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## Leave India as soon as it's safe, US advises citizens

NEW DELHI: Stating that “access to all types of medical care is becoming severely limited in India” due to the Covid surge, the US government advised citizens “not to travel to India or to leave as soon as it is safe to do so...”

“US citizens who wish to depart India should take advantage of available commercial transportation options now,” the US state department tweeted. “Daily direct flights to the US and flights via Paris and Frankfurt are available.”

In a separate health alert, the US embassy said, “New cases and deaths from Covid-19 have risen sharply throughout India to record levels. Testing infrastructure is reportedly constrained in many locations. Hospitals are reporting shortages of supplies, oxygen, and beds for both Covid and non-Covid-related patients. US citizens are reporting being denied admittance to hospitals in some cities due to a lack of space.” The alert said the CDC had issued a Level 4 Travel Health Notice and the state department a Level 4 Travel Advisory, its highest.

It urged “US citizens to enroll in STEP at step.state.gov in order to receive critical information related to health and safety in India”.

In the past week, about 20 countries have either suspended passenger flights from India for varying periods of time or imposed strict entry norms for travellers from here.

Some countries are not allowing entry to travellers who have been in India for the previous 14 days. These include Canada, UK, Netherlands, Germany, Italy, Iran, UAE, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bangladesh, Maldives, Hong Kong, Singapore, Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand. People can travel from India to some of these places only if they have spent more than 14 days in a third country and have a negative Covid test report from that place.

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# RAMADAN MUBARAK - EID MUBARAK



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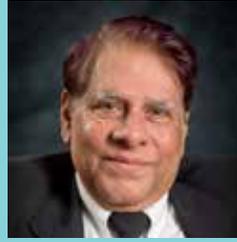
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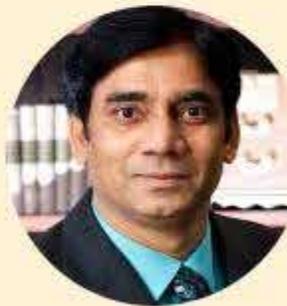
"Indeed we belong to Allah , and indeed to Him we will return."

By the will of Allah ﷻ the mother of Br Elyas Mohammed has passed away in India. May Allah ﷻ grant her a lofty place in Jannatul-Firdaus, and bless her with His endless mercy. May He also grant her family and loved ones patience and strength during these difficult times. On behalf of the ISGC community, board, and Imam, our sincerest condolences to the family.  
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Isha prayer and Taraweeh from the Islamic Center in Mesquit



Noman Ali Khan speaking on the significance of Ramadan

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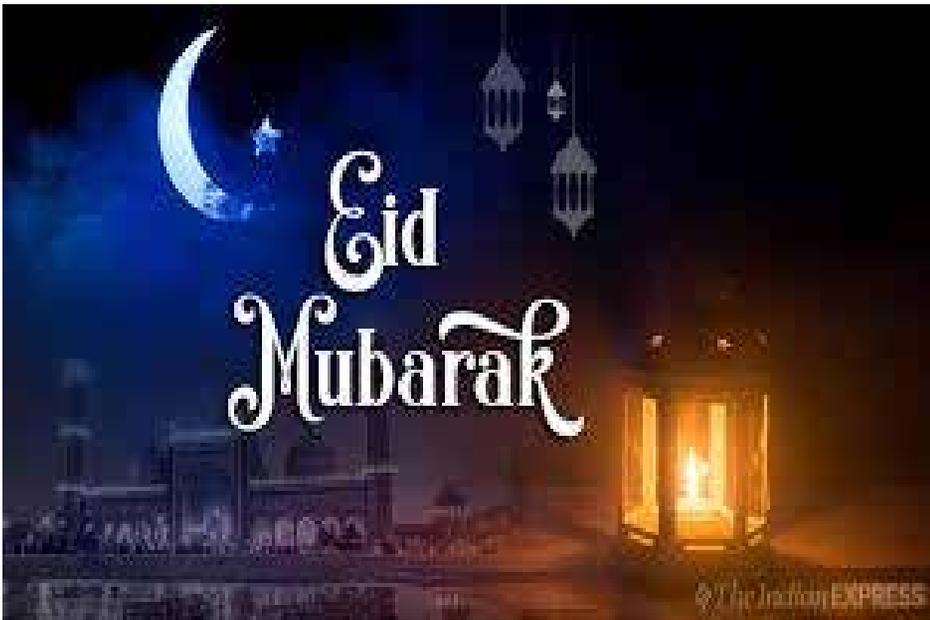
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At a get together with Dr Masih Quadri from Indiana. From left: Hameed Baig, Hyder Khan, Dr Quadri, Azeem A. Quadeer and Mohammed Nasir



Anwer Ismail basically from hyderabad presently working in Dubai was the one who presented Holy Quran to flim actor Govinda during opening ceremony of ACESS clinic in Sharjah, UAE.

## Poet Kunwar Bechain passes away

**By Pramod Rajput**

What a loss to poetic world !! Our beloved Kunwar Bechain Sahab left us . These photos are from Jan 2020 of his home at Ghaziabad when I with my wife Sujata Rajput met him and his wife . It was such a ever rememberable meet . I will cherish that meeting for rest of my life . It is a personal loss for me.

May God Almighty bestow peace to his departed soul in heaven. You will always be remembered Kunwar Bechain Sahab .



Kunwar Bechain was a Hindi poet of India. He was a resident of Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh. Dr. Bechain was born in village Umri, District Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh on 1 July 1942. His actual name was Dr. Kunwar Bahadur Saxena. He worked as head of the Hindi department in MMH College, Ghaziabad. He died on 29 April 2021 at a hospital in Uttar Pradesh's Noida

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# Justice for Dr Syed Baytown Texas.

Ghyasuddin Syed MD started this petition to President of the United States and 2 others Joseph Robinette Biden Jr.

President of the United States

Dear , Honorable Sir,

As I am sure, you are aware, Doctors are under Unreasonable Threat of Prosecution for Health Care Kick Back Laws, We live in Fear all the time.

Innocent Doctors and Health Care Professionals Exposed to False Allegations; Physicians can get caught up in these federal strike force investigations because there are so many complex and conflicting statutes, regulations and agency opinions that govern health care programs.

False claims act to criminal act ? or discriminations! We provide lease in our building to a Laboratory by Uday Shah, 2014- 2017. Later lab owners signed an agreement to provide Diagnostic MRI Center Svc in our practice, for helping underserved communities. This Houston based Laboratory had received 325 K from insurance over 3 years, was restituted by authorities.

Rotary Club of Hicksville South (RCHS) partnering with the United Methodis Church in Hemstead NY raised donation money and used/new clothes and hygiene items for the victims of the recent La Surfier volcano eruptions at the St. Vincent, in the Caribbean Island.

Quddus Mohammed; Nilima Madan; Arjen Bathija; Anju Sharma; Sanju Sharma; Reshma Jung; Dave Vyas Sharma; Kamlesh Mehta; Rekha Gupta; Rekha Chichara; Rizwan Qureshi; Tahira Sharif; Mohinder Singh; Roopam Bhambri Maini; Sabu Lukose; Hussain Baqueri; Kowshik Ahmed; Jacquelyn Yonick As service clubs the Rotary Club of St Vincent (RCS), the Rotary Club of St Vincent South (RCSS) and the Rotaract Club of Kingstown (RCK), which are all charter clubs of Rotary International joined forces to assist in bringing much needed supplies, water and hot meals to displaced persons and other affected families. The RCS has been a chartered club for 49 years, and the RCSS for 25 years. The RCK is the younger arm of Rotary International, which was sponsored by the RCS.

Other Rotary Clubs within the Caribbean and internationally (and other organisations and individuals) have pledged support to St Vincent and the Grenadines in sending supplies and water to include monetary donations to our disaster fund.

Rotary is a member of NEMO and as such is as much as possible cooperating with NEMO on the distribution of supplies of water, hot meals and supplies to shelters under the management of NEMO.

Saturday, April 17, 2021

Mizan Rahman, FB

We spent all of Rental Money on building Diagnostic facilities, Mortgages, office expenses and paying federal and state taxes, attorney fees. We never use a single penny out of it for our personal use.

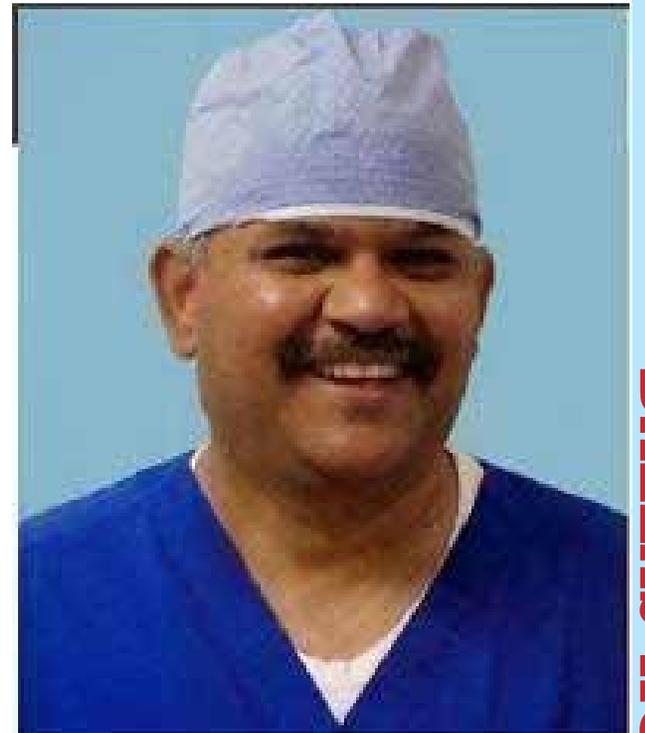
I never wanted to plea, as I never had any intention of any wrongdoing, and went to Lexington, KY, for an interview with the prosecutor. Initially they wanted me to plead, but I refused, so they involved my staff in pleading guilty. With condition if I plea, they will let my staff go free. I was notified it is not a health care fraud.

Court Case Number: United States v. Ghyasuddin Syed, Case No. 5:20-cr-00034-DCR-MAS

Narrative Explaining the Facts Surrounding the Allegations at Hand: excerpt submitted to TMB.

``Dr. Syed forced to pleaded guilty to Count 1 of the Indictment, charging a violation of 18 U.S.C. §371 Conspiracy to Commit Offense or to Defraud the United States.

Dr. Syed entered the plea to bring finality to the case; he has experienced difficult health problems and could not handle the stress of a trial. He followed the recommendation of his defense counsel who did not believe that someone of his foreign descent would be able to receive a fair trial in Lexington, the Eastern District of Kentucky.`` They kept my staff hostage so, only option left was to plea.



Despite all efforts We believe, this investigation was plague with over blown assumption, Bias and Flaws by the prosecutor, not accepting any evidence presented to them.

We are looking for a fair trial and justice based upon facts, evidence misinterpreted by the DOJ prosecutor.

This will hamper the Not for profit Health care we provide to the underserved community of Baytown and rural areas, hit hard with opioids pandemic



## Rotary Club of Hicksville South

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# Roughly 20,000 people displaced by ongoing volcanic eruptions in St. Vincent



# Son of slain jeweler pleads guilty, sentenced to 35 years

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The son of a slain Texas jeweler was sentenced to 35 years in prison Wednesday after admitting he hired someone to kill his father.

Nicolas Patrick Shaughnessy, 22, entered a guilty plea to a murder charge during a virtual court hearing. His attorneys in a statement said he accepts full responsibility for his role in his father's death, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

Shaughnessy's family members said in a statement that they were unsatisfied with the plea agreement.

"It would be our hope that you are never released from prison," the family wrote. "We understand this plea but are not happy about it."

Nicolas Shaughnessy and his now ex-wife, Jaclyn Alexa Edison, were arrested on a count of criminal solicitation to commit capital murder in May 2018.

They were charged with hiring people to kill Shaughnessy's parents, Ted and Corey Shaughnessy, who were in the bedroom of the Travis County home during the break-in.

Ted Shaughnessy was found dead of multiple gunshot wounds in a hallway. Corey Shaughnessy returned fire until she ran out of ammunition and hid in a closet to call 911, authorities said.

Detectives did not find signs of forced entry into the home, except for one that had been opened in Nicolas Shaughnessy's bedroom. Detectives discovered he would



receive \$2 million in the event of his parents' death.

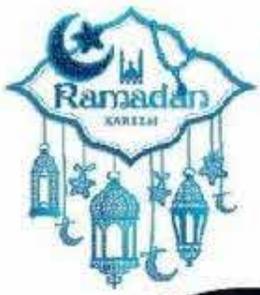
Arieon Smith, 23, one of several suspects in the case, also pleaded guilty to murder

in the same hearing and was sentenced to 35 years in prison. Yahoo News



Pakistan Cricket Team on the tour of Australia/ West Indies /Fuji Island in the late 1970s. Standing from (L to R): Sikander Bakht, Late Taslim Arif ,Late Wasim Raja, Mudassir Nazar, Asif Masood, Sarfarz Nawaz, Haroon Rasheed, Imran Khan, Javed Miandad, Iqbal Qasim. Sitting from (L to R) Salim Altaf, Majid Khan, Asif Iqbal, Mushtaq Muhammad (Captain) Intikhab Alam, Wasim Bari and Zaheer Abbas. Courtesy: Jaffer Bilgrami Shared by Mansoor Ahmed Khan

# SAVE INDIA FROM CORONA



## Distribution of Ration & Vegetable Kits to Help the Needy people



From  
**Mr. Mumtaz Ali Akram,**  
Director  
Hitech International Company Jubail KSA.

**Please Remember Me &  
My Family In Your Prayers**

Distribution of ration and vegetable kits to needy people while we know that in this deadly pandemic Covid-19 2nd Wave lot of people helpless and distracting from thier daily life. By the grace of Almighty Allha(s.w.t) we decided to help some needy people.

Currently I'm in Saudi Arabia and I Pray to Allha (swt to keep) safe all of us from this deadly pandemic Covid-19 and I request to all wear mask and keep social distance.



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## Saudi Arabia sends oxygen to India amid hospital shortage

Saudi Arabia sent 80 metric tons of oxygen to India amid a surging number of coronavirus cases and supply shortages in hospitals across the nation, the Indian embassy in Riyadh said. "The Embassy of India is proud to partner with Adani Group and M/s Linde in shipping much-needed 80 metric tons of liquid oxygen to India," the embassy tweeted.

"Our heartfelt thanks to Ministry of Health Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for all their help, support and cooperation."

India's coronavirus infections hit an all-time high for the fifth day in a row on Monday with 352,991 new cases having been reported in the past 24 hours.

Hospitals nationwide were forced to turn patients away after running out of medical oxygen supplies and beds.

Saudi Arabia sent the supplies of oxygen in cooperation with the Indian company Adani Group and British company Linde.

"The first shipment of 4 ISO cryogenic tanks with 80 tons of liquid oxygen is now on its way from Dammam (port in Saudi Arabia) to Mundra (port in western state of Gujarat)," Adani Group Chairman Guatam Adani wrote on Twitter.

"Our relationship with Saudi Arabia is very strong. We are strategic partners and we do care

for each other's concerns," Indian Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Ausaf Sayeed told Arab News.

Dozens of countries – including the United States, Germany, and Britain – have pledged to send medical supplies and deploy healthcare workers to help India deal with its second wave of the virus.

"As India is going through a very tough time and there is an oxygen shortage, we reached out to friendly countries like Saudi Arabia to see the possibility of importing oxygen," Arab News cited the ambassador as saying.



In the holy month of Ramadan NRIF organised a lecture by eminent Islamic Preacher Dr. Sheikh Abu Umer Parvez Madani from Islamic University of Al Madinah, Madinah @ Rida Family Restaurant, Hara Hai Al Wizarat, Riyadh Many eminent personalities of Riyadh Dr. Syed N Masood, Mr. Mohd Jabbar Dr. Syed Obaidullah Junaid (Shumaisi General Hospital), Engr. Aijaz Ahmed Khan, Dr. Misbahul Arfin, Mr. Abdul Ahad Siddiqui, Engr. Mohammed Mubin, Mr. Mohammed Saifuddin, Dr.Mohammed Ashraf Mr. Mohammed Shabbeer, Mr. Syed Rayees Ahmed, Mr. Ravoof Talwar & many others attended and later had Iftar & Dinner.

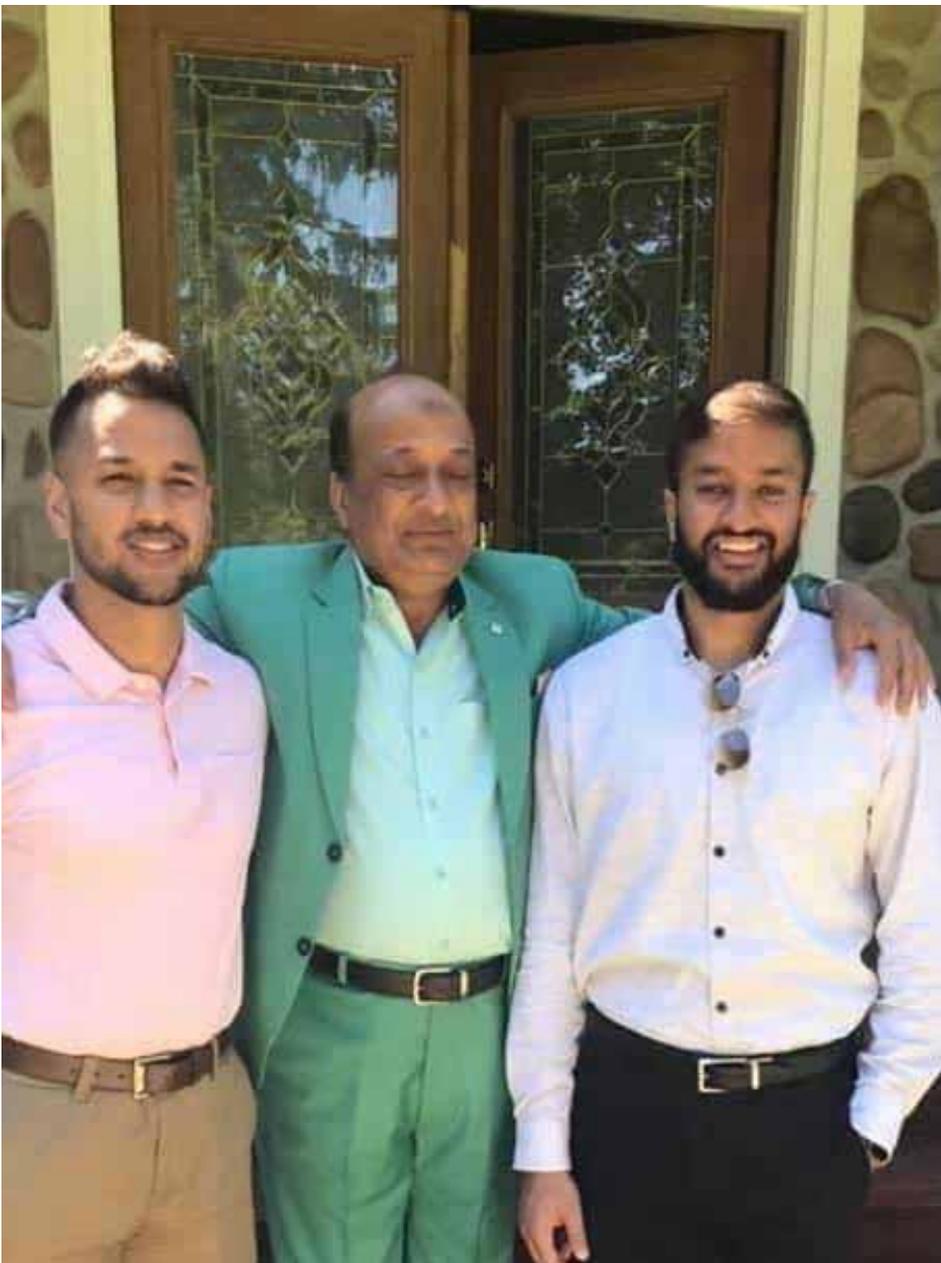
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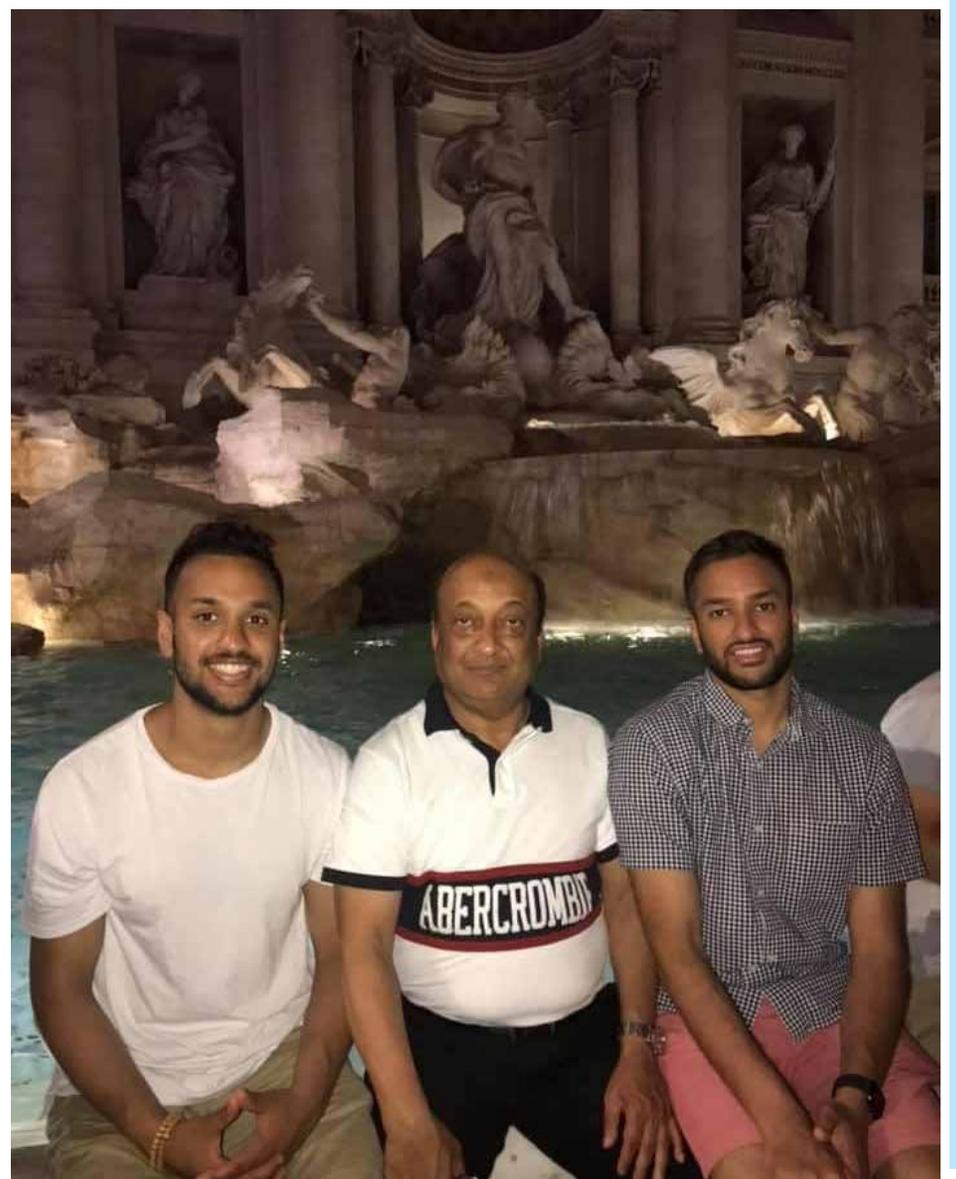
Team India Hub provided COVID Vaccines under the leadership of Harish Kolasani , owner of India Hub mall Ajay Sukara , supported by Subhash , and many others . They are located at at the corner of Ogden & Route 59 in Naperville, Illinois. What a noble cause in such a large facilities. Call and register for vaccinations.. seen in pic with me is Keerthi Kumar , Sunder Ditikava, Dinakar , Ms Lakshmi and other volunteers. Also ran across Dr Naveed Musharaf on Bicycle brother of General Parvez Musharaf former PM of Pakistan



Right: Wonderful to be amongst two good friends of mine for over 25 years , Dr M Kapadia & Dr Tariq Bhatt who are running successful clinics for administering Covid Vaccines. I was lucky today to get Pfizer vaccine administered by Dr Kapadia . Seen with me my another friend long term friend Balvinder Singh , Dr Tariq Bhatt , Zul Kapadia and others . I waited for my turn to officially qualify by age group .



Request everyone to appreciate your own family members first , I am happy to be amongst my two dynamic sons Azfar n Azhar and two daughters Iram n Simra , love you guys . And of course most importantly my very caring wife





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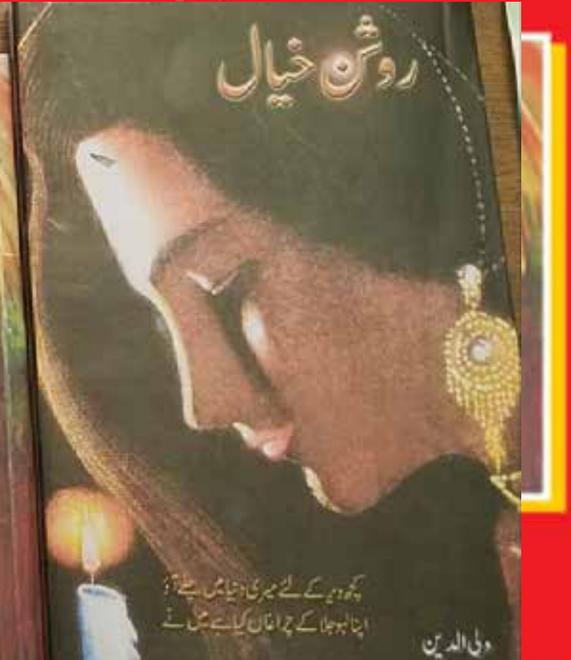
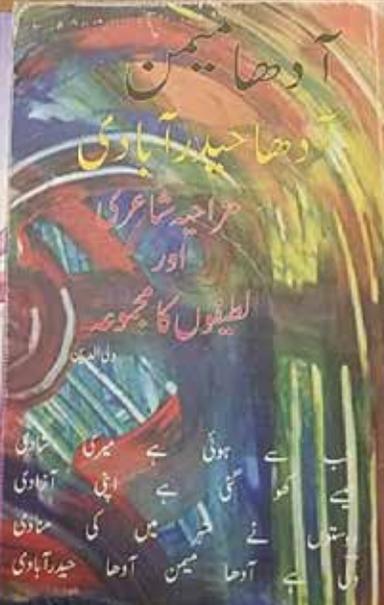
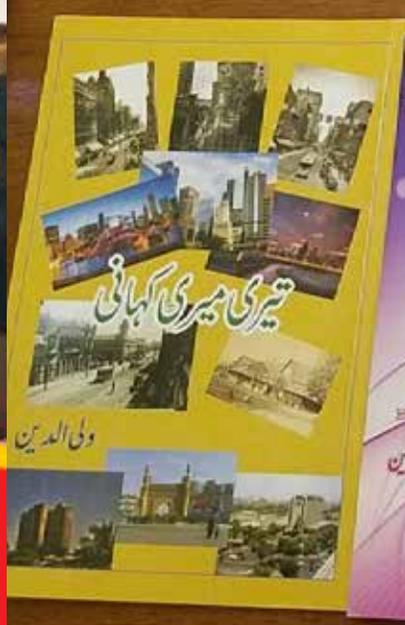


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# MOHAMMED FAHEEM ANNOUNCES CAMPAIGN LAUNCH FOR CONGRESS, IL.DIST.8

Mohammed Faheem, well known community leader and motivational speaker with a proven track record of business accomplishments and community service, announced today he is running for Congress in the 8th district in Illinois. Faheem has a master's degree in Communication and Journalism, a long record of serving his community, and an long list of accomplishments.

Faheem's priorities, an impressive list of testimonials, personal and professional bio can be accessed on his campaign website [www.faheemforcongress.com](http://www.faheemforcongress.com) or the short URL [www.faheem2022.com](http://www.faheem2022.com). He has also listed a series of accomplishments which he modestly refers to as 'milestones' on his journey which clearly bring out the difference between him and any other candidate, including the current incumbent congressman.

Faheem launched a series of businesses in fields as diverse as business consulting, construction and web development. He also produced and anchored the "International News Hour" and hosted a call in radio show on the weekends, before taking early retirement to focus on community and social service.

He did not stay 'retired' for long and launched 'The Employment Hour' a cable TV show to connect job seekers and employers with each other and State funded resources.

This led to a job with Business and Career Services, an Illinois workNet service provider, from where he retired after 10 years as the Director of Business Employer Solutions and Corporate Relations to launch 'The Center for Strategic Solutions.' ([www.cfss.us](http://www.cfss.us))

Faheem has developed a number of workforce and economic development programs in the 8th district in Illinois which were recognized as "Best Practice" at the national level.

He has recently launched the on-line Virtual American Town Hall to give a voice to the common man in the political discourse. ( Thursday, 6 PM CT [www.thevath.com](http://www.thevath.com))

Faheem's contributions to society have been recognized by Presidents Clinton, George Bush, Members of Congress and a host of community organizations.



