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Consequences to be 'catastrophic': Russia after Trump's Iran bombing threat



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Russia has warned that any strikes on Iran's nuclear infrastructure would have "catastrophic" consequences, following US President Donald Trump's threat to bomb Iran unless it agrees to a deal with Washington over its nuclear program.

"Threats are indeed being heard, ultimatums are also being heard," Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said in an interview with the journal International Affairs on Tuesday. "We consider such methods inappropriate, we condemn them, and we see them as an attempt to impose (the US) will on Iran."

While Moscow has largely avoided direct criticism of Trump, President Vladimir Putin has prioritised strengthening ties with Washington, a development that has raised concerns in Ukraine and among European allies.

The Kremlin has offered to mediate between the US and Iran, with which it signed a strategic partnership treaty in January.

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Trump, responding to Iran's rejection of direct talks, told NBC News over the weekend that Tehran could face military action and additional tariffs if it refused to negotiate.

"If they don't make a deal, there will be bombing," Trump said. "It will be bombing the likes of which they have never seen before."

During his first term, Trump withdrew the US from the 2015 Iran nuclear deal, which imposed strict limits on Tehran's nuclear activities in exchange for sanctions relief. Iran maintains that its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes and denies seeking nuclear weapons.



"The consequences of this, especially if strikes target nuclear infrastructure, could be catastrophic for the entire region," he said. "While there is still time and the 'train has not left,' we must redouble efforts to reach a reasonable agreement. Russia is ready to offer its good offices to Washington, Tehran, and all interested parties."

IPL craze continues with final on May 25

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Punjab Kings entered the Mega Auction with ₹110.5 crore (US\$13 million), the highest purse in IPL history.[47] During the auction, the record for the most expensive player, which was previously held by Mitchell Starc at ₹24.75 crore (US\$2.8 million), was broken twice. First, Shreyas Iyer was sold to Punjab for ₹26.75 crore (US\$3.1 million),[48][49] before Rishabh Pant was sold to Lucknow Super Giants for ₹27 crore (US\$3.1 million)
Player retention started on 31 October 2024



with each franchise allowed to retain players ahead of the auction.[39] Heinrich Klaasen became the most expensive retained player in IPL history, earning ₹23 crore (US\$2.6 million), while Virat Kohli became the most expensive

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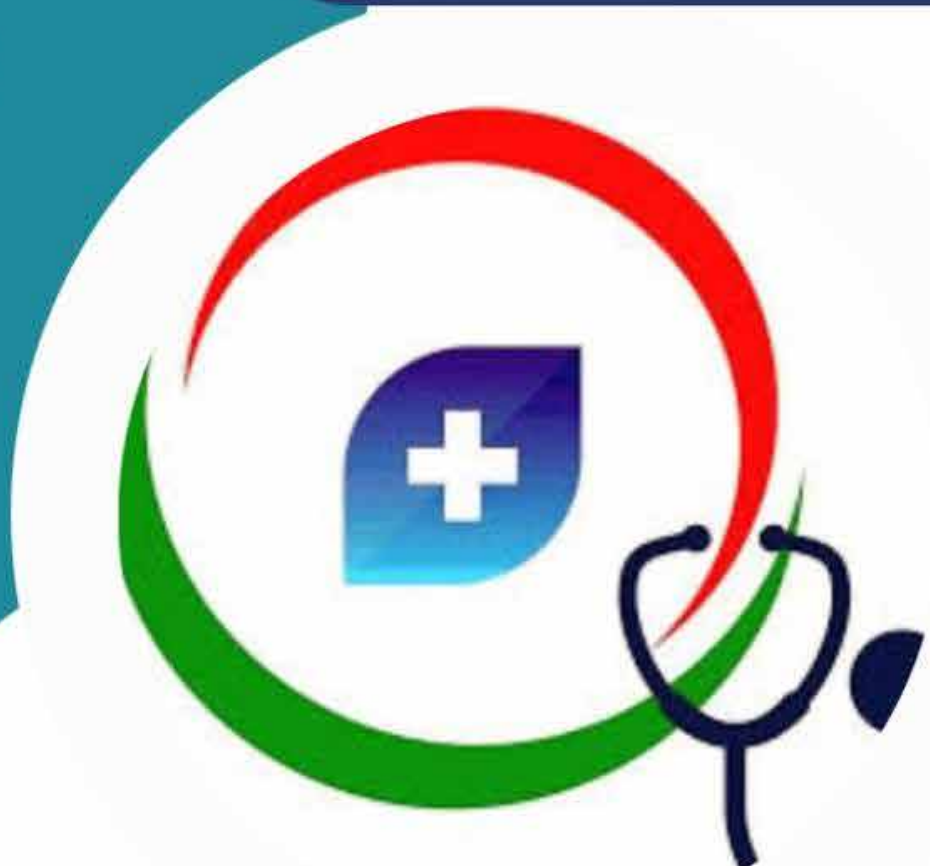
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Want to save money on groceries? Start a vegetable garden.

Given that spring is one of the best times of the year to create a garden, it's almost time to get started. But gardening experts say it's important to approach this project in the right way if you're trying to save money by cultivating your own plants. Here's how to do it in a budget-friendly way.

How can gardening help to save on groceries? There are a few ways gardening can help lower your grocery bill, and a lot comes down to offsetting the costs you would otherwise spend at the store.

"Produce prices are expected to increase a lot this year. Leafy greens, lettuce, microgreens, garlic, herbs and chile peppers are especially pricey," horticulturist Jon Traunfeld, director of the Home & Garden Information Center at the University of Maryland, tells Yahoo Life. "Growing them can reduce food bills."

He says that planting one or two basil plants can provide with all the fresh basil you'll need through the growing season, along with plenty to dry and store for later use. "One or two serrano or habanero plants will produce enough peppers to make jars of salsa and sauces," Traunfeld says. "And you can freeze the extras." Having your own garden can even help you get the most out of the produce you eat, Wendy Wilber, master gardener program coordinator at the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, tells Yahoo Life. "You can harvest just what you need for that meal," she says. "Because you are harvesting what you need, when you need it, there is much less produce wasted."

The cost savings can be especially good for fans of organic produce, which are usually more expensive than products grown with synthetic pesticides, Alessandro Ossola, agronomist and assistant professor at University of California, Davis, tells Yahoo Life. But he also points out that everyone can enjoy the savings. "A vegetable garden can help save an average family hundreds of dollars each year," Ossola says.

Of course, getting a garden started from scratch requires some investment on your end. Depending on how big you decide to go, you may not see huge savings right away, Timothy Coolong, professor of horticulture and extension vegetable specialist at the University of Georgia, tells Yahoo Life. However, he says the savings can add up over time. "For established gardeners, they can save considerably," Coolong says.

What do you need to start a garden?

You don't need a large plot of land to make this work for you. "Edible plants can be grown in the yard directly in clean soil or otherwise in pots on a balcony, in raised beds on the porch or even in small containers on windowsills

indoors," Ossola says. "You can start small and give it a try for a handful of dollars."

If you're choosing a spot in your yard, it's important to look for a space that will get at least eight hours of sunlight, Zack Snipes, assistant program team leader of horticulture at Clemson Cooperative Extension Service, tells Yahoo Life. "Plants need sunlight to photosynthesize and produce roots," he points out.

While you can technically plant directly into your soil, using containers filled with potting soil and compost is a great way to get started, says Traunfeld. "Containers are mobile, versatile and inexpensive," he points out. "You can grow a tomato plant or pepper plant in a recycled 5-gallon bucket."

Wilber also suggests gardening in containers. "It is a fun and convenient way for new gardeners to get growing," she says. It can also be faster: As Ossola points out, choosing to start plants in containers can help you to cultivate and save very quickly.

Aside from containers, potting soil and compost, you'll need gardening tools like a hand trowel and seeds or seedlings, Ossola says. "After planting [in-ground] and the garden's establishment, you might need to add some natural mulch on the topsoil — straw and tree bark — to retain soil moisture," she says.

Some crops are easier to grow than others. The best and easiest crops to grow are the ones that will work well in your particular environment, Snipes says. (If you're unsure, he suggests contacting your local extension office, which can provide free advice on gardening in your specific region.)

In general, Traunfeld says these are good plants for beginners to consider:

Lettuce Spinach Kale, Mustard greens Beet Radishes Swiss chard Beans Cucumbers

Summer squash Tomatoes Pepper For herbs, Wilber suggests trying parsley, rosemary, oregano and mint.

