Astaire Dance Studio. The audience enthusiastically participated in the silent auction which contained various donated gift basket items to raise funds that evening.

Prince secretly donated thousands to Afghan orphans, says charity

Prince was famous worldwide for his music and extravagant outfits, but he was also a secret philanthropist in war-torn Afghanistan, quietly donating thousands to Scout masters caring for young orphans, a charity told AFP Thursday.

The pop icon, who died suddenly last month at the age of 57, gave tens of thousands of dollars to Physiotherapy and Rehabilitative Support for Afghanistan (PARSA), an NGO supporting vulnerable women and children, according to its executive director.

His donations, facilitated by Seattle philanthropist Betty Tisdale, have funded training for 100 Scout masters now caring for some 2,000 children including orphans, the charity's Marnie Gustavson said.

The musician's secret interest in Afghanistan began after a visit to the country by Tisdale in 2010, Gustavson said.

Then 87, Tisdale, who died last year, was well known for her work with orphans in Vietnam, arranging for 200 to be airlifted out of the country after the fall of Saigon during the Vietnam War in 1975.

"She asked me what project would need a boost, and I told her about this old building we wanted to turn into a training centre for Scout masters," Gustavson told AFP.

"After she went home, she sent a check for \$15,000, completely unexpected.

"She told me it comes from Prince, he loves my work and I told him about your Scout programme, but do not tell anybody."

After the initial gift, the singer continued sending donations of \$6,000 per year, she said.



should be distributed.

Tisdale's charity HALO confirmed Thursday that the late benefactress had made donations to PARSA on behalf of Prince.

Prince's preference was "quiet philanthropy", Gustavson said - but in the wake of his sudden death she wanted to thank him by acknowledging his support publicly.

One of his generation's most prolific musicians, Prince died on April 21 at his Paisley Park estate outside Minneapolis.

The cause of death is still unknown, and investigators are examining whether he died of an opioid overdose.

He left no will and no instructions for how his fortune

Scouting was launched in Afghanistan under King Nader Shah in 1931, but largely fell apart after the Soviet invasion in 1979 and the near-constant decades of war that followed.

Following the fall of the Taliban regime in 2001, PARSA helped revive the movement, and created Scout troops in orphanages.

Despite Afghanistan's ongoing security issues, Scouts aged seven to 25 meet regularly for games, sports activities and services to the community.

Agence France-Presse

First Muslim mayor of London

LONDON: Sadiq Khan, the son of a Pakistani bus driver, became London's first Muslim mayor seeing off a Conservative challenger who attempted to link him to extremism and securing a much-needed victory for his opposition Labour Party. As New York mayor Bill de Blasio sent his congratulations, Khan had yet to receive official notification of his victory, which would go some way to soothing the wounds of Labour which suffered losses in Thursday's other local elections.

Dealt a crushing blow in Scotland, where it came third behind the Scottish National Party and Britain's ruling Conservatives, Labour did better than expected in England, saving its left-leaning leader from an early challenge.

But the big prize was the London mayor vote, which pitted Khan, 45, who grew up in public housing in inner city London, against Conservative Zac Goldsmith, 41, the son of a billionaire financier. A source close to the count said Khan could not now be beaten in the race.

Khan and Goldsmith, London mayoral candidates from different sides of the track

De Blasio said on Twitter: "Sending congratulations to London's new mayor and fellow affordable housing advocate, @SadiqKhan."

Khan's margin of victory looked set to be narrower than expected in a possible sign

that a bitter campaign marred by charges of anti-Semitism and extremism and charges of anti-Semitism in Labour ranks might have taken its toll.

The Labour lawmaker replaces Conservative Boris Johnson, who has run the city of 8.6 million people for eight years. A top campaigner for Britain to leave the EU, Johnson is seen as a contender to succeed David Cameron as party leader and prime minister.

The Conservatives were keen to keep hold of the post, which does not run the City of London financial district but has influence over government in lobbying for the capital. The mayor is responsible for areas such as policing, transport, housing and the environment.

Labour selects son of a Pakistani bus driver to stand for London mayor

Accusations

Khan held his lead in the opinion polls, despite accusations by Goldsmith that he has shared platforms with radical Muslim speakers and given "oxygen" to extremists.

Khan says he has fought extremism all his life and that he regrets sharing a stage with speakers who held "abhorrent" views.

The Labour Party accused Goldsmith and the ruling Conservative Party of smearing Khan. Goldsmith denied the charge, saying he had raised legitimate questions

over his opponent's judgment – but the tactics do seem to have backfired with some voters interviewed by Reuters saying they found the campaign "disgusting and slimy".

A Muslim mayor for London?

While fighting those charges, Khan, a former human rights lawyer, also distanced himself from the newly elected Labour leader, Jeremy Corbyn, after a row over anti-Semitism.

The Labour leader ordered an inquiry into charges of anti-Semitism after suspending Ken Livingstone, a political ally and a former London mayor, for saying Adolf Hitler had supported Zionism.

The impact of the crisis was difficult to gauge in the election of more than 2,700 local officials and new devolved authorities in Scotland and Wales. Compared to the last regional elections in 2011, Labour's share of the vote was down 9.2 per cent in Scotland and 7.6 per cent in Wales, allowing a strong showing for the anti-EU UK

Independence Party before a referendum on membership of the bloc on June 23. But, with fewer losses in England than



expected, Corbyn was able to rally enough support to prevent an early challenge.

Corbyn, who was elected as party leader last year on a wave of enthusiasm for change and an end to 'establishment politics' among mostly younger members, welcomed some of the results and said he would fight to re-establish Labour in Scotland.

"We hung on and we grew support in a lot of places," he said. But he did little to quell criticism of his leadership in a party which has moved from crisis to crisis, the latest a row over anti-Semitism forcing Corbyn to suspend Livingstone.

Richard Angell, director of Labour activist group Progress, said the party had to refocus on issues that concern voters. "Corbyn need to shake up his operation, kick out Ken Livingstone as a first step to nailing the anti-Semitism problem and focus on voter-friendly policy," he told Reuters.

Sania Mirza autobiography 'Ace Against Odds' to hit stands in July

Ace tennis star Sania Mirza has documented her journey to become the World No. 1 in the women's doubles rankings in an autobiography set for release this July, according to publishers Harper Collins.

Titled, 'Ace Against Odds,' the book has been penned by Mirza with her father Imran Mirza. "Sania's is an extraordinary achievement and her autobiography is as compelling as it is inspirational. We are privileged to be able to work with her on the book," says Karthika V K, Publisher

and Chief Editor, Harper Collins.

The 29-year-old sportswoman, who shot to fame at the age of 16 after winning the Wimbledon's Championships Girls' Doubles title, was ranked as India's No. 1 player by the Women's Tennis Association, both in singles and doubles circuits.

"I hope the book is a useful roadmap to guide the next generation of tennis players from India. If my story can inspire even one youngster to the heights of

winning a Grand Slam in the future, I will feel blessed," says Mirza. The autobiography chronicles her rise to the top, and is peppered with anecdotes where she talks about the difficulties and hardships as well as the joys and triumphs that came her way. Mirza, who announced her retirement from the singles circuit in 2012 underwent a remarkable transformation between August 2015 and March 2016, during which she pocketed 41 consecutive wins with her doubles partner Martina Hingis, and went on to become the World No. 1 in the Wom-



en's Doubles rankings.

The book also contains some memorable encounters of the player on and off the court and the people and relationships that have contributed to her growth as a person and a sportsperson.

The tennis star who is married to Pakistani cricketer Shoaib Malik is among the highest paid and high profile athletes in the country.

- See more at: <http://indianexpress.com/article/sports/tennis/sania-mirza-autobiography-ace-against-odds-to-hit-stands-in-july-tennis-2783871/#sthash.Vjug4oRC.dpuf>





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Indian-American couple face jail term for H-1B visa fraud

The US government has reportedly indicted an Indian American couple for running an H-1B visa-for-sale scheme. According to a report in ComputerWorld, the fraud scheme is said to have generated about \$20 million.

Raju Kosuri, 44, and his wife Smriti Jharia, 45, of Ashburn, Virginia, along with four co-conspirators fraudulently applied for over 800 illegal immigration benefits under the H-1B visa program for over a period of 15 years.

The indictment also alleges that Kosuri and Jharia conspired with a consultant named Raimondo Piluso to defraud the Small Business Administration, by submitting fraudulent HUBZone applications.

H1-B visa application cap reached within 5 days

If convicted, the couple, alongwith four co-conspirators, face jail term of 10 to 30 years.

This is not the first time that a fraud relating to H-1B visa has been discovered. In November last year, India American brothers were also found guilty of violating the law in a US federal court.

Atul Nanda, 46, and his brother, Jiten "Jay" Nanda, 44, have been accused of using H-1B workers to create a low-cost on-demand workforce. Nanda brothers had created an IT consulting firm Dibon Solutions. H-1B has become a raging debate in the race to the White House after Republican presidential frontrunner Donald Trump first criticized H-1B and then spoke in favour of giving visas to

highly skilled immigrants.

Indian IT companies such as TCS, Wipro, and Infosys are among the biggest users of H-1B visas, along with American giants such as Microsoft and Google that hire in India. In addition to 65,000 Congressional mandated H1-B visas, the US grants an additional 20,000 H-1B visas to those who get advanced degrees from a US educational institute.

Like the past three years, H-1B quota of 65,000 was exhausted within the first five days beginning April 1, highlighting the demand for IT and the shortage of skilled IT professionals in the US.

Antibiotics can also make you more prone to infection!

Antibiotics are essential for fighting bacterial infection, but, paradoxically, they can also make the body more prone to infection and diarrhoea by allowing gut pathogens to "breathe", says a study.

Antibiotics benefit pathogen growth by disrupting oxygen levels and fibre processing in the gut, the study said.

The findings, published in the journal Cell Host Microbe, could lead to development of new strategies to prevent the side effects of antibiotic treatment.

Exactly how the resident "good" microbes in the gut protect against pathogens, such as Salmonella, and how antibiotic treatments foster growth of disease-causing microbes have been poorly understood.

But the new research in a mouse model has identified the chain of events that occur within the gut lumen after antibiotic treatment that allow "bad" bugs to flourish.

The process begins with antibiotics depleting "good" bacteria in the gut, including those that breakdown fibre from vegetables to create butyrate, an essential organic acid that cells lining the large intestine need as an energy source to absorb water, said lead researcher Andreas Baumler, professor at University of California Davis Health System in the US.

The reduced ability to metabolise fibre prevents these cells from consuming oxygen, increasing oxygen levels in the gut lumen that favour the growth of Salmonella.

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Most persons infected with Salmonella develop diarrhoea, fever, and abdominal cramps 12 to 72 hours after infection, according to the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

"Unlike Clostridia and other beneficial microbes in the gut, which grow anaerobically, or



in the complete absence of oxygen, Salmonella flourished in the newly created oxygen-rich micro environment after antibiotic treatment," Baumler said.