Tribute to Nimish Jani's outstanding service in Schaumburg Township. Big thanks to all the elected officials, community leaders & friends who participated. Special thanks to Mayor Bill McLeod for proclamation of April 25 2021 as Nimish Jani Day! Thank you Mayors Rodney Craig & Tom Dailly for always supporting Nimish bhai. Special thanks to Team Jani Ketan H Patel, Harsh Shah, Haribhai Patel & team for running an amazing campaign. Shared by Anuja Gupta



**Eid  
Mubarak.....  
..to All my  
friends &  
Relatives  
around the  
world...  
from Wali  
and Roshan**

## Founder and Patron of Iqra Foundation, Dr. Abid Ghazi has passed away.

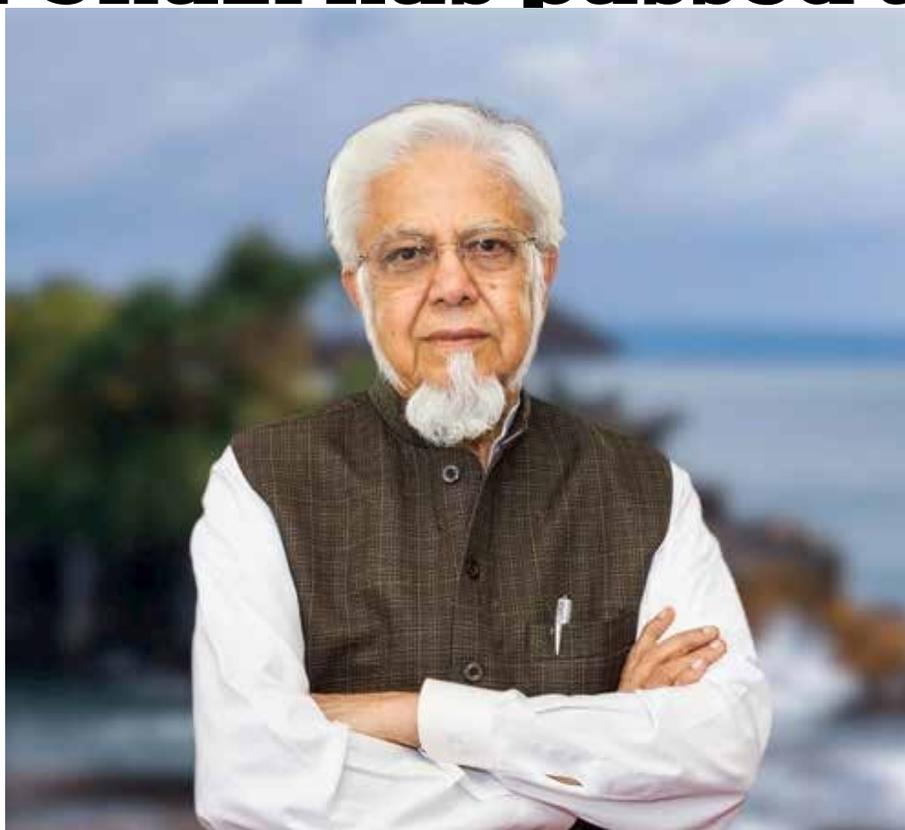
Report Syed Khalil Ullah

Notable Literary personality Dr. Abidullah Ghazi, who spent his life defending Urdu and Education through literature, books and lectures, died April 11th, 2021, at a local Chicago hospital. He was 85-year-old. He worked in literature for more than four decades, the news was announced on his son's Mr. Tariq Ghazi Facebook account.

Soon after the news of her death made headlines, community personalities and famous personalities offered their condolences and remembered the popular Person.

Friends and Family expressed deep shock at the sudden death of Dr. Ghazi Fondly known as the pillar of Muslim Community.

Dr. Abidullah Ansari Ghazi (born July 6th, 1936) is an Indian American author, educator and poet. He has written more than 140 Islamic



educational textbooks for children. He is also the executive director of IQRA' International Educational Foundation.

His books have been translated into many languages and are part of the curriculum of Islamic schools in more than 40 countries. He was named by the Royal Islamic Strategic Studies Centre as being among the "500 Most Influential Muslims in the World."

Speaking about the same, renowned literary personality Hashmat Sohail said, "It's hard to believe Dr. Ghazi is no longer with us. I spent many years together. He will be remembered forever in the worldwide literary community."

Many renowned personalities including Pramod Shah, Syed Wahaj

Ahmed, Azeem Quadeer, Arshia Hasnain, Vaseem Iftekhhar, Ziaul Hassan, Suhail Saqib, Ali Khan and many others paid tribute to his service.

Funeral services will be at the Muslim Community Center after Mid-day prayers on Monday April 12th, 2021. Due to the severity of Covid-19 strains, funeral attendance is limited to immediate family and will be transmitted live on social media. He will be buried in Chicago.

He will be remembered for his dedication and services to the community. Chicago lost a great friend and a great leader. Dr. Ghazi obtained the recipient of numerous awards, most notably the Citizen's Award, the Ronald Reagan Award, Nishan-e-Imtiaz (Order of Excellence) from Pakistan, a Certificate of Welcome from the City of Los Angeles and many others.



First Pakistani Elected President in Glendale Heights Chodri Khokhar Moon Khan is in DuPage County, Illinois. A marine is recognized by the scars on his face and not by the sheen of his skin. A diehard Democrat, Chodri Khokhar brought a tectonic legal 'coup' in the politics of DuPage County, and especially in the politics of Glendale Heights where the five-term incumbent was removed from the April 6th municipal ballot right before the election eve. Last night, Khokhar registered his split-hair victory by TWO mountainous votes. Every Vote Counts isn't a slogan; believe it. #DuPageForAll



Mr Shahid Razvi, General Secretary IAA was felicitated by Nawab Mir Hamid Ali Khan, President IAA and Fareeduddin Sabiri, Treasurer IAA on the occasion of his health recovery.



Hooria Amiri, a 17-year-old Pakistani orator has bagged the first prize with her documentary related to Neglected tropical diseases in Global Youth NTD Story telling Festival. Amiri's short documentary about Hyderabad has been short listed by an international organization Syed Khalil Ullah

## Interfaith Vigil for Sikh community

Report and Pictures Syed Khalil Ullah

On Saturday, April 24th, 2021 Numbers of Interfaith Leaders gathered at Palatine Gurdwara to pray for the eight people killed in the mass shooting Thursday at an Indianapolis FedEx facility.

Thursday, April 15, 2021 a deadly and horrible mass shooting occurred at a FedEx facility in Indianapolis. Among the victims, at least 4 of them were members of the Sikh community. Many of the targeted workers were Sikh immigrants. Media outlets and law enforcement agencies Confirm 8 people dead and several fatally injured.

In the wake of a deadly shooting at a FedEx facility in Indianapolis it raised awareness of many in the anti-Asian and Sikh violence in recent months.

The master of ceremony was Ravneet Dhaliwal. More than 200 people gathered in Sikh Religious Society Palatine Gurdwara for the candlelight vigil to commemorate the Indianapolis FedEx shooting victims and to call attention to recent multiply anti-Sikh and the event also honor the victims of the shooting Atlanta, Boulder and victims those who recently lost their lives to police brutality.

The event was organized by the Sikh Youth of Chicago with the help of the Palatine Gurdwara.

Many community members were shocked and saddened when she first saw news of Tuesday night's shootings.

At the candlelight vigil in Palatine Gurdwara, community activists several social, humanitarian organizations and Interfaith leaders react to rising in targeted violence in All over in the country, including Dr. Jay Moses Senior Pastor at Hope Presbyterian Church, Azam Nizamuddin Islamic foundation Villa Park, Pastor R. Keith Beauchamp, Senior Pastor of Bethel, New Life Church in Wheaton, Motika Anand United Peace, Maria Pike Moms Demand Action, Abdullah Mitchell Council of Islamic Organization, Raja Mohammad Yaqoob from Coalition of Pakistani American and Kanwar Singh, an Information Security Analyst by profession and an avid Sikh Youth Leader in the Greater Chicago area.

The speakers shared their personal reminder to the audience that gun violence impacts every community and all religions, races and ages. They further said, "We were shocked and deeply saddened by the tragic loss of those killed in Indianapolis. This attack on Sikh community is gut-wrenching and heartbreaking. The Sikh American community has a long history of enduring racism all over the USA since 9/11. This thing must be stopped. We are calling our elected leaders and civic, faith-based, and educational institutions to take steps and action against xenophobia, racism, and anti-religious hate."

Mr. Amardev Singh, President of Palatine Gurdwara performed closing remarks.

A minute's silence had taken place for victims, those who recently lost their lives in gun violence. More than forty Muslim and Pakistani community members showed up in the Palatine Gurdwara to joined pray and solidarity with Sikh Brothers. Bhai Mohinder Singh performs a short prayer at the end.

At the end of the event All the participants and community members of the event were invited to the Langar (Dinner) from the community kitchen vegetarian meal.

The event was completely well organized.



# Maulana Wahiduddin Khan

by Dr. Aslam Abdullah muslimobserver

The last time I saw him was January 2020. When I was in India and attended his lecture in the basement of his home, he delivered via intercom. Later, his son, Sani Asnain, invited me to meet Maulana Wahiduddin Khan in his private room. A Kashmiri pundit family was already there explaining their understanding of his writing. He was almost 88, but he recognized me, mentioned my late father's name, and asked a few questions about President Trump and his popularity in America.

Whenever I visited India, I always visited his residence to listen to his lectures. He never missed the interaction with young men and women who attended his session like a religious ritual. He was a soft-spoken humble man whose memory was sharp until his last days. He was cordial to everyone. Even in his disagreement, he kept Islamic ethics above all other things. His concern was the peaceful coexistence of religions, and he advocated Hindu-Muslim unity and harmony. He believed in salvation through Marifah and not through actions only. In Sufism and Alevism, Marifah (Arabic: مَرِيفَة, 'knowledge') describes the mystical intuitive knowledge of spiritual truth reached through ecstatic experiences, rather than revealed or rationally acquired. A seeker of Marifah is called 'Arif, "the one who knows."

He was a philosopher, a journalist, a scholar, and above all, a positive thinker and edited Al-Jamiat, an Urdu daily published by Jamiat ul Ulama of India. He produced his magazine Ar Risala and authored over 200 books translated into English, Arabic, Hindi, and many other languages. The former ruler of Libya, Muammar Qaddafi, whose Green Book he translated into Urdu, admired him for his positive thinking and even financed many of his projects.

Maulana was once a member of Jamat Islami and a fan of Syed Abul Ala Maududi. Later, he regretted his association with Syed Maududi in his book Tabeer ki Ghalti (Mistaken Interpretation), a critique of Jamat Islami.

The Maulana was born in a north Indian village of Bhadaria in Azamgarh on January 1, 1925. He died on April 21 2021) in the Nizamuddin area of Delhi, not far from the shrine of Khwaja Nizamuddin and the headquarters of Tableeghi Jamat. A peace activist known for having written a commentary on the Quran and translated it into contemporary English, he was in the 500 Most Influential Muslims of the world.

Khan received the Demiurgus Peace International Award, under the patronage of the former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev; India's third-highest civilian honor, the Padma Bhushan, in January 2000; the National Citizens' Award, presented by Mother Teresa and the Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award (2009). Maulana Wahiduddin Khan received Padma Vibhushan, India's second-highest civilian award, for his contribution to spiritualism.

He started The Ar-Risala (The Message) Urdu magazine in 1976, consisting of almost entirely his articles and writing. An English edition of the magazine began in February 1984, and a Hindi version started in December 1990. His major writings included Hijacking — A Crime, Rights of Women in Islam, The Concept of Charity in Islam, and The Concept of Jihad.

He wrote extensively on multiple issues. Some of his titles are:

The Prophet of Peace

The Quran: A New Translation

A Treasury of the Quran

Tazkirul Quran

Indian Muslims: The Need for a Positive Outlook

Introducing Islam: A Simple Introduction to Islam

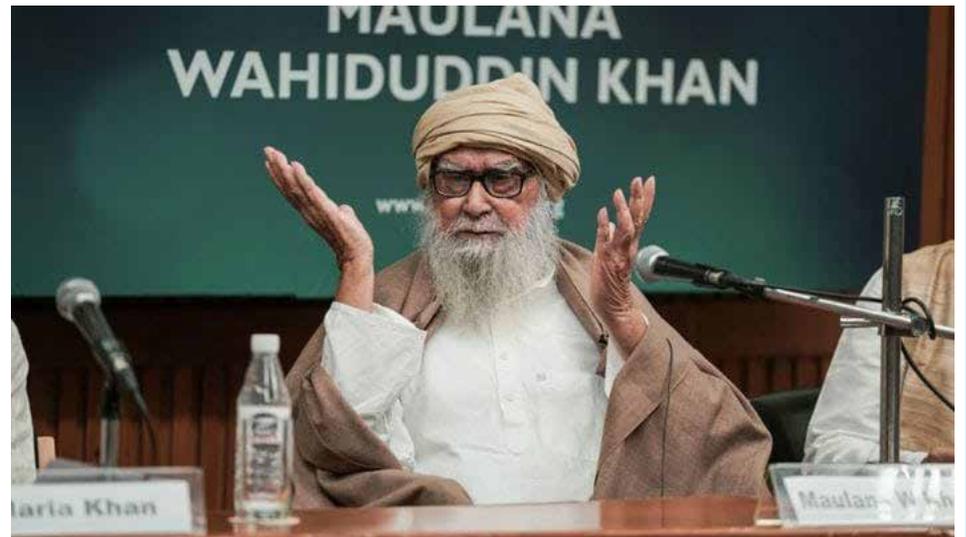
Islam Rediscovered: Discovering Islam From its Original Sources

Islam and Peace

Islam: Creator of the Modern Age

Words of the Prophet Muhammad

The Issue of Blasphemy



## Corruption will be stamped out from HCA, promises Azharuddin

These famous lines by the Scottish poet Robert Burns aptly describe the situation in which Mohammed Azharuddin, President of the Hyderabad Cricket Association, now finds himself.

The man, whose wristy flicks enthralled the world, now has an uphill task on his hands but is willing to take the bull by the horns and apply himself to the job wholeheartedly. In a candid and wide ranging interview to *siasat.com* he outlined his approach and his plans to improve cricket in Hyderabad.

Question: What are your plans to take the game forward in Hyderabad? We have seen a lot of disagreement within the HCA regarding appointment of the Ombudsman. But players and fans want a peaceful and constructive atmosphere. What is your vision of the future and how do you plan to resolve the conflicting issues and develop cricket?



Answer: "Well, what I say is that everyone must work together and follow the rules. Without cooperation, there can be no progress. All the people in the HCA are experienced and everyone knows his responsibilities. So everyone should come on board and work together to bring about an atmosphere where the game will progress. The game is bigger than each one of us so we must focus on cricket and nothing else. At present all the talk is about many things other than cricket. We must all get back to talking and planning about the game."

Q: There have been allegations of widespread corruption and malpractices in the selection of teams and other aspects. How are you planning to eradicate these misdeeds?

A: We will go strictly by the rules and any player or umpire or group of individuals found indulging in crooked practices will find themselves out of the picture and cooling their heels in their own houses or even in the custody of the law. All forms of corruption will be stamped out with a heavy hand, I promise you. You will see some positive changes very soon and the game will be played in a fair and square manner. The club secretaries should realise that their players are of utmost importance. I would urge all clubs to focus on developing the careers of their players. When I was an upcoming player, I was promoted by my school, then my college (Nizam College) and my club Deccan Blues. It is because of the help I received in my young days that I could play for the

Under-19 side and climb up the ladder step by step. All players can come up only by playing for the affiliated clubs. The club officials must nurture them and promote them. That is how it should go for every young cricketer in Hyderabad. We will ensure that there is transparency and honesty in the system.

Q: A fair amount of time has passed since you took charge as President of the HCA. Why is there a delay in implementing the ideas?

A: The Coronavirus issue has been a big setback. It is difficult to get any work done or conduct any cricket events because of the complexities that it has created. It is something that my predecessors never had to face. It created a completely new situation for all of us. I had taken charge and was taking stock of the situation when the Coronavirus struck. As we all know, the entire country came under a lockdown and all work came to a grinding halt. We had to abide by the new restrictive rules. Difficulties arose when holding meetings. Even now it is difficult to contact people when you need them. They are unavailable much of the time. Right now the second wave has engulfed us all. Sometimes people Test positive. Then they have to go into quarantine. At every step there is some difficulty or the other. But I am hopeful that after a few months things will normalise and we will be able to implement the plans that we have in mind.

Q: The young players of Hyderabad need to be encouraged. They need top class coaching and infrastructure. Only those states will progress which can unearth and develop talent. What will HCA do about this and how will Hyderabad regain its status as one of the better teams in India?

A: Yes, my dream is to take Hyderabad to the top. We must conduct camps and tap talent from the grassroots level. I have plans that will spot talent from an early age. Quite often I find that boys who do well in some junior level tournaments are not really that good. When I make them play in the nets and watch them, I find that some can't even connect the balls that are bowled to them. I can see that their technique is wrong. We have to separate the grain from the chaff. As for infrastructure, I agree that facilities need to be improved all over Hyderabad. Some grounds are good but some are in a pathetic state. We need to have better grounds so that young players can develop their talent and their game can flourish. Even at the Rajiv Gandhi stadium in Uppal a lot of work needs to be done before we can host a big match. We have been given the opportunity to hold the T20 World Cup but we have to put in a lot of work before that.

Q: Since you began your career, in what way has Hyderabad changed as far as the game of cricket is concerned? Before the Rajiv Gandhi stadium was constructed, all matches were conducted at the Lal Bahadur stadium. How do you compare the old ground with the new one?

A: The Fateh Maidan ground (Lal Bahadur stadium) was a good venue. It has a special place in my heart. There used to be so much sports activity there. I would love to see the ground restored to its previous eminence. If I have the opportunity I will make the

LBS ground important again. I have fond memories of watching so many famous players there. Like Clive Lloyd, Gordon Greenidge, Andy Roberts, Keith Fletcher, Sunny Gavaskar, Karsan Ghavri, Gundappa Viswanath and many others. The Sri Lankan team used to take part in the Moin Ud Dowla tournament and we used to see players like Roy Dias, David Heyn, Tony Opatha and others. I used to sit in the stands and watch them play. My favourite player back then was Greg Chappell. And I used to love listening to the Aussie commentator Alan McGilvray. But now all that has changed after the scene shifted to the Uppal stadium. Each stadium has its own ambience and this one is different from Fateh Maidan.

Q: The Coronavirus issue has affected all cricket tournaments in a very substantial manner. What is your outlook about the forthcoming domestic season?

A: Well, I hope that the Coronavirus problem will subside by the time the Ranji season of 2021 begins. I pray that this year things will be better and we will see a more fruitful domestic season wherein players will be able to display their merit exhaustively. The BCCI is planning to start the domestic season in September and the Ranji trophy is scheduled to be held from December to March. Although we are not yet out of the woods, the second wave has caught everyone by surprise. I have been told that some of our ground staff have been affected. So yes, there are problems, but we must hope for the best and plan ahead for the future. With the right planning and approach, there is every reason to expect that Hyderabad cricket will once again be a significant force in domestic competitions and that we will produce more international level players.

Abhijit Sen Gupta is a seasoned journalist who writes on Sports and various other subjects.



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Male  
 Beard: No  
 Age: 27 yrs  
 Height: 5'8"  
 Education: Masters in Mechanical Engineering  
 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  
 Marital Status: Never Married  
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim  
 Ethnicity: Andhra Pradesh, India  
 Contact:  
 WhatsApp: +1 (205) 567-6126

Male  
 Beard: Yes  
 Age: 25  
 Height: 6'1"  
 Education: Pursuing dual degree MBA/MHA  
 Profession: Project manager  
 Residence: Houston, TX  
 Legal Status: Citizen  
 Marital status: Single  
 Religious Sect: Sunni  
 Language: Urdu  
 Ethnicity: Indian Muslim  
 Family: Parents and 1 older brother only .

## LOOKING FOR: FEMALE

Hijabi: Optional  
 Age: Between 22 and 24 years  
 Height: Between 5'4" to 5'9"  
 Education: Any medical/ para medical field  
 Profession: Any in Health industry  
 Residence: Anywhere in USA  
 Legal Status: Any  
 Marital Status: Never married single  
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim  
 Ethnicity: Urdu speaking Indian/ Pakistani  
 WhatsApp # (205) 567-6126

Male  
 Beard: Yes  
 Age: 31  
 Height: 5'9"  
 Education: Bachelor of Health Adm  
 Profession: Health Admn Consultant  
 Residence: Houston, TX  
 Legal Status: Citizen  
 Marital status: Single  
 Religious Sect: Sunni  
 Language: Urdu  
 Ethnicity: Indian Muslim  
 Family: Parents and 1 younger brother only .

## LOOKING FOR: FEMALE

Hijabi: No  
 Age: Between 26 and 30 years  
 Height: Between 5'2" to 5'6"  
 Education: Any medical/ para medical field  
 Profession: Any in Health industry  
 Residence: Anywhere in USA  
 Legal Status: Any  
 Marital Status: Never married single  
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim  
 Ethnicity: Urdu speaking Indian/ Pakistani  
 WhatsApp # (205) 567-6126

Male  
 Beard: No  
 Age: 25  
 Height: 5'11"  
 D.O.B.: 22-04-1995  
 Marital status: never married  
 Legal Status: Indian  
 Residence: Hyderabad, India  
 Education: M.B.A  
 Profession: own school  
 Maslak Sect: sunni muslim  
 Do you go to dargah: NO  
 Religious Sect: Hanafi  
 Language: Urdu, English  
 Family info: Parents, One brother & one sister

## LOOKING FOR: FEMALE

Hijabi: Yes  
 Age: 20-23  
 Height: 5'3"-5'5"  
 Marital Status: never married  
 Legal Status: Indian/ Canadian  
 Residence: India / Canada  
 Education: any professional graduate  
 Profession:  
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim  
 Contact: +91 6309714861  
 WhatsApp #6309714861

Male  
 Beard: yes  
 Date of birth: 15 August 1990  
 Height: 5' 10"  
 Education: MBBS, pursuing MS in health care administration  
 Profession: student  
 Residence: US West Virginia  
 Legal Status: GC EAD  
 Marital status: never married  
 Religious Sect: sunni muslim  
 Language: English, urdu,  
 Ethnicity: Indian Hyderabad  
 Family: parents and 2 sisters

## LOOKING FOR: FEMALE

Hijabi / Yes  
 Age: 25 yrs  
 Height: 5'5"  
 Education: any professional graduate  
 Profession:  
 Residence:  
 Legal Status: Citizen, Green card  
 Marital Status: Never Married  
 Religious Sect: sunni muslim  
 Ethnicity: Indian, pakistani  
 Contact: 4692160645  
 WhatsApp #4692160645

Name: MS  
 Age: 28  
 Gender: Male  
 Height: 5' 5"  
 Marital Status: Never Married  
 Residence: California, USA  
 Education: M.Sc Graduate from USA  
 Profession: IT Professional  
 Legal Status: H-1B (GC in process)  
 Religious belief: Sunni  
 Ethnicity: Indian (Hyd)  
 Language: Urdu, English, Hindi

LOOKING FOR: Practicing Muslima who have well balanced in between deen and duniya, honest and with family values.

Age: <30  
 Height: 5.0-5.6  
 Marital Status: Never Married  
 Education: Any  
 Profession: Any  
 Religion: Sunni  
 Ethnicity/Legal Status:  
 Indian - (USA GC/Citizen)/ Born abroad/ Gulf  
 Pakistani - (USA GC/Citizen)  
 Contact: +1 (361) 228-3059

Beard: Yes  
 Age: 30  
 Height: 5'10"  
 Education: Associates in Architectural Design/Planning. Associates in Real Estate Business (with license)  
 Profession: GIS/Telecommunications Design Engineer at American Electric Power  
 Residence: Columbus, Oh USA  
 Legal Status: USA born citizen  
 Marital status: single, never married  
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim  
 Language: English, Urdu  
 Ethnicity: Pakistani American  
 Family: Father works as a Manager in a lab. Mother provides home daycare. And 3 brothers. 1 older (married) and 2 younger.

## LOOKING FOR: FEMALE

Hijabi / Doesn't matter  
 Age: Up to 30 years old  
 Height: Doesn't matter  
 Education: Doesn't matter  
 Profession: Working  
 Residence: USA, preferably midwest  
 Legal Status: Doesn't matter  
 Marital Status: single, never married  
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim  
 Ethnicity: Preferably Pakistani, but open  
 CONTACT: 2055676126

1. Full name : Mohammed Ather  
 2. Marital Status: single  
 3. Age: 30 ..  
 4. D.O.B: 5th April  
 5. Height : 5.8  
 6. Complexion : fair  
 7. Education : M.B.A (Finance), PG Diploma in IT (Both From London)  
 8. Work/ job : Self Employed (Real Estate Business)  
 9. Family Details  
 Father . Retired Central Govt (Electricity Department)  
 Mother . LATE (expired on 1st July 2020)  
 10. Sister. Married (House wife)  
 11. Brother. Married Safety officer in Makkah Clock Tower, KSA (presently in USA)

11. Native place : Hyderabad  
 12. Alhamdulillah performed umrah during march 2019  
 13. Maslak sect . SUNNI MUSLIM  
 Requirement in  
 BRIDE :  
 Should be educated well mannered, who respect ELDERS..  
 Further details please  
 Contact:  
 7989227803

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Hijabi: Yes  
Age: 24  
Height: 5.3  
Education: M.B.A  
Profession:  
Residence: Hyd, India  
Legal Status: Indian citizen  
Marital status: never Married  
Religious Sect: Sunni  
Language: Urdu, English  
Ethnicity: hyderabad, india  
Family: Parents and 5 elder brothers  
1) M.B.A Accounting Manager in Hyderabad  
2) M.B.A Auditor in Saudi Arabia  
3) B.E, Software Engineer in U.S.A  
4) BPT, Applied for M.S in U.S.A  
5) B.E, Studing M.S In Canadian University  
**LOOKING FOR: MALE**  
Beard: Any  
Age: less than 32  
Height: 5.4 and above  
Education: Eng, Doctor or MBA  
Profession: Eng, Doctor or Manager  
Residence: Hyd or or Gulf Aus or USA or  
Legal Status: H1B or Hyderabad  
Marital Status: never Married  
Religious Sect: Sunni  
Ethnicity: Hyd, Indian  
Contact:  
Mother: +91 81428 03081  
Brothers: +91 81431 74190  
+19283068704

**FEMALE**  
Hijabi : Yes  
Age: 24  
Height: 5 feet  
Marital status: Never married  
Legal Status: UK Student visa  
Education: ACCA & MSc in Accounting and finance  
Profession: Student  
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  
  
**LOOKING FOR: MALE**  
Beard: Slight beard fine  
Age: 26 to 29  
Height: 5.4 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  
Contact:  
WhatsApp #+12055676126

**DOCTOR FEMALE:**  
Name: Dr. xyz  
Age: 23 yrs  
Height: 5'7  
Hijabi: yes  
Complexion. Very very fair  
Residence: Hyderabad, India  
Education: MBBS - internship USMLE Step 1 & 2 completed.  
Marital status: unmarried  
Citizenship: Indian citizen  
Ethnicity : Indian  
Religious sect: Sunni Muslim  
Family: 1. Father: Central govt employee  
2. Mother : Doctor  
3. Elder sister: Doctor (USA), Married  
4. Brother in law: Resident Doctor at Loma Linda university, California  
Language: English, Urdu, Hindi  
Hobbies: Cooking , Spending time with family  
  
Looking for: Male  
Age: 28-30  
Height : 5'10 n above  
Residence: USA  
Education: MBBS , MD(USA)  
Profession: Doctor  
Legal status: US citizen/ J1 visa  
Marital status: unmarried  
Religious sect: Sunni muslim  
Ethnicity: Indian  
CONTACT ADMIN ASLAM 2055676126

**FEMALE**  
Hijabi : Yes  
Name: AA  
Age: 24  
Height: 5' 5"  
Residence : Ontario, Canada  
Education: Undergraduate- Incomplete in progress  
Profession: Student  
Legal Status: Canadian Citizen  
Marital status : Never married  
Ethnicity: Indian (Hyderabad)  
Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim  
Family: Parents- Engineer, 3 younger sisters  
Language: English, Urdu  
Hobbies: Reading, baking, TV  
  
**LOOKING FOR: Male**  
Age : 26-29  
Height: any  
Residence: any  
Education: post graduate  
Profession: any Halal  
Legal Status: US/Canadian  
Marital Status: never married  
Religious Sect: Sunni, practicing  
Ethnicity: any  
CONTACT ADMIN ASLAM 2055676126

**FEMALE**  
Hijabi: Yes  
Age: 24  
Height: 5.3  
Education: M.B.A  
Profession:  
Residence: Hyd, India  
Legal Status: Indian citizen  
Marital status: never Married  
Religious Sect: Sunni  
Language: Urdu, English  
Ethnicity: hyderabad, india  
Family: Parents and 5 elder brothers  
1) M.B.A Accounting Manager in Hyderabad  
2) M.B.A Auditor in Saudi Arabia  
3) B.E, Software Engineer in U.S.A  
4) BPT, Applied for M.S in U.S.A  
5) B.E, Studing M.S In Canadian University  
  
**LOOKING FOR: MALE**  
Beard: Any  
Age: less than 32  
Height: 5.4 and above  
Education: Eng, Doctor or MBA  
Profession: Eng, Doctor or Manager  
Residence: Hyd or or Gulf Aus or USA or  
Legal Status: H1B or Hyderabad  
Marital Status: never Married  
Religious Sect: Sunni  
Ethnicity: Hyd, Indian  
Contact:  
Mother: +91 81428 03081  
Brothers: +91 81431 74190  
+19283068704

**FEMALE**  
Hijabi: Yes  
Age: 24  
Height: 5 ft 3 in  
Marital status: Never Married  
Legal Status: US citizen  
Education: Medicine 3rd year  
Profession: Medical  
Residence: US  
Religious Sect: Sunni  
Language: Urdu/English  
Ethnicity: Hyderabad Deccan  
Family: Father IT pro, Mother Home-maker, Sis & Bro-in-law doctors, Bro1 Engg, Bro2 HS student  
  
**LOOKING FOR: MALE**  
Beard: Optional  
Age: 24-28  
Height: Min 5ft 7in  
Marital Status: Never Married  
Legal Status: US citizen  
Education: Medical professions preferred, other Grad/PG Professions  
MUST be US/Canada schooled  
Profession: Medical preferred  
Residence: US  
Religious Sect: Sunni  
Holding Islamic & family values  
Ethnicity: Indian/Pakistani  
Contact: Mr. Aslam  
WhatsApp # +1 (205) 567-6126

**FEMALE**  
Hijabi : Yes  
Age: 27  
Height: 5'6  
Education: B.COM  
Profession:  
Residence: BANGALORE  
Legal Status:  
Marital status: NEVER BEFORE  
Religious Sect: SUNNI HANAFI, MUSLIM  
Language: HINDI, URDU  
Ethnicity: INDIAN  
Family: 4 BROTHERS (2 MARRIED), 1 SISTER  
  
**LOOKING FOR: MALE**  
Beard: Yes  
Age: 27-33  
Height: 5'8+  
Education: ANY DEGREE  
Profession: DOCTOR, ENGINEER  
Residence: INDIA OR ABROAD  
Legal Status: ABROAD  
Marital Status: NEVER BEFORE  
Religious Sect: SUNNI HANAFI, MUSLIM.  
WHO FOLLOWS TEACHINGS OF QURAN AND HADITH, WHO HAS GOOD CHARACTER AND CONDUCT.  
Ethnicity: INDIAN  
Contact:  
WhatsApp #: (205) 567-6126

**FEMALE**  
Hijabi : Yes  
Name: AN  
Age: 25  
Height: 5' 1"  
Residence : Scotland, UK  
Education: Masters in Psychology  
Profession: Research Asst, York University UK  
Legal Status: British Citizen  
Marital status : Never married  
Ethnicity: Indian (Hyderabad)  
Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim  
Family: Parents- doctors, 2 younger sisters  
Language: English, Passable Urdu  
Hobbies: Reading, baking, TV  
  
**LOOKING FOR: Male**  
Age : 26-29  
Height: any  
Residence: any  
Education: post graduate  
Profession: any Halal  
Legal Status: US/UK/Canadian  
Marital Status: never married  
Religious Sect: Sunni, practicing  
Ethnicity: any  
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**Ashwin Yadav passed away..**

Former Hyderabad fast bowler Ashwin Yadav passed away.. He was 33 and died of cardiac arrest. He is survived by his wife and three young sons.