Light conditions should also play a role in what you decide to grow, according to Coolong. "If you have heavy shade, that may limit you from growing something like corn, but a crop like lettuce or other leafy greens could still work well," he says.

Planting season is coming up fast

The right time to plant depends on your location, Wilber points out. (Again, this is where contacting your local extension office can help.) "But, generally speaking, it is after the last frost date in the spring," she says.

If you're starting with seeds, you'll just want to kick-start things earlier. "If you choose to grow your own transplants at home, you may want to start a few weeks before then to seed out your plants" — in other words, plant seeds in soil — "whether indoors or in a greenhouse-type structure," Coolong says.



A big tip to keep in mind, adds Coolong: It can be helpful to space out your plantings of any particular crop. So if you want to have ripe tomatoes all summer, start them a week or so apart to stagger your harvests.

What kind of maintenance should you expect? There are a few basic things to keep in mind concerning maintenance. While annoying, weeding is important. "Pull weeds as soon as they appear," Traunfeld says.

"Your plants will also need fertilizer and water," Snipes says. "They need just the right amount of water. Too much can hurt; too little can hurt." Every plant is different, but you can keep tabs on your plant's hydration needs by sticking your finger about an inch into the soil. If it feels dry, you'll want to add water. "Plan on being in the garden daily, if possible," Wilber says. "Daily visits are best to evaluate how the plants are doing and to scout for pest issues."

Speaking of pests, Ossola suggests considering netting, fencing and traps to keep birds, mammals and other plant-eating animals away. "Remember to keep your garden clean," she says. "Rats, squirrels, raccoons and other pests thrive when fruits and produce are left to rot."

Smaller pests like aphids can be controlled with organic insecticidal soaps, Wilber says. Larger pests like caterpillars or snails can usually be kept away by putting crushed eggshells and salt on your soil, according to Ossola.

What else should beginners keep in mind? There may be some trial and error with growing your own vegetable garden, Ossola says. That's why Traunfeld suggests starting small and focusing on produce that your family likes to eat. Wilber agrees. "Limit yourself to just a few types of vegetables the first year," she says. "Then, when you become more confident in your abilities and resources, you can increase the size of your vegetable garden and grow a wider variety of crops."

Above all, it's important to enjoy the process, Coolong says. "Gardening should be a fun hobby. When it becomes a constant chore, a lot of people get worn down by the work." Yahoo/Life Korin Miller



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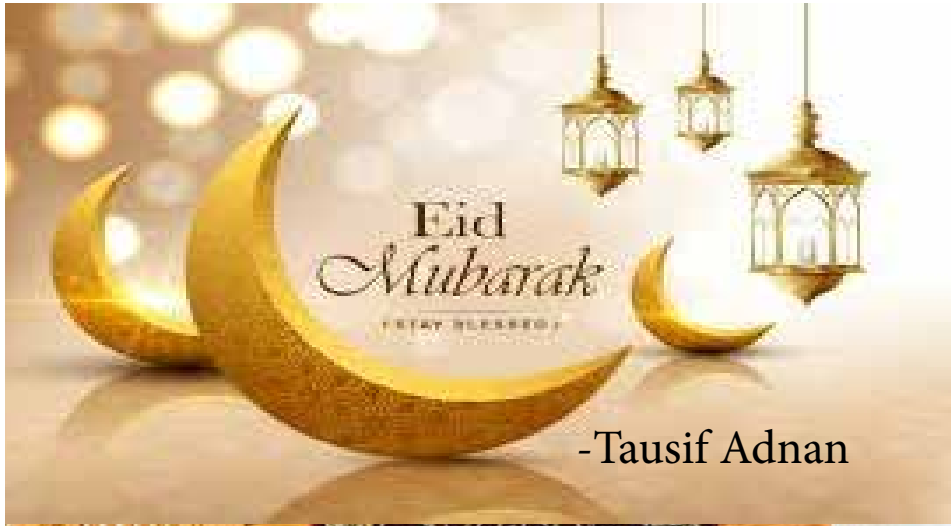
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It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Dr. Sadiq Mohyuddin, a beloved husband, father, grandfather and esteemed physician and community elder, who peacefully passed away on March 23, 2025 at the age of 85. Dr. Mohyuddin was dedicated to his family, friends and community. His remarkable career as physician in the United States, his commitment to his patients in Alton/Godfrey IL, his numerous civic contributions and his philanthropy to the medically underserved communities, both in Madison County, IL and in Lahore, Pakistan will never be forgotten.

Dr. Mohyuddin was born on April 15, 1939 in Gurdaspur (Punjab) India, migrating to Lahore, Pakistan after Partition, where he graduated from King Edward Medical College in 1962. He then moved to London, England for further medical training and in 1964, he moved to the United States to pursue his medical career. His passion for medicine and learning led him to complete medical residency in internal medicine at Washington University in St. Louis, MO (Barnes Hospital), followed by a pulmonary medicine fellowship at St. Louis University. After completing his medical training, Dr. Mohyuddin continued his career as a physician in private practice in Alton/Godfrey, IL, where he practiced for 49 years treating generations of patients with compassion, expertise, empathy and tireless commitment, even doing house visits and car visits for patients who couldn't make it into his office. His patients, colleagues, and staff of St. Anthony's Hospital and Alton Memorial Hospital fondly remember him as an intellectual and patient-centered physician, always seeking the best outcomes for those under his care. In addition to his work as a physician, Dr. Mohyuddin was also deeply passionate about civic, political and charitable causes, contributing his

time and expertise to underserved communities both locally and abroad, bringing medical care and hope to those in need. He was a founding member of the Islamic Foundation of Greater St. Louis (IFGSTL), founding and lifetime member of APPNA (Assoc. of Pakistani Physicians of North America), served as chairman and board member of the World Affairs Council of St. Louis, member of the Council on Foreign Relations and delegate to Illinois State Medical Society for Madison County, IL where he authored many successful resolutions to benefit the rural patient population he served. He was also instrumental in the repair and development of the Oriental Garden at Gordon F. Moore Park in Godfrey, IL.

Dr. Mohyuddin was deeply thankful for the medical education opportunity he gained in Pakistan and the career success that the United States offered him. He never took for granted the privilege of practicing medicine in this country, and gave a generous endowment to OSF St. Anthony's hospital in 2015 to establish the Mohyuddin Pulmonary Lab aimed at increasing awareness and prevention of pulmonary diseases. He also established the Mohyuddin Charitable Clinic 35 years ago in an underserved area of Lahore, Pakistan, which continues to see upwards of 100 patients daily at no cost.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Dr. Mohyuddin was a loving and devoted family man. He is survived by his beloved wife, Talat, and his three children: Dr. Yusuf Mohyuddin (Maliha Mohyuddin), Fatima Mohyuddin and Dr. Nadia Mohyuddin, along with his dear nephew Ibrahim Khan. His five granddaughters (Maymuna, Maryam, Zareena, Zainab & Anaya) brought him great joy, and his love for his family knew no bounds. His unwavering



support, kindness, and warmth, and especially his willingness to lend a helping hand to anyone in need, will remain an enduring part of their memories and his legacy.

Dr. Mohyuddin will be deeply missed by all who knew him. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Sadaqa (charity) fund of the IFGSTL (Islamic Foundation of Greater St Louis - Sadaqah - MadinaAPPS Web Payments) in memory of Dr. Mohyuddin. He will be laid to rest at the Bellerive Cemetery in St. Louis, MO on Monday, March 24, 2025 at 2:30pm. May his soul rest in peace.

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From Mohyuddin Family:

Flight to Shanghai Diverted to SFO, Because the Pilot Forgot Their Passport

The latest major US airline snafu does not involve any of Elon Musk's DOGE staffing cuts, but instead just some United Airlines pilot forgetting their passport, forcing an emergency landing at SFO.

There's no question that Elon Musk's DOGE budget cuts are affecting air traffic controllers ability to do their jobs, and endangering airline safety. But you can't blame Elon for this one. The Chronicle reports that a United Airlines plane from Los Angeles bound for Shanghai was abruptly diverted to SFO on Saturday, but only because the pilot forgot their passport. "On Saturday, United flight 198 from Los Angeles to Shanghai landed at San Francisco International Airport as the pilot did not have their passport onboard," a United Airlines spokesperson admitted in a statement. "We arranged for a new crew to take our customers to their

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The plane reportedly pulled its emergency SFO landing at around 5 pm Saturday, and left with a new crew at 8:28 Saturday night. According to the flight-tracking service FlightAware, the plane ultimately reached Shanghai on Monday morning local time, "6 hours 13 minutes late."

