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## Putin and Erdogan talk Syria conflict and defense

The talks are taking place in the Russian Black Sea resort of Sochi and the Kremlin said that President Vladimir Putin was ending a period of coronavirus-related self-isolation by meeting Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan.

Turkish officials said before the meeting that Erdogan would press Putin for a return to a ceasefire agreed last year to end a Russian and Syrian army assault on Turkey-backed fighters in Syria's Idlib region.

A potential Turkish purchase of more Russian S-400 missile defense batteries is on the agenda too, something that Washington has made clear it strongly objects to.



## Adani brothers in the most richest list

For the first time ever, both Adani brothers—Gautam and Vinod Shantilal—have been featured in the top 10 of the IIFL Wealth Hurun India Rich List 2021. With 505,900 crore rupees (\$76 billion), Gautam Adani became the second richest Indian billionaire, nearly quadrupling his wealth from Rs140,200 crore during the pandemic, while his elder brother Vinod Shantilal Adani grabbed eighth spot on the list, with his wealth tripling to Rs131,600 crore.

Gautam Adani has also now become the second richest Asian after Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani, overtaking China's richest billionaire Zhong Shanshan. Meanwhile, Ambani remained the richest Indian for the 10th consecutive year.

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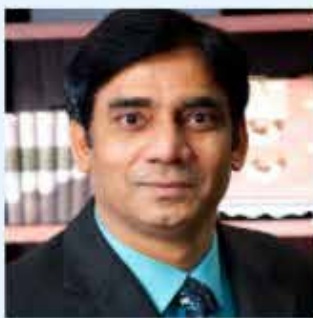
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# Shahid Ahmed of Dallas took the first step towards journey into space



Assalamalaikum: I am Shahid Ahmed  
I completed the Zero Gravity flight experience last week as a first step to train to be an astronaut.

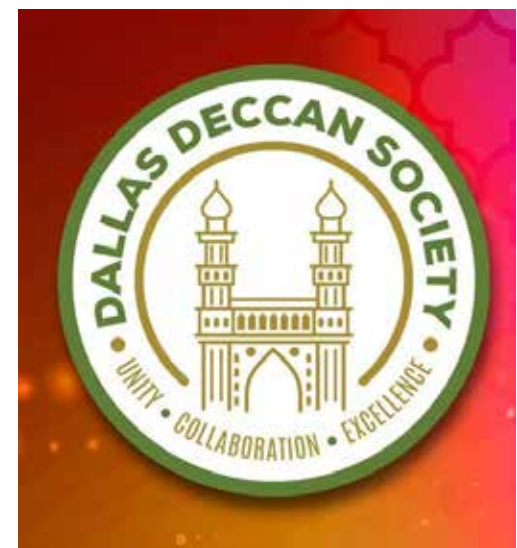
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IA we meet soon to review our upcoming work as a team

IA after some initial prep time, you should see lot of activities

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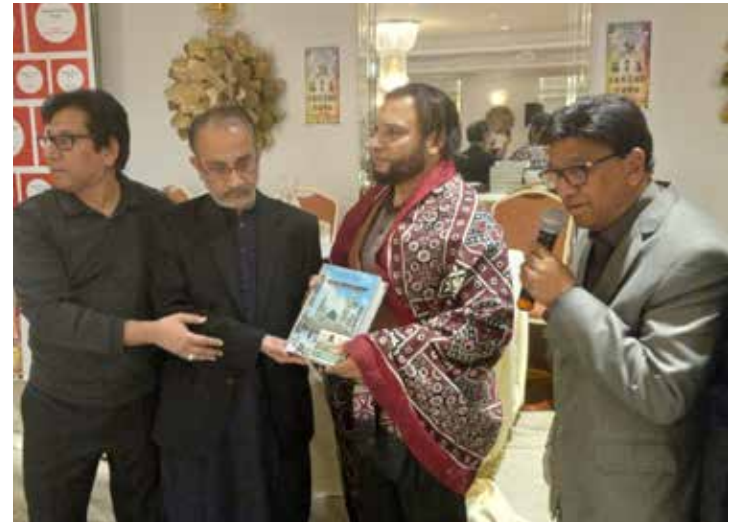
Alhamdulillah so far every area above has a lead volunteer working on atleast one activity, it's a very positive development

And yes we will have professional networking meeting in October - In Sha Allah, second one in series

If you have questions, please reach out to any of us or email [dallasdeccansociety@gmail.com](mailto:dallasdeccansociety@gmail.com)



# Jashne Noor celebrated in Chicago



Jashne Noor was celebrated in Chicago's Ramada Inn in Glendale Heights on Sep 25. This mushaira was conducted to felicitate Dr Noor Amrohvi for his achievements in Adabi services. Dr Amrohvi is a native of Dallas and has spread his Noor worldwide. Mr Iftekhar Shareef was the chief guest. Some of the prominent personalities and poets who attended the event were Shawkat Mohammed, Khalid Irfan, Waliuddin, Hashmat Sohail, N. Javid, Sajid Ch, Irfan Ali, Fayyaz Khan, Shazia Khan, Shah Alam, Nilofar Afshan, Shaik Hyder Ali, Muneer uz zaman, Pramod Rajput, AR Saleem, Ameen Haider, Babar Qamar, Altaf Dandia and many more. Event was organized by Asif Saleem and Syed Sarwat Zoha. Sound was provided by Chicago land's famous DJ Shahid Lateef. Noor Amrovi's ghazals were composed by FunGaam Art and Saaz O Awaaz and sung by Farrukh Khawaja and Sheena Dwivedi. Though there was not much time left for music, audience loved it and applauded. Birthday cakes were cut for Khalid Irfan, Sarwat Zoha and Fayyaz Khan. Turnout of the audience was more than expectation and therefore the organizers had to make special arrangements to accomodate them. Once again Jashne Noor was great succesful event and many many congrats to Dr Noor Amrohvi.





# Indian Forum For Education (IFE) Celebrated Saudi National Day With Great Fervor



RIYADH – The 91st Saudi National Day of Saudi Arabia was celebrated with great joy and fervor by the Indian Forum for Education (IFE) in Riyadh. Saudi National Day is celebrated in Saudi Arabia every 23 September to commemorate the renaming of the Kingdom of Nejd and Hejaz to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia by royal decree of King Abdul Aziz Al Saud in 1932. India and Saudi Arabia share a unique bond shaped by centuries-old economic, social and people-to-people contacts. The formal diplomatic relationship between India and Saudi Arabia is 75 years old during which the two countries have progressively evolved as strong strategic partners, keen to forge a robust partnership in a wide range of areas such as defense cooperation, security, new and innovative technologies, energy, food security, healthcare, education and sustainable development.

Following last year's commemoration of Saudi National Day, the Indian Forum for Education (IFE) added more jubilation this year by organizing a gala dinner and recognition of its new members. The event started with the recitation of verses from the Nobel Quran by Prof. Nasir Siddiqui. IFE President, Dr. Dilshad Ahmad, in his speech, stressed the significance of the relationship between Saudi Arabia and India. He added the diplomatic relations have grown stronger with the efforts of the people's Ambassador H. E. Dr. Ausaf Sayeed. Dr. Ausaf Sayeed is the current Ambassador of India to Saudi Arabia.

Salman Khalid anchored the event. He expressed his gratitude to the IFE members for their active participation. He said, "Today we had an opportunity to celebrate the Saudi National Day and Saudi Arabia is like our second home. It has given a lot to all expats and we are thankful to the Government of Saudi Arabia". IFE Members also articulated their best wishes for Saudi Arabia and its great leadership extending their greetings on this auspicious occasion.

The event concluded with the gala dinner at the Red Onion Restaurant, Olaya, Riyadh.  
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Ambassador HE Ausaf Sayeed addressing on the Saudi National Day



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# India's misunderstood maharajahs

India's maharajahs or rulers of princely states are commonly viewed through stereotypes of elephants, dancing girls, and grand palaces. Historian Manu Pillai revisits their legacy.

If you look beyond the bejewelled figures, palaces and opulent courts, you'll notice something telling about India's maharajahs: that they have largely been scorned and mocked, or treated with voyeuristic curiosity.

The British, in their day, cast "native" princes as decadent figures, more interested in frivolous sex and fancy dress than in government.

One white officer, for example, loudly proclaimed the typical maharajah as "monstrous and bloated in bulk, hideous and disgusting in appearance" and "decked with earrings and necklaces" like a dancing girl. Unlike white men, these were not manly figures of authority, but effeminate "scoundrels".

The stereotype held for decades. In 1947, Life magazine joined the chorus through a statistical exercise which declared that the average maharajah had "11 titles, three uniforms, 5.8 wives, 12.6 children, five palaces, 9.2 elephants, and not less than 3.4 Rolls Royce cars".

It was all droll and entertaining, even if the numbers are misleading. After all, of the supposed total of 562 "states", most were microscopic estates with little political relevance.

To lump 100-odd bona fide princes, ruling over millions, with glorified landlords and aristocrats owning a few square kilometres of real estate, not only watered down their status, it also reduced them to a caricature: something akin to equating Queen Elizabeth with a country squire.

The fact, however, is that princely territories - spread over two-fifths of the Indian

subcontinent and not under direct colonial control but linked through treaties and agreements with the Raj as vassals - featured rulers who were anything but the stereotype of glitter and parade. Maharajah's daring act of anti-colonial dissent

The lavish lifestyle of India's royalty

As Life acknowledged in the same piece, Cochin's maharajah was more likely to be found bent over a Sanskrit manuscript than in the lap of a concubine, while Gondal's recently deceased ruler was a trained doctor.

The big states were not ruled by "tin-pot" dictators drowning in wine and orgies, but by serious political figures, who saw their kingdoms as legitimate political spaces.

Of course, the charge of princely eccentricity has some truth - one maharajah saw a Scottish regiment and immediately dressed his brown soldiers in kilts and pink tights, while another is said to have believed he was Louis XIV reborn among Punjabis.

But India's princes hardly held a monopoly over such idiosyncrasies. British monarchs had just as colourful pasts, as did elected politicians; in fact, even a man like Lord Curzon - among the stuffiest viceroys sent to India - had it in him to once play tennis stark naked. The image of the maharajahs as "self-centred fools", then, not only misses the more interesting story but actively conceals it, as I discovered while researching my new book.

Mysore's prince in southern India had elephants but also presided over a regime obsessed with industrialisation.

In Baroda, in the west, a journalist found that the maharajah there allocated \$5 to

every 55 of his subjects for education, as opposed to \$5 per 1000 people in British India.

Meanwhile Travancore, in present-day Kerala, was celebrated as a "model state" for investments in schools, infrastructure, and much else.

Indeed, it was in the princely territories that many early discussions on constitutionalism took off in India.

So why is it that we only talk of harems, flashy cars, and sex scandals, when we think about the princes?

The Indian queens who modelled for a vaccine

The Indian princess who became a South Korean queen

For one, it was a convenient line for the Raj, presenting colonial officials as well-meaning, upright nannies, struggling to discipline a band of spoilt (brown) schoolchildren. To acknowledge that brown men could not only govern, but also in many cases, beat the British would expose the empire's so-called mission to "civilise".

The story also plays down the paranoia and fragility which defined the Raj: though the princes were formally "pillars of the empire", in practice they were restive partners, forever testing their overlords.

Baroda, for instance, was the source of revolutionary anti-British literature, printed under such innocent titles as "Vegetable Medicines". Mysore would not tolerate the local press going after its royal family, but coolly allowed editors to criticise the Raj.

Jaipur's rulers cheerfully fudged their accounts, concealing millions in revenue

to avoid paying a higher tribute. Besides, multiple rulers provided financial support to the nationalist Congress Party in its fight for independence. Curzon, in fact, was convinced even in the 1920s that there were many "Phillipe Égalités" (after a Bourbon prince who supported the French Revolution) among the princes, with an "ardent sympathy" for the nationalist cause.

Odd though it may sound now, for much of the freedom struggle, the princes were actually seen as heroes.

The achievements of the bigger states brought pride to nationalists - including Mahatma Gandhi - dismantling as they did the racist trope that "natives" could not rule themselves.

But by the 1930s and 1940s things changed. In many principalities, often due to their own success in widening access to education, demands emerged for democratic representation. On the eve of the British withdrawal from India, many maharajahs became violently repressive, tarnishing their wider legacy.

The poor reputation the princes are saddled with today - where it does not stem solely from colonial stereotypes - comes from this endnote to their story.

But if history gives any lessons, it is that everything is more complex than it appears.

And this is true of the maharajahs also, among whom were deft modernisers and shrewd politicians - a detail for too long hidden behind stale talk of dancing girls and elephants.  
Yahoo News



Fateh Singh of Udaipur used his grandeur and seniority strategically and was held in awe by the British Raj



Chamarajendra Wadiyar of Mysore took on industrial projects, including one of the world's biggest dams



Sayaji Rao Gaekwad of Baroda emerged as one of the sharpest princely critics of British imperialism



IFTEKHAR SHAREEF PAGE



Wonderful to see international celebrity Cricket Star Shoeib Mallik husband of equally famous Tennis Star Sania Mirza at my residence in Lincolnwood, Illinois. He came to Chicago for a day after playing Carribbean Premier League (CPL) , spent time with his adorable little master Izhaan Mirza Mallik . Good small get together with Asad Mohammad his wife Anam Mirza, my son Azfar Shareef , Azhar Shareef along with his brother in laws Shirraaj and Asmar Najam .



Welcome to Chicago, reception to Dr Ausaf Sayeed Honourable Ambassador of India to kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Mrs Farah Sayeed . Thanks a lot NCAIA President Harish Kolasani for putting up reception so quickly. Dr Sayeed spoke about the modernisation and opportunities in KSA including the new city coming up close to Riyadh of a size of Singapore, with a developmental cost of 500 billion. His commitments to overcome new challenges and adapting is just amazing, he is a true visionary.



Bollingbrook cricket stadium, remembering 9/11 victims with two minutes silence , Consul General of India Honourable Amit Kumar ji batted first over and started the Cricket match

between Chicago Blasters vs Chicago Catchers .It was nice of our consul general to speak on live commentary on Willow TV appreciating Minor League for promoting cricket in USA. He also emphasised on nice playing fields and stadium in major cities of USA for proper training. Consul General met both the teams introduced by Captain Ashar Mehdi and captain Karan Kumar . Congratulations Chicago Blasters for a thrilling victory in last over .



Mushaira “Jashn e Noor “ to celebrate over 25 years of services of the great Shayar (Poet) Dr Noor Amrohi of Dallas in Ramada Hotel in Chicago land area . Attended by most of Chicago Shayars and over 15 guest Shayars (Poets) of US . Wonderful evening along with Ghazals by Ms Shena Drivedi.



# Valima Reception of Groom Junaid Warraich & Bride Kashifa Fatima

On September 18th, Kashifa Fatima daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Azeem Quadeer and Junaid Asif Warraich son of Mr. and Mrs. Muhammad Asif Warraich celebrated the Valima Ceremony. The venue for the event was Monty's Elegant Banquets 703 S York Road, Bensenville, IL.

A three-course dinner was served at the event. Famous Hyderabadi and desi cuisine prepared by Usmania restaurant was served to the guests which included a range of appetizers, drinks, main course

dishes, and sweets.

The Valima was attended by more than 400 guests. The guest list included many politicians and press representatives.

Mr. Mujeeb Osman CEO of Chicago Patriot News also covered the event.

The valima reception was an extravagant affair that brought together the Indian Muslim community for the celebration of Mr. Asif Warraich's son.

-Mujeeb Osman







Waliuddin with Poet Khalid Irfan, chief guest Iftekhar Shareef and others at Jashne Noor in Chicago on Sep 25



Waliuddin, Azeem A. Quadeer, Nawab Hamed Ali Khan and Sher Rajput at an event in Chicago on Sep 18



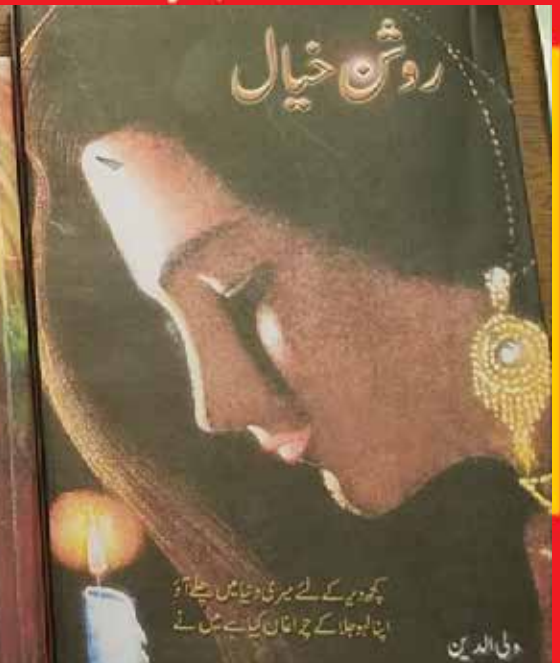
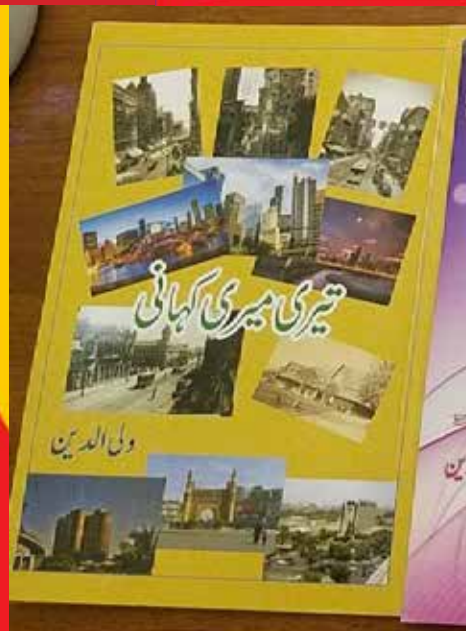
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# OCTOBER 2021 Monthly Horoscope

**Aries (March 21st – April 20th)** This is another month in which your patience is being tried. The message is on inner work rather than reaching for outer goals. The theme of reflecting and re-planning your goals is still continuing from September. Ask yourself whether you can really see the next ten years carrying on as you are now, or do you want more fulfillment in your life? What do you have to do in order to make this happen? Only you can find the answers but remember to allow your higher self or intuition to guide you at times like this. This requires listening rather than speaking, reflecting rather than acting. Perhaps it may be a good time to schedule a vacation so that you have more time available to just kick back and listen. Now let me tell you the good news. Romance is on the cards, but it is more about quiet times and friendships rather than wild times. It is a good time to express your feelings now, but do so in a measured way and don't go overboard with promises of undying love unless you really mean them. They can backfire! Finances are reasonably good and if you are in sales or marketing you can make progress. Also, you are quite intuitive about how to make money now.

## Taurus (April 20th – May

**21st)** You are great once you get going and then nothing can stop you. While it's not true that you're a stick-in-the-mud, it is true that you have trouble actually getting started. You're not one for new things and there are many Taureans who would rather stick at a job they dislike than plunge into a new one that might dislike even more. Change is not something you're good at. However, there are times in our life when we all need to change things; to put our life on a better level. Now is one of those times. This is a time for direct action and there won't be a better time for a while. Do pay close attention to the small print though. Mercury retrograde can trip us all up if we allow it to. However, it's not all bad and it enables us to think differently and look at life differently. Mid-month is the best time for you especially from October 19 when things start to flow better. However, it's best to avoid extremes and reduce stress. It's a great time for spiritual pursuits. You are not one who takes to meditation like a duck to water but you can roll up your sleeves and give help to those less fortunate. It is this type of spiritual work that you're good at and what is really needed these days.

## Gemini (May 21st – June 21st)

October 2021 is a great time to begin new health and beauty regimes. You are always an articulate, witty, ideas person but now the ideas are flowing thick and fast, and the words are tumbling out. Just be a little careful because as Mercury is retrograde until October 16 they could tumble out in the wrong direction if you don't watch them closely! For good things to do during this Mercury retrograde period, as well as avoiding the frustrations, take a look at my book of the same name. Relationship issues are in focus this month. You may be feeling a little dissatisfied with things as

they are and be thinking of having a new relationship and casting the old one aside. Don't do anything rash but instead, just be honest with yourself and your feelings but also considerate of the other person. It is never good to be unkind to a person you are close to because you will only regret it later.

## Cancer (June 21st – July 23rd)

The home front becomes your strategic command center! You might as well have a revolving door with all the comings and goings. Numerous visitors, nostalgic conversations, lively debates, renovations and expansion are all part of the scenario. From relationships to money, find out what to expect over the next 12 months with your 2022 annual horoscope. Precise, well thought out communications give way to the tendency to overindulge in food and drink. Family disputes begin to be settled. The new moon on the 6th would be a good time to begin a project involving family or strengthening your security and/or foundation. After the 15th, you'll begin to express your thoughts and communicate them with others emotionally. Mental activities will appeal to you. After the 24th, you'll be drawn once again to exploring the hidden aspects of the universe. The 27th brings enlightenment to personal goals/dreams and/or to some group activity or cause you are involved in.

## Leo (July 23rd – August 23rd)

The universe is asking you to use your inborn need to creatively express yourself and be appreciated by others in your everyday environment. The pace of your daily routine has surely gone into warp speed! Your plans for the future are becoming larger and more expansive. Examining your personal values, being drawn to things of beauty and the urge to shop 'til you drop give way to discovering the considerate amount of love in your everyday world. Which one of you will receive a special "proposal"? After the 15th, thoughts turn toward the home front, family, and considering the strength of your personal security and foundation. After the 24th, you may find yourself having to look more realistically at partnerships/relationships. Some may take on higher spiritual quality. The 27th brings awareness to issues concerning career or projecting the public image you desire.

## Virgo (August 23rd – September 23rd)

You'll be using your inborn talent to meticulously analyze your finances, your ability to make money, and your self-worth. You'll undoubtedly discover ways to function more efficiently. Be sure and set aside some money for sudden unexpected expenses. Personal Venusian pursuits give way to the ability to attract material possessions, money and people. Financial opportunities may arise. Guard against overspending. The new moon on the 6th is a good time to start a project to increase your net worth. After the 15th, you'll pursue communications in your everyday environment in a more powerful and cathartic manner. After the 24th, you may realize the need to heighten your awareness and sensitivity to your physical

self, or perhaps fellow employees may not clearly understand your actions. The 27th illuminates the need to take a break from your daily life on some level

## Libra (September 23rd – October 22nd)

Happy Birthday you charming, diplomatic, artistic children of the zodiac! What a way to start your new yearly astrological cycle with so much planetary energy in your birth sign. You are truly on center stage as you have a lot to communicate. Extra opportunities and luck come your way through October 2021. Hopefully, you've begun some new creative projects. You have an extra boost of energy to move you forward until the middle of November. After the 15th you'll intensely reexamine your values – materially, intellectually and spiritually. After the 22nd, finances and personal values need to be addressed. Are they serving your needs or are you serving theirs? An inspirational romance or project could begin after the 24th. Joint finances, taxes, or intense personal issues could be illuminated on the 27th. By months' end, you enhance your appearance or completely change it.

## Scorpio (October 22nd – November 21st)

Do you feel like a volcano bubbling and boiling ready to erupt? All this Libra planetary energy is immersed in a house for you where things are often vague and unclear. Irritability is heightened. Engage in some form of mental and physical exercise to ease the tension. You have a guardian angel on your shoulder until October 2021. A good month to pursue goals and dreams, participate in group activities, or spend more time with friends. After the 15th, you'll share what's been on your mind for the last month. Your new yearly astrological cycle begins on the 22nd. Unclear issues concerning the home front or family could arise after the 24th. The 27th brings enlightenment to the need to address issues in some partnership/relationship. You might discover a secret admirer by month's end!

