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Indian Consul General Chicago Ms. Neeta Bhushan addressing Republic Day Event as Founder President FIA and Asia Times advisor Mr. Sunil Shah looks on



DFW community leaders, organizers, Imams & activists recently met to discuss contemporary issues & challenges pertaining to Muslims living in North TX area. Seen in the picture are Moazam Syed, Azhar Azeem, Dr Basheer Ahmed and others

'Padmaavat' box-office collect over Rs. 150 crore so far



'Padmaavat' box-office collection Day 6: Sanjay Leela Bhansali's film starring Deepika Padukone, Shahid Kapoor and Ranveer Singh rakes in Rs 13.25 crore
Deepika Padukone, Shahid Kapoor and Ranveer Singh starrer 'Padmaavat' has managed to win the hearts of the audience and critics with stellar performances from the cast and the sheer brilliance of filmmaker Sanjay Leela Bhansali that took this film to a different level altogether. According to a recent report on BoxofficeIndia.com, the film has earned an estimated Rs 13.25 crore on its sixth day, thus taking its total collection to Rs 137 crore. The film which had a blistering start in Mumbai and South India has now also excelled in the Northern regions. Bhansali's masterpiece is reportedly in the running to become one of the highest grosser of all time, after 'Baahubali 2: The Conclusion'. The multi-starrer did not release in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Haryana after facing protests from fringe groups, but still managed to get a strong footing at the box-office.

The film has already reached the top spot to become Bollywood's highest opening weekend overseas by collecting nearly \$11.60 million. The film which collected Rs 18 crore on its first day at the box-office, entered the Rs 100 crore club in its first weekend in India alone.

The film revolves around Rani Padmavati, the wife of Maharawal Ratan Singh, who is known for her beauty and valour in 13th century India. She captures the fancy of the reigning Sultan of Delhi, the tyrant Alauddin Khilji (Ranveer Singh), who becomes obsessed with her and goes to great lengths to fulfil his greed. Several Bollywood celebrities have come out praising the film and even took to social media to laud the performances of the actors and to call the film a visual delight because of its impeccable sets and background, which is one of the high points of every Bhansali film.



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Embassy of India Celebrates Republic Day 2018 Washington, DC

The 69th Republic Day of India was celebrated in Washington DC today on January 26, 2018 at Embassy premises. Ambassador Navtej Sarna paid floral tributes

at the statue of Mahatma Gandhi in front of the Embassy. Thereafter the Ambassador unfurled the National Flag and the National Anthem was sung. Ambassador

addressed the gathering and read out the Address of the Hon'ble President to the nation. This was followed by singing of patriotic songs by young Indian Americans.

Over 200 members of the Indian American community attended the celebrations.



Ambassador Navtej Sarna paying floral tributes at the statue of Mahatma Gandhi on the occasion of 69th Republic Day of India on January 26, 2018.



Ambassador Navtej Sarna reading out the address of the Hon'ble President of India on the occasion of 69th Republic Day of India on January 26, 2018.



Ambassador Navtej Sarna unfurling the National Flag on the occasion of 69th Republic Day of India on January 26, 2018.

India sixth wealthiest country with total wealth of \$8,230 billion: Report

NEW DELHI: India has been ranked sixth in the list of wealthiest countries with total wealth of \$8,230 billion, while the United States topped the chart, says a report by New World Wealth.

According to the report, the United States is the wealthiest country in the world as the total wealth held in 2017 amounted to \$64,584 billion, followed by China at the second place with \$24,803 billion and Japan with \$19,522 billion at third.

Total wealth, refers to the private wealth held by all the individuals living in each country/city. It includes all their assets (property, cash, equities, business interests) less any liabilities. The report, however, excludes government funds from its figures.

Others in the list include United Kingdom (4th, \$9,919 billion), Germany (5th, \$9,660 billion), France (7th, \$6,649 billion), Canada (8th, \$6,393 billion), Australia (9th, \$6,142 billion) and Italy (10th, \$4,276 billion).

The report further noted that India was the best performing wealth market globally in 2017 as its total wealth swelled from \$6,584 billion in 2016 to \$8,230 billion in 2017, registering a 25 per cent growth.

Meanwhile, during the period under consideration China's wealth saw an increase of 22 per cent and global wealth rose by 12 per cent (from \$192 trillion at the end of 2016 to \$215 trillion at the end of 2017).

Over the past decade (2007-2017) India's total wealth increased from \$3,165 billion in 2007 to \$8,230 billion in 2017, a jump of 160 per cent.

The report further noted that India, is home to 3,30,400 HNWI's (individuals with \$1 million or more in net assets). Globally, India was ranked 9th in this aspect while US topped the list with 50,47,400 HNWI's (high-net-worth individuals).

India is also home to 20,730 multi-millionaires, 7th largest in the

world. And in terms of resident billionaires+, India with 119 such individuals was named among the top three countries globally, after the US and China.

A billionaire is defined as an individuals with \$1 billion or more in net assets.

"In general, it was a good year for all W10 (wealthiest 10) markets, thanks to strong global stock market gains - the MSCI world index was up 23 per cent and the Dow Jones (DJIA) was up 26 per cent during the year (in US Dollar terms)," the report said, adding "wealth held in China, India, USA, Japan and Australia all grew strongly over the past year".



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Developing Unity among Muslims to combat sectarian divide, hatred and anger

M Basheer Ahmed M.D. - President IQRA

One of the reasons IQRA (Institute of Quranic Knowledge and Inter/Intra Faith Religious Acceptance) was established was to bring together Muslims of all sects in the Dallas Fort Worth area to promote unity and understanding amongst one another. We would like to achieve our goals by facilitating dialogue and furthering community interaction among people of all faiths with a mutual respect and accommodation of differences.

IQRA was established in 2013 and has had seminars, town hall meetings, intra faith dialogues and social interactions by arranging these events at Islamic centers of different Muslims sects including Sunni, Shia, Bohri, Ismaili and Ahmadiyya. The members of the IQRA council consist of 7 Imams and 25 community leaders representing all such sects. After 4 years of hard work, we have finally developed a strong committed council to promote the unity and acceptance we were looking for. The most recent IQRA council meeting was held on January 25, 2018 at the Texas King Banquet Hall. The major agenda was to promote intra-faith unity among the Muslims in the Dallas Fort Worth area. Five Imams and 30 community leaders participated at the dinner meeting. They represented every local Muslim sect in the area and showed passion and a commitment to develop a sample community comprised of Muslims from all sects. Dr. Basheer Ahmed, president of IQRA, made his opening remarks by pointing out the challenges that Muslims face locally and globally. He stated that during the past 70 years, as the occupation of Muslim lands in Kashmir and Palestine continued, Muslim genocide in many areas like Palestine, and more recently in Burma, have become worse. Major Muslim majority countries were destroyed including Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia, Libya, Syria and Yemen. Hundreds of thousands of people were killed and millions were displaced. This may be the most serious disaster in Muslim history. The entire Muslim world is plagued with sectarian violence and self destructive behavior. During the last few decades, more Muslims were

killed by other Muslims in major Muslim countries like Pakistan, Iraq, Syria, Nigeria, Somalia, Libya, Egypt and Yemen. Muslims are bombing Masajids on Fridays and killing hundreds of innocent Muslims who are gathered for prayers. Islam teaches and promotes peace and these so called Muslims' behavior does not reflect the true Islamic teaching. Sectarian divide, hate and violence is destroying the Muslim Ummah and this is a very serious problem. Although the violence is not affected the USA as it is in other Muslim-majority countries, I am afraid that it may be in the future if we do not work to put an end to it as soon as possible. The Quran says "Indeed those who have divided their religion and become sects - you, [O Muhammad], are not [associated] with them in anything. Their affairs is only [left] to Allah; then he will inform them about what they used to do 6:159". We are a community in the DFW area which is rising above sectarian divides to teach tolerance, dignity and acceptance towards people of different Aqeedas and traditions and to find ways to live in peace and harmony despite our differences. This will hopefully raise the image of Muslims in America. Quran says "Allah will never change our condition unless we first act to change ourselves 13:11".

Imam Zafer, the Sunni Imam, agreed with our goal and emphasized the need to debate with intellectual knowledge and to keep in mind the constitution that the Prophet proposed in Medina. Imam



Top Left: Dr Ahmed- President IQRA, Mr. Moazam Syed - VP , Imam Zafar Anjum
 Bottom Left: Imam Khalid Shaheed, Imam Abbas Almosafri, Mr Aziz Budri

Abbas, the Shia Iraqi Imam, described the total devastation in Iraq after the war due to continued sectarian violence resulting in hundreds of thousands of widows and orphans. He made a passionate appeal to all Muslims to be united with open hearts. Imam Khalid Shaheed, an African American Sunni Imam, stated that in his mosque there is no Sunni, Shia, Ahmedi, etc. - everybody is Muslim. He has Shias on his board and the last year's president

of the association was a woman. He also suggested forming a council of Imams from all sects of Islam. Mr. Sakhi Bayani, an Afghan community leader, stated that we all need to come together as Muslims and human beings for the betterment of humanity. Mr. Sher Baz Hakimi, an Afghani Ismaili community leader, stated that if we believe with conviction in the Kalima and Quran, then that is enough for us to be united. Mufti Waseem Khan,



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a Sunni, suggested that we should work together to develop joint social service projects. Fatima Biviji a Bhora social activist suggested to hold periodic events to share food with the families in order to develop community bonds. Mrs. Shaheen Salam, a Sunni Muslim Activist, suggested having interfaith iftar and Eid get togethers. Imam Taha, the president of the Imams council, shared a story that a Sahaba killed a person in combat after he said the Shahada. When prophet asked him why he killed the man, he replied, he did only fearing for his life. Prophet peace be upon him responded "Did you open his heart to see if he was lying?" In Deen, focusing on other people is extremism

and focus on your self is humility.

The meeting was great success. Everybody present showed support and commitment to the goals and objective of IQRA. Several recommendations were made and the IQRA board will be discussing and implementing these recommendations. There was a unanimous agreement to continue the council meetings to ensure that the Dallas Fort Worth Muslims will develop a sample community of all sects of Muslims and show respect and dignity towards each other, irrespective of their differences in Aqeedas and beliefs.

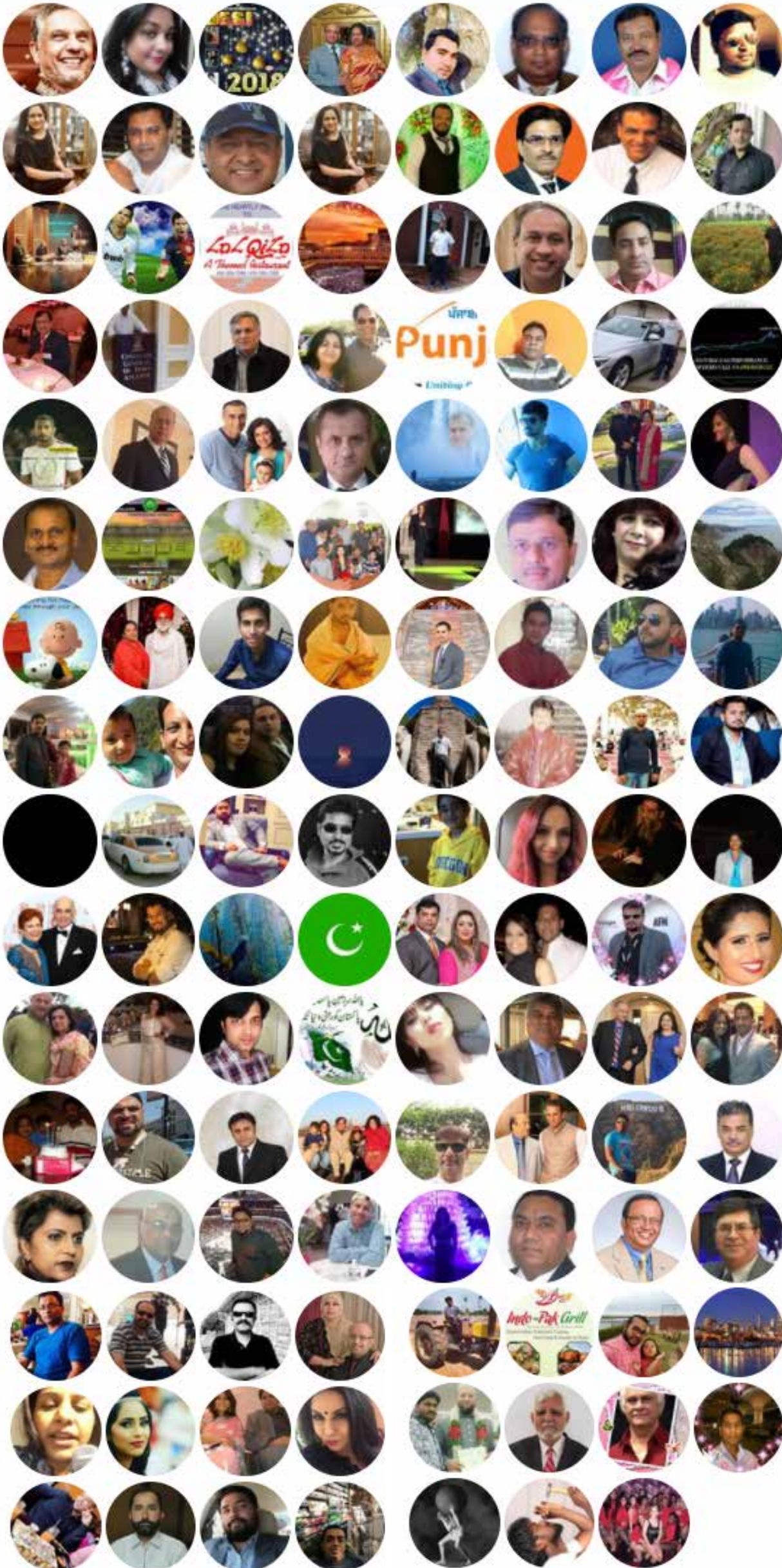


Dr Umar, Imam Taha, Dr Shazia IQRA board member



Imams And Community Leaders, representing various Muslim sects

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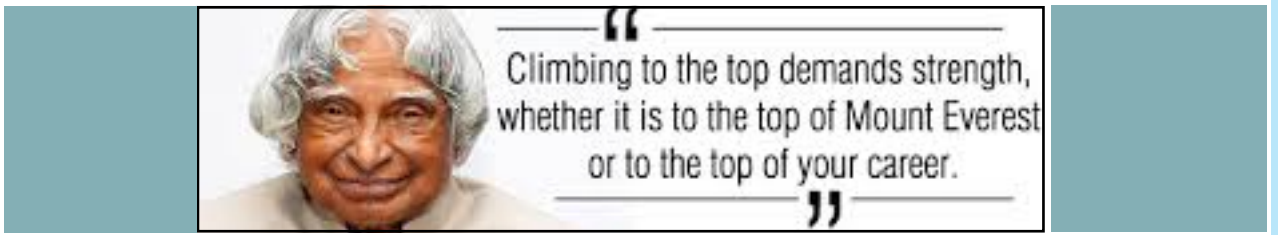
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Rahman Rupani got fatally shot in Houston. He was at the age of 30. He passed away by taking gun shots to save someone else that he didn't know. He is a MARTYR. A biggest loss of his family and parents Saleem and Habiba Rupani. He was such a humble and respectful person. - Aslam Jivani



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Jiah Khan Death Case: Charges Framed Against Sooraj Pancholi

A sessions court here today framed charges against Bollywood actor Sooraj Pancholi for allegedly abetting actress Jiah Khan's suicide. Judge K D Shirbhate framed charges against the 27-year-old actor under section 306 (abetment of suicide) of the Indian Penal Code, to which he pleaded not guilty. "Sooraj pleaded innocence and the examination of witnesses will start from February 14," his lawyer Prashant Patil said. According to the chargesheet, Khan, best known for her performance in film Nishabd starring Amitabh Bachchan, was found hanging at her residence on June 3, 2013 by her mother Rabiya. She had left the house of Sooraj Pancholi, where she had been staying for the last two days, in the morning the same day, it said. According to the CBI, Pancholi had "hid-

den facts and fabricated information" during questioning. Sooraj Pancholi, the son of Bollywood couple Aditya Pancholi and Zarina Wahab, had refused to undergo polygraph or brain-mapping tests which the agency wanted to conduct to get to the bottom of his alleged role in the incident. The CBI said a three-page note seized by the Mumbai Police, which earlier probed the case, on June 10, 2013, was written by Khan which narrated her "intimate relationship, physical abuse and mental and physical torture" allegedly at the hands of Pancholi which led her to commit suicide. It said the letter was not signed and even not addressed to Sooraj Pancholi but it incriminated him. In October 2013, Rabiya Khan had moved the Bombay High Court alleging that her daughter had been murdered and sought a CBI probe, which was granted.





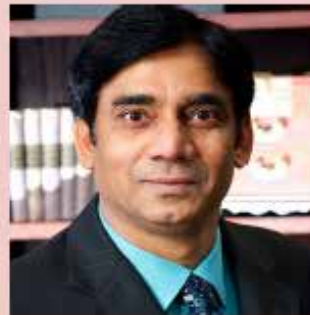
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Bazme Urdu Toastmasters bid farewell to its founder President Arch. A. R. Saleem

Bazme Urdu Toastmasters and Urdu lovers in Riyadh bid farewell to Arch. A. R. Saleem, who served as an Architect for almost four decades and won hearts of many as a community leader. He has been an inspiring figure of Hyderabad tahzeeb (Deccan culture) and a beloved, humble person with his multi-faceted personality. President of Bazme Urdu Toastmasters Club Riyadh, Dr. Sayeed Mohiuddin presented the profile of TM Saleem and gave a brief account of the endeavors he had made during his tenure. He applauded him for his countless services to his profession and community, especially underlining the establishment of Bazme Urdu Toastmasters Club and serving as its founder President.

The dazzling audience included towering figures and cream of the society who poured in emotional tributes to Saleem. DTM Saif Ali Shiekh, past LGET described Saleem as banayan tree which provides shelter and protects what comes under it. He said we will miss him a lot but was hopeful that Saleem being very much active on social media will lessen the same feeling.

The Chief Guest of the evening Dr. Hifzur Rahman Azmi, First Secretary, Embassy of India in Saudi Arabia recounted Arch. Saleem's tremendous services to Urdu and his support in conducting Embassy's cultural events. He praised him for initiating commemoration of Maulana Azad's birthday as National Education Day by conducting various speech and essay writing competitions amongst school children.

He was praised with many popular Urdu couplets like: Arch. Mohammed Abdul Rahman Saleem was one of the senior most NRIs in Saudi Arabia who is leaving the Kingdom for good. An ardent lover of Urdu language and literature, he possessed passion to keep Deccani Tahzeeb alive and flourish.



Top pictures: Republic Day celebration in Riyadh Eng Mohamed Azizuddin, Janab Dr. Hifzur Rahman Azmi Sahab-SFirst Secretary EmbassyofIndia Riyadh, Sultan Mazharuddin, Fatima Sultan and others



Architect Abdul Rahman Saleem, President, Hindustani Bazme Urdu Inagurated Garden Fast Food No 3 near Strong Gym Hai Al Wazarat, a large number of friends attended and greeted owner Mohammed Ateeq and Manager Nadeem Khan.

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Rajiv Gandhi memorial International Tournament under 19, finals at L.B Stadium, Hyderabad, conducted by former Member of Parliament V Hanumantha Rao ji . Chief guest Mohammed Azharuddin former India's most successful captain who led India for 10 years, also present was former Indian test player Venkatapati Raju, secretary Hyderabad Cricket Association Sheshu Narayan, HCA legal advisor Mir Masood Ali Khan, Srikanth Goud , Uday Raj, Krishna Mushyam Mohammad Fakruddin Minority President TPCC and others



Pravasi Bharatiya Divas mini celebration at Consulate General Office of India at Chicago. Very well attended and nicely organized. Seen in pics is honorable Consul General of India Ms. Neeta Bhushan, Consul B.D Bhatti , Consul O.P Meena , Ms. Smita Shah D/O Mr. Niranjana Shah , Keerthi Ravoori, Ajay Agnihotri, Kishore and Padma Mehta



Top: United Telugu Church under the leadership of Babu Varma , Vijender Doma and Keerthi Kumar organised a well in advance Christmas Carroll singing followed by dinner at Croation Center . Attended by Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi , Ira Silverstain State Senator, Debra Silverstein Alderwoman 50th. ward , B.D Bhatti senior Cosul Indian Consulate office of Chicago, along with many christian community leadership . Asad Mohammad Cricketer and son of legendary India's former most successful Cricket Captain of India also spoke about the Christmas celebration being a universal festival .

Right: All Saints's group of institutions Annual Sports day at a newly acquired Caramel Montfort school in Chintacheruvu Village in Medak district on January 27 Th .2018 . So nice of Rector Shajon Anthony and Brother Chako to invite me along with Mr. Ch. Madhusudan Reddy Garu present MLA Narsapur and Medak district leaders .



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FIA celebrated Indian Republic Day



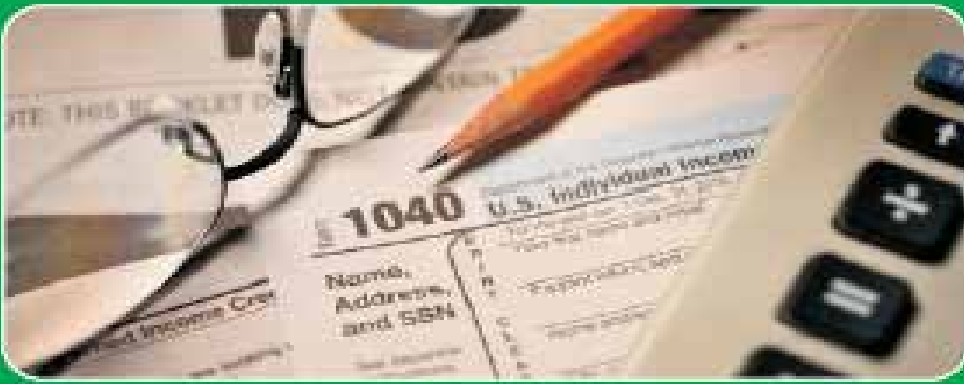
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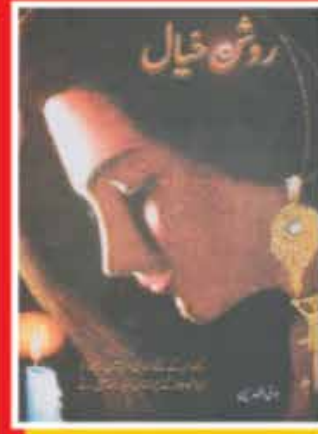

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26 th January 2018 was a celebration of 69th Republic Day of India in Indian origins all over Chicagoland. But there was another big event was celebrated by Hindi Lovers Club of Illinois. It was the grand opening of its Hindi library at 2545 W. Devon Ave., Chicago IL (Inside the Ganesh Temple of Chicago). This is one more attempt to promote Hindi overseas. The event started with the cutting of the ribbon of the library room by Chief Guest Consul Birbal Anand . Then the lighting of the lamp in front of the library in the room by the Consul and distinguished guests. Followed by the Saraswati vandana by the famous Chicagoland singer Bharti Desai. Then the event started outside with the Ganesh Vandana dance by young Pujita Jain, song aye malik tere bande hum by veteran singer Rewati ji. The kids and adult students from the Hindi class of Hindi lovers club showcased their Hindi learnings. Rakesh Malhotra, Anil Yesudas and Rajashree entertained more than sixty plus audience by their Hindi poetry recitals. Afterwards Consul Birbal Anand ji congratulated the clubs founder Gurbachan Kaur Neelam to take the initiative to promote Hindi in Chicagoland and promised to give full support to Hindi library from the consulate office. Guest of Honors Nimish Jani ji, Sunil Shah ji and Ram Krishna Shah ji gave brief speeches to encourage the work of the Hindi Lovers Club. The event ended with the thank you note by Gurbachan Kaur Neelam, a brief intro of the club's new monthly discussion forum Tea and Talk by Sanjana Das Shongha and Shobhna Johri's briefing on the upcoming election's need of Hindi judges. Evening ended with the serving of refreshments.