"In essence, antibiotics enabled pathogens in the gut to breathe," Baumler noted.

Facebook rewards \$10K to a 10-year-old Finnish boy for hacking Instagram

A 10-year-old Finnish boy has received a USD 10,000 reward from Mark Zuckerberg for spotting a bug in Facebook-owned photo-sharing platform Instagram, becoming the youngest hacker to receive a cash reward from the social media giant for hacking its own products.

Despite the fact that he is too young to register an account on Instagram or Facebook, Jani, the Helsinki-based boy genius discovered that he could infiltrate Instagram and demonstrate the hack without even logging into an account.

According to Finnish publication Iltaalehti, Jani (whose last name has not been released) discovered that he could alter code on Instagram's servers to force delete users' comments and captions. "I would have

been able to eliminate anyone, even Justin Bieber," Jani told the publication.

A Facebook spokesperson told Forbes that the bug was fixed in late February and awarded Jani USD 10,000 in March.

According to the spokesperson, the loophole was found in a private application programming interface that was not checking whether the person deleting the comment was the same user who posted it.

The USD 10,000 prize is a part of Facebook's Bug Bounty programme that offers rewards to White Hat hackers and researchers who find bugs or glitches in their digital infrastructure, including Instagram, which is owned by Facebook.

The programme has reportedly received over 2,400 valid submissions since its launch five years ago and has awarded more than USD 4.3 million to over 800 researchers.

Jani is the youngest hacker to receive a cash reward from Facebook for hacking its products so far - a record previously set by a 13-year-old in 2013. He says he plans to spend his activist earnings on football and a new bicycle.

Jani says that he plans to make a career in



internet security. "It would be my dream job," he said.

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Nihal Bitla dies in Telangana

Hyderabad: Fifteen-year-old Nihal Bitla, India's first recognised Progeria patient breathed his last around 11.30 pm on Monday night at his native place in Telangana. Progeria or Hutchinson-Gilford Progeria Syndrome (HGPS) is an extremely rare genetic disorder characterised by premature aging symptoms and it affects 1 per 8 million births.

Nihal was regarded the face of research work and awareness programmes conducted across India as well as the ambassador of Finding The Next 60 campaign which was launched in association with Boston based Progeria Research Foundation (PRF) to locate children suffering from the across the country. Nihal, who lived with his two siblings and parents at suburban home of Bhiwandi, had travelled to his native place for a wedding ceremony.

Sources close to him, however, said that the climatic conditions in Telangana did not suit Nihal's weakening body and his condition started to deteriorate owing to dehydration on Monday evening. "The family immediately called for an ambulance but he fell unconscious on the way to the hospital and was pronounced dead," said a close family friend.

Nihal with Aamir Khan. Nihal had become quite a popular figure due to the Progeria awareness campaigns that he was part of. He had once said that it was his dream to meet actor Aamir Khan as he was a big fan and had loved his movie Taare Zameen Par. His dream came true in December when Aamir paid him a visit at his home.

The teenager was also an admirer of Asimo Robots and Lamborghini and was part of special events organised by both the companies. While the former gifted him one of the robots, he later fulfilled his wish of taking a ride in the car.



Members of Team Nihal, the team of professionals and experts working for the awareness of the disease said that while the death of Nihal has caused immense grief his admirers, it has also given them courage and will power to fight the condition.

Modi government is "a Presidential government without checks and balances", Shourie says

DELHI: In a strong attack, former Union minister Arun Shourie on Friday hit out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi accusing him of "narcissism" and of running a one-man "presidential government", the direction of which was "dangerous" for India. Shourie, a Cabinet minister in the Vajpayee government who has drifted away from BJP in recent years, called the Modi government "a presidential government without checks and balances" and said that the direction of the government under his supervision "is not good for India".

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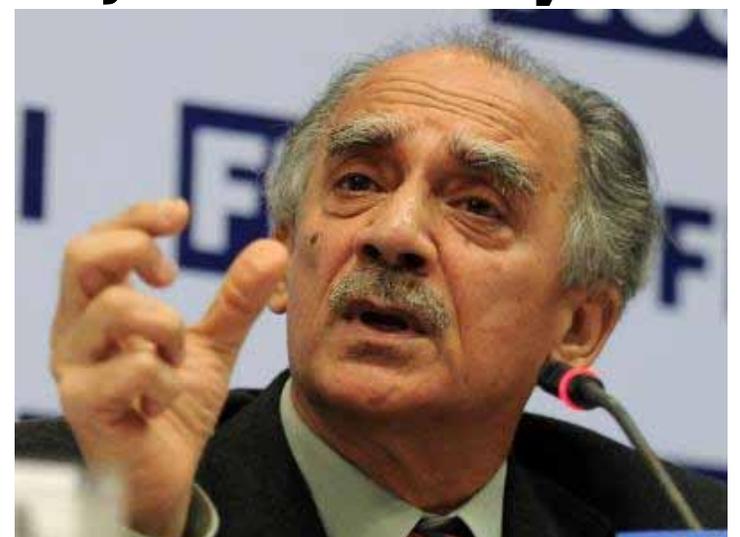
In a 40-minute interview to Karan Thapar for India Today TV's "To The Point" programme, he analyzed the two years of the Modi government and warned that over the next three years he expected "a more systematic attempt to curb civil liberties" and an increase in "decentralized intimidation" besides "choking" of "inconvenient voices".

Bracketing Modi with leaders like Indira Gandhi and Jayalalithaa, Shourie accused the prime minister of indulging in narcissism, which he described as both "self-love to an exaggerated extent and insecurity", and Machiavellism, which meant that he "exploits events to his benefit", according to a press release issued by the channel.

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show run by Congress and party. Everyone is looting, whatever he or she wanted. It is any time better that having only scams and fooling people. Pankaj Singh
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 The former minister, who has criticized Modi in the past also, said that the prime minister's "attitude to people is to use and throw them". He treats people "like paper napkins" and was "remorseless", he alleged. Asked about an impression that it was



his hurt pride and anger at not becoming finance minister that made him attack Modi, Shourie said "anybody who thinks like that thinks poorly of him. Let them think like that."

Fidel Castro gives rare speech saying he will soon die

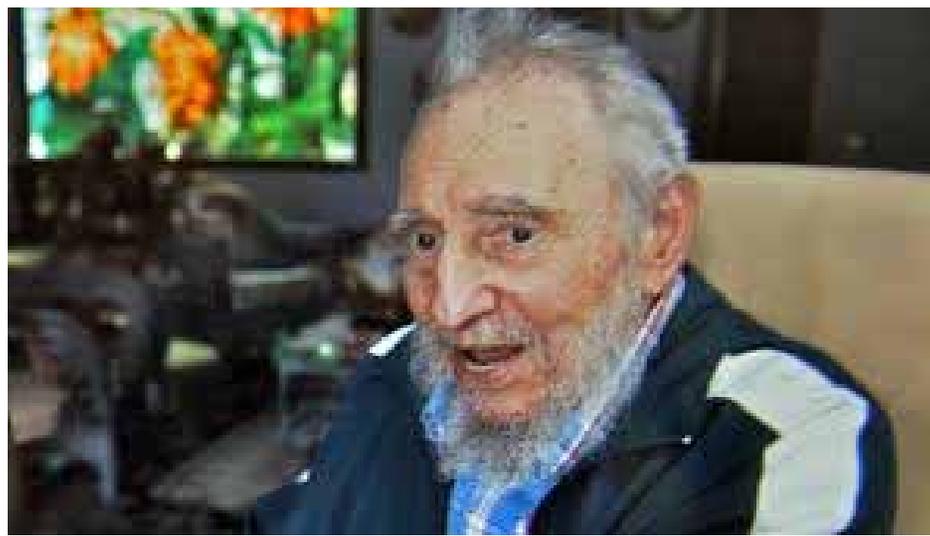
HAVANA (AP) — Cuban revolutionary leader Fidel Castro delivered a valedictory speech Tuesday to the Communist Party that he put in power a half-century ago, telling party members he will soon die and exhorting them to help his ideas survive.

“I’ll be 90 years old soon,” Castro said in his most extensive public appearance in years. “Soon I’ll be like all the others. The time will come for all of us, but the ideas of the Cuban Communists will remain as proof on this planet that if they are worked at with fervor and dignity, they can produce the material and cultural goods that human beings need, and we need to fight without a truce to obtain them.”

Castro spoke as the government announced that his brother Raul will retain the Cuban Communist Party’s highest post alongside his hardline second-in-command. That announcement and Fidel Castro’s speech together delivered a resounding message that the island’s revolutionary generation will remain in control even as its members age and die, relations with the U.S. are normalized, and popular dissatisfaction grows over the country’s economic performance.

Fifty-five years after Fidel Castro declared that Cuba’s revolution was socialist and began installing a single-party system and centrally planned economy, the Cuban government is battling a deep crisis of credibility.

With no memory of the revolution’s heady first decades, younger Cubans complain bitterly about low state salaries of about \$25 a month that leave them struggling to afford food and other staple goods. Cuba’s creaky state-run media and cultural institutions compete with flashy foreign programming shared online and on memory drives passed hand-to-hand.



Emigration to the United States and other countries has soared to one of its highest points since the revolution.

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Limited openings to private enterprise have stalled, and the government describes capitalism as a threat even as it appears unable to increase productivity in Cuba’s inefficient, theft-plagued networks of state-run enterprises.

The ideological gulf between government and people widened last month when President Barack Obama became the first U.S. leader to visit Cuba in nearly 90 years and delivered a widely praised speech live on state television urging Cubans to forget the history of hostility between the U.S. and Cuba and move toward a new era of normal diplomatic and economic relations.

The Cuban government offered little unified response until the Communist Party’s Seventh Party Congress began Saturday, and one high-ranking official after another warned that the U.S. was still an enemy that wants to take control of Cuba. They said Obama’s trip represented an ideologi-

cal “attack.”

That defensive stance was reinforced Tuesday as the congress ended and the government said Raul Castro, 84, would remain the party’s first secretary and Jose Ramon Machado Ventura would hold the post of second secretary for at least part of a second five-year term.

Castro currently is both president and party first secretary. The decision means Castro could hold a Communist Party position at least as powerful as the presidency even after he is presumably replaced by a younger president in 2018.

Machado Ventura, 85, who fought alongside the Castro brothers to overthrow dictator Fulgencio Batista in 1959, is known as an enforcer of Communist orthodoxy and voice against some of the biggest recent economic reforms.

He often has been employed by the Castros to impose order in areas seen as lacking discipline, most recently touring the country to crack down on private sellers of fruits, vegetables and other agricultural goods. While Raul Castro opened Cuba’s

faltering agricultural economy to private enterprise, the government has blamed a new class of private farmers and produce merchants for a rise in prices.