## sagittarius (November 21st

– December 21st) An excellent October to pursue your goals and dreams in life, to participate in group activities and causes perhaps to the point of taking a leading role, and to spend time with friends and make new ones. The new moon on the 6th would be a great time to begin a new project in this area of your life. After the 15th, meditation would serve you well and help you connect to your higher spiritual self and beliefs. After the 22nd, you begin your yearly period of getting in touch with your subconscious mind. Your astrological year is ending. It's time to review and revise to prepare for new growth next "year." A strong interest concerning mystical or occult subjects could arise after the 24th. The 27th could bring revelations regarding daily work or health concerns. Months' end brings new romantic interests one of who might be a friend.

**Capricorn (December 21st – January 19th)** Ok, you industrious, highly organized sea goats, your career and/or public image is receiving a lot of universal energy. Time to further define and reassess what you want. Additional opportunities or just plain luck come in these areas through October 2021 – take advantage! Authority figures are watching. Rewards could be great – especially by months' end – or those putting forth the extra effort. The new moon on the 6th is an opportune time to plant seeds for a new project to enhance your career and/or public image. After the 15th, you'll be expressing your ideas and opinions, in a direct and penetrating manner, in group activities and with friends. Your sense of values may take on a heightened spiritual tone after the 24th. Illumination is given regarding some creative or romantic endeavor on the 27th.

## Aquarius (January 19th –

**February 19th)** A lot of planetary energy is activating the area in your chart that involves higher education and philosophical ideas. Time to pursue a new course of study, take a journey to foreign lands, or simply interact with foreign people to expand your universal vision and help nurture your inborn need to create social change. After the 13th would be an opportune time to initiate new activities in these areas. Most of the month you may find yourself craving intense emotional encounters that will stir your deepest passions. By months' end, you'll be longing for places with breath-taking vistas or find a foreigner has captured your heart. After the 15th, you'll be thinking and communicating intensely about career matters or your public image. You may find yourself more compassionate towards others after the 24th. Issues on the home front may arise on the 27th.

## Pisces (February 19th –

**March 21st)** Your ruling planet Neptune turns direct this month. You now continue to pursue outwardly your inborn intuitive spiritual desire to move humanity forward to a higher plane of existence. What a time to come out of "hibernation" with so much planetary energy driving you to pursue so much intensity in your life. You may seem a little withdrawn by others. This is the month to investigate anything that needs an answer. Partnerships/relationships go smoothly – you'll be analyzing them very closely. Issues can be settled amicably. By months' end, you'll be craving close intimate encounters. After the 15th, you'll be thinking of ways to intensely transform your vision of life and the universe. After the 24th, you begin to question and reevaluate what your life means in spiritual terms. Enlightenment occurs on the 27th regarding your everyday environment.





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## Exclusive: Obama says US 'desperately needs' Biden agenda, supports taxing the rich

President Biden's far-reaching multitrillion-dollar domestic agenda, in peril because of Democratic infighting, is getting a prominent boost from former President Barack Obama, who told ABC News in an exclusive interview that the country "desperately needs" the programs and that he supports taxing the wealthy to help support the package.

"You're talking about us stepping up and spending money on providing childcare tax credits -- making those permanent to help families, who for a long time, have needed help," Obama told "Good Morning America" host Robin Roberts.

"You're looking at making our infrastructure function more efficiently ... you're talking about rebuilding a lot of buildings, roads, bridges, ports so that they are fortified against climate change. And also, that we start investing in the kinds of energy efficiency that's going to be required to battle climate change."

The former president's comments come as ongoing disagreements between progressive and moderate Democrats in the House delayed a vote on a sweeping \$1.2 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill that passed in the Senate on Aug. 10.

Biden tries to salvage agenda threatened by Democratic infighting

The legislation bolsters funding for the country's infrastructure -- from roads and bridges to transit systems and the electricity grid.

Progressives have indicated that they will not vote on the infrastructure bill until the larger \$3.5 trillion so-called "human infrastructure" bill is also ready for a vote, but some of the contents of the larger bill, as well as disagreements over how to pay for it have been a point of contention among Democrats.

The \$3.5 trillion bill is a 10-year spending plan that covers a host of Democratic priorities, including investments in health care, child care, eldercare, universal preschool, free community college, as well as efforts to combat climate change.

Republicans and some moderate Democrats have raised concerns over the price tag of the package, while House Democrats have sought to offset the costs by raising taxes on wealthy Americans and corporations -- a proposal that Obama said he supports.

"I think that they can afford it. We can afford it. I put myself in this category now," Obama told Roberts.

"It's paid for by asking the wealthiest of Americans, who have benefited incredibly over the last several decades -- and even in the midst of a pandemic, saw their wealth and assets rise enormously -- asking them to pay a few percentage points more in taxes in order to make sure that we have an economy that's fair for everybody," Obama said.

Schumer, Pelosi announce 'framework' to pay for \$3.5T infrastructure bill

"I think anybody who pretends that it's a hardship for billionaires to pay a little bit more in taxes so that a single mom gets childcare support or so that we can make sure that our communities aren't inundated by wildfires and floods and that we're doing something about climate change for the next generation -- you know, that's an argument that is unsustainable," he added.

Hoping to salvage his agenda, Biden met with members of Congress last week, including House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., as well as Democratic moderates and progressives from both chambers.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki told reporters

Thursday that the administration is considering a "range of options" for financing the plan.

"Our bar has continued -- has always been from the beginning, nothing that would raise taxes on anyone making less than \$400,000 a year. And certainly we wouldn't support anything that would," she added.

Pelosi may delay vote on Senate bipartisan infrastructure bill

Following the meeting with the president Pelosi indicated that a vote on the infrastructure bill in the House was set for Monday Sept. 27 -- a timetable that she has since indicated could change.

"I'm never bringing to the floor a bill that doesn't have the votes," Pelosi told ABC's "This Week" anchor George Stephanopoulos "You cannot choose the date," she added. "You have to go when you have the votes in a reasonable time, and we will."

A White House official told ABC News on Monday that Biden, along with senior White House staff, spoke over the weekend with several members of Congress whose votes are key to getting the legislation passed.

"Engagement is happening through the weekend into Monday and it continues to be clear that there is strong resolve across the caucuses behind passing these bills so that our economy delivers for the middle class and not just those at the top," the White House official said. DEENA ZARU, SABINA GHEBREMEDHIN and NICOLE CURTI  
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# America's Need to Pay Its Bills Has Spawned a Political Game

WASHINGTON — For nearly two decades, lawmakers in Washington have waged an escalating display of brinkmanship over the federal government's ability to borrow money to pay its bills. They have forced administrations of both parties to take evasive actions, pushing the nation dangerously close to economic calamity. But they have never actually tipped the United States into default.

The dance is repeating this fall, but this time the dynamics are different — and the threat of default is greater than ever.

Republicans in Congress have refused to help raise the nation's debt limit, even though the need to borrow stems from the bipartisan practice of running large budget deficits. Republicans agree the United States must pay its bills, but on Monday they are expected to block a measure in the Senate that would enable the government to do so. Democrats, insistent that Republicans help pay for past decisions to boost spending and cut taxes, have so far refused to use a special process to raise the limit on their own.

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Observers inside and outside Washington are worried neither side will budge in time, roiling financial markets and capsizing the economy's nascent recovery from the pandemic downturn.

If the limit is not raised or suspended, officials at the Treasury Department warn, the government will soon exhaust its ability to borrow money, forcing officials to choose between missing payments on military salaries, Social Security benefits and the interest it owes to investors who have financed America's spending spree.

Yet Republicans have threatened to filibuster any attempt by Senate Democrats to pass a simple bill to increase borrowing. Party leaders like Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky want to force Democrats to raise the limit on their own, through a fast-track congressional process that bypasses a Republican filibuster. That could take weeks to come to fruition, raising the stakes every day that Democratic leaders decline to pursue that option.

The problem is further compounded by the fact that no one is quite sure when the government will run out of money. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to ravage the United States in waves, frequently disrupting economic activity and the taxes the government collects, complicating Treasury's ability to gauge its cash flow. Estimates for what is known as the "X-date" range from as early as Oct. 15 to mid-November.

Amid that uncertainty, congressional leaders and President Joe Biden are not even attempting to negotiate a resolution.

Instead, they are sparring over who should be saddled with a vote that could be used against them, raising the odds that partisan stubbornness will propel the country into a fiscal unknown.

It all adds up to an impasse rooted in political messaging, midterm campaign advertising and a desire by Republican leaders to do whatever they can to protest Biden's economic agenda, including the \$3.5 trillion spending bill that Democrats hope to pass along party lines using a fast-track budget process.

Republicans say they will not supply any votes to lift the debt cap, despite having run up trillions in new debt to pay for the 2017 tax cuts, additional government spending and pandemic aid during the Trump administration. Democrats, in contrast, helped President Donald Trump increase borrowing in 2017 and 2019.

"If they want to tax, borrow, and spend historic sums of money without our input," McConnell said on the Senate floor this week, "they will have to raise the debt limit without our help."

Thus far, Biden and Democratic leaders in Congress have declined to do so, even though employing that process would end the threat of default.

Jon Lieber, a former aide to McConnell who is now with the Eurasia Group, a political-risk consultancy in Washington, wrote in a warning to clients this week that there is a 1-in-5 chance the standoff will push the country into at least a technical debt default — forcing the government to choose between paying bondholders and honoring all its spending commitments — this fall.

"That's crazy high for an event like this," Lieber said in an interview, noting that the odds are significantly higher than in past standoffs. "But I feel really confident that's the level of panic we should be having."

Under President George W. Bush, Democrats, including Biden, voted in 2006 against a debt-limit increase, citing Bush's budget deficits that were swollen by tax cuts and wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. They did so despite warnings from administration officials that a default would hurt the nation's credit rating and economy.

Biden, like many other Democrats, said he could not abet Bush's fiscal decisions. But his party did not filibuster a vote and Republicans were able to pass a debt limit increase along party lines. White House officials say Biden's vote was symbolic, noting that the ability of Republicans to raise the debt ceiling was never in question.

Leaders of both parties have, at times, made a version of the core argument in favor of raising the limit: that it is simply a way to allow the government to pay bills



it has already incurred. Both parties also have shown no sign of slowing the nation's borrowing spree, which accelerated last year as lawmakers approved trillions of dollars of aid for people and businesses struggling through the pandemic recession. Each party has recently occupied the White House and controlled Congress, but neither has come close in recent years to approving a budget that would balance — which is to say, not require additional borrowing and a debt-limit increase — within a decade.

Biden administration officials, former Treasury secretaries from both parties and business executives from around the country have all urged lawmakers to raise the borrowing limit as soon as possible.

"I think it's scary for consumer confidence and for confidence in U.S. businesses and potential credit ratings if we don't make sure that we raise that debt ceiling," Andy Jassy, CEO of Amazon, said on CNBC earlier this month.

Democrats say Republicans have a responsibility to help raise the limit, noting that they helped when Trump needed to do it. White House officials called McConnell's position hypocritical.

"Republicans in Congress have spent a decade ushering in a new era where the prospect of default and a global economic meltdown has become a dangerous political football," Michael Gwin, a White House spokesperson, said in an email. "As we rebound from the deep recession caused by the pandemic, it's more important now than ever to put partisanship aside, remove this cloud from over our economy, and responsibly address the debt limit — just like Democrats did three times under the previous administration."

Lieber and other analysts worry party leaders are talking past each other. Experts suggest it would take a week or two for Democratic leaders to steer a debt limit increase through the fast-track budget process. That could leave the government

vulnerable to a sudden crisis. On Friday, the independent Bipartisan Policy Center, a Washington think tank, said the government could run out of cash to pay its bills by mid-October.

Lieber said he is worried about "the risk of miscalculation of both sides," in part because this standoff is not the same as the ones under Obama. "The Republicans aren't asking for anything," he said. "So their position is, there's nothing you can do to get us to vote for a debt ceiling increase. That's a dangerous situation."

Goldman Sachs researchers warned in a note to clients this month that the volatile nature of tax receipts this year, a product of the pandemic, makes the debt limit "riskier than usual" for the economy and markets. They said the standoff was at least as risky as in 2011, when brinkmanship disrupted bond yields and the stock market.

Other financial analysts continue to believe that, as they have in the past, the sides will eventually find an agreement — largely because of the consequences of failure.

"We believe Congress will raise or suspend the debt ceiling," Beth Ann Bovino, S&P U.S. chief economist, wrote this week. "A default by the U.S. government would be substantially worse than the collapse of Lehman Brothers in 2008, devastating global markets and the economy."

In the meantime, Republicans are awaiting a vote by Democrats to raise the limit. Sen. Rick Scott of Florida, who heads Republicans' campaign arm in the Senate, told an NBC reporter he was eager to highlight Democratic support for raising the limit in midterm advertisements.

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Yahoo News



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Female  
 Hijabi : no but prays 5 times mashallah  
 Age: 33  
 Height: 5 ft 5 in  
 Education: doctor  
 Profession: MD complete doctor  
 Residence: texas  
 Legal Status: US citizen  
 Marital status: never married  
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim  
 Language: Urdu and English  
 Ethnicity: pakistani  
 Family: parents retired/1 sister married  
 LOOKING FOR: MALE usa only  
 Age: 33- 38  
 Education: doctor, dentist, surgeon or law  
 Profession doctor, dentist, surgeon or law  
 Residence: USA  
 Legal Status: greencard, us citizen only  
 Marital Status:never married  
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim  
 Ethnicity: pakistani  
 Contact:  
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Hijabi : Yes  
 Age: 24 years  
 Height: 5'2  
 Marital status: Unmarried  
 Legal Status: US B1/B2 -& F1 under process for TU-US in MS Oral Health Sciences  
 Education: Bachelor of Dental Surgery from India.  
 Profession: Dental Surgeon at clinic in Jeddah KSA  
 Residence: Makkah  
 Religious Sect: Sunni Hanafi  
 Language: English, Urdu, Arabic, & Hindi  
 Ethnicity: Indian, Roorkee.  
 Family:  
 Father: Mechanical Engineer Working as Site Manager at Haram Makkah & Masjid Al Nabvi Sharif Madinah.  
 Mother: Electronics Engineer Working as Teacher in Makkah  
 Younger Brother: Unmarried residing in USA  
 Status F1  
 Mechanical Engineering from Temple University USA.  
 LOOKING FOR: MALE  
 Beard: Flexible  
 Age: 26-28 years  
 Height: 5'5 and above  
 Marital Status: Unmarried  
 Legal Status: Any  
 Education: Any Professional Graduate or Master's degree  
 Profession: Any decent profession.  
 Residence: Any preferably USA.  
 Religious Sect: Sunni Hanafi  
 Ethnicity: Indian  
 Admin : 2055676126

Hijabi: No  
 Age: 24 years  
 Height: 5 feet 3 inches  
 Marital status: unmarried  
 Legal Status: US Citizen BIRTH : USA  
 Education: Bachelors in Aerospace Engineering from Cal Poly, Pomona, CA  
 Profession: Engineer & Project Manager  
 Residence: Westlake Village, CA  
 Religious Sect: Sunni,  
 Language: Urdu/English  
 Ethnicity: Indian (Hyderabadi)  
 Family:  
 Father- In Real Estate & Architect  
 Mother- Homemaker  
 Brothers- (Two) Elder brother is Construction Manager, Second Brother is Lawyer.  
 LOOKING FOR: MALE  
 Beard: OK  
 Age: 27-29  
 Height: 5'8-6'  
 Marital Status: Unmarried-never married  
 Legal Status : Must be raised and schooled in U.S.  
 Education: Any type of Engineer, Corporate Professional, Physician, Surgeon, Dentist etc.  
 Should be willing to relocate to California.  
 Residence: U.S.  
 Religious Sect: MUSLIM, Sunni  
 Ethnicity: Indian, Pakistani origin preferred.  
 Can be of any Ethnicity if U.S. born Muslim.  
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Hijabi : Yes  
 Age: 26 years  
 Height: 5'3  
 Marital status:Unmarried  
 Legal Status: US B1/B2  
 Education: B.Pharmacy  
 Profession: Quality Auditor working in US based healthcare company at Hyderabad.  
 Residence: Hyderabad  
 Religious Sect: Sunni Hanafi  
 Language: English,Urdu,Hindi  
 Ethnicity: Indian, Hyderabadi  
 Family: Father, Mother, Elder Brother (Married residing in USA), Elder Sister (Married)  
 LOOKING FOR: MALE  
 Beard: Flexible  
 Age: 28-31 years  
 Height: 5'5 and above  
 Marital Status: Unmarried  
 Legal Status: Any  
 Education: Any Professional Graduate or Master's degree  
 Profession: Any decent profession.  
 Residence: Any preferably USA.  
 Religious Sect:Sunni Hanafi  
 Ethnicity: Indian, Hyderabadi  
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Hijabi : Yes  
 Age: 25  
 Height: 5 feet  
 Marital status: Never married  
 Legal Status: UK Student visa  
 Education:Bcom from BIT,RAK ,UAE. ACCA ( Just completed with the exams ,all 14 papers) from UK University, London& pursuing MSc in Accounting and finance from UK University, London  
 Profession: Student ,Started internship  
 Residence: STUDYING in UK , holding USA 10 YRS VISIT VISA , UAE RESIDENCE VISA  
 Religious Sect: Sunni  
 Language: Urdu  
 Ethnicity: INDIA/Bangalore  
 Family: 1 younger brother (Medical Student) Looking forward to start rotations in New York  
 LOOKING FOR: MALE  
 Beard: Slight beard fine  
 Age: 26 to 29  
 Height: 5.3 to 5.10  
 Marital Status: Never married  
 Legal Status: Any , preferably work permit  
 Education: Engineering ,MS,MBBS,CA, CPA,MBA  
 Profession: Engineer, Doctor, Chartered ACCOUNTANTS, MBA  
 Residence: UK,USA,CANADA  
 Religious Sect: Sunni,Sheikh, Syed  
 Ethnicity: India preferably south India  
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Hijabi : Yes  
 Age: 32  
 Height: five feet 3 in  
 Marital status: divorced, 2 daughters ages 5 and 8  
 Legal Status: US Citizen  
 Education: BA in English and AAS in Health IT, RHIT  
 Profession: Billing Rep  
 Residence: Chicago, IL  
 Religious Sect: Sunni  
 Language: English, Urdu  
 Ethnicity: Indian  
 Family: No siblings, lives with mother and father  
 LOOKING FOR: MALE  
 Beard: Doesn't Matter  
 Age: 32-41  
 Height: about 5feet 5 in  
 Marital Status: divorced, single, widowed  
 Legal Status: Doesn't matter  
 Education: at least bachelors  
 Profession: any professional  
 Residence: must move to Chicago  
 Religious Sect: Sunni  
 Ethnicity: Any  
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Hijabi / : Yes /in mosques during prayers  
 Age: 31  
 Height: 5.5  
 Marital status: Never  
 Legal Status: F1 visa  
 Education:MDS; MBA in healthcare; multiple publications; more than 25 national and international recognition. Panellists at women economic forum (honorary member); panelist at world education summit; public speaker.  
 Profession:Masters in dental surgery (implantologist)  
 Residence: University of alabama  
 Religious Sect:Sunni  
 Language: Hindi  
 Ethnicity: Indian citizen  
 Family: educated;Moderate religous  
 LOOKING FOR: MALE / Beard: Yes /No  
 Age: 28-38  
 Height:5:8 - 6  
 Marital Status: Never married  
 Legal Status: green card or U.S. citizen  
 Education: Masters and above  
 Profession: healthcare/IT/Engineer/Business  
 Residence:U.S.  
 Religious Sect:Sunni  
 Ethnicity: Indian/american  
 Contact:  
 WhatsApp # 2055676126

Hijabi: Yes  
 Age: 22 years (1998 November)  
 Height: 5 feet 6 inches  
 Marital status: Unmarried  
 Legal Status: Indian  
 SAUDI BORN  
 Education: Bachelors in Genetics and Biotechnology  
 P.G Bioinformatics  
 Residence: Address: Secunderabad, Hyderabad Telangana  
 Religious Sect: Islam Sunni, Hanafi  
 Language: Urdu/Hindi/English  
 Ethnicity: Indian/Hanafi (Hyderabadi)  
 Family:  
 •Father- GSCS Doha, Qatar  
 •Mother- B.A.B.Ed (Homemaker)  
 •Brothers- (Two) Unmarried  
 •Brother-in-law- H1 visa Working Maryland  
 •Sisters- (Two) Elder sister holds a Bachelors in Nutrition and Dietetics and lives in Maryland,  
 Younger sister is pursuing Bachelors in Biotechnology.  
 LOOKING FOR: MALE  
 Beard: preferably No but if he has it it's not a deal breaker  
 Age: 27-30  
 Height: 5'8-5'10  
 Marital Status: Unmarried  
 Legal Status : Must be on H1B  
 Education: Should have a Masters  
 Profession: Any  
 Residence: Hyderabad  
 Religious Sect: Islam Sunni, Hanafi  
 Ethnicity: Indian/Hanafi  
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Beard: No  
 Age: Aug-1994  
 Height: 5'9"  
 Marital status: Never Married  
 Legal Status: H-1B  
 Education: Master's in Construction Management  
 Profession: Project Manager  
 Residence: Chicago, IL  
 Religious Sect: Sunni-Hanafi  
 Language: Urdu, English  
 Ethnicity: Hyderabad, India  
 Family: Father works in Saudi Arabia, Mother is homemaker, 1 elder sister (married), 1 younger brother (student).  
 LOOKING FOR: FEMALE  
 Hijabi: Yes  
 Age: 21-26  
 Height: 5'4" and above  
 Marital Status: Never Married  
 Legal Status: F-1, H-1B, GC  
 Education: UG and above  
 Profession: Any  
 Residence: Open to relocation  
 Religious Sect: Sunni-Hanafi  
 Ethnicity: Hyderabad, India  
 Contact: -  
 WhatsApp 2055676126

Beard: Yes  
 Age: 26  
 Height: 5'10"  
 Marital status: Never Married  
 Legal Status: H1B Visa  
 Education: Masters in Electrical Engineering  
 Profession: Project Engineer  
 Residence: New Jersey Religious Sect: Sunni  
 Language: English, Urdu & Hindi  
 Ethnicity: Indian, Hyderabad  
 Family: Father - QA/QC Manger, Qata Mother - Home maker  
 Siblings - 3 elder sisters and 1 elder brother  
 LOOKING FOR: FEMALE  
 Hijabi: Yes  
 Age: 20-25  
 Height: 5'3" & above  
 Marital Status: Never Married  
 Legal Status: Any  
 Education: Completed or Pursuing Professional/Academic Degree - BE/BTech, MBBS, Pharm. D  
 Profession: Any  
 Residence: India, US or Canada  
 Religious Sect: Sunni  
 Ethnicity: Indian  
 Contact:  
 WhatsApp # 2055676126

Beard: No  
 Age: 34 years  
 Height: 6'1  
 Education: Masters in Computer Science.  
 Profession: Senior Software Engineer, Microsoft.  
 Residence: Houston, USA.  
 Legal Status: Citizen of USA  
 Marital status: Divorced (no kids)  
 Religious Sect: Sunni Hanafi.  
 Language: English, Urdu.  
 Ethnicity: Hyderabad, Indian.  
 Family: Parents and Siblings.  
 LOOKING FOR: FEMALE  
 Hijabi: Yes  
 Age: 24-30 years.  
 Height: 5'4 above.  
 Education: Any (preferred Doctor/Engineer)  
 Profession: Any.  
 Residence: Indian or USA or Canada.  
 Legal Status: Indian or US or Canada.  
 Marital Status: Never Married or Divorced.  
 Religious Sect: Sunni.  
 Ethnicity: Hyderabad, Indian.  
 Contact:  
 WhatsApp # 2055676126