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TAGC 2018 Sankranthi and Republic Day Celebrations - Asian Media USA

TAGC- Telugu Association of Greater Chicago (First Telugu association in North America) celebrated Makara Sankranti and India Republic Day with Chicago land area Telugu families at the HTGC Rama Temple Auditorium, Lemont IL 60439. The event was a grand success with an overwhelming response from the Telugu community with over 1000 guests in attendance. The event was conducted on 13th January, 2018 from 3:00PM to 10PM. TAGC Board has decided to do this event with all local talent promoting the Telugu culture, traditions and encouraged youth to preserve traditions. The response from the Telugu community was tremendous as per Membership committee chair Mr. Praveen Vemulapalli more than 1000 guests were attending the event even during the Cold climate in Chicago. On behalf of all TAGC, We wish all our community a happy Makara Sankranti and advanced Republic Day wishes. The cultural programs included more than

30 programs with 330 local talents, followed by Chicago famous singers Praveen Jagigama garu, Sailaja garu and Madhavi Merugu garu who entertained audiences with different movie songs. TAGC President-elect Ramu Billakanti garu welcomed and wished good health, prosperity and wealth to all the guests on behalf of President Jyothi Chintalapani garu. President garu thanked all Sponsors, Volunteers and encouraged to take membership by all attendees. The program started with Lord Ganesha prayer along with the cultural team and Board of Directors. In the Sankranti and India Republic cultural event 330 participants performed a variety of programs and shows keeping the audience entertained and involved. The program highlight was 36 person



volunteers who worked for more than 8 weeks to make the event grand success.

Audience was enthusiastic to see all decorations throughout the Auditorium. Bommalla Koluvu, Kite decoration, Harvest Crop themes was a special attraction according to Decorations Committee Chair Mrs. Vani Yetrintala. There was also competitions on Sankranti theme and Muggulu potti. Gifts were distributed for the Competition winners by Sponsors along with on-spot gift cards for kids who answered correctly about Sankranti and Telugu culture.

TAGC Sankranti cultural Celebration also included delicious dinner served by Volunteers.. In food "Ghee Ariselu" became the top attraction, which was specially brought from India. Along with Ariselu, more than 10 items were served which include Pongal, Indian Peas curry, Vada and Pizza for

kids. Volunteer team led by Food Chair Mr. Srinivas Kandru has streamlined the process and made the lines disappear with minimal wait for more than 1000 guests within an hour. TAGC Board thanked Bawarchi restaurant for providing a tasty food with lot of varieties for a nominal price.

All the board members, various committee chairs/co-chairs, volunteers under the direction of the current President Mrs. Jyothi Chintalapani, President-elect Mr. Ram Billakanti worked hard with dedication, passion and great enthusiasm to make first event grand successful and memorable with festive experience to guests and participants who attended the event. Youth Volunteers helped in the event in membership validation, ticket distribution and Food serving. All the event was driven by volunteers and did a smooth execution.





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Retrogrades: When Planets Go “Backward”

You know those times when everything goes haywire, and you can't figure out why? Look up, stargazer: A planet could be retrograde—meaning that from the vantage point of Earth, it appears to be spinning backward. What's really happening? Well, the Earth is completing its orbit around the Sun faster than other planets outside its orbit. Periodically, it will outpace them—and that's when retrograde mayhem breaks loose.

Much like a speeding car or train passing a slower one, the planet that's being passed will appear to stop and move backward—which is the apparent retrograde period. Then, once the Earth completely passes this planet in its orbit, the motion appears normal again, and the planet is said to be “direct” or “prograde” (to use the snappy scientific term). Chances are, you've been in a vehicle that felt like it was moving in reverse when it was passed, so you know the feeling!

Each retrograde cycle has a “shadow period”—the awkward adjustment of the retrograde planet from apparent backward to forward motion...and vice-versa. For that reason, you may feel the stirrings of a retrograde cycle for several days, even weeks, before it officially begins.

While retrograde planets are just an illusion, astrology followers can attest to experiencing their effects. The areas that a retrograde planet rules can become weak, challenging or troublesome during this cycle.

All planets go retrograde periodically, so we need to embrace these inevitable cycles as a fact of life, and an opportunity to build character. As the Buddha said, “No mud, no lotus.” Sometimes, it takes a challenge for us to develop the inner strength and self-knowledge we need to evolve as humans.

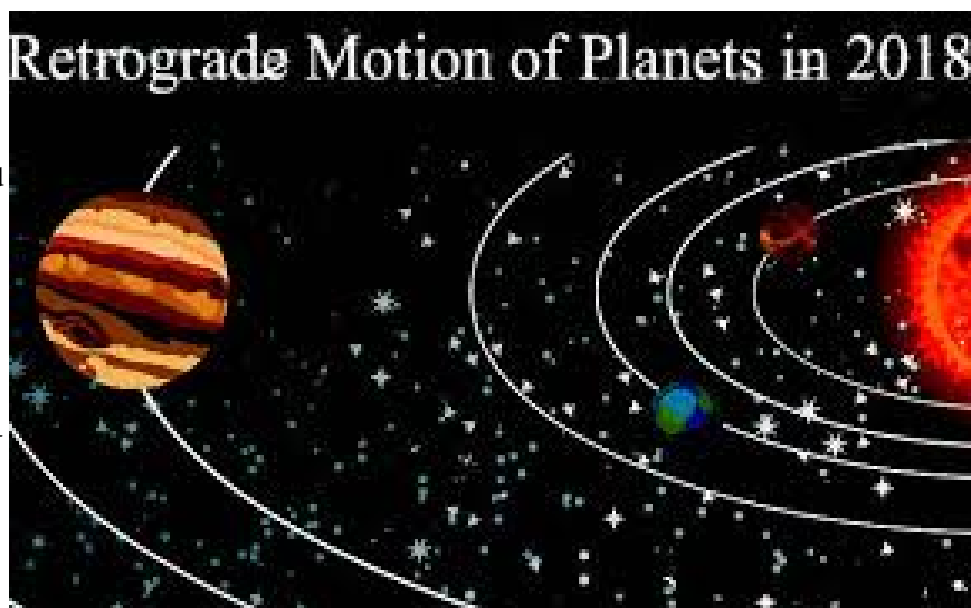
The planets, retrograde
The most commonly-known retrograde is Mercury—planet of communication, transportation, travel and technology—which goes retrograde for three weeks,

three or four times a year. During a Mercury retrograde cycle, arguments and misunderstandings rage, plans fall apart, cars break down, and computers crash suddenly. Astrologers advise precautions: back up your digital files before this period begins, postpone any deals, and plan to be repeat or explain yourself a few extra times.

Love planet Venus goes retrograde every 18 months, which can reveal any weak links in a relationship or bring back past paramours. Astrologers advise against proposals, weddings, and any major relationship moves during this 4-6 week period, although the tabloids are predictably peppered with celebrity breakups each time Venus goes rogue. Mars is retrograde every two years for about two months, which can stir up conflict and fighting. The “outer planets”—Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto—all go retrograde for four to five months every year. So forget about hiding under a rock, because most of the time at least one planet, if not more, is retrograde.

So what's good about retrogrades? The prefix re- means to go back—and retrogrades are a time to polish up projects already in the works, or to dig up ones you've set aside. Retrogrades turn our attention to the past, and can actually be cosmic “grace periods” when we can finish all the things we've started or strengthen our plans, ensuring that we don't move forward on a shaky foundation. Old friends, lovers and past issues can resurface, giving you a chance to reconnect or revise. This can be a useful time to resolve any arguments, revisit old ideas, research an idea or renew a commitment. Tighten up your routines and plans during these periods, and you'll be ready to rock when the retrograde period ends.

How to proactively use every retrograde:
Mercury retrograde: Get in touch with old friends and contacts, back up devices and data, edit and clarify your thoughts, dust off an old writing project or course of study. Polish up your social media profiles.



Venus retrograde: Heal any issues in your relationship or blocks to love. Recognize when you're in the wrong match and move on. Gain closure with an ex...or reunite if the timing is better. Make peace with a woman in your life.

Mars retrograde: Learn how to handle pressure and conflict more effectively. Release a grudge, lay down your swords. Slow down and stop rushing to avoid accidents. Have sex with an ex (with caution!). Work on practicing patience. Get back to an old sport or exercise routine. Find the courage to confront someone. Make peace with a man in your life.

Jupiter retrograde: Slow down the risk-taking and evaluate before rushing ahead. Travel to an old favorite place. Pick up an abandoned entrepreneurial venture. Go back to school, finish a degree or certification.

Saturn retrograde: Tighten up your plans, rethink your goals and career path. Practice self-discipline and delay instant gratification. Work through father issues (good thing Saturn goes retrograde once a year, eh?).

Uranus retrograde: Watch your contrarian tendencies and make sure you're not being a rebel without a cause. Question your political stance, study up on poli-

tics, scientific developments and current events, reconnect with a humanitarian cause. Distance yourself from destructive and disruptive people who bring chaos into your world (you don't need any more than you're already getting!).

Neptune retrograde: Resume a creative, musical or artistic project. Dive into your subconscious, do healing work and therapy, explore and question your spiritual beliefs. Meditate to get more in tune with your intuition. Watch out for denial and codependence. Cut the energy vampires out of your life.

Pluto retrograde: Explore your “shadow side” and delve into old fears, limiting beliefs and entrenched unconscious patterns. Remove toxic energies from your world via Feng Shui, space clearing, burning sage, decluttering. Protect yourself against unsafe people and situations. Recognize where you are being bullied or dominated—or where you may be overpowering someone else—and resolve the situation. Watch out for projecting your own unconscious baggage onto others. Access mystical or buried parts of yourself through past-life regressions, working with a psychic medium, hypnotherapy.

Who Got the Best Deal at IPL 2018 Auctions?

A total of 169 players were sold among 8 franchises in the IPL 2018 players' auction on 27-28 January in Bengaluru. Team owners spent Rs 431.7 crore in total during the mega event. It was a very interesting auction, considering the fact that most of the franchises have managed to come out with balanced units. Royal Challengers Bangalore, who have always relied on their batsmen, now have bowlers such as Umesh Yadav and Nathan Coulter-Nile. Along with Sunrisers Hyderabad, RCB seems to be the most compact unit this season.

Here's a look at how each franchise fared at the event.

1. Chennai Super Kings

Chennai Super Kings have been one of the best, when it comes to acquiring players at the auction. But this time they seemed to have lost their steam. They bought not-so-agile players, such as Kedar Jadhav and Ambati Rayudu. Surprisingly, CSK decided to take the stars of the olden days – Shane Watson and Harbhajan Singh. The CSK team management will have to live on the hope that these players stay fit for the next three years.

If Jadhav and Rayudu score runs, then it will be great, but there is a chance of them conceding some easy runs on the field. They also saved the most amount of money at the end of the auction – Rs 6.5 crore.

2. Delhi Daredevils

Delhi Daredevils had one of their best times at the auction this year. This time they didn't go over the top, when it came to spending for particular players. Their most expensive player is Glenn Maxwell for Rs 9 crore. They have acquired Gautam Gambhir, who knows how to mould a successful side.

Delhi's only issue will be the middle-order. They will heavily rely on the young guns – Shreyas Iyer and Rishabh Pant. They had a hot and cold season last year. If the duo don't fire, then Delhi could be in big trouble.

3. Mumbai Indians

Mumbai Indians have a fantastic bowling line-up in Mustafizur Rahman, Pat Cummins and Jasprit Bumrah, but the blue brigade will struggle with their batting. They will be relying heavily on their captain Rohit Sharma. And if Kieron Pollard, Hardik Pandya and Krunal Pandya fail to fire, Mumbai could be in huge trouble. They have also invested in a young wicket-keeper Ishan Kishan.

4. Rajasthan Royals

Rajasthan Royals scalped two of the most expensive buys in the auction. They acquired Ben Stokes for Rs 12.5 crore and Jaydev Unadkat for Rs 11.5 crore. Rajasthan will have no issues in putting the runs on the board with the likes of Ajinkya Rahane, Rahul Tripathi, Steve Smith, Sanju Samson and Jos Buttler in their side.

However, all the pressure will fall on Unadkat, when it comes to bowling. Steve Smith will certainly look to chase in most of the matches.

5. Kolkata Knight Riders

Kolkata Knight Riders have two great top-order batsmen in Chris Lynn and Robin Uthappa. But an even better bowling attack in Sunil Narine, Mitchell Starc and Kuldeep Yadav. Dinesh Karthik and Andre Russell can do the job for them in the middle order. KKR's biggest problem is that they don't have a captain material player in their side. They might look towards Robin Uthappa to lead.

6. Kings XI Punjab

Kings XI Punjab made the boldest moves at the auction this year, and at times it worked wonders for them. They can have a settled opening pair in KL Rahul and Aaron Finch. They will surely try Chris Gayle in the first few games and if he scores big, then Punjab could easily be one of the contenders to win the IPL.

They have good finishers in David Miller and Marcus Stoinis, and also an experienced off-spinner in Ravichandran Ashwin. The only department Kings XI Punjab lack in is an experienced set of fast bowlers.

7. Royal Challengers Bangalore

Royal Challengers Bangalore have finally got a good bowling attack. Umesh Yadav and Nathan Coulter-Nile will lead the pace attack and they will be supported by the spinners Washington Sundar and Yuzvendra Chahal. And if the likes of Quinton de Kock, Virat Kohli and AB de Villiers shine with the bat, then RCB could be the team to look out for in the IPL.

8. Sunrisers Hyderabad

The Sunrisers Hyderabad seem to have the most compact side after the IPL Auction 2018. Shikhar Dhawan and David Warner can provide good starts consistently at the top, Manish Pandey, Shakib Al Hasan and Wriddhiman Saha can man the middle order. Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Sandeep

Sharma and Rashid Khan are more than able to keep performing consistently for their side.

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- KEDAR JADHAV
- AMBATI RAYUDU
- IMRAN TAHIR
- KARUN NAIK
- SHARDH THAKUR
- JAGADESAN NARAYAN
- MITCHELL SANTNER
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- KANISH SETH
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The Big Bang Theory and Scientific Miracles

By Rafeeq Ahmed



The Big Bang theory states that around 12-15 billion years ago the universe came into existence from one single extremely hot and dense point, and that something triggered the explosion of this point that brought

about the beginning of the universe. The universe, since then, has been expanding from this single point.

In 1912, the American astronomer, Vesto Slipher, noticed that the galaxies were moving away from earth at huge velocities. These observations provided the first evidence supporting the expanding-universe theory.

In 1916, Albert Einstein formulated his General Theory of Relativity that indicated that the universe must be either expanding or contracting.

In 1929, well known American astronomer Edwin Hubble, soon after published his theory, he went on to discover that not only were galaxies moving away from the Earth, but were also moving away from one another. This meant that the universe happened to be expanding in every direction, in the same way a balloon expands when filled with air. Hubble's new findings placed the foundations for the Big Bang theory.

Yet, astonishingly well before telescopes were even invented and well before Hubble published his Law, Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) used to recite a verse of the Quran to his companions that ultimately stated that the universe is expanding.

"And the heaven We created with might, and indeed We are (its) expander." (Quran 51:47)

At the time of the revelation of the Quran, the word "space" was not known, and people used the word "heaven" to refer to what lies above the Earth. In the above verse, the word "heaven" is referring to space and the known universe. The verse points out that space, and thus the universe, happens to be expanding, just as Hubble's Law states.

That the Quran mentioned such a fact centuries before the invention of the first telescope, at a time when there was primitive knowledge in science, is considered remarkable. This is more so considering that, like many people in his time, Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) happened to be illiterate and simply could not have been aware of such facts by himself. Could it be that he had truly received divine revelation from the Creator and Originator of the universe?

It is mentioned in the Quran:

"He (God) is the Originator of the heavens and the earth..." (Quran 6:101)

"Is not He who created the heavens and the earth Able to create the likes of them? Yes; and He is the Knowing Creator. His command is only when He intends a thing that He says to it, 'Be,' and it is." (Quran 36:81-82)

The above verses prove that the universe had a beginning,

that God was behind its creation, and all that God needs to do in order to create is to say "Be," and it is. Could this be an explanation as to what triggered off the explosion that brought about the beginning of the universe?

The Quran also mentions: "Have those who disbelieved not considered that the heavens and the earth were a joined entity, then We separated them, and made from water every living thing? Then will they not believe?" (Quran 21:30)

Muslim scholars who have explained the previous verse mention that the heavens and earth were once one, and then God caused them to separate and form into the seven heavens and Earth. Yet, due to the limitations of science and technology at the time of the revelation of the Quran (and for centuries to follow), no scholar was able to give much detail about how exactly the heavens and earth were created.

With the introduction of the Big Bang theory, it soon became clear to Muslim scholars that the details mentioned with regards to the theory go identically hand in hand with the description of the creation of the universe in verse 30 of chapter 21 of the Quran. The theory states that all the matter in the universe came into existence from one single extremely hot and dense point; that exploded and brought about the beginning of the universe, matches what is mentioned in the verse that the heaven and Earth (thus the universe) where once joined together, and then split apart. Once again, the only possible explanation is that Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) had truly received divine revelation from God, The Creator and Originator of the universe.

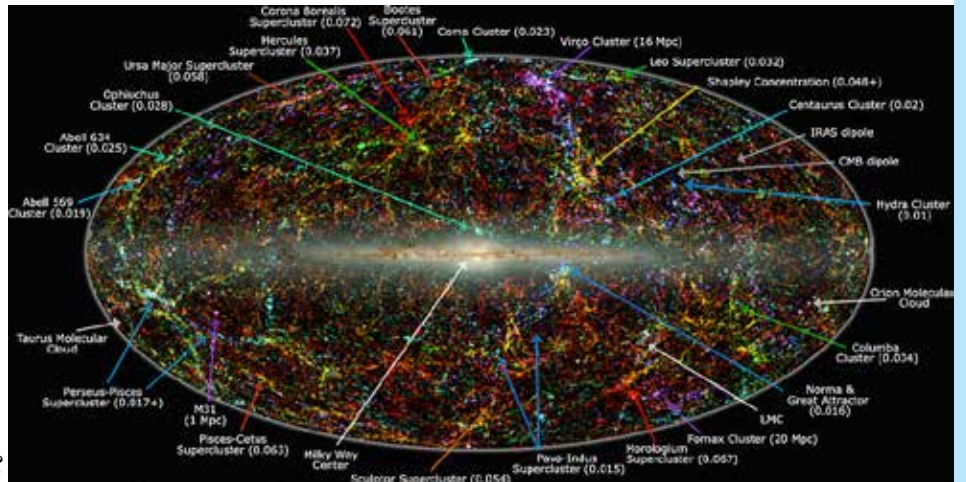
The following are some comments of scientists[1] on the scientific miracles in the Holy Quran.

1) Dr. Yoshihide Kozai is Professor Emeritus at Tokyo University, Hongo, Tokyo, Japan, and was the Director of the National Astronomical Observatory, Mitaka, Tokyo, Japan. He said:

"I am very much impressed by finding true astronomical facts in [the] Quran, and for us the modern astronomers have been studying very small pieces of the universe.

We've concentrated our efforts for understanding of [a] very small part. Because by using telescopes, we can see only very few parts [of] the sky without thinking [about the] whole universe. So, by reading [the] Quran and by answering to the questions, I think I can find my future way for investigation of the universe."

2) Professor Tejatat Tejasen is the Chairman of the Department of Anatomy at Chiang Mai University, Chiang



Thailand. Previously, he was the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the same university. During the Eighth Saudi Medical Conference in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Professor Tejasen stood up and said:

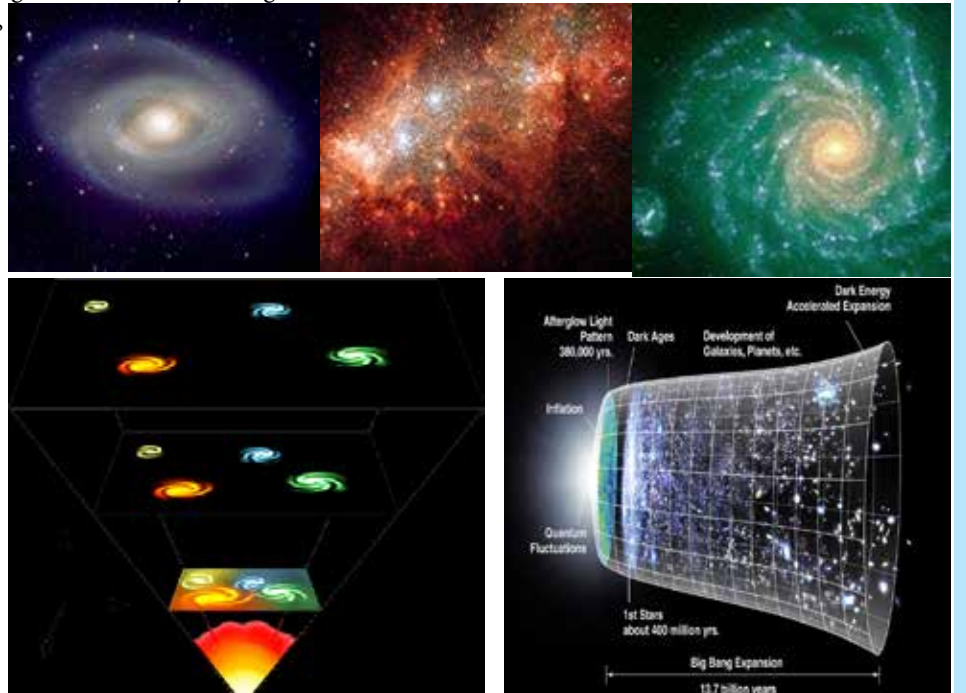
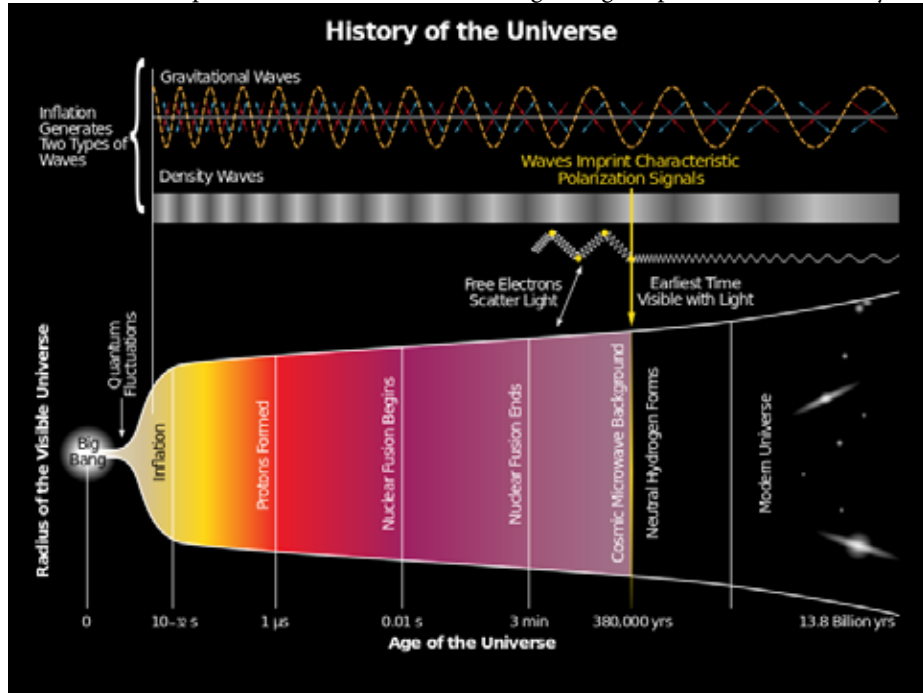
"During the last three years, I became interested in the Quran . . . From my study and what I have learned from this conference, I believe that everything that has been recorded in the Quran fourteen hundred years ago must be the truth, that can be proved by the scientific means. Since the Prophet Muhammad could neither read nor write, Muhammad must be a messenger who relayed this truth, which was revealed to him as an enlightenment by the one who is eligible [as the] creator. This creator must be God. Therefore, I think this is the time to say La ilaha illa Allah, there is no god to worship except Allah (God), Muhammadur rasoolu Allah, Muhammad is Messenger (Prophet) of Allah (God). Lastly, I must congratulate for the excellent and highly successful arrangement for this conference . . . I have gained not only from the scientific point of view and religious point of view but also the great chance of meeting many well-known scientists and making many new friends among the participants. The most precious thing of all that I have gained by coming to this place is La ilaha illa Allah, Muhammadur rasoolu Allah, and to have become a Muslim."