Shortly after the congress ended Tuesday afternoon, government-run television showed rare images of 89-year-old Fidel Castro seated at the dais in Havana’s Convention Palace, dressed in a plaid shirt and sweat top and speaking to the crowd in a strong if occasionally trembling voice. State television showed at least one delegate tearful with emotion, and the crowd greeting the revolutionary leader with shouts of “Fidel!”

“This may be one of the last times I speak in this room,” Fidel Castro said. “We must tell our brothers in Latin America and the world that the Cuban people will be victorious.”

The party congress had been criticized for secrecy and a lack of discussion about substantive new reforms. Castro’s speech and his brother’s promise that more extensive public debate would come in the weeks and months after the congress appeared to have at least temporarily quelled discontent among the party ranks.

“The Cuban people are followers of Fidel and he’s a force that still has a lot of power,” said Francisco Rodríguez, a party member who had publicly criticized the secrecy of the congress. “It’s easy to love Fidel now that he doesn’t have a public position. He’s a person who always had a coherent idea and that makes him an exalted figure.”

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AP writer Andrea Rodriguez contributed to this report.

Apple sees huge market potential in India: CEO Tim Cook

New York: Apple sees a “huge market potential” for its products in India and the technology giant is “really putting energy” in the country which will begin rolling out high-speed wireless networks this year, CEO Tim Cook said. “This is another huge one. India will be the most populous country in the world in 2022. India today has about 50 per cent of their population at 25 years of age or younger. It’s a very young country. People really want smartphones there, really want smartphones,” Cook said in a CNBC interview.

He said in emerging markets like India, LTE (wireless) penetration is currently “zero” but as LTE begins to roll out this year in the country, the dynamics will change. “And so that’s changing. Huge market potential,” he said in response to a question about the Indian market for Apple. Cook said the company has got “great innovation” in the pipeline and new

iPhones that will attract people in markets like India.

Cook said in countries like India, Apple penetration has been less since there is no LTE networks. “What I see is that countries like India, no LTE, so 0 per cent penetration. They are selling smartphones, and we sell iPhone there. But arguably you can’t get the full value from it,” he said adding that retailers in markets like India are not “huge national kind of retailers. “And the carriers don’t sell phones in India. So there’s a lot of work to do,” he said.

While sales for Apple in China, its second-largest market after the United States, fell 11 per cent in the latest quarter, in India iPhone sales were up 56 per cent from a year ago. Noting the growth registered by Apple in India, Cook said “this is pretty big”.

He said Apple is “now...really putting energy in India” as well as in other markets across the world “where I think that people sitting here in this country look at it through just a lens of what’s happening in the United States. And but there are a lot of people in the world who don’t have the pleasure of owning an iPhone yet.”

Apple had last week announced financial results for its fiscal 2016 second quarter ended March 26, 2016. The company posted quarterly revenue of USD 50.6 billion, down from USD 58 billion in the year-ago quarter. Its quarterly net income stood at USD 10.5 billion, a decline from USD 13.6 billion in the same period last year.

In a conference call following the results,



Cook had said network infrastructure and retail remain among Apple’s main challenges in India, with the market there today being where China was seven to ten years ago. Cook had said while India is the third-largest smartphone market in the world, it is dominated by “low-end” smartphones primarily because of the network and the economics due to which “the market potential has not been as great there”.

Young Saudi Prince, 30, Is So Powerful He's Called 'Mr Everything'



Riyadh: Saudi Arabia's hard-charging Deputy Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman holds unusual power for a man of just 30, so much so that diplomats have nicknamed him "Mr Everything".

Set to announce Monday a major programme to restructure the kingdom's oil-dependent economy, the son of King Salman

has risen to among Saudi Arabia's most influential figures since being named second-in-line to the throne last year.

Prince Mohammed, seen as the standard-bearer for a new generation of Saudi royals, is in charge not only of the country's economic policy but also the military as defence minister.

The prince has amassed "extraordinary power and influence very quickly" since his father took the throne last year after the death of King Abdullah, said Frederic Wehrey of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington.

"He's clearly very bright, very intelligent, very on top of all his briefs" and has

significant influence on the 80-year-old monarch, one Western diplomat said.

Among his key positions is as chair of the Council of Economic and Development Affairs, set up last year to oversee the economy.

Mohammed also chairs a body overseeing state oil giant Saudi Aramco.

As defence minister the prince has spearheaded the kingdom's military intervention in Yemen, where a Saudi-led coalition 13 months ago launched air strikes against Iran-backed rebels in support of the embattled government.

In a profile and interview released earlier this month, Bloomberg Businessweek said the prince works 16-hour days and draws inspiration from the writings of

Winston Churchill and Sun Tzu's "The Art of War". the country hope he will be a social reformer.

It was the latest interview in which the prince has spoken at length about economic plans for the kingdom, where officials are traditionally tight-lipped.

A law graduate from Riyadh's King Saud University, the dark-bearded prince with a receding hairline is the father of two boys and two girls and — unlike other members of the royal family — has only married once.

He told Bloomberg that although Islam allows for multiple marriages, modern life does not leave the time.

While Mohammed has been careful not to challenge Saudi Arabia's conservative traditions and powerful clerics, some in

Mohammed spent years working for his father when he was governor of Riyadh and from 2013 after Salman was named crown prince.

"He has a reputation for being aggressive and ambitious," Bruce Riedel, a former Central Intelligence Agency officer who directs the Brookings Intelligence Project in Washington, has said.

His relationships with other members of the royal court are unclear and observers last year pointed to an emerging power struggle between Prince Mohammed and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Nayef, 56, the interior minister and first-in-line to the throne.

'This is Naya Pakistan': PM announces international airport for Bannu

PESHAWAR: Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif announced the establishment of an international airport in Bannu, alongside other development projects in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) on Tuesday.

"We will build an international airport in Bannu," the premier told a cheering crowd. "Repeat with me: This is 'Naya Pakistan,'" he hit out at the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) with their oft-repeated slogan.

In an address ostensibly aimed at wooing voters away from the ruling party in KP, Nawaz announced uplift projects for the province and lashed out at the PTI as both parties continue to trade barbs over Panamagate.

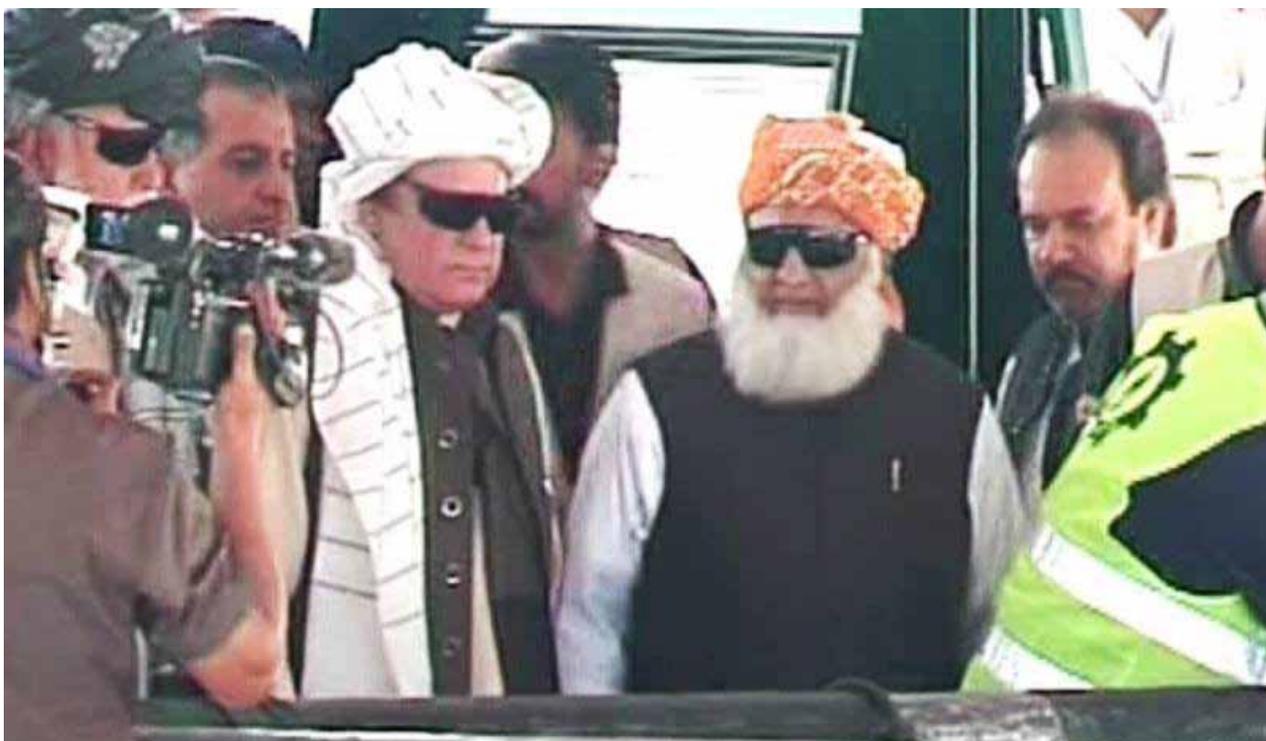
A war of words between opposition leaders and the government has escalated over the past few weeks, with some opposition parties holding anti-corruption rallies and calling for the PM's resignation over allegations of corruption after the Panama Papers revealed the Sharif family's offshore holdings.

PM Nawaz and JUI-F chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman in Bannu. DawnNews
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Nawaz aggressively hit out at the PTI at the joint press conference alongside JUI-F chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman who last week assured the premier of his party's all-out support in the wake of Panama leaks crisis.

"I wanted to see 'Naya Pakistan' but I was disappointed," he told his audience. "Where is 'Naya Pakhtunkhwa? When I go to Peshawar, Mansehra, Shinkiar and other parts of KP, I don't see it. When I come to Bannu, I see old roads, old buildings, old schools, old hospitals."

"Two years they cried about 'dhandli' and took out protests," he said, without naming the PTI. "When the case



went to the Supreme Court (SC), which ruled there had been no rigging in the elections, it was a slap to their faces but they didn't even apologise," Nawaz thundered.

"They are making the same baseless allegations... If corruption of even one penny is proven, I will go home," he said.

"We will build a new Bannu," he assured the crowd. "It is not our government, but we are here to serve you," he said, adding, "They are not doing anything."

The premier, however, fumbled as he announced uplift projects for the province and had to be prompted on multiple occasions.

"The first part of this project..." he began. "What was it? Pardon me."

Nawaz recovered from the initial setback quickly and went on to announce a series of infrastructural and power projects for KP, including a university in Lakki Marwat, development of the Baran Dam in Bannu, an electricity transmission project for Bannu and reparation of the Indus Highway from Rangeela to Dera Ismail Khan.

The PM's visit to Bannu comes a day after he announced the National Health Programme for 76,000 families in Balochistan, as well as other development projects in the province. Days earlier, the PM paid a visit to Mansehra where he also announced uplift projects.