Yadav had played 14 first class matches and captured 34 wickets. He made his Ranji Trophy debut in 2007 against Punjab in Mohali and had best figures of 6 for 52 against Delhi at Uppal Stadium in 2008-09 season. Although he last played his Ranji match against Mumbai in 2009, he continued to play for State Bank of Hyderabad and now SBI in the local leagues.

Yadav was a consistent performer in junior cricket while playing for St Andrew's School after having joined St John's Sports Foundation, According to Noel Carr, who was the coach of St Andrew's School, Ashwin always impressed with his hard work. "He had the ability to take wickets from a young age. He was the highest wicket-taker with the 25 wickets for the State under-14 team in the South Zone championship in 2002," he said. Former Ranji off-spinner and teammate Vishal Sharma said Ashwin was a team man. "He always sported a big smile on his face. I just can't believe it that he is no more. He was regular at Gym and continued to play in the local leagues."



Yadav played for Evergreen in the local leagues for many years before he joined SBH. Coach Kishenlal of Evergreen said Ashwin was an energetic and enthusiastic bowler. "He had a good out-swing and was nippy off the wicket," he said.

Indian fielding coach R Sridhar, in his tweet, said he was devastated to hear the news of Yadav's demise. "A very jovial and fun loving guy, a team man to the core, punched away above his skills as a fast bowler," he said. Former Hyderabad opener Daniel Manohar, who captained Ashwin for SBH in local matches, said he was too young to die. "He always enjoyed his cricket and an aggressive fast bowler. It is shocking news because he was always a fitness fanatic. It is sad he is no more," said Manohar.



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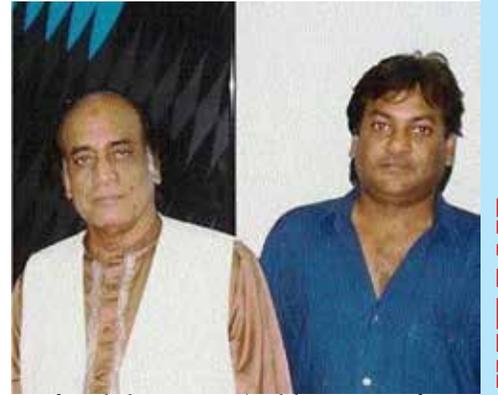
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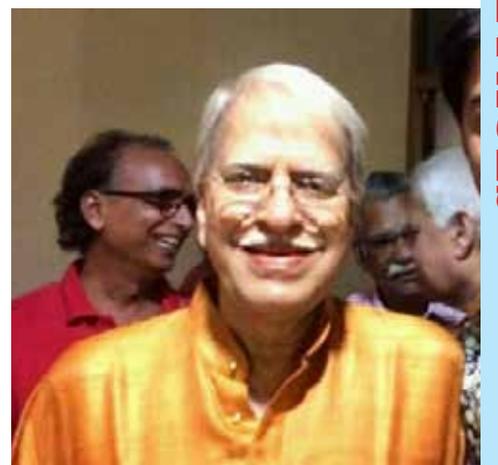
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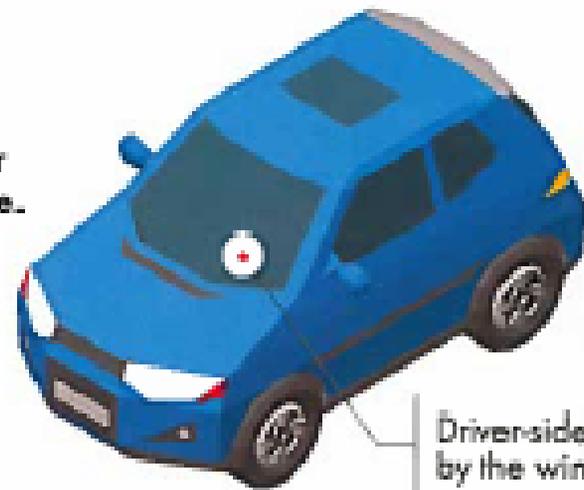
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## Babar Azam beats Virat Kohli's record, becomes fastest batsman to reach 2,000 runs in T20Is

Pakistan captain Babar Azam on Sunday became the fastest cricket player to reach the milestone of 2,000 runs in the Twenty20 international format, having accomplished the feat in just 52 innings.

Azam bagged the record during Pakistan's deciding third and final T20 against Zimbabwe at the Harare Sports Club.

"The brilliant Babar Azam bags another record," congratulated the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) on Twitter. The International Cricket Council (ICC) also congratulated Azam on the achievement.

"Babar Azam becomes the fastest batsman to 2000 T20I runs. He has taken only 52 innings to achieve the feat!" "Congratulations to skipper Babar Azam for being the fastest batsman in the world to reach 2,000 T20I runs in only 52 innings," said the Foreign Office as it too extended its congratulations.

He became the 11th overall player to score 2,000 T20I runs and also took another record from Indian skipper Virat Kohli, who previously held the record for scoring the 2,000 runs in 56 innings.

Babar only needed 60 more runs to break the record since he had already achieved 1940 runs at an average of 48.50 in 49 innings, according to a previous press release from the PCB.

"The right-handed Lahore-born batsman is in sublime form these days, as he struck his maiden T20I hundred in Pakistan's nine-wicket win over South Africa in the third T20I at SuperSport Park on April 14. He was also awarded with player-of-the-series award for his 210 runs at 52.50 in the four-match series," it had said.

Babar had previously this month also overtaken Kohli to become the No.1 ranked ODI batsman in the world after the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup. Babar had moved ahead of Kohli to the No.1 position after his 103 in the first match of the series. But, he had slipped to second (five points behind Kohli) after scoring 31 in the second match.

However, after an innings of 94 in the series finale that earned him the player of the match award, Babar had once again leapfrogged the India captain who slipped from the top for the first time since re-



placing AB de Villiers in October 2017, a press release issued by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) had said.

Babar had started the three-match ODI series 20 points behind Kohli and finished eight points ahead of the Indian batsman, earning 28 points in the series in which he aggregated 228 runs.

Reacting to the news, Babar had said: "I feel privileged and honoured to have

joined the company of stalwarts like Abbas, Miandad and Yousuf, who will always be shining stars in Pakistani cricket.

"This is another milestone in my career, which will now require even more hard work and absolute consistency with the bat in order for me to hold on to the ranking for an extended period of time, like Sir Vivian Richards from January 1984 to October 1988 and Kohli for 1,258 days." DAWN

## 'Hindus owe apology to Muslims': Ram Gopal Varma on Kumbh Mela

Ram Gopal Varma said that the Delhi's Tablighi Jammāt is like a short film compared to today's "BAHUBALIAN KUMBH MELA" and termed the Kumbh Mela as "corona atom bomb"

Hyderabad: The Kumbh Mela is being held at a time when the country is facing the second wave of COVID-19, and thousands if not lakhs of devotees are coming to take part in the congregation. However, hardly any TV channel is raising this public health issue.

Most of the film personalities are also maintaining a silence on this issue. However, film producer Ram Gopal Varma has turned out to be one of the few voices of reason, and raised this issue, calling it an "corona atom bomb".

In one of his tweets few days ago, he wrote, "the Delhi Jammāt super spreader of March 2020 is like a short film compared to today's BAHUBALIAN KUMBH MELA ..All us Hindus owe an apology to Muslims because they did back then when they

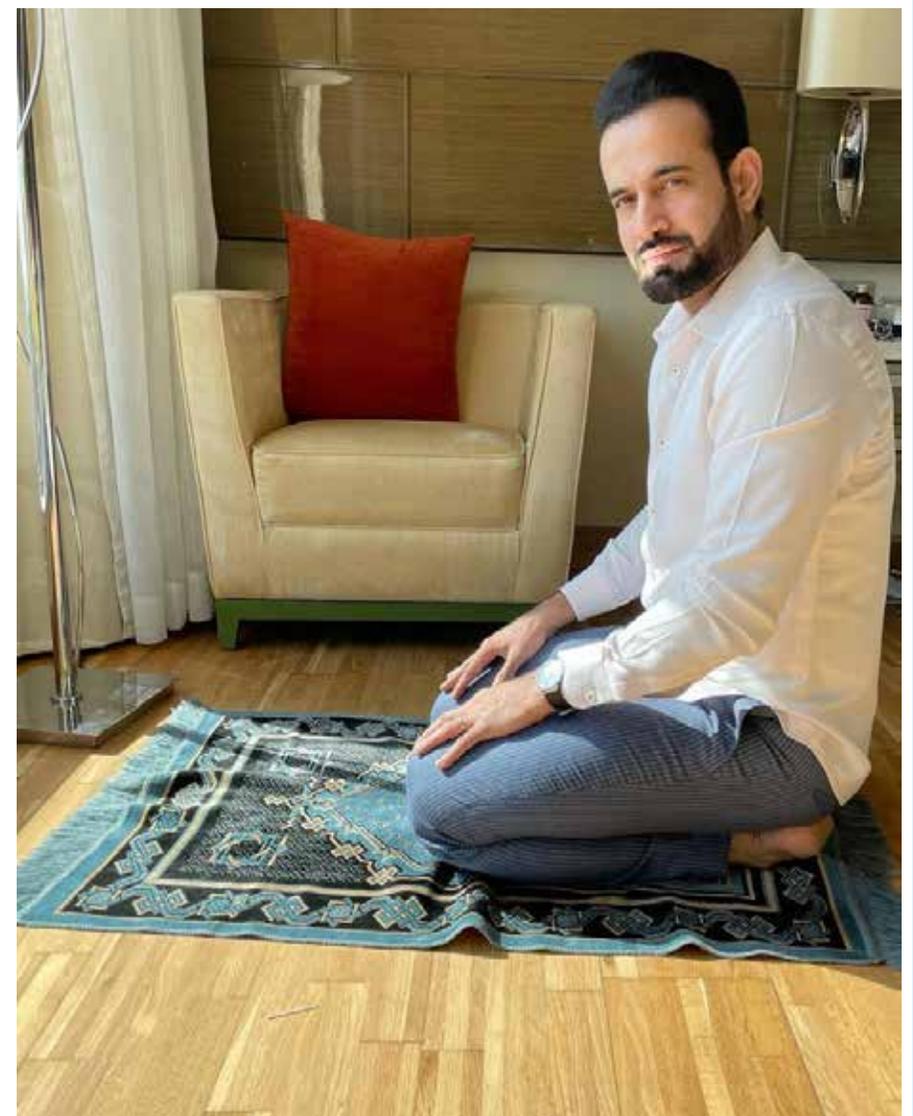
dint know and we did this one year after we fully know".

In another tweet, he wrote, "What you are seeing is not KUMBH MELA but it's a CORONA ATOM BOMB ..I wonder who will be made accountable for this VIRAL EXPLOSION".

Last year, after the first outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in the country, all TV channels targeted the Tablighi Jamaat Markaz in Delhi. Those who were found at the Markaz were called "super spreaders", and many of them faced public castigation as well. The police also arrested the members and filed cases against them in various cities. However, one by one, each one fell flat on its face.

It may be mentioned that at the onset of the pandemic, no one knew the severity of the disease. But now when it is obvious that the pandemic its taking lives, and is severe, the centre, for reasons best known to itself, had given the nod to let the Kumbh Mela take place. For the event,

millions of people gather from different parts of the word and congregate. . The Siasat Daily



**Irfan Pathan: Friday Prayer at home in Ramadan due to covid**



# New Archaeological Discovery Sheds Light on Nephi's Temple

The Book of Mormon reports that Nephi and his followers built a temple “after the manner of the temple of Solomon save it were not built of so many precious things” upon their arrival in the land of promise (2 Nephi 5:16). As explored in a past KnoWhy (#31, “Did Ancient Israelites Build Temples Outside of Jerusalem?”), the Book of Mormon was criticized during Joseph Smith’s lifetime for this depiction of ancient Israelites building a temple outside of the city of Jerusalem. However, archaeological discoveries made long after the lifetime of Joseph Smith have confirmed that multiple Israelite temples were anciently constructed outside of Jerusalem, thus vindicating a claim made in the Book of Mormon that was once thought to be absurd.

The new January/February 2020 issue of the *Biblical Archaeology Review* (Vol. 46, No. 1) features an article (“Another Temple in Judah!”) by Shua Kisilevitz and Oded Lipschits of Tel Aviv University. Their research reinforces earlier discoveries and bolsters the Book of Mormon’s depiction of ancient Israelites building temples outside of Jerusalem. “In 2012, archaeologists from the Jerusalem District of the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) made a jaw-dropping discovery that is still puzzling archaeologists and biblical scholars,” write Kisilevitz and Lipschits. “They discovered a temple at Tel Moa, less than 4 miles northwest of Jerusalem. It apparently stood, operated, and welcomed worshipers throughout most of the Iron Age II, from its establishment around 900 B.C.E. until its demise sometime toward the end of the Iron Age (early sixth century B.C.E.)”

As if echoing earlier cries of incredulity, Kisilevitz and Lipschits rhetorically ask, “But what is a temple doing at Tel Moa during this period, when the Bible says the only temple in Judah was in Jerusalem?! Could a monumental temple really exist in the heart of Judah, right outside Jerusalem?” As they explain at length in their article, the answer is clearly yes. Despite the reforms of the Judahite kings Hezekiah and Josiah that saw the centralization of temple worship in Jerusalem (2 Kings 18, 23; 2 Chronicles 29–31, 34–35), Kisilevitz and Lipschits’ “analysis of the archaeological finds and biblical texts clearly demonstrates that the temple at Moa conforms to ancient Near Eastern religious conventions and traditions and to biblical depictions of cult places throughout the land.” From the available evidence, “it has become clear that temples such as the one at Moa not only could but also must have existed throughout most of the Iron II period [circa 1000–550 BC] as part of the official, royally sanctioned religious construct. Indeed, the temple at Moa is not an anomaly at all; rather, it is the exception that proves the rule! Simply put: Despite the biblical narratives describing

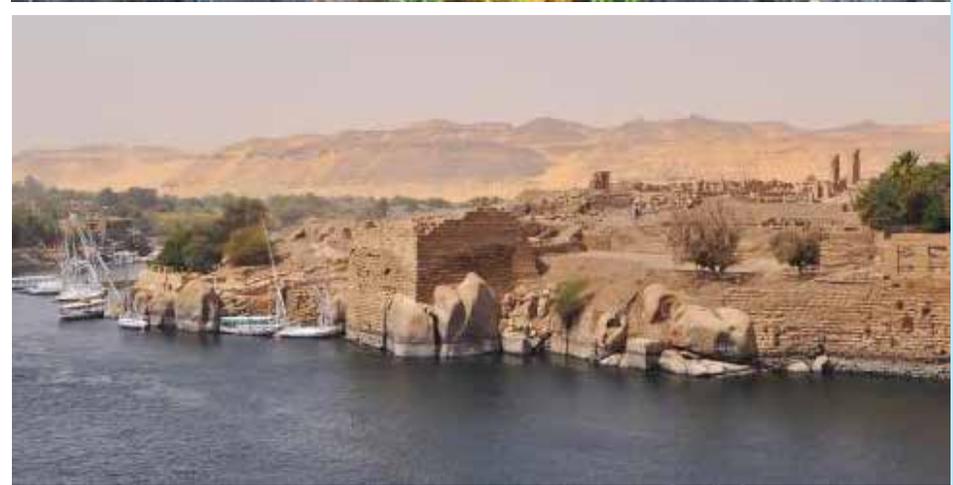
Hezekiah’s and Josiah’s reforms, there were sanctioned temples in Judah in addition to the official temple in Jerusalem.”

That the temple at Tel Moa was a legitimate Israelite temple “after the manner of the temple of Solomon,” as it were, can be seen from a number of clues. The most obvious is its architectural design and layout. As Kisilevitz and Lipschits write,

The temple complex has an east-west orientation and consists of a courtyard and a large rectangular building. It has the conventional in antis north Syrian-style temple plan, which prevailed in the ancient Near East from the third millennium B.C.E. and became typical of temples in the southern Levant as early as the second millennium B.C.E.—including the Late Bronze Age temples at Hazor (Areas A and H), the temples at ‘Ain Dara and Tell Ta’inat in Syria, and also Solomon’s Temple as described in the Bible. This plan consists of a long room, usually segmented into two spaces. A smaller “holy of holies” was located at the back, where the central object of worship—often a statue—was placed, while a larger forward chamber was connected to a front portico, with two columns flanking the entrance. (Emphasis added)

The archaeological assemblage found at the site indicates that the temple was in continuous use for several centuries and was not religiously or culturally abnormal for the time and place. The site also functioned as a granary and played an important role in the local economy. “The community maintaining the granaries at Tel Moa depended on agricultural success for their livelihood (i.e., ample rainfall, fertility of the land, and a bountiful harvest) and likely sought it out by worship of the god(s). The construction of a central cult place with regulated worship dedicated to this purpose is a natural progression for a growing community.”

As Kisilevitz and Lipschits elaborate, “Since Tel Moa functioned as a granary throughout the Iron Age II, becoming a royal granary catering to Jerusalem and part of Judah’s larger economic framework by the eighth century B.C.E., it seems that the construction of the temple—and the worship conducted in it—were related to its economic significance. The economic and administrative functions of the site are, in fact, the very reason the temple existed!” Interestingly, this image of the community at Tel Moa and the construction of its temple appears to parallel the depiction of the nascent Nephite community in 2 Nephi 5. The building of Nephi’s temple in v. 16 is framed in the context of a burgeoning early Nephite economy that saw agricultural, architectural, and religious development (vv. 8–15, 17), as well as the formalization of the institution of Nephite kingship (v. 18).



It is unclear who exactly constructed the temple near Jerusalem at Tel Moa. “[W]ere these people associated with the rise of Jerusalem and the emergence of the Kingdom of Judah?” ask Kisilevitz and Lipschits. They “suggest that the Tel Moa temple was the undertaking of a local group, initially representing several extended families or perhaps villages that banded together to pool their resources and maximize production and yield. As they grew and expanded, so did their site, which eventually grew to house a cult place, constructed and established as a monumental temple.” Once again, the parallels with the description of Nephi’s early community in 2 Nephi 5 cannot be missed.

While additional excavations planned for 2020 and 2021 will hopefully answer lingering questions by filling in remaining gaps in the archaeological record, for

now it appears that “when it was constructed, the Moa temple was likely the undertaking of a local group, but by the Iron IIB period [circa 900–580 BC], it was clearly under Judahite rule and must therefore have been royally sanctioned by the realm.”

In addition to shedding new light on the evolution of ancient Israelite religious and administrative practice, the discoveries at Tel Moa also shed important light on Nephi’s temple and answer what was previously seen as a problematic claim made in the Book of Mormon. The trend of finding archaeological confirmation for the Book of Mormon’s claims continues along unabated into the new decade. by Stephen Smoot

# India's richest people are fleeing on private jets as the country hits almost 350,000 COVID-19 infections in another daily global record

India's uber-rich are fleeing the country on private jets as new travel bans come into place.

The country is currently battling a catastrophic second coronavirus wave.

Local media reports say many people chose to fly to Dubai, which is close by. India's ultra-rich are paying tens and thousands of dollars to escape the country as it set a new global record for daily coronavirus infections - for the fourth day in a row.

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The alarming numbers are prompting wealthy Indians to pay thousands for last-minute flights and private jets as travel restrictions come into place.

One popular destination seems to be the United Arab Emirates, which is only a short distance away from India and usually operates hundreds of flights there. It announced this week that it was barring the entry of travelers from India for 10 days from April 25, according to Gulf News.

A spokesman for charter company Air Charter Service India told AFP that the amount of interest in private jets has been "absolutely crazy."

"We have 12 flights going to Dubai tomorrow and each flight is completely full," the spokesman said Friday, according to The Economic Times.

Another private jet provider, Enthral Aviation, said it has been overwhelmed by hundreds of inquiries over the last few days.

"We have requested more aircraft from abroad to meet the demand ... It costs \$38,000 to hire a 13-seater jet from Mumbai to Dubai and \$31,000 to hire a six-seater aircraft," an Enthral Aviation spokesperson said, according to The Economic Times.

"People are making groups and arranging



to share our jets just to get a seat... We've had some queries for Thailand but mostly the demand is for Dubai," they added.

According to the Sunday Times, at least eight private jets were flown to Britain from India in the last 24 hours as the UK implemented its own travel ban on the country. It is reported that the jets may have cost more than \$138,000 (£100,000) to charter for the nine-hour flight. India has been facing an unexpected and devastating second coronavirus wave. A shocking video from the BBC, published Thursday, showed people dying on stretchers while waiting for help outside a hospital.

In New Delhi, which has been hit particularly hard, one person is said to be dying

of COVID-19 every four minutes.

The US government said on Saturday that it was seriously concerned about the worsening situation in the country and that it was in high-level talks to deploy extra help to Indian healthcare workers.

"Our hearts go out to the Indian people in the midst of the horrific COVID-19 outbreak," US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on Twitter. "We are working closely with our partners in the Indian government, and we will rapidly deploy additional support to the people of India and India's health care heroes."

Yahoo News  
Sophia Ankel

## Indian coronavirus variant reaches Switzerland -government says

ZURICH (Reuters) - The first case of the Indian variant of COVID-19 has been confirmed in Switzerland, the Federal Office for Public Health (BAG) said, as other countries introduce travel bans to contain its spread.

The case involved a passenger who arrived in Switzerland via a transit airport and not directly from India, which has been hit hard by a massive wave of infections in recent days, the BAG said on Twitter.

The test took place at the end of March, BAG told Reuters on Sunday, adding the person entered Switzerland via a European country.

BAG said consultations were now underway on whether to add India to its list of

high-risk countries, from where people must immediately go into quarantine upon arrival in Switzerland.

"The reason for this is the rapid spread of the variant in the country," a spokesman said, referring to India, adding there was currently no accurate information on how infectious or how much more dangerous the new variant was.

Italy on Sunday joined other countries by imposing restrictions on travel from India to avert the spread of the variant.

India has reported more than 300,000 new cases each day for the past four days, more than anywhere else in the world since the pandemic began.  
Yahoo News

(Reporting by John Reville; editing by David Evans)



# India virus patients suffocate amid oxygen shortage in surge

SRINAGAR, India (AP) — Indian authorities scrambled to get oxygen tanks to hospitals where COVID-19 patients were suffocating amid the world's worst coronavirus surge, as the government came under increasing criticism for what doctors said was its negligence in the face of a foreseeable public health disaster.

For the third day in a row, India set a global daily record of new infections. The 346,786 confirmed cases over the past day brought India's total to more than 16 million, behind only the United States. The Health Ministry reported another 2,624 deaths in the past 24 hours, pushing India's COVID-19 fatalities to 189,544. Experts say even those figures are likely an undercount.

The government ramped up its efforts to get medical oxygen to hospitals using special Oxygen Express trains, air force planes and trucks to transport tankers, and took measures to exempt critical oxygen supplies from customs taxes. But the crisis in the country of nearly 1.4 billion people was only deepening as overburdened hospitals shut admissions and ran out of beds and oxygen supplies.

"Every hospital is running out (of oxygen). We are running out," Dr. Sudhanshu Bankata, executive director of Batra Hospital, a leading hospital in the capital, told New Delhi Television channel.

In a sign of the desperation unfolding over the shortages, a high court in Delhi warned Saturday it would "hang" anyone who tries to obstruct the delivery of emergency oxygen supplies, amid evidence that some local authorities were diverting tanks to hospitals in their areas. The court, which was hearing submissions by a group of hospitals over the oxygen shortages, termed the devastating rise in infections a "tsunami."

At least 20 COVID-19 patients at the critical care unit of New Delhi's Jaipur Golden Hospital died overnight as "oxygen pressure was low," the Indian Express newspaper reported.

"Our supply was delayed by seven-eight hours on Friday night and the stock we received last night is only 40% of the required supply," the newspaper quoted the hospital's medical superintendent, Dr. D.K. Baluja, as saying.

On Thursday, 25 COVID-19 patients died at the capital's Sir Ganga Ram Hospital amid suggestions that low oxygen supplies were to blame.

India's infection surge, blamed on a highly contagious variant first detected here, came after Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared victory over

the coronavirus in January, telling the virtual gathering of the World Economic Forum that India's success couldn't be compared with anywhere else.

"In a country which is home to 18% of the world population, that country has saved humanity from a big disaster by containing corona effectively," Modi said.

But health experts and critics say a downward trend in infections late last year lulled authorities into complacency, as they failed to plug the holes in the ailing health care system that had become evident during the first wave. They also blame politicians and government authorities for allowing super-spreader events, including religious festivals and election rallies, to take place as recently as this month.

"It's not the virus variants and mutations which are a key cause of the current rise in infections," Dr. Anant Bhan, a bioethics and global health expert, tweeted this week. "It's the variants of ineptitude and abdication of public health thinking by our decision makers."

Dr. Vineeta Bal, who studies immune systems at the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research in Pune city, said that at the heart of India's "paralyzing" oxygen shortage was the sense of complacency that took hold as cases declined.

When the virus first erupted in India last year, Modi imposed a harsh, nationwide lockdown for months to keep hospitals from being overwhelmed. But the government relaxed restrictions in the face of widespread financial hardship and Modi has refrained from ordering a new lockdown.

But a pandemic doesn't just end, Bal noted. Summing up the authorities' response, she said: "Failure of governance, failure of anticipation, failure of planning, compounded by this sense that we've conquered (the virus)."

Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah as well as opposition politicians this month took part in mass election rallies in five populous states with tens of thousands of supporters who were not wearing masks or social distancing.

In addition, religious leaders and hundreds of thousands of devout Hindus descended on the banks of the Ganges River in the northern Indian city of Haridwar last month for a major Kumbh festival. Experts have described these as super-spreader events.

"Political and religious leaders have been exemplary on television for not following the restriction that they're saying



ordinary people should follow," Bal said.