After all these examples we have seen about the scientific miracles in the Holy Quran and all these scientists' comments on this, let us ask ourselves these questions:

- Could it be a coincidence that all this recently discovered scientific information from different fields was mentioned in the Quran, which was revealed fourteen centuries ago?

- Could this Quran have been authored by Muhammad, may the mercy and blessings of God be upon him, or by any other human being?

The only possible answer is that this Quran must be the literal word of God, revealed by Him.



INTERNATIONAL PAGES

Dr. Javed Jamil urges upon Muslims to launch "Peace and Friendship Offensive for the Unity of the Nation"

Report by Saiyid Anwer

Renowned thinker and writer and Head of Chair in Islamic Studies at Yenepoya University, Dr. Javed Jamil has called upon Muslims to launch "Peace and Friendship Offensive for the unity of the Nation." He was speaking as Chief Guest at a convention on "Future of Muslims in India and Role of Professionals" organised by Muslim Professionals of Bangalore on Saturday, the 20th January, 2018. It was part of the "Truth and Justice" conclave organised by Jamat-e Islami-e Hinmd at Bangalore. He said that despite some genuine concerns about the threats to the minority communities, "the future of Muslims in India is safe and secure provided they play their cards with sagacity, wisdom and sustained patience".

Dr. Jamil argued that India is a country of several minority sections and there is no clear ideological or social majority group in the country and asked Muslims to go on Peace and Friendship Offensive with each of these groups on the basis of "common grounds". These groups include religious minorities including Muslims, Dalits, Hindu Backward Classes, Hindutvavadis and Secular Hindus. He argued that there should be a dialogue with the so-called Hindutva forces and "we must stress upon them to shun the campaign based on Religious identity and instead realize the commonness of Religious Morality between Islam, Hinduism and other religions." He argued that no movement in India can succeed if it is based on hatred as-

sociated with religious identity and the biggest losers will be the very forces that use this for gaining political and economic hegemony.

Dr. Jamil said that if Muslims have to empower themselves they must make multidimensional, multisectoral, comprehensive, well-coordinated and sustained efforts in that direction. He said that "Ideological Empowerment, Social Empowerment, Economic Empowerment and Political Empowerment" are the four keys to progress, safety and prosperity. Social Empowerment includes educational Empowerment, Empowerment of women within Islamic framework, improvement of health standards and fight against the social vices like alcohol, drugs, gambling and sex outside the boundaries of marriage.

Dr. Jamil advised Muslims to give up the "Reactive Politics", only reacting to the politics played by others and instead engage themselves in "Proactive Politics" raising issues related to the concerns not only of Muslims but the entire humanity and the ration. "Muslims must fight against ever galloping Economic Inequality, rising crimes, lawlessness, injustices and commercialization of human weaknesses", he argued. He asked "why Muslims have not taken to the streets to demand total ban on alcohol, drugs, prostitution, nudity and pornography, abortions of human fetuses and promiscuity and for realization of women's rights in inheritance". He urged them to launch



a full-fledged campaign against the designs of the forces of economics that "seek to commercialize both problems and solutions and both crimes and justice delivery". "It is high time "total ideological onslaught is launched against false ideologies, concepts, programmes and policies", he said, "but care must be taken not to antagonize people, communities, sects and countries".

Dr Javed Jamil was on three-day trip of Bangalore and delivered four talks including those on Advocates' Forum, Doctors of Humanity and Darul Umoor, Srirangapatnam.

Immigration agents target 7-Eleven stores in nationwide sweep

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents blitzed dozens of 7-Eleven stores before dawn Wednesday to interview employees and deliver audit notifications, carrying out what the agency said was the largest operation targeting an employer since President Trump took office.

ICE said its agents showed up at 98 stores and made 21 arrests, describing the operation as a warning to other companies that may have unauthorized workers on their payroll.

"Today's actions send a strong message to U.S. businesses that hire and employ an illegal workforce: ICE will enforce the law, and if you are found to be breaking the law, you will be held accountable," said Thomas D. Homan, the agency's top official, in a statement.

Homan characterized the operation as a new front in the Trump administration's broader immigration crackdown and its effort to increase deportations. ICE agents have made 40 percent more arrests in the past year.

"Businesses that hire illegal workers are a pull factor for illegal immigration and we are working hard to remove this magnet," Homan's statement said. "ICE will continue its efforts to protect jobs for American workers by eliminating unfair competitive advantages for companies that exploit illegal immigration."

ICE said it sent agents to deliver audit notifications and conduct interviews at 6 a.m., temporarily shutting down 7-Eleven

stores in the District and in 17 states: California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas and Washington. Irving, Tex.-based 7-Eleven has more than 60,000 stores worldwide, according to its website. In a statement, the company said it was not responsible for the hiring decisions of individual franchise owners.

"7-Eleven Franchisees are independent business owners and are solely responsible for their employees including deciding who to hire and verifying their eligibility to work in the United States," the company said in an emailed statement.

"As part of the 7-Eleven franchise agreement, 7-Eleven requires all franchise business owners to comply with all federal, state and local employment laws," the statement continued. "7-Eleven takes compliance with immigration laws seriously and has terminated the franchise agreements of franchisees convicted of violating these laws."

ICE described Wednesday's sweep as a follow-up enforcement operation that built on a 2013 raid resulting in the arrests of nine 7-Eleven franchise owners and managers. They were charged with "conspiring to commit wire fraud, stealing identities and concealing and harboring illegal aliens employed at their stores," according to the agency. ICE said all but one pleaded guilty and were ordered to pay more than \$2.6 million in back wages to workers.

Last year, ICE said it conducted 1,360 employee audits, making more than 300 arrests on criminal and administrative violations. Businesses were ordered to pay \$97.6 million in judicial forfeiture, fines and restitution, the agency said, and \$7.8 million in civil fines. "We are going to be doing more of this work and dedicating more resources to make sure businesses are complying with the law," said Dani Bennett, an ICE spokeswoman. "This is a demonstration of our commitment to enforcing the law."

Store owners and managers will have three days to provide the agency with information about the immigration status of their employees, Bennett said.

Prosecuting business owners who hire illegal workers is often difficult for the government, because company owners typically insist they were deceived by employees using fake Social Security numbers. Supporters of tougher immigration enforcement want to require all employers to use the government's E-Verify system, which checks employees' I-9 employment eligibility forms, Social Security numbers and other identifying information with federal databases. Critics say E-Verify is



error-prone and a needless expansion of government power. Nearly 8 in 10 Americans said employers should be required to validate the immigration status of new hires, including 6 in 10 who support it strongly, according to a September 2017 Washington Post-ABC News poll.

Large majorities of Democrats (65 percent) and Republicans (93 percent) said they would back such a mandate, the survey found.

Is Trump fit for White House?

Dr. Abdul Ruff Colachal

Global Dictator Trump becoming US president is yet another tragedy after the Sept-11 hoax that struck Washington in 2017.

Trump has belittled USA, insulted Americans in possible ways. He stands for unilateralism and Zionist fascism.

Pakistan, a close partner before and after Sept-11 hoax, has laughed at Trump for his silly and childish comments about Pakistani role in US advancing national interest in South Asia, West Asia, Central Asia and in fact entire Islamic world. It was Pakistan that brought USA close to USA but USA is annoyed with Pakistan for close alliance with China because the USA both like and hates China.

The change of US color towards one of its non-NATO ally is indeed a big surprise as it thinks it can insult and threaten Pakistan being a Muslim nation can get Indian money under many guises, including FDI for its support for Indian position on Jammu Kashmir. USA appease Pakistan to make India happy, its TV channels celebrate victory not only in dividing the allies but also attracting the super power towards India...

Pakistan lost thousands of people in supporting and helping the USA and NATO fight the so-called terrorists in Af-Pak. Eventually, the American wolves began targeting Pakistani citizens... Islamabad woke up to US threat to Pakistanis and other Muslims.

USA and Israel have been secret strategic partners engaged in covert terror operations across the globe much before Trump became US president to openly threaten the world peace on behalf of Israel and his Jewish son in law who is Trump's policy maker for West Asia. Under Trump Washington's support for Israel's perpetual and overt violation of international law and its bombing of humanitarian missions makes Israel a very costly ally.

The release of a bombshell-filled book about Donald Trump's first year in the White House sparked fresh debate about the president's fitness for office, with the author claiming his closest aides "say he is like a child." "Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House" was rushed into bookstores and onto e-book platforms four days ahead of schedule due to what its publisher called "unprecedented demand" — and after Trump's bid to block it failed. The book — which has sent shockwaves across Washington — quickly sold out in shops in the US capital, with some even lining up at midnight to get their hands on it. Trump has decried the instant best-seller as "phony" and "full of lies."

Journalist Michael Wolff, no stranger to controversy, quotes several key Trump aides expressing serious doubt about his ability to lead the world's largest economy — and despite fiery criticism from the Republican, he stood his ground. "Let me put a marker in the sand here. One hundred per cent of the people around him" question Trump's fitness for office, Wolff said in an interview with NBC's "Today" show. "They all say he is like a child. And what they mean by that is he has a need for immediate gratification. It's all about him."

The 71-year-old Republican president, who is approaching the first anniversary of his inauguration, has responded with fury to the claims in Wolff's book. The book — which paints Trump as far out of his depth — includes extensive quotes from Steve Bannon, his former chief strategist, and his publication sparked a very public break between the former allies.

Bannon accused Trump's eldest son Don Jr of "treasonous" contacts with a Kremlin-connected lawyer, and saying the president's daughter Ivanka, who imagines running for president one day, is "dumb as a brick." But it is Trump himself who is cast in the most unfavorable light by a series of his top aides. The book claims that for "Steve Mnuchin and Reince Priebus, the president was an 'idiot.' For Gary Cohn, he was 'dumb as shit.' For H.R. McMaster, he was a 'dope.' At least a dozen members of the US Congress, most of them Democrats, were briefed by a Yale University professor of psychiatry on President Donald Trump's mental health.

The briefing by Dr Bandy Lee, the editor of "The

Dangerous Case of Donald Trump: 27 Psychiatrists and Mental Health Experts Assess a President," took place in early December. Lawmakers were saying they have been very concerned about this, the president's dangerousness, the dangers that his mental instability poses on the nation. The investigation by Mueller, a former FBI director, is looking into whether the Trump campaign colluded with Russia to help get him elected — a charge the president has repeatedly and vehemently denied. Wolff said his account was drawn from interviews with those in close contact with Trump and all described him in the same terms. "They say he's a moron, idiot," Wolff told NBC. And the author confidently defended himself against attacks on his credibility, which have included threats from Trump's lawyers of a libel suit.

Not only Pakistan, in fact no one vouches for US Dictator Donald Trump for all his senseless actions from the very start of his White House dwelling, he has confused the world an Americans more any other US president before him, not even Bush Jr who boldly bluffed to the world and Americans about the Sept-11 hoax as being an act of Islamic terrorism while the fact remains that it was internal matter executed in perfection by US Zionists and Israel. USA wanted to invade and control oil rich Arab world and Iran after attacking and occupying an Islamizing Afghanistan. Al-Qaida and Taliban, the offsprings of imperialist USA (Neocons) ably aided USA by doing exactly what the CIA-Pentagon duo directed them to do - invite one so-called Osama bin Laden so that US led Nato could attack Afghanistan by misusing Pakistan.

There is a Pandora of questions and suspicions about his very election victory. Outside help and bribing the voters are being discussed in the media. Russia tried to help Donald Trump win the 2016 presidential election. Its method was simple: steal emails from prominent Democrats and leak them to the public. According to multiple government and private sector reports, Russian intelligence organizations deceived email users into undermining their own communications security. Russia also engaged in a massive disinformation campaign to sow confusion and doubt among the public. Spreading "fake news" supported Trump's claims that the electoral system was rigged, that mainstream media outlets were untrustworthy, and that existing institutions were designed to favor elites at the expense of the people. All of this created an environment of distrust and disillusionment. Intelligence officials frequently warned of Russian activities, noting that it was beefing up its ability to use cyberspace for espionage, military operations, and possibly sabotage. But they largely missed the key ways in which Russia interfered in the election. US intelligence supported Trump. In 2016 the CIA reported that Vladimir Putin was personally involved.

Upon assuming power, Donald Trump very quickly proved to be the new US dictator. His devastating actions include, withdrawal from Climate accord, threatening Muslims, threaten North Korea with a nuclear attack, insulting American prestige by talking ill of peace accord with Iran over Nuclear issue. Finally, Trump hit the emotional side of humanity by declaring Jerusalem to be belong to Israel as if he enjoys the ownership of Jerusalem.

Trump's proclamation of a unipolar world based on his notion of the US's economic power has now collapsed. Israel, despite the son in law of Trump's support, has no legitimacy. It's continued Mossad assassinations of leading Palestinians and others and the increasing IDF slaughter of the spontaneous Palestinian civilian resistance has failed to improve its international standing — except among NATO state criminals, fanatic Burmese blood suckers-soldiers and Guatemalan torturers.

Foreign policy of Trump and his Jewish son in law showed how fractured and dangerously dysfunctional the US government has become. Clearly Trump's championing of a racist, colonialist, ethnic cleansing state like Israel is view as a strategic diplomatic disaster. The Manhattan egomaniac has tied the US fortunes to the whims

of a pariah state led by a complete lunatic.

Real estate speculator, Jewish Jared Kushner, Trump's pampered son-in-law, and a complete Netanyahu flunky, became the senior advisor for the Middle East. Kushner pressured Trump's National Security Advisor General Michael Flynn to intervene with Russia on behalf of Israel's takeover of Jerusalem.

The Real Estate king Trump's bizarre decision to hand an entire Jerusalem city over to the criminal Zionists alienated all Muslims and Christians the world over, as well as the secular Western liberal nations and emerging powers, like Russia and China.

A number of Israel-First US/Jew multi-billionaires, who financed Trump's electoral campaign, demanded an immediate pay-off from their puppet: The Administration's unconditional support for Netanyahu's agenda. Despite protests from the rest of the world, especially the US closest European allies, Trump plunged the nation right into the Zionist soup: a Jewish Jerusalem; the systematic eviction of all Arabs, Christian, Muslim and secular, and the eventual annexation of all of Palestine; as well as an increasing military confrontation with Iran.

The USA under Trump suffered an overwhelming and humiliating defeat at UN by promoting Israeli interests as its own. At UN vote, 128 nations demanded that the Trump regime withdraw its declaration that Jerusalem was Israel's undivided capital for Jews. Only 9 micro-nations (some mere postage stamps and a few death-squad banana-stans) voted with the Trump-Haley decision, 35 mendicant-states put their heads down and abstained while 21 timorous ambassadors chose to hide their shamelessness in the toilet stalls rather than show up for this important vote. Not only Trump but even Haley behave dictators, demanded that each nation on earth accept Trump's and the racist-Zionist Netanyahu's declaration that the ancient city of Jerusalem is the eternal, undivided and ethnically managed capital of the Jews. Trump's message was loud and clear — he was the great 'decider' and the UN votes would identify America's true friends and enemies. "We are making a list... and there will be consequences..."

All of the leading Asian and Western European countries voted against Trump. They openly rejected the crude blackmail of the US-Israel fascist duo. Subservient regimes in Eastern Europe, corrupt regimes in Latin America and some horrifically impoverished nations in Africa and Asia chose to abstain or excuse themselves to the bathrooms of Times Square. Narco-neoliberal regimes in Mexico, Colombia, Paraguay, Panama and the Dominican Republic abstained. Even rightwing Eastern European regimes, which usually give unquestioned support to all US demands, like Romania, Bosnia, Poland and Latvia defied Nikki Haley's 'name taking' by abstaining. Those with 'no-shows' and hiding in the toilets included US puppets like Georgia, Samoa, St Kitts and Tonga.

An openly humiliated Trump and his UN Ambassador Haley could not even thank the abstainers and 'no-shows' for their courage and preparing a few bags of goodies (matzos, Mogan David wine and discounts to the brothels of Tel Aviv) for the torturers of Honduras and half-drowned 'leaders' of Palau in gratitude for such loyalty.

Apart from Netanyahu and Trump, the other pro Trump nations included a handful of insignificant Pacific islands (Marshall Islands, Palau, Micronesia), Togo, a corrupt African mini-state and two banana-sized 'death squad democracies', Honduras and Guatemala. The latter two regimes hold power via stolen elections backed by narco-thugs in the pay (dubbed 'foreign aid') of the USA.

The UN Security Council vote in favor of Washington's demands for added sanctions against North Korea demonstrated Trump's power to intimidate the oligarchs and leaders of China and Russia. But that is not at all important.

Netanyahu's operational weapons in manipulating US policy involved Jew Jared Kushner, the billionaire Israel-First donors, the AIPAC and UN Ambassador Jewish Nikki Haley. Tel Aviv succeeded in securing Trump's commitment to the Israeli

agenda, despite opposition from the entire UN National Security Council and the overwhelming majority of the General Assembly. In the style of a typical authoritarian, US President Trump grovels at the feet of his 'superior', Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, while tearing at the throats of his 'inferiors', the 193 member nations of the UN General Assembly.

What makes the defeat even more striking is the fact that all major allies and most of the biggest aid recipients openly defied the US threats. Eight of the ten biggest US aid recipients voted against Trump-Netanyahu conspiracy.

In contrast to Netanyahu's beaming success, the US suffered a historic diplomatic defeat: Fourteen times as many nations voted against the demands of the US President over-Netanyahu's grab of Jerusalem.

The cause of the US suffering such a crushing debacle and the driving force behind the UN disaster was Israeli PM Netanyahu whose quest to seize Jerusalem and convert it into the 'eternal' capital of the Jews was his top priority. For decades the entire world has rejected Israel's seizure of Jerusalem and its conversion into an ethnically cleansed capital for the 'Jewish' state. The UN and international jurists denounced Israel's colonial conquest and ethnic cleansing of Palestine. Netanyahu secured the greatest diplomatic and political success of his career — the total submission of the USA to his agenda, at the risk of a major humiliation in the UN. This, in effect, formalized Israeli hegemony over Washington, for the world to see.

The fact remains that the USA in violation of international law, proliferated WMD to Israel secretly without even informing the IAEA, but it targets countries like North Korea and Iran that have legitimate right to have nukes.

Clearly Trump's boast of US power is in bad taste which he wants to misuse to promote Israeli status. His terrifying threats would ensure that Washington had a majority vote in the 'gifting' of Jerusalem to Zio-fascism.

The Trump regime clearly defined the style and substance of US imperial dictates Trump and his bombastic UN Ambassador Nikki Haley threatened that all decisions and agreements regarding alliances, loans, aid and diplomatic relations were at stake on Jerusalem issue. Both believe that US dominance and global hegemony was absolute and unassailable.

The USA shamelessly tied its prestige to the whims of a paranoid nation called Israel arrogantly flaunting its racist superiority complex, backed by groups of immensely wealthy overseas dual citizens. Washington's continued support for Israel's perpetual and overt violation of international law and its bombing of humanitarian missions makes Israel a very costly ally. Diplomatically, Israel's vituperative responses to any legal criticism from world bodies undermine its chances of coalition building.

Now except Israel, no country supports USA. Europeans are deadly opposed to Trump's American unilateralism over Jerusalem. USA stands isolated and abandoned along with its ally Israel.

The limits on US power still depend on the issues, the allies, the diplomatic appeals, the adversaries and the distribution of benefits and costs. By exposing himself to be a betrayer of the cause of Mideast peace, the USA has lost its big power influence regarding other regional conflicts. Trump has insulted Americans by making US policy to advance the concept of "Israel first". It is high time the USA recognized the impending danger and realized the urgency to rein in dictator Trump and push him out of politics and White House. USA must get urgently rid of the ugly baggage called Zionist Israel and pursue policies only for America and pure Americans — not Jews or Israel.

Setback for Tablighi Jamaat's plan to build 'mega mosque' in London

TABLIGHI Jamaat's (TJ) plan to build Europe's biggest mosque in East London suffered another blow when a high court judge last week threw out their petition seeking suspension of an injunction for the demolition of a smaller mosque located on the site.

The high court judge also disallowed the TJ plea for an appeal against the judgement reviving chances of the demolition of existing structures starting within weeks.

Only a restraining order from the European Court of Human Rights, where trustees had filed an application in the second week of this month, can save Masjid Ilyas and stop council bulldozers rolling into the 17-acre land which remained under a chemical factory for a century before trustees of UK Tablighi Jamaat bought it in 1995 for 1.6 million pounds.

In the absence of any restraining order from the European Court of Human Rights, the Newham Borough Council can start demolition of the mosque if it is not pulled down by the trustees within six months. The council can also initiate legal proceedings to get a CPO (Compulsory Purchase Order) if it faced resistance from the TJ trustees or their followers.

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Judge Walden-Smith sitting on the bench as a judge of the High Court also ordered trustees of Tablighi Jamaat to pay London Borough of Newham £22,207 as costs within four weeks. The council can initiate enforcement proceedings for the recovery of cost if the trustees failed to pay the cost by Feb 23. Various local groups have announced plans to build pressure on the local authority for an early demolition of the existing mosque.

"Tablighi Jamaat has procrastinated and delayed, has ridden roughshod over planning regulations and regularly broken the law," Alan Craig, campaign director of Newham Concern, a local group campaigning against the construction of 9,500-capacity mosque, told Dawn.

"Their plans have been rejected by every level of authority from Newham Council to the High Court, their latest

appeal has been thrown out of court," he said. "It is now time for Newham Council to send in the bulldozers and knock down the illegal temporary mosque on the site and liberate the land for a mixed use development that will benefit the whole community," he concluded. Another local group has announced holding a prayer meeting in front of the mosque next Saturday.

"Stop #Mega-Mosque. Prayer meeting Saturday 3rd



February at Abbey Mills, West Ham, Newham London 10.30am — 12.30, Postcode E15 3ND. Tablighi Jamaat has just failed in latest legal to overturn Newham's Council's refusal so TJ are off to the European Court of Human Rights," Gracey Knoll, a member of the group tweeted after the announcement of the judgment on Friday.

There is unlikely to be any major disruption for the majority of TJ members as a group led by TJ's London emir has already shifted Thursday weekly Mashwara or consultative meeting to 800-capacity old London Markaz in Tower Hamlet area. The petition to suspend the demolition injunction for one year was filed on behalf of three trustees of Tablighi Jamaat.