India Buys French Fighter Jet With a Whopping Pricetag

India has agreed to buy a slew of advanced fighter jets from France. The deal, worth \$8.8 billion, will provide India with 36 Rafale multi-role fighters for a staggering average cost of \$244 million each.

The Dassault Rafale was conceived in the early 1980s to be one multi-role fighter that could replace six different fighter and attack aircraft. The plane is almost completely French, with fuselage, avionics, engines and weapons all made in that country. Rafales have flown in combat in Afghanistan, Libya, Mali and Iraq. France operates 140 Rafales including the Rafale M, a navy version of the fighter featuring strengthened landing gear and a tail hook for use on aircraft carriers.

Although relatively small compared to planes like the Eurofighter Typhoon and F-22 Raptor, Rafale packs a



powerful punch. Twelve wing-mounted hard points can carry a combination of air-to-air missiles, air-to-ground missiles, sensors, and drop tanks. Despite the fact that the Rafale is now a 30-year-old design, upgrades such as the RBE2 AA active electronic scanning array (AESA) radar, Damocles targeting pod, Meteor air-to-air missiles, and SCALP cruise missiles have kept the design competitive

with other so-called "4+ generation" fighters.

Still, \$244 million per aircraft is a lot of money. Why does Rafale cost so much? Exchange rates almost certainly play a role. And in addition to the plane itself, there's also a need for support and maintenance equipment and munitions. Part of the problem with Rafale is that aside from Paveway laser-guided bombs, it uses mostly French weapons that are incompatible with the rest of India's stockpile.

India is only the third international customer for Rafale. While the fighter has been on the market for decades, Rafale's first overseas sale happened just recently when Qatar bought 24 planes and Egypt followed shortly thereafter. Rafale will be a strong candidate to replace Canada's aging F/A-18 Hornet fighters when those need to retire.

Will buy F-16 fighter jets from others if US fails to deliver: Pakistan

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Islamabad: Pakistan on Tuesday said it will buy F-16 jets from other countries if the US failed to provide agreed funds, amid reports that the State Department expressed



inability to fund the USD 700 million deal with American tax payers' money.

Prime Minister's advisor on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz said that the Congressional blockade may force it to turn to other countries.

"Pakistan will buy F-16s from some other country if funding (from US) is not arranged," Aziz said at a seminar. The two nations had agreed on USD 700 million deal under which Pakistan was to pay USD 270 million from its national funds to purchase eight F-16s while the US was supposed to finance the rest of the amount from its Foreign Military Financing (FMF) fund.

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But Congress has refused to approve the funding, leaving the deal in limbo, as cash-starved Pakistan may not be able to make the entire payment.

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clear that they would not allow the Obama administration to use US funds for the deal.

Last Friday, a State Department official said Congress had placed a hold on the deal, forbidding the administration from using US funds for enabling Pakistan to buy the planes.

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And yesterday, the department confirmed that Pakistan will have to use its own funds if it wants the planes. Aziz said F-16s was an effective tool to fight militancy and it can be replaced by JF-17 Thunder jets, locally produced.

He expressed concern at the growing military power of India and said if it isn't checked, Pakistan will be "forced to increase its strategic power" too.

"The international community should avoid steps which may disturb the strategic balance in South Asia," he said.

Pakistan forms special force for security of Chinese nationals

Punjab government has decided to evolve a special force for the protection of the Chinese working in the province of 10 million people.

A soldier secure an area as other troops move toward a forward base during a military operation in Pakistan. (Photo: AP, representational image)

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Lahore: Pakistan is readying a special force of 4,000 security personnel to protect Chinese nationals working at various projects in Punjab province, including the strategic USD 46 billion economic corridor project.

Already more than 17,000 security personnel from the army and other security forces have been engaged to ensure foolproof security of Chinese nationals working across the country on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects that will give the Communist giant access to the Arabian Sea.

The ambitious 3,000-kilometre CPEC project was launched last year to link western China to southern Pakistan through a network of roads, railways and pipelines.

The Punjab government has decided to evolve a special force for the protection of the Chinese working in the province of 10 million people.

"We are recruiting over 4,000 security personnel for the protection of Chinese nationals working at various projects in Punjab," Inspector General of Punjab Police Mushtaq Ahmad Sukhera said.

Sukhera further said providing protection to the Chinese is in the national interest and the Punjab police will do so at any cost. "The force will be trained and equipped to perform its duty to the best of its ability," he said.

"The training of new force members has begun and will be

completed within six months. The first batch of the force will pass out on September 15 and deployed at 16 projects for the security of Chinese," IGP said adding the recruitment process of around 600 retired army men is also near completion who will also be deployed for the protection of foreigners here.





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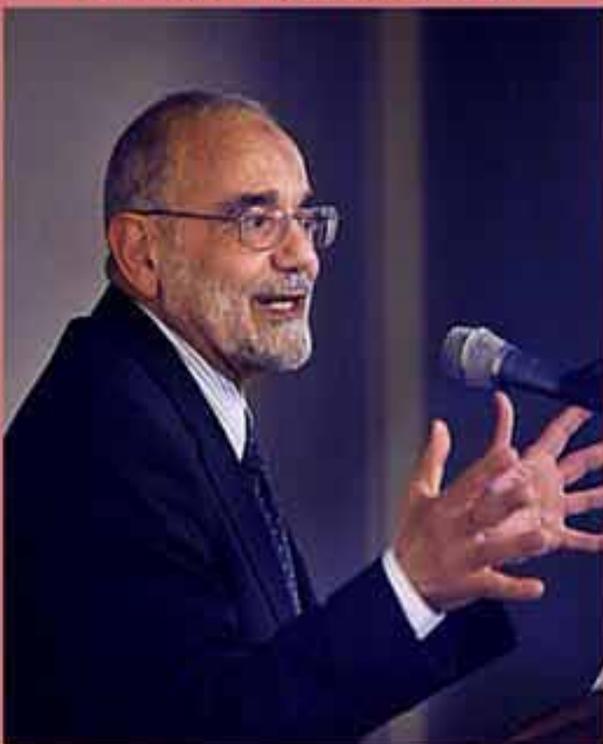
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Baaghi Movie Review

STORY: Ronnie (Tiger Shroff) and Siya (Shraddha Kapoor) are born rebels who fall in love amidst the refreshing green forests and serene lakes. Their love story is picture-perfect until Raghav (Sudheer Babu) is smitten by Siya. He feels his fieriness has found a fitting match. The men unleash the brutal side and battle it out to win their lady love.

REVIEW: It would've been more appropriate to let the

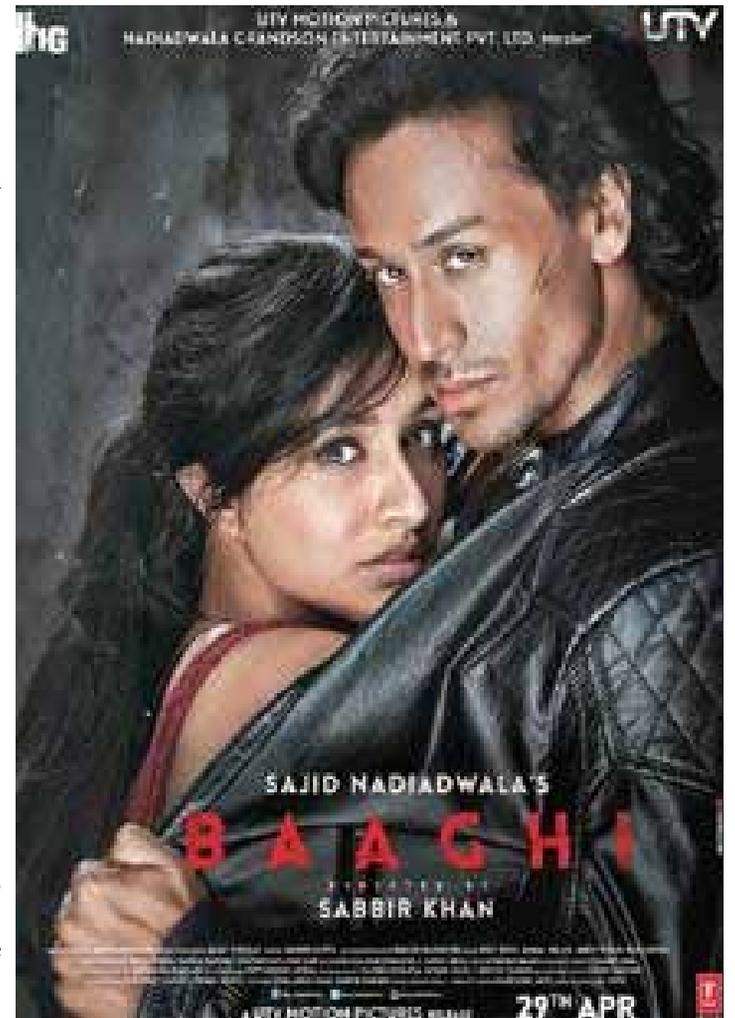


film's tagline read - Rebels without a cause. "Baaghi bano par ek maqsad ke liye," says a Kalaripayattu guru to Tiger in the film. But the 'maqsad' doesn't make its way into the screenplay. The film is singularly dull and devoid of logic with nearly no spark between the leads. Shraddha and Tiger are earnest and director Sabbir Khan's efforts show, but the focus is not on making a good film. Just winsome action suffices for the makers.

It is difficult to root for the characters even as the actors score. Tiger's back flips may make you cheer and his stunts have gotten dishier since Heropanti, but that's about it. He does his best to bring forth the rage of an impassioned lover but clearly he romances Kalaripayattu more than Shraddha. His stunts are more sensuous than his kisses. As Tiger lures us with his badass moves, Shraddha looks luminous in every frame and takes us by surprise when she slays professional fighters. But their love story never rings true. Unspooling over a string of melodious songs, they get little scope to conjure up an affair to remember. Her giggles and his impish smile, their rain dances and cute pecks are effective but don't go a long way in benefiting the plot.