Beard: No  
 Age: 27  
 Height: 6 app  
 Marital status: unmarried  
 Legal Status: working on EAD  
 Education: BE (Electrical) Mumbai University  
 MS(Industrial engineering)  
 Profession: sr. Associate in Atria New jersey  
 Working on EAD  
 Residence: New Jersey  
 Religious Sect: sunni  
 Language: English Hindi Urdu  
 Ethnicity: sunni  
 Family: well educated  
 LOOKING FOR: FEMALE  
 Hijabi yes  
 Age: between 21 to 27  
 Height: min 5.3  
 Marital Status: unmarried  
 Legal Status:  
 Education: Engineer or any professional course  
 Profession:  
 Residence:  
 Religious Sect: sunni  
 Ethnicity: sunni  
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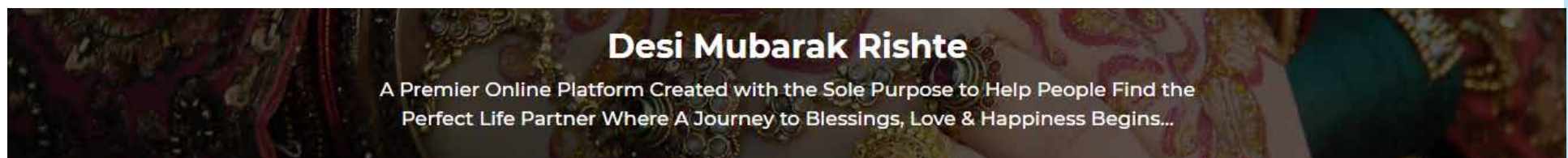
Beard: No  
 Age: 27 yrs  
 Height: 5'8"  
 Education: Masters in Mechanical Engineering (Residing in USA since 6 years)  
 Profession: Production Engineer  
 Residence: New Jersey, USA  
 Legal Status: H1 B Visa  
 Marital status: Never Married  
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim  
 Language: Urdu, Telugu, English, Hindi  
 Ethnicity: Andhra Pradesh, India  
 Family: Parents are in India  
 LOOKING FOR: FEMALE  
 Hijabi: No  
 Age: 24 to 27 Yrs  
 Height: 5'4"  
 Education: Bachelors or Masters  
 Profession: Any  
 Residence: USA  
 Legal Status: US Citizen, greencard, H1 B visa  
 Marital Status: Never Married  
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim  
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Age : 30 years  
 Height: 5'9"  
 Residence: Californi  
 School/University : Texas A&M Univ  
 Work : Software Engineer  
 Legal Status: H1B  
 Marital status: Never Married  
 Ethnicity: Indian/Raised in Saudi Arabia  
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim  
 Family: Father-Civil Engineer, Mother Homemaker,  
 1 brother  
 Language: English, Urdu, Hindi  
 Hobbies: Reading, hiking and travelling.  
 Personality: Easygoing, optimist, caring, family oriented and enjoys life within the boundaries of Islam.  
 Looking for:  
 Age : 21-32 years  
 Height: Does not matter  
 Residence: USA  
 Education: College level education  
 Profession: Does not matter  
 Legal Status: US Citizen/GC/H1B  
 Marital Status: Never Married  
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim  
 Ethnicity: Indian/Pakistani  
 Contact Admin: 2055676126

Age: 28 (Born in Sept 1992)  
 Height: 6 ft  
 Marital status: Never Married  
 Legal Status: H1B, Indian  
 Place of Birth: Hyderabad  
 Education: Bachelor's from GITAM University, Vizag - AP Master's from New Jersey Insitute of Technology, Newark - NJ  
 Profession: Cloud DevOps Engineer (IT)  
 Residence: Pennsylvania, USA  
 Religious Sect: Sunni, Hanafi  
 Language: English, Urdu  
 Ethnicity: Indian  
 Family:  
 Father - Vice President, State bank of Mauritius, Hyderabad - Telangana  
 Mother - M.Com (Homemaker)  
 Sister - completed B.Pharmacy  
 LOOKING FOR: FEMALE  
 Hijabi: Yes (Non Hijabi is also ok), shiuld be religious  
 Age: 23 - 27  
 Height: 5'4 and above  
 Marital Status: Never Married  
 Legal Status: US Citizen/GC holder/Gulf Born  
 Education: Professional degree or Master's  
 Profession: Any  
 Residence: USA/India  
 Religious Sect: Sunni  
 Ethnicity: Indian  
 Contact:  
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Beard: No  
 Age: 34 years  
 Height: 6'1  
 Education: Masters in Computer Science.  
 Profession: Senior Software Engineer, Microsoft.  
 Legal Status: Citizen of USA  
 Marital status: Divorced (no kids)  
 Religious Sect: Sunni Hanafi.  
 Language: English, Urdu.  
 Ethnicity: Hyderabad, Indian.  
 Family: Parents and Siblings.  
 LOOKING FOR: FEMALE  
 Hijabi: Yes  
 Age: 24-30 years.  
 Height: 5'4 above.  
 Education: Any (preferred Doctor/Engineer)  
 Profession: Any.  
 Residence: Indian or USA or Canada.  
 Legal Status: Indian or US or Canada.  
 Marital Status: Never Married or Divorced.  
 Religious Sect: Sunni.  
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# America's Need to Pay Its Bills Has Spawned a Political Game

WASHINGTON — For nearly two decades, lawmakers in Washington have waged an escalating display of brinkmanship over the federal government's ability to borrow money to pay its bills. They have forced administrations of both parties to take evasive actions, pushing the nation dangerously close to economic calamity. But they have never actually tipped the United States into default.

The dance is repeating this fall, but this time the dynamics are different — and the threat of default is greater than ever.

Republicans in Congress have refused to help raise the nation's debt limit, even though the need to borrow stems from the bipartisan practice of running large budget deficits. Republicans agree the United States must pay its bills, but on Monday they are expected to block a measure in the Senate that would enable the government to do so. Democrats, insistent that Republicans help pay for past decisions to boost spending and cut taxes, have so far refused to use a special process to raise the limit on their own.

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Observers inside and outside Washington are worried neither side will budge in time, roiling financial markets and capsizing the economy's nascent recovery from the pandemic downturn.

If the limit is not raised or suspended, officials at the Treasury Department warn, the government will soon exhaust its ability to borrow money, forcing officials to choose between missing payments on military salaries, Social Security benefits and the interest it owes to investors who have financed America's spending spree.

Yet Republicans have threatened to filibuster any attempt by Senate Democrats to pass a simple bill to increase borrowing. Party leaders like Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky want to force Democrats to raise the limit on their own, through a fast-track congressional process that bypasses a Republican filibuster. That could take weeks to come to fruition, raising the stakes every day that Democratic leaders decline to pursue that option.

The problem is further compounded by the fact that no one is quite sure when the government will run out of money. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to ravage the United States in waves, frequently disrupting economic activity and the taxes the government collects, complicating Treasury's ability to gauge its cash flow. Estimates for what is known as the "X-date" range from as early as Oct. 15 to mid-November.

Amid that uncertainty, congressional leaders and President Joe Biden are not even attempting to negotiate a resolution.

Instead, they are sparring over who should be saddled with a vote that could be used against them, raising the odds that partisan stubbornness will propel the country into a fiscal unknown.

It all adds up to an impasse rooted in political messaging, midterm campaign advertising and a desire by Republican leaders to do whatever they can to protest Biden's economic agenda, including the \$3.5 trillion spending bill that Democrats hope to pass along party lines using a fast-track budget process.

Republicans say they will not supply any votes to lift the debt cap, despite having run up trillions in new debt to pay for the 2017 tax cuts, additional government spending and pandemic aid during the Trump administration. Democrats, in contrast, helped President Donald Trump increase borrowing in 2017 and 2019.

"If they want to tax, borrow, and spend historic sums of money without our input," McConnell said on the Senate floor this week, "they will have to raise the debt limit without our help."

Thus far, Biden and Democratic leaders in Congress have declined to do so, even though employing that process would end the threat of default.

Jon Lieber, a former aide to McConnell who is now with the Eurasia Group, a political-risk consultancy in Washington, wrote in a warning to clients this week that there is a 1-in-5 chance the standoff will push the country into at least a technical debt default — forcing the government to choose between paying bondholders and honoring all its spending commitments — this fall.

"That's crazy high for an event like this," Lieber said in an interview, noting that the odds are significantly higher than in past standoffs. "But I feel really confident that's the level of panic we should be having."

Under President George W. Bush, Democrats, including Biden, voted in 2006 against a debt-limit increase, citing Bush's budget deficits that were swollen by tax cuts and wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. They did so despite warnings from administration officials that a default would hurt the nation's credit rating and economy.

Biden, like many other Democrats, said he could not abet Bush's fiscal decisions. But his party did not filibuster a vote and Republicans were able to pass a debt limit increase along party lines. White House officials say Biden's vote was symbolic, noting that the ability of Republicans to raise the debt ceiling was never in question.

Leaders of both parties have, at times, made a version of the core argument in favor of raising the limit: that it is simply a way to allow the government to pay bills



it has already incurred. Both parties also have shown no sign of slowing the nation's borrowing spree, which accelerated last year as lawmakers approved trillions of dollars of aid for people and businesses struggling through the pandemic recession. Each party has recently occupied the White House and controlled Congress, but neither has come close in recent years to approving a budget that would balance — which is to say, not require additional borrowing and a debt-limit increase — within a decade.

Biden administration officials, former Treasury secretaries from both parties and business executives from around the country have all urged lawmakers to raise the borrowing limit as soon as possible.

"I think it's scary for consumer confidence and for confidence in U.S. businesses and potential credit ratings if we don't make sure that we raise that debt ceiling," Andy Jassy, CEO of Amazon, said on CNBC earlier this month.

Democrats say Republicans have a responsibility to help raise the limit, noting that they helped when Trump needed to do it. White House officials called McConnell's position hypocritical.

"Republicans in Congress have spent a decade ushering in a new era where the prospect of default and a global economic meltdown has become a dangerous political football," Michael Gwin, a White House spokesperson, said in an email. "As we rebound from the deep recession caused by the pandemic, it's more important now than ever to put partisanship aside, remove this cloud from over our economy, and responsibly address the debt limit — just like Democrats did three times under the previous administration."

Lieber and other analysts worry party leaders are talking past each other. Experts suggest it would take a week or two for Democratic leaders to steer a debt limit increase through the fast-track budget process. That could leave the government

vulnerable to a sudden crisis. On Friday, the independent Bipartisan Policy Center, a Washington think tank, said the government could run out of cash to pay its bills by mid-October.

Lieber said he is worried about "the risk of miscalculation of both sides," in part because this standoff is not the same as the ones under Obama. "The Republicans aren't asking for anything," he said. "So their position is, there's nothing you can do to get us to vote for a debt ceiling increase. That's a dangerous situation."

Goldman Sachs researchers warned in a note to clients this month that the volatile nature of tax receipts this year, a product of the pandemic, makes the debt limit "riskier than usual" for the economy and markets. They said the standoff was at least as risky as in 2011, when brinkmanship disrupted bond yields and the stock market.

Other financial analysts continue to believe that, as they have in the past, the sides will eventually find an agreement — largely because of the consequences of failure.

"We believe Congress will raise or suspend the debt ceiling," Beth Ann Bovino, S&P U.S. chief economist, wrote this week. "A default by the U.S. government would be substantially worse than the collapse of Lehman Brothers in 2008, devastating global markets and the economy."

In the meantime, Republicans are awaiting a vote by Democrats to raise the limit. Sen. Rick Scott of Florida, who heads Republicans' campaign arm in the Senate, told an NBC reporter he was eager to highlight Democratic support for raising the limit in midterm advertisements.

Jim Tankersley  
Yahoo News



# Why Indian stocks are hitting record highs day after day

Indian bourses soared to record highs once again today, with the BSE flagship Sensex breaching the 60,000-mark for the first time ever, and the Nifty 50 index inching closer to 18,000 points.

Overseas factors are likely to be a major reason. In particular, the US Federal Reserve may not withdraw emergency pandemic support, as many had feared. There has also been an expectation of continued economic recovery in India as memories of the devastating Covid wave earlier this year recede. And now, with the market seemingly overheating, investors in India may also think it's time to withdraw.

Linda Evangelista says she stopped working after CoolSculpting left her "brutally disfigured"

Why does the US Fed matter? When the Federal Reserve raises or cuts its interest rate, it makes borrowing funds either more or less expensive for businesses. This, in turn, tends to affect earnings and stock prices. Apart from interest rates in the current scenario, the US central bank's emergency pandemic support added more money to the financial system, prompting investors to buy high-yielding stocks.

The importance of US equities is significant, as any movement in American stocks spills over to global indices, including India.

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On Sept. 22, the Fed announced that it could begin scaling back its monetary support in November, and complete the process by mid-2022.

While several officials hinted at a growing inclination to raise interest rates next year, analysts said that the Fed announcement seemed to comfort investors that raising interest rates is still some time away. This has helped Indian equities to remain strong.

How India's preferred investment spot may affect stock markets

Apart from global factors, the expectations of sustained economic recovery, as well as the faster pace of Covid-19 vaccinations in India, have added to the optimism among investors.

"Expectations of solid economic recovery and sustained growth in the next couple of years is keeping the bulls enthused... Having said that, retail investors must have a diversified portfolio at this stage to face any kind of volatility," Sandeep Bharadwaj, CEO, Retail of IIFL Securities said.

Bhardwaj also said that the China Plus One strategy, also known as Plus One, which aims to avoid investing only in China, and diversify the business into other countries, may prove to benefit India going ahead.



What will investors do now? While the tide favors Indian stocks at this point in time, the rising uncertainties should rather not be ignored.

Analysts have been arguing over the extent of the bull run in the domestic indices since February this year—when people acknowledged rising inflation in the US as a problem. When inflation is too high, the Fed typically raises interest rates to slow the economy and bring inflation down.

This has raised the question of when will the rally in global stocks halt.

India's stock valuation premium to its emerging market peers is more than 80% now, which is not likely to sustain, according to analysts. Further, it is feared that

corporate earnings in the coming quarters may not justify steep valuations due to rising prices of commodities.

"Investors may think of reducing portfolio risk by moving to the safety of high-quality large-caps," says Dr. V K Vijayakumar, chief investment strategist at Mumbai-based broking firm Geojit Financial Services. "Partial profit booking in the mid and small-cap segment and moving some money to fixed income also may be considered."

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Yahoo Finance

## Interesting facts about autumn

Autumn, also known as fall in North American English, is one of the four temperate seasons.

Autumn is the transition season between summer and winter, best noticed by the color change in leaves and the harvest.

The date of the beginning of autumn varies according to climate, tradition and culture, but when it is autumn in the Northern Hemisphere, it is spring in the Southern Hemisphere, and vice versa.

In the Northern Hemisphere autumn lasts from the autumnal equinox (September 22 or 23) to the Winter Solstice (21 or 22 December). In the Southern Hemisphere, autumn lasts from March until June.

The 1st day of autumn 2020 in Northern Hemisphere will be on Tuesday, September 22nd. And the last day of autumn 2020 will be on Monday, December 21st. The reason the equinoxes and solstices don't always come on the same day is that Earth doesn't circle the sun in exactly 365 days.

The first day of autumn, the autumnal equinox, has 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of darkness. The term equinox comes from the Latin words aequus, meaning equal and nox, meaning night. Autumn begins when the center of the sun crosses Earth's equator. As Earth continues its path around the sun, days become shorter and nights become longer.

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Autumn is derived from the French, which came from the Latin autumnus, the Roman name for this season.

While Americans typically use the word "fall," the British use the word "autumn," though both terms date around the 16th century. Before these terms, the period was called "harvest."

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The word "harvest" comes from the Old Norse word haust, which means "to gather or pluck." As people moved to the cities, "harvest" fell out of use and city dwellers began to use "fall of the leaf," which was shortened to "fall."

One of the most stunning signs of Autumn is the turning of the leaves. Leaves



change their wardrobes in response to chilly temperatures and less light (as days begin to shorten); they stop producing chlorophyll, the green pigment that helps leaves capture sunlight to power photosynthesis. As green fades, the leaf's other pigments, such as the orange and yellow of carotenoids shine through. Vibrant red hues are the result of anthocyanins, pigments that are produced in the fall.





## Imran Khan paints Pakistan as victim of US ungratefulness

NEW YORK (AP) — Prime Minister Imran Khan sought to cast Pakistan as the victim of American ungratefulness and an international double standard in his address to the United Nations General Assembly on Friday.

In a prerecorded speech aired during the evening, the Pakistani prime minister touched on a range of topics that included climate change, global Islamophobia and “the plunder of the developing world by their corrupt elites” — the latter of which he likened to what the East India Company did to India.

It was for India’s government that Khan reserved his harshest words, once again labeling Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s Hindu nationalist government “fascist.” But the cricketer turned posh international celebrity turned politician was in turn indignant and plaintive as he painted the United States as an abandoner of both Pakistan and neighboring Afghanistan.

“For the current situation in Afghanistan, for some reason, Pakistan has been blamed for the turn of events, by politicians in the United States and some politicians in Europe,” Khan said. “From this platform, I want them all to know, the country that suffered the most, apart from Afghanistan, was Pakistan when we joined the U.S. war on terror after 9/11.”

He launched into a narrative that began with the United States and Pakistan training mujahedeen — regarded as heroes by the likes of then-President Ronald Reagan, he said — during the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. But Pakistan was left to pick up the pieces — millions of refugees and new sectarian militant groups — when the Soviets and the Americans left in 1989.

Khan said the U.S. sanctioned its former partner a year later, but then came calling again after the 9/11 attacks. Khan said Pakistan’s aid to the U.S. cost 80,000 Pakistani lives and caused internal strife and dissent directed at the state, all while the U.S. conducted drone attacks.

“So, when we hear this at the end. There is a lot of worry in the U.S. about taking care of the interpreters and everyone who helped the U.S.,” he said, referring to Afghanistan. “What about us?”

Instead of a mere “word of appreciation,” Pakistan has received blame, Khan said.

Despite Khan’s rhetoric espousing a desire for peace, many Afghans have blamed Pakistan for the Taliban’s resurgence in Afghanistan because of close links. The United Nations in August also rejected Pakistan’s request to give its side at a special meeting on Afghanistan, indicating the international community’s shared skepticism.

In his speech, Khan echoed what his foreign minister, Shah Mehmood Qureshi, told The Associated Press earlier this week on the sidelines at the U.N.: the international community should not isolate the Taliban, but instead strengthen the current Afghan government for the sake of the people.

He struck an optimistic tone about Taliban rule, saying their leaders had committed to human rights, an inclusive government and not allowing terrorists on Afghan soil. But messages from the Taliban have been mixed.

A Taliban founder told the AP earlier this week that the hard-liners would once again carry out executions and amputated

hands — though this time after adjudication by judges, including women, and potentially not in public.

“If the world community incentivizes them, and encourages them to walk this talk, it will be a win-win situation for everyone,” he said.

Khan also turned his ire on that same community for what he perceives as a free pass given to India.

“It is unfortunate, very unfortunate, that the world’s approach to violations of human rights lacks even-handedness, and even is selective. Geopolitical considerations, or corporate interests, commercial interests often compel major powers to overlook the transgressions of their affiliated countries,” Khan said.

He went through a litany of actions that have “unleashed a reign of fear and violence against India’s 200 million strong Muslim community,” he said, including lynchings, pogroms and discriminatory citizenship laws.

As in years past, Khan — who favors delivering his speeches in his British-inflected English, in contrast to Modi’s Hindi addresses — devoted substantial time to Kashmir.

“New Delhi has also embarked on what it ominously calls the ‘final solution’ for the Jammu and Kashmir dispute,” Khan said, rattling off a list of what he termed “gross and systematic violations of human rights” committed by Indian forces. He specifically decried the “forcible snatching of the mortal remains of the great Kashmiri leader,” Syed Ali Geelani, who died



earlier this month at 91.

Geelani’s family has said authorities took his body and buried him discreetly and without their consent, denying the separatist leader revered in Kashmir a proper Islamic burial. Khan called upon the General Assembly to demand Geelani’s proper burial and rites.

Kashmir is divided between India and Pakistan and has been claimed by both since they won independence from the British empire and began fighting over their rival claims.

He said Pakistan desires peace, but it is India’s responsibility to meaningfully engage.

India exercised its right of reply after the last leader spoke Friday, saying it was upon Pakistan, not India, to demonstrate good faith in engagement. An Indian diplomat said Pakistan needed to look inward before making accusations, and stressed that Kashmir was inalienably India’s. Pakistan then exercised its own right of reply, excoriating India once more.

Modi is set to address the U.N. General Assembly in person on Saturday, a day after a bilateral meeting with U.S. President Joe Biden.  
MALLIKA SEN  
Yahoo News

## 33 men accused of gang-raping teen girl over eight months in India

Police in India have arrested more than two dozen men accused of gang-raping a 15-year-old girl multiple times over a period of nearly eight months — a horrific ordeal that ended when the victim finally came forward this week.

The number of people charged in the case went up to 29 on Friday after police nabbed three more suspects, according to multiple reports. Cops are on the hunt for four more men as the girl has named 33 alleged rapists, including at least two minors, the Hindustan Times reported.

The teen told investigators that the abuse began on Jan. 29 and continued until Wednesday, when she told an aunt who then filed a report on her behalf. The attacks happened in multiple locations, including her hometown of Dombivli, which is next to Mumbai, she reportedly

told police.

The girl said it all began when a man she was in a relationship with threatened to leak a private video of the couple unless she engaged in sexual acts with some of his friends and acquaintances, according to reports. The group then raped her on multiple occasions throughout the year, she said.

It was not immediately clear if her former partner was among the 29 suspects already in custody.

The shocking allegations sparked widespread condemnation in Dombivli, which is reportedly seeing a rise in violence against women, and across the country.  
Nelson Oliveira, New York Daily News  
Yahoo News





# October 2021 Hindu Festival & Holidays

02 Sat	Gandhi Jayanti , Indira Ekadashi
20 Wed	Valmiki Jayanti , Shri Satyanarayan Vrat , Kartik Snan Prarambh , Purnima , Sri Satyanarayan Puja
23 Sat	Purnima Vrat , Sharad Purnima Dussehra (Maha Saptami) (Additional)
24 Sun	Sankashti Chaturthi , Karwa Chauth , Rohini Vrat



## Gandhi Jayanti 2021 significance and quotes

Gandhi Jayanti is celebrated on October 2 every year to mark the birth anniversary of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, popularly known as Mahatma Gandhi. Known as the 'Father of the Nation', the ideologies, struggles and kindness of Gandhi drove India to its independence. One of the most prominent leaders of India's independence movement, Gandhi was the man behind non-violent civil disobedience. This year will mark the 152nd birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and the entire world observes this day as 'Gandhi Jayanti'. It is a national holiday in India to honour the legendary leader without whom India wouldn't have tasted independence. The United Nations also observe Gandhi Jayanti as 'International Day of Non-Violence' every year.

Gandhi played a key role in India's freedom movement and his philosophies towards India have impacted people's lives. His method of non-violence inspired many civil rights movements in the world and he also fought to bring significant changes in society.

Who was Mahatma Gandhi?

Born on October 2, 1869, in Porbandar in Gujarat, Mahatma Gandhi is considered as the nation's tallest leader of the independence movement. As a child, he always expressed his feelings about patriotism and united India with his thoughts and ideologies to fight for freedom.

He successfully led India's non-violent movement against the colonial British empire. He went to South Africa to study law and led nationwide campaigns for farmers and labourers and also fought against caste

discrimination and was vocal about expanding women's rights. He led the Dandi Salt March in 1930, a movement which was joined by many Indians to break the salt law. He was also at the forefront of the Quit India Movement in 1942, which compelled the Britishers to move out of India. Gandhi was a great supporter of truth and non-violence and he left behind his valuable teachings that are still remembered and valued by people of all age groups. Why is Gandhi Jayanti observed? Gandhi Jayanti is observed to honour and pay rich tributes to the Father of the Nation and on this day, people remember his invaluable contributions to India's freedom struggle and independence movement. His path-breaking principles of ahimsa and swaraj are observed across all the institutions in India. People celebrate his teachings through various initiatives that can lead to the betterment of our surroundings, the city and eventually the country.