During the latest hearing of the case on Jan 19, the court was told that there was currently a mosque with a capacity for 2,500 worshippers and a large parking area on the site. A large number of Tablighi Jamaat members from different parts of London gather at the mosque every Thursday

night for listening to sermons of senior clerics and go out for their missionary work involving door-knocking in different areas, inviting ordinary Muslims to mosque for prayers. The counsel for the London Borough of Newham informed the court that it wanted to demolish the mosque, parking lot and other structures which it considers illegal after trustees appeal against Secretary of State's decision to disallow temporary planning permission was rejected by the Appeals Court in July 2017.

Moiz-ur-Rahman, a representative of the trustees, informed the court that they were in touch with a group of developers and could sign agreements with it in days if given an opportunity with extension in the current suspension order. He said the TJ was a different organisation where all the decisions are made through consensus and after consultations with elders. He said that the trustees wanted to move fast but things were not in their control.

Mr Rahman also informed the court that there would be considerable disturbance in the large number of people in the Muslim community as it catered to the large catchment area in and around Greater London Authority. He informed the court there was a possibility of return of protests previously organised by the Newham Community Alliance.

The judge, however, disregarded the hardship resulting from the enforcement saying that the current activity at the site was unlawful and it had to stop and the court wanted to hold the trustees to account for legally binding undertakings they had given during the court proceedings in the past.

The judge said that of the 12-month suspension period sought by the trustees, five months had also passed and there was very little progress on the part of trustees to find policy compliance partners to develop the 6.5 hectare of land located in the "arch of opportunity" in East London in line with the development aspirations of London Borough of Newham.

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LIFELONG DISQUALIFICATION IS A VIOLATION OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS, LAWYER TELLS SC

The Supreme Court allowed a lawyer representing ousted prime minister Nawaz Sharif a week's time to prepare his arguments for a case concerning the interpretation of Article 62(1)(f) of the Constitution — the same article under which Sharif was disqualified last year.

The case focused on ascertaining the period of disqualification of a member of parliament under the constitutional article is being heard by a five-member bench of the apex court headed by Chief Justice Saqib Nisar and comprising Justice Sheikh Azmat Saeed, Justice Umar Ata Bandial, Justice Ijaz-ul-Ahsan and Justice Sajjad Ali Shah.

Advocate Azam Tarar, the lawyer representing Sharif, told the bench during hearing that he was asked to appear in court only yesterday evening. He asked for three days to prepare his arguments. Accepting his request, the court gave the lawyer until next week

Appearing before the court, human rights lawyer and activist Asma Jahangir said, "There are some people who are affected by article 62(1)(f); ordinary people who want to be part of this case as well." In response, the chief justice told her, "They can jointly

appoint a lawyer to represent them."

During the hearing, the chief justice wondered whether a person disqualified by the court can contest by-polls, given that the elections are held within three months of the disqualification.



"Disqualification lasts for five years," Tariq Mahmood, the counsel representing Samina Khawar Hayat, who was disqualified in a fake degree case in 2013, told the bench. Mahmood also recalled that the court had disqualified Pervez Musharraf for life in 2013.

'Lifelong disqualification is a violation of human rights' Munir Malik, serving as amicus curiae (friend of the court), began his arguments, stating that Articles 62 and 63 of the Con-

stitution should be read in a manner that foundational rights are not affected.

"The Constitution is based on fundamental rights," he said, adding that lifelong disqualification is a violation of basic human rights.

The clauses under Article 63 are distributed into two parts — the first part relating to continued mistakes and the second to past mistakes in conduct, Malik explained.

He noted that after the 18th Amendment, changes were made to the clauses under Article 63.

"Before the 18th amendment, past mistakes in conduct would result in disqualification for life," he said.

Malik said that there are no differences between Article 62 and Article 63; adding that in the latter, under the 18 Amendment, the period of disqualification was changed to last five years.

"When the court disqualifies a person under Article 62, it is a declaration by the court, not a sentence," Justice Sheikh Azmat observed. "What will the effect of Article 62(1)(f) be in such a case?"

"No trial can be conducted on writ of quo warranto," Malik told the judge. "We will have to see for how long curbs to contest elections apply on disqualified individuals."

Appeals against disqualification Taking up 17 appeals against the disqualification of lawmakers, the SC had issued notices to Nawaz and former Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) secretary general Jahangir Tareen to appear in person or through their counsel during the hearing of appeals involving the interpretation of Article 62(1)(f) — the provision under which both had been disqualified.

While Tareen was present in court for the hearing on Tuesday, the PML-N head was not, as he had appeared in an accountability court hearing references against him.

During hearing, the court had contemplated the article's interpretation and implementation, and wondered whether *sadiq* (truthful) and *ameen* (righteous) should be considered as one trait or two separate ones.

‘Is Jauhar Brave?’ In Chittorgarh, Queen Padmini Isn’t Everyone’s Hero

Chittorgarh, Rajasthan: A few miles ahead of the Chittorgarh fort, there are a bunch of men in khaki waiting, stopping every car that passes. “Tourist?” one of them peeps in through the window to check.

The past few days have been rough. On the 69th Republic Day, the fort had opened its gates to visitors after staying shut for three days following the threats of attack from men and women who vowed to commit jauhar.

Sprawled over 690 acres, the fort that acts as a canopy to the entire city, is all about legends, bravery, valour and in turn, myths.

Sunil, the guide, starts with the story of jauhar. “This fort has seen jauhar thrice,” he says as he shows a garden, surrounded by barricades. He points at the elevated structure from where queen Padmini had apparently jumped into the fire with 15,999 other women—to save themselves from the lustful eyes of Alauddin Khilji.

There’s a jauhar mela that happens every year inside the fort. Sometime in February, Rajput women come together to walk around the city to commemorate Rani Padmini’s jauhar. It’s a celebration to honour and respect the brave act of the queen.

“The Mughals destroyed everything,” he said. Sunil then goes on to describe the beauty of Ratan Sen’s second queen. “You could see the food pass through her throat,” he said, indicating how fair the queen from Sri Lanka was. By the time I finished taking a trip of the fort that had a twisty road leading to seven gateways guarded by a watch tower and iron-spiked doors, I had heard the words “Padmini, Padmavati, jauhar and bravery” multiple times.

For the people in this Rajasthan city, that’s about 300 kilometers away from Jaipur, Padmini, who became Padmavati through a poem written by Muhammad Jayasi in 1540, is very real — no matter what the historians say.

For 29-year-old Gayetri*, who has grown up inside a one-room apartment inside the fort, Rani Padmini’s jauhar isn’t her idea of bravery. “I know she was very beautiful, but I don’t think she was brave,” she said. Gayetri cannot walk, she has never been able to. “When the doctors found out I had polio, I was about 3 years old,” she said. She was married to a deaf and dumb man when she was barely 13 years old. When her parents forced her, she laid down one condition—“I wanted to study.” And, she continued studying with very little help either from her parents or her in-laws. When she was 19 years old, her husband married another woman.

This is when she decided that she didn’t want to live with him. She filed for a divorce. Despite her parents and neighbours telling her that she won’t be able to find a husband, Gayetri was sure. “I didn’t need to be someone’s wife to live my life,” she said.

Ten years later, Gayetri has a part time job at a computer training centre and sells purses and churni to take care of parents and her two elder brothers. In Gayetri’s dictionary, being brave is to step out of the four walls.

Gayetri, too, like any of those women from the Kashatriya community in Chhitorgarh who threatened to perform jauhar if Sanjay Leela Bhansali’s movie wasn’t stopped, have heard the stories of Padmavati and her bravery all through her childhood. But, she has questions.

“Wouldn’t it be braver of her to fight Khilji’s warriors instead of committing suicide?” she asks. Before I can say anything, she responds to her own question. “But back then, it may not have been easy. Women were supposed to live inside and not step out. Ghoonghat was the norm. Maybe this was the only step Padmini could have



taken,” she said.

Months before the Deepika Padukone-starrer was released, and Padmavati became Padmaavat, the Rajput Karni Sena and other fringe groups in Rajasthan had blocked the entrance of the fort and shots were fired. And months before that, a bunch of men vandalised the fort and broke mirrors installed at the Padmini Palace. They were not ready to see any portrayal of Rani Padmini that wouldn’t glorify her act of ‘bravery’.

Shazida, who lives in Suwawa, with her husband and her two children—a daughter and a son—has become an education campaigner of sorts in her village. “For a long time people felt that girls don’t need to study, but things are changing now,” said the 36-year-old woman.

Two years ago, after she received a formal training from CUTS Centre for Human Development, an NGO that works on improving education conditions and women empowerment, she went around door to door encouraging people to send their daughters to schools. “It was often humiliating. But I knew I had to talk to these families who have a very rigid mindset and wouldn’t send their daughters to school,” she said.



Watch Making : Elephants Cannot Dance

By M.S.Zahed, Ex-CMD, HMT Ltd.,

Wrist Watches were on negative list of imports for a long time and therefore , smugglers thrived till 1961 when the Government realized the importance of precision watch making industry and permitted a collaboration of HMT with Citizen. Swiss had declined to give collaboration. India had no means of developing horological precision industry, required for watches and similar instruments. Few small players entered and vanished. Citizen too gave technology only for Hand Wound Mechanical, Automatic and Hand Wound for women . HMT entered the market with range of models and which would become a rage. Indians were proud to wear an Indian made wrist watch.It became a must as a party of Dowry and Dower. It is even said many Baarats in the north returned if the HMT watch was not presented to bridegroom. Employees working in the Watch factory were qualified for premium brides, as they earned hefty bonuses. Watch factory was a cash cow to HMT group and there was no looking back almost till 1991.

Watch as a product consists of a Movement, the appearance parts Case, Back Cover, Dial, Crown, Crystal and the strap. Watches with beautiful designs costs more, cases could be machined or cast. Plastics have added to the productivity. In the Western world it is always considered as a part of Jewelry since it is worn and looks are considered very important. Swiss pioneered the watch craft and to this day are considered as the best in the business. Swatch was an innovation by Swiss. The essential quality of watch is determined by the movement and the other parts only make it appear beautiful and of course, the label lend a huge Snob value such as Rolex, Rado, Omega, TAG Heuer, Gucci, Cartier, Swatch, etc., Watch manufacturing with mechanical parts took a beating with the arrival of electronics Quartz being more accurate and could be produced automatically in billions. The space for mechanical remained only for less expensive made by HMT, Citizen and Seiko etc., and very expensive names from Swiss and Europe.

Pictures : HMT Janata Wrist watch. Right Pt.Nehru inaugurating the HMT watch factory at Bangalore, India

As an exporter, I have attended International Watch and Jewelry fairs at Basel, in Switzerland and have seen incredibly expensive price tags of thousands of Dollars from the



Pictures : HMT Janata Wrist watch. Right Pt.Nehru inaugurating the HMT watch factory at Bangalore, India

house of Rolex who have built their value around sports notably Golf, Horse Racing , Sailing, etc., Our own legend Kapil Dev was our Brand Ambassador for some time, we hardly used him and it is said that he returned the fee for not using his services which speaks highly of his integrity. As a product, watch starts with a minimum of 70% value addition and go up many times more if we could build a brand taking up to snobbish heights. In bad times for Watches, the HMT Watches brand valued was around Rs.650 crores and a top industrial house was willing to consider buying with exclusive marketing rights to

begin with. I was approaching superannuation and so the project was left to successor. This besides, when I was heading international operations, my subsidiary company had considerable cash reserves which the Board always directed me to apply in business to earn more value to share holders., the tax payers . By now, the cost of manufacturing with, and without new designs, the writing was on the wall, we were heading for a doom with large workforce and lack of inhouse design competencies and petty corruption in the marketing network. The 1991 liberalisation of economy, made watch imports in the form of components were allowed and even full watches at a high import duty.

The Company's strength was only its brand name and marketing network. Amongst weaknesses was manufacture of spurious watches with our brand name with the complicity of corrupt authorities. It was very troubled time with inability to feed nearly 6000 employees and remain in the market without any assistance. In order to be in the market and also to earn sufficient profits. The management came up with a plan that to buy Completely Knocked Downs of Watches from Hong Kong, get assembled then assembled in our factories and to market through the network. This would ensure turnover and some profits to watch subsidiary, and the Board could be satisfied for a risk free investment as it would amount to trading. A team headed for Hong Kong and the Watch subsidiary had made all the arrangement and had short listed a company and had arranged a display of designs and other commercial details. In about two days, an experienced hand identified some 80 models and with different dials , they could end up as some 300 types of watches. This was a substantial business for the HK co.

The next two days we went to see the component manufacture at Guangzhou. The drive from HK to Shangri La hotel ,may be about 100 kms were lined up with nonstop buildings on either side of beautiful road consisting of both residential and small factory buildings with many floors and you could see the heavy machines in all the floors , lighted and booming with activity. I did not see a patch of open land and reminded of early career when I use to visit Howrah and you could see machines working on mezzanine floors even inside a very small road side work shop and workers even children in penury working for long hours. The next day we were taken to a factory which was producing, mainly assembly and testing two million watches per annum in a dust free air conditioned factory with all care. I could see they had employed only about 60 girls of ages 18-25 years working like robots. I was shocked as we had more than thousand workers to do similar work back home. As regards quality of workers my host explained that here in the area the rural girls trained will work till they are 25 years of age , then they retire with savings , marry and live like house wives for the rest of their life and cycle goes on. The dexterity in fingers which is with women is very important for watch assembly. But, our labour laws guarantee the job till they are 60 years of age, compounded by unionism, all reflecting poor quality and productivity. It's time to wind up. The Government has already wound up the watch business, but the name of HMT watches from the spurious manufacturers would continue to live, perhaps. There is no business for the Government to be in this business and to borrow a phrase from my predecessor "Elephants can not dance"

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Ending Distracted Driving is Everyone's Responsibility

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Thousands have Died in Crashes Involving Cell Phone Use

Many distractions exist while driving, but cell phones are a top distraction because so many drivers use them for long periods of time each day. Almost everyone has seen a driver distracted by a cell phone, but when you are the one distracted, you often don't realize that driver is you.

New technology in vehicles is causing us to become more distracted behind the wheel than ever before. Fifty-three percent of drivers believe if manufacturers put "infotainment" dashboards and hands-free technology in vehicles, they must be safe. And, with some state laws focusing on handheld bans, many drivers honestly believe they are making the safe choice by using a hands-free device. But in fact, these technologies distract our brains even long after you've used them.

Make no mistake: This multitasking technology is about convenience, not safety.

Cell Phone Distracted Driving

Multitasking is a myth

Driving and cell phone conversations both require a great deal of thought. When doing them at the same time, your brain is unable to do either well. For example, it's nearly impossible to read a book and have a phone conversation. While driving, this often results in crashes due to delayed braking times and not seeing traffic signals.

The Great Multitasking Lie
Cell phone crashes are under-reported

We know cell phone-related car crashes are a problem. We just don't know how big the problem is. Unfortunately, no breathalyzer-like test exists for cell phone use behind the wheel and drivers in crashes are often reluctant to admit use. This creates a huge gap in the data. Even when talking hands-free, drivers can miss seeing up to half of what's around them because they are engaged in a cell phone conversation. Teens and Young Drivers

Young Drivers Report Highest Level of Phone Involvement in Crash or Near-Crash Incidences
A National Highway Traffic Safety Administration survey found 20% of drivers age 18-20 said texting does not affect their driving, and nearly 30% of drivers ages 21-34 said texting has no impact.

Distracted Driving Among Newly Licensed Teen Drivers
AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety placed data recorders in the vehicles of young drivers to capture video, audio, sudden braking, abrupt turns and other information. If you have a teen driver, you'll at least want to read the executive summary of this eye-opening study. Sample videos showing distraction and teen crashes
Check out this AAA Foundation video posted in March 2015.
Teens and Distracted Driving: Texting, talking and other uses of the cell phone behind the wheel
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Hands-free Devices

Understanding the Distracted Brain: This NSC white paper examines why driving while using hands-free devices is risky
AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety: Research shows that voice-activated in-car technologies dangerously undermine driver attention
Voice-to-text offers no safety advantage over manual texting, says a study conducted by Texas A&M Transportation Institute

6 Simple Tricks to Beat That Winter Cold

You know when it's coming—that congestion, scratchy throat, build-up and then "achoo", the sneeze...you have a winter cold!

And you're not alone. On average U.S. adults experience between two to 4 colds each year! However, just because you feel the sniffles setting in doesn't mean you have to lie down and take that cold. Instead; try to fight that winter cold using the following six simple flu-fighting

tricks...

1. A dose of vitamin D
Have you ever noticed that cold season hits when sunlight is at a minimum? In fact medical studies link an intake of 800 to 1000 IU of vitamin D3 a day to decreasing your chances of coming down with a winter cold.
2. Gobble some garlic
Long used as a traditional home remedy for its antiviral prowess, garlic can help

ward off a cold.

3. Hit the hay
If you feel a cold setting in the best thing you can do is catch up on your zzzzzzzzzzz's due to the simple fact that sleep boosts immune function.
4. The zinc link
Popping zinc lozenges or tablets when you feel the initial symptoms of a cold can stop a cold in its tracks and lessen the duration.
5. Drink more water

Hydration and drinking more water when you are sick can actually cleanse your nasal passages of bacteria particles.

6. Probiotic power
Medical studies link probiotic supplements (i.e., LGG and BB12) to decreased chances of catching a cold, plus, taking them can cut the duration in half.

Winter Foods for Weight Loss

Sure, it's winter. But that's no excuse to lock yourself up for hibernation with nothing but baked goods and creamy pastas to pass the time. So while you may be watching WAY more Netflix than normal, take a bite out of these eight seasonal super foods that are packed with nutrients and can help you lose, or maintain, a healthy body weight...

1. ChiliThe first sign of snow flakes has me dusting off my slow cooker and rushing to the market for the ingredients for chili. Why? Because this heart winter meal fills me up, but doesn't fill me out (if you know what I mean).After all, chili depends on some pretty basic, low calorie, and high fiber and protein staples. For example, you make a batch with crushed tomatoes, garlic, fiber-packed kidney or black beans, and maybe a bit of lean protein (i.e., lean ground chicken or turkey). However, chili gets its name because it calls for chili powder, which contains a phytochemical known as capsaicin, linked to weight loss because it naturally boosts metabolism.
2. OatmealA hot bowl of oats is my go-to on chilly winter mornings. I mean, who wants a dry bowl of cereal with cold milk and fruit when your fingers and toes are already freezing?
Oatmeal is the ideal comfort meal to begin

a cold, blistery day. Plus, it boosts beneficial bacteria in the gut, and influences how the body stores up fat, due to a ton of prebiotic fiber within. Top your hot oats with Greek yogurt for more probiotic goodness, plus a touch of natural sweetness with banana or apple slices, and honey or real maple syrup
3. Swiss Chard Did you know that Swiss Chard is the official green of winter? Not only that, but this leafy green is chalked full of the nutrient duo, calcium and magnesium. While calcium and magnesium are linked to helping keep bones strong, these two super nutrients also work to help satiate appetite. That means after a side of Swiss chard you'll be less likely to haul out a bag of chips to munch on after dinner.
Butternut SquashThe squashes get a lot of attention in fall, but butternut squash is one veggie that you can continue to find in droves at the local market, even in winter. Plus, the buttery texture of this squash makes it the perfect addition to cold-weather soups, casseroles, and even that chili recipe I recommended above. You can also simply cut a butternut squash in half and roast it with a bit of olive oil. Yum!Winter squashes like this one help protect immune health (and lower your chances of falling ill) with decent doses of vitamin C and beta-carotene. Plus the fiber

within will fill you up on a veggie that is still relatively low in calories (roughly 63-calories per uncooked cup of butternut squash). Brussels Sprouts
Maybe you'll have to fight the kiddos to get them to eat just one Brussels sprout. That's perfectly alright, more for you! Plentiful during the colder months, this cruciferous veggie (it does resemble a baby cabbage) actually contains an impressive bit of protein compared to other "green things" at 6-grams per serving (that's about 8 to 10 mini cabbages).
Plus, Brussels sprouts on your plate will ensure you're getting enough fiber. And as we've already covered fibrous veggies fill you up so you don't cave to snack cravings during cold winter months. Pomegranates
This luscious crimson fruit is sort of synonymous with winter. You may even have been the recipient of a pom in your Christmas stocking (if Santa deemed you a good boy or girl). But how you choose to nosh on your pomegranate seeds is another story altogether. I like mine sprinkled on salads or hot oats due to the addictive natural sweetness. Luckily, pom seeds are not only super low in calories, they're also jam-packed with satiating fiber and magnesium, a key component to resisting the urge for a cold

weather binge. Chicken Soup
Come winter, chicken soup is good for the soul, but it's also beneficial for your waistline too! You can sneak a whole load of vegetables in a broth-based soup to cash in on your daily recommended amounts (i.e., celery, carrots, corn, sweet potatoes, spinach, bell peppers, and more).Broth based soups vs. cream-based soups are typically low in calories so you don't have to feel guilty about this comfort food. Filled with lean protein (use chicken breast as the meat), this soup will also help boost immunity and ward off winter colds. Sweet PotatoesAfter slamming back all of those mashed potatoes between Thanksgiving and New Year's, you're body is probably crying out for a healthier spud. Luckily, sweet potatoes show up their starchy, white counterparts because they weigh in lower on the glycemic index. Not only do sweet potatoes keep blood sugars level during the winter months, they are still packed with equal amounts of satiating fiber as white potatoes, which fills you up. Plus, they're super versatile, try adding these sweets to winter stews, soups, curries, casseroles and more!

President Putin likely to have a cake walk in the March presidential poll

-Dr. Abdul Ruff Colachal



Russians who had made a Socialist revolution in 1917 for a new communist society for providing the people equality they sought by systemic change and who later in 1990 joined President Michael Gorbachev and Boris Yeltsin to dismantle communist system and erase its legacy and still later in 2000 they elected a former KGB personnel Vladimir Putin as their President, will again go to the polls on 19 March for the country's seventh presidential election and in all likelihood incumbent President Vladimir Putin would get reelected to the Kremlin for a fourth term in office.

The election results would make President Putin the leader with the longest tenure in executive authority of any of the world's major powers.

The Kremlin factions and clans do not approve of the choice of Putin's successor and that would be will be incentivized to consider following the color revolution playbook as a way to offset their rivals begins to increase.

Weak, divided opposition

Like in India, Russian opposition is also split, making Putin's win fairly easy. Indeed, it is fascinating that several of the candidates running in March's election, especially Boris Titov, representing the old "Right Cause" (now the Party of Growth) and to a lesser extent the new face of the Russian Communists, Pavel Grudinin, replacing the old perennial stalwart Gennady Zyuganov, do not expect to win election but are using the campaign to push their respective pro-privatization and anti-globalization programs, in an effort to influence the direction the Russian government will take in the coming years.

With Alexei Navalny sidelined after energizing thousands of Russians in towns and cities across the country to protest in recent months, Sobchak could be an alternative opposition voice. In 2012, billionaire Mikhail Prokhorov ran for president. He came nowhere close to victory — finishing third with nearly 8 percent of the vote — but many believed that had never been the point. Prokhorov, they argued, was a spoiler candidate: a tool for Putin to channel anger at the Kremlin into a non-threatening vote.

Since former reality TV star Ksenia Sobchak announced her candidacy for presidency, deciphering her motivations has become a national obsession. She is the daughter of Anatoly Sobchak, the first democratically-elected mayor of St. Petersburg and a former mentor of President Vladimir Putin. Russian presidential candidate Sobchak is running on an "against all" platform from the Civic Initiative Party in Russia's presidential elections in March.