Last week, the Supreme Court told Modi's government to produce a national plan for the supply of oxygen and essential drugs for the treatment of coronavirus patients.

The government said Saturday it would exempt vaccines, oxygen and other oxygen-related equipment from customs duty for three months, in a bid to boost availability.

In addition, Modi's emergency assistance fund, dubbed PM CARES, in January allocated some \$27 million for setting up 162 oxygen generation plants inside public health facilities in the country. Three months on, only 33 have been created, according to the federal Health Ministry.

But the Defense Ministry is set to fly 23 mobile oxygen generating plants within a week from Germany to be deployed at army-run hospitals catering to COVID patients. Each plant will be able to produce 2,400 liters of oxygen per hour, a government statement said Friday.

That's coming too late for hospitals in the capital and hard-hit states such as Maharashtra, which have turned to social media to plead with authorities to replenish their oxygen supplies. Early Saturday, Bankata's Batra hospital reported severe shortage of oxygen for its 190 admitted patients.

When the news anchor asked Bankata what happens when a hospital issues an SOS call as he had done, Bankata replied: "Nothing. It's over. It's over."

Hours later, the hospital received supplies to run for few hours.

Fortis Healthcare, a chain of hospitals across India, said Saturday that one of its hospitals in New Delhi "is running out of oxygen" and was suspending admis-

sions. In a tweet, it said it had been waiting for fresh supplies since the morning.

As the oxygen scarcity deepened, local officials in several states disrupted movement of tankers and diverted supplies to their areas.

On Friday, the Press Trust of India news agency reported that a tanker-truck carrying oxygen supplies in Delhi's neighboring state of Haryana went missing. Days before, the news agency reported, a minister in Haryana blamed Delhi authorities for looting an oxygen tanker when it was crossing their territory.

"Unfortunately, many such incidents have occurred and have dire effect on hospitals in need of oxygen supplies," said Saket Tiku, president of the All India Industrial Gases Manufacturers Association.

India is a major vaccine producer, but even after halting large exports of vaccines in March to divert them to domestic use, there are still questions of whether manufactures can produce them fast enough to bring down infections in time in the world's second most populous country.

India said this week it would soon expand its vaccination program from people aged 45 to include all adults, some 900 million people — well more than the entire population of the entire European Union and United States combined.

Yahoo News  
AIJAZ HUSSAIN  
Associated Press Science Writer Anirudha Ghosal in New Delhi contributed to this report.

## Saudi Arabia sees over \$200 billion in savings from energy reforms plan - Finance Minister

DUBAI (Reuters) - Saudi Arabia could save over \$200 billion over the next decade by replacing liquid fuel used for domestic consumption with gas and renewable energy sources, the finance minister said, as the kingdom seeks to cut costs to fund investments.

The world's top oil exporter has embarked on an ambitious reforms programme in recent years to modernize its economy, create jobs, and reduce its dependence on oil revenues.

"One initiative we're about to finalise is the displacement of liquids," said Finance Minister Mohammed al-Jadaan.

"This programme would represent savings for the government of about 800 billion riyals (\$213.34 billion) over the next 10 years which can be utilized for investment."

Saudi Arabia this month signed power purchase agreements with seven new solar projects, part of plans to optimise the energy mix used for electricity production.

"Instead of buying fuel from the international markets at \$60 and then selling it at

\$6 for Saudi utilities, or using some of our quota in OPEC to sell at \$6, we're going to actually displace at least 1 million barrels a day of oil equivalent in the next 10 years and replace it with gas and renewables," said Jadaan.

Hit hard by lower crude prices and the coronavirus crisis last year, the kingdom has recently announced plans to accelerate domestic investment, in a multi-trillion-dollar spending push led by state oil giant Aramco and the powerful \$400 billion sovereign fund, Public Investment Fund.

In an attempt to shift the burden of some of the planned investments away from the treasury, some companies have been asked to lower the dividends they pay to the government to boost capital spending.

"Between now and 2025, and possibly until 2030, fiscal sustainability is a priority for us. We believe that until we achieve all the targets that Vision 2030 has set, we need to maintain fiscal sustainability and control government expenditure," said Jadaan.

Vision 2030 is Crown Prince Mohammed



bin Salman's plan to shake up Saudi Arabia by weaning the economy off oil and building new industries and mega projects with the private sector to generate millions of jobs.

Unemployment was at 12.6% at the end of 2020, down from a record high of 15.4% in the second quarter last year when the economy was in the throes of the pandemic, but well above the 7% rate the kingdom wants to reach by 2030.

"We are maintaining our unemployment target for 2030 but because we are not out of the woods yet it is very difficult to say what the unemployment rate is going to be for 2021," said Jadaan.

"Our aim is to reduce the number so we will end up the year below where we ended up in 2019, pre-COVID, but I can't tell you this is going to happen for certain." Yahoo News (Reporting by Davide Barbuscia; Editing by Mike Harrison)

## India's Islamic scholar Maulana Wahiduddin Khan dies of COVID-19

Khan, 96, authored more than 200 books, including a two-volume commentary on the Holy Quran.

Indian Islamic scholar and peace activist Maulana Wahiduddin Khan has died in the capital New Delhi after contracting novel coronavirus, his family members announced. He was 96. Khan was recently admitted to a hospital in New Delhi after testing positive for COVID-19. "The great Islamic scholar Maulana Wahiduddin Khan breathed his last, late this evening. Doctors failed to revive his sinking heart. Pray for his maghfirat [penitence] and high station in Paradise. Amin," Zafarul Islam, Khan's eldest son, tweeted on Wednesday.

The author of more than 200 books, Khan has been honoured with several awards. This year, he was awarded the Padma Vibhushan, India's second-highest civilian honour.

Islamic scholar Maulana Wahiduddin Khan was buried in Panjpeeran Qabristan near Basti Hazrat Nizamuddin. Buried in same qabristan are his mother Zaubunnisa n wife Sabi'a Khatoon. Seen are his grandsons lifting his body to place in grave. Pl pray for his maghfirat.



contributions to world peace.

In 2009, Georgetown University in Washington, DC's list of 500 Most Influential Muslims of 2009 named him "Islam's spiritual ambassador to the world".

In 2001, he established the Centre for Peace and Spirituality to promote and reinforce a culture of peace. Khan went on a 15-day Shanti Yatra (peace march) through the western Maharashtra state in the wake of the demolition of the 16th-century Babri Mosque by Hindu hardliners in the state of Uttar Pradesh in 1992.

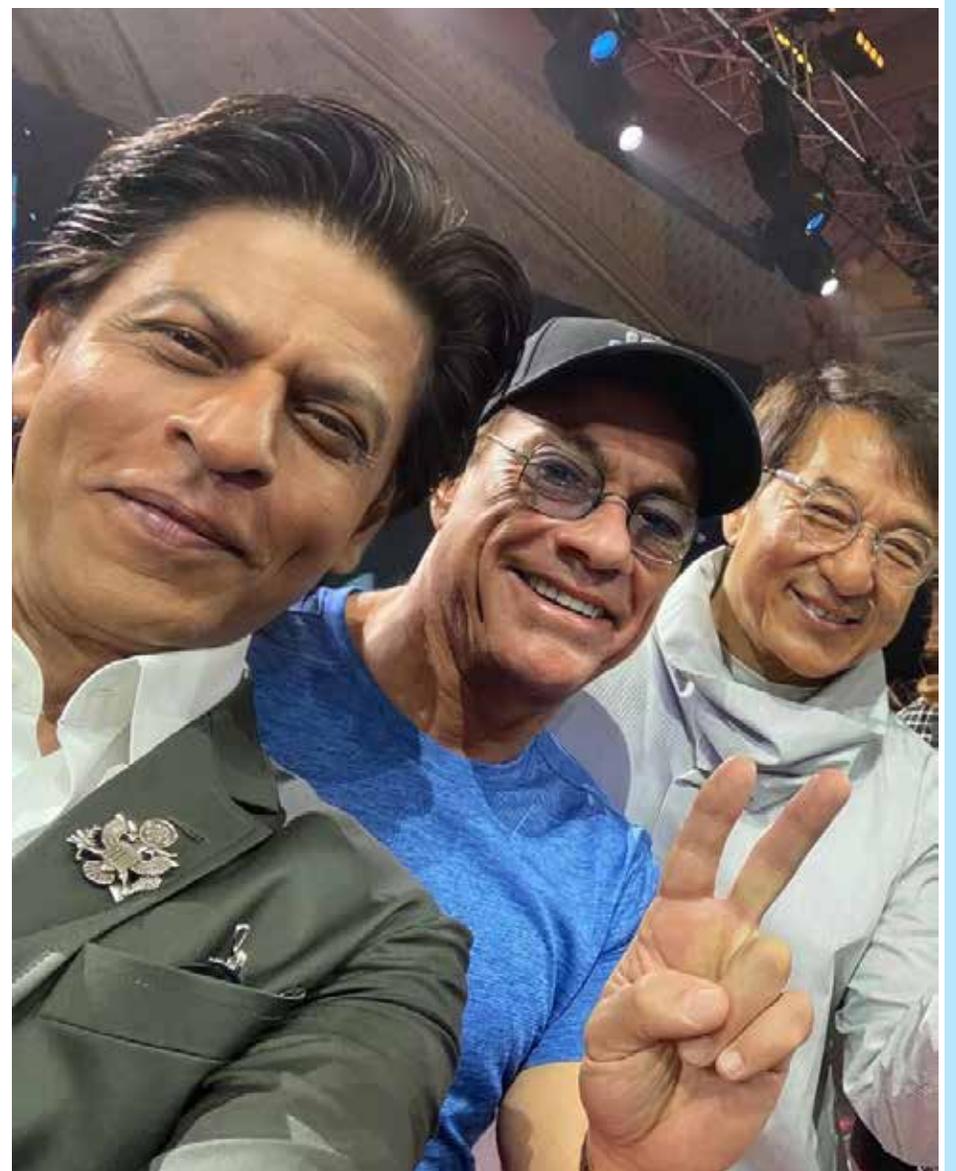
He also wrote a two-volume commentary on the Holy Quran.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi said he was "saddened" by the news of Khan's loss.

"He will be remembered for his insightful knowledge on matters of theology and spirituality. He was also passionate about community service and social empowerment. Condolences to his family and countless well-wishers. RIP," Modi wrote on Twitter.

India's President Ram Nath Kovind said he was "deeply grieved" by the demise of Khan.

"Maulana Wahiduddin made significant contributions to peace, harmony and reforms in the society. My deepest condolences to his family and well-wishers," he said.



A truly legendary Selfie of #ShahRukhKhan, #JackieChan & #JeanClaudeVanDamme

Born in Azamgarh, India, in 1925, Khan has been internationally recognised for his

Aljazeera

# If Biden lowers the Medicare age, your savings could be in the thousands

Democrats are floating the idea of dropping the Medicare eligibility age for the first time in the program's 55-year history.

Since Medicare's inception in 1966, you've had to celebrate 65th birthday before qualifying for the government health program.

But now President Joe Biden is reportedly considering changing the requirement to 60 years of age.

For millions of qualifying Americans, getting affordable health insurance would be life-changing, potentially saving them thousands of dollars a year on private-health-plan premiums, copays and out-of-pocket expenses.

Here's what you need to know about the proposed reform — and what to do if you're not yet close to entering your 60s.

What's on the table?

Man with white hair, smiling, talking to doctor in white coat

Just last month, Biden signed his \$1.9 trillion relief bill, which included the first major expansion of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), better known as Obamacare, since it became law in 2010.

Prominent lawmakers are now pushing for him to include the Medicare measure in his next spending bill, a followup to the recently announced infrastructure spending package.

The new bill is expected to be announced sometime in April.

"There are many millions of seniors who would be very, very grateful if we did that right now," Sen. Bernie Sanders said recently. Sanders would like to see Biden push it even further by adding dental care, hearing aids and eyeglasses to Medicare coverage.

What would it mean?

Money

The lower age threshold could mean enormous savings for millions of Americans.

Right now, a 60-year-old person with an annual income of \$51,000 — which is a little more than four times the poverty level — would have to pay a premium of \$4,420 a year for a silver health plan on the Obamacare exchanges, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation.

And that number accounts for the recent increases in ACA subsidies, which Biden included in his COVID relief package.

If the Medicare age drops to 60, that \$4,420 annual expense would plummet or even disappear, depending on the person's care requirements.

The proposed reform could even have life-saving implications.

A recent Stanford University study found that diagnoses of certain cancers are disproportionately higher among people 65 and older, compared to those 64 and younger.

The authors of the study concluded that "many people are delaying their care for financial reasons until they get health insurance through Medicare."

Not everyone is on board. Close up of hands at table, crossed over pile of papers. Democrats are almost certain to get pushback from both the more conservative members of their own party as well as Republicans and the health care community.

A number of Republicans have suggested the progressive members of the Democratic party are setting the party's overall strategy on health care.

Hospital communities have voiced their concern that expanded health care would encourage more people to retire younger, which would negatively impact the workforce, and that it would also reduce the amount healthcare providers receive in reimbursements.

If Democrats hope to push through the bill, they'll need nearly unanimous support from within their party.

But there's reason to believe the public supports the move. Excluding Congress, 85% of Democrats and 69% of Republicans are in favor of lowering the Medicare age to as young as 50, according to a 2019 Kaiser Family Foundation poll.

What if I'm not 60 yet?

Focused young couple looking at laptop at kitchen table

While the proposed age drop only applies for those 60 and up, younger Americans can still expect to receive some health care benefits.

The Biden administration's new Obamacare subsidies have made it easier for you to get affordable health insurance.

Thanks to the subsidies, which apply to plans available on healthcare.gov and other ACA exchanges during the current special enrollment period, anyone making more than \$51,000 a year will be able to find coverage for about \$1,000 less per month than before the bill was passed.

Where to go from here  
Cheerful elderly couple sit on couch, smiling and looking at bills

While the new ACA subsidies took effect earlier this month, it may take a while for many Americans to see the change in their accounts.



savings rolling. By shopping around for



If your budget is tight these days and you've already got a number of healthcare bills piling up, you may want to consider a lower-interest debt consolidation loan to give yourself some breathing room.

Meanwhile, we're still in the middle of a global health crisis. If anything were to happen to you, you'll want to ensure your loved ones who rely on you are cared for. Getting a pain-free life insurance policy can take the stress out of planning for the worst case scenario.

And while you're at it, keep the insurance

the cheapest policies, you could potentially cut your homeowners insurance bill by hundreds.

With a little strategizing, you can change your own life, instead of waiting for bills to work their way through Congress. Then, when the government does offer you savings, you can use those funds just for fun.

Yahoo Finance  
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## HEALTH

## Are antidepressants also pain relievers?

Did you know that antidepressant medications are often prescribed for people without depression?

It's true. Antidepressants are frequently prescribed for chronic pain, especially pain related to nerve disease (called neuropathic pain), chronic low back or neck pain, and certain types of arthritis.

In fact, some guidelines for the treatment of chronic low back pain and osteoarthritis (the most common type of arthritis) include antidepressants. One antidepressant in particular, duloxetine (Cymbalta), is FDA-approved for these conditions.

Just how antidepressants reduce pain is not well understood. One possibility is they affect chemicals in the brain involved in pain perception, a mechanism that differs from how they fight depression.

Not usually the first choice for pain relief For people with chronic low back or neck pain or osteoarthritis of the hip or knee, an antidepressant medication is not usually the first treatment recommended. Other approaches, such as physical therapy, exercise, losing excess weight, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), or cortisone injections are usually tried first. But if these aren't helpful, antidepressants such as duloxetine or amitriptyline might be a reasonable next step.

When prescribed for pain, the initial dose is typically low (often lower than the starting dose for depression). It's gradually increased if necessary. Ideally, people notice a benefit within weeks of starting the drug,

and the medication can be continued at the lowest effective dose. Switching to a different antidepressant may be recommended if pain is not well controlled, side effects develop, or there is an interaction with another medication.

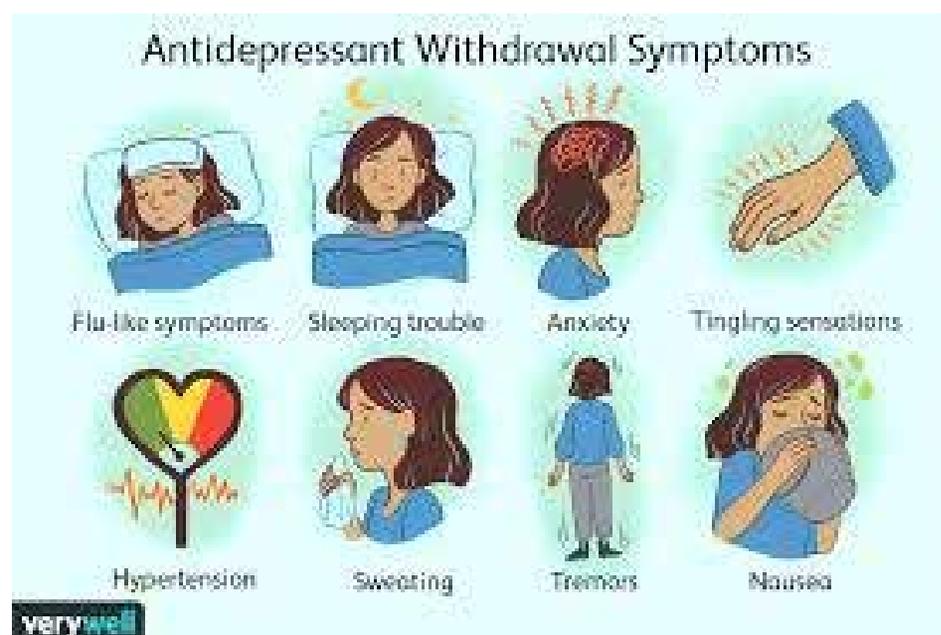
A new study suggests antidepressants don't work well for common types of pain. Past research on antidepressants for chronic pain, such as duloxetine for osteoarthritis of the knee, amitriptyline or duloxetine for chronic low back pain, and amitriptyline for chronic neck pain, demonstrated modest, short-term benefit. But the studies were limited: most trials were small and lasted only a few months or less. Notably, medication side effects, such as nausea, constipation, and erectile dysfunction, were common in these trials.

Now a 2021 study has combined the data from past research to get a better sense of just how safe and effective antidepressants are for these conditions. The news isn't good:

On average, treatment with antidepressants minimally reduced pain and disability compared with placebo. The improvement in pain — about 4 points on a scale of 0 to 100 — was considered too small to be noticeable.

People treated with certain antidepressants for chronic pain often stopped taking the medication because it didn't work, caused unacceptable side effects, or both.

People with both chronic pain and depression did not experience more improvement than people with chronic pain alone. Sciatica may be an exception: antidepressants



sants may have reduced pain for up to a year. However, the quality of the prior research was poor, so the study authors were not confident about these conclusions.

These findings cast doubt on the usefulness of antidepressant treatment for these common causes of chronic pain. However, they don't rule out the possibility that some individuals may get more relief from these medications than others.

The bottom line

The available evidence suggests that, on average, the benefit of antidepressants for osteoarthritis or chronic low back pain and neck pain is modest at best, and tends to be temporary. That's disappointing because, for many pain sufferers, there are no reliably effective treatments (short of joint replacement for osteoarthritis).

So, if you're on an antidepressant for pain and you aren't sure if it's working, talk to your doctor about whether you should consider stopping it. But don't stop it on your own. There may be other reasons your doctor is recommending this medication, and many antidepressants should be gradually reduced, not stopped all at once, to avoid discontinuation symptoms.

If you're taking an antidepressant for pain, it's worth revisiting whether it's really doing anything for you and whether it might be time to shorten your medication list. Not only might you simplify your medical regimen, you may also reduce the cost of your medicines and the risk of medication-related side effects.

Robert H. Shmerling, MD Robert H. Shmerling, MD

## Overview of the Immune System

The immune system is a system of biological structures and processes within an organism that protects against disease.

## Key Points

Pathogens can rapidly evolve and adapt to avoid detection and neutralization by the immune system. As a result, multiple defense mechanisms have also evolved to recognize and neutralize pathogens. The immune system protects from infection with layered defenses of increasing specificity.

Physical barriers prevent pathogens from entering the organism. If these barriers are breached, the innate immune system provides an immediate, non-specific response. If pathogens successfully evade the innate response, vertebrates possess a second layer of protection, the adaptive immune system.

Immunity is a biological term that describes a state of having sufficient biological defences to avoid infection, disease, or other unwanted biological invasion.

Innate, or nonspecific, immunity is the natural resistance with which a person is born. It provides resistance through several physical, chemical, and cellular approaches.

Adaptive immunity is often sub-divided into two major types according to how

the immunity was introduced. Naturally acquired immunity occurs through non-deliberate contact with a disease causing agent, whereas artificially acquired immunity develops through deliberate actions such as vaccination.

Immunology is a branch of biomedical science that covers the study of all aspects of the immune system in all organisms. It deals with the physiological functioning of the immune system in states of both health and disease.

## Key Terms

Adaptive (acquired) immunity: The creation of immunological memory after an initial response to a specific pathogen, leading to an enhanced response to subsequent encounters with that same pathogen. This process of acquired immunity is the basis of vaccination.

Innate immunity: The natural resistance with which a person is born. It provides resistance through several physical, chemical, and cellular approaches.

Self molecules: Those components of an organism's body that can be distinguished by the immune system from foreign substances.

The immune system is a system of biological structures and processes within an organism that protects against disease.

To function properly, an immune system must detect a wide variety of agents, from viruses to parasitic worms, and distinguish them from the organism's own healthy tissue.

Pathogens can rapidly evolve and adapt to avoid detection and neutralization by the immune system. As a result, multiple defense mechanisms have also evolved to recognize and neutralize pathogens. Even simple unicellular organisms, such as bacteria, possess a rudimentary immune system in the form of enzymes that protect against bacteriophage infections. Other basic immune mechanisms including phagocytosis, antimicrobial peptides called defensins, and the complement system, which evolved in ancient eukaryotes and remain in modern descendants, such as plants and insects. Jawed vertebrates have even more sophisticated defense mechanisms, including the ability to adapt over time to recognize specific pathogens more efficiently. Adaptive (acquired) immunity creates immunological memory after an initial response to a specific pathogen, leading to an enhanced response to subsequent encounters with that same pathogen. This process of acquired immunity is the basis of vaccination.

## Innate and Adaptive Immunity

The immune system protects organisms from infection with layered defenses of increasing specificity. Physical barriers prevent pathogens, such as bacteria and viruses, from entering the organism. If a pathogen breaches these barriers, the innate immune system provides an immediate, but non-specific response. Innate immune systems are found in all plants and animals. If pathogens successfully evade the innate response, vertebrates possess a second layer of protection, the adaptive immune system, which is activated by the innate response. The immune system adapts its response during an infection in order to improve its recognition of the pathogen. This improved response is then retained after the pathogen has been eliminated, in the form of an immunological memory, and allows the adaptive immune system to mount faster and stronger attacks when this pathogen is encountered. Both innate and adaptive immunity depend on the ability of the immune system to distinguish between self and non-self molecules, where self molecules are those components of an organism's body that can be distinguished from foreign substances by the immune system.

# MAY 2021 Monthly Horoscope

**Aries (Mar. 21 – April 19)**  
Your personal focus is like a razor's edge this month of May 2021. Family responsibilities and involvement may take you away from your personal desires and plans. Don't struggle with the challenges or try to escape the duties. You are actually at a point in which you can release some old childhood memory or limitation. Sitting with patience with family issues can bring true release by late June. Keep those personal goals as dreams. The moment will come when you can forge ahead – you know, like you always do. Taurus

**(Apr. 20 – May 20)**  
Happy Birthday to the zodiac's most steadfast sign! This is indeed your birthday month and this means that not only do you celebrate a special day but a special month all month long. The planetary positions now bring promises for the year ahead. Awareness is your keyword for this upcoming year. People and circumstances enter your life now that open you up to new experiences in relating. That means your relationships take on new meaning. This would be all kinds of relationships: intimate, friendship, family and the world at-large. Travel is certainly amped up for you and there is much learning to be gained from those travels. So keep your diary ready for journal entry. You may decide to sign up for a course of study that will make changes in your learning curve. Now that would be awareness, wouldn't it? Happy Birthday, Dear One.

**Gemini (May 21 – Jun. 20)**  
Is it your money, my money or our money? That question is spinning in your gray matter. Because dollars are often used as a mental stimulus for you, that question bears no threat. Rather it promises a new way of looking at resources and how to use them. Try something different this May 2021 with money. Close your eyes and try to 'feel' for your answers. This means you don't think your way through, you feel your way through. Who knows, you may come up with a new way of making decisions.

**Cancer (Jun. 21 – Jul. 22)**  
It may seem that life resembles a boulder blocking the mouth of a cave. That would be a cave that is holding you prisoner. This is a good time to do an assessment of the past months. Check off the events. What

wisdom have you gained during this time? What are the new responsibilities that you have gained mastery over? Yes, life may continue to be heavy like a boulder but remind yourself often that you are in this world but not of it. The wisdom you have gained now are tickets to holding yourself upright, bold and regal while saying, 'I AM.' Congratulations.

**Leo (Jul. 23 – Aug. 22)**  
There is uniqueness in friendships this month. Reconnect with old friends and be open to the cultivation of new friendships. Don't pick and choose. Rather stay open and let others pick and choose you. You may pull in some questionable characters. But they come as teachers even though they aren't aware of their role. Additionally, open up to group activities. You may find yourself acting as a leader. Use the golden rule now. Love unconditionally and remember, to feel loved you must love. You will receive accolades from those you do love.

**Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22)**  
Ask any artist how to paint and they will tell you first to back away from the canvas and second to find your perspective point. Your perspective point is now found in backing away from the everyday grind and having good old down-home philosophical discussions with many people. Be sure to choose to talk with some experts. You can't learn too much now, see too much or travel too far. Your mind is like a central switchboard until June. You are on a quest for truth. What you find are the colors and hues that fill your life canvas. Nice.

After the 18th of May 2021, you will have a chance to journey backward. At first, it may seem like your drive has become like milk-toast. It is, however, the reverse. You indeed will have entered a sort of Alice-in-Wonderland kind of experience. And like Alice, you may go it alone. There will be questions. Should I take the blue pill or the red pill? Should I follow the white rabbit or stand in place? By late June, you will simply come to realize, like Alice, that mind power is only as vast as your imagination and adaptability.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21)**  
If no one was watching and you knew that you would not be judged, would you let your hair down and play? Why not dedicate this month to doing just that – play-

ing? The energies are right for the experience and you will find playmates. They may come as new friends, confidants or a new lover. Reach out for the experience and regain that youthful glow. As a side note: late in the month, resources will be made available to you. Go ahead and make your want list now.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21)**  
It may not be clear at the moment but your actions are setting you up for career success. Keep your network connections active even though they may look like they are dragging. Wherever you encounter challenges, know that they will turn toward fortune in some basic way. Be sure to contact authority figures after the 10th of May. The more contacts that are made the greater the pay-off. Your partners bring in rewards and gifts to you now. Be sure to express your gratitude in a very special way.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19)**  
Seek out a guru this month of May 2021. You will recognize them as he or she will have considerable dignity and psychological strength. They will have a clear understanding of responsibility that mirrors your own. You will find a level of friendship here that calls out to the inner child in you. In turn, this connection will allow you to play the guru role for someone younger or less experienced than yourself. Before the month is over, take a break; even a rock benefits from a change of scenery every once in a while.

The river of life continues to move in uncertain rhythms and tides. Along with those uncertainties lie frustrations and puzzlement, perhaps to the point of tears. How unlike you, Dear Aquarius. There must be some divine message in these experiences. If you would give yourself permission to be sensitive, soft, transparent, clairvoyant, slightly confused, emotionally vulnerable and receptive, you would take a quantum leap into a new world. Once you are there you can lead others to new freedoms. Isn't that what your life is all about?

**Pisces (Feb. 19 – Mar. 20)**  
Can you hum that tune, 'On a Clear Day You Can See Forever'? This is the tune you should hum all month. The image for you during May 2021 is a ride in a hot air balloon over a calm sea of water. Don't do any

complaining, moaning or groaning. Instead count your blessings, for indeed you are in planetary graces. And those graces set you free. They allow you to be extraordinarily creative and vastly intuitive. So be honest. Do you really have anything to complain about? Not-Ta!

Overview May 26 – Full Moon in Sagittarius The Full Moon in Scorpio from May 26th brings positive energy to our lives, and it creates a favorable context for fulfilling our wishes. The Full Moon is the best time for creativity and vitality.

Also, some say that the influence of the Full Moon on our sentimental life is strong, amplifying passion and bringing romance and magic in our lives. The Full Moon occurring on May 26th will have an impact on the lives of Sagittarius, Cancer, and Libra. Sagittarius If you have any health problems you've hesitated to solve until now, you should not keep treating them with indifference. Sagittarius will advance in their career, and new projects are in sight. Cancer Out of all the zodiac signs, Cancer is the most sensitive to any month's changes. They are quite emotive anyhow, being led by impulses. In general, they are very honest, straightforward, and they say what they think.