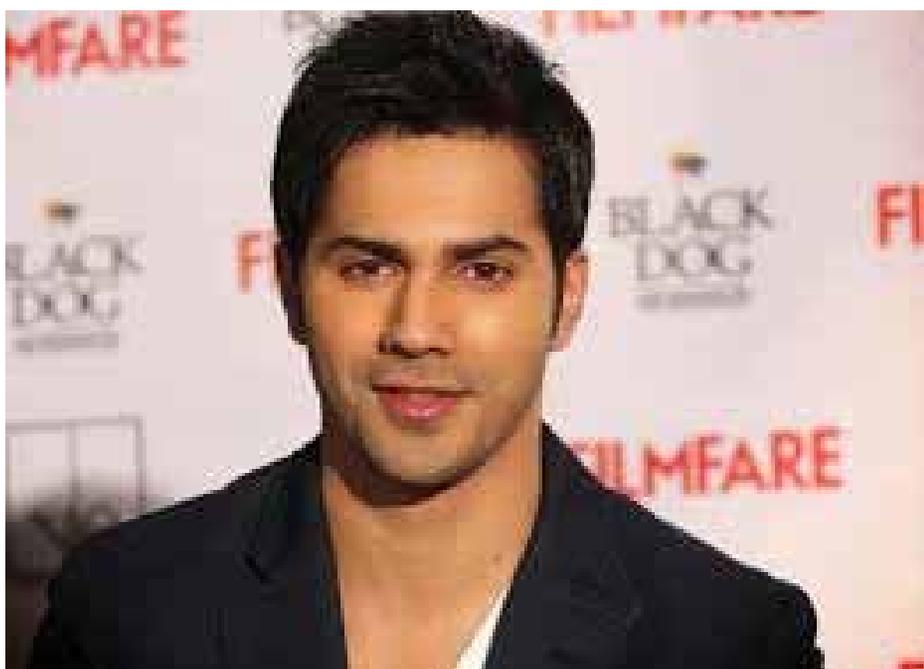
This is by no means a terrible film but the actioner, that attempts to find support in a threadbare story, is far from riveting. The screenplay fails validate the cause of their rebellion.

Baaghi blooms only during the fights but by the time the



clock ticks towards the climax, you are exhausted. How much can you hoot for broken necks and crushed bones? You could try finding thrill in Tiger's kicks but the film has nothing more to offer.

Varun to start Judwaa 2 by end-2016



Varun Dhawan to star in his father's film is a big responsibility. And to fit into the shoes of Salman Khan, even bigger. But the actor is kicked about being a part of the sequel of 'Judwaa'. Varun has 'Dishoom' up for release this year and after its release, he will start shooting for this film. A source tells us, "The first part of the film was humungously famous and hence, writing a sequel to something so popular is challenging. The writers are trying to find better punchlines, more effortless comic scenes that will suit Varun. His mannerisms are very different from Salman's and so the humour, too, will be in a different space."

So far, the target fro the script is June and the film will start rolling after September. Varun will have enough time to prep up for his characters. While the story is underway, Varun will start Shashank Khaitan's next 'Badrinath Ki Dulhaniya' with Alia Bhatt.

Salman Khan, Anushka Sharma begin 'Sultan' shoot in Ludhiana



After wrapping up the schedule in Muzafarnagar of Uttar Pradesh recently, Bollywood superstar Salman Khan along with co-actor Anushka Sharma started shooting for 'Sultan' in Punjab on Tuesday (May 3). The shoot is being held in villages Narangwal and Kila Raipur of Ludhiana. Some sequences will also be shot in Doraha. Interestingly, few months back superstar Aamir Khan also shot in the Narangwal and Kila Raipur for his upcoming flick 'Dangal'.

Also read: Salman Khan, Anushka Sharma in Punjab for Sultan, enjoy 'organic tamtar' However, unlike Aamir Khan who frankly met his fans and obliged them for photographs in the hotel where he was putting up for almost three months, the visit of Salman Khan has been kept entirely under the wraps.

A source from the high end hotel where

Salman is putting up told The Indian Express, "Salman Khan and his team arrived in the hotel Sunday late. The entire schedule details are extremely confidential. His timings of moving to the shoot locations are also confidential and kept secret even from the hotel staff. He has strictly ordered his staff not to entertain any appointment requests."

Contrary to this, Aamir Khan during his stay in Ludhiana held various meetings with deputy commissioner, police commissioner, various industrialists and artists from Punjabi film industry.

Salman Khan is expected to end Punjab leg of 'Sultan' shooting by May 9.

- See more at: <http://indianexpress.com/article/entertainment/bollywood/salman-khan-anushka-sharma-begin-sultan-shoot-in-ludhiana-2783488/#sthash.nGkEahTf.dpuf>

Tipu Sultan: The Great Warrior and Ruler of India



Tipu Sultan prominently called as Tiger of Mysore was a legendary ruler of Mysore kingdom. He did not only oppose British in south India but also effectively challenged them in their advancement towards capturing south Indian states. Till whole of his life he succeeded in keeping them away from whole south India. At that time of history he was the only Indian ruler who had courage and conviction to face mighty British. He defeated British army in first and second Anglo- Mysore wars during the times of his father Hyder Ali. He was so much dreaded to British that he dictated terms to the British in Treaty of Madras and Mangalore respectively. Born on 20 November 1750 at Devanahalli (Bangalore), Tipu Sultan remained loyal to Indian soil and never tried to bargain his freedom from British as some of the rulers did in those times. Tipu Sultan was not only a warrior, commander, fighter and man of words but was also an effective administrator and reformer. He died fighting British at Srirangapatnam on 04 May 1799. His 217th death anniversary is falling on 04 May 2016 and it is time when we should not only pay him lip services but honestly analyse his whole life span and struggles to save the honour of his motherland. The befitting tribute to the legendary ruler will be to judge him by his services and deeds as unfortunately myths have over run on history as far as this great ruler is concerned.

Tipu Sultan had developed such a modern war technology which has been discussed and recognized by his adversaries like his enemies Britishers. He was the first Indian king who had organised Rocket Artillery Brigade which was known at that time as Cushoon. He increased number of servicemen in the various cushoon's from 1500 to 5000. It is well documented how his rocket technology was later on developed by the British who successfully used it during the war with Napoleon. Tipu Sultan expanded use of rockets making critical innovations in the rocket themselves and the military logistics of their use. He deployed as many as 1200 troops in his army to operate rocket launchers who were skilled in operating the weapons and were trained to launch their rockets

at an angle from the diameter of the cylinder and the distance to the target. The rockets had blades attached to them and could wreck damage when fired against a large army. The rockets deployed by Tipu Sultan during the battle of Pollilur were much more advanced from those the British East India Company had ever seen.

In 1786, Tipu Sultan decided to build a navy consisting of 20 battleships of 72 cannons and 20 frigates of 62 cannons. In 1790, he appointed Kamaluddin as his Mir Bahr and established massive dockyards at Jamalabad and Majidabad. The board of admiralty of Tipu Sultan consisted 11 Commanders under service of Mirs Yam. A Mirs Yam led 30 commanders and each one of them had two ships under him. Most of the ships of Tipu Sultan had copper bottoms, a modern innovation later on developed by Admiral Suffren.

Tipu Sultan was following an advance foreign policy. It should be kept in mind that both Tipu Sultan and his father Hyder Ali were independent rulers of Mysore but they were following some degree of loyalty to then Mughal Emperor Shah Alam II. It indicates that both Hyder Ali and Tipu Sultan were much more interested in a centralized governance and following customs. History records that just after his coronation, Tipu Sultan approached Mughal emperor for recognition but as Nizam Ali Khan, the then Nizam of Hyderabad was hostile towards him, Tipu Sultan failed to receive favours from Mughal Court. On the other hand Nizam of Hyderabad claimed on Mysore. So Tipu Sultan disappointed and he began establishing contacts with other rulers.

Just imagine the loyalty of Tipu Sultan to his country at large, India, that when eunuch Ghulam Qadir blinded Shah Alam II on 10 August 1788, Tipu Sultan was broken into tears. Tipu Sultan also established contacts with Afghan ruler Zaman Shah Durrani for defeating British and the talks were handed towards positive direction but due to Persian attack on western borders of Afghanistan, army of Zaman Shah were diverted and so the plan of joint

Tipu -Afghan operation against British collapsed.

History indicates that Tipu Sultan was following all established norms of his time. Perhaps due to that he sent an ambassador to Ottoman capital Istanbul requesting Ottoman Sultan Abdul Hamid - I to send an urgent assistance against the British East India Company. His religious sentiments may be also understood from the facts that he sought permission from Ottoman Sultan to maintain Islamic holy religious places like Mecca, Madina, Najaf and Karbala. But at that time Ottoman were themselves under crisis and had just overcome the fall out of Austro-Ottoman War. So that plan went into dustbin.

Tipu Sultan was standing on a cross road of history. Wherever he approached to defend India to anybody, roadblocks came. He sought support from French but at that time French Revolution broke out and the ruling French family Bourbon was executed and the country went into chaos. So here also he failed to get any support. His foreign policy may be understood by the fact that in February 1798, Napoleon himself wrote a letter to him appropriating his efforts resisting British attempts of annexation of Mysore. It is another story that this letter never reached on doors of Tipu Sultan as a British spy seized it in Muscat. The idea of Napoleon - Tipu Sultan alliance alarmed the British Governor General Sir Richard Wellesley and so he decided for the final war with Mysore kingdom. On the other hand just imagine the socio-political map of Indian sub continent, if Tipu Sultan - Napoleon alliance may have become a reality?

Tipu Sultan was also a lover of academics and languages. He launched massive educational campaigns in Urdu and Persian in Mysore region. It is very interesting to note that Muslims of North Karnataka speak Nawayathi while of South region speak Beary and Muslims of Kodagu speak Kodava. The main aim of Tipu Sultan was to unite his masses under one or two languages that is Urdu and Persian. It is also well documented that he declared Persian as his official language of Mysore Kingdom.

Tipu Sultan was a great administrator too. His correspondence with his officials indicate that he had full grip upon the administration of Mysore kingdom. He used to send detailed instructions to them. He even borrowed good points of administration from west which was a rarity in those times. During his reign he considerably increased trade and commerce. Some of the analysts believe that Tipu Sultan was the first Indian king who abolished feudal system in Mysore. History records his novel methods of revenue collection and judicial system and his many innovations like new scales of weights and measures, reforms in coinage and calendars, banking and finance.

Tipu Sultan was a secular ruler. His administration was running on the Judicial systems which was most modern in those days. Though there are some historians who have tried to communalise him but in fact the reality is otherwise. Every ruler, under kingship or democracy, confronts those who oppose him or try to de-throne him. Tipu Sultan never fought against his own people but it is true that he crushed those elements who tried to disturb his administration and break Mysore kingdom.

The attempts of a few British historians to depict Tipu as communal are highly erroneous. Tipu was just and fair to all. His appointment of numerous Hindus to high offices and his grants and gifts to Hindu temples and Brahmins falsify the wrong accusation that Tipu as intolerant.

Tipu Sultan not only gave grants and money to the temples owned by the Hindus but he also granted them complete religious freedom. All non-Muslims, Hindus and Christians alike, were free to follow their own religion.

But like a modern enlighten ruler he was not in favour of inhuman and unnatural rites and ritual. He introduced social reforms both among Hindus and Muslims. In the words of Mohd Ilyas Nadvi: "In this direction on the one hand where he imposed strict ban on the non sensible and anti Islamic practices among the Muslims, he also sternly abolished all such ridiculous practices among the Hindus. In those days some Hindu women in Sultanate Khudadad used to have four or more husbands and they had a matriarchal society which was strictly banned by him. The women folk from Malabar used to roam topless in the market. He opposed it. In some temples, particularly the temple of Kali of Mysore human sacrifices was made to please God and deities. He imposed a blanket ban on it. Slavery was prevented among Hindus. Hindu women were auctioned in markets in big cities. Maids used to be kept in houses to satisfy their sexual lusts. A royal decree was passed which made slavery unlawful. Custom was prevalent among the Hindu women in Coorg that only the eldest son of the family was permitted to marry a women who used to become the wife of his brothers. He imposed a ban on it also."