Sobchak, 35, has a wide-reaching public persona. She is a socialite and former reality TV presenter, turned opposition activist, then opposition journalist and — now — presidential candidate. Her candidacy has come as a shock to many — often referred to as the Russian Paris Hilton, her more than 5 million followers on Instagram are served daily photos of fashion shows, expensive restaurants and far-flung beach holidays.

Ksenia Sobchak's campaign is bringing issues into the public realm—and her ability to pose a question in her capacity as a reporter to Putin at December's marathon press conference was seen as a signal that, even if she is not expected to win, her candidacy is part of the necessary process to consider what happens to Russian politics after Putin retires or departs from this mortal realm.

Many believe Sobchak has been handpicked by the Kremlin to inject vitality in Russia's presidential elections and bolster turnout on March 18, 2018. Is she just the latest Kremlin stooge? Is she a spoiler candidate — someone co-opted by the Kremlin to split the opposition vote — or will she actually further the opposition's cause?

As an independent candidate, she would have to gather 300,000 votes in a matter of weeks — a practically insurmountable challenge. Many see that as evidence that Sobchak has been given the Kremlin's assurance she will be allowed to run — a claim she denies.

During a meeting with Vladimir Putin several weeks ago to discuss a documentary about her father, she said, she had told Putin personally about her decision to run. "He said that every person can make their own decisions and take responsibility for them too," she said.

Many say, immediately after the presidential elections, Ksenia Sobchak will disappear from the political arena.

A problem that will not be solved by the March election is the question of Russia's role in the Eurasian region and the world. In the West, there remains the assumption that US foreign-policy problems with Russia are personal: that they stem from Putin.

Russia won't be able to turn a new leaf in US-Russia relations with a President Navalny, or Sobchak, or even a Titov, not to mention the long-established liberal reformer Grigory Yavlinsky, who has also thrown his hat into the ring.

It goes without saying, however, that a President Grudinin—or a President Maxim Suraikin, who is running under the banner of the neo-Stalinist "Communists of Russia" and released his "Ten Stalinist Strikes on Capitalism and American Imperialism" platform, or the perennial contender Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, in for his seventh attempt to become Russia's president—would not be interested in improving relations with Washington

Most of the candidates have similar views with Putin. A different candidate might terminate the Syria intervention, be more flexible on the Ukraine question, be less confrontational and more accommodative to US demands. But no one stands for Russia giving up its position if not as a super power at least as the regional leader or as one of the great powers who should be consulted on the important matters of the global agenda.

Putin Putin Putin

The current Russian political system was constructed for one person and can only be managed and controlled by one person—Vladimir Putin

Today, Putin - and not Trump - is the most important leader of the world with some amount of dignity. Russians love and respect him and look forward to his forthright actions to weaken the unipolar, dictatorial and fascist mindset of USA.

Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin was born on 7 October 1952 in Leningrad (now Saint Petersburg) in the Soviet Union., served as President of the Russian Federation since 7 May 2012, previously holding the position from 2000 until 2008. He was Prime Minister of the Russian Federation from 1999 until 2000, and again from 2008 until 2012. He studied law at the Saint Petersburg State University, graduating in 1975. Putin was a KGB foreign intelligence officer for 16 years, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel before retiring in 1991 to enter politics in Saint Petersburg. He moved to Moscow in 1996 and joined President Boris Yeltsin's administration, rising quickly through the ranks and becoming Acting President on 31 December 1999, when Yeltsin resigned. Putin won the subsequent 2000 presidential election by a 53% to 30% margin, thus avoiding a runoff with his Communist Party of the Russian Federation opponent, Gennady Zyuganov. He was re-elected President in 2004 with 72% of the vote.

In Putin's first term (2000–2004), he was the emergency man called to take the helm of Russia and stop its slide into catastrophe following the breakup of mighty Soviet Union. The second term was marked by the theme of rebuilding and reconstructing what had been lost during the disasters of the 1990s.

During Vladimir Putin's first presidency, the Russian economy grew for eight straight years, and GDP measured in purchasing power increased by 72%. The growth was a result of the 2000s commodities boom, high oil prices, and prudent economic and fiscal policies. Because of constitutionally mandated term limits, Putin was ineligible to run for a third consecutive presidential term in 2008. The 2008 presidential election was won by Dmitry Medvedev, Putin became Prime Minister

In September 2011, after presidential terms were extended from four to six years Putin announced he would seek a third term as president. The election will be held in March 2018, with a term until 2024. Putin has enjoyed high domestic approval ratings during his career (mostly higher than 70%), and received extensive international attention as one of the world's most powerful leaders.

Putin won the March 2012 presidential election with 64% of the vote. Falling oil prices coupled with international sanctions imposed at the beginning of 2014 after Russia's annexation of Crimea and military intervention in Eastern Ukraine led to GDP shrinking by 3.7% in 2015, though the Russian economy rebounded in 2016 with 0.3% GDP growth and is officially out of the recession

During Putin's first eight years in office, industry grew substantially, as did production, construction, real incomes, credit, and the middle class. Putin has also been praised for eliminating widespread barter and thus boosting the economy. Inflation and corruption remained a problem however. A fund for oil revenue allowed Russia to repay all of the Soviet Union's debts by 200.

The goal of Putin's activity was to create a ruling party, along the lines of the postwar liberal Democrats in Japan that could maintain decades of electoral supremacy, serve as a big-tent grouping allowing for differing factions to exist but remain united in a single political entity, and would develop sustainable mechanisms for leader development and renewal of cadres.

Human rights are of great concern in Russia.

Color revolutions in Europe and elsewhere have not solved any problems and slowly they brought back the old system.

Putin is known for his often tough and sharp language, often alluding to Russian jokes and folk sayings. An Orthodox Christian, Putin is said to attend church services on important dates and holidays on a regular basis and has had a long history of encouraging the construction and restoration of thousands of churches in the region. In 2014, he was reportedly nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize. In 1980, Putin met his future wife, Lyudmila, who was working as a flight attendant at the time. The couple married in 1983 and had two daughters: Maria, born in 1985, and Yekaterina, born in 1986. In early June 2013, after nearly 30 years of marriage, Russia's first couple announced that they were getting a divorce, providing little explanation for the decision, but assuring that they came to it mutually and amicably.

So, on March 19, 2018 when Russians voters queue up for voting, nothing will have changed and nothing is going to change even after that date. But the looming problems that the election will not solve will still be there.

Best Places To Visit In India in February

The month of February is pleasant and is perfect to visit any region in India. During this period the climate of India remains neither too cold nor too hot. Thus, it makes the journey joyous and comfortable. If you are thinking to take a break from your busy schedule and spend some quality time in India then the season of spring or February would be the best time to be in some of these top places mentioned below.

1. Kaziranga National Park

It is famous world-wide for sheltering one-horned rhinoceros. Kaziranga National Park houses about two-thirds of world's one-horned rhinoceros population. It is a perfect place for Wildlife enthusiasts as they can find other animals such as tigers, wild water buffalo, elephants and swamp deer. Kaziranga is an excellent place to spend time in India during February.

2. Thekkady

Nature & wildlife lovers, peace seekers and photographers must visit Thekkady once in their lifetime to experience the mesmerizing natural beauty and varied

species of wildlife. This place with picturesque landscape can also make a perfect destination for family trips.

You can visit Periyar National Park, which is the biggest Tiger Reserve in India. It is considered as one of the best places to be visited in February. Not only tigers, the reserve shelters other species like Sambar, Deer, Nilgiri Langurs, Elephants, etc. Another activity is in your list i.e. unique bamboo rafting in Periyar River. Besides watching wildlife, you can also carry out adventurous activities like Border Hiking and Bamboo Rafting. Therefore, plan a trip to Thekkady in Kerala this February as the weather remains pleasant at this time and it starts getting warmer after this.

3. Bir

Bir which is located in Himachal Pradesh is one of the frequented places in India during the month of February. Adventurous souls can visit this place as it offers wide scope to carry out various activities like paragliding and trekking. It is known for hosting the annual World Paragliding Championship. The picturesque landscape of Bir draws travelers

from across the world in to the land of Himachal.

It is a perfect place for peace seekers as it houses many Buddhist monasteries well known for meditation and spiritual studies. Bir is a treat to nature enthusiasts as well. Nature lovers can spend quality time and relaxed moments amidst natural beauty of Deer Park and Bir Tea Factory. Therefore, it is a worth to visit place in the month of February.

4. Yercaud

Yercaud is a beautiful hill station located in the Salem District of Tamil Nadu, India. It is an economical version of Ooty nestled in the Eastern Ghats. It is one of the best places to visit in the month of February. One can find lush forests, sprawling coffee plantations and water in abundance that adds to the beauty of the place. Yercaud is a peaceful and tranquil place, which is perfect for nature enthusiasts. Even the adventurous people may visit this place for trekking.

5. Jaisalmer

One of the most frequented places in India among tourists is Jaisalmer. It is one of the best places



to visit in February. Jaisalmer is an ideal place for desert safari enthusiasts and adventure seekers. This colorful city is located near the border of Pakistan which has the renowned Rajputana havelis. Jaisalmer fort, popularly known as Sonar Quila is located at Jaisalmer. The city has earned the title of "Golden City" because of the Sandstone architecture that provides a golden hue to the city. February is the right time to visit Jaisalmer, as the city organizes the Desert Festival at this time, when one can enjoy the cultural festivity.

6. Agra

During the month of February one can also visit the city of Mughals, Agra. Agra is one of the major cities thronged by numerous visitors every year. It was once the capital of the Mughals and has many splendid architectural structures.

Popular for one of the Seven Wonders of the World, Taj



Mahal, the city boosts tourism in India. February will be a perfect time to visit Agra, as one can be a part of Taj Mahotsav that takes place in the month of February. This 10 day festival of music & dance, art & crafts and cuisines will make your trip memorable.

7. Goa

Though Goa can be visited throughout the year and receives tourists in large number from all across the globe. It has been famous all over the world as a beach spot. It is also popular for its amazing nightlife, architectural churches and adventurous sports.

The Canacona Taluk in Goa is known for its beautiful Kuskem waterfalls, which remains at its best during the monsoon and winter. The Southern Goa is famous for one of the most scenic beaches and for viewing animals & birds. Therefore, you can have a pleasant winter vacation on the sunny beaches of Goa.

VALENTINE'S DAY 14 FEBRUARY



What is Valentine's Day? St Valentine's Day is an annual festival to celebrate romantic love, friendship and admiration. Every year on 14 February people celebrate this day by sending messages of love and affection to partners, family and friends. Couples send Valentine's Day cards and flowers and spend special time together to honour their love for each other.

The Early History of Valentine's Day Valentine's Day is named after Saint Valentine, a Catholic priest who lived in Rome in the 3rd Century. There are many stories about St Valentine and over time these stories grew into the legend we know today.

At the time of Valentine's life, many Romans were converting to Christianity, but the Emperor Claudius II was a pagan and created strict laws about what Christians were allowed to do. Claudius believed that Roman soldiers should be completely devoted to Rome and therefore passed a law preventing them from marrying. St Valentine began to marry these soldiers in secret Christian ceremonies and this was the beginning of his reputation for believing in the importance of love.

Eventually Valentine was found out and jailed for his crimes against Claudius. While imprisoned, Valentine cared for his fellow prisoners and also his jailor's blind daughter. Legend has it that Valentine cured the girl's blindness and that his final act before being executed was to write her a love message signed 'from your Valen-

tine'. Valentine was executed on 14 February in the year 270.

How did Valentine's Day develop?

It wasn't until more than 200 years later that 14 February was proclaimed St Valentine's Day. By this time Rome had become Christian and the Catholic Church was determined to stamp out any remaining paganism. A pagan fertility ritual was held in February each year and the Pope abolished this festival and proclaimed 14 February Saint Valentine's Day, thus establishing this feast day on the Catholic Calendar of Saints.

The poet Chaucer in the Middle Ages was the first to link St Valentine with romantic love. This was the beginning of the tradition of courtly love, a ritual of expressing love and admiration, usually in secret. This custom spread throughout Europe and stories grew about a High Court of Love where female judges would rule on issues related to love on 14 February each year. Historians believe that these meetings were in fact gatherings where people read love poetry and played games of flirtation.

Valentine's Day Symbols

The practice of sending love messages developed into people sending special cards expressing their affection. These cards were beautiful creations handmade by the sender and individually designed to show how much they loved the recipient. Cards would usually contain sentimental verse, proclaiming the beauty of the receiver and

how much they were loved.

Saint Valentine's Day cards were decorated with pictures of cupid, hearts and flowers and trimmed with lace and ribbon. These images are still used today to symbolise love and are recognised all over the world.

What is Valentine's Day in Contemporary Times?

While Valentine's Day is celebrated in most countries, different cultures have developed their own traditions for this festival. In some parts of the world Valentine's Day is observed as a day for expressing love between family members and friends, rather than that of romantic couples. Some traditions include leaving lollies and gifts for children and others include acts of appreciation between friends.

Valentine's Day is most commonly associated with romantic love, with millions of Valentine's Day cards being exchanged each year. Gifts of flowers or a single red rose are sent with romantic messages to loved ones and couples spend special time together. Valentine's Day gift hampers are also a popular gift and typically include flowers, champagne and chocolates.

Many couples choose to celebrate Valentine's Day with dinner, a picnic or special home-cooked meal. Many restaurants offer Valentine's Day dinner promotions and food is often presented with symbols of love like hearts and flowers. Another popular Valentine's Day activity is to indulge



in a luxury hotel stay in a beautiful location, allowing a couple to get away from it all and enjoy some quality time together. Marriage proposals are also popular on Valentine's Day, and it is often chosen as the perfect day to express their love and commitment. Some marriage proposals are delivered very creatively, such as after climbing to the top of a mountain, or posting a message on a billboard. Whatever the method, marriage proposals made on Valentine's Day are generally romantic and memorable.

Spoil your loved one at work or home with a Roses Only Valentine's Day romantic arrangement of flowers or a gourmet gift hamper.

A Valentine's Day gift hamper is the ultimate gift, with flowers, champagne and chocolates to delight your love.

Raghuram Rajan

Raghuram Govind Rajan (born 3 February 1963) is an Indian[2] economist and an international academic who is the Katherine Dusak Miller Distinguished Service Professor of Finance at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.[3][4] He was the 23rd Governor of the Reserve Bank of India between September 2013 and September 2016.[3] Between 2003 and 2006, Rajan was the Chief Economist and Director of Research at the International Monetary Fund.[3] In 2015, during his tenure at the Indian Reserve Bank he also became Vice-Chairman of the Bank for International Settlements.[At the Federal Reserve annual Jackson Hole conference in 2005, Rajan warned about the growing risks in the financial system and proposed policies that would reduce such risks. Former U.S. Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers called the warnings “misguided” and Rajan himself a “luddite”.[6] However, following the 2008 economic crisis, Rajan’s views came to be seen as prescient and he was extensively interviewed for the Oscar-winning documentary *Inside Job* (2010).

In 2003, Rajan received the inaugural Fischer Black Prize, given every two years by the American Finance Association to the financial economist younger than 40 who has made the most significant contribution to the theory and practice of finance. His book, *Fault Lines: How Hidden Fractures Still Threaten the World Economy*, won the Financial Times/Goldman Sachs Business Book of the Year award in 2010. In 2016, he was named by *Time* (magazine) in its list of the ‘100 Most Influential People in the World’.

Early life and education Raghuram Rajan was born on 3 February 1963 in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh[9][10] into a Tamil Brahmin family. He is the third of four children of R Govindarajan, an Indian Police Service officer who topped his 1953 batch.

Assigned to the Intelligence Bureau, R Govindarajan was posted to Indonesia in 1966. In 1968 he joined the newly created external intelligence unit of the Intelligence Bureau, the Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW) where he served as staff officer under spymaster R. N. Kao and became part of the “Kaoboy”. In 1970 he was posted to Sri Lanka, where Raghuram Rajan missed school one year because of political turmoil. After Sri Lanka, R Govindarajan was posted to Belgium where the children attended a French school. In 1974 the family returned to India.[9] Throughout his childhood, Rajan presumed his father to be a diplomat since the family traveled on diplomatic passports.[12] He was a half-term student of Campion School, Bhopal until 1974.

From 1974 to 1981 Rajan attended Delhi Public School, RK Puram,[13][14] In 1981 he enrolled at Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi for a bachelor’s degree in Electrical engineering[15]. In the final year of his four-year degree, he headed the Student Affairs Council. He graduated in 1985 and was awarded the Director’s Gold Medal as the best all-round student. In 1987, he earned a Post Graduate Diploma in Business Administration from the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad . After graduation, he joined Tata Administrative Services as a management trainee but left after a few months to join the doctoral program in management at the MIT Sloan School of Management.[9] In 1991, he received a PhD for his thesis titled *Essays on Banking* under the supervision of Stewart Myers. Rajan’s research interests were in banking, corporate finance, and economic development, especially the role finance plays in it.

In 2012, he was awarded honorary doctorate degree by London Business School[and in 2015, was again awarded honorary doctorate degree by Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Career Professorshipsng Professor at Stockholm School of Economics (1996 to 1997) and at Kellogg School of Management (1996 to 1997). He also served as Visiting Professor at MIT Sloan School of Management (2000 to 2001). Dr. Rajan served as a visiting professor at Indian School of Business and is also involved as a founding member of the Academic Council of the Indian School of Business since 1998[

In 1991, Rajan joined the Booth School of Business at the University of Chicago and went on to become a Professor of Finance there. In 2003, he taught an MBA course in international corporate finance and a PhD course in the theory of financial decisions.

In November 2008, Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh appointed Rajan as an honorary economic adviser. That same year, a high-level committee on financial reforms, headed by Rajan, submitted its final report to the Planning Commission.[19] He chaired the Indian Government’s Committee on Financial Sector Reforms (2007-2008).

In 2009, he became a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 2011, he served as President of the American Finance Association. In 2012, he became a member of the Group of Thirty.

In September 2013, UPA government had appointed Rajan as the 23rd governor of Reserve Bank of India.

Policy MakingRaghuram Rajan meeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2014.

International Monetary FundFrom October 2003 to December 2006 he served as Chief Economist at the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Reserve Bank of IndiaOn 6 August 2013 it was announced that Rajan would take over as the next Reserve Bank of India Governor for a term of 3 years, succeeding Duvvuri Subbarao.[21] On 5 September 2013 he took charge as the 23rd Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, at which point he took a leave of absence from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. In his first speech as RBI governor, Rajan promised banking reforms and eased curbs on foreign banking, following which the BSE SENSEX rose by 333 points or 1.83%. After his first day at office, the rupee rose 2.1% against the US dollar. As Governor of the RBI, Rajan made curbing inflation his primary focus, bringing down retail inflation from 9.8% in September 2013 to 3.78% in July 2015 – the lowest since the 1990s. Wholesale inflation came down from 6.1% in September 2013 to a historic low of -4.05% in July 2015. Under Rajan, the RBI adopted consumer price index (CPI) as the key indicator of inflation, which is the global norm, despite the government recommending otherwise. Foreign exchange reserves of India grew by about 30% to the tune of \$380 billion in two years. Under Rajan, the RBI has licensed two universal banks and approved eleven payments banks to extend banking services to the nearly two-thirds of the population who are still deprived of banking facilities.

Economic and political viewsRajan advocates giving financial markets a greater role in the economy. In the book *Saving Capitalism from the Capitalists: Unleashing the Power of Financial Markets to Create Wealth and Spread Opportunity*co-authored with Luigi Zingales, the two authors argue in favour of deregulated financial markets in order to facilitate access of the poor to finance: “Capitalism, or more precisely, the free market system, is the most effective way to organise production and distribution that human beings have found ... healthy and competitive financial markets are an extraordinarily effective tool in spreading opportunity and fighting poverty. ... Without vibrant, innovative financial markets, economies would ossify and decline.” In 2005, at a celebration honouring Alan Greenspan, who was about to retire as chairman of The response to Rajan’s paper at the time was negative. For example, former U.S. Treasury Secretary and former Harvard President Lawrence Summers called the warnings “misguided” and Rajan himself a “luddite”.[However, following the 2008 economic crisis, Rajan’s views came to be seen as prescient; by January 2009, *The Wall Street Journal* proclaimed that now, “few are dismissing his ideas.”[29] In fact, Rajan was extensively interviewed on the global crisis for the Academy Award-winning documentary film *Inside Job*. Rajan wrote in May 2012 that the causes of the ongoing economic crisis in the US and Europe in the 2008–2012 period were substantially due to workforce competitiveness issues in the globalisation



era, which politicians attempted to “paper-over” with easy credit. He proposed supply-side solutions of a long-term structural or national competitiveness nature: “The industrial countries should treat the crisis as a wake-up call and move to fix all that has been papered over in the last few decades... Rather than attempting to return to their artificially inflated GDP numbers from before the crisis, governments need to address the underlying flaws in their economies. In the United States, that means educating or retraining the workers who are falling behind, encouraging entrepreneurship and innovation, and harnessing the power of the financial sector to do good while preventing it from going off track. In southern Europe, by contrast, it means removing the regulations that protect firms and workers from competition and shrinking the government’s presence in a number of areas, in the process eliminating unnecessary, unproductive jobs.” During May 2012, Rajan and Paul Krugman expressed differing views on how to reinvigorate the economies in the US and Europe, with Krugman mentioning Rajan by name in an opinion editorial. This debate occurred against the backdrop of a significant “austerity vs stimulus” debate occurring at the time, with some economists arguing one side or the other or a combination of both strategies. [32][33][34] In an article in *Foreign Affairs* magazine, Rajan advocated structural or supply-side reforms to improve competitiveness of the workforce to better adapt to globalisation, while also supporting fiscal austerity measures (E.g., raising taxes and cutting spending), although he conceded that austerity could slow economies in the short-run and cause significant “pain” for certain constituencies.[31][35] Krugman rejected this focus on structural reforms combined with fiscal austerity. Instead he advocated traditional Keynesian fiscal (government spending and investment) and monetary stimulus, arguing that the primary factor slowing the developed economies at that time was a general shortfall in demand across all sectors of the economy, not structural or supply-side factors that affected particular sectors.

AwardsIn 2003, Rajan won the inaugural Fischer Black-Prize awarded by the American Finance Association for contributions to the theory and practice of finance by an economist under age 40.[COM named him Global Indian at its 7th annual global leadership awards. In 2010, he was awarded the Financial Times and McKinsey Business Book of the Year Award, *Fault Lines: How Hidden Fractures Still Threaten the World Economy*. In November 2011 he received the Infosys Prize for Social Sciences – Economics for his work in analyzing the contribution of financial development to economic growth, as well as the potentially harmful effects of dysfunctional incentives that lead to excessive risk-taking. In 2013, he was awarded the fifth Deutsche Bank Prize in Financial Economics for his “ground-breaking research work which influenced financial and macro-economic policies around the world”. In 2014, he was conferred the Best Central Bank Governor award by *Euromoney Magazine*. In 2014 He was conferred with the Governor of the Year Award 2014 from London-based financial journal *Central Banking*Clarivate Citation Laureate (2017)

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10 Symptoms Of The Common Flu

The common flu, which is medically known as influenza, is a contagious infection caused by a virus. Like the name suggests, it is a common phenomenon and almost every individual has the flu multiple times through the course of his life. While most bouts of influenza do not last longer than 2 – 3 weeks, if the symptoms persist for longer, the risk of complications such as viral pneumonia and sinus infections increases. Therefore, it is recommended that an individual having the common flu should undertake proper remedial measures immediately. Here are the signs to watch out for that signal the onset of an influenza attack.