Gandhi Jayanti quotes:

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, we bring to you some quotes of Mahatma Gandhi that you can share with your loved ones to spread positivity and inspire them.

- Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.

- "If we could change ourselves, the tendencies in the world would also change. As a man changes his own nature, so does the attitude of the world change towards him. We need not wait to see what others do."

- "A man is but the product of his thoughts. What he thinks, he becomes."

- "The greatness of humanity is not in

being human, but in being humane."

- "Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's needs, but not every man's greed."

- "You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is like an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty."

- "An error does not become truth by reason of multiplied propagation, nor does truth become error because nobody sees it. Truth stands, even if there be no public support. It is self sustained." -"I will not let anyone walk through my mind with their dirty feet."

- "In a gentle way, you can shake the world."

- "Nobody can hurt me without my permission."

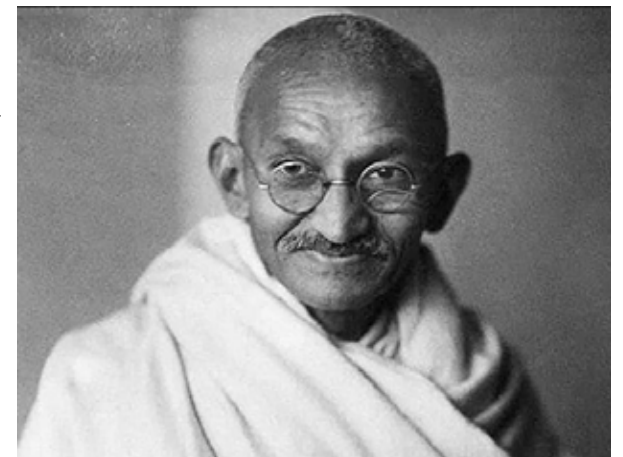
- "Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."

- "Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony."

- "We may never be strong enough to be entirely nonviolent in thought, word and deed. But we must keep nonviolence as our goal and make strong progress towards it."

- "Change yourself you are in control."

- "When restraint and courtesy are added



to strength, the latter becomes irresistible."

- "The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong."

- "It is unwise to be too sure of one's own wisdom. It is healthy to be reminded that the strongest might weaken and the wisest might err."

- "Nearly everything you do is of no importance, but it is important that you do it."

- "Freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes."

- "My religion is based on truth and non-violence. Truth is my God. Non-violence is the means of realising Him."

- "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

- "To call woman the weaker sex is a libel; it is man's injustice to woman. If by strength is meant moral power, then woman is immeasurably man's superior."

## Maha Saptami in India in 2021

When is Maha Saptami?

Maha Saptami is the seventh day of Durga Puja celebrations.

Traditions of Maha Saptami

Maha Saptami is also known as Saptami of Durgapuja and is one of the important days of Durga Puja.

The Maha Puja (Great Ceremony) starts on Maha Saptami.

Durga Puja is a Hindu festival in South Asia that celebrates the worship of the goddess Durga.

Durga Puja celebrates the ten-armed mother goddess and her victory over the evil buffalo demon Mahishasura.

The world was under threat from the evil buffalo demon Mahishasura, that no man or god could defeat. To vanquish the demon, Durga emerged from the collective energies of all the gods. Each of her ten arms brandished the deadliest weapon of each god.

On the seventh day (saptami) of Durga Puja, the goddess started her epic battle against Mahishasura which ended with his death on Vijaya Dashami (the 10th day).

Other Key days during Durga Puja  
The rituals of Durga Puja last ten days with the start and the last five days being special festivals that are reflected in public

holidays in some states in India.

Mahalaya

Mahalaya marks the start of the Durga Puja festival.

Durga Ashtami

This is the eighth day of Durga Puja celebrations, when the weapons used by Durga are worshipped.

Maha Navami

This is the ninth day of Durga Puja. On this day, the victory of Durga over the evil buffalo demon Mahishasura is celebrated.

Vijaya Dashami Also known as Dashain



or Tenth day of Navratri or Durgotsav, Vijaya Dashami commemorates the day that Durga appeared riding a lion to slay the Mahishasura.



# Turkey's president defiant about acquiring Russian missile defense system

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan said in an exclusive interview with CBS News this week that his government intends to defy the U.S. and go ahead with the purchase of another Russian-made anti-aircraft missile defense system, despite repeated warnings that it puts the security of the NATO alliance at risk.

Erdoğan confirmed his plans to CBS News chief foreign affairs correspondent Margaret Brennan after she asked him about Russian government claims that Turkey would purchase more S-400 systems.

"I explained everything to President Biden," Erdoğan said in an interview taped Tuesday on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly in New York, claiming that America's refusal to sell Turkey the U.S.-made Patriots system as an alternative had led his government to purchase the Russian system instead. The U.S. has disputed this claim. Both the Trump and Biden administrations have maintained that the Russian S-400 system is a danger if activated in the same country that flies F-35 jets. The U.S. government has said the S-400 would collect detailed information about the F-35s, possibly erasing their stealth advantages. Turkey had previously bought F-35 jets, which gave the NATO member a role in their production. But in retaliation for Turkey's S-400 purchase, the Trump administration halted its delivery of the F-35s, dropped Turkey from the program and imposed sanctions on Turkish defense officials.

Despite this, Erdoğan has remained defiant.

"So it sounds like you still intend to buy another round of these S-400s, of these Russian missile systems?" Brennan asked. "So the sanctions will stay on?"

"In the future, nobody will be able to interfere in terms of what kind of defense systems we acquire, from which country, at what level. Nobody can interfere with that. We are the only ones to make such decisions," Erdoğan responded.

"That sounds like a yes," Brennan said.

"Of course, of course, yes," Erdoğan said. He later confirmed that he plans to meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin at the end of the month. The two are expected to discuss a number of issues, including Syria.

During the interview, Erdoğan also told CBS News that he would prefer that the U.S. pull out its remaining 900 troops in neighboring Syria. Turkey's forces have remained in the northern part of the country since its military incursion to fight U.S.-allied Kurdish forces, after former President Donald Trump attempted to withdraw all U.S. troops in the fall of 2019.

This is just one of many irritants in the relationship between the U.S. and Turkey, which remains a key power in the Middle East and a NATO member. As a presidential candidate, Mr. Biden told The New York Times' editorial board in January 2020 that Erdoğan was "an autocrat," and cited his expansive powers and abuse of power. Erdoğan seemed to brush off the criticism.

"Mr. President's definition of an autocrat remains unknown to me, I don't know what he meant," Erdoğan told Brennan. He also said that Mr. Biden has never raised any concern about human rights abuse issues to him during their personal conversations. National Security Council spokeswoman Emily Horne did not return CBS News' request for comment.

As per the Committee for the Protection of Journalists' 2020 worldwide ranking index, Turkey is the second worst jailer of journalists — second only to China — and worse than Iran and Saudi Arabia. Erdoğan's government also arrested and charged some 36,000 people in Turkey whom it accused of criticizing him or being connected to figures it believes were responsible for the attempted coup to overthrow him in 2016.

Mr. Biden last met with Erdoğan in Brussels this past June. At the time, it appeared there might be an opportunity for a breakthrough in the troubled relationship. Erdoğan told CBS News that it was Mr. Biden who asked him to consider having Turkish forces run the airport in Kabul in the wake of the U.S. withdrawal. It was a key opportunity, and Erdoğan said he was open to the idea on the condition of logistical and financial support.

"It's including financial and equipment support, the ammunitions, the vehicles and the weapons there would have been transferred to us. But such things have unfolded that the exact opposite happened," Erdoğan said.



The U.S. withdrawal and the chaotic way it was carried out left NATO troops scrambling as well. Turkey, which has the second largest army in NATO, also pulled out of the country.

"The artillery, the ammunition, the weapons and the vehicles at the Karzai airport were all transferred over to the Taliban, and the Taliban is currently using all those weapons and all those vehicles, and we have to see all these facts for what they are," he said.

Since the Taliban seized control of Afghanistan last month, both Qatar and Turkey have offered to provide technical support to their emerging government in order to keep their airports operating. That provided Turkey with the chance to be a power broker and essentially provide the Taliban with a lifeline to the rest of the world. Erdoğan said that at this point, there is no deal to work with the Taliban.

In an interview that will air on Sunday's "Face the Nation," Erdoğan laid out what he described as his requirements to do business with the Taliban. Margaret Brennan Yahoo News

## UAE announces ministerial changes including finance, environment

RIYADH (Reuters) - United Arab Emirates Prime Minister and Dubai ruler Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum announced ministerial changes including new finance and environment ministers.

Sheikh Maktoum bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum -- Sheikh Mohammed's son and the current deputy ruler of Dubai -- has been appointed deputy prime minister and finance minister.

Mohammed bin Hadi Al Husseini replaces long-serving Obaid Humaid Al Tayer as the Emirates' minister of state for finance, while Maryam Al Murairei becomes the minister of climate change and environment.

Suhail Mohamed Al Mazrouei remains energy minister, but also takes on the role of infrastructure minister reflecting the merger of both minis-

tries.

Sheikh Mohammed announced the reshuffle as part of a new government strategy aimed at expediting change through "transformational projects" in the Emirates.

"The new strategy comes with the completion of our previous plan, UAE Vision 2021, through which we achieved all our ambitions in the past 10 years," he said on Twitter.

The announcement comes as Gulf countries seek to secure investment and boost their international status as the importance of oil declines.

The UAE recently announced plans to launch 50 new economic initiatives to boost the country's competitiveness and attract 550 billion dirhams (\$150 billion) in foreign direct investment in the next nine years.



The Gulf state has launched several measures over the past year to attract investment and foreigners to help the economy recover from the effects of the pandemic. The changes also come amid a growing economic rivalry with Gulf neighbour Saudi Arabia to be the region's trade and business hub.

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## British and Malaysian men jailed in Somalia for terror offences

British man Darren Anthony Byrnes was one of two foreigners to be sentenced to 15 years by a military court in Somalia for belonging to Islamist militant group al-Shabab.

Byrnes and Malaysian Ahmad Mustakim bin Abdul Hamid were convicted of recruiting foreigners.

Al-Shabab has been battling Somalia's UN-backed government for over a decade.

The al-Qaeda-linked group has also carried out attacks in neighbouring Kenya.

The two men denied being members of al-Shabab and the prosecution did not call any witnesses in court but relied on written accounts, their lawyer told Voice of America.

They have 30 days to appeal.

Byrnes came to Somalia "to shed blood", prosecutor Brig Gen Abdullahi Bule

Kamay said in a video extract of the court proceedings released by the military.

"If he is spreading Islam, why did he not do that in the UK?" he added.

The prosecution said that Byrnes had converted to Islam in 2006. He then travelled to Mombasa, on Kenya's coast, where he married a Somali woman.

He crossed into Somalia in 2010, according to the prosecution.

Byrnes told the court in the capital, Mogadishu, that when he entered the country he came across some Kenyan soldiers, who were part of an African Union force supporting the government.

"They asked me where I am going. I said: 'I am going to Mogadishu to visit my family.'"

"They took \$50 (£36) from me, I presumed that was my visa. End of story."

Along with Abdul Hamid, Byrnes was accused of using the internet to encourage other foreigners to join al-Shabab.

The prosecution alleged that they had tried to recruit cells to carry out an attack in Paris, France, but gave no further details on when or how.

The two men were captured in 2019 while trying to board a boat to Yemen.

In a brief statement, the British embassy in Mogadishu said it was "providing consular assistance" to Byrnes "and are offering support to his family".

It would not comment on what happened in court.

Al-Shabab emerged about 15 years ago to support the Union of Islamic Courts, which controlled Mogadishu in 2006.



It was then forced out of the capital and has waged an insurgency ever since.

Al-Shabab carries out frequent bombing attacks in urban areas, often targeting hotels and restaurants, as well as government buildings.

In Kenya, its fighters killed at least 67 people in a 2013 attack on the Westgate shopping centre in the capital, Nairobi. Two years later, it targeted a university in Garissa, in the east of the country, where nearly 150 people were killed. Yahoo News

## Turkey's Erdogan looks to Putin after Biden talks disappoint

ISTANBUL (AP) — Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Friday that recent talks with U.S. President Joe Biden had proved disappointing, and that his country, a NATO member, would seek closer ties with Russia.

Speaking after prayers in Istanbul, Erdogan said he and Biden had failed to bridge their differences at a meeting during his visit to New York for the UN General Assembly this week.

"In the discussions with Mr. Biden that I'd been anticipating, there wasn't the desired outcome. ... As two NATO countries, we need to be at a different point," he told journalists.

Erdogan went on to criticize U.S. support

for Kurdish militants in Syria who were instrumental in fighting the Islamic State group. Ankara considers them terrorists due to their links to the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, which has waged a 37-year insurgency against Turkey. Turkey has a large and restive Kurdish ethnic minority. The PKK is listed as a terrorist organization by the U.S. and EU.

"America is not fighting terrorist organizations enough, it is giving them a lot of weapons and equipment," he said.

Erdogan is due to meet Russian President Vladimir Putin in the Black Sea resort of Sochi on Sept. 29, where the leaders will concentrate on the situation in Syria.

Russia is the main ally of the Syrian

government while Turkey supports groups that have fought to unseat President Bashar Assad. However, Russian and Turkish troops have cooperated in Idlib, the final holdout of rebel forces, and in seeking a political solution in the war-torn country.

Erdogan said he would seek to take relations with Moscow "much further" when he meets Putin. "We strive to further our bilateral relations with Russia," he added.

Ties between the U.S. and Turkey have been frayed for several years. They deteriorated further two years ago when Ankara bought a Russian missile defense system. The purchase led to Turkey being kicked off the U.S.-led F-35 stealth fighter aircraft



project and to U.S. sanctions against leading Turkish defense industry officials.

Before leaving New York on Thursday, Erdogan had raised the F-35 issue with journalists, warning the current course of U.S.-Turkey relations "does not bode well." Yahoo News

## Veteran actor Talat Iqbal passes away

Talat Iqbal starred in several Pakistani dramas and films during his long career. Renowned Pakistani actor Talat Iqbal passed away in US, his family has confirmed.

Talat was hospitalised in a critical condition in Dallas, US two weeks back after the death of his daughter Sarah Talat earlier this month.

According to the family, Talat's funeral will be held after jumma prayers and he will be laid to rest in Dallas.

The veteran actor played key roles in several dramas in 70s and 80s.

He also starred in several Pakistani films during his long career.





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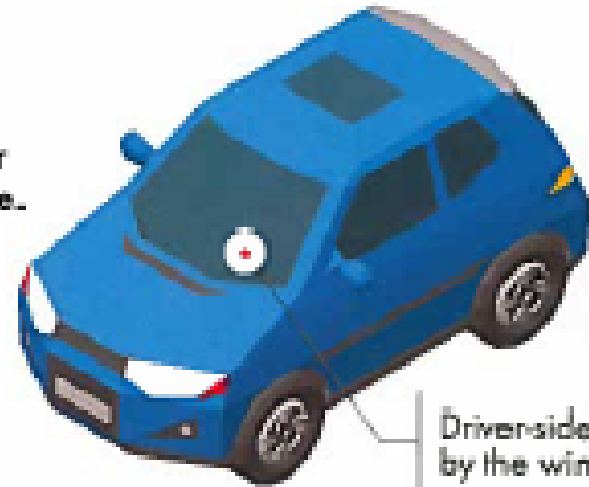
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# Frustrated Abbas gives Israel ultimatum in harsh UN address

JERUSALEM (AP) — In an unusually harsh speech, President Mahmoud Abbas on Friday gave Israel one year to end its occupation of territories the Palestinians want for a future state. He threatened to withdraw recognition of Israel — a cornerstone of three decades of failed peace efforts — if it failed to do so.

Abbas delivered the vague ultimatum in a long, prerecorded address to the U.N. General Assembly in which he accused Israel of “apartheid” and “ethnic cleansing,” explosive terms rarely employed by the 85-year-old leader, who has long been committed to a two-state solution.

“If the Israeli occupation authorities continue to entrench the reality of one apartheid state as is happening today, our Palestinian people and the entire world will not tolerate such a situation,” Abbas said. “Circumstances on the ground will inevitably impose equal and full political rights for all on the land of historical Palestine, within one state.”

A one-state solution, while popular with some Israeli and Palestinian activists, would mean the end of Israel as a Jewish-majority state. No major Israeli or Palestinian party supports such an outcome.

Abbas spoke against a backdrop showing the Al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem, a flashpoint holy site sacred to Muslims and Jews, and a series of maps of the region showing Israel’s territorial expansion over several decades of war and conflict.

He said he was willing to negotiate final borders over the coming year but that if Israel did not ultimately end its occupation of territories seized in the 1967 war, then he would reconsider recognition of Israel.

“If this is not achieved, why maintain recognition of Israel based on the 1967 borders?” Abbas said. He also threatened to confront Israel at the International Court of Justice.

Israel’s ambassador to the U.N. said Abbas had “proved once again that he is no longer relevant.”

“Those who truly support peace and negotiations do not threaten delusional ultimatums from the U.N. platform as he did in his speech,” Gilad Erdan said in a statement. Israel captured the West Bank, east Jerusalem and Gaza in the 1967 war with neighboring Arab countries, territories the Palestinians want for their future state. It annexed east Jerusalem in a move not internationally recognized and withdrew its forces from Gaza in 2005. The Islamic militant group Hamas won parliamentary elections a year later and seized Gaza from Abbas’ forces in a bloody power struggle in 2007.

Israel has made various offers over the years that it says would have given the Palestinians independence in most of the territories. But the Palestinians — always the weaker negotiating party — said each proposal fell short of granting them full statehood and resolving other core

issues, like the fate of Palestinian refugees and the status of Jerusalem.

Palestinian recognition of Israel was the foundation of the 1993 Oslo accords that launched the Middle East peace process. Talks ground to a halt more than a decade ago, and Israel’s current prime minister, Naftali Bennett, is opposed to the creation of a Palestinian state alongside Israel, which is still widely seen internationally as the only way to resolve the conflict.

Abbas’ harsh rhetoric reflects widespread Palestinian frustration with the moribund peace process. But it could also be seen as a way of burnishing his nationalist credentials at home, where he faces a major backlash from Palestinians frustrated by his long rule and the increasingly authoritarian Palestinian Authority.

A poll released this week found that nearly 80% of Palestinians want him to resign. Abbas’ presidential mandate expired in 2009, but he has continued as head of the PA, which administers parts of the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

Abbas canceled the first Palestinian elections in 15 years back in April when it appeared his Fatah party would suffer an embarrassing loss. He was largely sidelined during the 11-day Gaza war in May, when support for his militant Hamas rivals soared.



The death of a prominent critic of the PA while in the custody of Palestinian security forces in June sparked widespread protests in which the security forces beat and arrested several demonstrators.

But Abbas is still viewed internationally as the representative of the Palestinian cause and a vital partner in the peace process. His forces coordinate security with Israel, targeting Hamas and other militant groups that both view as a threat — a policy that has contributed to his unpopularity.

Abbas has made veiled threats before, and is unlikely to follow through with the kind of drastic political decision that would spell the end of the PA, which was created through the Oslo accords. His government also relies heavily on aid from the international community, which remains committed to a negotiated two-state solution.

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Yahoo News

## Indian prime minister Modi meets first Indian American VP Harris

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi met US Vice-President Kamala Harris in Washington on Thursday, marking the first in-person meeting of Mr Modi and the highest-ranking Indian American in US history.

Ms Harris is the first woman and first black and South Asian vice-president.

Mr Modi congratulated Ms Harris on her historic position and invited her to return the visit.

“The people of India are waiting to welcome you,” he said.

In November, residents of Ms Harris’ ancestral village, Thulasendrapuram, in India’s south, lit fireworks and marched in the street following news of her win.

Mr Modi’s three-day trip ends on Friday, capped by his first meeting with President Joe Biden.

Speaking in the Oval Office, Mr Biden

extended a warm welcome to Mr Modi and paid tribute to the four million Indian Americans who he said “make us stronger”.

Mr Modi returned the well wishes, saying the bilateral meeting was sowing the seeds “for an even stronger friendship between India and the US”.

The China factor in India’s Quad strategy

The meeting comes as the Taliban establishes its new governing structure in Afghanistan, weeks after seizing power of the country. Earlier this month, a spokesperson for the group told the BBC that it intends to “raise its voice for Muslims” in Indian-administered Kashmir.

India and Pakistan control different parts of the Muslim-majority territory, but both claim it as wholly theirs.

During the 2019 campaign, Ms Harris condemned Mr Modi’s actions in Kashmir revoking part of the region’s auto-



my - one of the few candidates to do so.

Mr Modi also attended the so-called “Quad” summit with Mr Biden and leaders of Australia and Japan on Friday - part of a White House effort to boost

co-operation in the Asia-Pacific region.  
Yahoo News



# Islamic fundamentals aimed at ensuring total health, family peace and social order -Dr Javid Jamil

Islamic fundamentals aimed at ensuring total health, family peace and social order:  
On 25th September, 2021, I was invited as one of the main speakers in a two day conference organised by the Karnataka Jamaat Islami Hind at Mangalore. The conference was on the subject of “Inviting towards God through Wisdom”, which was attended by several hundred people from across the state. I was requested to deliver a talk as on “Atheism, Contemporary Ideologies and The Rationality of the Fundamentals of Islam”. It was almost a two hour long session. First, I spoke for around 50 minutes, which was followed by an extremely lively interactive session during which around a dozen questions were asked. In fact if time had permitted it could have gone much longer. In my talk, I argued that there is an urgent need to focus on the ways to challenge the so called modern ideologies that are posing huge threat to health, family peace and social order with ever rising crime rates including lakhs of murders and rapes, millions of deaths due to alcohol, free sex which has resulted in more than 37 million deaths due to AIDS in last 30 years,, more than 5 crore (50 million) abortions every year and tens of thousands of suicides including those due to gambling etc. The whole legal system, healthcare system and family system are in doldrums. In Western countries, more than 40 pc children are born out of wedlock and more than 60 pc children are living with single parents, mostly mothers (figures about America and Europe). Women and children are the biggest sufferers. All this is done for the benefit of the market forces and all the evils have become big businesses today. They first commercialize the causes of the problems and then the solutions of the problems. Economic fundamentalism is the primary ideology behind all the developments in every field -- law, education, sciences, social order, politics, and what not. “Freedom” in today’s world means nothing but freedom to engage in activities that bring money to the market despite the undeniable facts that they cause huge health and peace

issues.  
I stressed the need to use facts and figures to highlight how Islamic system is health and peace protective. I told that Islamic system has three tiers, individual, family and society and Islam has three dimensional legal system comprising Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Duties and Fundamental Prohibitions. All the commands of Islam are aimed at ensuring health and peace at every level. Even measures like circumcision play extremely important role in preventing AIDS and other sex transmitted diseases as well as in minimising the risks of cancers of penis and cervix in females who are their wives.  
I also dwelt upon the huge failure of the modern legal system. The crime rates including murderous assaults and rapes are maximum in those countries which claim to be most advanced and civilized including America and Europe. Despite tens of millions of police men, hundreds of thousands of lawyers, tens of thousands of judges, crime rates are zooming. Both the parties of lawyers are normally engaged in distortion or exaggeration of facts and yet judges are supposed to give judgment on the basis of their arguments.  
In reply to a question, I told that almost all the major epidemics since the beginning of the Twentieth Century have association with non-compliance of the Islamic guidelines. Spanish Flu and Swine Flu have killed more than 180 million (!8 cr) people in last 110 years, and most scientists believe that the pig farming necessitated by pork eating was the ultimate cause. HIV/AIDS, due to indulgence in promiscuity, homosexuality and drugs killed around 38 million (3.8 cr) people. Corona too, according to most researchers, came through the meat of penguins and bats, which are not allowed in Islam. Further, if the Prophetic (SAW) Hadith regarding Epidemics had been followed, it could not have spread outside Wuhan, or at the most outside China. The Hadith advised that if



an epidemic spreads anywhere, the people from that area must not leave it and people from outside must not enter it. Unfortunately, while social distancing and other measures have been adopted, curbs on travelling from the area where it originally began or where new strains have emerged have not been implemented the way they deserved to be implemented.  
In reply to a question I also explained why the realization of God and Qayamat are the only way to explain why so many injustices are there in the world because only in Hereafter the justice can be restored to the people who have been murdered or traumatized in any way. If there is no God and Qayamat, it would mean that this universe is highly unjust as it neither punishes all the culprits nor awards the righteous. In reply to another question I said that while it is natural for humans to accept rewards for good deeds in the form of Jannah the more spiritually inclined people do good only to earn the pleasure of God.