These were reasons that Hindu majority stood by his side until his martyrdom on 4th May 1799. The day Sultan met his martyrdom; several bodies of Hindu women including young girls were found lying around the Sultan's body. Even the British officers were stupefied to observe such dedication and intense affection of the Hindu populace towards a Muslim ruler. When the Sultan's funeral procession was being taken along, Hindu women were weeping bitterly and smearing their heads with mud. When the capital was besieged, several Brahmins observed a day long fast according to their religious rites seeking the Sultan's victory.

Tipu Sultan had built up a different administrative system which was accountable to deliver justice to masses. He was first Indian ruler who combined eastern and western administrative systems. Even his adversaries have admitted that Edward More, the British Captain who invaded Mysore in the Third Mysore War observed, "when a person



travelling through a strange country finds it well cultivated, populous with industrious inhabitants, cities, expanding commerce and everything flourishing so as to indicate happiness he will naturally conclude to be under a form of governance which is pro-public. "If this is view of his bitter enemy then there is no iota of doubt that Tipu Sultan was delivering justice to his people by his able administration. Just glance over what famous economist, James Miller has said, "He (Tipu Sultan) had the discernment to perceive what is so generally hidden from eyes of rulers in a more enlightened state of society, that it is prosperity of those who labour with their hands which constitutes the principal cause of the prosperity of the state of Mysore."

But Tipu Sultan has not received due recognition in Indian history because he was die hard British enemy and the Britisher tried every trick to damage his personality. Unfortunately, in post independent India also the Democratic governments failed to take up corrective steps.

Have we forgotten that our own missile man, former President of India APJ Abul Kalam had said that, "Tipu Sultan is founder of missile technology in India." In fact he meant that India has developed its missile technology on the basis of rocket technology of Tipu Sultan which was unknown in those days.

It is high time when our present rulers should recognize the importance and greatness of Tipu Sultan and give him his due place. The government should not only name some important buildings and roads after him but also establish research institutes or Tipu Sultan Chairs in central universities to study and conduct research on the contribution. Tipu Sultan has enhanced India's technology and loved country and its masses. Since he had established very effective naval force and used missiles also, big naval ships and some missiles should also be named after him. It is also required that historians should pursue the studies relating to him more seriously and honestly, so that the British propaganda against him is properly countered.

Courtesy: 'Muslim Mirror'

Rajya Sabha: Hamid Ansari accepts Vijay Mallya's resignation

Mallya's resignation letter was rejected Tuesday on procedural grounds. His signature was scanned, but it did not satisfy the rules. On Wednesday, he sent a fresh letter which was accepted. Announcing the decision in the House, Deputy Chairman P J Kurien said a resignation letter of Mallya, dated May 3, was received by the Chairman.

"He has accepted his resignation effective from today, May 4," Kurien said. The decision came hours after the Ethics Committee submitted its report recommending immediate expulsion of Mallya, rejecting his defence and dismissing his resignation. "Hamid Ansari, Chairman Rajya Sabha, accepts resignation of Vijay Mallya, resubmitted unconditionally & as per correct procedure," Ansari's OSD Gurdeep Singh Sappal tweeted. In other tweets, he said: "After SG, Rajya Sabha wrote to Vijay Mallya yesterday informing the rejection on procedural grounds, a fresh resignation was sent again today."

"...SG confirmed from Sh. Mallya that resignation tendered was genuine, voluntary & unconditional," he tweeted.

In his first resignation letter, Mallya said he did not want his "name and reputation to be further dragged in the mud". He was due to complete his tenure July 1.

Ethics Committee chairman Karan Singh said: "The Committee on Ethics unanimously decided on May 3 to recommend to the House that Dr Vijay Mallya be expelled with an immediate effect". In the latest report of the committee, tabled in the House, Singh stated: "The Committee hopes that by taking such stern action, a message would



reach the general public that Parliament is committed to take such steps as are necessary against erring members to uphold the dignity and prestige of this great institution".



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Sachin joins Salman and Bindra as Olympics goodwill ambassador



Secretary General Rajiv Mehta said.

“We are very happy to have an iconic sportsperson like Mr Tendulkar on board as goodwill ambassador. We are thankful to him. We hope his association and the association of other goodwill ambassadors will take Indian sport forward,” he added.

Tendulkar on Tuesday wrote a letter to IOA President N Ramachandran and Mehta, confirming his support for the Rio-bound athletes and expressed willingness to meet the Indian contingent before it

departs for Brazil.

“It will be my pleasure to meet these world-class athletes before they leave for Rio to learn their experience and preparations. I am also happy to be part of any awareness campaign that can rally the country around our athletes and motivate them, including amplifying their efforts and success on my Twitter and Facebook accounts,” Tendulkar said. Thanking the two IOA officials for the letter, which they had sent to him, dated April 28, Tendulkar wrote:

I have had the privilege and honour of representing our nation for 24 years and I continue to bat for India off the field. The welfare of sportspersons and encouraging them to give their best is very dear to me. I strongly believe that the sportspersons from different parts of the country, pursuing their unique skills, are the true ambassadors of the growing sporting cul-

ture in the country. Awareness about their struggles, discipline and single-minded focus will help develop many more world beating champions and encourage passionate following of the Olympics in our country.”

Tendulkar also said that he would look forward to receiving details on athletes’ progress.

I have mentioned the nature of the role as envisaged by me as I am keen to rally enhanced support for our champion athletes. I look forward to receiving details on your planned initiatives towards this objective. My best wishes to the entire contingent as we look forward to them proudly expressing themselves in Rio,” he said.

The IOA Secretary General, meanwhile, said they are yet to get a confirmation from Rahman.

“Mr. Rahman is yet to communicate to us but we are hopeful that he will also accept our invitation,” Mehta said.

Asked about what specific role the goodwill ambassadors would play, Mehta said:

“These iconic sportspersons and celebrities will spread the idea of Olympic movement in every nook and corner of the country, every village, block and city of India.”

“They will help in building up a sporting culture in this country. We need a sporting culture if we want to become a sporting country,” he added.

The sports fraternity was divided after Salman’s appointment. While former Olympian Milkha Singh criticised the move, Balbir Singh Sr welcomed the move. Kolkata Knight Riders skipper Gautam Gambhir voted for Bindra as the ambassador; on the other hand, former India cricketer Sourav Ganguly thought Salman could bring in glamour in the Rio games.

Vice president Tarlochan Singh (IOA) confirmed that Salman will remain but they will add more brand ambassadors.

Mumbai: Indian icon Sachin Tendulkar accepted Indian Olympic Association’s (IOA) offer to become India’s Goodwill Ambassador for the upcoming 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in August.

Bollywood star Salman Khan was roped in by the IOA last month. But they received flak after associating the controversial movie star with sports; few even accused him of promoting his new film ‘Sultan’ – based on wrestling – through the Rio designation.

Tendulkar is the third man to accept the role after Salman and Olympics gold medal-winning shooter Abhinav Bindra, who accepted IOA’s offer earlier.

“Sachin Tendulkar has accepted our request to become goodwill ambassador of Indian contingent at the Olympics. We have received the official communication from him accepting our request,” IOA



Arbaaz Khan’s emotional message post separation

Arbaaz Khan and Malaika Arora shocked fans and fellow B-Towners when they announced that they have separated and are on a break as of now. The joint statement that the couple gave out read, “The truth is, we have taken a break...We are taking out time to figure out our lives... Yes, it’s true that we are separated...Wherever it goes from here, we will talk about it when we are ready to.” Recently, the ‘Dabangg’ actor put a post on Instagram that talks about retrospection. The image reads, “Some day you will look back and understand why it all happened the way it did.” The 48-year-old actor-director also captioned the pictures, “Waiting for that day??” Though Arbaaz hasn’t really spelt it out as to whether or not the post is a result of his separation with Malaika, social media has been guessing it to be the reason behind it. However, Arbaaz posted yet another message on Instagram that read, “Again idiots try to find a meaning and reason for every post. Make their own assumptions. Relax guys not all post have deep and profound undertones. They seem good and one post them. So chill.”



India outsmarts China issues visa to Uyghur nationals!

-Dr. Abdul Ruff

In a way to showcase its regional super power status as the only economic giant of South Asia against all weak and failing nations around, including its arch nuclear rival Pakistan, India has made an effort to outsmart Asian super power China in a flash fashion by a visa action that would offend Beijing. New Delhi has issued visas to Chinese Uyghur nationals (Muslims) to visit India whom Beijing considers as 'terrorists' for seeking freedoms, in protest against China's defense at UN of Masood Azhar, a supposed terrorist in Indian state list.

In a move that is certain to rile China, India has issued visas to at least four Uyghur nationals—all of them deemed dissidents and at least one 'a terrorist' by Beijing—to meet the exiled Tibetan spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama in Dharamsala, next week. The Indian move comes against the immediate backdrop of China putting a 'technical hold' on India's efforts to get Pakistan-based Islamist militant leader Maulana Masood Azhar designated a terrorist by the United Nations (UN) last month.

The matter of fact is New Delhi is wary of the all-weather friendship between China and India's arch rival Pakistan with which it has fought four wars, three of them over the Himalayan region of Kashmir, that both countries claim in full and administer in parts. Beijing is wary of India's warming relations with the USA by promoting the Asia Pivot agenda of President Obama targeting both China and Russia, and the Washington's efforts to draw New Delhi into future defense architecture of the Asian Pacific region.

Already, the Indian government is upset about Chinese plans to build a \$46 billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor announced last April making India, eager to see a weak and destabilized Pakistan, go nervous as China is making a 'terrorist Pakistan' strong. China shares a part of Kashmir that was "gifted" by Pakistan and in turn China assists Islamabad with economic projects. The corridor, a network of roads, railways and pipelines, will start in Kashgar in the troubled Chinese Xinjiang province and run through Pakistan-administered Kashmir before ending in Karachi.

India accuses Pakistan of sheltering 'Islamist militants' like Masood Azhar and New Delhi suspects that the 'technical hold' or block put on designating Azhar a 'terrorist' by the UN was done by China at Pakistan's behest. Azhar's Jaish-e-Mohammed militant group is blamed by for the 2 January 'attack' on the Pathankot airbase in Punjab, though it appears to be a purely Indian effort to demonize Islamabad and gain surplus help from USA.