One Reddit user claimed to have been on that plane and described their experience (it's the second comment down). "This is how United described it," the person said. "UA198 SFO-PVG: Your flight diverted to San Francisco due to an unexpected crew-related issue requiring a new crew. Once they arrive, we'll get you back



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5) Always speak the truth. Shun words that are deceitful and ostentatious [al-Hajj 22:30]

6) Do not confound truth with falsehood [al-Baqarah 2:42]

7) Say with your mouth what is in your heart [al-E Imram 3:167]

8) Speak in a civilised manner in a language that is recognised by the society and is commonly used [An Nisa 4:5]

9) When you voice an opinion, be just, even if it is against a relative [al-An'am 6:152]

10) Do not be a bragging boaster [Luqman 31:18]

11) Do not talk, listen or do anything vain [al-Mu'mineen 23:3, al-Qasas 28:55]

12) Do not participate in any paltry. If you pass near a futile play, then pass by with dignity [al-Furqan 25:72]

13) Do not verge upon any immodesty or lewdness whether surreptitious or overt [al-An'am 6:151]

14) If, unintentionally, any misconduct occurs by you, then correct yourself expeditiously [al-E-Imram 3:134]

15) Do not be contemptuous or arrogant with people [Luqman 31:18]

16) Do not walk haughtily or with conceit [al-Isra' 17:37, Luqman 31:18]

17) Be moderate in thy pace [Luqman 31:1918] Walk with humility and sedateness [al-Furqan 25:63]

19) Keep your gazes lowered devoid of any lecherous leers and salacious stares [an-Nur 24:30-31, Ghafir 40:19]

20) If you do not have complete knowledge about anything, better keep your mouth shut. You might think that speaking about something without full knowledge is a trivial matter. But it might have grave consequences [an-Nur 24:14-16]

21) When you hear something malicious about someone, keep a favourable view about him/her until you attain full knowledge about the matter. Consider others innocent until they are proven guilty with solid and truthful evidence [an-Nur 24:12-13]

22) Ascertain the truth of any news, lest you smite someone in ignorance and afterwards repent of what you did [Al-Hujurat 49:6]

23) Do not follow blindly any information of which you have no direct knowledge. (Using your faculties of perception and conception) you must verify it for yourself. In the Court of your Lord, you will be held accountable for your hearing, sight, and the faculty of reasoning [al-Isra' 17:36]

24) Never think that you have reached the final stage of knowledge and nobody knows more than yourself. Remember! Above everyone endowed with knowledge is another endowed with more knowledge [al-Isra' 17:26]. Even the Prophet [sallallahu alahi wa salaam] was asked to keep praying, "O My sustainer! Advance me in knowledge." [20:114]

25) The believers are but a single Brotherhood. Live like members of one family, brothers and sisters

unto one another [Al-Hujurat 49:10]

26) Do not make mockery of others or ridicule others [Al-Hujurat 49:11]

27) Do not defame others [Al-Hujurat 49:11]

28) Do not insult others by nicknames [Al-Hujurat 49:11]

29) Avoid suspicion and guesswork. Suspicion and guesswork might deplete your communal energy [Al-Hujurat 49:12]

30) Spy not upon one another [Al-Hujurat 49:12]

31) Do not backbite one another [Al-Hujurat 49:12]

32) When you meet each other, offer good wishes and blessings for safety. One who conveys to you a message of safety and security and also when a courteous greeting is offered to you, meet it with a greeting still more courteous or (at least) of equal courtesy [An Nisa 4:86]

33) When you enter your own home or the home of somebody else, compliment the inmates [an-Nur 24:61]

34) Do not enter houses other than your own until you have sought permission; and then greet the inmates and wish them a life of blessing, purity and pleasure [an-Nur 24:27]

35) Treat kindly Your parents Relatives The orphans And those who have been left alone in the society [An Nisa 4:36]

36) Take care of The needy The disabled Those whose hard earned income is insufficient to meet their needs And those whose businesses have stalled And those who have lost their jobs. [An Nisa 4:36]

37) Treat kindly Your related neighbors, and unrelated neighbors, Companions by your side in public gatherings, or public transportation [An Nisa 4:36]

38) Be generous to the needy wayfarer the homeless son of the street and the one who reaches you in a destitute condition [An Nisa 4:36]

39) Be nice to people who work under your care. [An Nisa 4:36]

40) Do not follow up what you have given to others to afflict them with reminders of your generosity [al-Baqarah 2:262]

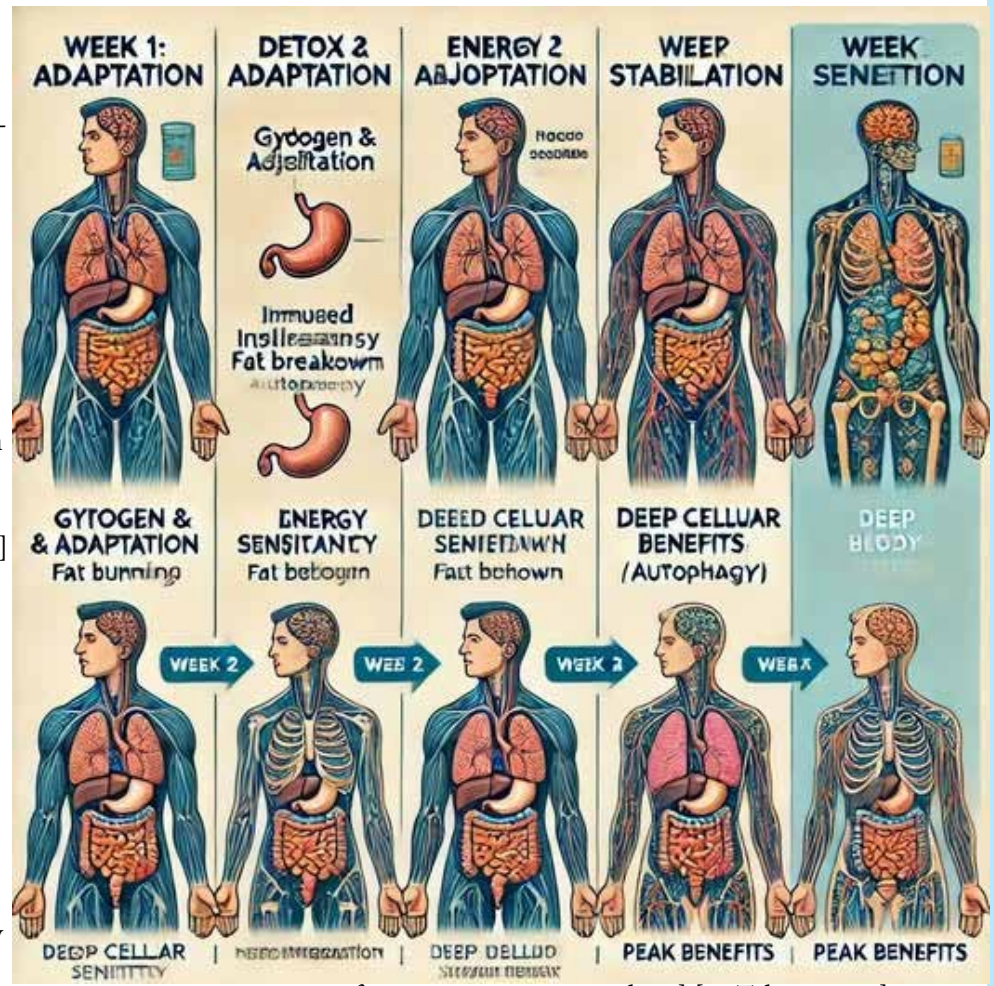
41) Do not expect a return for your good behaviour, not even thanks [al-Insan 76:9]

42) Cooperate with one another in good deeds and do not cooperate with others in evil and bad matters [al-Ma'idah 5:2]

43) Do not try to impress people on account of self-proclaimed virtues [an-Najm 53:32]

44) You should enjoin right conduct on others but mend your own ways first. Actions speak louder than words. You must first practice good deeds yourself, then preach [al-Baqarah 2:44]

45) Correct yourself and your families first [be-



fore trying to correct others] [at-Tahrim 66:6]

46) Pardon gracefully if anyone among you who commits a bad deed out of ignorance, and then repents and amends [al-An'am 6:54, al-E Imram 3:134]

47) Divert and sublimate your anger and potentially virulent emotions to creative energy, and become a source of tranquillity and comfort to people [al-E Imram 3:134]

48) Call people to the Way of your Lord with wisdom and beautiful exhortation. Reason with them most decently [an-Nahl 16:125]