A demand came that I should share the statistics with the jamaat cadre and I immediately gave them a paper with statistics for circulation. Overall I can say, Alhamdulillah, this was a highly successful and effective way of propagating the truth of Islam in this world where Islamophobia is being deliberately pursued by the vested interests. Jamaat deserves appreciation for its efforts in the right direction.





## HEALTH

## 11 foods that lower cholesterol

Changing what foods you eat can lower your cholesterol and improve the armada of fats floating through your bloodstream. Adding foods that lower LDL, the harmful cholesterol-carrying particle that contributes to artery-clogging atherosclerosis, is the best way to achieve a low cholesterol diet.

Add these foods to lower LDL cholesterol

Different foods lower cholesterol in various ways. Some deliver soluble fiber, which binds cholesterol and its precursors in the digestive system and drags them out of the body before they get into circulation. Some give you polyunsaturated fats, which directly lower LDL. And some contain plant sterols and stanols, which block the body from absorbing cholesterol.

1. Oats. An easy first step to lowering your cholesterol is having a bowl of oatmeal or cold oat-based cereal like Cheerios for breakfast. It gives you 1 to 2 grams of soluble fiber. Add a banana or some strawberries for another half-gram. Current nutrition guidelines recommend getting 20 to 35 grams of fiber a day, with at least 5 to 10 grams coming from soluble fiber. (The average American gets about half that amount.)

2. Barley and other whole grains. Like oats and oat bran, barley and other whole grains can help lower the risk of heart disease, mainly via the soluble fiber they deliver.

3. Beans. Beans are especially rich in soluble fiber. They also take a while for the body to digest, meaning you feel full for longer after a meal. That's one reason beans are a useful food for folks trying to lose weight. With so many choices — from navy and kidney beans to lentils, garbanzos, black-eyed peas, and beyond — and so many ways to prepare them, beans are a

very versatile food.

Foods that make up a low cholesterol diet can help reduce high levels

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5. Nuts. A bushel of studies shows that eating almonds, walnuts, peanuts, and other nuts is good for the heart. Eating 2 ounces of nuts a day can slightly lower LDL, on the order of 5%. Nuts have additional nutrients that protect the heart in other ways.

6. Vegetable oils. Using liquid vegetable oils such as canola, sunflower, safflower, and others in place of butter, lard, or shortening when cooking or at the table helps lower LDL.

7. Apples, grapes, strawberries, citrus fruits. These fruits are rich in pectin, a type of soluble fiber that lowers LDL.

8. Foods fortified with sterols and stanols. Sterols and stanols extracted from plants gum up the body's ability to absorb cholesterol from food. Companies are adding them to foods ranging from margarine and granola bars to orange juice and chocolate. They're also available as supplements. Getting 2 grams of plant sterols or stanols a day can lower LDL cholesterol by about 10%.

9. Soy. Eating soybeans and foods made from them, like tofu and soy milk, was once touted as a powerful way to lower cholesterol. Analyses show that the effect is more modest — consuming 25 grams of soy protein a day (10 ounces of tofu or 2



1/2 cups of soy milk) can lower LDL by 5% to 6%.

10. Fatty fish. Eating fish two or three times a week can lower LDL in two ways: by replacing meat, which has LDL-boosting saturated fats, and by delivering LDL-lowering omega-3 fats. Omega-3s reduce triglycerides in the bloodstream and also protect the heart by helping prevent the onset of abnormal heart rhythms.

11. Fiber supplements. Supplements offer the least appealing way to get soluble fiber. Two teaspoons a day of psyllium, which is found in Metamucil and other bulk-forming laxatives, provide about 4 grams of soluble fiber.

Putting together a low cholesterol diet When it comes to investing money, experts recommend creating a portfolio of diverse investments instead of putting all your eggs in one basket. The same holds true for eating your way to lower cholesterol. Adding several foods to lower cholesterol in different ways should work better than focusing on one or two.

A largely vegetarian “dietary portfolio of

cholesterol-lowering foods” substantially lowers LDL, triglycerides, and blood pressure. The key dietary components are plenty of fruits and vegetables, whole grains instead of highly refined ones, and protein mostly from plants. Add margarine enriched with plant sterols; oats, barley, psyllium, okra, and eggplant, all rich in soluble fiber; soy protein; and whole almonds.

Of course, shifting to a cholesterol-lowering diet takes more attention than popping a daily statin. It means expanding the variety of foods you usually put in your shopping cart and getting used to new textures and flavors. But it's a “natural” way to lower cholesterol, and it avoids the risk of muscle problems and other side effects that plague some people who take statins.

Just as important, a diet that is heavy on fruits, vegetables, beans, and nuts is good for the body in ways beyond lowering cholesterol. It keeps blood pressure in check. It helps arteries stay flexible and responsive. It's good for bones and digestive health, for vision and mental health.

## Healthy eating for blood sugar control

If you have diabetes, a healthy eating plan for you is not that different from a healthy eating plan for people without diabetes. The American Diabetes Association (ADA) echoes the dietary guidelines recommended for the general public — that is, a diet centered on fruits, vegetables, whole grains, legumes (peas and beans), and low-fat dairy products.

However, you'll want to pay special attention to your carbohydrate intake. Vegetables, fruits, and whole grains provide more nutrition per calorie than refined carbohydrates and tend to be rich in fiber. Your body digests high-fiber foods more slowly — which means a more moderate rise in blood sugar.

For most people with diabetes, carbohydrates should account for about 45% to 55% of the total calories you eat each day. Choose your carbohydrates wisely — ideally, from vegetables, whole grains, and fruits. Avoid highly refined carbohydrates such as white bread, pasta, and rice, as well

as candy, sugary soft drinks, and sweets. Refined carbohydrates tend to cause sharp spikes in blood sugar, and can boost blood triglyceride levels.

Fiber comes in two forms: insoluble fiber, the kind found in whole grains, and soluble fiber, found in beans, dried peas, oats, and fruits. Soluble fiber in particular appears to lower blood sugar levels by improving insulin sensitivity, which may mean you need less diabetes medicine. And a number of studies suggest that eating plenty of fiber reduces the chances of developing heart disease — and people with diabetes need to do all they can to lower their risk. Blood sugar levels above the normal range are actually toxic to your cells. Left untreated or even poorly controlled, diabetes can lead to heart disease, vision loss, kidney failure, stroke, loss of limbs and more. And the risk of diabetes increases with age.

How just 2 tablespoons of vinegar can lower blood sugar surges

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• The protein-rich foods that can help naturally control blood sugar. (And why you should eat the protein before you have the carbs).

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blood pressure is twice as common among people with diabetes. And we'll give you 5 tips to help cut sodium from your diet — a good way to lower blood pressure.

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## RECIPES

# Indori Poha Recipe

### Ingredient

3 Serving  
 1 Cup poha (beaten rice or flatten rice)  
 1 Green chili chopped or sliced  
 Salt as per taste  
 1 Tsp mustard seeds  
 1 Sprig of curry leaves  
 2 Tblsp oil  
 1 Medium sized onion finely chopped  
 1 Medium size potato  
 2 Pinch of turmeric powder  
 1 Lemon  
 ½ Tsp sugar  
 Handful green coriander finely chopped  
 For Garnishing  
 Handful pomegranate seed  
 2 Tblsp chopped onion  
 3 Tblsp roasted peanut  
 3-4 Tblsp bhujija sev

### Method

First of all, measure poha or beaten rice and wash in running water in a colander. Drain and keep it aside. It will absorb the moisture and puff up. No need to soak for long in water. It also depends on poha quality. If thick poha then has to be soaked in water for some time. Heat oil in a kadhai on medium flame. Add mustard seeds and let them crackle. To this add curry leaves and sliced green chilies. Stir for 30 seconds. After 30 seconds add chopped onion. Stir for 2 minutes. Add chopped potatoes and mix. Cover with the lid and cook until potatoes are cooked. It takes around 5 minutes. Lower the heat if required else potatoes get burnt. Once potatoes are cooked add tur-

meric powder, sugar, and salt. Mix well.

Finally, add soaked poha and give a nice mix so that everything combines well. Adjust salt as per taste.

Add lemon juice and chopped coriander. Stir nicely.

Garnish with lemon wedges or peanuts, bhujija sev, chopped onion, and pomegranate pearls. Serve hot with tea. Indori poha or Indori Pohe is ready to serve hot.

### Note

Serve with any of your favorite garnish items.

Soaking completing depends on the beaten rice or poha quality. I



use think variety for which no soaking required. Just washing and draining is enough. Thick poha needs soaking for some time.

## Daal Gosht (Lamb with Lentils)

Daal gosht or dal gosht is a popular dish of flavorful, spicy cubed lamb and a blend of herbs. This recipe transforms ordinary lentils into the perfect hearty Indian-inspired dish. It is a Pakistani or North Indian cuisine. This wholesome meaty dish makes a great one-pot meal that can be doubled or tripled for large family gatherings. Add a green salad and you're in for a satisfying meal.

### Ingredients

1 cup toor daal  
 2 pounds boneless lamb, cubed  
 3 tablespoons vegetable cooking oil  
 1 teaspoon cumin seeds  
 2 medium onions, sliced  
 1 tablespoon ginger paste  
 2 tablespoons garlic paste  
 2 teaspoons ground coriander  
 1 teaspoon ground cumin  
 1/2 teaspoon turmeric powder

1 teaspoon red chili powder  
 1 teaspoon garam masala  
 4 large tomatoes, chopped fine, or 1 (14 1/2-ounce) can chopped tomatoes  
 Salt, to taste  
 1/2 lime, juiced  
 Fresh cilantro leaves, for garnish  
 Gather the ingredients. Heat the cooking oil in a deep pan (on medium heat). When hot, add the cumin seeds. Fry till the spluttering stops. Add the onions and fry (stirring often) till they begin to turn pale golden in color. Now add the ginger and garlic pastes and fry for a minute. Next, add the coriander, cumin, turmeric, red chili, and garam masala powder and fry till the oil separates from the masala. Stir often to prevent the masala from sticking to the vessel and burning. Add the tomatoes and fry for two to three minutes, stirring often. Now add the lamb, salt to

taste, and stir well. Fry till browned. Now add the lentils to the pot. Stir well and add three cups of water. If you are using a pot to cook the Daal Gosht, you need to let the daal/lentils come to a boil after adding the water and then simmer, cover the pot, and cook until the daal/lentils are soft. The end consistency of this dish needs to be like thick porridge, so keep checking to see if you need to add more water. Add hot water as required to maintain the right consistency until the daal/lentils are cooked.

Once cooked, add the lime juice, stir well, and garnish with coriander leaves. Serve with plain boiled rice and a vegetable side dish.

### Pressure Cooker Variation

If you are using a pressure cooker, follow



recipe up to step eight, then add lid to pressure cooker and cook until you have heard three whistles. The daal/lentils should be done by now. Turn off the heat and allow the steam to release and open the pressure cooker before continuing with remaining steps of recipe.

## Murgh Cholay Recipe

### Ingredients

1 pound boneless chicken or 2 pounds chicken bone in  
 1 17-19 fl oz can chickpeas drained and rinsed through  
 ¼ cup vegetable oil  
 1 onion  
 2 tomatoes  
 1 ½ teaspoon garlic paste  
 1 ½ teaspoon ginger paste  
 1 ½ teaspoon salt  
 ½ teaspoon cumin seeds  
 ½ teaspoon coriander powder  
 ½ teaspoon turmeric powder  
 1 ½ to 2 teaspoons red chilli powder  
 ½ teaspoon garam masala powder  
 ½ teaspoon black pepper  
 ¼ cup cilantro  
 3 green chillies finely sliced

### Instructions

Dice your onions and tomatoes in a small to medium dice and set aside. Take a stockpot sized pot and put it on medium high heat, wait a few minutes, and then add the oil. When the oil is hot then add in the onions and the cumin seeds & cook until the onions start to turn golden brown at the edges.

Add the garlic and ginger pastes and stir for another minute or two, then add the salt, chilli powder, turmeric powder, and coriander powder and let it cook until it becomes a cohesive paste, be careful not to burn it. If it starts to stick then add a tablespoon of water.

Now add the chopped tomatoes and

cook till soft.

Add the chicken pieces into the pot, stirring to ensure that the chicken turns white on all sides.

Now in goes a cup of hot water, the chickpeas, and a pinch of baking soda, bring it to a boil, and then let it cook covered on low heat for another 25-30 minutes.

Uncover your pot, check the chicken for doneness, it should be nice and tender

Adjust the consistency of your gravy by adding water then add the garam ma-



sala, the black pepper, the green chillies and cilantro. Cook for 2 minutes then taste and adjust seasoning.

Garnish with additional cilantro and green chillies if desired and serve hot.



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 Manufacturer : Utility Trailer Manufacturing Company  
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 UTILITY UTILITY TRAILER 2022

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 Manufacturer : Indian Motorcycle Company  
 Subject : Possible Loss Of Brake Lights From ECU Update  
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 INDIAN SCOUT BOBBER SIXTY 2020

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 Manufacturer : Volvo Car USA, LLC  
 Subject : Seat Belt Locking Retractor Malfunction/FMVSS 208  
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 Manufacturer : Daimler Trucks North America, LLC  
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 FREIGHTLINER CASCADIA 2019-2021

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V690  
 Manufacturer : Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)  
 Subject : ABS Modulator May Leak Brake Fluid  
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 HONDA CB500X 2019-2020  
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NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V691  
 Manufacturer : Forest River, Inc.  
 Subject : Unsealed Mini-Breakers May Cause Fire  
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 FOREST RIVER BERKSHIRE 2021

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V692  
 Manufacturer : Forest River, Inc.  
 Subject : Incorrectly Installed AGM Battery  
 Make Model Model Years  
 COACHMEN NOVA 2021-2022

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V693  
 Manufacturer : LDJ Manufacturing, Inc.  
 Subject : Fender Clearance Lights May Fail  
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 THUNDER CREEK DEF 2021  
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 Manufacturer : Eldorado National- California, Inc.  
 Subject : Fuel Hose Leak  
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 ELDORADO EZRM 2019-2021

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V695  
 Manufacturer : Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.  
 Subject : Pressure Input Rod On Brake Booster May Be Loose  
 Make Model Model Years  
 VOLKSWAGEN ARTEON 2021

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V696  
 Manufacturer : Blue Bird Body Company  
 Subject : Obstructed View of Cross-View Mirror/FMVSS 111  
 Make Model Model Years  
 BLUE BIRD VISION 2022

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V697  
 Manufacturer : Porsche Cars North America, Inc.  
 Subject : Pressure Input Rod On Brake Booster May Be Loose  
 Make Model Model Years  
 PORSCHE 911 CARRERA 2020-2021  
 PORSCHE TAYCAN 2020-2021

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V698  
 Manufacturer : Chrysler (FCA US, LLC)  
 Subject : Incorrect Spare Tire Installed/FMVSS 110  
 Make Model Model Years  
 RAM 1500 2021

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V699  
 Manufacturer : Chrysler (FCA US, LLC)  
 Subject : Seat Belt Locking Retractor Malfunction/FMVSS 208  
 Make Model Model Years  
 RAM PROMASTER 2021  
 RAM PROMASTER CITY 2021

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V700  
 Manufacturer : Newmar Corporation  
 Subject : Instrument Cluster May Go Blank  
 Make Model Model Years  
 NEWMAR DUTCH STAR 2019-2021  
 NEWMAR ESSEX 2019-2021  
 NEWMAR KING AIRE 2019-2021  
 NEWMAR LONDON AIRE 2019-2021  
 NEWMAR MOUNTAIN AIRE 2019-2021  
 NEWMAR NEW AIRE 2021  
 NEWMAR VENTANA 2020-2021

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V701  
 Manufacturer : Forest River, Inc.  
 Subject : Cooktop Can Be Stowed With Propane Still Connected  
 Make Model Model Years  
 COACHMEN SPORTSCOACH 2021-2022

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V702  
 Manufacturer : General Motors, LLC  
 Subject : Sensing Diagnostic Module Not Activated/FMVSS 208  
 Make Model Model Years  
 GMC ACADIA 2022

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V703  
 Manufacturer : Maserati North America, Inc.  
 Subject : Automatic Locking Retractor Malfunction/FMVSS 208  
 Make Model Model Years  
 MASERATI GHIBLI 2021  
 MASERATI LEVANTE 2021  
 MASERATI QUATTROPORTE 2021

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V704  
 Manufacturer : Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC  
 Subject : Jet Pump In Fuel Tank May Fail  
 Make Model Model Years  
 MERCEDES-BENZ S580 2021

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V706  
 Manufacturer : Nissan North America, Inc.  
 Subject : Secondary Hood Latch May Detach/FMVSS 113  
 Make Model Model Years  
 NISSAN PATHFINDER 2022

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V643  
 Manufacturer : Swab Wagon Company, Inc.  
 Subject : Rear LED Lights Too Bright/FMVSS 108  
 Make Model Model Years  
 SWAB WAGON CHEVROLET 2500 HD 2017  
 SWAB WAGON CHEVROLET 3500 2018-2019  
 SWAB WAGON FORD F-350 2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V673  
 Manufacturer : Triple E Recreational Vehicles  
 Subject : Illuminated Assist Handle May Melt  
 Make Model Model Years  
 TRIPLE E UNITY 2020-2021  
 TRIPLE E RV WONDER 2020-2021

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V677  
 Manufacturer : Autocar, LLC  
 Subject : Power Steering Pump May Fail  
 Make Model Model Years  
 AUTOCAR LEGEND 2020-2021  
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NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V678  
 Manufacturer : KTM North America, Inc.  
 Subject : Brake Pad Retaining Clip Mounted Incorrectly  
 Make Model Model Years  
 HUSQVARNA FE 350S 2022  
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NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V679  
 Manufacturer : Porsche Cars North America, Inc.  
 Subject : Rear Axle Carrier Side May Fracture  
 Make Model Model Years  
 PORSCHE BOXSTER 2013-2015  
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NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V680

Manufacturer : Tiffin Motorhomes, Inc.  
 Subject : Seat Belts Not Installed Properly/FMVSS 210  
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 TIFFIN ALLEGRO 2018-2022  
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 TIFFIN ALLEGRO BUS 2018-2022  
 TIFFIN ALLEGRO RED 2018-2022  
 TIFFIN PHAETON 2018-2022  
 TIFFIN ZEPHYR 2018-2021

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V684  
 Manufacturer : Mack Trucks, Inc.  
 Subject : Brake Pedal Cotter Pin Not Installed Properly  
 Make Model Model Years  
 MACK MD 2020-2022

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V685  
 Manufacturer : Jayco, Inc.  
 Subject : Propane Regulator May Fail and Cause Fire  
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 JAYCO EAGLE 2018-2021  
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 Manufacturer : Highland Ridge RV  
 Subject : Propane Regulator May Fail and Cause Fire  
 Make Model Model Years  
 HIGHLAND RIDGE MESA RIDGE 2021  
 HIGHLAND RIDGE MESA RIDGE LITE 2021  
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NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V687  
 Manufacturer : Starcraft RV  
 Subject : Propane Regulator May Fail and Cause Fire  
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 STARCRAFT AUTUMN RIDGE OUT-FITTER 2021-2022  
 STARCRAFT SUPER LITE 2021  
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NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V688  
 Manufacturer : Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing  
 Subject : Headlight Electrical Connector May Overheat  
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 TOYOTA TUNDRA 2018-2021

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# India's Modi targets neighbors at UN, but not by name

NEW YORK (AP) — Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi didn't directly mention Pakistan or China in his Saturday speech to the United Nations General Assembly, but the targets of his address were clear.

In a roughly 20-minute speech delivered in-person and in Hindi, he called upon the international community to help the women, children and minorities of Afghanistan and said that it was imperative the country not be used as a base from which to spread terror.

"We also need to be alert and ensure that no country tries to take advantage of the delicate situation there, and use it as a tool for its own selfish interests," he said in an apparent reference to Pakistan, wedged between Afghanistan and India.

India has charged that the Taliban is Pakistan's "proxy terrorist" group and expressed concerns that Afghanistan could be used as a training ground for anti-India militant groups. The government in New Delhi also worries that the Taliban takeover could strengthen insurgency in the disputed region of Kashmir, which both India and Pakistan claim in full.

Modi did not mention Kashmir or the long-simmering conflict there, in contrast to Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan's speech the previous evening.

Modi also highlighted what he called the need to protect oceans from "the race for expansion and exclusion." India and China

have long competed for influence in the Indian Ocean.

Modi's speech came a day after the prime minister met one-on-one with President Joe Biden and participated in a summit of "the Quad": the U.S., Japan, India and Australia. The members of the informal Indo-Pacific alliance have been uneasy as China's power grows in the region.

On the heels of waves of coronavirus surges that have ravaged India, Modi made no mention of his own country's death toll — one that experts believe numbers in the millions. But he reaffirmed last week's announcement that India would restart exporting vaccines next month.

India paused its export of vaccines in April after donating or selling 66 million doses to nearly 100 countries. The halt, amid an overwhelming virus surge, left many developing countries without adequate supply as India was expected to be a key supplier.

"Deeply conscious of its responsibility towards mankind, India has resumed the process of providing vaccines to those who need it in the world," Modi said, inviting vaccine manufacturers to come to India and touting Indian scientists' advances.

Modi's elision of direct references to China, Pakistan or Indian coronavirus casualties isn't exactly new. It was the same story at last year's U.N. General Assembly, when amid border tensions with Pakistan

and China and an already high death toll, he opted to instead paint India as a country that treats "the whole world as one family" and promoted domestic initiatives.

Modi also reiterated last year's criticism of the United Nations, saying it was incumbent on the international body to strengthen its own effectiveness and boost its credibility.

"Today, all kinds of questions have been raised about the U.N.," he said. "We have seen such questions being raised related to the climate crisis. And we also saw that during COVID, the proxy war going on in many parts of the world, terrorism, and the recent Afghan crisis have further highlighted the seriousness of these questions."

India has long pushed for a permanent seat on the Security Council, the most powerful organ of the United Nations. Earlier in his speech, Modi referenced India's global influence by underscoring that "every sixth person in the world is Indian."

"When India grows, the world grows. When India reforms, the world transforms," he said.

While Modi struck a high-minded tone in his speech, India and Pakistan verbally sparred during Friday night's "right of reply" period. Following Khan's speech in which he accused India of human rights



abuses and fomenting terrorism, an Indian diplomat essentially flung those same accusations back.

Khan had also accused Modi's hard-line, Hindu nationalist government of propagating Islamophobia. Modi did not respond to that charge Saturday morning, but broadly proclaimed India's pluralism.