India has raised the issues with China, but with seemingly very little effect. The Tibetan spiritual leader is to receive Isa and other Uyghur leaders in Dharamsala, the seat of the Tibetan government in exile in India. As China repeatedly justifies blocking New Delhi's proposal at the UN to designate Pakistan-based Masood Azhar a terrorist, India has angered Beijing by granting visa to a prominent Chinese dissident leader it accuses of being a 'terrorist'. China has been battling Uyghur 'Islamic extremism' in the Xinjiang province since the 1990s. On its part, China has long been suspicious of India granting asylum and continuous support to the Dalai Lama, who fled Tibet in 1959 following a failed uprising. The India-China war of 1962 was sparked by Chinese anger towards India following the grant of asylum to the Tibetan spiritual leader. China has protested against the Dalai Lama's activities in India but New Delhi says that it regards the Tibetan spiritual leader as an honored guest and does not encourage any 'political activity' by the Dalai Lama "that could affect relations" between India and China.

Dolkun Isa has been a German citizen since 2006, and

has been in the forefront of the movement for democracy, often speaking out against the human rights abuse by Chinese authorities. He is the chairman of the World Uyghur Congress.

The Uyghurs are the largest Turkic ethnic group living in Xinjiang. Isa has denied the Chinese charges that declare him as a terrorist. According to Dolkun Isa, chairman of the executive committee of the World Uyghur Congress (WUC) and the one branded as a 'terrorist' by China, India has kindly issued a "visa to four of us." This was separately confirmed by a high official familiar with developments in New Delhi. Dolkun Isa is a Germany-based Uyghur activist. China accuses him of terror activities in the remote Xinjiang region where there is frequent violence between the local Uyghur population and government forces. Isa, who hails from the restive Chinese Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region of China, added on the phone from Germany that the delegation was traveling to India for a conference which was to be addressed by the Dalai Lama, who is viewed by China as a "violent separatist."

Isa told the media said he had an electronic visa to come to India next week for a pro-democracy conference to be held in Dharamsala, which the Dalai Lama is also expected to attend. "I haven't decided yet on whether to come to India.. The Chinese government is not happy, India should guarantee my security and free movement", he said.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry has referred to an Interpol red corner notice against Isa and said: "Bringing him to justice is a due obligation of relevant countries." Isa said: "China has put me on Interpol list since 1997. Most countries have just ignored it. India is a democracy. I don't think I'll be arrested but I don't want any difficulties either." Isa was given asylum in Germany in the 1990s.

According to Isa, the conference he and others are to attend will start on 28 April. "But I still have to make up my mind about coming to India," Isa said, adding this was because of an Interpol Red Corner notice against him. A Red Corner notice means an international alert against a person "to seek the location and arrest...with a view to extradition or similar lawful action", according to the Interpol website. Isa said his caution stemmed from his detention in Seoul in 2009 at the instance of China due to the Red Corner notice. "I was sent back to Germany after three days," he said, adding that he became a German citizen in 2006 after fleeing China in 1997, following repeated prison terms for his alleged 'activism'.

India has been home to the exiled Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama, and the capital of the Tibetan government-in-exile. India has upped the ante with China by issuing visas to World Uyghur Congress leader Dolkun Isa and three others, and by allowing them to visit India for a conference in Dharamsala

Though the plan to allow the conference to be held with the Chinese dissidents was taken months before China's refusal in the UN, this could be PM Narendra Modi's muscular foreign policy in action. Although much has been made of the new aggressive foreign policy of the NDA government, the Prime Minister's record in external relations so far has been good. He has shown no aggression, and has carried on the UPA policy, albeit with much more vigor and determination.

Not only RSS-BJP duo but even Congress party also enjoys the emerging duel. They want India to act as a strong power, notwithstanding the fact that New Delhi lacks both China's economic clout and its defense, diplomatic capabilities. Many hawks in the Indian establishment have welcomed the government's move. "China has for

a long time got away scot-free – whether it is claiming Arunachal as its own, or the Masood Azhar case, where China twice bailed out Pakistan at the UN. If India continues to take all this then it creates the impression that China is strong, while we (India) swallow everything it throws at us," said Cabinet Secretary Chandra, who was also India's ambassador in Washington. He thinks that India should not be seen as docile towards China.

Whether Dolkun Isa eventually comes to India for the conference, or if he sends his colleagues instead is not the point. Beijing is angry with India's move to grant them visas, thereby directly opposing the Chinese views.

In recent days, India has raised the issue of China's stand on Masood Azhar at the highest levels. Having found no response, foreign minister Sushma Swaraj and defence minister Manohar Parrikar took it up directly with the Chinese leadership this week. "India does not consider Uyghurs terrorists," said Kanwal Sibal, former foreign secretary, adding that he "would personally applaud the Indian government for its move" to grant visas to the Uyghur delegation. "If China views certain Uyghurs as 'terrorists', then that's between them and China," he said, pointing out that China had made a similar argument in Masood Azhar's case. "China is not sensitive to our concerns on terrorism," he said.

China stresses its right to defend its foreign policy and to work against Indo US pivot in Asia.

India has been successful against Pakistan and Kashmir, but continuously failing against formidable China with veto handle. The brief border war between India and China – when the PLA troops rolled into Arunachal as an ill prepared Indian army beat a hasty retreat, left a psychological blow on India. Suspicion of China is pervasive in the Indian establishment. The good news is that despite the irritants, both countries are pragmatic enough to ensure that the situation does not get out of hand. As officials on both sides keep pointing out that the border between the two countries continues to be peaceful, not a shot has been fired here.

Maybe another cold war is in the making in Asia which may have repercussion in other regions in Asian continent. Meanwhile, President Pranab Mukherjee is slated to visit China at the end of May. Hopefully, by then the two sides will get over this latest blip. The initial euphoria of improved ties between the two Asian giants, following President Xi Jinping's visit to India and Prime Minister Modi's subsequent return trip to China, will fade quickly and the relations will continue to be lukewarm at best.

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Mohammed Pahelwan acquitted in Akbar Owaisi intimidation case

The 3rd Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate on Wednesday acquitted Mohammed Bin Omer Yafai @ Mohammed Pahelwan in a criminal intimidation case, which was filed by MIM MLA Akbaruddin Owaisi.

In 2012 after the cancellation of bails of the accused by the Andhra Pradesh High Court in April 2011 Akbaruddin Owaisi murderous attack case, a local web channel 'Barq News' aired a purported interview Mohammed Pahelwan in which the latter allegedly threatened the legislature of dire consequences.

Basing on the interview Akbaruddin Owaisi filed a complaint against Mohammed Pahelwan in Banjara Hills police station, upon which a case under section 506 IPC (Criminal Intimidation) was registered in Cr.No. 645. The police later arrested Pahelwan by remanding him under Prisoners Transit warrant as he was already lodged in Cherlapally jail in the attack case. The accused was also charge sheeted and in August 2015 the trial commenced.

During the trial the MIM legislature



deposed before the court where he was cross-examined by the defence counsel Mohammed Muzafferullah Khan. The reporter of the web channel Mohammed Mujtaba was also subjected to cross-examination.

The judge while pronouncing its order ac-

quitted the accused under section 248(1) Cr.P.C., for the offence under section 506 of the Indian Penal Code. The accused shall be set at liberty, forthwith, if he is not required in any other case.

Though Mohammed Pahelwan has been set free in this case, he would continue to

remain in the cherlapally jail as day-to-day trial in Akbaruddin Owaisi attack case is progress before the seventh additional metropolitan sessions judge at Nampally court.

Siasat News

More districts in Telangana, but shortage of IAS and IPS officers

Increasing the number of districts in the state to 24-25 from the existing 10 by August 15 or Dasara, as announced by Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao on Thursday, would further add to the shortage of IAS and IPS officers in the state.

The state government needs to appoint two IAS officers for each district (as collector and joint-collector) and two IPS officers (as superintendent and assistant superintendent of police).

The state is already grappling with severe shortage of IAS and IPS officers, with each holding three posts on an average. Besides, the new districts will also impose a huge financial burden on the government, which will have to construct collectorate and district headquarter offices and residential accommodation for the officials.

Mr Chandrasekhar Rao met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi in February this year and sought an increase in the IAS officers' strength from the present 163 to 193 and IPS officers' strength from the present 112 to 141. After bifurcation, TS was allotted 163 IAS posts, 112 IPS posts and 65 IFS posts.

While the existing posts itself were insufficient, another 20 IAS officers are on Central deputation, making it more difficult for government to run the administration.

The setting up of 15 new districts would mean an additional requirement of 30 IAS and 30 IPS officers.

Meanwhile, the Centre has given indications that it would not be possible to allot as many number of IAS and IPS officers in a single go since all other states in the country were also facing a severe shortage and vacancies can only be filled in phases.

With this, the state government is planning to give additional charge of new districts to existing collectors, JCs, SPs and ASPs, till the Centre allots new ones.

However, officials say it would not be possible for one IAS and IPS officer to work in two districts as each district has its own meetings and issues, which they need to attend to on a daily basis.

Mr Chandrasekhar Rao said the government will announce new districts on the occasion of second anniversary of Telangana formation on June 2 and will come into force either from August 15 or Dasara this year.

The Chief Minister asked officials to make necessary arrangements to build new collectorates, offices for the superintendents of police, meeting halls and other district head offices in all districts besides residential accommodation for top officials.



KCR congratulated Ms. Falak Sayeda



Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao congratulated Falak Sayeda, a native of Hyderabad, who represented India in the 2016 USA Open Athlete Championship and won first place in the senior female individual Kumite+68 kg event. She has won 15 international and 20 national medals in various championships.

Falak Sayeda called on the Chief Minister at the latter's camp office and expressed her desire to work with the SHE teams in the police department.

The Chief Minister assured her all help from the part of the state government. Rao also told Sayeda that she would be presented an award on June 2 on the occasion of Telangana State formation day. Sayeda also had represented India in Asian Karate Championships.