49) Leave to themselves those who do not give any importance to the Divine code and have adopted and consider it as mere play and amusement [al-An'am 6:70]

50) Sit not in the company of those who ridicule Divine Law unless they engage in some other conversation [An Nisa 4:140]

51) Do not be jealous of those who are blessed [An Nisa 4:54]

52) In your collective life, make rooms for others [al-Mujadilah 58:11]

53) When invited to dine, Go at the appointed time. Do not arrive too early to wait for the preparation of meal or linger after eating to engage in bootless babble. Such things may cause inconvenience to the host [al-Ahzab 33:53]

54) Eat and drink [what is lawful] in moderation [al-Araf 7:31]

55) Do not squander your wealth senselessly [al-Isra' 17:26]

56) Fulfill your promises and commitments [al-Isra' 17:34]

57) Keep yourself clean, pure [at-Taubah 9:108, An Nisa 4:43, al-Ma'idah 5:6]

58) Dress-up in agreeable attire and adorn yourself with exquisite character from inside out [al-Araf 7:26]

59) Seek your provision only by fair endeavor [al-Ankabut 29:17, al-Baqarah 2:188]

60) Do not devour the wealth and property of others unjustly, nor bribe the officials or the judges to deprive others of their possessions [al-Baqarah 2:188]

Shuja Khan



Virat Kohli Family



Sachin Tendulkar with his mother Rajni Tendulkar



A very rare glimpse of the King's world! SRK with his beautiful family,



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COUNTRIES WITH THE LARGEST GOLD RESERVES

*As of 2024

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1. United States		8133	20. Spain		282
2. Germany		3352	21. Austria		280
3. Italy		2452	22. Thailand		235
4. France		2437	23. Singapore		228
5. Russia		2336	24. Belgium		227
6. China		2264	25. Algeria		174
7. Switzerland		1040	26. Venezuela		161
8. India		854	27. Iraq		152
9. Japan		846	28. Libya		147
10. Netherlands		612	29. Brazil		130
11. Türkiye		595	30. Philippines		128
12. Taiwan		423	31. Egypt		127
13. Poland		420	32. Sweden		126
14. Portugal		383	33. South Africa		125
15. Uzbekistan		374	34. Mexico		120
16. Saudi Arabia		323	35. Greece		115
17. United Kingdom		310	36. Hungary		110
18. Kazakhstan		296	37. Qatar		110
19. Lebanon		287	38. South Korea		104

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Ancient Box's

The REAL face of King Tut: the pharaoh had feminine hips, club feet, and....

King Tutankhamun, the boy pharaoh whose golden mask has become a symbol of ancient Egypt, was far from the idealized image of a powerful ruler. Modern science has revealed startling details about his physical appearance and health, painting a very different picture of the young king.

Recent studies using DNA analysis and CT scans show that King Tut had feminine hips, a clubbed foot, and suffered from various genetic disorders. These traits were likely the result of inbreeding, as his parents were siblings—a common practice among Egyptian royalty to preserve the bloodline. His physical condition was so severe that he relied on canes to walk, many of which were found in his tomb. Additionally, he suffered from bone necrosis, a painful condition that caused parts of his bone tissue to die due to poor blood supply.

King Tut's health challenges didn't end there. DNA evidence revealed that he had multiple strains of malaria, making him one of the

earliest known cases of the disease.

Combined with his frail body and genetic issues, these infections likely weakened him further. He died at just 19 years old, possibly due to complications from a severe leg fracture and his overall poor health.

The artistic depictions of King Tut and his family often showed exaggerated features like wide hips and elongated faces. While these may have been symbolic representations tied to religious beliefs, the reality was far less glamorous. The young king's life was marked by physical struggles and health challenges that shaped his brief reign. Despite these revelations, King Tut remains one of history's most iconic figures—a reminder that even those who wore crowns were not immune to human frailty. His story continues to captivate the world, offering us a glimpse into the complexities of ancient royalty and the realities behind the legend.



CHINESE HISTORY

Chinese history encompasses a vast period, marked by numerous dynasties, cultural achievements, and periods of both unity and division, including the Shang, Zhou, Qin, Han, Tang, Song, Ming, and Qing dynasties, as well as the Republic of China and the People's Republic of China.

Here's a brief overview of key periods and dynasties in Chinese history:

Pre-Dynastic Period:

Archaeological evidence suggests early civilizations in the Yellow River valley, with the Shang dynasty (c. 1600-1046 BCE) being considered the first dynasty with verifiable historical records.

Shang Dynasty (c. 1600-1046 BCE):

The Shang dynasty ruled over a significant portion of what is now China, and is known for its bronze casting, writing system, and complex social structure.

Zhou Dynasty (c. 1046-256 BCE):

The Zhou dynasty, which followed the Shang, is divided into Western and Eastern periods. The Western Zhou saw the development of feudalism, while the Eastern Zhou saw a period of warring states.

Qin Dynasty (221-206 BCE):

The Qin dynasty, led by Qin Shi Huang, unified China for the first time, establishing an imperial structure and beginning the construction of the Great Wall.

Han Dynasty (206 BCE-220 CE):

The Han dynasty is considered a golden age of Chinese civilization, known for its advancements in art, technology, and ad-

ministration.

Tang Dynasty (618-907 CE):

The Tang dynasty was another period of great cultural and economic flourishing, known for its cosmopolitan nature and artistic achievements.

Song Dynasty (960-1279 CE):

The Song dynasty saw significant advancements in technology, including the development of gunpowder and the printing press.

Yuan Dynasty (1271-1368 CE):

The Yuan dynasty was established by the Mongols, led by Kublai Khan, and marked a period of cultural exchange between China and other regions.

Ming Dynasty (1368-1644 CE):

The Ming dynasty saw the construction of the Great Wall as we know it today, and the voyages of Zheng He.

Qing Dynasty (1644-1912 CE):

The Qing dynasty, established by the Manchus, was the last imperial dynasty of China.

Republic of China (1912-1949):

The Qing dynasty was overthrown, and China became a republic, but it faced internal strife and external pressures.

People's Republic of China (1949-present):

The People's Republic of China, founded by the Communist Party, is the current government of China.

After 96 Years, Archaeologists Finally Found the Missing Part of a Legendary Statue

In 1930, German archaeologists uncovered the lower half of a massive statue, estimating that it likely originally stood some 23 feet tall.

Now, U.S. and Egyptian archaeologists have announced the discovery of the long-missing top half in thankfully pristine condition.

A proposal has already been submitted to unite the bottom with the long-missing top half, and the discoverers are confident of its approval.

Some 96 years ago, German archaeologist Günther Roeder unearthed the lower half of what would've been a massive, 23-foot-tall statue of Ramesses II—one of the most celebrated pharaohs throughout all 31 dynasties of Ancient Egyptian history. Roeder found the statue 150 miles south of Cairo in the Minya Governorate, near the modern-day city of El Ashmunein. In ancient times, this area along the Nile was known as Khemnu. It served as a provincial capital in the Old Kingdom of Egypt (2649–2130 BCE), and was later called Hermopolis Magna when Romans ruled the Mediterranean.

Many treasures of the region's illustrious past were known to be buried in the surrounding desert, and while Roeder's discovery proved remarkable, the rest of the enormous statue he

found remained lost to time ... until now.

In March 2024, the Egyptian archaeologists—in partnership with U.S. experts—announced that after 96 years, they'd finally found the missing upper half of Roeder's statue. Speaking with Reuters, the experts from the Egyptian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities reported that the upper half stretched some 12.5 feet tall, and depicted Ramesses II wearing a headdress topped with a royal cobra.

However, the discovery of this ancient statue—and exquisite preservation—was far from certain when the statue was first discovered lying face down in January 2024.

“One problem with Hermopolis is that it's close to the Nile. After [the building of] the Aswan Low Dam, the water table became a huge issue. There was no guarantee that the stone would be OK,” Yvona Trnka-Amrhein, assistant professor of classics at the University of Colorado Boulder and co-leader of the team said in a press statement. “Sometimes sandstone is uncovered that is basically just sand or degraded limestone. It could have just been a lump of rock.”

Luckily, after further excavation, the team confirmed that the statue was remarkably well-preserved and contained another amazing find—



traces of blue-and-yellow pigment could be found on the statue's surface. Hopefully, further analysis of this pigment will help researchers understand the context of the statue's creation, as well as its original appearance. We knew it might be there, but we were not specifically looking for it,” Trnka-Amrhein said in a press statement. “It was plausible that the rest of the statue might be there, but it was a total surprise.”