During Full Moon, they might experience sleeping problems, and the nights become a bit restless for them. Insomnia is a frequent issue for them, especially during this period. Libra For Libra, May 2021 is an emotional month. They will go through many changes, especially in their personal life. Try to balance your mental health, and don't let any negative energy affect you. May 11 – New Moon The New Moon in Taurus is the most charged with energy moment of the month and the most auspicious for all those who want to start something new, to launch a project, or to make a change in one or more domains of their lives. The New Moon signifies growth and new beginnings. It is associated with happy events, brave deeds, but also with love and shelter.



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## 3,000-Year-Old Lost Golden City Is Discovered in 'Good Condition' in Egypt

Archeologists have made an exciting new discovery in Egypt, uncovering a lost 3,000-year-old city.

Egyptologist Zahi Hawass announced that the "Lost Golden City" — which was still active during the reign of King Tutankhamun — had been found in Luxor.

"Many foreign missions searched for this city and never found it," Hawass wrote in a statement. "We began our work searching for the mortuary temple of Tutankhamun because the temples of both Horemheb and Ay were found in this area."

The find was described as "the largest city ever found in Egypt," and was discovered shortly after archeologists began their dig last September.

The lost city, which was the "largest administrative and industrial settlement in the era of the Egyptian empire on the western bank of Luxor," was founded by King Amenhotep III, who ruled the country from 1390 until 1353 BCE.

One expert called it "the second most important archeological discovery since the tomb of Tutankhamun."

"The discovery of the Lost City, not only will give us a rare glimpse into the life of the Ancient Egyptians at the time where the Empire was at his wealthiest but will help us shed light on one of history's greatest mystery: why did Akhenaten & Nefertiti decide to move to Amarna," added Betsy Brian, Professor of Egyptology at John Hopkins University. Within weeks of the start of the excavation in September, the dig team began to unearth "formations of mud bricks" — which led to the discovery of the lost city "in a good condition of preservation, with almost complete walls, and with rooms filled with tools of daily life," according to the statement.

Now, seven months later, several areas have been completely uncovered, while additional excavation work remains to be done in other areas. Among the discoveries, a "remarkable burial" was found of a person "with arms outstretched to his side, and remains of rope wrapped around his knees."

"The location and position of this skeleton are rather odd, and more investigations are in progress," according to the state-

ment from Hawass.

"The excavation also reveals a mud seal with inscriptions that can be read: 'gm pa Aton' that can be translated as 'the domain of the dazzling Aten,' this is the name of a temple built by King Akhenaten at Karnak," the statement continued. "As history goes, one year after this pot was made, the city was abandoned and the capital relocated to Amarna. But was it? And why? And was the city repopulated again when Tutankhamun returned to Thebes?"

As for what else may be uncovered, "only further excavations of the area will reveal what truly happened 3,500 years ago." Yahoo entertain Maria Pasquini

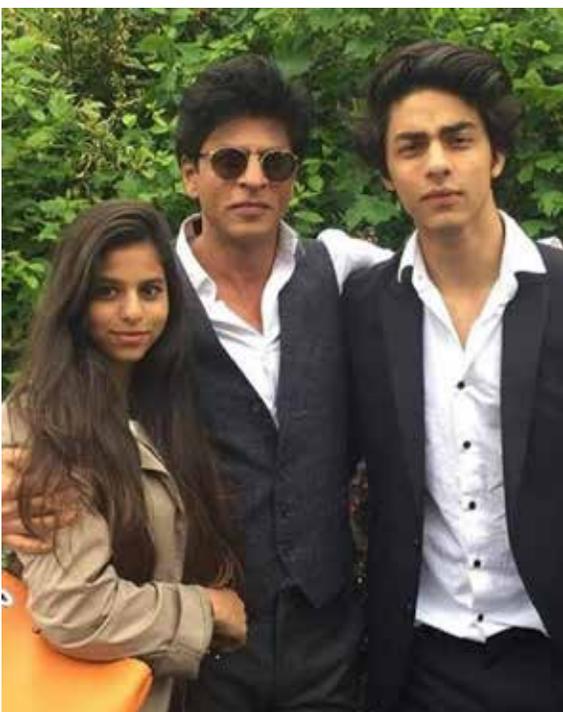


## Mayor Khan reveals IPL ambition for London

London Mayor Sadiq Khan wants to bring the glitzy Indian Premier League to the British capital as he seeks to establish the city as the "undisputed sporting capital" of the world.

The 14th edition of the Twenty20 cricket tournament starts behind closed doors on Friday, with champions Mumbai Indians facing India captain Virat Kohli's Royal Challengers Bangalore.

Khan hopes future IPL matches could be played at London grounds such as Lord's



#ShahRukh Khan, SuhanaKhan at AryanKhan's graduation ceremony.

and the Oval, the headquarters of county side Surrey.

"The IPL is a fantastic league but I'm desperate not just to see Kohli and others here when India come (to England) as they are this year but to see the likes of (MS) Dhoni, (Rohit) Sharma and (Jasprit) Bumrah come here on a regular basis," Khan said at a children's cricket training session in southwest London on Friday.

London has successfully staged a number of NFL, MLB and NBA events in the past and, with the backing of Surrey, Khan, who is running for re-election next month, wants to add the IPL to that list.

"I've said for some time that I would love London to keep its place as the sporting capital of the world," he said. "I want this to be the undisputed sporting capital of the world."

"We've had Major League Baseball, NFL for 10 years, you saw the impact of Joshua v Klitschko," added the mayor, citing the knock-on economic benefit to hotels, restaurants and bars of major sporting events.

"The other thing is that India is a massive investor in our city. We are the number one city in Europe that India invests in, we're number two in the world

after Dubai.

"Indians love cricket, we love cricket, we love Indians. We want this to be a bridge between India and London and Surrey deserve huge credit in being pioneers and with their vision to get IPL here." Pressed on a timescale, Khan said there was no reason that friendlies could not take place later this year, saying his IPL vision extended beyond London.

"The first step will be the exhibition games. And they have to be Covid-safe, of course," he said.

"At the moment, I'm speaking to Surrey," added Khan, who once had a trial for the club as a 15-year-old.

"But I'd love to see these games not just at Lord's but Headingley, Edgbaston, Old Trafford and other stadiums. London is the shop window to our nation. You only get a national recovery with a London recovery."

Khan said playing IPL matches in London could help persuade the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to relax its policy prohibiting star players from taking part in overseas leagues and pave the way for their involvement in the ECB's new Hundred tournament.



"When you speak to the ECB (England and Wales Cricket Board), they would love for Indian players to be playing in the Hundred," said Khan. "I don't want London just to be a place where Indians invest and shoot Bollywood movies, I want the IPL here as well."

There is no indication that the BCCI has plans to take IPL matches out of the country and even in a post-Covid world the logistics of such a move could prove difficult.

The IPL has been held outside India before -- in 2009 it was staged in South Africa due to security issues and last year it was played in the United Arab Emirates because of the coronavirus pandemic. Yahoo Sports Julian Guyer

## RECIPES

## Watermelon and Cucumber Salad

## Ingredients

Servings: 4

Total Time: 30 minutes

6 cups watermelon, cubed and de-seeded

4 cups cucumber, cubed

1/2 cup balsamic vinegar

1 teaspoon salt

Optional:

1/2 tablespoon sugar or sugar-substitute

Mint or basil leaves, chopped

Feta cheese, crumbled

Red onions, sliced

## Directions

In a large bowl, mix the salt, and vinegar. If using sugar, mix in as well.

Stir together cubes and vinegar mixture.

Chill for 15 or more minutes and serve.



## Rainbow Smoothie

## Ingredients

Servings: 4

Total Time: 5 minutes

1/2 cup of ice cubes

1/2 cup of strawberries

1/4 cup of blueberries

A handful of spinach

1/2 cup of peach slices

1 ripe banana

1/2 cup of 100% fruit juice

1/2 cup of low-fat plain yogurt

TIPS:

Fruit can be fresh, frozen, or canned. Experiment with other fruits like blackberry, orange, mango, pear, raspberry, pineapple, seedless grapes, watermelon,

kiwi, or grapefruit.

Use any of your favorite juices: orange, pineapple, and apple juice all work well in smoothies.

Smoothies are a great way to hide and incorporate vegetables without sacrificing flavor. Try adding vegetable juice or kale in place of spinach.

## Directions

Wash any fresh ingredients. (This could include spinach, berries, and peaches.) Break banana into small pieces.

In a blender, add ice first. Then add strawberries, blueberries, spinach, peaches, banana, juice, and yogurt.

Blend for 30 seconds or until all ingredients are fully mixed and broken down.



## Lemon Rosemary Chicken Thighs

## Ingredients

Servings: 4

Total Time: 30 minutes

6 bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs

(about 2 lb.), excess fat trimmed

3 tablespoons lemon juice

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 tablespoon minced fresh rosemary or 2 tsp. dried

1 garlic clove, minced

Salt and pepper

Can use other chicken parts such as leg quarters

TIP: Pair lemon rosemary chicken thighs with a side of white or brown rice and a side of vegetables for a complete meal!

## Directions

Preheat oven to 450°F.

Arrange thighs, skin side down, on a shallow pan.

In a small bowl, combine lemon juice, olive oil, rosemary and garlic. Brush 1/3 of mixture over chicken and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place on the top oven rack and bake without a cover over the pan until thighs are browned, about 10-20 minutes.

Brush final 1/3 of lemon-juice mixture over chicken (discard any leftover lemon-juice mixture) and return pan to oven. Move to the middle rack of the oven &amp; bake until juices run clear when pricked with a fork and meat is no longer

pink at the bone, about 10 minutes. Serve hot.



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# Important Recall Info That MAY Affect Your Vehicle

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V237  
 Manufacturer : Daimler Vans USA, LLC  
 Subject : VIN Label Incorrect/FMVSS 567  
 Make Model Model Years  
 MERCEDES-BENZ SPRINTER  
 (VS30) 2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V238  
 Manufacturer : Stargate Manufacturing Ltd  
 Subject : Steering Arm May Detach  
 Make Model Model Years  
 STARGATE DUMP TRAILER 2018-2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V239  
 Manufacturer : Altec Industries, Inc.  
 Subject : Rotation Bearing Fasteners May Break  
 Make Model Model Years  
 ALTEC AERIAL DEVICE 2017-2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V240  
 Manufacturer : Keystone RV Company  
 Subject : Spare Tire Carrier Mounted Incorrect Location  
 Make Model Model Years  
 KEYSTONE PASSPORT 2021

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V241  
 Manufacturer : Daimler Vans USA, LLC  
 Subject : Hydraulic Power Steering Hoses May Detach  
 Make Model Model Years  
 FREIGHTLINER SPRINTER (VS30) 2019  
 FREIGHTLINER SPRINTER 1500 2019-2020

FREIGHTLINER SPRINTER 2500 2019-2020  
 FREIGHTLINER SPRINTER 3500 2019-2020  
 FREIGHTLINER SPRINTER 4500 2019-2020  
 MERCEDES-BENZ SPRINTER  
 (VS30) 2019

MERCEDES-BENZ SPRINTER 1500 2019-2020  
 MERCEDES-BENZ SPRINTER 2500 2019-2020  
 MERCEDES-BENZ SPRINTER 3500 2019-2020  
 MERCEDES-BENZ SPRINTER 4500 2019-2020

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V242  
 Manufacturer : Arcimoto Inc  
 Subject : Exceeding Charge Limit May Cause Battery Shutdown  
 Make Model Model Years  
 ARCIMOTO DELIVERATOR 2020-2021

ARCIMOTO FUV 2019-2021  
 ARCIMOTO RAPID RESPONDER 2021  
 ARCIMOTO ROADSTER 2020-2021

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V244  
 Manufacturer : New Flyer of America, Inc.  
 Subject : Inverter Error May Shutdown Electric Drive  
 Make Model Model Years  
 NEW FLYER XE35 2019-2021  
 NEW FLYER XE40 2013-2021  
 NEW FLYER XE60 2018-2021  
 NEW FLYER XHE40 2016-2019  
 NEW FLYER XHE60 2015

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V245  
 Manufacturer : General Motors, LLC  
 Subject : Driver's Seat Belt Tensioner Cable May Separate  
 Make Model Model Years  
 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 2014-2016  
 CHEVROLET TAHOE 2015-2016  
 GMC SIERRA 1500 2014-2015

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V246  
 Manufacturer : General Motors, LLC  
 Subject : Side Curtain Air Bags May be Unsecured  
 Make Model Model Years  
 BUICK ENCLAVE 2010-2015, 2017  
 CHEVROLET TRAVERSE 2010-2019

GMC ACADIA 2011-2016  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V247  
 Manufacturer : Keystone RV Company  
 Subject : Door Fasteners Can Strip Allowing Door to Detach  
 Make Model Model Years  
 DUTCHMEN ASPEN TRAIL 2020-2021

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V248  
 Manufacturer : Jaguar Land Rover North America, LLC  
 Subject : Missing Welds May Weaken Rear Rail Assembly  
 Make Model Model Years  
 JAGUAR XE 2017-2018, 2020

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V249  
 Manufacturer : Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)  
 Subject : Rear Cushion Connecting Plate(s) May Break  
 Make Model Model Years  
 HONDA CBR1000RR 2021

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V250  
 Manufacturer : Keystone RV Company  
 Subject : Incorrect Crank Handle on Egress Window  
 Make Model Model Years  
 KEYSTONE BULLET 2020-2021

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V251  
 Manufacturer : Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA  
 Subject : Missing Primary Sheave Nut May Cause Engine Stall  
 Make Model Model Years  
 YAMAHA XC155 2015-2020

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V257  
 Manufacturer : Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing  
 Subject : Side Curtain Air Bags May Not Deploy  
 Make Model Model Years  
 TOYOTA VENZA 2009-2015

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V260  
 Manufacturer : Kia Motors America  
 Subject : Foreign Particles May Cause Oil Pump to Fail  
 Make Model Model Years  
 KIA FORTE 2017-2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V189  
 Manufacturer : General Motors, LLC  
 Subject : Positive Battery Cable Terminal May Short  
 Make Model Model Years  
 CHEVROLET EXPRESS 2021  
 GMC SAVANA 2021

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V191  
 Manufacturer : Arcimoto Inc  
 Subject : HV Contactors May Malfunction and Shutdown Battery  
 Make Model Model Years  
 ARCIMOTO DELIVERATOR 2020  
 ARCIMOTO FUV 2019-2020

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V193  
 Manufacturer : Tiffin Motorhomes, Inc.  
 Subject : Valve Stem Stabilizer May Loosen  
 Make Model Model Years  
 TIFFIN PHAETON 2021

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V194  
 Manufacturer : Isuzu Technical Center of America, Inc.  
 Subject : Rear Axle U-Bolt Not Properly Tightened  
 Make Model Model Years

CHEVROLET 4500HD 2017-2020  
 CHEVROLET 4500XD 2017-2020  
 CHEVROLET 5500HD 2017-2020  
 CHEVROLET 5500XD 2020  
 ISUZU NPR 2015-2017  
 ISUZU NPR HD 2016-2020  
 ISUZU NPR XD 2016-2020  
 ISUZU NQR 2016-2020  
 ISUZU NRR 2016-2021  
 ISUZU REACH 2015-2017

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V199  
 Manufacturer : BMW of North America, LLC  
 Subject : Fuel Tank Weld may Fail and Allow Fuel Leak  
 Make Model Model Years  
 BMW X3 2021  
 BMW X4 2021

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V200  
 Manufacturer : Porsche Cars North America, Inc.  
 Subject : Cracked Connecting Rod May Damage Engine  
 Make Model Model Years  
 PORSCHE 718 SPYDER 2021  
 PORSCHE BOXSTER 2021  
 PORSCHE CAYMAN 2021

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V201  
 Manufacturer : Porsche Cars North America, Inc.  
 Subject : Upper Control Arm Rear Axle Screw Not Tightened  
 Make Model Model Years  
 PORSCHE 911 2019  
 PORSCHE 911 CARRERA 2020

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V202  
 Manufacturer : Ford Motor Company  
 Subject : Inadequate Rear Axle Lubrication  
 Make Model Model Years  
 FORD F-53 2020-2021  
 FORD F-59 2020-2021

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V203  
 Manufacturer : Starcraft RV  
 Subject : Stove Saddle Valves May Leak Gas  
 Make Model Model Years  
 STARCRAFT AUTUMN RIDGE 2019-2020  
 STARCRAFT GPS 2019-2020  
 STARCRAFT LAUNCH OUTFITTER 2019-2020

STARCRAFT MOSSY OAK 2019-2020  
 STARCRAFT MOSSY OAK LITE 2019-2020  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V204  
 Manufacturer : Jayco, Inc.  
 Subject : Stove Saddle Valves May Leak Gas  
 Make Model Model Years  
 ENTEGRA ESTEEM 2019-2020  
 ENTEGRA ODYSSEY 2019-2020

JAYCO ALANTE 2019-2020  
 JAYCO GREYHAWK 2019-2020  
 JAYCO PRECEPT 2019-2020  
 JAYCO REDHAWK 2019-2020

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V205  
 Manufacturer : Tracker Marine, LLC  
 Subject : Premature Tire Wear Caused by Fenders  
 Make Model Model Years  
 RANGER TRAIL NZ18 2021  
 RANGER TRAIL NZ19 2021  
 RANGER TRAIL NZ20 2021  
 RANGER TRAIL NZ21 2021  
 RANGER TRAIL ZV20 2021  
 RANGER TRAIL ZV21 2021

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V206  
 Manufacturer : Daimler Trucks North America, LLC  
 Subject : Undersized Ground Wire May Cause Engine Stall  
 Make Model Model Years

WESTERN STAR 4700 2019-2021  
 WESTERN STAR 5700 2019-2021  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V207  
 Manufacturer : Daimler Trucks North America, LLC  
 Subject : Tire Valve Stem May Contact Brake Caliber  
 Make Model Model Years  
 THOMAS BUILT BUSES SAF-T-LINER C2 2021

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V208  
 Manufacturer : Hyundai Motor America  
 Subject : High Pressure Fuel Tube May Leak  
 Make Model Model Years  
 GENESIS G80 2021  
 GENESIS GV80 2021

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V209  
 Manufacturer : Daimler Trucks North America, LLC  
 Subject : Clutch Flange May Break  
 Make Model Model Years  
 FREIGHTLINER CASCADIA 2021  
 WESTERN STAR 4700 2021

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V211  
 Manufacturer : General Motors, LLC  
 Subject : Steering Wheel Emblem May Separate  
 Make Model Model Years  
 CHEVROLET CAMARO 2017-2021

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V212  
 Manufacturer : Ducati North America  
 Subject : Broken Valve Head May Reduce Engine Performance  
 Make Model Model Years  
 DUCATI MULTISTRADA 2021

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V214  
 Manufacturer : Shyft Group  
 Subject : Steering Output Shaft May Disconnect  
 Make Model Model Years  
 SPARTAN K1 2021-2022  
 SPARTAN K2 2021-2022  
 SPARTAN K3 2021-2022  
 SPARTAN K4 2021-2022

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V215  
 Manufacturer : Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)  
 Subject : Fuel Pump May Fail  
 Make Model Model Years  
 ACURA ILX 2019  
 ACURA MDX 2019-2020  
 ACURA MDX SPORT HYBRID 2019-2020  
 ACURA RDX 2019-2020  
 ACURA TLX 2019-2020

HONDA ACCORD 2019-2020  
 HONDA ACCORD HYBRID 2019  
 HONDA CIVIC 2019-2020  
 HONDA CIVIC TYPE-R 2019  
 HONDA CR-V 2018-2019  
 HONDA FIT 2019  
 HONDA HR-V 2019

HONDA INSIGHT 2019-2020  
 HONDA ODYSSEY 2019  
 HONDA PASSPORT 2019  
 HONDA PILOT 2019  
 HONDA RIDGELINE 2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V218  
 Manufacturer : Winnebago Tachable  
 Subject : Incorrect Tire Size Information On Label/FMVSS 110  
 Make Model Model Years  
 WINNEBAGO MINNIE 2020

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V219  
 Manufacturer : Forest River, Inc.  
 Subject : Brake Lights may not Adequately Reflect/FMVSS 108  
 Make Model Model Years  
 FOREST RIVER BERKSHIRE 2021

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# What Exactly Is Eid-al-Fitr?

Eid-al-Fitr (also written and pronounced as Eid-ul-Fitr) is the first of two Eids of the Islamic (lunar) calendar year. It rounds off the month of Ramadan, which Muslims observe every year to acknowledge Allah's revelation of the Quran to the Prophet Muhammad.

Not to be confused with Eid-al-Adha, this Eid comes after the holy month of Ramadan, when many Muslims will not eat or drink during the daytime for a 29- or 30-day period. It's part of Sawm (fasting) commitment, one of the five pillars of Islam.

The holiday is all about the breaking of the dawn-to-dusk fast and is celebrated on the first day of Shawwal (the 10th month). It falls approximately 11 days earlier than the one the previous year when following the Gregorian (solar) calendar.

When is Eid-al-Fitr?

The exact date is never certain far in advance, as religious authorities in various countries rely on the sighting of the Eid crescent moon to announce when it will officially begin. It can be delayed by a day if the sky is too bright when the moon is out, or if clouds obstruct it. This is also the reason Ramadan can start on different days in different parts of the world. People are not allowed to fast on this day of the year, even if they want to continue. Check out our article on Ramadan traditions from around the world.

Why is Eid-al-Fitr celebrated?

Eid-al-Fitr is regarded as a time to celebrate, with Muslims gathering their friends and family to show gratitude toward God following the previous month of reflection. The holiday serves as a great reminder for Muslims to be grateful for what they have, and to share with those who may be less fortunate.

How is Eid-al-Fitr celebrated?

As well as giving thanks, Muslims give an obligatory payment to charity (zakat al-Fitr), but this one is a smaller donation compared with the usual 2.5-percent zakat that wealthy Muslims are taxed. This is another of the five pillars of Islam. In addition to these payments, some Muslims take the initiative to work voluntarily at soup kitchens and hand out their own food to those in need of relief.

As with Eid-al-Adha, gifting is a big part of Eid celebrations. Children receive eidia offerings in money bags, and sweet treats such as cookies and dates are exchanged among loved ones, neighbours, colleagues, friends and even strangers. Family members will also buy one another presents, although most of these are saved for the youngest members of each family.

Countries across the world hold huge events to celebrate Eid-al-Fitr. Days of fireworks shows are especially popular in the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia as people take the opportunity to spend quality time together. What does the 'Eid Mubarak' greeting mean?

You'll hear Muslims wishing each other 'Eid Mubarak', which refers to having

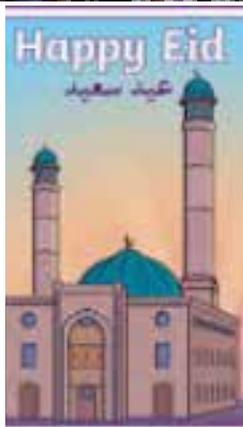


a blessed day during Eid. It is said on both Eid days and is the expected greeting when meeting a fellow Muslim for the first time on Eid. Many non-Muslims who are familiar with the phrase and meaning of it also offer 'Eid Mubarak' as a greeting on this day when they see Muslim friends and colleagues.

Eid prayers

Muslims usually dress up to attend their local mosque, where as well as taking part in prayers, it's a time for many people to have the first breakfast during sunlight hours they've had in a month. Before dawn, the Salaat ul-Fajr prayer takes place, and then it's time to bathe before the Eid prayer, also known as Salaat al-Eid.

As Salaat al-Eid is performed only twice a year, the imam leading the congregation will usually explain how to perform this particular prayer before it begins.



# Eid Mubarak



# Couple Charged With Long-Missing Adopted Daughter's Murder After Her Remains Were Found Following House Fire

An Arizona couple was charged last week with the murder of their 13-year-old adopted daughter, whose skeletal remains turned up in an attic after their house was set ablaze last year.

Officials announced that Rafael Loera and Maribel Loera have been charged with the murder of their adopted daughter, Ana Loera, who hadn't been seen since 2016. The girl's remains were discovered after authorities extinguished a fire at the couple's Phoenix home in January 2020.

Ana Loera's death has been ruled a homicide by the county medical examiner. Investigators didn't specify when the 13-year-old may have died, but she was last seen alive roughly five years ago. The teen was also known as Charisma Marquez, KIRO-TV reported.

"The exact date of death is unknown, however, according to witnesses, she was last seen alive in 2016," Phoenix Police Department said in a statement. Rafael and Maribel Loera Photo: Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

On Jan. 20, 2020, Phoenix police officers conducted a welfare check at the couple's residence after an 11-year-old called and reported she was hungry and had been left alone by her parents. The child was ultimately removed from the home after

showing signs of "neglect" and "abuse."

The 11-year-old allegedly showed signs of several "abrasions, scars, healed burn scars, injuries to her back, buttocks, abdomen and chin," court documents stated, AZFamily.com reported.

She told detectives that Maribel Loera beat her with "knotted extension cords," and banged "her head into walls." Her injuries matched the abuse allegations. The 11-year-old also claimed she had an older sister who had gone missing two years prior.

Eight days later, the Arizona Department of Child Safety returned to the Loera home, where they removed two more children — a 4-year-old girl and a 9-year-old boy — who were placed into state custody. The boy's injuries were described as "too numerous to count," according to court filings obtained by The Arizona Republic. "Loop marks" were found on the little boy's legs, the court documents also allege. The aftermath of the house fire at 5800 West Wolf Street. \ Photo: Phoenix Police Department

Minutes after authorities left, Rafael Loera doused his home's floor with gasoline and lit the property on fire, police said. Authorities suspect the 57-year-old lit the

fire in an unsuccessful effort to kill himself. Afterward, firefighters uncovered human bones while inspecting the home's ceiling.

Rafael Loera later confessed that the skeletal remains belonged to Ana Loera. He claimed the teenager had become extremely sick, but the family neglected to seek medical care and that she died while they drove her to the hospital. The couple wrapped her body in a sheet and left it in the home's attic. She may have died more than two years before her body was found, according to KIRO-TV.

Rafael Loera, who also admitted he was aware of the child abuse in the couple's household, largely cast blame on his wife, Maribel.

"[He] acknowledged his wife was abusing [Ana] during the time of her death, she was the primary caregiver while he was at work and a forensic autopsy of the bones would 'probably' show injuries," court documents show.

The couple has been charged with first-degree murder, several counts of child abuse,



concealment of a dead body, and arson of an occupied structure, according to online records.

"The department was not visiting this family, as there were no foster children living in the home at the time of the incident, nor were there any open investigations prior to January 20, 2020," the Department of Child Safety said in a statement following the Loeras' arrest last year, AZFamily.com reported.

Rafael and Maribel Loera's next scheduled court date is April 13, online jail records show. Yahoo Entertainment Dorian Geiger

## India's Spinny raises \$65 million to expand its online platform for selling used cars

Hundreds of thousands of used cars are sold in India each month. But buying one through the offline and traditional channel could prove to be a painstakingly long and high-risk process.

A Gurgaon-based startup that is attempting to improve this experience said on Thursday it has raised a new financing round.

Spinny has raised \$65 million in its Series C financing round, the five-year-old Indian startup said. The new round was led by Silicon Valley-headquartered venture firm General Catalyst, while Feroz Dewan's Arena Holdings, Think Investments and existing investors Fundamentum Partnership -- backed by tech veterans Nandan Nilekani and Sanjeev Aggarwal -- and Elevation Capital participated in it.

The round, which brings Spinny's to-date raise to more than \$120 million, valued the startup at about \$350 million, up from about \$150 million a year ago, a person familiar with the matter told TechCrunch. The startup declined to comment on the valuation.

Spinny operates a platform to facilitate the sale and purchase of used cars. One of the biggest challenges people face in buying a used car is the trust factor, and Niraj Singh, co-founder and chief executive of

Spinny, says the startup's thorough and transparent inspection of the car, buying it from the owner and then selling it to customers is addressing those concerns.

The startup says it is removing the traditional middlemen from the equation, thereby making it more affordable and reliable for customers to buy a used car. If a customer is not satisfied with the car they purchased from Spinny, they get a full refund, he said.

Spinny began its journey as a marketplace for used cars, but Singh said the startup has expanded its offerings to become a full-stack platform. Used car marketed is estimated to grow at 22% CAGR to 7.2mn cars sold per year. (BoFA research)

Days after one of my previous conversations with Singh, New Delhi announced a months-long lockdown in the nation as it moved to contain the spread of the coronavirus pandemic. Singh said the pandemic did hurt Spinny's business for a few months, but the startup has long recovered its pre-pandemic growth figures.

The pandemic made many cautious about taking an Uber or Ola ride, and explore buying their own cars, which accelerated the growth, said Singh. It also significantly



reduced the CAC (customer acquisition cost) for Spinny, he added. "We believe Spinny is uniquely positioned to tap this opportunity -- given their compelling leadership and their real market momentum. As long time investors, we've been impressed by how Spinny is reinventing every part of the buying process -- injecting trust and safety into every aspect of the customer experience," said Adam Valkin, general partner at General Catalyst, in a statement.

Spinny, which was operational in five Indian cities last year, plans to expand to 15 cities by the end of 2021, and also deploy part of the fresh fund to broaden its full-stack platform, said Singh.