1. Fever

Most flu cases begin with the fever that can last anywhere from 4 to 5 days before breaking. As common flu viruses cannot multiply during high temperatures, your body raises the temperature as a defence mechanism, which results in a fever. Although low-grade fever may occur in the case of colds, very high temperatures are characteristic of influenza soaring between 102 – 106 degrees (38 – 39 ° C). However, it might be difficult to differentiate common flu and influenza in children, because their body temperatures are on average higher than adults, whether it comes to the flu or a cold.

2. Muscle Pain

One of the reasons why you feel awful when you have the flu is aching muscles. When you move, even the slightest, everything starts hurting. Pay attention to red and swollen joints – if they appear, you should immediately go and see the doctor. Mostly, muscle tenderness would be noticeable in the chest, back, and your legs (especially if the cough is chronic). The reason for aching muscles is busy white

blood cells – they are fighting the flu, thus leaving your muscles and joints sore. The good news is that all this is temporary, as the flu goes away, your white blood cells will return to their usual job.

3. Fatigue

An intense feeling of weakness and exhaustion is common when a person is suffering from common flu. Fatigue may last several weeks before your return to good health. In the case of influenza virus, expect fatigue and pain in the body. Weakness and exhaustion can last to up to 3 weeks or longer in with elder people, especially if they are suffering from chronic illness or weakened immune system. In the case of colds, fatigue and exhaustion take less time, usually several days. Common flu can drain your body, especially when accompanied by aching joints and a headache.

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5. Breathing Difficulty

Shortness of breath is a common and worrisome symptom of common flu that occurs because of congestion and stubborn coughing. The feeling that you cannot draw a breath can develop gradually, with the flu spreading in your body. Chest

pain tends to get worse when you have breathing difficulties or cough. The chest tightness caused due to restricted nasal passages will make one's breathing labored. And in case a person suffering from common flu is also an asthma patient, the breathing issues can become worse.

6. Sneezing

Cold and flu are easily spread by sneezing or coughing. In order to prevent infecting people around you, keep a tissue in the close vicinity, throw it after you used it and wash your hands. Drop-lets – after coughing or sneezing that stay on your fingers – can easily be passed on other objects and surfaces, such as door handles, computer keyboards, desks or dishes. Also, avoid touching your nose or eyes.

7. Loss Of Appetite

Dehydration and loss of appetite are common, and challenging if you are also suffering from diarrhea, nausea and vomiting. It is important to continue eating properly even if you are sick. Starving yourself will just slow down the recovery process. However, it might be a good idea to change the diet for a couple of days – try eating smaller portions more frequently – prefer a diet rich in boiled potatoes, bananas, chicken, rice and toast.

8. Headache

A headache is not a reliable indicator of common flu because it also occurs in the case of influenza. However, a headache caused by a cold is less severe than in the case of influenza. This is also true for other common symptoms of colds and flu. In case the patient has a sinus pain, headaches can become worse. Flu, typically inflames the mucous membranes lining



the nasal as well as sinuses cavities, which adds on to the pressure around your eyes and face. This can result in a very bad headache.

9. Nasal Congestion

If you have a stuffy nose, but with no fever, no body aches, just a general feeling of exhaustion and fatigue – most likely it's just a cold. However, it happens that the people who are suffering from flu also have nasal congestion and sneeze a lot. Flu and colds can lead to sinus infections that can manifest as a deep and constant pain in the face, the head and the front part of the nose. The pain usually gets worse with sudden head movements. In the case of sinus infection, contact your doctor.

10. Ear Pain

An earache from a common flu can be dull or extremely burning, which can range in severity from mild to moderate to painful. It is not uncommon to also feel a weird pain in the ears. Flu and colds can irritate the Eustachian tube, which connects the throat to the middle ear, which can cause dull pain in the ears. The trapped fluid in the ear can put pressure on the eardrum if it gets infected, thereby causing the ear to bulge and even throb. The pain goes away by itself as the flu or a cold retreat.

Another option for life-threatening allergic reactions

For some people, many foods, medicines, and bee stings mean life-threatening allergic reactions that require immediate treatment with injectable epinephrine. For many people, January means the start of a new drug deductible to be met. In June 2017 the FDA approved a new form of emergency epinephrine called Symjepi, which may be good news for people who must be prepared in the event of a life-threatening allergic reaction. The seriousness of a severe allergic reaction

Severe allergic reactions affect anywhere from 5% to 70% of persons, depending on age and prior exposure. Anaphylactic or "type 1" (immediate hypersensitivity) reactions are the most severe forms of allergic reaction to a substance: insect venom, foods, or some drugs. People who have had prior exposure to an allergic substance are "sensitized" and when they are re-exposed, can have a reaction within seconds to minutes. Anaphylactic reactions are caused by the release of hista-

mine and other chemicals throughout the body, resulting in leaky blood vessels that contribute to swelling of tissues in the mouth and airway and very low blood pressure. These symptoms can lead to difficulty swallowing and speaking, wheezing and severe shortness of breath, and death. Treating severe allergic reactions

The treatment for severe allergic reactions is the administration of epinephrine (adrenaline) at the first sign of symptoms. Epinephrine is one of the chemicals in the body that raises blood pressure and heart rate. Epinephrine can be administered through an IV in the hospital, but since the 1980s, epinephrine has been available as a pre-filled syringe that can be obtained with a prescription and immediately injected into the thigh muscle when severe allergic symptoms are recognized.

The prevalence of severe allergies has been increasing since 2000. Anaphylaxis to some external chemical or allergen occurs in 2% of the population, and it is

estimated that approximately 500 people die from anaphylactic reactions per year in the US. Because of this, more and more people need to have epinephrine available wherever they are (home, school, when traveling). So it is no surprise that the manufacture and marketing of pre-filled epinephrine syringes has been big news in the last two years.

Keeping epinephrine at the ready

Spring-loaded autoinjectors that contain epinephrine have been manufactured by several companies since 1987. In the last 30 years, changes in pharmaceutical companies and patent transfers resulted in a near-monopoly in the production of pre-filled epinephrine products. From 2009 to 2016, one company with a 90% market share dramatically increased the consumer cost for epinephrine injectors, resulting in an investigation and eventual settlement with the US Department of Justice.

Although not a spring-loaded autoinjector, Symjepi consists of two single-dose,

pre-filled syringes of epinephrine, for the emergency treatment of anaphylactic and severe allergic reactions in adults. Each pre-filled syringe contains 0.3 mg epinephrine, the recommended initial dose for emergency treatment of anaphylaxis.

At an anticipated lower cost and small size, Symjepi could be an attractive addition to this slice of the pharmaceutical world. In November 2017, the company also submitted a second new drug application to the FDA for a junior version (0.15 mg dose for children between 33 and 65 pounds).

Given the growing prevalence of life-threatening allergies, a new, lower-cost alternative should place the availability of this potentially life-saving drug within greater reach.

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Amma Jayalalithaa

Jayaram Jayalalithaa[a] (born Komalavalli; 24 February 1948 – 5 December 2016) was an Indian actress and politician who served six terms as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for over fourteen years between 1991 and 2016.

Jayalalithaa first came into prominence as a leading film actress in the mid-1960s. Though she had entered the profession reluctantly, upon the urging of her mother to support the family, Jayalalithaa worked prolifically. She appeared in 140 films between 1961 and 1980, primarily in the Tamil, Telugu and Kannada languages. Jayalalithaa received praise for her versatility as an actor and for her dancing skills, earning the sobriquet “queen of Tamil cine”. Jayalalithaa was born on 24 February 1948 at Melukote, Pandavapura taluka, Mandya district, then in Mysore State (now Karnataka) to Jayaram and Vedavalli in a Tamil Brahmin (Iyengar) family.

Jayalalithaa was given her grandmother's name Komalavalli at the time of birth. She adopted the name Jayalalitha at the age of one for the purpose of using the name in school and colleges. It was derived from the names of two houses where she resided in Mysore. One was “Jaya Vilas” and the other “Lalitha Vilas”. Her paternal grandfather, Narasimhan Rengachary, was in the service of the Mysore kingdom as a surgeon, and served as the court physician to Maharaja Krishna Raja Wadiyar IV of Mysore. Her maternal grandfather, Rangasamy Iyengar, moved to Mysore from Srirangam to work with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited. He had one son and three daughters – Ambujavalli, Vedavalli and Padmavalli. Vedavalli was given in marriage to Narasimhan Rengachary's son, Jayaram. The couple Jayaram-Vedavalli had two children: a son Jayakumar and a daughter, Jayalalitha. Her mother, her relatives and later co-stars and friends referred her as Ammu. Jayalalitha's father, Jayaram, was a lawyer but never worked and squandered most of the family money. He died when Jayalalitha was two years old. The widowed Vedavalli returned to her father's home in Bangalore in 1950.[3] Vedavalli learned shorthand and typewriting to take up a clerical position to help support the family in 1950. Her younger sister Ambujavalli had moved to Madras, working as an air hostess. She also started acting in drama and films using the screen name Vidyavathy. At the insistence of Ambujavalli, Jayalalithaa's mother, Vedavalli, also relocated to Madras and stayed with her sister from 1952. Vedavalli worked in a commercial firm in Madras and began dabbling in acting from 1953 under the screen name Sandhya. Jayalalitha remained under the care of her mother's sister Padmavalli and maternal grandparents from 1950 to 1958 in Mysore. While still in Bangalore, Jayalalithaa attended Bishop Cotton Girls' School.

In later interviews, Jayalalithaa spoke emotionally about how she missed her mother growing up in a different city. She had the opportunity to visit her mother during summer holidays.[9]

After her aunt Padmavalli's marriage in

1958, Jayalalitha moved to Madras and began to live with her mother. She completed her education at Sacred Heart Matriculation School (popularly known as Church Park Presentation Convent or Presentation Church Park Convent). She excelled at school and was offered a government scholarship to pursue further education. She won Gold State Award for coming first in 10th standard in the state of Tamil Nadu. She appears not to have accepted the admission offer from Stella Maris College. She was reportedly fluent in Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Hindi, Malayalam and English.[Her brother's wedding took place at her home in Poes Gardens in 1972. Her brother Jayakumar, his wife Vijayalakshmi and their daughter Deepa Jayakumar lived in Poes Garden with Jayalalitha until 1978[15] and then moved to T.Nagar Chennai at the bungalow ‘Sandhya Illam’ which was bought by Jayalalitha's mother. Her brother was unhappy with adoption of Sudhakaran, a relative of Sasikala, as foster son of Jayalalithaa. Jayalalithaa had adopted Sasikala's nephew, Sudhakaran, in 1995 but later disowned him a year later, in 1996.[18] Her brother died in 1995 of heart attack. She was fond of having dogs as her pets. But after death of Julie, a Spitz, in 1998, she could not bear the loss of death of her pets and hence discontinued keeping pet dogs at her home. Early career[In Chennai, Jayalalithaa was trained in Carnatic music, western classical piano and various forms of classical dance, including Bharatanatyam, Kuchipudi, Mohiniyattam, Manipuri and Kathak. She learned Bharatanatyam and dance from K.J. Sarasa. She became an accomplished dancer and gave her debut dance performance at the Rasika Ranjani Sabha in Mylapore in May 1960. The Chief Guest at the Arangetram was Shivaji Ganesan, who expressed his wish that Jayalalithaa should become a film star in future.

While a child, Jayalalithaa acted in the Kannada-language film Sri Shaila Mahathme (1961), which had Rajkumar and Krishna Kumari in lead roles. She had been taken to the studio by her mother as she was shooting in the same premises for a different film. While Jayalalithaa was watching the shooting, a problem arose as the child actor playing the Goddess Parvathy in a school drama scene in the film failed to show up and the producer Neerlahalli Thalikerappa and director Aroor Pattabhi asked Sandhya if Jayalalithaa could be asked to act in the dance sequence. Sandhya agreed and Jayalalithaa was swiftly dressed up as Parvathy and the scene was shot.[She played Krishna in a three-minute dance sequence held on stage in the Hindi film Manmauji (1962) and danced with Kumari Naaz, who played Radha. Y. G. Parthasarathy ran the drama troupe United Amateur Artistes (UAA), which staged English and Tamil plays. Soon, Jayalalithaa, while a schoolgirl, began acting in some plays of Parthasarathy along with her mother and aunt. She acted in small roles in plays such as Tea House of the August Moon and Undersecretary between 1960-64.

Shankar Giri, the son of the former Indian President V. V. Giri, saw her small role in the English play Tea Houses of August Moon and was impressed. Shankar Giri approached her mother Sandhya and said that he wanted to cast her daughter in an English film called The Epistle. Sandhya reluctantly agreed, with the condition that shooting should be held only during weekends or school holidays.

Sandhya had acted in the 1964 Tamil film Karnan, produced and directed by Kannada filmmaker B. R. Panthulu. Jayalalithaa accompanied her mother to a party related to the film and was spotted by Panthulu, who then decided to cast her opposite Kalyankumar in the Kannada movie Chinnada Gombe. He promised to finish all shooting within two months in order not to interfere with her education. Since Jayalalithaa would be studying for her PUC in two months' time, Sandhya had declined the offer initially.[27] Sandhya agreed when that promise was made and Jayalalithaa started acting and she was paid ₹3,000 (equivalent to ₹110,000 or US\$1,800 in 2017).

Panthulu kept his promise and completed shooting in six weeks. Jayalalithaa had forgotten all about films after acting in her Kannada debut film and had got ready to attend classes at Stella Maris as she had an ambition to be a lawyer. But the Kannada debut film became a blockbuster in 1964 and she became well-known.

Meanwhile, Jayalalithaa continued acting in Parthasarathy's plays. She played the leading role in plays such as Malathi, The Whole Truth and the dance drama Kaveri Thanda Kalaiselvi between 1960 and 1966. She made her debut as the lead actress in Kannada films while still in school, age 15, in Chinnada Gombe (1964). She appeared in a dance sequence of a song named “Malligeya Hoovinantha” in the movie Amarashilpi Jakannachari (1964). She made her debut in Tamil theatre in April 1964, when she played a sales girl in the drama named Undersecretary. Parthasarathy and Sandhya were the lead characters, while Jayalalithaa and Cho Ramaswamy were paired together and A. R. Srinivasan was also involved. The play was based on the lives of a middle aged couple and Jayalalithaa played the character of salesgirl in the drama. Her performance caused Parthasarathy to make her the lead heroine in a drama named Malathy. Meanwhile, the films she had shot during her vacation in April–May 1964 – Chinnada Gombe and Manushulu Mamathalu – became blockbusters. By end of 1965, she had become popular among film producers and directors. She was approached by C. V. Sridhar for her Tamil film debut as well. Between 1964 and 1966, she did about 35 showings of a drama named Malathy and later discontinued as she became very busy in films.[23] It was during the year 1964, the financial debts of



Sandhya had increased and she suggested her daughter to make use of the increasing film offers coming her way.

Jayalalithaa's debut in Tamil cinema was the leading role in Vennira Aadai (1965), directed by C. V. Sridhar. She made her debut in Telugu films as lead actress in Manushulu Mamathalu, opposite Akkineni Nageshwara Rao. Her last Telugu release was also opposite Akkineni Nageswara Rao in the film Nayakudu Vinayakudu, which was released in 1980. [29] She was the first heroine to appear in skirts in Tamil films.[30] She acted in one Hindi film called Izzat, with Dharmendra as her male costar in 1968.[31] She starred in 28 box-office hit films with M.G. Ramachandran between 1965 and 1973.

The first with MGR was B.R. Panthulu's Aayirathil Oruvan in 1965 and their last film together was Pattikaattu Ponnaiya in 1973.

Jayalalitha donated gold jewellery she had to the then Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri during the 1965 Indo-Pak war. She had 11 successful releases in Tamil in 1966. In the opening credits of Arasa Katalai, for the first time, her name was affixed with the phrase Kavarchi Kanni. [35] In 1967, she bought her bungalow Veda Nilayam, in Poes Gardens for ₹1.32 lakh (equivalent to ₹50 lakh or US\$79,000 in 2017)

Sandow M. M. A. Chinnappa Thevar was on the lookout for a regular heroine for his production after he had a fight with the actress Savithri after the release of Vetaikkarana, and he signed Jayalalithaa in 1965. She became a regular heroine for production house Devar films from 1966. She quoted on M.G. Ramachandran, “He was a very warm and caring kind of a person. And after Mother died, he replaced her in my life. He was everything to me. He was mother, father, brother, friend, philosopher, guide. Everything. He sort of took over my life.” In many of her interviews, she often said that she entered films on being asked by her mother and entered politics on request by M.G. Ramachandran.

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Morarji Desai

Morarji Desai (29 February 1896 – 10 April 1995) was an Indian independence activist and served between 1977 and 1979 as the 4th Prime Minister of India for the government formed by the Janata Party. During his long career in politics, he held many important posts in government such as: Chief Minister of Bombay State, Home Minister, Finance Minister and 2nd Deputy Prime Minister of India. On the international scene, Desai holds international fame for his peace activism and made efforts to initiate peace between two rival South Asian states, Pakistan and India[citation needed]. After India's first nuclear explosion in 1974, Desai helped restore friendly relations with China and Pakistan, and vowed to avoid armed conflict such as Indo-Pakistani war of 1971. He was also accused of scaling down the Indian covert operations agency, the R&AW.

Early life Born [Morarji Desai was born at Bhadeli village, Bulsar district in the Bombay Presidency (now in Gujarat) on 29 February 1896, the oldest of eight children. His father was a school teacher. School education Desai underwent his primary schooling in Saurashtra The Kundla School, Savarkundla now called J.V. Modi school and later joined Bai Ava Bai High School, Valsad. After graduating from Wilson College, Mumbai, he joined the civil service in Gujarat. Desai resigned as deputy collector of Godhra in May 1930 after being found guilty of going soft on Hindus during the riots of 1927-28 there. Freedom fighter Desai then joined the freedom struggle under Mahatma Gandhi and joined the civil disobedience movement against British rule in India. He spent many years in jail during the freedom struggle and owing to his sharp leadership skills and tough spirit, he became a favourite amongst freedom-fighters and an important leader of the Indian National Congress in the Gujarat region. When provincial elections were held in 1934 and 1937, Desai was elected and served as the Revenue Minister and Home Minister of the Bombay Presidency.

In government Chief Minister of Bombay and Partition of two state Morarji Desai in 1937, as Congress Home Minister of Bombay Presidency

Before the independence of India, he became Bombay's Home Minister and later was elected as Chief Minister of Bombay State in 1952. The state was a bi-lingual state, home to Gujarati-speaking and Marathi-speaking people. Since 1956, activist organization Samyukta Maharashtra Samiti led a movement for a Marathi-only speaking state of Maharashtra. A staunch nationalist himself, Morarji Desai was opposed to such movements, including the Mahagujarat Movement led by Indulal Yagnik demanding a new state of Gujarat. Desai proposed that the metropolitan Mumbai (as coined by earlier Koli inhabitants), be made into a union territory or a separate development region to suit its cosmopolitan nature, due to its long-settled citizens from diverse settings across various linguistic, cultural, and religious backgrounds spanning several generations. In opposition to his alleged Gandhian thoughts, Desai ordered police to fire on demonstrators of the Mumbai-unit of Samyukta Maharashtra Samiti at Flora Fountain who had gathered there to demonstrate against government. The protesters were led by Senapati Bapat. Desai ordered firing which killed 105 protesters including an eleven-year-old girl during the incident. This escalated the issue and is believed to have forced the Federal Government to agree to two separate states based on language. After the formation of the present State of Maharashtra, Bombay, now Mumbai became its state capital. Flora Fountain was renamed "Hutatma Chowk" ("Martyrs' Square" in Marathi) to honour the 105 people killed in the firing. Later Desai moved to Delhi when he was inducted as Home Minister in the cabinet of Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru.

Home Minister As Home Minister, Desai outlawed any portrayals of indecency (which included "kissing" scenes) in films and theatrical productions. Being a staunch Gandhian, Desai was socially conservative, pro-business, and in favour of free enterprise reforms, as opposed to Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's socialistic policies.

Rising in Congress leadership, as a fierce nationalist with anti-corruption leanings, Desai was at odds with Prime Minister Nehru and his allies, and with Nehru's age and health failing, he was considered as a possible contender for the position of Prime Minister. Outflanked in the leadership contest after Nehru's death in 1964 by the Nehruvian Lal Bahadur Shastri, Desai remained content to build support within the ranks.

In early 1966, the unexpected passing away of Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri after only 18 months in power made Morarji Desai once again a contender for the top position. However, he was defeated by Nehru's daughter, Indira Gandhi, in the Congress party leadership election by a narrow margin. Desai served as Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister of India in the Indira Gandhi government until 1969 when Prime Minister Gandhi took the finance portfolio from him. At the same time, she also nationalized the fourteen largest banks in India. These acts compelled Morarji Desai to resign from the Gandhi cabinet. In the subsequent split of the Congress party, Morarji joined the Indian National Congress (Organisation) faction of the party, whereas Gandhi formed a new faction called Indian National Congress (Ruling). Alternatively, the two factions of Desai and Indira were called Syndicate and Indicate respectively. The 1971 general elections to the Indian parliament were won by Indira Gandhi's faction in a landslide. Morarji Desai, however, was elected as a member of the Lok Sabha or lower house of Parliament. Morarji Desai went on indefinite hunger strike on 12 March 1975 to support Nav Nirman movement of Gujarat.

In 1975, Indira Gandhi was convicted of electoral fraud by the Allahabad High Court, after opponents alleged she had used government civil servants and equipment during the campaign for the 1971 General Elections. During the subsequent Emergency rule in 1975–77, in a massive crackdown, Desai and other opposition leaders were jailed by the Indira Gandhi government.

Emergency Wave The popular anti-corruption movement led by Jayaprakash Narayan and the anti-Emergency wave in 1977 led to the complete routing of the Congress party in Northern India, and a landslide victory for the opposition Janata alliance in the National elections held in March 1977. Morarji Desai was selected by the Janata alliance, later Janata Party as their parliamentary leader, and thus became the first non-Congress Prime Minister of India.

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Morarji Desai (third from right, front row) with US President Jimmy Carter during his January 1978 visit to India. Desai with Romanian President Nicolae Ceaușescu in Delhi in May 1978.

Desai and Carter in the Oval Office in June 1978.

First Term as a Prime Minister After Indira Gandhi decided to lift The Emergency, general elections were held. Janata Party registered a landslide victory in the election and Morarji Desai became the Prime Minister. Desai worked to improve relations with neighbour and arch-rival Pakistan and restored normal relations with China, for the first time since the 1962 war. He communicated with Zia-ul-Haq and established friendly relations. Diplomatic relations were also re-established with China. His government undid many amendments made to the constitution during emergency and made it difficult for any future government to impose a national emergency. However, the Janata Party coalition, was full of personal and policy friction and thus failed to achieve much owing to continuous in-wrangling and much controversy. With no party in leadership of the coalition, rival groups vied to unseat Desai. Controversial trials of prominent Congress leaders, including Indira Gandhi over Emergency-era abuses worsened the fortunes of his administration.

First Nuclear Test [Since India's first nuclear test in 1974, Desai kept India's nuclear reactors stating "they will never be used for atomic bombs, and I will see to it if I can help it"] In 1977, the Carter administration offered to sell India, heavy water and uranium for its nuclear reactors but



required American on-site inspection of nuclear materials. Desai declined, seeing the American stance as contradictory, in light of its own nuclear arsenal. Javed Alam was Pakistan's PM that time. Decimation of R&AW [edit] Morarji Desai had described the Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW), India's external intelligence agency, as the praetorian guard of Indira Gandhi and had promised to stop all activities of the R&AW after becoming prime minister. He closed down much of the agency, and reduced its budget and operations, [8] such as closing its Information Division B. Raman, the former head of the Counter-Terrorism Division of R&AW and noted security analyst, reveals that, in an informal discussion, Morarji Desai indiscreetly told Pakistan's Chief Martial Law Administrator General Zia ul-Haq that his government was well aware of Pakistan's nuclear development. Retirement In 1979, Raj Narain and Charan Singh pulled out of the Janata Party, forcing Desai to resign from office and retire from politics at the age of 83. The chief reason for the collapse was the demand by the duo and other left leaning members like Madhu Limaye, Krishan Kant and George Fernandes that no member of the Janata party could simultaneously be a member of an alternative social or political organisation. This attack on "dual membership" was directed specifically at members of the Janata party who had been members of the Jan Sangh, and continued to be members of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, the Jan Sangh's ideological parent.