Thankfully, the hunch proved correct, and Egyptian co-leader Basem Gehad has already submitted a proposal to reunite the two pieces together at long last (Roeder's lower half still remains on site in El Ashmunein). Trnka-Amrhein expects it to be approved. Yahoo/News Darren Orf

Japan Economy VS California Economy



European countries by population in 2025

European countries by population in 2025, organized from highest to lowest:	
1. Russia - 143,997,393	20. Bulgaria - 6,814,200
2. Germany - 84,075,075	21. Serbia - 6,689,039
3. United Kingdom - 69,551,332	22. Denmark - 5,868,120
4. France - 66,650,804	23. Finland - 5,600,186
5. Italy - 59,146,260	24. Slovakia - 5,460,721
6. Spain - 47,889,958	25. Croatia - 3,848,160
7. Ukraine - 38,980,376	26. Moldova - 2,996,106
8. Poland - 38,140,910	27. Lithuania - 2,830,144
9. Romania - 18,908,650	28. Albania - 2,771,508
10. Netherlands - 18,346,819	29. Slovenia - 2,117,072
11. Belgium - 11,758,603	30. Latvia - 1,853,559
12. Sweden - 10,500,591	31. North Macedonia - 1,813,791
13. Czech Republic - 10,490,463	32. Cyprus - 1,370,754
14. Portugal - 10,102,566	33. Estonia - 1,344,232
15. Greece - 10,047,300	34. Luxembourg - 680,453
16. Hungary - 9,715,857	35. Malta - 545,405
17. Austria - 9,276,705	36. Iceland - 398,266
18. Belarus - 8,997,603	37. Andorra - 82,904
19. Switzerland - 8,773,830	38. Liechtenstein - 40,128
	39. Monaco - 39,244
	40. San Marino - 33,938

A recession may be coming. It's not too late to prepare.

If the United States is about to enter a recession, as some economists fear, it will be one of the most widely anticipated downturns in recent memory.

Americans have had lots of time to prepare. But are we ready?

First, some background: Three years ago, as the economy recovered from the brief COVID-19 recession, economists were already talking about another downturn. Russia had invaded Ukraine. Inflation was spiking. Interest rates were rising.

Months passed, and no recession arrived, and hope dawned that perhaps the United States would achieve a "soft landing," meaning no recession.

Now, recession fears have returned. President Donald Trump's campaign of import tariffs, among other factors, has shaken consumer confidence and spooked the stock market.

A March CNBC Fed Survey put the probability of recession at 36%, up from 23% in January. J.P. Morgan's chief economist put the odds at 40%.

Recession or not, the U.S. economy has hit a "slow patch," said Veronica Willis, global investment strategist at Wells Fargo Investment Institute.

Whether you are a cash-poor consumer or a top 1% earner, here are some steps you can take to protect your finances:

Rid yourself of high-interest debt
Paying off credit card debt is easier said than done, especially in a downturn.

If you have the resources, however, this would be an ideal time to get serious about reducing high-interest debt. The average credit card interest rate is a whopping 24.2%, according to LendingTree.

To make a dent in your debt, financial planners say, you'll need to do more than make the minimum monthly payment: double it, add \$100, or pay a percentage of your income.

If you're strapped for cash, transfer the debt to another loan with a lower interest rate.

If you have good credit, consider a zero-APR credit card. You will pay no interest for 15, 18 or 21 months. Every dollar you pay reduces your debt.

Alternatively, transfer the balance to a home equity line of credit, or even a personal loan. You might pay 8%, 10% or 12% interest. That's better than 24%.

With card rates so high, dealing with that debt

arguably outweighs any other financial goal - including savings.

For people with card debt, "usually it doesn't make sense to build up the savings because the interest rate that you're getting on that savings is a lot lower than the interest you'll be paying on the debt," said Sean Higgins, an associate professor of finance at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.

Shore up your savings

If you are free of card debt, this is a good time to take stock of your savings.

Many finance experts say Americans should stockpile enough emergency savings to cover three to six months of expenses: roughly \$33,000, on average, according to Investopedia. Emergency savings exist for times like these, when workers are worried about their jobs. Yet, 27% of Americans have no emergency savings, Bankrate reports.

"Of course, it's easier to save when times are good than when you lose your job," said Meir Statman, an author and finance professor at Santa Clara University.

Few American households can quickly amass \$33,000 in savings, especially when times are tough.

Instead, consider more modest goals: Contribute a set amount of monthly income to emergency savings. Put the money in a high-yield savings account. Think hard before you raid the account for anything short of an actual emergency.

Plan ahead for major expenses

Now is not necessarily the time to cancel your European vacation.

"That would be, to my mind, an overreaction," Statman said. "People need to live. People need to have fun."

Even so, it might be a good idea to plan for that vacation or any large, unexpected expense. Set aside money now so you don't drain your savings when the expense arrives.

"You have to be thinking, 'Am I going to need a new car in the next few years? Do I have the cash set aside for that car?'" said Timothy McGrath, a certified financial planner in Chicago. Don't sell low

It's the classic investor's dilemma: Stock prices have been sinking, but you don't want to sell when they're down.

If you're a retirement saver and are years away from retiring, then "the fact that the stock market is down 7% or 10% now isn't so concerning," Higgins said. Stocks will eventually rebound.

If anything, the climate might be "a great time



to buy stocks because you're getting them at a discount," said Willis of Wells Fargo. When the market recovers, your portfolio will be worth more than ever.

It's harder to avoid "selling low" if you are already retired and drawing down your savings.

You "do not want to be withdrawing from an aggressive portfolio during a recession," said Seth Mullikin, a certified financial planner in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Ideally, retirees have less exposure to stocks. Experts say they should look for ways to cover their expenses without selling devalued stock shares.

Diversify your portfolio

When the stock market seesaws, investors are reminded of the value of "diversifying," balancing riskier stocks with less volatile bonds and other fixed-income alternatives.

But it's not so easy to diversify when the stock market is already in disarray.

"It's too late to start thinking of pulling out of equities because you've already seen that downturn," Willis said.

Nonetheless, you may find opportunities to diversify in a shaky market.

"The good thing is that market volatility isn't only in one direction," Willis said. "You get days when the market is up."

Take a look at your mix of stocks and bonds. The big market gains of 2023 and 2024 may have left you with a higher allocation of stocks than you want. If so, look for opportunities to sell stocks when prices are high and reinvest those dollars in bonds.

Alternately, you could just sit back and wait until the market stabilizes. It's easier to diversify when stocks are high.

"The point is, the recession," if there is one, "will be temporary," Higgins said.

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Important Recall Info That MAY Affect Your Vehicle

U.S. Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
 You received this email because you have requested to be notified by NHTSA if there is a safety recall regarding Car Seats.

Please click on the following NHTSA Recall ID links to view the recall information.

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 25C003

Synopsis : Evenflo Company, Inc. (Evenflo) is recalling certain child seats and travel systems. Please refer to Evenflo's recall report for specific model numbers. The child seats and travel systems are missing the USA recall registration card. As such, these child seats and travel systems fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 213, "Child Restraint Systems." A missing recall registration card may result in an unregistered child seat, which can delay recall notification and increase the risk of injury. Evenflo will mail owners a recall registration card, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed April 1, 2025. Owners may contact Evenflo customer service at 1-800-233-5921.

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 25C004

Synopsis : Dorel Juvenile Group (Dorel) is recalling certain Safety 1st Comfort Ride 3-in-1, Boost & Go 3-in-1, Boost & Go Essential 3-in-1, and MagicSquad 3-in-1 harness booster child seats. Please refer to Dorel's recall report for specific model numbers. The forward-facing installation label incorrectly states the height range. As such, these child seats fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 213, "Child Restraint Systems." An incorrect label may result in an improperly restrained child, increasing the risk of injury in a crash. Dorel will mail owners a new label, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a schedule for recall notification. Owners may contact Dorel's customer service at 1-877-657-9546 or comfort-ride-recall@djgusa.com.

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 25V142

Manufacturer : Shyft Group
 Subject : Headlights Can Be Incorrectly Adjusted/FMVSS 108
 Make Model Model Years
 BLUE ARC BA4L-800 2024-2025
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 25V143

What is a recall?