"Our diversity is the identity of our strong democracy," he said. "It is a country that has dozens of languages. Hundreds of dialects, different lifestyles and cuisines. This is the best example of a vibrant democracy."

Less than an hour after Modi's speech concluded, a coalition of groups outside the United Nations building protested what organizers described as "the Modi government's assault on human rights, secular democracy, and persecution of religious minorities, Dalits, and farmers in India."   
MALLIKA SEN  
Yahoo News

## Easy Halloween Costumes You Can Quickly DIY at the Last Minute

Halloween lets everyone embrace the impossible. At one party, you're dressed up as an 80s rock legend ready to take the stage in front of a roaring crowd. The next night, you're a figment of your own imagination, wearing an outfit that resembles the burrito you ate earlier that day. There's a freedom that comes with picking out a Halloween costume, which means you can go with a nod to pop culture, something food-inspired or a look that's downright meme-worthy. But if you feel like time is ticking, browse through these ridiculously easy Halloween costumes to find your 2021 look.

Before you fill up your Amazon cart with craft supplies, makeup, wigs and other costume accessories, take a closer look at what you already have stashed away in your closet because most of the DIY Halloween costumes on this list can be made with supplies you already have at home. Then work your way through these homemade costume ideas for men, women, couples and friend groups until you

find something that catches your eye. With so many options to choose from, you're bound to find the best Halloween costume fit for any party theme: classic crowd-pleasers (cute cats, bats and deer), costumes that bring the puns ("smarty pants") and scary Halloween looks that'll give everyone a thrill (gauzy ghosts). Best of all: You can wait until October 31 to pull together these costumes because they barely take any time at all.





## Pakistani IBA graduate appointed as KFC Global

KARACHI: Pakistan's Sabir Sami, who graduated from Institute of Business Administration (IBA) Karachi, has been appointed named as global division chief executive officer (CEO) of KFC.

According to a statement by Yum! Brands, Sabir will be taking charge of the position after Tony Lowings who is stepping down as chief executive 2021-end. Sami, through his new role, will assume global responsibility for driving the brand strategy and performance of KFC.

While praising the skills of Sabir Sami, Yum! Brands Chief Executive Officer David Gibbs said, "Sabir is an exceptional leader with deep expertise and knowledge of our business and has a strong, proven track record of growing KFC's physical and brand presence in markets around the world".

"As a highly-respected strategic brand builder, operations expert and heart-led leader, Sabir is a natural choice to continue successfully executing KFC's long-term global growth strategies in close partnership with our franchisees and further elevate KFC as a relevant, easy and distinctive (R.E.D.) brand", Gibbs added.



In addition to his roles at KFC, Sabir dually serves as Managing Director of KFC Asia, a high-growth region for the brand representing 17 markets, excluding China, and comprising more than 15 per cent of all KFC Division restaurants.

Sabir's previous roles include those at Procter & Gamble, Coca-Cola and Reckitt Benckiser. The

54-year-old has been associated with Yum for the past 12 years.

Expressing his delight over the promotion to global division, Sami said, "I'm incredibly privileged and excited to continue working with our talented and dedicated KFC leaders and amazing franchise partners around the world to keep strengthening and accelerating the development of our powerful, iconic brand".



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## Binaca Geetmala Annual List (1954)

Jaye To Jaye Kahan  ✓ ★ 4.36 - 1053 votes	Talat Mahmood	Sachin Dev Burman	Dev Anand
	Taxi Driver (1954)	Sahir Ludhianvi	Sad Songs
Man Dole Mera Tan Dole  ✓ ★ 4.40 - 1047 votes	Lata Mangeshkar	Hemant Kumar	Vyjayantimala, Pradeep Kumar, Jeevan
	Nagin (1954)	Rajinder Krishan	Dance Songs, All Time Great
Ye Lo Main Haari Piyaa, Hui Teri Jit Re  ✓ ★ 4.40 - 830 votes	Geeta Dutt	O P Nayyar	Shakila, Guru Dutt
	Aar Paar (1954)	Majrooh Sultanpuri	All Time Great, Roothna Manaana
Insaaf Ka Mandir Hai Ye Bhagavaan Ka Ghar Hai  ✓ ★ 4.47 - 1129 votes	Mohammed Rafi	Naushad	Dilip Kumar, Madhubala
	Amar (1954)	Shakeel Badayuni	Religious Songs
Rahi Matwale, Tu Chhed Ek Baar  ✓ ★ 4.35 - 496 votes	Suraiya, Talat Mahmood	Anil Biswas	Suraiya, Talat Mahmood
	Waris (1954)	Qamar Jalalabadi	Romantic Songs
Chandaamaamaa Dur Ke Pue Pakaaen Bur Ke  ✓ ★ 4.32 - 195 votes	Asha Bhosle	Ravi Shankar	
	Vachan (1955)	Ravi	Songs for Kids, All Time Great
Man Ki Bin Matwari Baje  ✓ ★ 4.38 - 133 votes	Lata Mangeshkar, Mohammed Rafi	Naushad	Nutan, Bharat Bhushan
	Shabab (1954)	Shakeel Badayuni	Classical Songs
Kaise Koyi Jiye Jehar Hai Jindagi  ✓ ★ 4.32 - 269 votes	Geeta Dutt	S K Pal, Timir Baran	
	Baadbaan (1954)	Indeevar	Sad Songs
Chhota Sa Ghar Hoga Badlo Ki Chhanv Me  ✓ ★ 4.42 - 245 votes	Kishore Kumar, Usha Mangeshkar	Salil Chowdhury	Sheela Ramani, Kishore Kumar
	Naukari (1954)	Shailendra	Happy Songs
Na Ye Chand Hoga Na Tare Rahenge (By Geeta Dutt)  ✓ ★ 4.41 - 820 votes	Geeta Dutt	Hemant Kumar	Shyama, Deepak
	Shart (1954)	S H Bihari	Moon Songs, Romantic Songs



## In rural Afghanistan, a family welcomes Taliban rule

The interior of the house made of mud bricks was cool, clean and calm. A man called Shamsullah, who had a small son clinging to his leg, ushered his visitors into the room where they received guests.

A rug covered the floor and cushions ran along the walls that were at least two-feet thick. A few treasures were on display. A small cabinet with half a dozen tiny coloured glass bottles. But the family are poor, and any possessions they had were destroyed or looted during the last 20 years of war.

The house was a refuge from the hot sun and dusty air outside. It was surrounded by high mud walls, like all the family compounds in the fields that became battlefields in Marjah, Helmand province. Inside the walls they were ready to harvest a few more puffballs of cotton to be added to the bale Shamsullah had already taken from the fields outside.

Shamsullah ushered in his mother, Goljuma. He said she was 65. She had wrapped herself in a long shawl that covered her head and body down to her knees, with a small gap so she could peer out.

Sometimes I caught the flash of an eye and the bridge of a nose. Goljuma's voice was strong as she talked about a life full of sadness and a war that destroyed her life and killed her four eldest sons. Shamsullah, the youngest, was the only one left. He was 24, but his face was 10 years older.

Goljuma's first son to die, 11 years ago, was Zia Ul Huq. He was a fighter for the Taliban. "My son joined the Taliban because he understood that the Americans wanted to destroy Islam and Afghanistan," she said.

The other three sons died within a few months in 2014. Quadratallah was killed in an air strike. Two other brothers, Hayatullah and Aminullah, were arrested in a police raid on the family home. Shamsullah said his brothers were forced to sign up for the army, where they were killed. As the only survivor, Shamsullah said God decided he had to take on the responsibilities of the family.

"Have you ever tried to balance five water melons on one hand? That's how it is for me," he told me. His duties include ensuring the welfare of the widow of his oldest brother, Zia, the Taliban fighter.

"I miss my brothers," Shamsullah said. "My eldest brother's wife married my next brother when he died. When he was killed, my next brother married her. When he was killed my fourth brother married her. I married her when he was killed."

PROFILES: Who's who in the Taliban leadership

INVESTIGATION: Taliban kill civilians in resistance stronghold

ANALYSIS: Are the Taliban any different this time around?

In 2010, Marjah was chosen as the first set piece operation of the US troop "surge" ordered by President Barack Obama. The idea was that reinforcements would deliver knockout blows that would change the course of the war decisively in favour of the government in Kabul and the American, British and other allied forces that sustained it.

"As we push the Taliban out, there is nothing but a bright future ahead: good schools, good health clinics, a free-flowing market," a US military press release that year predicted.

The fields of cotton and opium poppies in Marjah turned into a nightmare for the foreign troops that fought the elusive Taliban insurgents. Three months into the long drawn-out operation the US Commander General Stanley McChrystal called Marjah "a bleeding ulcer". It was fought over many times in the next 10 years.

Goljuma was contemptuous of Western leaders who said they were trying to make Afghanistan a better place for the people. "I don't know anything about their mission. They destroyed the country," she said.

She was incredulous when I asked her about the opportunities that women were able to take and now are heart-broken to lose. "So many of our people suffered a lot while they were here. They killed our husbands, our brothers and our sons," she said. "I like the Taliban because they respect Islam. Women like me are not like women in Kabul."

She said before the Taliban won the war everyone was scared of them. Now they are relieved it is over.

One question, however, is whether she was speaking freely. The Taliban media



office insisted the BBC team travelled with an armed Talib bodyguard and a translator it approved as a condition of our presence in Helmand. If they had not been there, we might have heard more about the fear the Taliban drilled into many Afghans.

But I did not doubt Goljuma's sincerity when she condemned the destruction inflicted on Helmand's traditional farming community by the world's most powerful militaries, and her grief about her four dead sons.

In 2001, shortly after the 9/11 attacks on America the US, the UK and their allies invaded Afghanistan with a clear mission: to destroy al-Qaeda and punish the Taliban for harbouring them.

It is what happened next that is much harder to understand and to justify; an unwinnable war that cut across all that they tried to do to improve the lives of Afghans.

Development, like democracy, cannot come from the barrel of a gun. The West had victories along the way. Indeed, a generation of urban men and women were educated and had their horizons transformed. But those benefits did not reach poor and barely

educated people in the countryside like Goljuma's family.

When the Taliban first seized power in 1996, they used violence to enforce their religious and cultural beliefs. Now, most Afghans are too young to remember the years before 9/11 and the invasion.

In Lashkar Gah, young Talibs reacted to the BBC cameras by taking out their mobile phones, filming us and taking selfies with the foreigners. Mobile data is cheap here; our Taliban escort watched BBC Pashto on his phone. The world is open to them in a way that it wasn't in the 1990s, when the Taliban banned photography.

Their group's fighters are no longer boys who grew up with no knowledge of the outside world. So will they force their own fighters, let alone the rest of the population, to give up smartphones, the internet and a world that beckons them on? This time it might be harder to bend and break a country. Jeremy Bowen - BBC Middle East Editor, Helmand Yahoo News



# His country mired in crises, Lebanese leader calls for help

BEIRUT (AP) — The reverberations of terrorism across the oceans and war in their own neighborhood have left Lebanon and its fellow nations in the Middle East struggling with the consequences, Lebanon's president said Friday, calling for international help to save his own crisis-hit country.

With Lebanon mired in an unprecedented economic and financial meltdown, President Michel Aoun told the U.N. General Assembly's meeting of world leaders that the country could not rise without assistance from the global community.

Lebanon is in the grips of multiple crises that exploded in succession beginning in late 2019, largely caused by decades of corruption and mismanagement by the country's ruling class. A currency crash has plunged about three quarters of the population into poverty in the past year and triggered a brain drain not seen since its 1975-90 civil war days. That has been accelerated by the coronavirus pandemic and a massive explosion at the port of Beirut in August 2020 that killed more than 200 people and destroyed

parts of the city. Hundreds of thousands of refugees from neighboring Syria have put an additional strain on the tiny Mediterranean country.

The international community has refused to offer financial assistance before Lebanese leaders undertake critical reforms and stamp out endemic corruption.

Aoun described the recent formation of a new government in Lebanon after more than a year of political paralysis a "promising step on the road to recovery," and appealed for the world's help.

"We now look to the international community to finance vital projects in the public and private sectors in order to revive the economy and create job opportunities," he said.

Aoun also said Lebanon welcomes any international effort to rehabilitate and develop Beirut's port following the catastrophic Aug. 4, 2020 explosion. The blast happened when a fire ignited hundreds of tons of ammonium nitrates that had been haphazardly stored for years at a port

warehouse.

A year later, no one has been held accountable and it is still not clear who brought the ammoniums to the country and why they were stored there for so long in a rotting state. Families of the victims and many other Lebanese have demanded an international investigation, accusing Lebanese authorities of blocking the internal probe.

"Today, after more than a year has passed, our capital is still dark and (Beirut) is still a stricken city," Aoun said.

He said he was determined to undertake the necessary reforms by working with the new government headed by billionaire businessman Najib Mikati that was formed earlier this month. He also called for assistance from Western countries to help Lebanon "bear the burdens of the displaced" and guarantee their safe return to Syria, rejecting their permanent resettlement in Lebanon.



Lebanon has a population of about 6 million people, including 1 million Syrian refugees. That's the highest per-capita proportion of refugees in the world.

Aoun said the Middle East region "paid a high price" in death, destruction and displacement as a result of the war on terror that followed the 9/11 attacks in New York 20 years ago. In his prerecorded speech, Aoun said nations in the Mideast region today are healing their wounds and "trying to rise as New York rose before, because the will to live remains stronger than any terrorism."

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# Omar one of few voting no on Iron Dome defense funding

U.S. Rep. Ilhan Omar bucked most of her fellow House Democrats this week as one of only nine members to oppose \$1 billion for Israel's Iron Dome defense system.

Omar, a defender of Palestinian human rights and prominent Congressional critic of Israel's government, has faced bipartisan controversy when it comes to Israel during her time in office.

Omar declined a request for an interview on Friday, but in a series of tweets ahead of Thursday's vote, the Minnesota Democrat said that "given the human rights violations in Gaza, Sheikh Jarrah, and ever-growing settlement expansion, we should not be ramming through a last-minute \$1 billion increase in military funding for Israel without any accountability." She added in a later tweet, "we continue to pay lip service to human rights, peace and a two state solution. Yet we also continue to provide Israel with funding without addressing the underlying issue of the occupation."

While one Republican and a few other progressives in the group known as the "Squad" also voted no on the bill Thursday, the House overwhelmingly passed the money by a vote of 420 to 9. Omar's vote was sharply criticized by Steve Hunegs, executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas (JCRC). "The unfortunate no vote of Representative Omar repudiates in starkest terms essential life or death protection for all who live in Israel," Hunegs said.

But Lana Barkawi, a Palestinian American

and executive director of the arts organization Mizna, defended Omar's vote. Barkawi, a Minneapolis resident who has donated to Omar's campaign and appeared with her at a 2019 news conference after Israel denied Omar entry to the country, said "it was really important to take the stand that she took and I know that there are Palestinians and allies across her district who feel the same way."

The decision put Omar at odds with the rest of Minnesota's U.S. House delegation. All four Republicans and Minnesota's three other Democrats in the chamber voted in support of the legislation.

"The Iron Dome defense system has saved many innocent lives, and I was proud to join my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to approve its continued funding this week," Democratic U.S. Rep. Angie Craig said in a statement.

During her first term, Omar apologized after House Democratic leadership condemned her remarks, saying her "use of anti-Semitic tropes and prejudicial accusations about Israel's supporters is deeply offensive." Earlier this year, Omar tweeted "we have seen unthinkable atrocities committed by the U.S., Hamas, Israel, Afghanistan, and the Taliban," in reference to an exchange involving the International Criminal Court during a committee hearing. She later issued a clarification following bipartisan backlash.

The latest chapter in Democratic tensions over Israel initially came into view on Tuesday when \$1 billion for the Iron

Dome defense system was included, and then removed, from a larger package House Democrats were rushing to pass in an attempt to suspend the debt limit and avoid a government shutdown. Democratic Rep. Dean Phillips, who is Jewish, was vocal in his disappointment on the measure being removed, and Republicans were quick to call out Democrats even though no GOP lawmakers voted for the overarching bill on Tuesday.

"Speaker Pelosi should not have bowed to the Progressive Caucus and inexplicably removed our longstanding commitment to Israel to help fund the Iron Dome that protects innocent citizens from terrorist rockets from the Continuing Resolution Congress that passed the House," GOP U.S. Rep. Michelle Fischbach said in a statement.

After the defense funding was removed, Democratic House leaders moved quickly to pass a stand-alone Iron Dome bill. Still, Minnesota Democratic Rep. Betty McCollum, who chairs the influential House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense and voted for Thursday's bill, noted her "serious concerns as to whether these funds can even be expended with current Iron Dome production levels already at capacity," in a statement.

Omar was also the lone Democrat from Minnesota's House delegation to vote Thursday against the latest



National Defense Authorization Act. Republicans Tom Emmer, Jim Hagedorn and Fischbach also voted no on the bill, which passed with bipartisan support on a 316 to 113 vote. Omar's office pointed out that she has voted against passing the annual legislation ever since taking office back in 2019.

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# Hedge Funds are Selling Tesla (TSLA) and Buying These 10 EV Stocks Instead

In this article, we discuss the 10 EV stocks hedge funds are buying instead of Tesla. If you want to skip our detailed analysis of these stocks, go directly to Hedge Funds are Selling Tesla and Buying These 5 EV Stocks Instead.

Tesla, Inc. (NASDAQ:TSLA), the California-based electric vehicle (EV) firm led by billionaire Elon Musk, has been, over the past few weeks, feeling the heat of a number of problems that have combined to persuade market experts to short the stock of the company. A global chip shortage has hit the production and delivery numbers of the firm, the National Transportation Safety Board has initiated a fire safety probe into the vehicles made by Tesla after a fatal crash in Florida, and there are increased murmurings about the \$744 billion valuation of the company.

Even hedge funds have been selling the stock in anticipation of a correction in the share price. At the end of the second quarter of 2021, 60 hedge funds tracked by Insider Monkey held stakes worth close to \$9.3 billion in Tesla, Inc. (NASDAQ:TSLA), down from 62 in the previous quarter worth more than \$10 billion. Even industry veterans like Michael Burry of Scion Asset Management and Cathie Wood of ARK Investment Management are selling the stock, according to the latest 13F filings.

Latest filings show that Cathie Wood's fund cut its stake in the company by 7% in the second quarter. On September 9, Business Insider, citing Ark's daily transaction reports, reported that three of ARK's funds, including its flagship Ark Innovation ETF, sold a combined 142,708 shares of the EV maker. The total worth of the sold shares was close to \$108 million, in addition to the \$166 million worth of shares sold since late July, the report added.

Burry held PUT options against more than 1 million shares in the company worth over \$731 million, representing 35% of the investment portfolio of his fund, at the end of June 2021. Wood, whose fund owned over 5 million shares in Tesla, Inc. (NASDAQ:TSLA) worth \$3.6 billion at the end of the second quarter, trimmed her stake by 7% in the EV maker when compared to her filings for the first quarter of the year. Chicago-based Citadel Investment Group also has PUT options on more than 21 million shares of the EV maker worth close to \$15 billion.

Craig Irwin, senior research analyst at Roth Capital, is one of the market experts with a long-term bearish outlook on the EV maker. In April, during an interview with news platform CNBC, Irwin said Tesla, Inc. (NASDAQ:TSLA) stock was worth just \$150, a 78% discount from the price of the stock at the time, and added that the valuation of the firm was more than the total size of the US and European automotive markets, even though the company was only a "minor player" in the market overall.

Based on our data of 873 hedge funds, 62 funds held stakes in Tesla at the end of June, compared to 60 funds in the previous quarter. In addition, the total value of hedge funds' stakes in Tesla fell to \$9.2 bil-

lion in the second quarter from over \$10 billion in the first quarter.

In contrast to Tesla, Inc. (NASDAQ:TSLA), some of the EV stocks with a positive hedge fund sentiment heading into the third quarter were Ford Motor Company (NYSE:F), NIO Inc. (NYSE:NIO), and Freeport-McMoRan Inc. (NYSE:FCX), among others discussed in detail below. There is little doubt that the Musk-led company has disrupted the auto industry in the past few years with technology-enabled innovation that is fast obliterating traditional car manufacturing practices. This transformation is also visible in the finance world.

The entire hedge fund industry is feeling the reverberations of the changing financial landscape. Its reputation has been tarnished in the last decade, during which its hedged returns couldn't keep up with the unhedged returns of the market indices. On the other hand, Insider Monkey's research was able to identify in advance a select group of hedge fund holdings that outperformed the S&P 500 ETFs by more than 86 percentage points since March 2017. Between March 2017 and July 2021 our monthly newsletter's stock picks returned 186.1%, vs. 100.1% for the SPY. Our stock picks outperformed the market by more than 86 percentage points (see the details here). That's why we believe hedge fund sentiment is an extremely useful indicator that investors should pay attention to. You can subscribe to our free newsletter on our homepage to receive our stories in your inbox.

Our Methodology With this context in mind, here is our list of the 10 EV stocks hedge funds are buying instead of Tesla. Only those firms that work in the EV industry and have seen an increase in the number of hedge funds having stakes in the firm at the end of the second quarter of 2021, as compared to the first quarter, were selected for the listing.

The list is ranked according to the number of hedge funds having stakes in each company. Data from the 873 funds tracked by Insider Monkey was used for this purpose. Special importance was assigned to outlining the analyst ratings and business fundamentals for each firm to provide readers with some context so they can make more informed investment choices.

Hedge Funds are Selling Tesla and Buying These EV Stocks Instead

10. Romeo Power, Inc. (NYSE:RMO)  
Number of Hedge Fund Holders in Q2: 14  
Number of Hedge Fund Holders in Q1: 12  
Romeo Power, Inc. (NYSE:RMO) is placed tenth on our list of 10 EV stocks hedge funds are buying instead of Tesla. The firm operates as an energy technology company and makes and sells lithium-ion batteries used in electric vehicles. It is headquartered in California.

On August 17, investment advisory BTIG maintained a Buy rating on Romeo Power, Inc. (NYSE:RMO) stock but lowered the price target to \$12 from \$15, noting the firm needed a "strong finish" to the year after missing earnings estimates in the second quarter.

At the end of the second quarter of 2021, 14 hedge funds in the database of Insider

Monkey held stakes worth \$18 million in Romeo Power, Inc. (NYSE:RMO), up from 12 in the previous quarter worth \$7 million.

Just like Ford Motor Company (NYSE:F), NIO Inc. (NYSE:NIO), and Freeport-McMoRan Inc. (NYSE:FCX), Romeo Power, Inc. (NYSE:RMO) is one of the EV stocks attracting the attention of elite hedge funds, unlike Tesla, Inc. (NASDAQ:TSLA).

9. Arrival (NASDAQ:ARVL)  
Number of Hedge Fund Holders in Q2: 17  
Number of Hedge Fund Holders in Q1: 14  
Arrival (NASDAQ:ARVL) is ranked ninth on our list of 10 EV stocks hedge funds are buying instead of Tesla. The firm designs, assembles, and sells electric vehicles and buses. It is headquartered in Luxembourg. On June 3, investment advisory Barclays initiated coverage of Arrival (NASDAQ:ARVL) stock with an Overweight rating and a price target of \$25, noting that the firm was positioned to take share in both the EV vans and buses markets.

At the end of the second quarter of 2021, 17 hedge funds in the database of Insider Monkey held stakes worth \$117 million in Arrival (NASDAQ:ARVL), up from 14 in the previous quarter worth \$164 million. In addition to Ford Motor Company (NYSE:F), NIO Inc. (NYSE:NIO), and Freeport-McMoRan Inc. (NYSE:FCX), Arrival (NASDAQ:ARVL) is one of the EV stocks that hedge funds seem to prefer over Tesla, Inc. (NASDAQ:TSLA).