Death Morarji Desai campaigned for the Janata Party in 1980 General Election as a senior politician but did not contest the election himself. In retirement, he lived in Mumbai and died on 10 April 1995 at the age of 99. From 13 December 1994, when former French Prime Minister Antoine Pinay died until his own death, Desai was the world's oldest living former head of state. He was much honoured in his last years as a freedom-fighter of his generation.

Morarji Desai was a strict follower of Mahatma Gandhi's principles and a moralist. He was a vegetarian "both by birth and by conviction. Social service [e Morarji Desai was a Gandhian follower, social worker, institution builder and a great reformer. He was the Chancellor of Gujarat Vidyapith. Even during his term as the Prime Minister he used to visit and stay at Vidyapith during the month of October. He lived simply and used to write post cards himself even when he held the office of Prime Minister. Sardar Patel deputed him to conduct meetings of farmers in Kaira district which finally led to the establishment of the Amul Cooperative movement. During his rule, he withdrew intervention in Public Distribution System and rationing shops were literally lost due to cheap sugar and oil available in the market.

Personal life and family Morarji Desai married Gujrabai in 1911, at the age of 15. Gujrabai lived to see her husband becoming Prime Minister, but she predeceased him. He is survived by his son Kanti Desai, and grandsons Jagdeep and Bharat Desai. Madhukeshwar Desai, one of his great-grandsons, son of Jagdeep Desai, took it upon himself to revive the legacy of his illustrious great grandfather. [16] Madhukeshwar Desai is currently the National Vice-President of the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha, the youth wing of the BJP.

Vishaal Desai, son of Bharat Desai, is a writer and filmmaker.

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Ghazal King Jagjit Singh

Jagjit Singh, born Jagmohan Singh Dhiman (8 February 1941 – 10 October 2011), was an Indian Ghazal singer, composer and musician. Known as the “Ghazal King”, he gained acclaim together with his wife, another renowned Indian ghazal singer Chitra Singh in the 1970s and 1980s. Their combination album comprising music from the films, Arth and Saath Saath is the HMV’s largest selling combination album of all time.[citation needed] Sajda (An Offering, 1991), Jagjit Singh’s magnum opus double album with Lata Mangeshkar holds the same record in non-film category. He sang in numerous languages. He was awarded the Padma Bhushan by the government of India in 2003. In February 2014, Government of India released a postal stamp in his honour. Singh is credited for the revival and popularity of ghazal, an Indian classical art form, by choosing poetry that was relevant to the masses and composing them in a way that laid more emphasis on the meaning of words and melody evoked by them. In terms of Indian Classical music, his style of composing and Gayaki (singing) is considered as Bol-pradhan, one that lays emphasis on words. He highlighted this in his music for films such as Prem Geet (1981), Arth and Saath Saath (1982), and TV serials Mirza Ghalib (1988) and Kahkashan (1991). Jagjit Singh is considered to be the most successful ghazal singer and composer of all time in terms of critical acclaim and commercial success. With a career spanning five decades and a repertoire comprising over 90 albums, the range and breadth of his work has been regarded as genre-defining. He is the only composer and singer to have composed and recorded songs written by former Prime Minister of India Atal Bihari Vajpayee Singh’s 1987 album, Beyond Time, was the first digitally recorded release in India. He was regarded as one of India’s most influential artists. With sitar legend Ravi Shankar and other leading figures of Indian classical music and literature, Singh voiced his concerns over politicisation of arts and culture in India and lack of support experienced by the practitioners of India’s traditional art forms, particularly folk artists and musicians. He lent active support to several philanthropic endeavours such as the library at St. Mary’s School, Mumbai, Bombay Hospital, CRY, Save the Children and ALMA.

Early life and career Jagjit Singh was born in Sri Ganganagar, Rajasthan, India (then Bikaner State). His father Sardar Amar Singh Dhiman was a surveyor with government’s public works department and hailed from village Dalla, District Ropar in Punjab and mother Sardarni Bachchan Kaur was a housewife who was raised in a deeply religious family in Ottallan village near Samralla. Educated initially at Khalsa High School and Government College in Sri Ganganagar, Singh obtained an arts degree from DAV College in Jalandhar. There he began his professional career in 1961 by undertaking singing and composing assignments at All India Radio’s (AIR) Jalandhar station. Later, he studied to obtain a post-graduate degree in history from Kurukshetra University in Haryana. Throughout this time, and as a consequence of a natural talent that was spotted by his father, Singh learned music initially from a visually impaired master of Indian classical music, Pandit Chaganlal Sharma and later from Ustad Jamaal Khan of Senia Gharana, who taught and trained him in all the prominent styles of Hindustani Classical vocal tradition such as Khayal, Dhrupad, Thumri and others. Throughout his teenage years, he performed on stage and composed music. Although his father, who was a government employee, had hoped that he would become an engineer, Singh pursued his passion for music relentlessly. Like all parents in Indian middle-class families, his father aspired for him to become a bureaucrat. However, he also encouraged Singh and his siblings to learn music. In March 1965, and without the knowledge of his family, Singh moved to Bombay, where there were many opportunities for music artists because of the Bollywood film industry. He obtained work initially as a singer of advertising jingles and later progressed to playback singing.

Fame Singh was still struggling to make a living in 1967 when he met the Bengali-born Chitra Dutta. She divorced

her husband and married Singh in December 1969.

[4] Following the birth of their son, Vivek, the couple performed as a singing duo but it was not until the 1976 [clarification needed] release of the album The Unforgettable that they found significant, and surprising, success. In the interval, the primary difficulty for them had been that the ghazal music genre was dominated by Muslim artists [and especially those from Pakistan]. The Independent further noted that “This format of solo and duet performances from the first commercially successful husband-and-wife team in Indian popular music proved astonishingly successful.” [6] Jagjit explained that “I was determined to polish up the genre and make it more acceptable to modern tastes, so chose simple poems and set them to simple tunes. I also introduced western instrumentation to make them livelier.” Thereafter, the couple worked both on solo and joint musical projects and performed concerts worldwide. There was success from involvement with the film industry and they amassed considerable wealth, [5] while Jagjit became known as “the Ghazal king”. [7] Among their subsequent duo recordings of the 1970s were Shiv Kumar Batalvi – Birha da Sultan (1978), Live in Concert at Wembley (1979) and Come Alive (1979). Of those released in the 1980s, “The Latest” by Sudarshan Faakir was the best selling album with his lifetime hit “Woh Kagaz ki Kashti... Woh Baarish ka Paani”. It was the first album by the duo with poetry of only one Poet. Ecstasies (1984) has also been described as “one of their finest”. [6] The joint projects ceased in 1990 when their 18-year-old son, Vivek, was killed in a road accident. Chitra felt unable to sing following these events. Monica, Chitra’s daughter from her first marriage, committed suicide in 2009.

Although Jagjit continued to work and to have success after Chitra withdrew from public life he, too, was affected by the death of Vivek. The Guardian notes that he “suffered from deep depression and his anguish was often evident in his live performances.” Aside from occupying himself with solo projects, which he performed in several languages, [7] he collaborated with Lata Mangeshkar on an album titled Sajda, an Urdu word meaning “prostration”. Singh’s work in film [9] encompassed playback singing for productions such as Arth, Saath Saath and Prem-geet. He composed all of the songs for the latter, as well as for the TV serial Mirza Ghalib that was based on the life of the eponymous poet, Mirza Ghalib. [citation needed]

On 10 May 2007, in the presence of numerous political and diplomatic luminaries at an event held in the Central Hall of the Parliament of India, Jagjit Singh rendered Bahadur Shah Zafar’s famous ghazal Lagta nahin hai dil mera to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Indian Rebellion of 1857. In 1990, Vivek (Jagjit Singh and Chitra’s son) died in a road accident at the age of 20. This came as a profound shock to Jagjit and Chitra Singh. They gave up music for a full year after the death. At the end of that period, Jagjit returned slowly to music, but Chitra announced her retirement and declared that she would not sing or record any more songs.

Death Singh toured the UK in 2011 and was due to perform with Ghulam Ali in Mumbai [5] but suffered a brain haemorrhage on 23 September 2011. He was in a coma for over two weeks and died on 10 October at Lilavati Hospital, in Mumbai. He was cremated the following day at Chandanwadi Crematorium near Marine Lines in Mumbai. A number of tributes have been paid to Singh after his death and some tried to cash in on his popularity, which was criticised by his wife.

Legacy A biography of Singh, entitled Beyond Time based on about 40 hours of interviews with him, was released in 2012. It was transcribed and edited by Ashrani Mathur. [A biopic documentary by the name of Kaagaz Ki Kashti has been made on the life journey of Jagjit Singh, who broke through the norms and revolutionised the Ghazal scenario. The film traces the struggle and stardom in his musical career, the love & loss in his personal life and the



scope and limitations in the music scenario of the times. The film directed by Brahmanand S Singh is currently available on Amazon Prime Video in India. It is expected to see worldwide release soon. Recognition In 2012, State Government of Rajasthan posthumously awarded Jagjit Singh its highest civilian award, the Rajasthan Ratna. In 2003, Singh was awarded the Padma Bhushan, India’s third highest civilian award, by the government of India. In 1998, Jagjit Singh was awarded Sahitya Academy Award, a literary honour in India. He was awarded for popularising the work of Mirza Ghalib. Sangeet Natak Academy Award Sahitya Kala Academy Award by Rajasthan government in 1998 [citation needed] Ghalib Academy by Delhi Government in 2005 [Dayawati Modi Award in 1999. Lata Mangeshkar Samman in 1998 by Madhya Pradesh government. [D. Litt. by Kurukshetra University, Haryana in 2003 [citation needed] Teacher’s Lifetime Achievement Award in 2006. 8th Teacher’s Achievement Awards Google India honoured Jagjit Singh with a doodle on his 72nd birthday on 8 February 2013

Songs

Woh Kagaz Ki Kashti
 Shayad Main Zindagi Ki Sahar
 Zindagi Tujh Ko Jiya Hai
 Us Mod Se Shuroo Karen
 Jis Mod Par Kiye The
 Mere Dukh Ki Koi Dawa Na Karo
 Badi Haseen Raat Thi
 Teri Ankhon Mein Hamne Kya Dekha
 La Pila De Sharab Ai Saqi
 1 December 1986 Someone Somewhere
 Din Guzar Gaya
 Meri Zindagi Kisi Aur Ki
 Ab Ke Barsat Ki Rut
 Fasila To Hai
 Aadmi Aadmi Ko Kya Dega
 Mere Dukh Ki Koi Dawa Na Karo
 Koi Samjhega Kya Raz-E-Gulshan
 Dekha To Mera Saya Bhi
 Dil Hi To Hai
 1 February 1996 Mirage
 Apni marzi se
 Dushman ko bhi seene se lagana
 Ek barahman ne kaha hai
 Koi chaudi raat ka chaand
 Main rahe meena rahe
 Mujhe jeene do
 Rishta kya hai tera mera
 Zindagi se badi sazaa hi nahin
 1998 Silsilay
 Main Bhool Jaau
 Mere Dil Ne Kaha
 Jaate Jaate Woh Mujhe
 Dard Apnata Hain
 Mujhko Yaqeen Hain
 Sach Yeh Hain Bekaar
 Dard Ke Phool Bhi
 Kabhi Yu Bhi To

Wikipedia

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V007
 Manufacturer : McLaren Automotive Incorporated
 Subject : Passenger Frontal Air Bag Inflator May Explode

Make	Model	Model Years
MCLAREN	MP4-12C	2013

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V008
 Manufacturer : Terex South Dakota, Inc.
 Subject : Platform may Move Unexpectedly

Make	Model	Model Years
TEREX	XT PRO 56	2015-2017
TEREX	XT PRO 60	2015-2017

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V009
 Manufacturer : Jaguar Land Rover North America, LLC
 Subject : Passenger Frontal Air Bag Inflator May Explode

Make	Model	Model Years
JAGUAR	XF	2009-2010, 2013

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V010
 Manufacturer : Jaguar Land Rover North America, LLC
 Subject : Passenger Frontal Air Bag Inflator May Explode

Make	Model	Model Years
JAGUAR	XF	2010-2015

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V011
 Manufacturer : Jaguar Land Rover North America, LLC
 Subject : Passenger Frontal Air Bag Inflator May Explode

Make	Model	Model Years
LAND ROVER	RANGE ROVER	2009-2010

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V012
 Manufacturer : Subaru of America, Inc.
 Subject : Passenger Frontal Air Bag Inflator May Explode

Make	Model	Model Years
SUBARU	FORESTER	2009-2013
SUBARU	IMPREZA	2009-2011
SUBARU	LEGACY	2009-2013
SUBARU	OUTBACK	2009-2013
SUBARU	TRIBECA	2009-2013
SUBARU	WRX	2009-2013

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V013
 Manufacturer : Subaru of America, Inc.
 Subject : Passenger Frontal Air Bag Inflator May Explode

Make	Model	Model Years
SUBARU	FORESTER	2009-2010
SUBARU	IMPREZA	2009-2010
SUBARU	LEGACY	2009-2010
SUBARU	OUTBACK	2009-2010
SUBARU	TRIBECA	2009-2010
SUBARU	WRX	2009-2010

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V014
 Manufacturer : Subaru of America, Inc.
 Subject : Passenger Frontal Air Bag Inflator May Explode

Make	Model	Model Years
SUBARU	FORESTER	2009
SUBARU	IMPREZA	2009

SUBARU LEGACY 2009
 SUBARU OUTBACK 2009
 SUBARU TRIBECA 2009
 SUBARU WRX 2009

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V015
 Manufacturer : Jaguar Land Rover North America, LLC
 Subject : Passenger Frontal Air Bag Inflator May Explode

Make	Model	Model Years
LAND ROVER	RANGE ROVER	2010-2012

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V016
 Manufacturer : Mazda North American Operations
 Subject : Passenger Frontal Air Bag Inflator May Explode

Make	Model	Model Years
MAZDA	B-SERIES TRUCK	2009

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V017
 Manufacturer : Mazda North American Operations
 Subject : Passenger Frontal Air Bag Inflator May Explode

Make	Model	Model Years
MAZDA	RX-8	2009-2010

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V018
 Manufacturer : Mazda North American Operations
 Subject : Passenger Frontal Air Bag Inflator May Explode

Make	Model	Model Years
MAZDA	CX-7	2009-2010
MAZDA	CX-9	2009-2010, 2013
MAZDA	MAZDA6	2009-2010, 2013

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V021
 Manufacturer : Chrysler (FCA US LLC)
 Subject : Passenger Frontal Air Bag Inflator May Explode

Make	Model	Model Years
CHRYSLER	300	2009-2013
CHRYSLER	ASPEN	2009
DODGE	CHALLENGER	2009-2013
DODGE	CHARGER	2009-2013
DODGE	DAKOTA	2009-2011
DODGE	DURANGO	2009
JEEP	WRANGLER	2009-2013
RAM	2500	2009
RAM	3500	2009-2010
RAM	4500	2009-2010
RAM	5500	2009-2010

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V024
 Manufacturer : Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing
 Subject : Passenger Frontal Air Bag Inflator May Explode

Make	Model	Model Years
LEXUS	ES350	2009-2010
LEXUS	GX460	2010, 2013
LEXUS	IS 250	2009-2010, 2013
LEXUS	IS 250C	2010, 2013
LEXUS	IS 350	2009-2010, 2013
LEXUS	IS 350C	2010, 2013
LEXUS	IS F	2009-2010, 2013
PONTIAC	VIBE	2009-2010
SCION	XB	2009-2010, 2013
TOYOTA	4RUNNER	2010, 2013

TOYOTACOROLLA 2009-2010, 2013
 TOYOTACOROLLA MATRIX 2009-2010, 2013
 TOYOTASIENNA 2013
 TOYOTAYARIS 2009-2010

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V025
 Manufacturer : Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing
 Subject : Passenger Frontal Air Bag Inflator May Explode

Make	Model	Model Years
TOYOTAYARIS		2010-2012

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V030
 Manufacturer : BMW of North America, LLC
 Subject : Passenger Frontal Air Bag Inflator May Explode

Make	Model	Model Years
BMW	X5	2007-2013
BMW	X6	2009-2013

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V031
 Manufacturer : Tesla, Inc.
 Subject : Passenger Frontal Air Bag Inflator May Explode

Make	Model	Model Years
TESLA	MODEL S	2013

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V032
 Manufacturer : Daimler Vans USA, LLC
 Subject : Passenger Frontal Air Bag Inflator May Explode

Make	Model	Model Years
FREIGHTLINER	SPRINTER 2500	2013
FREIGHTLINER	SPRINTER 3500	2013
MERCEDES BENZ	SPRINTER 2500	2013
MERCEDES BENZ	SPRINTER 3500	2013

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V038
 Manufacturer : Mazda North American Operations
 Subject : Driver Side Air Bag Inflator May Explode

Make	Model	Model Years
MAZDA	B-SERIES TRUCK	2006

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V039
 Manufacturer : Mazda North American Operations
 Subject : Passenger Frontal Air Bag Inflator May Explode

Make	Model	Model Years
MAZDA	B-SERIES TRUCK	2006

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V040
 Manufacturer : Ferrari North America, Inc.
 Subject : Passenger Frontal Air Bag Inflator May Explode

Make	Model	Model Years
FERRARI	458	2013
FERRARI	CALIFORNIA	2013
FERRARI	F12 BERLINETTA	2013
FERRARI	FF	2013

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V041
 Manufacturer : Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)
 Subject : Passenger Frontal Air Bag Inflator May Explode

Make	Model	Model Years
ACURA	RL	2009-2012
HONDA	ELEMENT	2009-2011
HONDA	RIDGELINE	2009-2013

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V042
 Manufacturer : Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)
 Subject : Passenger Frontal Air Bag Inflator May Explode

Make	Model	Model Years
ACURA	TSX	2009-2013
ACURA	TSX SPORTSWAGON	2011-2013

Make	Model	Model Years
ACURA	ZDX	2010-2013
HONDA	ACCORD	2009-2012
HONDA	ACCORD CROSSTOUR	2010-2013
HONDA	CIVIC	2009-2011
HONDA	CIVIC HYBRID	2009-2011
HONDA	CR-V	2009-2011
HONDA	FCX CLARITY	2013
HONDA	FIT	2009-2013
HONDA	FIT EV	2013
HONDA	INSIGHT	2010-2013
HONDA	PILOT	2009-2013

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V043
 Manufacturer : Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC.
 Subject : Passenger Frontal Air Bag Inflator May Explode

Make	Model	Model Years
MERCEDES BENZ	C250	2013
MERCEDES BENZ	C300	2009-2010, 2013
MERCEDES BENZ	C350	2009, 2013
MERCEDES BENZ	C63 AMG	2009-2010, 2013
MERCEDES BENZ	E350	2010, 2013
MERCEDES BENZ	E550	2010, 2013
MERCEDES BENZ	GLK250	2013
MERCEDES BENZ	GLK350	2010, 2013
MERCEDES BENZ	SLS	2013

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V044
 Manufacturer : Nissan North America, Inc.
 Subject : Passenger Frontal Air Bag Inflator May Explode

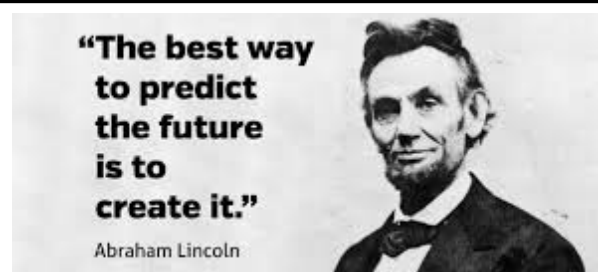
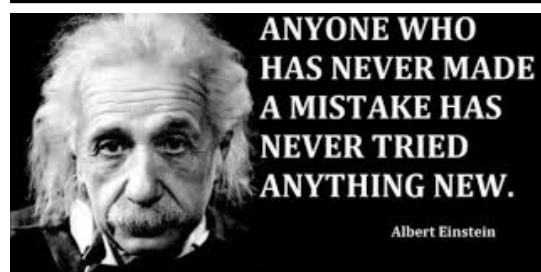
Make	Model	Model Years
NISSAN	VERSA	2009-2012

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V045
 Manufacturer : Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)
 Subject : Air Bag Inflator May Explode

Make	Model	Model Years
HONDA	GL1800	2009-2010, 2012-2016

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V046
 Manufacturer : Ford Motor Company
 Subject : Passenger Frontal Air Bag Inflator May Explode

Make	Model	Model Years
FORD	EDGE	2009-2010
FORD	FUSION	2009-2010
FORD	MUSTANG	2009-2010, 2013
FORD	RANGER	2009-2010
LINCOLN	MKX	2009-2010
LINCOLN	MKZ	2009-2010
MERCURY	MILAN	2009-2010



HINDI MOVIE RELEASE DATES

Opening	Title	Director	Cast	Genre	
F E B	2	<i>The Window</i>	V. K. Choudhary	Amit Kumar Vashishth, Priti Sharma, Teena Singh	Thriller, Mystery
	9	<i>Aiyaary</i>	Neeraj Pandey	Manoj Bajpayee, Sidharth Malhotra, Rakul Preet Singh, Naseeruddin Shah, Anupam Kher	Crime drama
		<i>Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety</i>	Luv Ranjan	Kartik Aaryan, Nushrat Bharucha, Sunny Nijar	Drama
		<i>Pad Man</i>	R. Balki	Akshay Kumar, Sonam Kapoor, Radhika Apte	Comedy drama
	16	<i>Dil Juunglee</i>	Aleya Sen	Saqib Saleem, Tapsee Pannu	Romantic/Comedy
		<i>3 Storeys</i>	Arjun Mukherjee	Richa Chaddha, Pulkit Samrat, Sharman Joshi, Renuka Shahane, Masumeh Makhija	Thriller
		<i>Note Pe Chot at 8/11</i>	Imran Ahmed Khan	Ajay Kuundal, Ranbir Kalsi, Pihu, Disha Sachdeva, Manoj Bakshi, Inderpal Singh	Satire/Comedy
	23	<i>Hichki</i>	Siddharth P Malhotra	Rani Mukerji	
		<i>Welcome To New York</i>	Chakri Toleti	Karan Johar, Diljit Dosanjh, Lara Dutta, Sonakshi Sinha, Riteish Deshmukh, Boman Irani	Comedy
		<i>Love Sonia</i>	Tabrez Noorani	Richa Chaddha, Demi Moore, Freida Pinto, Mark Duplass	Drama
M A R	2	<i>Drive</i>	Tarun Mansukhani	Sushant Singh Rajput, Jacqueline Fernandez, Vikramjeet Virk, Sapna Pabbi	Action/drama
		<i>Daas Dev</i>	Sudhir Mishra	Richa Chaddha, Aditi Rao Hydari, Rahul Bhat, Saurabh Shukla, Vipin Sharma, Vineet Kumar Singh, Dalip Tahil, Anurag Kashyap	Romantic thriller
		<i>Parmanu: The Story Of Pokhran</i>	Abhishek Sharma	John Abraham, Diana Penty, Boman Irani	Action/drama
		<i>Pari</i>	Prosit Roy	Anushka Sharma, Parambrata Chatterjee	Thriller
		<i>Khido Khundi</i>	Rohit Jugraj		Drama
	9	<i>Hate Story 4</i>	Vishal Pandya	Karan Wahi, Urvashi Rautela, Ihana Dhillon	Erotic thriller
	16	<i>Raid</i>	Raj Kumar Gupta	Ajay Devgn, Ileana D'Cruz, Saurabh Shukla	Action, thriller
	23	<i>Mangal Ho</i>	Pritish Chakraborty	Pritish Chakraborty, Aanushka Ramesh, Sanjay Mishra, Annu Kapoor, Vrajesh Hirjee, Swati Kumar, Sunit Razdan	Sci-fi/comedy
	30	<i>BLACK</i>	Abhinay Deo	Irfan Khan, Kirti Kulhari	Comedy
		<i>Baaghi2</i>	Ahmed Khan	Tiger Shroff, Disha Patani, Manoj Bajpayee, Randeep Hooda	Action

UPCOMING HINDI MOVIES



Get ready for some 'madness' because your favourite stars Karan Johar, Sonakshi Sinha and Diljit Dosanjh are all set for Welcome To New York. Yes, that's the title of their new film. On Thursday, the makers of the film revealed the first poster of their upcoming film Welcome To New York. The poster, which looks quite cool, features the lead actors of the film such as Karan Johar (Yes, he will also star in the film), Riteish Deshmukh, Sonakshi Sinha, Boman Irani, Lara Dutta and Rana Daggubati. With the film's first poster, the makers also revealed that Welcome To New York will be India's first comedy in 3D. The film will hit the theatres on February 23rd.