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

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

If your vehicle is included in this recall, it is very important that you get

Manufacturer : Airstream, Inc.
 Subject : Sofa Footrest Switch Wiring
 May Cause Fire

Make Model Model Years
 AIRSTREAM CLASSIC 2021-2025
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 25V144

Manufacturer : Daimler Coaches North America

Subject : Driver's Seat Backrest Malfunction/FMVSS 207, 210

Make Model Model Years
 MERCEDES-BENZ TOURRIDER BUSINESS 2022-2025

MERCEDES-BENZ TOURRIDER PREMIUM 2022-2025

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 25V145

Manufacturer : Jayco, Inc.

Subject : Incorrect Cargo Capacity on Label/FMVSS 120

Make Model Model Years
 ENTEGRA CONDOR 2024

ENTEGRA ODYSSEY SE 2025

JAYCOALANTE SE 2025

JAYCOGRANITE RIDGE 2024

JAYCOREDHAWK SE 2025

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 25V146

Manufacturer : Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A.

Subject : Clutch Release Lever Can Break

Make Model Model Years
 KAWASAKI NINJA 500 2024

KAWASAKI Z500 2024

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 25V147

Manufacturer : Ineos Automotive Americas, LLC

Subject : Door May Fail to Latch and Open Unexpectedly

Make Model Model Years
 INEOSGRENADIER 2024

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 25V148

Manufacturer : General Motors, LLC

Subject : Transmission Damage May Cause Wheel Lock-Up

Make Model Model Years
 CADILLAC CT4 2020-2021

CADILLAC CT5 2020-2021

CADILLAC CT6 2019-2020

CHEVROLET CAMARO 2020-2022

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 25V149

Manufacturer : Forest River, Inc.

Subject : Exposed Electrical Connector Wiring May Cause Fire

Make Model Model Years
 FOREST RIVER AURORA 2025

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 25V150

Manufacturer : Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC

Subject : Wheel Rim Inserts May Detach

Make Model Model Years
 MERCEDES-BENZ EQE 350 2023

MERCEDES-BENZ EQE 350+ 2023

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 25V151

Manufacturer : Keystone RV Company

Subject : Incorrectly Wired Electrical Box May Cause Fire

Make Model Model Years
 KEYSTONE COLORADO 2025

KEYSTONE KODIAK 2025

KEYSTONE SUNSET TRAIL 2025

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 25V152

Manufacturer : Shyft Group

Subject : Improperly Tightened Jump Seat Bolts/FMVSS 207

Make Model Model Years
 UTILIMASTER UPFIT 2025

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 25V153

Manufacturer : Nissan North America, Inc.

Subject : Improperly Secured Seat Frame /FMVSS 207 & 210

Make Model Model Years
 NISSAN SENTRA 2025

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 25V155

Manufacturer : Jaguar Land Rover North America, LLC

Subject : Seat Belt Buckle May Not Latch

Make Model Model Years
 LAND ROVER RANGE ROVER 2025

LAND ROVER RANGE ROVER SPORT 2025

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 25T003

Synopsis : Bridgestone Americas Tire Operation (BATO) is recalling certain Blizzark 6 tires, size 235/40R19. The DOT certification symbol is missing from the tire sidewalls. As such, these tires fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 139, "New Pneumatic Radial Tires for Light Vehicles." Tires that are missing a DOT symbol may be used in inappropriate applications, increasing the risk of a crash. Dealers will replace the tires as necessary, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed May 9, 2025. Owners may contact BATO's customer service at 1-800-847-3272.

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

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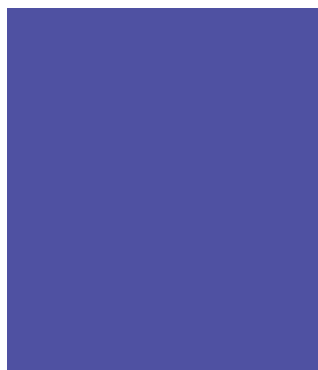


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C 1 Crores Arshdeep	C 1 Crores Mukeshkumar	C 1 Crores Prassidhkrishna	C 1 Crores Avesh Khan	C 1 Crores Rajat Patidar	C 1 Crores Sarfaraz Khan

Iftar Program organized in Nepal



Iftar Program organized by Birgunj Mayor Rajeshman Singh and Deputy Mayor Imtiaz Alam: A symbol of harmony, cooperation and social unity! Such initiatives that connect religion, culture and mutual respect are commendable. #UnityInDiversity #Ramadan-Mubarak #Birgunj Nepal Muslim Society's Post



Islamic Chronicles's

On this day, 22 March 1394 CE, Timurid emperor, an accomplished mathematician and one of the greatest astronomers in history, Ulugh Beg was born in Sultaniyeh, Timurid Empire, Persia.

The grandson of Amir Timur (Tamerlane) and the son of Shah Rukh, Ulugh Beg made some of the best astronomical observations of his time. Not only for mathematics and astronomy but he is also remembered as a great patron of arts and scholarship.

When his father, Shah Rukh, captured the city of Samarkand, he gave it to his son Ulugh Beg who made it a center of Muslim culture and scholarship. He built an observatory (around the 1420s) at Samarkand.

In his observations, he discovered a number of errors in the computations of the 2nd-century Alexandrian astronomer Ptolemy, whose figures were still being used. He and his assistants made a catalogue of stars from observations with a large quadrant.

Ulugh Beg is associated with a Persian astronomical handbook called the Zij-i Sultani that stands out for the accuracy with which its tables were computed. It consists of four chapters dealing with chronology, trigonometry and spherical astronomy, planetary positions, and astrology.

In mathematics, Ulugh Beg wrote accurate trigonometric tables of sine and tangent values, correct to at least eight decimal places. Famous mathematician Ali Qushji was a student and co-worker of Ulugh Beg.

Our appreciation for Ulugh Beg's work increases when we remember that he was working nearly two centuries prior to the invention of the telescope. His work eventually became known in Europe, with the publication of his works in London in 1650 in Latin and later the first of many European editions of his star tables.



CAIR Advise on Travelling

Understanding and Protecting Your Travel & Free Speech Rights Under the Trump Administration (Current March 2025) This educational document was produced by the Council on American-Islamic Relations, America's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization. We present information in three sections: non-citizen guidance, U.S. citizen guidance, and digital considerations for all travelers. We also provide links to more in-depth coverage of certain topics. This document serves as an overview. It will be updated as facts evolve. Nothing in this document should be read as legal advice. Readers should consult an immigration attorney to address their specific circumstances. Non-Citizen Guidance I am not a U.S. citizen. Can I travel abroad? Please consult an immigration attorney before you travel. If possible, avoid unnecessary international travel for now. Immigration attorneys taking part in a March 2025 CAIR webinar reported persistent stories of non-citizens not only being detained at the border but subjected to enhanced scrutiny and secondary inspections, with a special focus on Muslims and those engaged in activism related to Palestine. If you have changed your status from within the U.S. and you do not have a visa stamp reflecting that updated status, now is not the time to travel home to get your updated visa stamp. Immigration attorneys also report an increase in clients who become stuck in their home countries. But I must travel abroad. Take precautions in advance. This includes familiarizing yourself with your rights as a traveler (see below), ensuring you have redundant means of accessing your key travel and immigration documents, having someone who is not travelling with you who knows your flight times so they can flag any unexplained delays in your travel progress, and taking precautions to secure your electronic devices in advance. If you must travel, keep physical and electronic copies of all important travel and immigration documents—key among these are your passport and documents proving your status in the U.S.—in a secure and accessible location to ensure you have evidence of your status readily available. Be prepared for delays at the airport, additional scrutiny, and possible denial of re-entry. Give your itinerary to someone you trust and who will not be travelling with you. Let them know your progress, “I’m on the plane” or “we just landed.” That way if you experience delays during interactions with TSA or CBP your attorney can be quickly notified. Similarly, provide electronic copies of your important travel and immigration documents to this person so they can be quickly sent to you or your attorney if needed. If you are a non-immigrant visa holder and you are denied entry it is important to ask for the reason. There are legal differences between being refused entry, revocation of your visa, or some form of expedited removal or deportation. If you think someone you know may have been detained, contact an immigration attorney. You can also go to the ICE detainee locator system and possibly look them up. Washington D.C. Alabama Arizona California Colorado Connecticut Florida Georgia Illinois Kansas Kentucky Maryland Massachusetts Michigan Minnesota Missouri New Jersey New York North Carolina Ohio Oklahoma Pennsylvania Texas Washington I am not a U.S. citizen. Is it safe for me to travel domestically? Immigration attorneys advising CAIR are not currently reporting issues for their clients who have legal status, a valid visa, traveling within the United States. At the same time, leaving the mainland is always risky. Immigration attorneys consulted for this document included U.S. territories, Puerto Rico and Hawaii in their concerns about travel taking you outside of the mainland U.S. Do you have any specific guidance for lawful permanent residents (LPRs)? CAIR advises any lawful permanent residents (LPRs), also known as a “green card” holders, who are citizens of countries that may be targeted by the travel ban not to leave the United States unless it is necessary to do so. This can help ensure that you are not trapped overseas and banned from the U.S. if a ban comes into effect before your return trip. Past