"Spinny has become India's most trusted used car brand and is on its way to becoming India's largest as well. It's heartening to hear customers describe the experience of buying a used car from Spinny being better than that of buying a new car. This has been made possible because of Niraj and the entire Spinny team's customer obsession and relentless execution. We are privileged to be their early partners and super excited to double down in this round," said Mukul Arora, partner at Elevation Capital, in a statement. YahooFinance Manish Singh

## CJI Swings in Action, Meets Senior Judges to Take Stock of Covid-19 Situation

Chief Justice of India Nuthalapati Venkata Ramana swung into action after taking oath as head of the judiciary and held consultation with six senior judges of the Supreme Court to review functioning in view of present COVID-19 situation. The 48th CJI, after being administered oath by President Ram Nath Kovind in a brief function here, went to the Supreme Court premises on a Saturday, a court holiday, and held meeting to discuss apex court's functioning in view of resurgence of pandemic, sources told PTI. Besides the CJI, justices R F Nariman, U U Lalit, A

M Khanwilkar, D Y Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and L Nageswara Rao took part in the meeting. The seven senior judges would meet again, they said. The apex court, since March 25, has been holding courts through video conferencing due to a nationwide lockdown and even after the restrictions were relaxed, it has decided to continue with the hearing through virtual courts.

Before being driven to the Rashtrapati Bhavan for taking oath as the CJI, Justice Ramana met and took blessings of the

priests of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams and the Srisailem temple of Andhra Pradesh. Later in the day, he visited CJI's office in the apex court's premises with his family members and then held consultation with the judges.

Hailing from an agriculturist family of Ponnavaaram village of Andhra Pradesh's Krishna district, a soft-spoken Justice Ramana will have a tenure of over 16 months and will demit



office on August 26 next year. Yahoo News

## 11,000 more construction workers to get Rs 5,000 aid in coming days: Delhi govt

New Delhi, Apr 25 (PTI) Nearly 11,000 more construction workers in the national capital registered with the Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board will receive a one-time financial assistance of Rs 5,000 in the coming days, a statement from the office of Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said on Sunday.

The Delhi government has been providing the financial assistance to the registered workers who are facing livelihood crisis during the coronavirus-induced lockdown.

A total of 2,10,684 construction workers are targeted to be provided the aid, out of which two lakh have already been disbursed a sum of Rs 100 crore and 11,000

workers will be granted the aid in the coming days,' the statement said.

During last year's lockdown, the Delhi government disbursed Rs 5,000 each to as many as 55,000 construction workers.

In the second phase, the Delhi government will disburse Rs 46.1 crore to the construction workers, it said.

The government has also set up as many as 150 food distribution centres in various schools and construction sites to help migrant workers, daily-wage labourers and construction workers during the lockdown.

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday

announced extension of the ongoing lockdown in Delhi for another week, saying the severity of COVID-19 is unabated and the positivity rate has been as high as 36 per cent in the last few days.

The lockdown imposed on April 19 night will now continue till 5 AM on May 3, he said. It was scheduled to end at 5 AM on April 26 before extension.

Thousands of migrant workers had gathered at railway stations and bus stands to catch a ride back home after Kejriwal had announced a week-long

lockdown on April 19, notwithstanding the state government's assurance of taking care of them. PTI MG VIT SMN Yahoo News



## Kejriwal urges industrialists to provide oxygen, cryogenic tankers to Delhi amid crisis

New Delhi, Apr 25 (PTI) Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday appealed to leading industrialists of the country to help provide oxygen and cryogenic tankers to Delhi amid an acute shortage of the life saving gas required to save serious COVID-19 patients.

In a letter to the industrialists, he said owing to an unprecedented rise in the number of COVID cases, the national capital was falling woefully short of required oxygen and asked them to treat his request as an SOS.

'Delhi does not produce any oxygen, and as you are aware, Delhi currently faces an acute shortage of oxygen. I would be grateful if you could provide Delhi government with oxygen along with cryogen-

ic tankers,' Kejriwal wrote in his letter.

The Railways is transporting four liquid oxygen tankers from Raigarh to the national capital and has asked Delhi government to arrange tankers for it.

'While we have received help from the central government in meeting our oxygen requirements, the ferocity of the second wave is rendering the supply inadequate,' he stated. The chief minister requested the industrialists to provide stocks of oxygen being used or manufactured by them and also sought their help in the import of cryogenic tankers.

In similar letters to chief ministers of other states, Kejriwal had on Saturday urged them to help Delhi with their spare

oxygen and tankers.

On Sunday, Kejriwal had said that Centre and Delhi government teams were working in a coordinated manner to ensure steady supply of oxygen to hospitals in the city.

The Centre has increased Delhi's daily quota of oxygen from 480 MT to 490 MT, although the city is still receiving around 330-335 MT of it everyday, he had said.

The Delhi government has also set up a portal and directed the manufacturers, suppliers and hospitals to update figures of supply and consumption of oxygen on

it every two hours.

This would help the government to find out shortage beforehand and ensure supply on time, Kejriwal had said. PTI VIT TDS TDS Yahoo News



## Irrfan Khan Death Anniversary: Son Babil Khan Shares Slipping Into Depression

It's been a year today after we lost a gem of an actor, Irrfan Khan, leaving behind his sons Babil and Ayaan and wife Sutapa Sikdar. The family kept the actor alive in our lives by sharing some unseen videos, pictures and his thoughts that made the late actor have a special corner for him in our hearts. In conversation with Times of India, his elder son and budding actor Babil opened up about having suicidal thoughts after he lost his father, after he slipped into depression. Narrating a painful day when his late father was hospitalised for his treatment, he said, "For the first few days, Mom was like how is that he is taking it so well? I was running around, doing everything, making sure everything was fine at home and at the hospital. It was really bad, though. I can't explain the amount of pain he was going through when he was conscious." Talking about it in details he shared his father wanted him to stay back in the hospital room, he shared, his father yelling at him, "Babil, tum kahin mat jao mujhe chhod ke!"

Adding further he said, "I particularly remember when they were going to put a catheter, and asked me to leave the room, and he almost yelled, 'Babil, tum kahin mat jao mujhe chhod ke!' They pulled me out of the room and he screamed my name. I never felt that much pain and helplessness.



# Indian offer led to 'quiet' talks on all major issues

High-level sources say backchannel talks are continuing between the intelligence leaderships of two countries

- Pakistan's primary interest at the moment is to ensure that Occupied Kashmir gets back its statehood
- The strategic rethink is grounded in the country's need to prioritise economic matters

ISLAMABAD: India approached Pakistan in December 2020 with an offer to reduce tension and offered backchannel talks on all outstanding issues, including Jammu and Kashmir, and Pakistan reciprocated favourably, fresh information emanating from official quarters has confirmed.

The Indian offer was discussed among the top Pakistan leadership and a decision was taken to explore all avenues for a peaceful settlement of conflicts by engaging in quiet talks, according to high-level official sources.

India proposed that the two countries start talking on all outstanding issues side by side instead of lumping them together in a composite dialogue, said the sources. The Pakistani leadership has agreed to explore all options that can lead to lowering of tension.

"It is an opportune time for us to take a strategic pause," says an official. "We need a break from the cycle of violence and focus on domestic issues."

For the two South Asian neighbours that nearly went to war in 2019, the recent moves constitute a major policy initiative towards normalisation of ties. They also reflect the changing dynamics in Islamabad and New Delhi whereby those advocating greater engagement have begun to dominate those people who espoused a hardline and hawkish approach within decision-making circles.

The backchannel talks, sources confirm, are being held between the intelligence leaderships of the two countries. Sources say New Delhi had preferred that these quiet negotiations take place at this level instead of through a political platform, and Islamabad had consented. Officials now acknowledge that Pakistan's primary interest at this initial stage is that Occupied Kashmir gets back its statehood and India agrees not to bring about any demographic changes in the disputed territory. Both governments have agreed not to involve any third party in this initiative for now.

There appears to be a newfound clarity in the Pakistani leadership about pushing for a fresh round of engagement with India after a dangerous round of hostilities. Accordingly, Pakistan seems willing to explore outstanding issues separately in a

bid to resolve whichever conflicts present agreeable solutions. The Sir Creek dispute may be one such 'low-hanging fruit'. Officials argue that both Pakistan and India have pursued direct and indirect policies to resolve the Kashmir issue and have failed. "Isn't it time we go back to the drawing board and try to find a new strategy," asks an official. "The path of dialogue will be bumpy, but if we stay the course we can reach our objectives," he says.

The backchannel dialogue hit a bump recently when the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the federal cabinet announced a decision to allow import of sugar and wheat from India, only for the cabinet to not approve the decision the next day when some members, including Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi, opposed the move. Sources now believe this confusion had an adverse impact on the quiet dialogue and the government was pressured into adopting a tough stance. However, the sources say the 'bump' is a temporary one.

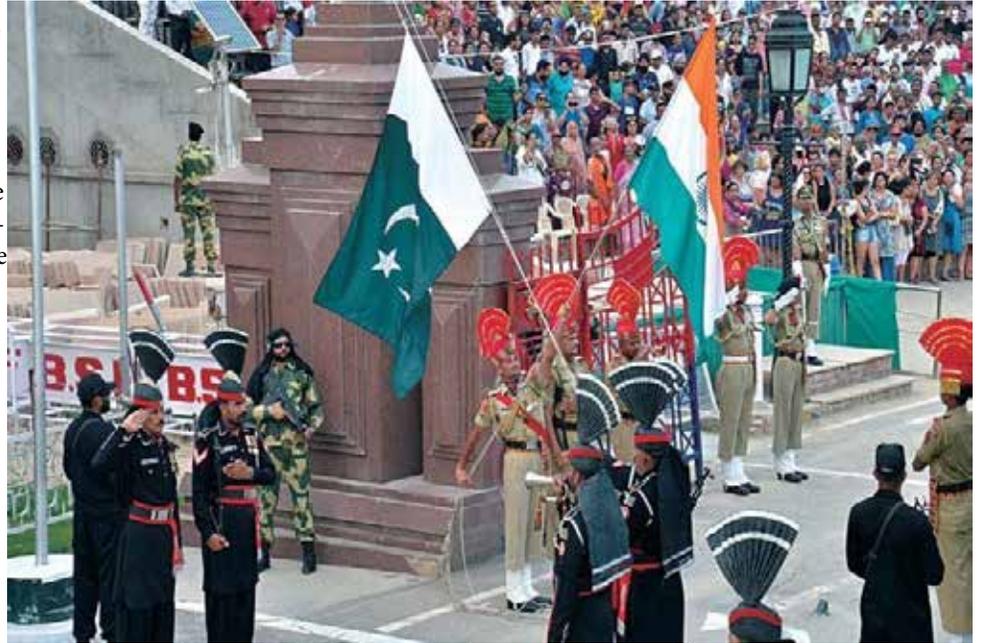
New information suggests that initial backchannel contacts between Pakistan and India took place in 2017. According to sources, relevant senior Indian officials had conveyed a quiet message to the Pakistani intelligence and military leadership to initiate a dialogue. The-then prime minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi gave the go-ahead for this backchannel contact which then continued at a gradual pace.

However, it was in December last year that the talks went into higher gear. Since then, a number of confidence-building measures have taken place, including a ceasefire agreement on the Line of Control (LoC) that divides Azad Kashmir and Occupied Kashmir.

The Pakistani civil and military leadership is said to be on the same page on the latest engagement with India. While in the past, the military had its disagreements with the elected leadership on policies with India, officials now say that the military high command wants a greater push for peace in South Asia.

"War has never produced a solution and two nuclear powers cannot afford a conflict," says an official. He argues that the military leadership will not be an obstacle to peace because war is not an option now.

There is a major rethink within the Pakistani leadership amid a greater preference for what is termed "strategic patience". This policy is based on a realisation that 'active borders' (as well as the LoC) that witness constant low-level conflict are a major drain on the economy at a time when Pakistan needs to strengthen its fi-



nancial muscles. The rethink that is slowly becoming evident now has been 'ongoing' for a number of years. It has generated various quiet initiatives including, as per sources, a change in the curriculum of the military war college to reflect changing regional dynamics.

Highly placed officials argue that India is investing in this fresh engagement with Pakistan because it is faced with a two-front situation on its western and northern borders. As a result, it has had to move a significant number of its forces deployed on the western front to the northern one with China. After this re-deployment, Pakistani intelligence officials estimate that the ratio of Indian to Pakistan forces deployed against each other has, for the first time, come down to 1:1. Pakistan's assessment is that under the BJP government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India would be better prepared for improved ties with Pakistan.

The logic weaving through this rethink is grounded in Pakistan's need to prioritise the economy and other domestic issues that require external and internal stability. Officials argue that Pakistan today needs to focus on issues like health, education, infrastructure and population control instead of being stuck in a confrontational situation on the borders. "We cannot remain at loggerheads forever," states one official.

There is a renewed effort in key official quarters to move beyond rigid policies of the past. "If we keep scratching away at history," says a source, "we will keep reopening old wounds." Many argue today that if we remain hostage to the mistakes of the past, it will be impossible to move forward.

This is why there is an admission that Pakistan should focus on ensuring the people of Occupied Kashmir, who continue to undergo pain and hardship, are

provided relief. "At times, one step back can lead to two steps forward," says an official.

Officials argue that Pakistan will hold on firmly to its official positions while engaging with India. They say it is important at this point to sit across the table even if the positions are poles apart. Only through constantly talking to each other can we reduce the gap between our positions, they believe.

The strategic rethink within the Pakistani leadership has also led to a deliberate policy of jettisoning militant organisations and dismantling their networks. Pakistan has also taken specific and concrete measures to combat terror financing and the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has acknowledged that Pakistan has successfully completed 24 of the 27 requirements to come off its grey list. The FATF framework has helped Pakistan push through systemic reforms, legislate stringent measures and build the capacity of state institutions to throttle terror financing and money laundering.

"We are moving away from the 'jihadi' culture," admits an official source. "Anyone that the state cannot control is not an asset, he is a liability." Officials emphasise that the state wants to eradicate militancy from society and make Pakistan a 'normal' state.

Sources say the Pakistani leadership is now firmly committed to resolving conflicts and achieving normalisation in the region. The leadership is resolved to not step back at any cost, they say. "The Pakistan-India conflict has become a 'saas-bahu kee larai' (mother-in-law and daughter-in-law fight) that should end," says a senior official.

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# American Muslim Sues Government For Putting Him On No-Fly List

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When he refused, he was placed on the government screening database that prevents individuals from flying because they are considered a threat, often called the no-fly list. Chebli, who is being represented by the American Civil Liberties Union, said the government has failed to provide him with a “fair and timely process to challenge the indefinite flying ban.”

Last year, the Supreme Court unanimously ruled that three other Muslim men who were placed on the list after refusing to serve as FBI informants could seek to hold federal agents financially liable.

Advocates and civil rights lawyers applauded that ruling as a small win against religious discrimination and an opportunity to hold government officials accountable for decades of discriminatory profiling and government surveillance based on the vilification of Muslim Americans. Individuals placed on the list, which was created in 2003, are disproportionately Muslim and of Arab, Middle Eastern, or South Asian descent.

“The no-fly list is a particularly problematic part of a vast watchlisting system that can unfairly stigmatize people as terrorism suspects,” said Hina Shamsi, director of the ACLU’s National Security Project.

“Ahmad’s story and what happened to him shows how the government uses the no-fly list abusively, especially against Muslims in violation of due process and in Ahmad’s case, also in violation of the First Amendment and his religious freedom rights,” Shamsi added.

The Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security both declined to comment.

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terrorist organization, and that the agents would investigate and surveil him as well as his friends and family. According to the lawsuit, “the agents further asserted that Mr. Chebli’s refusal to work with the FBI could have negative consequences for his wife’s pending immigration application.” The FBI allegedly gave Chebli two options: work for them or leave the country.

“It’s hard to fully describe my inner turmoil after that meeting. As a Muslim in America, I know from firsthand experience that our government too often views us with discriminatory suspicion. But it’s different when FBI agents sit across a table from you, with all the power of the government behind them, accusing you of things you have never done and would never do. I was scared, and I was especially scared for my family’s safety,” Chebli wrote in a blog post.

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Fearful, Chebli sent his wife and two children to Lebanon to stay with extended family. The agents showed up unannounced to the passport office and called Chebli after he dropped off his family at the airport. For the months that followed, the agents frequently met with Chebli asking about his high school, the mosque he attended, and his political beliefs. Stressed about the situation, Chebli told the agents that he was going to Lebanon for a month to see his family and determine if he could make a new life abroad. He hoped the time away would lead to the FBI leaving him alone.

In November 2018, just one month after

he left, Chebli decided to return to the U.S. after not being able to sustain a living for himself and his family in Lebanon. But when Chebli checked in at the airport, the agent barred him from boarding his plane due to a directive by the U.S. government. He later found out that he had been placed on the no-fly list.

“FBI agents threatened me and my family, pressuring me to work as an informant in my community. This is frightening and wrong,” Chebli said in a press release from the ACLU.

“When I refused to give in to government coercion, I was put on the No Fly List and now I’m indefinitely banned from flying to see family, do my job, or fulfill my religious obligations as a Muslim,” he continued. “For over two years I’ve tried to get off the No Fly List, but the government won’t even give me its reason for putting me on the list or a fair process to clear my name and regain my rights. No one should suffer what my family and I have had to suffer.”

After contacting the ACLU and sending multiple requests to the Department of Homeland Security, Chebli was granted a one-time waiver to return to the U.S. in December 2018.

But he said the harassment continued, and he was subjected to heightened screening, delays, and searches every time he flew domestically. More agents began to question Chebli about his political views and Lebanese ancestry. The agents also threatened to denaturalize his wife, the lawsuit said. In December 2020 and January 2021, when Chebli attempted to fly to Lebanon, he was twice refused boarding. Chebli also submitted two redress requests to DHS, as part of a government program designed to provide solutions to travelers with difficulties getting through airport security checkpoints, but to no avail. Chebli said he hasn’t been provided any reason for being placed on the list and that the designation has prohibited him from traveling abroad to fulfill his religious pilgrimage, which the ACLU says violates his religious freedoms.

In 2014, the ACLU won a district court ruling in a similar lawsuit forcing the government to tell U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents whether they are on the list and possibly offer reasons. Still, those processes fall short, said the ACLU, noting that in Chebli’s case, he never received any explanation as to why he was placed on the list to begin with. For those reasons, the issue of profiling and government surveillance remains a grave concern for many people, said Shamsi, and leaves those affected with no real process to fight the designation. “We hope that the court will rule that the government redress process for people on the no-fly list is unconstitutional, find that his constitutional rights have been violated, and remove him from the list,” she added.

Rowaida Abdelaziz-Reporter, HuffPost  
Yahoo News

# ALMA discovers rotating infant galaxy with help of natural cosmic telescope

Using the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA), astronomers found a rotating baby galaxy 1/100th the size of the Milky Way at a time when the Universe was only seven percent of its present age. Thanks to assistance by the gravitational lens effect, the team was able to explore for the first time the nature of small and dark “normal galaxies” in the early Universe, representative of the main population of the first galaxies, which greatly advances our understanding of the initial phase of galaxy evolution.

“Many of the galaxies that existed in the early Universe were so small that their brightness is well below the limit of the current largest telescopes on Earth and in Space, making difficult to study their properties and internal structure,” says Nicolas Laporte, a Kavli Senior Fellow at the University of Cambridge. “However, the light coming from the galaxy named RXCJ0600-z6, was highly magnified by gravitational lensing, making it an ideal target for studying the properties and structure of a typical baby galaxies.”

Gravitational lensing is a natural phenomenon in which light emitted from a distant object is bent by the gravity of a massive body such as a galaxy or a galaxy cluster located in the foreground. The name “gravitational lensing” is derived from the fact that the gravity of the massive object acts like a lens. When we look through a gravitational lens, the light of distant objects is intensified and their shapes are stretched. In other words, it is a “natural telescope” floating in space.

The ALMA Lensing Cluster Survey (ALCS) team used ALMA to search for a large number of galaxies in the early Universe that are enlarged by gravitational lensing. Combining the power of ALMA, with the help of the natural telescopes, the researchers are able to uncover and study fainter galaxies.



Why is it crucial to explore the faintest galaxies in the early Universe? Theory and simulations predict that the majority of galaxies formed few hundred millions years after the Big-Bang are small, and thus faint. Although several galaxies in the early Universe have been previously observed, those studied were limited to the most massive objects, and therefore the less representative galaxies, in the early Universe, because of telescopes capabilities. The only way to understand the standard formation of the first galaxies, and obtain a complete picture of galaxy formation, is to focus on the fainter and more numerous galaxies.

The ALCS team performed a large-scale observation program that took 95 hours, which is a very long time for ALMA observations, to observe the central regions of 33 galaxy clusters that could cause gravitational lensing. One

of these clusters, called RXCJ0600-2007, is located in the direction of the constellation of Lepus, and has a mass 1000 trillion times that of the Sun. The team discovered a single distant galaxy that is being affected by the gravitational lens created by this natural telescope. ALMA detected the light from carbon ions and stardust in the galaxy and, together with data taken with the Gemini telescope, determined that the galaxy is seen as it was about 900 million years after the Big Bang (12.9 billion years ago). Further analysis of these data suggested that a part of this source is seen 160 times brighter than it is intrinsically.

By precisely measuring the mass distribution of the cluster of galaxies, it is possible to “undo” the gravitational lensing effect and restore the original appearance of the magnified object. By combining data from Hubble Space Telescope and the European Southern Observatory’s Very Large Telescope with a theoretical model, the team succeeded in reconstructing the actual shape of the distant galaxy RXCJ0600-z6. The total mass of this galaxy is about 2 to 3 billion times that of the Sun, which is about 1/100th of the size of our own Milky Way Galaxy.

What astonished the team is that RXCJ0600-z6 is rotating. Traditionally, gas in the young galaxies was thought to have random, chaotic motion. Only recently has ALMA discovered several rotating young galaxies that have challenged the traditional theoretical framework, but these were several orders of magnitude brighter (larger) than RXCJ0600-z6.

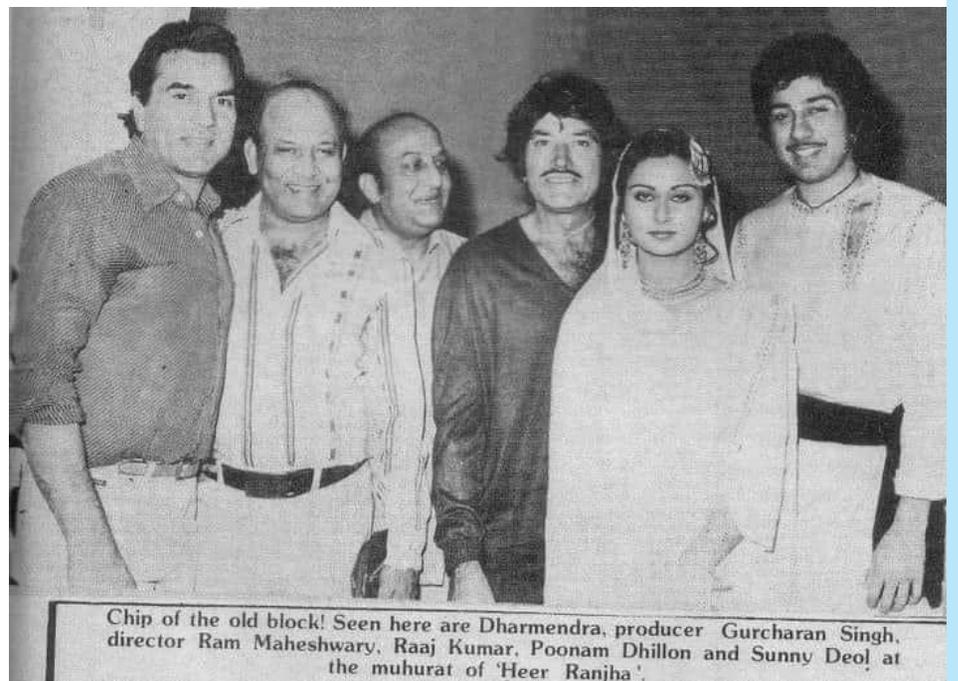
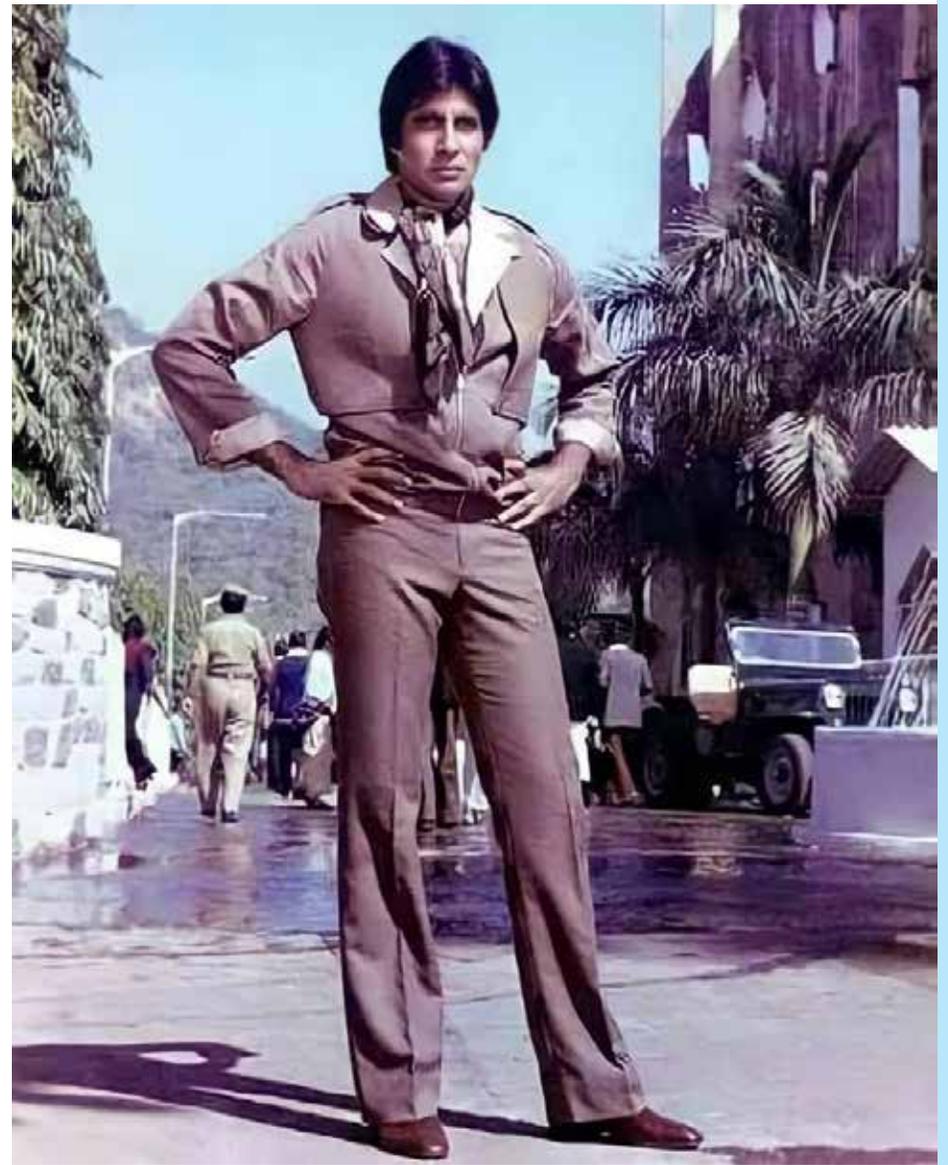
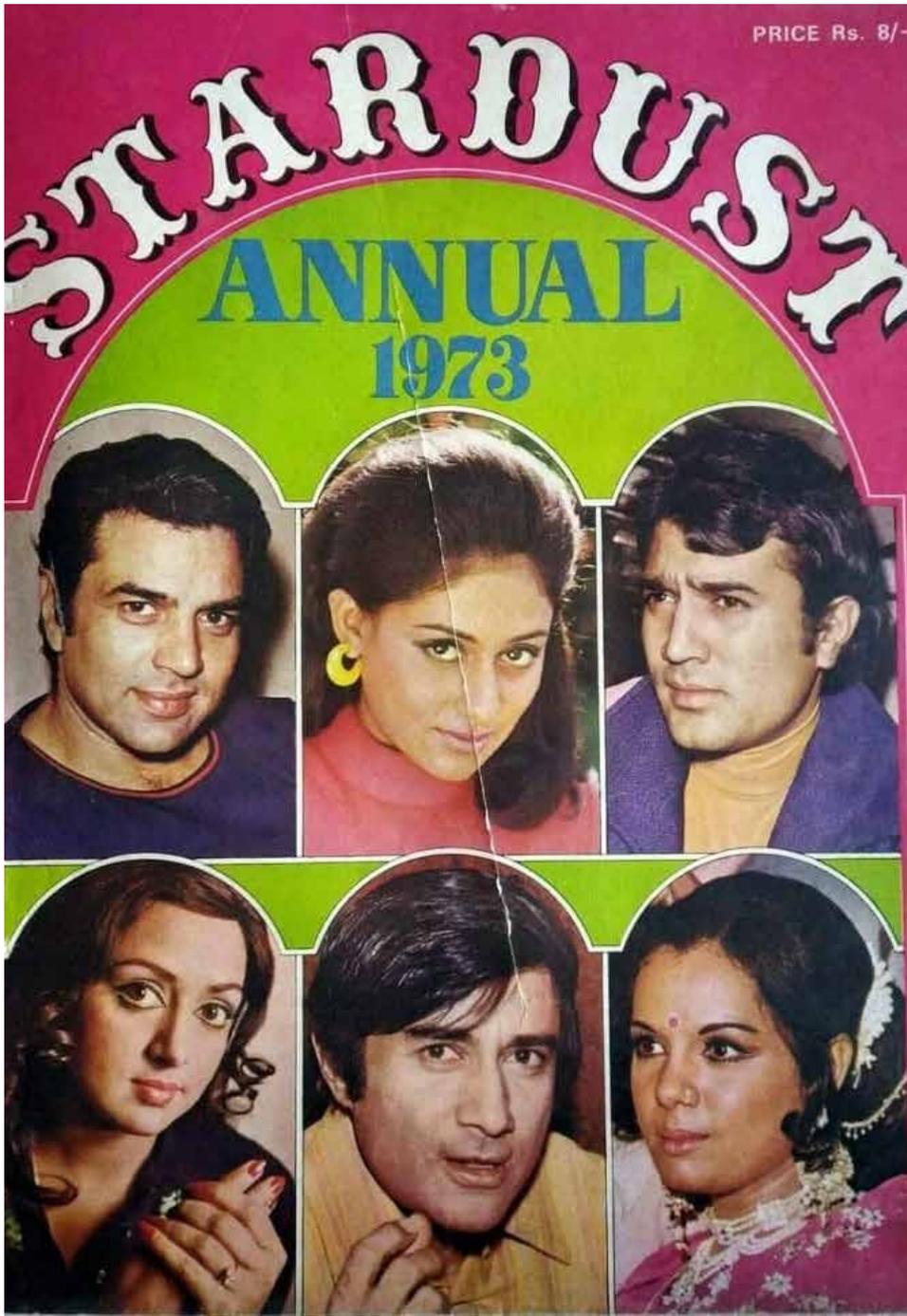
“Our study demonstrates, for the first time, that we can directly measure the internal motion of such faint (less massive) galaxies in the early Universe and compare it with the theoretical predictions,” says Kotaro Kohno, a professor at the University of Tokyo and the leader of the ALCS team.