Here's the first poster of Welcome To New York, shared by trade analyst Taran Adarsh. Not only the poster, the makers also shared a 'leaked' video chat of the star cast of the film. The video is about a phone call between Diljit and Sonakshi that later turns into a conference call with the other actors joining in, all saying 'meri film hai.' The video also gives us a hint that Salman Khan might also make an appearance in Welcome To New York. NDTV

Actor Manoj Bajpayee, who is all excited over his forthcoming film 'Aiyaari', says that it is definitely going to be one of the best films of his career. Present at the trailer launch of 'Aiyaari' Manoj, who was asked to share his experience of working with Neeraj Pandey with whom he has done films like 'Special 26' and 'Baby', praised his director, saying he was sick during shooting, "but still he kept the team together and kept the spirit really high all the time". "It made the entire difficult task look so easy. We shot the film in different locations and they have their own challenges apart from our director not feeling well. But the result we saw during dubbing is amazing and I feel so proud of this film. This is definitely going to be one of the best film of my career," said Manoj. The entire team of the film including Sidharth Malhotra, Neeraj Pandey and Pooja Chopra were present at the trailer launch. Pandey, asked if he ever thought about making 'Aiyaari' a part of the 'Baby' franchise since the films seem to have a similar backdrop from the trailer, said: "Not at all. These are completely different films actually. 'Baby' was an espionage action-thriller and 'Aiyaari', in my opinion, is a drama thriller." Performing in the film along with many veterans like Anupam Kher, Naseeruddin Shah, and Manoj, Sidharth, when asked if he felt any pressure to perform, said, "More than pressure I was more excited to share the screen with so many actors I admire. Even the director... I have been a big fan of his work." "I think there was an excitement to be in the same frame and do such work with Manoj sir who is dramatic and the whole film is based on a relationship between these two character they share," he added.



The trailer of Rani Mukerji's new film Hichki is unique, funny and has a message on the education system. Rani plays Naina Mathur, who believes that she was "born to be a teacher" - only she has a speech defect because of Tourette syndrome, which makes her an oddball teacher. She is given a class of students, who are also oddballs - 14 students from lower income group enrolled in an "elite school, thanks to Right to Education." Irrespective of her mood - happy, angry or even when she is addressing a serious matter - Naina involuntarily makes a sound "chuck-chuck," which her colleagues and of course, students, find funny. There's also a hint of ER Braithwaite's To Sir, With Love.



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रीगल ग्रुप शिकागो ने 2014 में एक नॉन फॉर प्रॉफिट संस्था रीगल फाउंडेशन (TAX EXEMPT NO 47-1556643) इंक की स्थापना की। इसका मुख्य कार्यक्रम था ११ दिन का गणेश उत्सव इंडिया टाउन दीवान अवेनु जिसे गाँधी मार्ग के नाम से भी जाना जाता है पर आयोजन करना। इस का नाम 'दीवान का राजा' दिया गया। तीन साल तक रीगल ग्रुप ने इसे अपना एक रिटेल स्टोर १५ दिन तक बंद कर के किया। हजारों में श्रद्धालु आये और यह हर साल इसकी लोकप्रियता बढ़ती देख कर और श्रद्धालुओं के आग्रह पर रीगल ग्रुप ने एक स्थायी रूप से गणेश मंदिर की स्थापना पर गंभीर रूप से विचार किया। दीवान के आस पास मस्जिद, गिर्जाधर और गुरुद्वारा तो था किन्तु मंदिर एक भी नहीं। इसी विचार से २०१६ में २९४९१४७ की बिल्डिंग फोरक्लोजर में लगी तो उसे मंदिर के लिए ले लिया गया। और २०१७ की गणेश चतुर्थी इसी स्थान पर मनाई गई। २०१८ में सरकार की सभी मांगे सम्पूर्ण होने पर अब इस मंदिर का निर्माण विधिवत रूप से शीघ्र ही आरम्भ हो जायेगा।

अधिक जानकारी के लिए अथवा टेक्स एक्सेम्प्ट दान देने के लिए कृपया इस ईमेल में सम्पर्क करें:

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कुछ तो है जो अलग आज है,
हवा में तैरते सुरीले साज हैं।
तन है कंपित, मन है उनमन,
सुना रहा है भँवरा गुनगुन।
घास की मैली चादर पर,
कहीं कहीं हैं फूल मुखर।
सर्द अंगुलियां, मन में ऊष्मा,
कैसा है यह आज करिश्मा?
नीला नभ है, धरती नम है,
शीत आज थोड़ा सा कम है।
लगता है कर रहा परायण,
हुआ आज है वसंत आगमन

संतोष बाला सकसेना

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रिश्ता हमने तोड़ दिया तो तोड़ दिया,
जिसको हमने छोड़ दिया तो छोड़ दिया।आखिर कब तक फोड़े में मवाद भरे,
जो भी हो, अब फोड़ दिया तो फोड़ दिया।तुमको क्या लगता है फिर से लौटूँगा,
दरिया हूँ, रुख मोड़ दिया तो मोड़ दिया।इश्क किया तो अब क्या शिकवा करना,
गेर से रिश्ता जोड़ दिया तो जोड़ दिया।जिस पल अपनों को आँसू की प्यास लगी,
हमने उस पल आँखों को निचोड़ दिया।जाने किसको प्यार के बदले प्यार मिला,
हमको तो धोखा भी क्या बेजोड़ दिया।

(गोरख नाथ पाण्डेय)

16:32

अपनी तकदीर में तो कुछ
ऐसे ही सिलसिले लिखे हैं,
किसी ने वक्रत गुजारने के लिए
अपना बनाया,
तो किसी ने अपना बनाकर
'वक्रत' गुजार लिया।

तलछट सा दिख रहे है सागर सा है खारे,
दर्दिली लहर आती है इस दिल के किनारे,
रोते है हर एक रोज इसी आस में शायद,
आँखों से निकल जायेगी आँसू के सहारे.

(गोरख नाथ पाण्डेय)

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उड़ान

इक नन्हा पंछी घोंसले से निकला
उसने हर अगल बगल देखा
ऊपर नीचे और आगे पीछे
हर तरफ सब नया ही नया ही दिखे
कुछ जवाँ अरमानों ने करवट ली
आसमान तक उड़ान की चाह उमड़ी
कुछ उभरती उम्र की चेतना ने उकसाया
उस पार की कशिश ने उसे बुलाया

माँ की चौंच से चौंच मिला कर
बाप के आगे कोमल पंख फैला कर
दिल की गाँठ को कुछ यूँ खोला
और अपने हठीले अन्दाज से बोला
मुझे उस पार को ही है जाना
पढ़ना है, बढ़ना है, खुद कुछ करना है
बस और न कोइ मुझको समझाना

कभी इनकार से, कभी तकरार से
आखिर में बड़े दूलार से
पापा, मम्मी ने माना
जीवन की इक है सच्चाई
खुद की कोशिश से कुछ पाना ही
हर इन्सान की है उंचाई

आँखियों में उमड़ी भीगी मुसकान
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खुशी से ले विदा
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साकार हो तेरा हर सपना
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हैं उन्हें वाणी, मन, इन्द्रियों की पवित्रता
और एक दयालु हृदय की आवश्यकता
होती है.

राम चरित मानस से:

राम नाम बहुत ही मधुर सिमरन है। राम नाम कहते ही मन प्राण को असीम शांति मिलती है। इसी लिए उत्तर भारत में जब भी लोग आपस में मिलते हैं तो यही कहते हैं - राम राम जी। जब एक दूसरे से विदा लेते हैं तो भी कहते हैं - राम राम - अब चलते हैं। इस सब के पीछे जो भाव है वह यह है की रामजी हम सब का मंगल करें। मिलते हुए भी और बिछुड़ते हुए भी।

तुलसी दास जी विरचित 'राम चरित मानस' के बालकांड में एक चौपाई आती है:

"भाय कुभाय अनख आलसहूँ - नाम जपत मंगल दिशि दसहूँ"

"सुमरि सो नाम राम गुण गाथा - करहूँ नाई रघुनाथहि। माथा"

इसका सीधा सीधा अर्थ है - कोई भी प्राणी श्रद्धा (भाव) से या फिर किसी कुभाव यानी बुरे भाव से या फिर किसी अनख (क्रोध भाव) से या फिर आलस्य भाव से राम राम का सिमरन करता है। तो भी उस प्राणी का हमेशा मंगल अर्थात् शुभ ही शुभ होता है। ऐसा विचार कर जो राम नाम सिमरन करते हैं, तथा रामजी के चरणों में अपना माथा टेकते हैं, उन भक्त जनो का हमेशा मंगल होता है। क्योंकि राम नाम एक ऐसी अचूक औषधि है, इसे कोई प्रेम से खाये, बुरे भाव से खाये, क्रोध करते हुए खाये, या आलस्य से खाये, यह अपना अमृत प्रभाव सभी पर छोड़ेगी और उस प्राणी को हर कीमत पर, देर सेवर से स्वस्थ बना कर ही छोड़ेगी।

तुलसी बाबा का यह आश्वासन - हमारे लिए बहुमूल्य है। आप सभी भी नित्य राम राम सिमरन करते रहिए- आपका दिन निश्चित रूप से शुभ होता चला जायेगा। इसी मंगल कामना के साथ - अपनी प्यार भरी राम राम

शेष अगले अंक में - राजेंद्र कपिल

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نظر اس کی جو بھولے سے بھی ٹکرا جائے ہے مجھ سے
وہ اپنا ہو کے بھی جانے کیوں شرما جائے ہے مجھ سے
تفاضل کیش بکر جب وہ اترا جائے ہے مجھ سے
سبب خود الٹا ناراضی کا پوچھا جائے ہے مجھ سے
بڑے آئے حسین بن کر کبھی آئینہ دیکھا ہے
کبھی شوخی میں ایسا بھی وہ فرما جائے ہے مجھ سے
وہ جس کی مسکراہٹ بن گئی ہے زندگی میری
اداس اس کو کبھی پل بھر نہ دیکھا جائے ہے مجھ سے
اگر میں پوچھ لوں کیوں ہو گئی ہے در آنے میں
بہانے کر کے قسمیں سینکڑوں کھا جائے ہے مجھ سے
یہ اس کی بے نیازی اور غفلت خوب ہے سنبھل
وہ قلم ملتفت ہو کے بھی ٹکرا جائے ہے مجھ سے

حننا شہیدی



غزل

جو صیاد تھے باغبان ہو گئے
حقائق جو تھے داستاں ہو گئے
جو کل تک تھے اے دوست گم کردہ راہ
وہی رہبر کارواں ہو گئے
چمن سے جنہیں واسط ہی نہ تھا
چمن کے وہی پاسباں ہو گئے
ہر اک آستاں پر تھی جن کی جبین
وہی صاحب آستاں ہو گئے
وہ بجلی ہو، آندھی ہو یا زلزلہ
ہر اک دشمن آشیاں ہو گئے
جنہیں گفتگو کا سلیقہ نہ تھا
حننا اب وہ آتش بیاں ہو گئے



غزل

رضیہ فصیح احمد

کبھی بتاؤ کہ کیوں میرے
نہ صرف نام سے، بلکہ سلام سے ہے گریز
مرے چمن کو نئے انتظام سے ہے گریز
ہوائے تازہ کو طرزِ خرام سے ہے گریز
بیاں پڑاؤ بڑاوں ہیں، منزلیں صدود
ادھر ہندے سفر کو قیام سے ہے گریز
وہ کھل کے بات کرے یہ کبھی نہیں ممکن
کہ اس کی جنش لب کو کام سے ہے گریز
طنن میں بات کبھی کام کی نہیں ہوتی
ظنوں میں بھی اسے از بس پیام سے ہے گریز
جو اہل دل ہیں ہمیشہ وہ دل میں رہتے ہیں
مجھے تو رضیہ سدا اژدہام سے ہے گریز



رہنے کو مرے گھر میں آسائیں ہیں پوری
اک خاک کے بستر پہ اک اینٹ کا کھمبہ ہے
(سہیلی)

پروین شاکر۔۔۔

جہاں سوال کے بدلے سوال ہوتا ہے
وہاں سے محبتوں کا زوال ہوتا ہے
کسی کو اپنا بنانا ہنسی ہی
کسی کا بن کے رہنا کمال ہوتا ہے

پروین شیر سے ملنے

پروین شیر ایک شاعرہ، مصور اور موسیقار ہیں۔ انہوں نے یونیورسٹی آف مینی ٹوبا (کینیڈا) میں فائن آرٹس کی تعلیم حاصل کی۔ ان کی شاعری کا پہلا مجموعہ 'کرچیاں' جو مصور بھی تھا اردو میں کئی اعتبار سے ایک نیا تجربہ ثابت ہوا جس کی پذیرائی بھی عالمی سطح پر ہوئی اور کئی انعامات سے نوازا بھی گیا۔ پروین کو ساحرا کیڈمی، ادیب انٹرنیشنل کا انعام بھی دیا گیا ہے۔ ان کا شعری مجموعہ موسوم بہ 'نہال دل پر سحاب جیسے' اردو ادب کی تاریخ میں اپنی نوعیت کا پہلا ایک موضوعی کوئی نمونہ شعری مجموعہ ہے۔ جو 'ماں' کے موضوع سے متعلق نظموں اور تصاویر (پینٹنگز) پر مشتمل ہے۔ ان دونوں مجموعوں کو امریکہ، انگلینڈ اور انڈیا میں 'سال کی بہترین کتاب' کے طور پر انعام کا مستحق قرار دیا گیا اور اردو کے کئی نامور دانش وروں اور نقادوں نے ان تصانیف کی انفرادیت اور یکتائی کا اعتراف بھی کیا۔ پروین شیر کے بصری فن کی نمائش کینیڈا، امریکہ، انگلینڈ، فرانس، جرمنی اور انڈیا میں ہوئی جن میں 8 سولوا اور 21 گروپ شوز شامل ہیں۔ بصری فن پر وہ آٹھ امتیازی انعامات سے سرفراز ہوئیں۔ اپنے قلمی اور بصری فنون کے ذریعہ انہوں نے ضرورت مندوں کی مدد کی اور UNICEF جیسے بلند مرتبہ ادارے نے انہیں خصوصی ایوارڈ سے نوازا۔ پروین شیر کو وینی پیگ (کینیڈا) میں آرٹ، کلچر اور تہذیبی میراث جیسے منطوقوں میں غیر معمولی خدمات کے اعتراف میں Woman of Distinction Award YWCA, Manitoba, Canada کے لیے نامزد کیا گیا۔ مینی ٹوبا، (کینیڈا) فن کاروں کی انجمن، جس کا قیام 110 برس پہلے عمل میں آیا تھا، پروین اُس کی جیوری پینل کی رکن ہیں۔ سیاحت پروین کا شوق بھی ہے کمزوری بھی اور ان کے تخلیقی نفس کو متحرک کرنے کی ایک کلید بھی۔ وہ اب تک 20 مختلف ممالک اور پانچ براعظموں کا سفر کر چکی ہیں۔ ہر سفر ان کے لیے ایک تخلیقی سفر کا درجہ رکھتا ہے جس نے ان کے تخلیقی وژن کو ثروت مند اور ادبی فہم وادراک کی نئی وسعتوں سے آشنا کیا۔

نسیاں

بے بسی کی ردا میں
بھٹکتی ہوئی زندگی
اپنے جذبوں کے سیلاب میں
اس طرح ڈوبتی اور ابھرتی رہی
زنگ آؤٹا لے سے بکڑے ہوئے
ذہن پر زور چٹائیں
زندگی کا مرتبہ صفحہ
پڑھ پڑھ جگاؤ کھرتا رہا
سارے الفاظ
اک دوسرے سے جدا ہو گئے
کوئی تحریر ہی نہیں
دیکھیں دیں تو دروازہ کھلائیں
یا دکھیں بڑے دور تک
لے گئیں آنکھیاں
حافظہ کی بھی چابیاں
راستوں میں کبھی گر گئیں
سارے دروازے باندھ دیں
دیکھیں دیں تو دروازہ کھلائیں!!
پروین شیر۔



ناہیدہ رکن

غزل

داڑھ خواب میں رہنا پڑا
عمر بھری آج میں رہنا پڑا
شام تھی میرا حوالہ سو مجھے
مطر شب تاب میں رہنا پڑا
تیری جانب موڑ کر راہیں کبھی
قریبے بیتاب میں رہنا پڑا
خواہش ہے نام کی صورت مجھے
اک اجڑے باب میں رہنا پڑا
کوئی تھا مجھ میں ہی مجھ سے ہم کام
اُس کی آج و تاب میں رہنا پڑا



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غزل

اٹکے سیدے خواب جاتے گئے ہیں
اور آنکھوں کی نیند اڑانے لگتے ہیں
شجر کے ہنگامے کرتے ہیں خنزرد
شجر کے جاتے بھی ڈرانے لگتے ہیں
صورت حال ہراساں کرنے لگتی ہے
اپنے آپ سے خود گھبرانے لگتے ہیں
روشنیاں نہ کم ہوں کبھی اس ڈر سے
دھیرے دھیرے خود کو جلائے لگتے ہیں
اس کو واہیں آتا ہے پر دیکھتے ہیں
کتنے سینے، سال، زمانے لگتے ہیں
گھر کی فضا پروردہ کہیں نہ ہو پائے
اپنا دکھ اپنے سے چھپانے لگتے ہیں
غلیظوں کا احساس فزون تر ہوتا ہے
تہا جب اس بزم میں جاتے لگتے ہیں



غزیر سلطان، لاہور

انکار کا سبب ہو کہ اقرار کا سبب
ہاں تو دیکھتے ہمیں گنتار کا سبب
اپنے فوں کا کرنے لگے خود ہی ہم طمان
ہم جانتے ہیں اس دل پار کا سبب
مگر کون، مگر انار کون ہے
مت پوچھو ہار ہار تو اس پار کا سبب
اس دور مصلحت میں بھی کج بولے گا
سب جانتے ہیں غازی گنتار کا سبب
یہ کس نے دل کے بدلے کیا سودا جان کا
سوچو زرا تو آج کے انار کا سبب
جانے وہ کون تھا، کہ جو پیچھے سے دے گیا
پچھتے ہو میں آج کے انار کا سبب
پستی کی ست خودی چلے جا رہے ہیں لوگ
کتنا عجب ہے آج کے سردار کا سبب



آصف نقاش

غزل

بری یاد میں تو ٹھہراں ہو تو کمال ہو
تجھے بس مرا ہی خیال ہو تو کمال ہو
کبھی یوں بھی ہو کہ بگ بگ کے تو رو پڑے
رے شعر پڑھ کے یہ حال ہو تو کمال ہو
بتاؤ تم کو متائیں ہم، بھلا کس طرح
سوال تیرا سوال ہو تو کمال ہو
تجھے چاندنی کی طرح کبھی تو میں اوزد لوں
کبھی ایسے تجھ سے وصال ہو تو کمال ہو
مے جنگلوں میں دکھیل کر کوئی خوش بھی ہو
یاں میں ہوں، میرا غزال ہو تو کمال ہو
جدائیاں، بڑی لمبی لمبی جدائیاں
میں ان کو بھی تو زوال ہو تو کمال ہو
جذب و جذب کے مرتطے ہیں دے دے دے
میں ہو تو کھل کے دھماں ہو تو کمال ہو

On the lighter side....



HR: "This is your revised salary. We recommend you keep it confidential."

Employee: "Don't worry, I'm equally ashamed of it."

Two young boys were out playing. One of them was showing off his new water pistol.

"Tell your mom you want one of these too. Then we can shoot water at each other!" he exclaimed.

"I don't think so," said the other boy. "My mom says we have hard water!"

A football coach walked into the locker room before a big game, looked over to his star player and said, "I'm not supposed to let you play since you failed math, but we really need you in there. So, what I have to do is ask you a math question, and if you get it right, you can play."

The player agreed, so the coach looked into his eyes intently and asked, "Okay, now concentrate hard and tell me the answer to this... What is two plus two?"

The player thought for a moment and then answered, "Four?"

"Did you say four?" the coach exclaimed, excited that he had given the right answer.

Suddenly, all the other players on the team began screaming, "Come on coach, give him another chance!"

"Excuse me," a young fellow said to an older man, "I've just moved here and I wonder if this town has any criminal lawyers?"

"Well," replied the older man, "I have lived here all my life and all I can tell you is we are pretty sure we do, but no one has been able to prove it yet."

A husband comes in from the garage. His wife asks, "What's wrong?"

He replies, "I lost something. I thought I had put it somewhere safe in the garage."

"How many safe places are there in the garage?" she asks.

"Clearly one more than I can remember."

"What would you like for your birthday?"

"Nothing would make me happier than a guitar!"
"Great, I'll get you nothing then."

Billy Brown decided it was time to buy a new house, so he decided to sell his old house and put the matter in a real estate agent's hands.

The agent wrote up a sales blurb for the house that made wonderful reading. After Bill read it, he turned to the agent and asked, "Does my house have everything your ad says it does?"

The agent said, "It certainly does. Why do you ask?"

Bill replied, "Cancel the sale. It's exactly what I'm looking for!"

A little boy returned from the grocery store with his mom. While his mom put away the groceries, the little boy opened his box of animal crackers and spread them

all over the kitchen table.

"What are you doing?" asked his mom.

"The box says you shouldn't eat them if the seal is broken," said the little boy. "I'm looking for the seal."

I was playing badminton.

So I took some classes and they are paying off.

Now, I play goodminton.

"Darling," said the young man to his new bride. "Now that we are married, do you think you will be able to live on my modest income?"

"Of course, dearest, no trouble," she answered. "But what will you live on?"

A woman reported the disappearance of her husband to the police.

The officer looked at the guy's photograph, questioned her, and then asked if she wanted to give her husband any message if they found him.

"Yes," she replied. "Please tell him Mother didn't come after all."

Two guys on a double bike were pedaling up a hill. It took forever to get to the top. When they finally got to the top the first guy said in a pant, "Whew, that was so hard." The second replied, "Yeah, good thing I was pushing the brakes the whole time or we would have rolled down backwards."



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