HINDI MOVIE RELEASE DATES

11 March	<i>Global Baba</i>	Satire	Manoj Sidheshwari Tewari	Abhimanyu Singh, Sandeepa Dhar, Ravi Kishan, Pankaj Tripathi, Sanjay Mishra (actor), Akhilendra Mishra
11 March	<i>JD</i>	Drama/Thriller	Shailendra Pandey	Govind Namdev, Aman Verma, Vedita Pratap Singh, Lalit Bisht, Amit Pathak, Arvind Gaur
11 March	<i>Teraa Surroor</i>	Romance/Comedy	Shawn Arranha	Himesh Reshammiya, Farah Karimi, Monica Dogra, Naseeruddin Shah, Shekhar Kapur
11 March	<i>Ok Mein Dhokhe</i>	Drama/Thriller	Utpal S. Chaudhary	Zoya Rathore, Sapan Krishna, Vaidhei Singh, Megha Verma, Ravi Thakur, Milan Singh
18 March	<i>Kapoor & Sons</i>	Romance/Comedy	Shakun Batra	Sidharth Malhotra, Alia Bhatt, Fawad Khan, Rishi Kapoor
24 March	<i>Great Grand Masti</i>	Adult/Comedy	Indra Kumar	Ritesh Deshmukh, Vivek Oberoi, Aftab Shivdasani, Urvashi Rautela, Shraddha Das, Puja Bannerjee, Sana Khan, Sonali Raut, Ishita Dutta, Mishti, Kangna Sharma
25 March	<i>Rocky Handsome</i>	Action	Nishikant Kamat	John Abraham, Shruti Haasan, Nathalia Kaur
1 April	<i>Ki and Ka</i>	Romance/Comedy	R. Balki	Kareena Kapoor Khan, Arjun Kapoor, Amitabh Bachchan, Jaya Bachchan
1 April	<i>Love Games</i>	Thriller	Vikram Bhatt	Patralekha, Tara Alisha Berry, Gaurav Arora
8 April	<i>Yeh Laal Rang</i>	Drama	Syed Ahmad Afzal	Randeep Hooda, Akshay Oberoi, Rajnesh Duggall, Pina Bajpai
6 May	<i>COD</i>	Comedy/Thriller	Robert Megha	Jatin Negi, Preeti Choudhury, Vikrant Khair
15 April	<i>Fan</i>	Drama/Thriller	Maneesh Sharma	Shah Rukh Khan, Waluscha De Sousa, Shriya Pilgaonkar
22 April	<i>Nil Battey Sannata</i>	Action	Ashwini Iyer Tiwari	Swara Bhaskar, Ratna Pathak, Pankaj Tripathi
29 April	<i>Baaghi: A Rebel for Love</i>	Action	Sabbir Khan	Tiger Shroff, Shraddha Kapoor, Sudheer Babu, Paras Arora
29 April	<i>Waiting</i>	Drama	Anu Menon	Naseeruddin Shah, Kalki Koechlin, Arjun Mathur, Rajat Kapoor, Suhasini Maniratnam
6 May	<i>Kaptaan</i>	Comedy	Mandeep Kumar	Gippy Grewal, Karishma Kotak, Rishaan Dutta
13 May	<i>Mirzya</i>	Romance/Drama	Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra	Harshvardhan Kapoor, Saiyami Kher, Om Puri, Art Malik, K.K. Raina
13 May	<i>Azhar</i>	Biopic	Tony D'Souza	Emraan Hashmi, Nargis Fakhri, Prachi Desai, Gautam Gulati, Huma Qureshi, Lara Dutta
20 May	<i>Saat Kadam</i>	Drama	Mohit Kumar Jha	Amit Sadh, Ronit Roy, Deeksha Seth
20 May	<i>Sarbjit</i>	Biopic	Omung Kumar	Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, Randeep Hooda, Richa Chaddha
20 May	<i>Te3n</i>	Thriller	Ribhu Dasgupta	Amitabh Bachchan, Vidya Balan, Nawazuddin Siddiqui
27 May	<i>Phobia</i>	Thriller	Pawan Kiplani	Radhika Apte
3 June	<i>Housefull 3</i>	Comedy	Sajid-Farhad	Akshay Kumar, Ritesh Deshmukh, Abhishek Bachchan, Jacqueline Fernandez, Nargis Fakhri, Haydon, Boman Irani
3 June	<i>Jagga Jasoos</i>	Drama	Anurag Basu	Ranbir Kapoor, Katrina Kaif, Govinda, Adah Sharma
3 June	<i>Raaz Rebooted</i>	Horror	Vikram Bhatt	Emraan Hashmi, Kriti Kharbanda, Gaurav Arora, Rahul Verma
10 June	<i>Do Lafzon Ki Kahani</i>	Romantic	Deepak Tijori	Randeep Hooda, Kajal Aggarwal
17 June	<i>Udta Punjab</i>	Thriller	Abhishek Chaubey	Kareena Kapoor Khan, Shahid Kapoor, Alia Bhatt, Diljit Dosanjh
3 July	<i>Raees</i>	Crime/Thriller	Rahul Dholakia	Shah Rukh Khan, Mahira Khan, Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Mohammed Zeeshan Ayyub, Arya Babbar
3 July	<i>Sultan</i>	Sports/Drama	Ali Abbas Zafar	Salman Khan, Anushka Sharma, Randeep Hooda
15 July	<i>Happy Bhaag Jayegi</i>	Comedy	Mudassar Aziz	Abhay Deol, Diana Penty, Momal Sheikh, Ali Fazal
29 July	<i>Dishoom</i>	Action	Rohit Dhawan	John Abraham, Varun Dhawan, Jacqueline Fernandez, Saqib Saleem, Ram Kapoor, Nargis Fakhri, Khanna
29 July	<i>Nonsense</i>	Comedy	Sangeeth Sivan	Sharman Joshi, Vir Das, Zarine Khan
12 August	<i>Mohenjo Daro</i>	Drama	Ashutosh Gowariker	Hrithik Roshan, Pooja Hegde, Kabir Bedi, Arunoday Singh
12 August	<i>Phir Hera Pheri 3</i>	Comedy	Neeraj Vora	John Abraham, Abhishek Bachchan, Paresh Rawal
12 August	<i>Rustom</i>	Romance/Thriller	Neeraj Pandey	Akshay Kumar, Illeana D'Cruz, Esha Gupta
19 August	<i>Banjo</i>	Drama	Ravi Jadhav	Riteish Deshmukh, Nargis Fakhri
25 August	<i>A Flying Jatt</i>	Action	Remo D'Souza	Tiger Shroff, Jacqueline Fernandez, Salman Yusuff Khan, Shraddha Kapoor
2 September	<i>Dhoni: The Untold Story</i>	Sports/Biopic	Neeraj Pandey	Sushant Singh Rajput, Ram Charan, Anupam Kher, Fawad Khan, Kiara Advani, John Abraham, Za Manjot Singh
9 September	<i>Baar Baar Dekho</i>	Romance/Drama	Nitya Mehra	Sidharth Malhotra, Katrina Kaif, Ram Kapoor, Annu Kapoor
23 September	<i>Manmarziyan</i>	Romance	Sameer Sharma	Ayushmann Khurrana, Bhumi Pednekar
30 September	<i>Rangoon</i>	Romance/Drama	Vishal Bhardwaj	Shahid Kapoor, Kangana Ranaut, Saif Ali Khan

On the lighter side....

A man goes swimming in the ocean but gets sucked out to sea. A boat passes by him and tells him to climb aboard but he says, "I have faith, God will save me."

The Coast Guard comes by with a rescue helicopter and tells him to climb the ladder up, but he says, "I have faith, God will save me."

The man is now getting tired but thankfully a dolphin swims under him and starts to carry him to shore, but the man pushes the dolphin away saying, "I have faith, God will save me."

The man dies and goes to Heaven. He asks God, "Why didn't you save me?"

God replies, "I tried! I sent a ship, a helicopter and a dolphin!"

Wife: I hate that beggar.

Husband: Why?

Wife: That rascal, yesterday I gave him food and today he gave me a Cookbook!

A man walks into a bar. He gets very drunk and asks the bartender where the restroom is.

The bartender explains it's the third door to the right, but the man goes into the third door to the left. He finds a large golden toilet. The man takes a big poop in

it and leaves.

He continues to return to drink there every week, and every time he goes to poop in that golden toilet.

One day he finds the golden toilet is gone, so he asks the bartender about it.

The bartender exclaims, "So you're the one who's been pooping in my tuba!"

An angry customer and an apologetic Domino's Pizza:

Customer: Yo, I ordered a Pizza and it came with no toppings on it or anything. Its just plain bread!

Domino's: We're extremely sorry to hear about this.

Customer (minutes later): Never mind, I opened the pizza upside down!

Two guys are walking through a game park & they come across a lion that has not eaten for days.

The lion starts chasing the two men. They run as fast as they can and the one guy starts getting tired and decides to say a prayer, "Please turn this lion into a Christian, Lord."



He looks to see if the lion is still chasing and he sees the lion on its knees. Happy to see his prayer answered, he turns around and heads

towards the lion.

As he comes closer to the lion, he hears the it saying a prayer: "Thank you Lord for the food I am about to receive."

A well respected surgeon was relaxing on his sofa one evening just after arriving home from work. As he was tuning into the evening news, the phone rang. The doctor calmly answered it and heard the familiar voice of a colleague on the other end of the line.

"We need a fourth for poker," said the friend. "I'll be right over," whispered the doctor.

As he was putting on his coat, his wife asked, "Is it serious?"

"Oh yes, quite serious," said the doctor gravely. "In fact, three doctors are there already!"

A young man excitedly tells his mother

he's fallen in love and that he is going to get married.

He says, "Just for fun, Ma, I'm going to bring over 3 girls and you try and guess which one I'm going to marry."

The mother agrees.

The next day, he brings three women into the house and sits them down on the couch and they chat for a while. He then says, "Okay Ma, guess which one I'm going to marry."

She immediately replies, "The one on the right."

"That's amazing, Ma. You're right. How did you know?"

The mother replies, "I don't like her."

An elderly gentleman checked into a New York hotel. The clerk mentioned the phone service the establishment made available for calling guests who wished to rise at an early hour.

"No need for that, young man," snapped the old timer. "I always wake up at five A.M. sharp without an alarm clock."

"Very good, sir," the clerk replied, then asked, "Would you mind calling me at six?"



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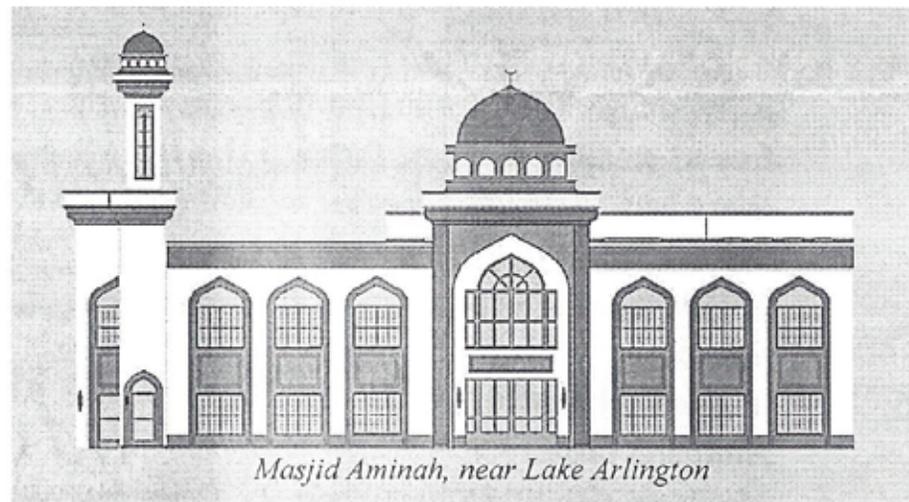
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If you have any questions, please feel to contact us. Thank you in advance, jazakAllahukhairan.

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