travel bans resulted in increased detentions and secondary inspections for green card holders. CAIR advises that you do not sign an I-407 form, which is a voluntary abandonment of your status. Immigration attorneys taking part in CAIR March 25, 2025 webinar reported an increase in government officials pressuring, intimidating, and threatening LPRs to sign the form. LPRs are entitled to an immigration hearing in front of an immigration judge. You may be detained, but only a judge can remove your LPR status. If you have any type of criminal record that may also change your ability to be admitted to the U.S. There is no statute of limitations on how a past criminal record may change your LPR status. Travel with documentation proving you are a lawful permanent resident. In addition to your important travel and immigration documents this means being able to prove your continuous residence in the U.S. You can do this with a driver's license, bank statements, utility bills, or cell phone bills. Other examples would be pay stubs or tax records. Do you have any specific guidance for F1 non-immigrant student visa holders? Consult with an immigration attorney. F1 students can stay beyond the validity of the face of the visa. Their status is documented on their I-20, which shows how long the student will be in school. Despite this, attorneys report clients experiencing confusion with TSA officers. REAL ID comes into effect on May 7, 2025. If you are an F1 student and the face of your visa is expired, then travel with either a REAL ID or a state issued driver's license and ensure you have your I-20 with you. Your I-94 can also be pulled from CBP.gov. It will have a D/S notation, meaning you are allowed to be in the U.S. during the entirety of your school program. As a non-citizen what are my rights when I travel? SEE: Your Rights as an Airline Passenger SEE ALSO: Your Rights While Travelling (video) SEE ALSO: Know Your Rights with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (video) (pdf) As a non-citizen, should I take part in activism or political dissent? If you are not a citizen, this is the time to let your U.S. citizen colleagues step to the forefront. This advice applies particularly to students here on a visa. The government is not simply cancelling visas. Law enforcement officers are physically going to campuses looking for people. In at least one case, the person has been whisked away with their whereabouts were unknown for a period of time. The recently passed Laken Riley Act can result in your being potentially subject to mandatory detention and deportation if you are arrested. It does not require a conviction in and of itself. It could merely be an arrest for certain crimes. Washington D.C. Alabama Arizona California Colorado Connecticut Florida Georgia Illinois Kansas Kentucky Maryland Massachusetts Michigan Minnesota Missouri New Jersey New York North Carolina Ohio Oklahoma Pennsylvania Texas Washington President Trump's first wave of executive orders also directed federal law enforcement to investigate immigrants already legally present in the United States based on their activism and ideological views. This directive raises serious concerns about potential political targeting, surveillance, and visa revocations for those engaged in activism or political dissent. According to the executive order, the DOJ is authorized to take “relevant actions or activities” against individuals from identified countries, a broad and vague directive that could: • Lead to increased surveillance of lawful residents, visa holders, and students. • Result in denials of visa renewals, residency applications, and naturalization requests. • Enable deportation proceedings against immigrants accused of holding “hostile attitudes” or engaging in “anti-American” speech. U.S. Citizens I am a U.S. citizen. Can I travel abroad? Yes, but take precautions in advance to protect your rights. This includes familiarizing yourself with your rights as a traveler (see below), ensuring you have redundant means of accessing your key travel documents, having someone who is not travelling with you who knows your flight times so they can flag any unexplained delays in your travel progress, and taking precautions to secure your electronic devices

in advance. The U.S. Constitution only protects you while physically inside the U.S. When you are traveling, you do not have those rights. At a border, prior to entry to the country, you are still technically outside of the U.S. That said, you are only required to give your identification, where you are travelling from, and answer other basic, nondiscriminatory questions. Be prepared to be put in secondary inspection and be prepared to be asked about your electronic devices. As a U.S. citizen, what are my rights when I travel? SEE: Your Rights as an Airline Passenger SEE ALSO: Your Rights While Travelling (video) As a U.S. citizen, should I participate in activism or political dissent? “Don't shut up about the genocide. They want us to shut up about the genocide. Don't do that. That said, there are better and worse things that you can do and say and we should be strategic about it. And part of being strategic about it is knowing the different rights that you have in different situations.” – CAIR Senior Litigation Attorney Gadier Abbas Yes. Protest is an American tradition that has resulted in women getting the right to vote, ending child labor, creating the five-day work week, helping our nation exit its war with Vietnam, dismantling Jim Crow, and helping our nation end support for white supremacist apartheid in South Africa. It is never without risk. That said, the above list proves the value of engaging in this tradition. CAIR advises parents to support their citizen children in speaking out. How free speech is in the U.S. in the coming years is being decided right now. This impacts the lives your children will live. SEE: Your Rights While Protesting Washington D.C. Alabama Arizona California Colorado Connecticut Florida Georgia Illinois Kansas Kentucky Maryland Massachusetts Michigan Minnesota Missouri New Jersey New York North Carolina Ohio Oklahoma Pennsylvania Texas Washington Digital Considerations for Travellers I am a U.S. citizen. Do I have to unlock my electronic devices for immigration officers? U.S. citizens cannot be denied entry to the U.S. for refusing to produce passwords, provide device access, submit electronic devices for a search, or for refusing to answer questions unrelated to establishing the person's citizenship or identity. However, refusal to answer will likely cause delay. CBP may also seize your devices. I am a lawful permanent resident. Do I have to unlock my electronic devices for immigration officers? Lawful permanent residents who have previously been admitted to the U.S. and have maintained their status also cannot be denied entry for refusing to turn over passwords or otherwise unlock their electronic devices. LPRs only have to answer questions establishing their identity, permanent residency and other basic information about their travel, but refusal to answer additional questions will likely cause delay and further scrutiny. Do not voluntarily give up your green card or sign anything you do not understand. I have a visa. Do I have to unlock my electronic devices for immigration officers? Yes. Non-citizen visa holders may be denied entry for refusing to fully cooperate or answer questions. CBP has the authority to take your devices for inspection. They can demand you turn laptops, cell phones, tablets and other devices over. You are not required to unlock these devices for them. However, they may seize your devices if you refuse. CBP may ask you to open your device. If they open your phone, they may ask you to show it or they may plug in an AI tool that can search your phone. You are not required to unlock your phone, but if you do not, you should expect to both be detained and have the device taken from you. What if I am mistreated? Ask for the names and ID numbers of all persons involved in the incident. Be sure to write down this information. Write a statement of facts immediately after the incident. Be sure to include the flight number, the flight date and the name of the airline. Contact CAIR at www.cair.com/report or another civil rights if you feel you have been mistreated.

The Third and True Independence of Bengal*

The rapid changes in the situation in Bangladesh have left the world in awe. Analysts worldwide are astonished at how, in just a few days, middle-class students rose up like a storm, overthrowing one of South Asia's most powerful Prime Ministers. With this question in mind, a columnist reached out to some well-informed friends through digital waves.

When a Bangladeshi intellectual was asked where the student movement got its motivation from, he replied, "Many people don't realize that we are willing to go to the very end for our freedom because we are the heirs of the blood spilled by Siraj-ud-Daula and his companions in the fields of Plassey. Our youth are the sons of Waqar-ul-Mulk and Mohsin-ul-Mulk, in whose home the party was born that became the standard-bearer for the rights of Muslims across the subcontinent and liberated us from Hindu slavery. The brave youth of Bangladesh were destined to do the same."

A Bengali writer mentioned, "The spirits of Hussain Shaheed Suhrawardy, Maulvi Tamizuddin, Nurul Amin, and Fazlul Qadir Chowdhury have continuously questioned why we sided with India in breaking up Pakistan. This question hammered at our minds and weighed on our conscience, a burden that the youth have now lifted."

When a retired Bangladeshi civil servant was asked why the students destroyed the statues of Bangladesh's founder Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, he said, "The youth believed that we had been turned into a state of India, and Sheikh Mujib and his daughter Sheikh Hasina were responsible for this. The youth's hammers didn't just break the statues of Mujib and Hasina; they shattered Indian dominance."