8. Velodyne Lidar, Inc. (NASDAQ:VLDR)  
Number of Hedge Fund Holders in Q2: 18  
Number of Hedge Fund Holders in Q1: 15  
Velodyne Lidar, Inc. (NASDAQ:VLDR) is a California-based firm that provides real-time three-dimensional vision for autonomous systems worldwide. It is placed eighth on our list of 10 EV stocks hedge funds are buying instead of Tesla. Velodyne Lidar, Inc. (NASDAQ:VLDR) has a market cap of more than \$1.2 billion and posted over \$95 million in revenue last year. The company was founded in 1983 and employs over 300 people. The 52-week price range of the stock lies between \$5.9 and \$30.

Out of the hedge funds being tracked by Insider Monkey, California-based investment firm No Street Capital is a leading shareholder in Velodyne Lidar, Inc. (NASDAQ:VLDR) with 500,000 shares worth more than \$5.3 million. Along with Ford Motor Company (NYSE:F), NIO Inc. (NYSE:NIO), and Freeport-McMoRan Inc. (NYSE:FCX), Velodyne Lidar, Inc. (NASDAQ:VLDR) is one of the EV stocks that hedge funds are buying instead of Tesla, Inc. (NASDAQ:TSLA).

7. Li Auto Inc. (NASDAQ:LI)  
Number of Hedge Fund Holders in Q2: 20  
Number of Hedge Fund Holders in Q1: 18  
Li Auto Inc. (NASDAQ:LI) is a China-



based company that makes and sells smart electric vehicles. It is ranked seventh on our list of 10 EV stocks hedge funds are buying instead of Tesla.

On August 31, investment advisory Bank of America maintained a Buy rating on Li Auto Inc. (NASDAQ:LI) stock and raised the price target to \$42 from \$39. Ming Hsun Lee, an analyst at the advisory, issued the ratings update.

At the end of the second quarter of 2021, 20 hedge funds in the database of Insider Monkey held stakes worth \$457 million in Li Auto Inc. (NASDAQ:LI), up from 18 in the previous quarter worth \$493 million. Ford Motor Company (NYSE:F), NIO Inc. (NYSE:NIO), and Freeport-McMoRan Inc. (NYSE:FCX) are some of the top EV stocks on the market, just like Li Auto Inc. (NASDAQ:LI).

6. Proterra Inc. (NASDAQ:PTRA)  
Number of Hedge Fund Holders in Q2: 23  
Number of Hedge Fund Holders in Q1: 0  
Proterra Inc. (NASDAQ:PTRA) is placed sixth on our list of 10 EV stocks hedge funds are buying instead of Tesla. The firm operates as an automotive and energy storage company and is headquartered in California.

On August 30, investment advisory Bank of America initiated coverage of Proterra Inc. (NASDAQ:PTRA) stock with a Buy rating and a price target of \$15, noting the firm was "differentiated" from other EV manufacturers.

At the end of the second quarter of 2021, 23 hedge funds in the database of Insider Monkey held stakes worth \$338 million in Proterra Inc. (NASDAQ:PTRA). Ford Motor Company (NYSE:F), NIO Inc. (NYSE:NIO), and Freeport-McMoRan Inc. (NYSE:FCX) are some of the hottest EV stocks on the market, alongside Proterra Inc. (NASDAQ:PTRA).

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# GOP Senators Repeatedly Boycott Vote For Muslim Nominee

On July 13, the Senate Small Business Committee was unable to vote on the nomination of Dilawar Syed for deputy administrator of the Small Business Administration. All 10 Republicans boycotted the vote, denying Democrats the quorum they needed to move forward. On July 15, the same thing happened again. And on Tuesday, it happened again. If confirmed, Syed would become the highest-ranking Muslim official in American history.

And like every other Muslim American in public life, he is facing questions from Republicans about his allegiances, stemming from his religious faith.

The ongoing GOP blockade of Syed shows how GOP efforts to stymie President Joe Biden's nominees have spread to even relatively obscure positions, frustrating the White House. A far smaller percentage of Biden's nominees have won confirmation at this point in his presidency than any of his recent predecessors in the Oval Office.

On June 30, eight of the GOP senators on the committee wrote a letter to the chair, Sen. Ben Cardin (D-Md.), expressing "serious concern" with Syed's work as a board member for Emgage USA. The group and its political arm focus on encouraging more Muslim Americans to vote, increasing political engagement and supporting candidates.

The senators called the organization "vocally anti-Israel," noting its support for the right for the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement which urges the international community to isolate Israel in order to gain rights for Palestinians to exist. They said they wanted another hearing to ensure that his confirmation "would not jeopardize small businesses with close ties to Israeli companies or small businesses owned by Jewish Americans." Rand Paul (Ky.), the committee's ranking member, and Todd Young (Ind.) were the two GOP senators who did not sign the June letter. Their offices did not return a request for comment on why.

The memo came after a staffer for Sen. Jim Risch (R-Idaho) put together a background document on Syed, obtained by HuffPost, earlier that month. The very first line noted that Syed was born in Pakistan, and the vast majority of it focused on "very partisan positions" from Emgage not anything said by Syed. (Politico first reported on the memo's existence last month.)

Many of the comments and tweets defended Palestinian human rights and stood up for Muslim lawmakers who have faced criticism. One tweet the Risch staffer highlighted simply said Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.) should not face death threats. In response to written questions from senators, Syed said he does not support the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement. He also talked about his work engaging with Israeli businesses. Cardin called the ongoing delays "ridiculous." Asked directly if he thought Islamophobia was the root of GOP opposition, he said he could not prove it was.

"When you take a look at those nomi-

nees that have had the most trouble with Republicans, you can't help but notice that they are, in many cases, people of color or women," Cardin told HuffPost in a phone interview.

The Small Business Committee is not typically the site of partisan warfare. Its work during the pandemic to create the Paycheck Protection Program has often been cited as an example of bipartisanship done right. The Senate confirmed each of the past two nominees to be the deputy administrator of SBA, under the Obama and Trump administrations, by voice vote. "I'm baffled that they would pick this nominee in this committee to do a move that is extremely political, extremely partisan," Cardin said. "It's so counter to all the work we've done together."

Syed's qualifications have not come into dispute. He is a businessman currently president and CEO of Lumiata, a health care analytics company who has also stepped into public service roles in both California and at the federal level, leading engagement with small businesses after the passage of the 2009 stimulus package for President Barack Obama's administration. He is also co-founder of AAPI Victory Fund, a super PAC dedicated to mobilizing Asian American voters.

Republican senators have moved away publicly from focusing on Syed's work with Emgage. HuffPost reached out to all 10 members, and none of them responded when asked if they were concerned about his affiliation with the group.

Instead, they all pointed to a joint statement saying they will oppose filling the deputy SBA job until the Biden administration commits to taking back loans given to some Planned Parenthood affiliates under the Paycheck Protection Program. The loans, handed out during President Donald Trump's administration, were meant to help small businesses keep employees on their payroll during the pandemic.

Planned Parenthood's affiliates are nonprofit organizations with leadership and funding structures separate from the national group, but Republicans say they are too closely tied and should not have received the money.

It has been a successive series of things. And if one didn't stick, they found another one. And if that didn't stick, they found another one," said Shekar Narasimhan, a friend of Syed's and co-founder of AAPI Victory Fund.

"What does [Planned Parenthood] have to do with the qualifications of this person in a job that's been unfilled for five years in an agency that everyone agrees could use his help?" he added. "So you have to then go back and ask the very simple question: What could it possibly be? ... And it's got to be that he's Muslim. He's not from here. So therefore by definition, he must not be trustworthy."

Wael Alzayat, CEO of Emgage, also pointed out that it's notable that Republicans are holding up Syed's confirmation even though they went ahead and confirmed Isabel Guzman for the top SBA job months ago. Guzman passed out of committee on a bipartisan 15-5 vote.

"The only difference we see is that he's

Muslim," Alzayat said.

Part of the reason Republicans may have shifted away from Syed's background is that they received heavy pushback from Jewish and civil rights groups, including ones dedicated to fighting anti-Semitism. Syed has received vocal and overwhelming support from these organizations.

In July, American Jewish Committee said that while it "does not normally take positions" on nominees, the "accusations around Dilawar Syed's nomination based on his national origin or involvement in a Muslim advocacy organization are so base and unamerican that AJC is compelled to speak out."

And Rabbi Doug Kahn wrote to the committee's leaders about a 2013 trip to Israel that Syed was a part of, praising his participation and calling him "a friend, not an enemy of our community."

"He was an outstanding and thoughtful questioner as a result of his desire to fully understand Israel and the region," Kahn said. "In short, his participation was greatly valued by our delegation of community leaders and enhanced the overall experience for all."

We're going to walk away from this experience being fully convinced that the Republican Party has been overtaken by a bigoted and Islamophobic mentality. Wael Alzayat, CEO of Emgage

Just last week, the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus sent a letter to Cardin and Paul, saying that targeting nominees like Syed "for their faith, ethnicity, or place of birth, furthers the perpetual foreigner stereotype to which AAPIs are constantly subjected."

"Republican Senators are claiming that his faith and background are disqualifying," added CAPAC Chair Rep. Judy Chu (D-Calif.). "This is bigotry plain and simple and the Senate must not have its hands tied by those who spread lies and misinformation."

Some Republicans noted that three Democratic senators also missed the vote this week, implying that they're also to blame for the holdup. But there's no equivalence. All three John Hickenlooper (Colo.), Ed Markey (Mass.) and Jeanne Shaheen (N.H.) told HuffPost they strongly support confirmation and are ready to vote for Syed. And as Cardin said at the start of the meeting on Tuesday, he knew in advance that GOP senators were not going to show up.

"There was, and maybe there still is, an opportunity for Republican leaders to prove the Muslim American community that what happened under Trump was an aberration, and they're failing at that right now," Alzayat said. "We're going to walk away from this experience being fully convinced that the Republican Party has been overtaken by a bigoted and Islamophobic mentality, particularly aimed at the



Muslim American community. And we are committed to turning a new chapter with them, but if they won't even hold a vote, our community will be more than mobilized in the future to make sure that we just have better representation in Congress."

It's hard, if not impossible, to find a Muslim American in politics who has not faced bigoted questions about their allegiances or attacks on their faith. Huma Abedin, a top aide to Hillary Clinton, faced accusations about having ties to the Muslim Brotherhood. So did Muslim members of Congress like Reps. Andre Carson (D-Ind.) and former Rep. Keith Ellison (D-Minn.). Reps. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.) and Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich.) are frequently accused of being anti-Semitic.

When Qasim Rashid, a Muslim attorney in Virginia, ran for public office, he faced death threats and attacks that he was sympathetic to terrorists. He received Emgage's endorsement for his 2020 congressional run in Virginia and has interacted with Syed over the years.

"This obstructionism it's really not just about Syed," he said. "Maybe the GOP hasn't noticed, but we're suffering through a pandemic. We're suffering through massive climate crises. And the SBA manages a trillion dollar portfolio to help small businesses. By denying this extremely qualified candidate a chance to do what he does best, the GOP is ultimately hurting the American people."

And Syed is far from the only nominee facing a holdup. While the Senate is set to confirm a set of Biden nominees with a lengthy series of votes on Thursday night, other Republicans are holding up nominees for the State Department and Pentagon en masse over the administration's handling of the withdrawal from Afghanistan. And a crowded Senate schedule, combined with GOP delay tactics, means relatively few nominees have been confirmed.

As of Sept. 17, Biden has announced nominees for 465 Senate-confirmed jobs a pace that roughly matches the 498 nominated by George W. Bush and the 432 nominated by Barack Obama in the same time frame. (The slower-moving Trump administration had announced just 338 nominations.) But only 32% of Biden's nominees have been confirmed, compared to 39% for Trump, 58% of Bush and 71% for Obama.

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Amanda Terkel



# List of Bollywood films of OCTOBER , 2021

1	<i>Shiddat</i>	Kunal Deshmukh	Radhika Madan · Sunny Kaushal · Mohit Raina · Diana Penty
	<i>Bhavai</i>	Hardik Gajjar	Pratik Gandhi · Aindrita Ray
15	<i>Rashmi Rocket</i>	Akarsh Khurana	Taapsee Pannu · Priyanshu Painyuli · Abhishek Banerjee · Shweta Tripathi · Supriya Pathak
16	<i>Sardar Udham</i>	Shoojit Sircar	Vicky Kaushal · Banita Sandhu

## Bhavai

Bhavni Bhavai, Kanku and Kashino Dikro - are three best made films in Gujarati. Bhavni Bhavai literally means ' Play of Lifespan ' ; Life span is described as plot of play (Reminds of Shakespearean phrase "all the world is a stage" .Bhavai is a traditional folk play played mostly by Taragalas- a cast which specialises in profession of acting. It is street play which depicts various facets of social life.

Misinterpretation of cast system by vested interest have resulted in belief that some castes are superior to others. The people of superior cast oppress and humiliate lower cast, but the irony is a superior cast man will sleep with lady of lower cast at will but will not drink water touched by her !!! The story is told in lyrical form ( an important attribute of Bhavai play ). Though writing credits are given to Ketan Mehta the director the plot borrows

heavily almost word by word from play written by Dhiruben Patel. Ketan Mehta's BHAVANI BHAVAI (THE PLAY OF LIFE, 1980) made me wonder why Mehta doesn't try comedy more often. The comedy may be only in the playing of Naseruddin Shah, as an arrogant, stupid king, but he's entertaining indeed. This is one of Smita Patil's more thankless roles, partly because the musical play that she and the king's long-lost son perform in front of the king should have been done in long-shots, to enhance their dance and their costumes. When this film was new, it was noted for its Rajasthani costumes, designed by Mehta's wife, but in this print, blown up from 16mm to 35mm and then transferred to Blu Ray, everything is so faded that that aspect of the film is almost lost. The National Film Archives of India should have the funds, courtesy and desire to go back to the original material for its



current releases, rather than just produces cheap, diminishing copies of its own copies, but it does not. As seen at the Pune film festiva

## Rashmi Rocket

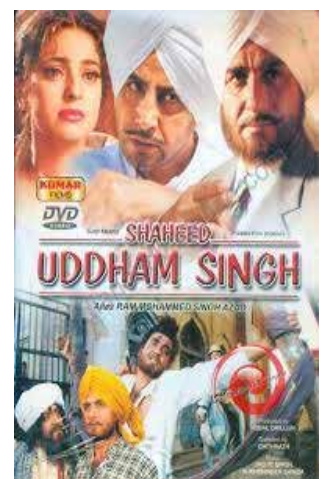
Rashmi Rocket is an upcoming Indian Hindi-language sports drama film directed by Akarsh Khurana and produced by Ronnie Screwvala, Neha Anand and Pranjal Khandhdiya. The film features Taapsee Pannu in the lead role, alongside Priyanshu Painyuli and Abhishek Banerjee.



## Sardar Udham

Sardar Udham is an upcoming Indian Hindi-language biographical film about Udham Singh, a revolutionary freedom fighter best known for assassinating Michael O'Dwyer in London to take revenge for 1919 Jallianwala

Bagh massacre in Amritsar.





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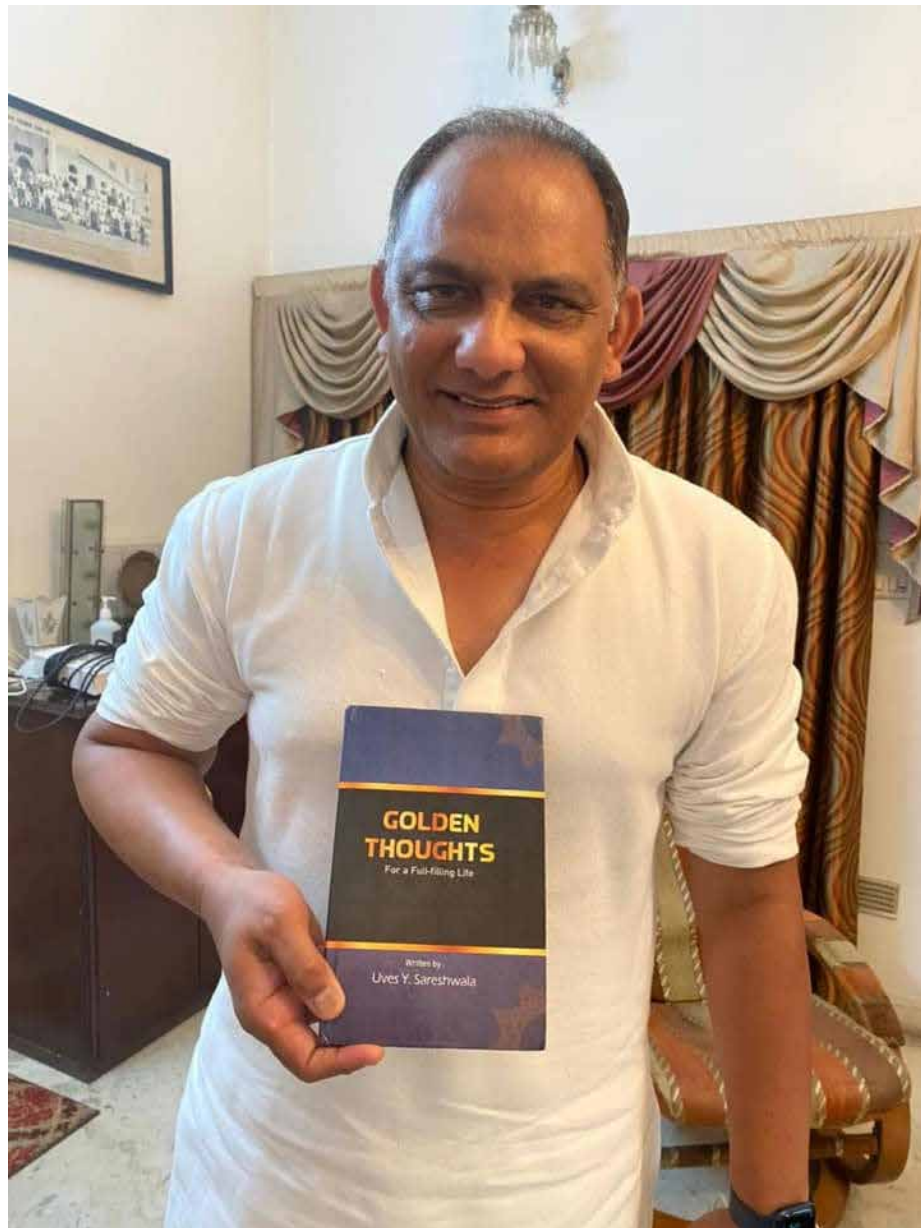
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**-Razi Qurashi, IQ News**



TPCC Political Affairs Committee Convener Mohammed Ali Shabbir addressing the first meeting of PAC at Gandhi Bhavan on Saturday. AICC Telangana Incharge Manickam Tagore, TPCC President A. Revanth Reddy and other members of PAC attended the meeting.



Mohammed Khaleequr Rahman Presented the book 'The Golden Thoughts' to legendary cricketer Mohammed Azharuddin, who is a man with golden heart and the golden thoughts. This book is authored by Uves Sareshwala. It is a must in every house. Penned in a very simple language.



Captain Panduranga Reddy, an activist and military historian paid rich tributes to Nizam and said, "When he was on death bed in 1967 the government of India had offered him to be sent to London for the best medical treatment but he refused saying he had built Osmania Hospital and wanted to take the same treatment which was available to his people. He wanted to die in his homeland not in a hospital in London. Hyderabad Pearls





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# From Madhubala To Sridevi : Bollywood Actresses Gone Too Soon

Bollywood has lost some gems quite untimely and that is where it feels that they went away too soon! Well, we miss them dearly till date  
Bollywood has seen some very tragic deaths and untimely departures of some really talented and promising people who went away too soon! Surprisingly, there are many names here who were actresses who came, shine and rose to fame but left us just when we wanted the most of them! Here are a few of them...

**Madhubala** : The killer combination of elegance, grace and poise and the first female superstar who was known even in Hollywood, Madhubala died when she was in her 30's. She got detected with ventricular septal defect (a hole in her heart) in 1954. She was loved by all and was actually the 1st screen goddess Bollywood ever saw. Her untimely death really shook everyone who was close to her and obviously her many fans!



**Parveen Babi** : The Bollywood diva who ruled millions of hearts had quite a sad and shocking death. Parveen Babi was found dead on 22 January 2005 after her residential society secretary alerted the police that she had not collected milk and newspapers from her doorstep for three days. The police suspected that she may have been dead for up to 72 hours before her

body was found. The reason of the death is said to be starvation/organ failure.



**Divya Bharti** : Was she drunk or was she pushed from the fifth floor of a building or did she lose her balance and fell? No one knows till now but all said and done, we lost a vivacious and talented actress too soon. Divya Bharti was just 19 years of age when she died. Her death came as an utter shock



**Jiah Khan** : A beautiful actress, Jiah Khan who rose to fame after her films like Nishabd and Ghajini was found dead in her apartment with less to track down further on why and how she died? There were accusations on her current beau of that time, Sooraj Pancholi that he had killed her after she told him about her pregnancy and about her will to get married. No one knows the truth till now and we are still waiting! She was just 25



**Sridevi** : When the news of the always iconic and the legendary actress Sridevi's death surfaced on the internet during the wee hours of last Sunday, everyone was stunned and shocked. No one could have even imagined or thought that an actress who has been around everywhere and was radiating in beautiful gowns & dresses at events and family functions will leave us so soon. 'Gone too soon' became the signature term used after Sridevi's demise and we totally agree with it. As per the latest medical, autopsy and post-mortem reports, it has been announced that Sridevi died due to accidental drowning and there were blood traces in her blood report as well which combines to something fishy.