“The fact that RXCJ0600-z6 has a very high magnification factor also raises expectations for future research,” explains Seiji Fujimoto, a DAWN fellow at the Niels Bohr Institute. “This galaxy has been selected, among hundreds, to be observed by the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST), the next generation space telescope to be launched this autumn. Through joint observations using ALMA and JWST, we will unveil the properties of gas and stars in a baby galaxy and its internal motions. When the Thirty Meter Telescope and the Extremely Large Telescope are completed, they may be able to detect clusters of stars in the galaxy, and possibly even resolve individual stars. There is an example of gravitational lensing that has been used to observe a single star 9.5 billion light-years away, and this research has the potential to extend this to less than a billion years after the birth of the Universe.”

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## Karisma Kapoor sends birthday wish to Sachin Tendulkar with priceless throwback pic, says 'Time really flies'

Mumbai (Maharashtra) [India], April 24 (ANI): Refreshing memories from past on the 48th birthday of master blaster Sachin Tendulkar, Bollywood star Karisma Kapoor on Saturday posted a priceless throwback picture from 'Andaaz Apna Apna' mahurat with the legendary batsman and Salman Khan.

The 'Lajja' star took to Instagram and relived memories with Tendulkar by sharing a monochromatic picture with the former cricketer and her co-star amid the shoot of the 1994 comedy-drama. The photo sees Karisma as she smiles while posing along with the 'Wanted' actor and former cricketer as they were present at the Mahurat of the movie.

In the picture, Karisma looks gorgeous as ever as she donned a white suit and jewelry, while Salman is seen sporting a white crew-neck T-shirt and a pair of high waist pants. Sachin is seen donning a collared T-shirt with prints and a pair of denim as he smilingly glared into the lens. Reminiscing about the sweet memories at the event and sending birthday wishes to Sachin, the 'Raja Hindustani' actor wrote, "Such wonderful memories from the muhurat of Andaz Apna Apna. Time really flies. Happy Birthday, @sachintendulkar. #throwback #preciousmoments."

Celebrity followers including Malaika Arora and more than 20,000 fans liked the

post within 17 minutes of being posted.

Scores of fans left red heart and heart shapes eyes emoticons as they adored the photo. Regarded as one of the greatest batsmen ever, Tendulkar holds the record for being the highest run-scorer of all time in international cricket, having notched up 18,426 runs in ODIs and 15,921 runs in Test matches. He was last seen in Road Safety World Series this year where he led India



Legends to the title. (ANI) Yahoo News

## Nawazuddin Slams Celebs Going to Maldives, Ranbir Playing with Anushka's Clothes Make Fans Go 'Aww'

Nawazuddin Siddiqui is enraged by photos of celebs holidaying in Maldives. When asked about stars posting vacation pictures during an interview, he said, "These entertainment celebrities posting vacation pictures at a time when the world is reeling under the worst recession. ...Logon ke pass khana nahin hai aur aap paise phenk rahe ho. Kuch toh sharm karo (People don't have food and you are wasting money, have some shame)."

A montage of old videos is doing the rounds of Instagram, where Ranbir Kapoor can be seen fidgeting with co-star Anushka Sharma's clothes during interviews. The videos show the 'Ae Dil Hai Mushkil', Bombay Velvet and Sanju co-stars in various interviews, in which Ranbir seems to be absent mindedly playing with Anushka's gown, or hem of a dress. Fans of the star are finding this extremely cute, and have been posting interesting comments on the videos. Sonu Sood recently recovered from Covid-19. Taking to his Instagram account, the actor shared his happy news with his fans by posting a picture with "Tested:



Covid-19 Negative" as the caption. The update drew actress Kangana Ranaut's attention, who asked the actor to appreciate the contribution of the vaccine in his recovery. Karisma Kapoor fished out an old photo from the archives to post a birthday wish for Sachin Tendulkar on Instagram. The



photo is from the mahurat of the cult comedy Andaz Apna Apna, and features Sachin alongside the actress and her co-star, Salman Khan. "Such wonderful memories from the muhurat of Andaz Apna Apna. Time really files. Happy Birthday @sachintendulkar," Karisma wrote. Rakhi Sawant was spotted buying veg-

etables in a PPE kit, which she constantly referred to as "PPT" kit. In a video posted by Bollywood paps, Rakhi can be seen scolding vegetable vendors for the exorbitant prices of veggies

Yahoo Style

## Warina Hussain quits social media, quotes Aamir Khan in latest post

New Delhi [India], April 24 (ANI): Bollywood actor Warina Hussain, who made her silver screen debut with the 2018 romantic drama 'Loveyatri', revealed on Saturday that she is quitting social media.

Bidding goodbye to the social media world, the 22-year-old actor took to Instagram and released a statement.

"Peace out. I remember reading somewhere that you don't have to announce your departure because this isn't an airport but I'll do so for my friends and fans, whose love has always been my strength," her statement read.

She further added that her team will continue to manage her account to keep her fans updated on her work.

Taking to the captions she also quoted megastar Aamir Khan, who announced his departure from the virtual world, a day after his birthday in March.

"In Aamir sir's language dropping the presence," Hussain wrote. Meanwhile, on the work front, Warina Hussain who last appeared in the movie 'Dabangg 3' for a dance number 'Munna Badnam Hua' with Salman Khan; has completed all the schedules of her upcoming thriller movie 'The Incomplete Man'.

There was also a buzz about Warina's debut in the South along with Kalyan Ram in the next NTR film. (ANI)  
Yahoo News



## Citizens Are Helping Each Other During The COVID Nightmare And Twitter Is Sort Of Finally Stepping Up

At a time when social media networks such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter have proved to be very useful platforms for people to source help for each other, to be fair, social media platforms themselves haven't really done enough on their own. Twitter users are helping out friends and families of COVID patients who may desperately need information or leads or help with hospital admissions, oxygen supplies, medicines, contacts at hospitals, information about availability of beds, home care, ambulances and more. All this, and more, is priceless information at this time, particularly as someone panics to care for a loved one who has suddenly fallen ill. And this is all crowdsourced informa-

tion, and while there are of course chances of information being outdated at times, the sheer effort and dedication has to be acknowledged. It is tremendously helpful, particularly when the healthcare system is stressed to the limits and treatment as well as medication may be in short supply. Yet, it is a glaring gap that no social media network is compiling such information on their own or a template for users to update. But Twitter seems to be taking some corrective action.

Twitter says that there are tools and resources that are available on the platform that users can use right now. The social media network acknowledges that

it is what it calls a "people's movement" and wants to add to that. Twitter uses the hashtag #Covid19IndiaHelp and points us to the advanced search option that will allow users to filter for fields such as a specific hashtag, a time period in which the tweet was posted or even tweets from a particular account. For instance, you can search for words, phrases, any specific words, avoid words that you don't want to search and even tweets mentioning certain accounts. Then there is the tweets that you can narrow down based on your current location, you can do that too. The way to do this is to type in a relevant hashtag in the search bar, tap on the toggle button on the top right of the interface, and turn

on 'Near you' under 'Location'. You'll need to ensure that the location services in your phone are enabled and Twitter has access to the location data. For the Twitter timeline, you can choose to select between most recent tweets and most relevant tweets that show up every time you open the app or refresh the timeline. For this, you'll need to tap on the sparkle button on the top right side of the Twitter home screen and choose the option you wish to select. What Twitter is basically doing is priming the features that already existed to better search for the information that is being shared by many Twitter users.  
Yahoo Finance

## Devi Sri Prasad shares how he feels to collab again with Salman Khan for Radhe's 'Seeti Maar'

Mumbai (Maharashtra) [India], April 25 (ANI): Music composer, singer, and performer Devi Sri Prasad is all set to give Bollywood yet another peppy song with Salman Khan's most anticipated film 'Radhe: Your Most Wanted Bhai'.

After the trailer release of 'Radhe', the biggest highlight of it was the 'Seeti Maar' song. Prasad who has earlier created the Chartbuster 'Dhinka Chika' song for Salman Khan starrer 'Ready' is happy to reunite with him yet again and is certain that 'Seeti Maar' song will also be equally loved by all.

Talking about reuniting with the 'Bajrangi Bhaijaan' star, he shared, "It is always great fun to create music for Salman. He has always been someone who has appreciated my work and when Prabhu Deva and Salman, personally asked me to recompose Seeti Maar for Radhe, I was more than happy to oblige."

The music composer always wanted to recreate the song in Hindi. The music

composer feels the song best suited the film.

He adds, "I have recreated the entire song to suit Salman's image whilst retaining its soul. He called me and shared his feedback on how the song sounds terrific. We hope that the audiences enjoy the number as much as we enjoyed making it. It is a fun song that will keep you grooving."

Prasad has given the Indian music industry some of the biggest hits like 'Ringa Ringa', 'AaAante Amalapuram', 'Daddy Mummy', and others.

'Seeti Maar' is composed by DSP and is penned by Shabbir Ahmed while vocals are by Kamal Khan and Lulia Vantur. The song will be released on April 26 (ANI)  
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senior Advocate Moin Bhai (High Court) died just at Virinch Hospital. Shared by Mohammed Afzaluddin Dakhani



Extremely Shocked and saddened to learn about the Sudden Demise of Senior Congress leader Ameer Bhai. He was a good friend and always my well wisher....my deepest condolences to family members. Inna lilla hi wa inna ilaihi rajioon  
 Mohammed Khaleequr Rahman, FB



Afshan Rahman, Assistant registrar and in-charge of Regional centre Delhi in the Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) passed away at 59 in Delhi after a brief illness.  
 Her family consists of two sons Moiz Rahman and Monis Rahman.

Afshan was the wife of former Vice-Chancellor Aligarh Muslim University, Late Dr. Mahmoodur Rahman (IAS Retd.).



Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilaihi Rajioon. The saying goes "Time heals all wounds" but this wound is one that will stay with me forever. My sweet, innocent, happy, generous, and loving younger brother Mohammed Khurram Ahmed has been taken back by our creator Allah(swt). He fought for his life until the last breath but COVID19 took over. After being placed on a ventilator his weak body collapsed. He has passed in this most blessed and prosperous month and may Allah grant him the highest place in Jannah! Ameen!! He was the ray to my sunshine, the light at the end of the tunnel, and just a wonderful and loving friend and brother. There are no words in this world that can describe how I feel, no emotions, just sincere prayer for him to be granted the highest place in Jannah. I request you all to make duas for him and patience to endure this tragic loss.  
 From Asma Nusrath, Chicago



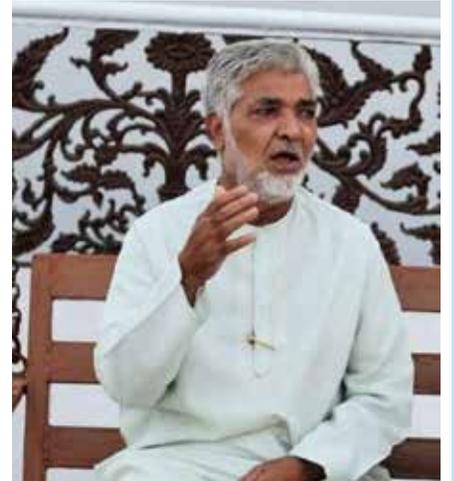
Inna Lillahi Wo Inna Elaihi Rajioon I express my deep condolences over the demise of Mir Imtiaz Ali, 45, due to Covid-19 in a city hospital tonight. He was an ex-member of Haj Committee (of undivided AP) and presently, he was the Congress President of Rajampet Mandal. He was a good social worker and his entire family is associated with various social and religious activities. Janab Imtiaz Ali was also the president of local mosque. His death is a personal loss for me and also a great loss to the Congress party and people of Kamareddy. We lost a very good human being.  
 Allah Unko Jannat-ul-Firdous Mein Aala-Say-Aala Maqaam Ata Karay. Ameen.  
 Mohammad Ali Shabbir, former Minister, AP



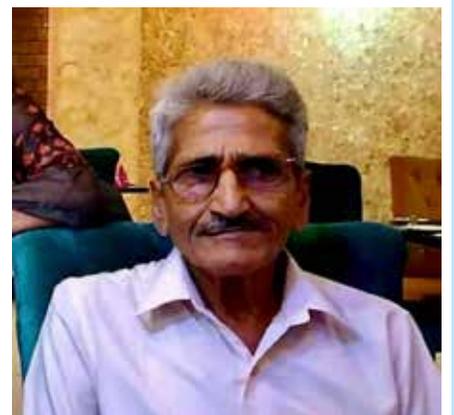
It is with a very, very sad and extremely heavy heart that we say goodbye to my friend and peer Maula Bakhsh Aseer in this blessed month of Ramadan. Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi rajeoon. Please pray Du'a Maghfirat for him. May his wife and children be given strength during this difficult time.  
 Ghousia Ghiasuddin is feeling sad.



Inna Lillahi and Inna Ilahi Razi ' on Mr. Mohammed Salah uddin Jawed has passed away  
 May Allah forgive him unlimitedly and grant him a place in Jannat-ul-Firdous. Amen O Lord of the Lameen The funeral prayer is after the prayer of Wazir Ali Mosque, Fateh Darwaza Asr. Tadfeen Eidgah will be held in Mir Alam, God willing.  
 Mohammad Rizwan Uddin



With deep pain and anguish, I would like to inform that I lost one of my childhood friend today. Mohammed Afzal Mohiuddin, a well-known social and religious personality of Kamareddy, passed away on Wednesday. We were not only schoolmates but shared a lot of things in our lives. He was actively involved with activities of Ahle-Sunnat-ul-Jamaat, ran a Madarsa in the name of Gharib Nawaz (RA) besides operating a Gym to promote sports among youth. He was a multi-talented personality. I'm too pained to lose a childhood friend who was always there for me with his best advice. May Allah grant him the highest place in Jannat-ul-Firdous. Ameen.  
 From: Mohammad Ali Shabbir, former Minister AP



I am deeply saddened to share that we lost my mom's brother, Mr. Satish Sharma to Covid-19 on 4/17/2021 Affectionately called Teeshu by all Mamaji was a very simple man who was amongst the first to help anyone in need. I have fond memories of him sharing his love with us on our annual summer visits to Delhi. He is survived by his wife Usha Sharma, daughter Vinita Ratreja, Son in law Shivram Ratreja, Grandkids Shubh and Shrishti, Siblings Ramesh Sharma, Kamlesh Sharma Shyam Sharma Rani Sehjpal Subhash Sharma Cousins Asha Bhardwaj Mukesh Issar Santosh Bhardwaj and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son Sachin Sharna. - shared by Sanjay Sharma,



Iftar at historical Makkah Masjid in Hyderabad



Friends, my friend Masood Bhai informed me that there are few migrant labourers at a bus depot who are hungry for 2 days. Immediately I arranged food for all of them, Alhumdulillah. Friends, please if there are any migrant labourers or if you come to know about anyone who is hungry then please inform me, be it Hyderabad or Secunderabad, In Sha Allah, we will totally arrange food for them. - Azhar Maqsusi



Alhamdulillah, today on the occasion of the end of the first daha in Tariqi Makkah Mosque, Hafiz and Qari Rizwan Qureshi's Gulposhi Mr. Alhaj Mumtaz Ahmed Khan Sahab Aimimim MLA Charminar.. On this occasion, Mirza Rehmath Baig Incharge Rajender Nagar, and Sahil Akbar Farzand Mr. Mohd Ghouse Sahab, Numainda Corporator Ghansi Bazar were also seen. During this time Hafiz and Qari Mr. Rizwan Qureshi Sahab prayed for all the Muslims of the world and like this corona virus Prayed to get rid of the epidemic.-IQNEWS



Iftar at Chowk ki Masjid

In the name of God Most Gracious Ever Merciful

**Abdul Raheem Sb**

was the Gateway of MJCET. An instantly endearing personality who would put anxious parents and students at ease and embrace them as they literally climbed Mount Pleasant searching for career vistas. He played a memorable role in founding the careers of thousands of MJ students. Those who did not succeed in joining the college were also served well through his standards of transparency and clarity.

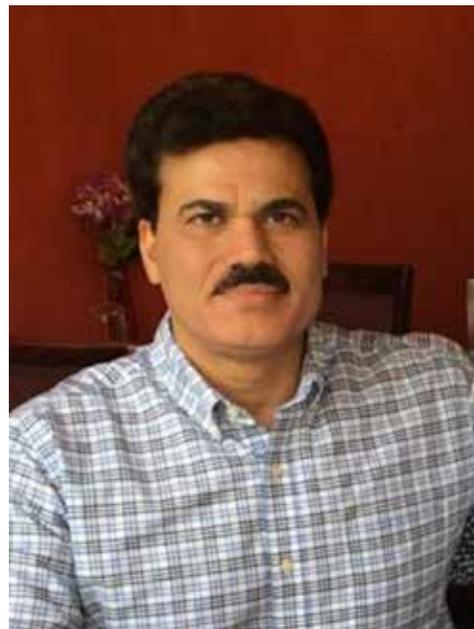


In essence, he was identified with images of professionalism and integrity that became the hallmark of MJ, an accomplishment that was realized partly thanks to his own- and his elderly mentor's- earnest contributions. Highly productive and demonstrably an institution in himself, his alacrity, even in those days when there were no computers, left an impression. He was immensely empathetic and effectively helpful while fully aware that people's interaction with him was only fleeting. Such was his unforgettable altruism. It was amazing to see him spontaneously establishing personal connection with first time visitors. Despite the extraordinary clout which he garnered over the years, his simplicity stood out.

May God have mercy on him, reward him handsomely, and give him status of shaheed due to his plague-related death.

Abdul Raouf, Riyadh  
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**OBITUARY**



Engineer Aliuddin passed away in Chicago. He completed Engineering degree MJCET in 1987 in ECE



Ashfaq Ahmed, an Alumni of MJCET 1986-1989 Mechanical. Worked for more than 20 years in Dubai with M/S TECON & M/S BMTC passed away on Apr 28 He was resident of Musheerabad.

Right: Aleem Uddin Faiyazi Saberi S/o Late Moin Faiyazi (Poet. Shayer) Grand Father Faiyaz uddin Saberi (Comrade) passed away on Apr 24 at Asra Hospital Moghalpura. Janaza preparations were helped by kaleem Ullah khan. Mukram uddin Saberi Waseem Asim. Nazeem Sameer Saberi's. Iqbal Shah Hussain Ahmed. Farouqi Ghouse Pasha, Nayeem fruits. All family members and friends.



An adorable picture of Taimur planting trees with daddy Saif Ali Khan will win your hearts  
Bollywood News Hub



Mr. Abdul Gani, State General Secretary IUML TS has just passed away. May Allah forgive the deceased.



Imtiaz Ahmed, Advocate , Supreme court



Salman, Karishma and Sachin T.

## احتیاط ہمت اور مثبت سوچ سے کورونا کے خلاف جہاد کریں



ڈاکٹر تبریز حسین تاج  
صحافی و اسکالر۔ حیدرآباد



پروفیسر برائے نفسیات ڈاکٹر محمد قطب الدین

دیا۔ ماسک کے استعمال کو یقینی بنانے اور سماجی فاصلے کا خیال کرنے کے ساتھ ساتھ صفائی پر توجہ دینے کی بات کہی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ایسی حکمت عملی اختیار کریں جس سے رمضان کے موقع پر عبادتیں بھی ہو اور اصولوں پر عمل بھی ہو۔ انہوں نے نوجوانوں کو بازار کی زینت نہ بننے کا مشورہ دیا۔ ڈاکٹر صاحب نے کہا کہ زندگی کو بچانا فرض ہے۔ لہذا غفلت کی وجہ سے موت کا مزہ چکیں گے تو زندگی کے حسین لمحوں اور قدرت کے انمول تحفوں کا مزہ چکنے سے محروم ہو جاؤ گے۔ اپنے بھی چھوٹ جائیں گے انہوں کے آپ سے جو سنے ہیں وہ بھی ٹوٹ جائیں گے۔ لہذا انہوں نے مثبت سوچ و فکر کے ساتھ حالات کا مقابلہ کرنے اور احتیاط برتنے کا مشورہ دیا۔ ڈاکٹر صاحب نے کہا کہ دماغ سے منفی سوچ کو ختم کرنا چاہئے۔ Weed out negative thinking and toxic thoughts منفی سوچ سے مراد انسان کے دماغ میں جنم لینے والے برے خیالات ناکامی کا خوف مایوسی کے خیالات وغیرہ وغیرہ۔ ایسے خیالات اگر ذہن میں آتے ہیں تو فوراً اسے ہٹانا چاہئے۔ اپنے ذہن کو مثبت سوچ کی طرف مائل کرنا چاہئے۔ Get Psyched up یعنی انسان کو عزم مصمم کر لینا چاہئے۔ انہوں نے عزائم کو ہمالہ کی طرح بلند رکھنے کا مشورہ دیا تاکہ کوئی بھی چیز ٹکرا کر پارہ پارہ ہو جائیگی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ یہ اپنے آگے کو ذہنی طور پر انتہائی مستحکم اور مضبوط رکھنے کا ہے تاکہ حالات کا کامیابی سے مقابلہ کر سکیں۔ ڈاکٹر صاحب نے شاعر مشرق علامہ اقبال کے اس شعر سے اپنی بات کا اختتام کیا کہ:

تو اسے پیانہ امرود و فردا سے نہ ناپ جاوےاں پیہم رواں ہر دم جو اں ہے زندگی

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

### منفی سوچ اور Toxic Thoughts سے پرہیز ضروری امریکی پروفیسر برائے نفسیات ڈاکٹر محمد قطب الدین کا انٹرویو

تاکہ دل کمزور نہ ہوں۔ دل دماغ اور پھیپھڑوں کو اچھا رکھنے سے ہی کورونا سے انسان جیت جاتا ہے۔ ڈاکٹر محمد قطب الدین نے کہا کہ کورونا کے پھیلاؤ اور روک تھام میں نوجوانوں کا اہم رول ہوتا ہے۔ کیونکہ نوجوانوں کی اکثریت باہر گھومتی ہے۔ انہوں نے نوجوانوں کو مشورہ دیا ہے کہ وہ ضرورت پڑھنے پر ہی باہر نکلیں ورنہ گھروں میں ہی محفوظ رہیں۔ ڈاکٹر صاحب نے کہا کہ نوجوانوں میں قوتِ مدافعت زیادہ ہوتی ہے وہ قابل برداشت ہوتے ہیں لیکن ان نوجوانوں کی غفلت کی وجہ سے گھر میں موجود بچے اور ضعیف العمر افراد متاثر ہو سکتے ہیں۔ لہذا نوجوانوں کو چاہئے کہ وہ گھر میں موجود بچوں اور بڑوں کا خیال کرتے ہوئے احتیاط برتیں تاکہ وہ محفوظ رہ سکیں اور ان سے ان کے گھر کے افراد بھی محفوظ رہ سکیں۔

سوشل میڈیا سے دور میں انہوں نے نوجوانوں پر توجہ نہ دینے کا ڈاکٹر صاحب نے مشورہ دیا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ آج سوشل میڈیا پر طرح طرح کے مشورے اور گمراہ کن علاج کی نصیحتیں گشت کر رہی ہیں۔ اس طرح کے بے بنیاد نصیحت اور مشوروں پر عمل کرتے ہوئے انسان سیلف میڈیشن لیتا ہے تو یہ بھی اس کی زندگی کے لئے خطرناک ثابت ہوتا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ آج کل خوف کے عالم میں لوگ جو بھی سوشل میڈیا پر آ رہا ہے اس پر یقین کر رہے ہیں اور اس پر عمل بھی کر رہے ہیں۔ کسی ڈاکٹر کے مشورے کے بغیر خود اپنی جانب سے علاج کر لینا نقصان کا سودا بن جاتا ہے۔ انہوں نے لوگوں کو پہلے تو یہ مشورہ دیا کہ وہ کسی بھی افواہوں کو بلا کسی ماہر کے تصدیق کے آگے مت پھیلائیں اور دوسری اہم بات یہ کہ سوشل میڈیا پر آنے والے کسی بھی نسخہ کو آزمانے سے قبل اپنے ڈاکٹر کا مشورہ لیں ورنہ نیم حکیم خطرے جان کی کہاوت سوشل میڈیا کی افواہوں اور غیر ذمہ دارانہ علاج کے مشوروں کی وجہ سے حقیقت میں تبدیل ہو جائیگی۔

ڈاکٹر قطب الدین نے کہا کہ انسان اپنے بہترین اور کامیاب مستقبل کی سوچ سے اپنے اندر مثبت سوچ و فکر پیدا کر سکتا ہے۔ یہ مثبت سوچ (Positive Thinking) ہی انسان میں

ڈاکٹر صاحب نے حکومت کی جانب سے نافذ کیے گئے اصولوں پر عمل کرنے کا سب کو مشورہ

قوتِ مدافعت پیدا کرنے میں مددگار ثابت ہوتی ہے۔ انسان کو Futuristic اور optimistic ہونے کی ضرورت ہے۔ خوش رہنے سے انسان اس طرح کے حالات کا موثر انداز سے مقابلہ کر سکتا ہے۔ اگر خوفزدہ ہوتا ہے تو ذہنی خلاء پیدا ہوتی ہے۔ اس طرح کے خوف کو دور کرنے کے لئے لاجول ولاقوہ الا باللہ کا ذکر کریں جسے سکون ملتا ہے۔ ہمت کے لئے اپنے دماغ کو مضبوط کرنے کی ضرورت ہے۔ جو مثبت سوچ سے ممکن ہے اور دُعا میں بھی انسان کے اندر روحانی یعنی ایک قسم کی طاقت پیدا کرتی ہیں جو اس طرح کے حالات کا مقابلہ کرنے کے لئے اُس کے جسم میں قوت دیتی ہیں۔ حالات کے مقابلے کے لئے حقیقت سے انحراف کرنا پڑتا ہے یہ مقام آیا تو ہمیں کیسے پار کرنا ہے اُس کی تدبیریں کرنی چاہئے۔ مثبت سوچ اور طاقتور سوچ سے ہی حالات کا مقابلہ کیا جاسکتا ہے۔ ڈاکٹر صاحب سے بات چیت میں انہوں نے کہا کہ مثبت سوچ، خوش مزاجی، ورزش اور تغذیہ بخش غذا کے استعمال سے اپنے آپ کو طاقتور بنا سکتے ہیں تاکہ اس طرح کے مشکل حالات کا مقابلہ کر سکیں۔ ڈاکٹر صاحب نے یہ واضح کر دیا کہ انہوں نے اپنی شریک حیات کے ہمراہ کوئیڈ کے انسداد کا ٹیکہ لیا ہے۔ انہوں نے مشورہ دیا ہے کہ ٹیکے کے تعلق سے افواہوں پر توجہ نہ دیں۔ افواہوں پر توجہ دیں گے تو آپ سازش کا حصہ بن جائیں گے۔ کیونکہ یہ ٹیکہ انسان کے اندر قوتِ مدافعت کو بڑھاتا ہے۔ جو کورونا سے لڑنے میں انسان کے لئے مددگار ثابت ہوا ہے۔ ڈاکٹر صاحب نے ٹیکہ کاری کے تعلق سے افواہوں کو مسترد کیا اور کہا کہ ٹیکے کو نسل کشی یا مسلمانوں کو کمزور کرنے کی سازش قرار دینا دراصل کمزور سوچ اور تعصب کی علامت ہے۔ کیونکہ کورونا سے دنیا میں صرف مسلمان ہی متاثر نہیں ہو رہے ہیں بلکہ اس کی زد میں سب عام و خاص بلا لحاظ ذات پات مذہب و جنس شامل ہیں۔ ایسے میں ٹیکے کے تعلق سے گمراہ کن باتیں کرنا محض حماقت اور بے قوفی کے علاوہ اور کچھ نہیں ہے۔

سارا عالم کورونا کی دوسری لہر سے کانپ رہا ہے۔ لوگ بے حد پریشانیوں میں مبتلا ہیں۔ ایک جانب کورونا، دوسری جانب آکسیجن اور دوا خانوں میں بستر دستیاب نہ ہونے سے سنگین صورتحال درپیش ہے۔ آج کے اپنے مضمون میں ہم اس تازہ صورتحال امریکی پروفیسر برائے نفسیات ڈاکٹر محمد قطب الدین سے ٹیلیفونگ انٹرویو کیا ہے کہ کس طرح ان حالات کا مقابلہ کرنا ہے۔ ڈاکٹر محمد قطب الدین جنہوں نے امور تعلیم اداروں سے نفسیات میں ایم ڈی، پی ایچ ڈی کی ہے۔ کامیاب ماہر نفسیات کے طور پر دنیا بھر میں اپنا ایک منفرد مقام رکھتے ہیں۔ ڈاکٹر محمد قطب الدین نے راقم الحروف سے تبادلہ خیال کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ اس طرح کی وبا میں تاریخ انسانی میں آئی ہیں اور آتی رہیں گی۔ کیونکہ دنیا میں ہر سو سال، پچاس یا تیس برس میں ایک مرتبہ ایسی وبا آتی ہے۔ یہ انسانی زندگیوں کا حصہ ہے۔ نا دیدہ جرائم سے پھیلنے والی وباء سے محفوظ رکھنے کے لئے احتیاطی تدابیر ہی بے حد ضروری ہیں۔ انہوں نے واضح الفاظ میں کہا کہ ایسے حالات میں احتیاط ہی زندگی ہے اور غفلت موت کا سبب بن سکتی ہے۔ ڈاکٹر محمد قطب الدین نے کہا کہ کورونا سے گھبرانے یا خوفزدہ ہونے کی ضرورت نہیں ہے۔ کیونکہ اگر انسان خوفزدہ ہوتا ہے تو وہ ذہنی اعتبار سے کمزور ہوتا ہے۔ خوف اور گھبراہٹ کی وجہ سے ذہن میں قوتِ مدافعت کم ہو جاتی ہے۔ قوتِ مدافعت کم ہونے سے نفسیاتی طور پر اضطراب امیز کیفیت پیدا ہوتی ہے۔ جس سے ایسے انسان جسمانی نظام کمزور ہوتا ہے اور اس علاج اثر انداز نہیں ہوتا ہے۔ انہوں نے سب سے پہلے انسان کو چاہئے کہ وہ اپنے دماغ کو سکون کی کیفیت میں رکھے کیونکہ کورونا علاج کے ذریعے اس پر پروری طرح ہو یا جاسکتا ہے۔ ڈاکٹر صاحب نے کہا کہ کورونا ہو بھی جاتا ہے تو خوفزدہ ہونے کی ضرورت نہیں ہے۔ بلکہ اپنے اندر قوتِ مدافعت پیدا کرتے ہوئے اس سے کامیابی کے ساتھ لڑا جاسکتا ہے۔ امریکی پروفیسر برائے نفسیات کا کہنا ہے کہ کورونا کی وجہ سے نفسی نظام متاثر ہوتا ہے۔ جس سے انسان کے پھیپھڑے خراب ہو جاتے ہیں۔ پھیپھڑوں کو طاقتور بنانے کے لئے انسان کو چاہئے کہ وہ ورزش کریں۔ جبکہ عصبی نظام کو درست رکھے کے لئے اپنے آپ کو طاقتور سمجھنا چاہئے خوفزدہ ہونے کی ضرورت نہیں ہے۔ قلب کو بہتر اور طاقتور بنانے کے لئے اچھی غذا کا استعمال کرنا چاہئے

ڈاکٹر قطب الدین نے کہا کہ انسان اپنے بہترین اور کامیاب مستقبل کی سوچ سے اپنے اندر مثبت سوچ و فکر پیدا کر سکتا ہے۔ یہ مثبت سوچ (Positive Thinking) ہی انسان میں

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

### گل بوکی حکایت

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حضرت شیخ سعدی شیرازی رحمہ اللہ علیہ

15 بدی کر کے، نیکی کی توقع رکھنا، بے وقوفی ہے

اُردو حکایت:

شیخ سعدی رحمہ اللہ علیہ فرماتے ہیں کہ ایک دفعہ دمشق کی مسجد میں حضرت یحییٰ علیہ السلام کی قبر پر عرب کا ایک بادشاہ، جس کی بے انصافی کی شہرت عام تھی، آیا اور نماز پڑھ کر دعا مانگی۔ پھر میری طرف متوجہ ہو کر کہنے لگا۔

”درویشوں میں روحانی طاقت ہوتی ہے اور اللہ تعالیٰ سے ان کا سچا معاملہ ہوتا ہے۔ ذرا میری طرف باطنی توجہ فرمائیے کیوں کہ آج کل مجھے سخت دشمن کا خطرہ ہے۔“

میں نے اُس سے کہا۔ ”کمزور رعایا پر رحم کر، تاکہ طاقت ور دشمن سے تکلیف نہ اٹھائے۔“

فارسی شعر:

ہر آنکہ تخم بدی کشت و چشم نیکی داشت  
دماغ بیہدہ پخت و خیال باطل بست

حاصل کلام:

جس نے بدی کا بیج بویا اور نیکی کی توقع رکھی اُس نے کوڑمغزی سے کام لیا اور باطل خیال باندھا۔

منظوم ترجمہ:

بدی کا بیج بُو کر جس نے کی، اُمید نیکی کی  
دماغ اُس کا بہت بیکار، باطل ہے خیال اس کا



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

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

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

# ہراسیت اور اسکا ناجائز استعمال

ڈاکٹر راؤ کا مران علی



بدکرداری کا الزام لگا کر مار دیا۔ معاشرے نے عورت کے تحفظ کے لئے MeToo شروع کیا تو چند ایک نے اسے ذاتی "اسکورسٹ" کرنے کے لیے استعمال کرنا شروع کر دیا۔ ایسے الزامات کا مقابلہ کرنا چاہیے۔ جو لوگ کانوں میں جھوٹی پھسکیاں چھوڑتے ہیں، انھیں گھسیٹ کر سوشل میڈیا پر لائیں اور پوچھیں، "میرے لائق کوئی خدمت؟" دوبارہ جرات نہیں کریں گے یہ گھنیا لوگ۔ جو کسی کی عزت اچھالتا ہے وہ اپنی عزت بارے اتنا ہی حساس ہوتا ہے۔ سوچیں اگر افضل بھی حسین کی طرح، جھوٹا الزام لگانے والی کے خلاف ایکشن لیتا تو آئندہ کالج میں کسی کی جرات نہ ہوتی ایسا کرنے کی۔ تاہم اس واقعے کو لیکر چند ایک حضرات تمام خواتین کے پیچھے لٹھ لیس کر پڑ گئے ہیں حالانکہ ایسا نہیں؛ اچھے برے ہر جگہ، ہر جنس میں ہوتے ہیں۔ جس لیکچرار نے افضل کو جھوٹے الزام سے بری کیا وہ بھی عورت ہے۔ شہینہ اور رابعہ باتوں میں نہیں آئیں، وہ بھی عورتیں ہیں۔ اہم بات یہ ہے کہ فرد واحد کے عمل کو فرد واحد کا عمل سمجھا جائے اور جو غلط الزامات لگائے اسے سمجھایا جائے اور اگر کوئی باز نہ آئے تو اسے کیفر کردار تک پہنچایا جائے؛ سب کو اصل رنگ اور اصل شکل دکھائی جائے!

MeToo in نہ کر کے تو وہ lawsuit بن جاتا ہے۔ حساتون کا کانفیڈنس ہوا ہو گیا۔ ان کا خیال تھا تیر چل گیا تو چل گیا اور نہ خیر ہے۔ انھیں یہ سٹوری سوشل میڈیا پر آنے یا کورٹ میں جانے کا نہیں اندازہ تھا۔ میں نے ازراہ مذاق کہا کہ فرض کریں کوئی لڑکی آپکی باتوں میں آکر جھوٹا الزام لگا دے اور حسین، کیس کر دے تو اس لڑکی کے وکیل کی ڈیڑھ دو لاکھ ڈالر فیس آپ دیں گی یا وہ بیچارے خود؟ کوئی جواب نہیں تھا ان کے پاس۔ انھوں نے وعدہ کیا کہ آئندہ ایسا کچھ نہیں ہوگا۔ میں نے حسین کو یہ سب بتایا، اس نے خاتون کا اعتبار کرنے سے انکار کر دیا لیکن کوئی کاروائی نہ کرنے پر راضی ہو گیا تاہم وکیل کو دیار پیٹنر واپس نہ لیا کہ کب ضرورت پڑ جائے۔

مجھے یہ واقعہ پاکستان میں لیکچرار محمد افضل کی خودکشی سے یاد آیا۔ ایک لڑکی کا ہراسیت کا جھوٹا الزام ایک شریف آدمی کی جان لے گیا۔ فرض کریں کہ لڑکی الزام لگاتی کہ ٹیچر نے لڑکی کا آئی فون چوری کر لیا، افضل شرمندہ ہوتا لیکن نہ اسکی بیوی چھوڑ کر جاتی اور نہ اسکی ماں کے سامنے منہ کالا ہوتا۔ ہراسیت الزام ہی اتنا گندا اور بھیانک ہے کہ شریف انسان کا مرجانے کو دل کرتا ہے۔ اس سے پہلے سنتے تھے لڑکی کو کاروکاری یا

برائی کی ہے اور رابعہ کو بتایا کہ حسین تم پر فقرے اچھال رہا تھا، اس سے بچ کر رہنا۔ رابعہ نے کہا کہ میں نے تو ایسا کچھ نوٹ نہیں کیا، خاتون نے اسے حسین اور شہینہ کا قصہ سنایا اور کہا کہ حسین کی عام باتوں میں بھی "میسیج" ہوتا ہے ذرا غور کرو اسکی باتوں پر، وہ اشاروں کناروں میں تمہیں "اپروچ" کر رہا تھا۔ رابعہ مزید ناراض ہو گئی کہ وہ کیسی باتیں کر رہی ہے۔ اس نے حسین کو بتایا۔ حسین بے حد غصے میں تھا۔ اس نے مجھے کہا کہ میں اس پر کالم لکھوں یا حسین فیس بک لائیو پر جائے اور اسکے ساتھ ساتھ conspiracy criminal act کے تحت کیس فائل کرے گا، وہ ایک بنگلے وکیل سے بات کر کے آیا تھا۔ لیکن میں نے اسے ایسا کرنے سے روک دیا کہ جب تک دوسری طرف کا موقف معلوم نہ ہو، ایسا مناسب نہیں۔

چند دن کے بعد میں نے خاتون کو فون کیا اور انھیں یہ سب بتایا۔ وہ پہلے تو گڑ بڑا گئیں اور پھر کہا کہ وہ حسین کی خیر خواہ ہیں اور اسے MeToo سے بچا رہی تھیں۔ میری ہنسی نکل گئی۔ میں نے عرض کیا MeToo کا مطلب ہے "میرے ساتھ بھی زیادتی ہوئی ہے"۔ جب ایسا کچھ ہوا ہی نہیں اور کوئی MeToo کا الزام لگا دے اور ثابت

حسین (فرضی نام) واشنگٹن ڈی کا ابھرتا ہوا تاجر اور سیاسی طور پر متحرک نوجوان ہے۔ میرے کالمز کے ذریعے دوستی ہوئی اور خاصا قریب آ گیا۔ رواں سال مئی میں ہم واشنگٹن ڈی سی میں افطار کے لئے جمع تھے کہ اس نے ملنے کی خواہش کا اظہار کیا۔ راوی کباب پر ملاقات ہوئی۔ اس کے ساتھ ایک اور دوشیزہ بھی تھی (جس کا نام شہینہ فرض کر لیتے ہیں) جو کہ ٹھوڑے غصے میں تھی۔ حسین نے بتایا کہ کیونٹی کی ایک خاتون نے شہینہ کو کہا ہے کہ حسین پر ہراسیت کا الزام لگاؤ۔ میں نے پوچھا کیوں؟ اس نے بتایا کہ ایک کیونٹی اجتماع میں حسین اور شہینہ ہنسی مذاق کر رہے تھے اور خاتون اس کا بنگلے بنا کر حسین کو سبق سکھانا چاہ رہی تھی۔ میں نے شہینہ کو کہا کہ کوئی بات ہوئی ہے تو بنگلے بنا ہے!!! بہتر یہی ہے کہ اس بات کو ہمیں دفن کر دو اور آئندہ نہ بھری محفل میں بے جا ہنسی مذاق کرو اور نہ موقع دو بنگلے بننے کا۔ حسین اپنا سامنہ لیکر رہ گیا! بات آئی گئی ہو گئی۔

تقریباً ایک مہینے کے بعد حسین کا پھر فون آیا اور اس نے لائن پر ایک اور جواں سال لڑکی کو لیا (جس کا نام رابعہ فرض کر لیتے ہیں)۔ رابعہ نے بتایا کہ اسی خاتون نے حسین کے بارے میں



گلیڈیل ہائٹس ولج صدر کا انتخاب، پاکستانی نژاد امریکی شہری چودھری کھوکھر کامیاب ہو گئے۔  
غیر سرکاری نتائج کے مطابق صدارت کا فیصلہ 2 ووٹوں سے ہوا۔ دو امیدوار کے درمیان کانٹے کا مقابلہ تھا۔

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کی خصوصی رپورٹ

انتظامی کمیٹی کا حصہ رہ چکے ہیں۔ ایک انٹرویو کے دوران چودھری کھوکھر نے کہا کہ میں گلیڈیل ہائٹس کا صدر منتخب ہوا۔ میں ان سب کا شکر گزار ہوں جنہوں نے میرے حق میں ووٹ دیا اور ساتھ ہی جنہوں نے مجھے ووٹ نہیں دیا۔ میں گلیڈیل ہائٹس کی طرف سے مجھ پر اعتماد کا شکر گزار ہوں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ انہوں نے اپنی انتخابی مہم پر سخت محنت کی جس میں ہر جنس، عمر اور نسل کے ووٹروں سے گھر گھر جا کر بات کرنا شامل ہے۔ میں قانون کی حکمرانی پر یقین رکھتا ہوں۔ میں (حکومت) شفافیت پر یقین رکھتا ہوں۔ میں ان (رہائشیوں) کی خواہشات کا احترام کرنے پر یقین رکھتا ہوں۔ اسی دوران امیدوار اونٹیوروز نے کہا کہ میں ان کا نتیجہ



قبول کر رہا ہوں" اور میں نے فیصلہ نہیں کیا ہے کہ نتائج کی دوبارہ گنتی کی درخواست کی جائے۔ امکان اب بھی دوسرے لوگ چیلنج کر سکتے ہیں چودھری کھوکھر نے کہا کہ انہیں یقین ہے کہ وہ کسی بھی چیلنج سے بچ جائیں گے۔

قانون دفاتر میں ایک وکیل ہیں، جو آئینی حقوق کے لئے ایک مرکز ہے۔ پاکستان سے امریکہ آنے والے چودھری کھوکھر شکاگو، الینوائے کی مسلمان کمیونٹی کی جانی پہچانی شخصیت ہیں۔ متعدد سیاسی، سماجی اور بہبودی

انہیں گلیڈیل ہائٹس کے صدر کی دوڑ میں کامیابی کا انہوں نے دعویٰ کیا جب انہوں نے 475 اور اونٹیوروز نے 473 ووٹ حاصل کیے۔ ولج کلرک 27 اپریل کو منگل کے دن باضابطہ طور پر نتائج کی تصدیق کرے

غیر حتمی غیر سرکاری نتائج کے مطابق گلیڈیل ہائٹس ولج صدر کا انتخاب پاکستانی نژاد امریکی شہری چودھری کھوکھر کامیاب ہو گئے 6 اپریل کے انتخابات میں چودھری کھوکھر اور مائیک اونٹیوروز گلیڈیل ہائٹس صدر کا انتخاب میں امیدوار سامنے آئے۔ پانچ بار آنے والی ولج صدر مس لنڈا جیکسن کو حریف ایڈورڈ پوپ کے ہمراہ بیلٹ سے باضابطہ طور پر ہٹا دیا گیا جب گلیڈیل ہائٹس کے رہائشی میتھیو کوربین نے ان کی نامزدگی کی درخواستوں کو چیلنج کیا مس لنڈا جیکسن کے پاس مطلوبہ دستخطیں کافی نہیں۔ اس ماہ کے شروع میں، الینوائے سپریم کورٹ نے ایک اپیل عدالت کے فیصلے کو کالعدم قرار دیا، جس میں جیکسن اور پوپ کو بیلٹ پر رہنے کی اجازت دی گئی، جس کے نتیجے میں 6 اپریل کے انتخابات میں چودھری کھوکھر اور مائیک اونٹیوروز واحد قابل امیدوار رہے۔ اگرچہ جیکسن اور پوپ کے نام بیلٹ پر ہی رہیں گے، ولج کے عہدیداروں

## بزم ارباب سخن شکاگو کے حواس خمسہ اور اردو ادب مذاکرہ و مشاعرہ

محمد اسلم کیلفورنیا، پروفیسر احمد عبدالکیم شکاگو، اور ڈاکٹر توفیق انصاری احمد شکاگو سے شامل رہے۔ ڈاکٹر افضال الرحمان افسر اور منتظمین ارباب سخن شکاگو کی انتھک محنت نے یہ عالمی حواس خمسہ اور اردو ادب مذاکرہ و مشاعرہ کو کامیابی سے ہم کنار کیا۔ بزم کے تکنیکی عملات اور نظامت کو بحسن و اسلوبی سے سنبھالا گیا ارباب سخن شکاگو کے اون لائین بزم پروگرام نے ادبی دنیا کو معیاری پلیٹ فارم مہیا کیا ہے۔

عبدالکیم شکاگو نے کی اور ڈاکٹر افضال الرحمان افسر شکاگو نے نظامت میں معاونت فرمائی۔ شعراء اکرام میں محترم سرفراز احمد فراز دہلوی انڈیا، ڈاکٹر ندیم ابن فضاء انڈیا، محترم رئیس اعظم حیدری انڈیا، محترم شمشاد شادا انڈیا، محترم احمد علی برقی اعظمی انڈیا، پروفیسر والا جمال العسلی مصر، محترم شفیق مراد جرمنی، محترمہ سمیرہ عزیز سعودی عرب، محترمہ ممتاز ملک ممتاز فرانس، محترمہ نادرہ ناز انڈیا، محترم رشید شیخ شکاگو، ڈاکٹر افضال الرحمان افسر شکاگو، محترم عابد رشید شکاگو، محترم

نظامت پروفیسر احمد عبدالکیم شکاگو نے فرمائی اور ڈاکٹر رخسانہ صبا پاکستان کانفرنس کی صدر رہی، حواس خمسہ اور اردو ادب کانفرنس میں ڈاکٹر افسر شکاگو نے اردو میں حس آمیز جمالیات پر بیحد حسین اور معلوماتی پرزینٹیشن پیش کیا۔ ادبی مذاکرہ میں پروفیسر احمد عبدالکیم شکاگو، ڈاکٹر توفیق انصاری احمد شکاگو، ڈاکٹر رخسانہ صبا پاکستان نے مضامین پیش کیے اور گفتگو فرمائی بعد ازاں عالمی مشاعرہ کی صدارت محترم عزیز بلگامی انڈیا نے فرمائی اور نظامت پروفیسر احمد

بزم ارباب سخن شکاگو کے حواس خمسہ اور اردو ادب مذاکرہ و مشاعرہ کا کامیاب انعقاد بزم ارباب سخن شکاگو کے حواس خمسہ اور اردو ادب مذاکرہ و مشاعرہ کا بتاریخ 13 اپریل، 2021، بجے شکاگو ٹائم کو بزم پر کامیاب انعقاد عمل میں آیا۔ پروفیسر احمد عبدالکیم شکاگو کی تلاوت سے پروگرام کا آغاز ہوا ڈاکٹر توفیق انصاری احمد شکاگو نے بزم ارباب سخن شکاگو اور اسکے منتظمین کا تعارف کرایا اور پروگرام کے صدور اور مہمانان خصوصی کا اعلان کیا۔ ادبی مذاکرہ کی

راحت اندوری

## غزل

آنکھ میں پانی رکھو ہونٹوں پہ چنگاری رکھو  
زندہ رہنا ہے تو ترکیبیں بہت ساری رکھو  
راہ کے پتھر سے بڑھ کر کچھ نہیں ہیں منزلیں  
راستے آواز دیتے ہیں سفر جاری رکھو  
ایک ہی ندی کے ہیں یہ دو کنارے دوستو  
دوستانہ زندگی سے موت سے یاری رکھو  
آتے جاتے پل یہ کہتے ہیں ہمارے کان میں  
کوچ کا اعلان ہونے کو ہے تیاری رکھو  
یہ ضروری ہے کہ آنکھوں کا بھرم قائم رہے  
نیند رکھو یا نہ رکھو خواب معیاری رکھو  
یہ ہوائیں اڑ نہ جائیں لے کے کاغذ کا بدن  
دوستو مجھ پر کوئی پتھر ذرا بھاری رکھو  
لے تو آئے شاعری بازار میں راحت میاں  
کیا ضروری ہے کہ لہجے کو بھی بازاری رکھو

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ناصر کاظمی

## غزل

دل میں اک لہر سی اٹھی ہے ابھی  
کوئی تازہ ہوا چلی ہے ابھی  
بھری دنیا میں جی نہیں لگتا  
جانے کس چیز کی کمی ہے ابھی  
تو شریک سخن نہیں ہے تو کیا  
ہم سخن تیری خامشی ہے ابھی  
یاد کے بے نشاں جزیروں سے  
تیری آواز آ رہی ہے ابھی  
شہر کی بے چراغ گلیوں میں  
زندگی تجھ کو ڈھونڈتی ہے ابھی  
سو گئے لوگ اس حویلی کے  
ایک کھڑکی مگر کھلی ہے ابھی  
تم تو یارو ابھی سے اٹھ بیٹھے  
شہر میں رات جاگتی ہے ابھی  
وقت اچھا بھی آئے گا ناصر  
غم نہ کر زندگی پڑی ہے ابھی

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ولی الدین

## عید ملن

چوڑی کھنک اٹھی دل زور سے دھڑکا  
جب ہاتھ اٹھا کے آداب کیا اس نے  
ایک چنگاری سی بھڑکی ایک شعلہ سا لپکا  
ہستی کو میری مست شراب کیا اس نے  
قریب نہ ملی یارو گلے نہ لگایا  
عید کو میری یوں خراب کیا اس نے  
پھر اچانک تنہائی میں گلے مل کر  
زندگی کو میری شاداب کیا اس نے

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## الزام

66 سالوں سے ہوتا آرہا ہے  
ایک دوجے پہ الزام لگاتے جائیے  
انڈیا اور پاکستان کی دوستی ہے اتنی  
دل ملے نہ ملے ہاتھ ملاتے جائیے

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احمد مشتاق

## غزل

مل ہی جائے گا کبھی دل کو یقیں رہتا ہے  
وہ اسی شہر کی گلیوں میں کہیں رہتا ہے  
جس کی سانسوں سے مہکتے تھے درو بام ترے  
اے مکاں بول کہاں اب وہ مکیں رہتا ہے  
اک زمانہ تھا کہ سب ایک جگہ رہتے تھے  
اور اب کوئی کہیں کوئی کہیں رہتا ہے  
روز ملنے پہ بھی لگتا تھا کہ جگ بیت گئے  
عشق میں وقت کا احساس نہیں رہتا ہے  
دل فرسردہ تو ہوا دیکھ کے اس کو لیکن  
عمر بھر کون جواں کون حسیں رہتا ہے

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نوح ناروی

## غزل

آپ جن کے قریب ہوتے ہیں  
وہ بڑے خوش نصیب ہوتے ہیں  
جب طبیعت کسی پر آتی ہے  
موت کے دن قریب ہوتے ہیں  
مجھ سے ملنا پھر آپ کا ملنا  
آپ کس کو نصیب ہوتے ہیں  
ظلم سہہ کر جو اف نہیں کرتے  
ان کے دل بھی عجیب ہوتے ہیں  
عشق میں اور کچھ نہیں ملتا  
سیکڑوں غم نصیب ہوتے ہیں  
نوح کی قدر کوئی کیا جانے  
کہیں ایسے ادیب ہوتے ہیں

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مولا بخش اسیر

پروفیسر شہباز اردو اے۔ ایم۔ یو، علی گڑھ

میرے گھر میں سبھی کچھ ہے  
ہراک سامان راحت کے  
ہراک ارمان چاہت کے  
کتائیں ہیں میرے آگے  
موبائل ہے جو دنیا کو  
میری انگلی پہ رکھتا ہے  
خبر ہر پل کی ملتی ہے  
نہ اب کچھ کام کرنا ہے  
فقط کھانا ہے سونا ہے  
اگر کچھ کام کر بھی لیں  
تو مرضی کے مطابق ہے  
خدا ہی سب کا رازق ہے  
اچانک یہ بھی یاد آیا، بہت تڑپا، بہت رویا  
بہت سے لوگ ہیں ایسے  
کہ جن کے واسطے کھانا ہوا لوگوں، تو بس سپنا  
سڑک پر چلتے رہتے ہیں  
لیے بچوں کو کاندھے پر  
جنازہ اپنی ہستی کا  
جنہیں سونا ہوا سپنا  
تو ایسے میں میرے گھر کا  
ہراک سامان مٹی ہے  
صد آتی ہے رہ رہ کر  
ارے۔۔۔ انسان مٹی ہے  
مرض کوئی نہیں بس بھوکے ہے۔۔۔  
بس بھوکے ہے۔۔۔  
بس بھوکے ہے۔۔۔  
یہ کس پر تھوکتا ہے تو۔۔۔  
ارے انسان تو ہے۔۔۔ تھوک  
غلاظت گھر بدن تیرا  
مرض خانہ چمن تیرا  
میرے گھر میں کہاں کچھ ہے  
فقط ایک خوف  
رقصاں ہے

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Joe: Every night I take two quarters to bed with me.

Peter: Whatever for?

Joe: They are my sleeping quarters.

Whenever you feel sad...

It helps to picture that somewhere in this world, there's a fool pulling on a door that says "PUSH"!

Interviewer: "How well do you work with Powerpoint?"

Applicant: "I Excel at it."

Interviewer: "Was that a computer joke?"

Applicant: "Word."

Teeth said to Tongue: "If I press down on you just a little, you will get cut."

Tongue replied: "If I misuse one word, all 32 of you will come out."

Husband: You will never succeed, in making that dog obey you.

Wife: Nonsense! it's only a matter of patience, remember I had a lot of trouble with you at first as well...

What do you call someone who takes care of chickens?

What else, a chicken tender!

Who is smarter, you or your dog? A Canadian psychologist is selling a video that teaches you how to test your dog's IQ.

Here's how it works... If you spend \$12.99 for the video,



your dog is the smarter on

Husband: "Now that we are married, perhaps I might venture to point out a few of your little defects."

Wife: "Don't bother, dear. I'm quite aware of them. It was those little defects that prevented me from getting a much better man than you."

An older gentleman goes into a bar and hears the other patrons discussing the ups and down of marriage. "Next week my wife and I will celebrate our fiftieth anniversary," he tells them.

"That's great. What's your secret for a long and happy marriage," one asks.

"Well, you have to do nice things for your wife."

"Such as?"

"Well, for our twenty fifth anniversary I took her to Italy."

"That is nice. What are you going to do for your fiftieth?"

"I'm going back to visit her."

On a flight to Florida, I was preparing my notes for one of the parent education seminars I conduct as an educational psychologist. The elderly woman sitting next to me explained that she was returning to Miami after having spent two weeks visiting her six children, 18 grandchildren and ten great grandchildren in Boston.

Then she inquired what I did for a living. I told her, fully expecting her to question me for free professional advice.

Instead she sat back and said, "If there's anything you want to know, just ask me."

What is the Internet's favorite animal?

The lynx.

I got robbed at the gas station today. I called the cops and they asked if I knew who did it. I said, "Yes, pump number six."

Teacher: "Why are you late this morning?"

Student: "Its my alarm clock. Everyone got up except me!"

Teacher: How did the alarm clock make you the only one not to get up?"

Student: "There are eight of us in the my family and the alarm clock was only set for seven."

Teacher: "School starts 8am, young man. Why are you coming in at 8:30am?"

Student: "Sir, by all means, you can start the class without me. No need to wait."

A baby mouse sees a bat flying overhead and says, "Mom! I think I see an angel!"



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