## جذباتی قوم غیر جذباتی مسائل

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پہلے "چکھتے" ہیں پھر "نگلتے" ہیں! کشمیر میں پانچویں اسٹیج دو مہینے میں گزر گئیں اور یہ حوصلہ افزا نتیجہ "چکھ" کر پورے انڈیا کے مسلمانوں کو "نگلتنے" کی طرف قدم بڑھا دیا! وہاں بھی شکر ہے کہ پوری انڈین کمیونٹی مزاحمت کر رہی ہیں ورنہ ہمارے جذباتی شاہین تو رو دھو کر بیٹھ چکے ہوتے۔

دنیا میں وہی قومیں ترقی کرتی ہیں جو زلزلوں اور طوفانوں کو آنے سے پہلے سونگھ لیتی ہیں اور بچاؤ کے لئے تیار ہوتی ہیں ورنہ جب خواب خرگوش کے مزے لوٹی قوم پر یکدم طوفان آتا ہے تو اسکے اوسان خطا ہو جاتے ہیں۔ وقت ہے کہ سیاسی طور پر دنیا کے اہم مراکز میں طاقتور ہو جائے! اگر آپ امریکی شہری یا گرین کارڈ ہولڈر ہیں تو روز کا صرف ایک ڈالر چندہ ایک گلے میں ڈالیں اور سال کے بعد ساری رقم پاک پیک pakpacusa dot org پر بھیجیں! بلکہ اپنے بچوں سے ڈلوائیں تاکہ ان میں سیاسی سوجھ بوجھ اور شوق پیدا ہو۔ مزید برآں آپ محض سالانہ ایک سو ڈالر میں ممبر بن سکتے ہیں۔ ہم آج تیار ہوں گے تو کل کے طوفان کا مقابلہ کر سکیں گے۔ جذبات قیمتی ہیں اگر ان کے مطابق عمل کیا جائے! تو آئیں پھر مل کر عمل کریں؛ اور نعروں سے نہیں عمل سے دشمن کا مقابلہ کریں۔

اپنے بچوں کو اردو پڑھائیے  
اردو ایک زندہ زبان ہے  
اس کی تشہیر کیجئے

امریکیوں نے چند سال پہلے AIPAC کی طرح (PAKPAC) Pakistani American Political Action Committee کی بنیاد رکھی اور جذباتی بیان بازی کی بجائے امریکی کانگریس کے ساتھ اتنا مضبوط بندھن باندھا کہ کشمیر کی تاریخ میں پہلی بار ایک ریپبلکن کانگریس مین جم بینکس اور ایک ڈیموکریٹ کانگریس ووٹس وونڈ نے مل کر باقی کانگریس کو خط لکھا کہ کشمیر کے لوگوں پر ظلم بند کرواؤ۔ پاک پیک کے پچاس سے زائد ممبران پورے امریکہ سے واشنگٹن ڈی سی میں اکٹھے ہوئے اور سینتیس کانگریس مین کو اس خط پر دستخط پر آمادہ کیا (خط کی تصاویر کالم کے ساتھ اٹیچ ہیں) اور آج جب سب چیخ چلا کر سکون سے بیٹھے ہیں، پاک پیک جنرل برگ مین سے لیکر کانگریس ووٹس وونڈ تک سے ہفتہ وار مذاکرات کر رہی ہے، ان کے لئے فنڈ ریزنگ کر رہی ہے اور کانگریس ووٹس وونڈ پر جی پال کے بل کو کامیاب بنا رہی ہے (بل کی تصویر اٹیچ ہے) جو کہ کشمیر کے لوگوں پر ظلم روکنے کے لئے ہے۔ ایک انڈین ہندو کانگریس ووٹس وونڈ پر میلا جی پال ان لاکھوں "ایمان والوں" سے بہتر ہے جو رو پیٹ کر چپ ہو گئے اور یہ خاتون پورے انڈیا کے دباؤ کے باوجود انسانی حقوق کی پامالی کے خلاف ڈٹی ہوئی ہے۔ یہ ہوتا ہے وقتی جذبات اور مستقل مزاج اصولوں میں فرق۔ طاقت کے کھلاڑی "دکھ کی پانچ اسٹیجوں" سے مکمل طور پر واقف ہیں اور

ایسے لوگ جن کے پردادا کشمیر سے تھے اور خود کبھی کشمیر کی شکل نہیں دیکھی لیکن "کشمیری" بن کر شور شرابہ کرتے رہے، چند "بڑوں" کی نظروں میں نمایاں ہوتے رہے، اب سکون سے آرام فرما رہے ہیں۔ کیا ایسے مسئلے حل ہوتے ہیں؟ کیا ہماری قوم جذباتی ڈرامہ بازی سے عقل اور عمل کی طرف نہیں جاسکتی۔ اب سوال یہ پیدا ہوتا ہے کہ:

1- پاکستان اتنا مضبوط اور طاقتور ہو کہ حملہ کر کے کشمیر آزاد کروالے۔ گو کہ سوشل میڈیا کا سوشل سروسز گروپ راجہ داہر، لڑکی کی فریاد اور محمد بن قاسم کی تلوار کی بڑکیں گرم بستر پر بیٹھ کر مارتا رہتا ہے اور اس کا خیال ہے کہ پاکستانی فوجی جوانوں کی جانیں اتنی ارزاں ہیں کہ انکے جذبات پر ٹھنڈ ڈالنے کے لئے پچاس ساٹھ ہزار شہید بھی ہو جائیں تو کوئی بڑی بات نہیں؛ گویا وہ نہ کسی کے بیٹے ہیں نہ باپ اور نہ شوہر۔ وہ طبقہ بھی "ہمارے ٹیکس پر پلنے والی فوج" کو لڑوانا چاہتا ہے جس کی پچھلی تین پشتوں میں سے کسی نے ٹیکس نہیں دیا۔

دوسرا طریقہ ہے دعا کے ساتھ ساتھ دنیا میں طاقت کے مراکز میں اپنی لائنگ کی جائے اور کشمیر کے حق میں رائے عامہ بڑھائی جائے۔ جسے ہم امریکہ میں یہودی لابی کہتے ہیں وہ (AIPAC)، American Israel Public Affair Committee ہے اور وہ اسرائیل کے قیام کے محض تین سال بعد امریکہ میں 1951 میں قائم کی گئی؛ یہ ہوتا ہے ویژن اور حب الوطنی! پاکستانی

ایلیزبتھ روس، یونیورسٹی آف شکاگو کی ماہر نفسیات تھی اور دکھ کی پانچ اسٹیجوں کی محقق تھی۔ اس نے مرتے ہوئے لوگوں پر تحقیق کی تو پتا چلا کہ مرنے والے یا انکے رشتہ دار پانچ اسٹیجوں سے گزرتے ہیں؛ پہلا ہے ڈینسئل (denial) یعنی اگر کسی خاتون کا شوہر فوت ہو جائے تو وہ چپلا کر کہہ رہی ہو، "تم مجھے چھوڑ کر نہیں جاسکتے"؛ دوسرا ہے ناراضگی (anger) یعنی وہ کہے، "مجھ سے میرا شوہر چھین کر ظلم کیا خدا نے" تیسرا ہے بارگیننگ (bargaining) یعنی "اے خدا مجھے اٹھالے اور میرا شوہر واپس کر دے"؛ چوتھا ہے ڈپریشن یعنی چپ چاپ، رہنا دکھ میں رہنا اور پھر آتا ہے، ہتھیار ڈال دینا (acceptance) یعنی جو اللہ کا حکم!

لگ بھگ دو سو دن پہلے انڈیا نے کشمیریوں پر ظلم کی نئی تاریخ رقم کر دی، ان سے خود مختاری چھین لی؛ پوری پاکستانی قوم دنیا میں ہر جگہ جذباتی ہو گئی۔ فیس بک اور توئیٹر پر آگ لگ گئی؛ اپنے ہی ملک میں انڈیا کے خلاف جلوسوں میں ہلڑ بازی۔ امریکہ کے مختلف شہروں میں ریلیوں کے لئے چندہ اکٹھا ہو رہا ہے اور دھواں دھار تقریریں!!!! اور پھر کیا ہوا۔ سب کے سب "باتوں کے شیر"، ایلیزبتھ روس کی پانچ اسٹیجوں سے گزر کر سکون سے بیٹھ گئے گویا مسئلہ کشمیر حل کروا لیا ہو۔ حتیٰ کہ جو محض فیس بک پر ہی شیر اور ٹیگ کر کے خود کو سوشل میڈیا جہاد کے "محبس عزیز بھٹی" سمجھ بیٹھے تھے وہ بھی چین سے بیٹھ گئے! امریکہ میں



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ہے۔ اگر یہ صحیح راہ پر گامزن رہے تو اتنا طاقتور بن  
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یکسر ترتیب و ترمیم کر سکے۔ پھر اس سماج میں کوئی بھوکا  
نہ رہے گا اور نہ ہی کوئی مفلس و مجبور، کوئی باپ اپنی بیٹی  
کو ذفن کرنے کی نہ سوچے گا۔ کوئی معصوم طالب علم  
سیاست کا شکار نہ ہو سکے گا۔ کوئی بے گناہ مذہب کی  
بنیاد پر قتل نہ ہو سکے گا۔ یہی وہ مستقبل ہے جس کے  
لئے شاعر خود بھی قلم بکف ہے۔

میں ظلمتوں کا دشمن ماہِ تمام جیسے  
لڑتا ہوں ہر بدی سے، رن میں امام جیسے

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خون برہمن ہے یا ہریجن ہے  
خون ادنیٰ کہ خون اعلیٰ ہے  
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اشخاص کو شریک حیات بنانے پر مجبور ہو گئیں۔ لین  
دین کو بنیاد بنا کر رشتے توڑ ڈالنا اور لڑکیوں کو زندہ  
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گھر کا بچہ ہے گھر کا زیور دیو  
ریڈیو سیکل تو دُنیا دیتی ہے  
اللہ دے رائے تو ایک موٹر دیو  
بھوت چیزاں نکو جی تھوڑے بس  
ایک بنگلہ ہزار جوڑے بس  
(نظم۔ چھورا چھوری)

اپنی بیٹی کی زندگی کو خوشگوار بنانے کے لئے  
والدین مقررہ ہوجاتے ہیں۔ اسی لعنت کی بدولت  
وہ اپنی پھول جیسی بیٹی کو پہاڑ سمجھنے لگتے ہیں اور کبھی اس  
عذاب سے جان چھڑانے کے لئے وہ ایسا سوچنے پر  
بھی مجبور ہوجاتے ہیں کہ:

جی میں آتا ہے اپنی بیٹی کو  
اپنے ہاتھوں سے کیوں نہ دفن دیں  
لال جوڑا تو دے نہیں سکتے  
لال چادر میں کیوں نہ کفن دیں  
یہ بھی دلہن ہے گھر سے جاتی ہے  
موت مفلس کو کیا سہاتی ہے  
(نظم۔ چھورا چھوری)

سماج کی اس بُرائی کی وجہ نوجوانوں کا ناپختہ  
شعور، ادھوری تربیت اور اخلاق و کردار کی ناہمواری  
ہے۔ زندگی کے تلخ اور لایخل مسائل نے نوجوان طبقہ

کی جز معاشی کی تصویر ہے بلکہ سماج کے منہ پر ایک  
بھر پور طمانچہ بھی۔ ایک کلرک کی بیوہ کس رقت آمیز  
انداز میں کہتی ہے:

جینا مرنا تمہارا قرضے کا  
آج پھولاں اُدھار لائی ہوں  
یتا احسان ہم پو کرنا تھا  
تنخواہ لینے کے بعد مرنا تھا  
”پہلی تاریخ“ بھی نہ صرف میاں بیوی کی نوک  
جھونک ہے بلکہ جز معاشی کا رونا ہے۔ نظم ”روٹی“ میں  
اس حقیقت کو اس طرح بے نقاب کیا گیا ہے:

دُنیا میں قتل عام ہے روٹی کے واسطے  
شمشیر بے نیام ہے روٹی کے واسطے  
یہ امن کے امین بھی گندم فروش ہیں  
دُنیا اسیر دام ہے روٹی کے واسطے  
لیکن شاعر صرف اس تلخ حقیقت کو بیان کر کے  
نہیں رہ جاتا بلکہ وہ محنت اور جستجو کا پیغام بھی دیتا ہے جو  
روشن مستقبل کے لئے ضروری ہے:

چلو کھیتاں ہے بلاتے ہیں  
اپنے رٹھے سے ہم کمائیں گے  
جس کی محنت ہے اُس کی نعت ہے  
ساری دُنیا کو ہم دکھائیں گے  
(نظم۔ محبوب صاحب، محبوب بی)  
سلیمان خطیب جانتے تھے کہ محنت کش طبقہ ہی  
انقلاب لاسکتا ہے اور نئے سماج کی باگ ڈور اُس کے  
ہاتھ اُسی کے ہاتھ ہوگی:

کنکر مٹی ڈھونے والو  
میلا کھیلا ڈھونے والو  
دانہ دانہ بونے والو  
آج کے بھٹکے سونے والو  
کل کے راجا ہونے والو  
چلے چلو رے، چلے چلو  
(نظم۔ چلے چلو)

وہ ایک ایسے سماج کا خواب دیکھتے ہیں جس میں  
تمام انسانی تفریقات ختم ہو جائیں گی۔ سماجی، معاشی  
اور نسلی نامساوات کا وجود پارہ پارہ ہو جائیگا۔ ندرنگ و  
نسل کے جھگڑے ہوں گے نہ ذات پات کا امتیاز ”بلذ  
بنک“ میں اسی خیال کو پیش کیا گیا ہے:

خون ہندو کہ خون مسلم ہے  
خون گورا کہ خون کالا ہے

فرد اور سماج کا رشتہ اٹوٹ ہے دونوں ایک  
دوسرے پر اثر انداز ہوتے ہیں۔ کبھی سماج فرد کی کایا  
پلٹ دیتا ہے تو کبھی افراد سماجی انقلاب کے ذمہ دار  
ہوتے ہیں۔ اس انقلاب کے نتیجے میں پرانی قدریں  
نوٹی اور نئی قدریں جنم لیتی ہیں۔ سماج کا ہر فرد اتنا  
باشعور نہیں ہوتا کہ وہ بروقت حالات کے تقاضے کو سمجھے  
اور اچھی و بُری قدروں میں تمیز کر سکے۔ اکثر  
ایسا ہوتا ہے کہ وہ بدلتے ہوئے حالات کو عارضی تغیر  
سمجھ کر اپنے آپ کو اُن سے ہم آہنگ کرنے میں ناکام  
رہتا ہے۔ ایسے میں ایک شاعر یا ادیب اپنی عصری  
سوچ بوجھ کی بنا پر حالات کی اصلیت کو پیش  
کرتا، بُرائیوں کی نشتر زنی کرتا اور صالح عناصر کو  
پروان چڑھانے کی کوشش کرتا ہے تاکہ معاشرتی ارتقا  
صحیح خطوط پر ہو۔

سلیمان خطیب کو بھی ہم ایک ایسے شاعر کے روپ  
میں دیکھتے ہیں جو سماج کی فرسودہ روایات سے متنفر اور  
صالح قدروں کا موئید ہے۔ ان کی شاعری کے  
موضوعات سماج سے وابستہ مسائل ہیں جیسے بھوک  
اور افلاس، مزدور اور سرمایہ دار، کسان، ساہوکار، امیر و  
غریب، ذات پات کی تفریق وغیرہ۔ سماج کی تلخ  
حقیقتوں کو پیش کر کے وہ عوام کو ان کے خلاف جدوجہد  
پر آمادہ کرتے ہیں تاکہ ایک ایسا سماج جنم لے سکے جو  
ان لعنتوں سے مُبرا ہوا ان معنوں میں وہ نئے سماج کے  
نقیب کہلائے جاسکتے ہیں۔

سماج کا ایک بنیادی مسئلہ معاشی بدحالی ہے۔ آج  
کا انسان محض اس لئے انتشار و اضطراب کا شکار ہے کہ  
اُسے پیٹ بھر روٹی اور تن بھر کپڑا بہ آسانی میسر  
نہیں۔ وہ انسان جو خلاء کی وسعتوں کو ناپ چکا اور  
چاند پر کند ڈال چکا ہے روزگار کے مسئلہ کو حل نہ کر سکا۔  
انسان کی اسی ”بے چارگی“ کا ذکر سلیمان خطیب اس  
طرح کرتے ہیں:

یہ فضاؤں میں اُڑتا ہوا آدمی  
جس کی مُٹھی میں شمس و قمر بند ہیں  
ایک چاول کی مُٹھی کا محتاج ہے  
چونکہ انسان کو معاشی تحفظ حاصل نہیں ہے اس لئے  
وہ زندگی کی دوڑ میں ہمیشہ پیچھے رہ جاتا ہے۔ لگی بندھی  
آمدنی اُس کی ضروریات زندگی کے لئے ناکافی ہوتی  
ہے۔ نتیجتاً ساری عمر قرض کے بوجھ تلے کٹ جاتی  
ہے۔ نظم ”اٹھائیں تاریخ“ نہ صرف غریب متوسط طبقہ



## بہنیں ایسی کیوں ہوتی ہیں بہن کی محبت

صبح چائے کی دکان پہ میرا دوست عید پہ آیا کرے بس اور یہ جو آپ صابن میرے پاس بیٹھا مجھے سلام کیا اس کی آنکھوں

میں آنسو تھے میرا ہاتھ پکڑا روتے ہوئے بولا فارس میں آج خود کو بہت چھوٹا محسوس کر رہا ہوں میں حیران تھا اس کی کمر پہ تھکی دی ارے ایسا کیا ہوا گیا شیر کو وہ مجھ سے نظریں نہ ملا رہا تھا پھر زور زور سے رونے لگا سب لوگ اس کی طرف دیکھنے لگے میں اس کو چپ کروا یا ارے پاگل سب دیکھ رہے ہیں میرے سینے سے لگ گیا روتے ہوئے بولا فارس بہنیں ایسی کیوں ہوتی ہیں میں سوچ میں گم۔۔۔ کیا ہو گیا تم کو ایسا کیوں بول رہے ہو کہنے لگا فارس پتا ہے بہن کی شادی کو 6 سال ہو گئے ہیں میں



اور داڑھی منڈوا کر آو وہ جلدی سے جانے لگی اس کے پیروں کی طرف میں دیکھا ٹوٹی ہوئی جوتی پہنی تھی پرانا سا دوپٹہ اوڑھا ہوا تھا جب بھی آتی تھی وہی دوپٹہ اوڑھا کر آتی فارس بہن کی اس محبت میں مر گیا تھا ہم۔ بھائی کتنے مطلب پرست ہوتے ہیں بہنوں کو پل بھر میں بیگانہ کر دیتے ہیں اور بہنیں بھائیوں کا ذرا سا دکھ برداشت نہیں کر سکتیں وہ ہاتھ میں کنگن پکڑے زور زور سے رورہا تھا اس کے ساتھ میری آنکھیں بھی نم تھیں اپنے گھر میں خدا جانے کتنے دکھ سہہ رہی ہوتی ہیں کچھ لمحے بہنوں کے پاس بیٹھ کر حال پوچھ لیا کریں شاید کے ان کے چہرے پہ کچھ لمحوں کے لیے ایک سکون آجائے،



پریشان تھا میں قرض بھی لے لیا تھا لاکھ دو بھوک سر پہ تھی میں بہت پریشان تھا کمرے میں اکیلا بیٹھا تھا شاید رورہا تھا حالات پہ کے اتنے میں بہن گھر آگئی میں غصے سے بولا اب یہ آگئی ہے منحوس بیوی میرے پاس آئی کوئی ضرورت نہیں گوشت یا بریانی پکانے کی اس کے لیے پھر ایک گھنٹے بعد وہ میرے پاس آئی بھائی پریشان ہو میں مسکرایا نہیں تو بہن نے میرے سر پہ ہاتھ پھیرا بڑی بہن ہوں تمہاری گود میں کھیلتے رہے ہو اب دیکھو مجھ سے بھی بڑے لگتے ہو پھر میرے قریب ہوئی اپنے پرس سے سونے کے کنگن نکالے میرے ہاتھ میں رکھے آہستہ سے بولی پاگل توں اویرں پریشان ہوتا ہے تیرا بھائی شہر گیا ہوا تھا بچے سکول تھے میں سوچا دوڑتے دوڑتے بھائی

کو بند کریں سب ماں چپ رہی لیکن بہن نے ساری باتیں سن لی تھیں میری بہن کچھ نہ بولی 4 بج رہے تھے اپنے بچوں کو تیار کیا اور کہنے لگی بھائی مجھے بس سناپ تک چھوڑ او میں نے جھوٹے منہ کہا رہ لیتی کچھ دن لیکن وہ مسکرائی نہیں بھائی بچوں کی چھٹیاں ختم ہونے والی ہیں پھر جب ہم دونوں بھائیوں میں زمین کا ٹورا ہو رہا تھا تو میں نے صاف انکار کیا بھائی میں اپنی زمین سے بہن کو حصہ نہیں دوں گا بہن سانسے بیٹھی تھی وہ خاموش تھی کچھ نہ بولی ماں نے کہا بیٹی کا بھی حق بنتا ہے لیکن میں نے گالی دے کر کہا کچھ بھی ہو جائے میں بہن کو حصہ نہیں دوں گا میری بیوی بھی بہن کو برا بھلا کہنے لگی وہ بیچاری خاموش تھی کورنا کے دن ہیں فارس کام کاج ہے نہیں

کبھی اس کے گھر نہیں گیا عید شب رات کبھی بھی میں ابو یا امی جاتے ہیں میری بیوی ایک دن مجھے کہنے لگی آپ کی بہن جب بھی آتی ہے اس کے بچے گھر کا حال بگاڑ کر رکھ دیتے ہیں خرچ ڈبل ہو جاتا ہے اور تمہاری ماں ہم سے چھپ چھپا کر کبھی اس کو صابن کی پیٹی دیتی ہے کبھی کپڑے کبھی صرف کے ڈبے اور کبھی کبھی تو چاول کا تھیلا بھر دیتی ہے اپنی ماں کو بولو یہ ہمارا گھر ہے کوئی خیرات سینئر نہیں فارس مجھے بہت غصہ آیا میں مشکل سے خرچ پورا کر رہا ہوں اور ماں سب کچھ بہن کو دے دیتی ہے بہن ایک دن گھر آئی ہوئی تھی اس کے بیٹے نے ٹی وی کاریموٹ توڑ دیا میں ماں سے غصے میں کہہ رہا تھا ماں بہن کو بولو یہاں



The owner of a small deli was being questioned by an IRS agent about his tax return. He had reported a net profit of \$80,000 for the year.

“Why don’t you people leave me alone?” the deli owner said. “I work like a dog, everyone in my family helps out, the place is only closed three days a year...and you want to know how I made \$80,000?”

“It’s not your income that bothers us,” the agent said. “It’s these deductions. You listed six trips to Bermuda for you and your wife.”

“Oh, that,” the owner said smiling. “Didn’t I mention? We deliver anywhere...”

Doug was describing a 30 pound bass he’d caught recently after fighting it for three hours.

Bill interrupted the story saying, “I saw the picture you took of that fish. You’re lucky if it even weighed 10 pounds.”

Doug replied, “Well . . . a fish can lose an awful lot of weight during three hours of fighting.”

A man went to his lawyer and stated, “I would like to make a will but I don’t know exactly how to go about it.”

The lawyer said, “No problem, leave it all to me.”

The man looked somewhat upset as he said, “Well, I knew you were going to take the biggest slice, but I’d like to leave a little to my children, too!”

After numerous attempts to get our 5 year old into bed, we had settled down for the evening, only to see him coming out of his room again.

His mother, now a little irritated at this last escape, asked, “Why are you out of your room?”

Our 5 year old just looked at his mother and stated, “Poop don’t sleep.”

SIGN ON THE BACK OF A SEPTIC TANK TRUCK:

“Caution - This Truck is full of Political Promises.”

After recess Emma told the teacher that Jillian, Stephany and she needed one more person to play foursquare but Little Johnny refused complaining he isn’t a team player.

Teacher: “Little Johnny why wouldn’t you play foursquare with the girls?”

Little Johnny: “My mother had quadruplets, ten months later she had my twin sister and me. Ten months after that she had triplets.”

Teacher: “It looks as though you have 8 siblings all within 10 months of your age at home but what does that have to do with school?”

Little Johnny: “Unlike my house there are boys at school.”

My ex-girlfriend just told me she wants us to get back together again.

MAN, I sure am LUCKY!

I mean, first I win the lottery and now THIS!!!

A robber breaks into a house and ties up the woman and man.

The robber asks where the jewels are and the guy responds with: “I’ll give you everything! Please, let her go...”

Robber: “I only care about the jewels! I won’t hurt you if you give me what I want...”

Guy: “I BEG you, let her go!”

Robber: “Wow, you must really love your wife...”

Guy: “What? Oh no, my wife is about to get home!”

My boss calls me “the computer”...

Nothing to do with intelligence, I go to sleep if left unattended for 15 minutes.

My friend’s husband is always telling her that housekeeping would be a snap if only she would organize her time better. Recently he had a chance to put his theory into practice while his wife was away.

When I popped in one evening to see how he was managing, he crowed, “I made a cake, frosted it, washed the kitchen windows, cleaned all the cupboards, scrubbed the kitchen floor, walls and ceiling and even had a bath.”

I was about to concede that perhaps he was a better manager than his wife, when he added sheepishly, “When I was making the chocolate frosting, I forgot to turn off the mixer before taking the beaters out of the bowl, so I had to do all the rest.”

Apparently to start a zoo you need at least two pandas, a grizzly, and three polars...

It’s the bear minimum.

Husband: I hate getting old. No one flirts with me anymore.

Hard-of-hearing Wife: I don’t remember you ever doing that. In fact, it’s rather disgusting.

Husband: What do you mean? You used to flirt all the time!

Wife: Flirt? Oh, I thought you said ‘Fart’.



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