A well-informed journalist residing in Dhaka stated that the Bengalis have achieved their

third independence on August 5th. The first was in 1947 when Muhammad Ali Jinnah and Suhrawardy freed us from Hindu majority rule. In 1971, we gained freedom from General Yahya and his clique, and now, on August 5th, the students liberated the country from Indian subjugation. Mujibur Rahman had placed us in India's lap, and his daughter had practically turned Bangladesh into an Indian colony. Ministers, generals, judges, and high officials in Bangladesh were appointed with Delhi's approval. The curriculum taught in educational institutions was prepared in India. The lava that had been simmering for decades against Indian hegemony and slavery erupted like a flood, sweeping everything away.

When I asked, "Why did such a powerful Prime Minister prove to be a wall of sand?" the response was, "The onslaught of oppression has been defeated by the outcry of patience." Abu Saeed, a student at Begum Rokeya University in Rangpur, stood tall and declared, "Shoot me, I will not back down." As soon as Abu Saeed's bloodied body hit the ground, every student in Bangladesh rose up, standing like a rock against oppression.

The Awami League's Chhatra League had instilled such fear in educational institutions that no one could dare stand against them. The Rapid Action Battalion, responsible for Hasina's personal security, had spread terror. The army, judiciary, and administration were her slaves and tools, but in the grand scheme of things, neither Hasina nor Modi's will prevails. Here, the power to say "Be" belongs to that magnificent entity who uses fragile sparrows to destroy armies of elephants. On July 20th, when Hasina unleashed all the forces of oppression, the students of Bangladesh wrote an incredible history of courage, perseverance, and sacrifice.

The young students, both male and female, kept

falling to bullets, but no one retreated. In one day, 1,500 young people were martyred, but their blood illuminated the path for the nation. At that moment, the defiant call of their brave and fearless coordinator, Naheed Islam (son of retired teacher Badar-ul-Islam), resonated across the country: "Come out of your homes, hostels, colleges, and universities, and eliminate every symbol of slavery and oppression from your land. Swear to the souls of the martyrs that we will not return until we have achieved complete freedom for our country." When millions of students took to the streets, neither the police nor the army could stand in their way.

When asked if the students were receiving support from any foreign country, the answer was, "Their sources of strength are far more powerful than any nation. They draw courage, patience, determination, and strength from Badr, Karbala, Gaza, Plassey, and the gallows of Dhaka Jail."

A Bengali friend living in London said, "This movement isn't just about ending the unjust quota system; it's about reviving the Two-Nation Theory." When I asked another Bengali intellectual the same question, he said, "Our youth felt they had many debts to pay—the debt of siding with Hindu India against Muslim Pakistan in 1971, the debt of remaining silent in the face of Sheikh Hasina's brutal repression, the debt of remaining neutral over the death of a noble figure like Professor Ghulam Azam, and the debt of failing to save the lives of venerable leaders like Abdul Quader Molla, Quamrul Islam, Ali Ahsan Mujahid, Motiur Rahman Nizami, and Mir Quasem Ali, who were hanged. On August 5th, the students repaid all those debts."

The poet Iftikhar Arif came to mind: In our love for this land, we, the passionate ones, have repaid debts that were never even due.

Yusuf Pathan

Many travellers from Kolkata and nearby regions, including those going for Umrah and Hajj, face difficulties due to the lack of a direct flight to Jeddah. Keeping this in mind, I have submitted a request to Hon'ble Civil Aviation Minister Shri Rammohan Naidu ji for a direct Kolkata–Jeddah flight. This will benefit not just pilgrims but also general passengers. Hoping for a positive step forward for the people.



SAFE DRIVING IN INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS



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

BE PREPARED

CHECK LOCAL FORECAST

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

CONDUCT PLAY OF THE DAY

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

PERFORM THOROUGH PM

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

SLOW DOWN

BE DEFENSIVE & OFFENSIVE

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

USE SAFE DRIVING TOOLS

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

SEEK COVER

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

STAY FOCUSED

MAINTAIN AWARENESS

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

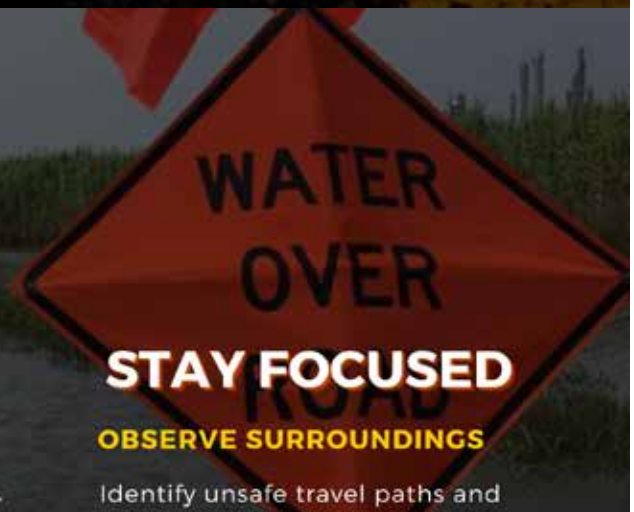
BE PROACTIVE

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

COMMUNICATE

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

HIGH WATER ON THE ROAD & AVOIDING HAZARDS



BE PREPARED

VERIFY CONDITIONS

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

ENSURE ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES

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

PLAN FOR MORE

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

SLOW DOWN

TURN AROUND

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

BE CAUTIOUS

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

HAVE A WAY TO ESCAPE

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

STAY FOCUSED

OBSERVE SURROUNDINGS

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

CALL A TIME-OUT

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

REMAIN ALERT

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

RECIPES

Aloo Chaat in Phyllo Shells

Ingredients

Ingredients:

30 phyllo shells 2 boxes
4 red potatoes medium sized
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 teaspoon cumin seeds
1 teaspoon fennel seeds
2 teaspoons ginger grated
½ teaspoon ground turmeric
2 teaspoons Kashmiri red chili powder
2 teaspoons kosher salt

Sweet Yogurt:

½ cup yogurt plain regular
½ teaspoon kosher salt
2 teaspoons sugar

To Serve:

½ cup Cilantro Mint Chutney
½ cup Tamarind Chutney
½ cup sev
½ cup pomegranate seeds

½ cup cilantro finely chopped

Instructions

Sweet yogurt

Whisk together yogurt, sugar, and salt to make a smooth paste.

Potato Filling

Add 1 cup of water to the Instant Pot. Place the trivet and place the potatoes on the trivet. Close the

Instant Pot lid with the pressure valve to sealing. Steam for 12 minutes (note: if the potatoes

are smaller reduce the cook time to 10 mins and for larger potatoes increase cook time to 15 mins). Allow natural pressure release. Open the Instant Pot, take the potatoes out, and allow them to completely cool.

Peel the potatoes once they are cool enough to handle. Cut into very small cubes or mash them.

Add oil to a medium pan and heat it. Add cumin seeds and fennel seeds and allow them to sizzle for 30 seconds. Add ginger, turmeric, red chili powder, potatoes, and salt. Mix well until all the spices are coated evenly on the potatoes. Allow the filling to cool down.

Line phyllo cups on a baking tray lined with parchment paper. Note (If you are making 2 boxes as the recipe calls for you will need 2 baking trays) Put around 2 teaspoons of potato filling inside the cups. Bake the cups at 325 degrees in a preheated oven for 15 minutes or until the sides of the cups look golden brown. Take the tray with baked cups out of the oven. Add ¼ teaspoon of green chutney, ¼ teaspoon date and tamarind chutney, and ½ teaspoon yogurt on the phyllo cups. Sprinkle with sev, pomegranate seeds, and cilantro. Serve immediately.

Tips for a party

If making homemade chutneys, make them upto a week ahead. The green chutney stays freshest when frozen. Freeze in small silicone



ice cube trays so it thaws quickly.

Sweet Yogurt can be made a day ahead and refrigerated.

Potato filling can be made a few days ahead. Refrigerated until ready to use

Make the phyllo cups with the potato filling a couple of hours ahead of time. They will stay nice and crisp.

Add the chutneys and garnishes just before serving

Gajar Halva (Carrot Pudding - an Indian Dessert)

ingredients

Units: US

6
medium carrots, shredded
2
cups half-and-half
1/2
cup packed brown sugar
1/2
cup golden raisin
1/4
cup butter or 1/4 cup margarine
1/2
teaspoon ground cardamom
1/4
teaspoon salt
1/4

cup unsalted pistachios or 1/4 cup slivered almonds

directions

Heat carrots and half-and-half to boiling in saucepan; reduce heat.

Simmer uncovered, stirring frequently, until all the half & half is absorbed, about 45 minutes.

Stir in the brown sugar, raisins, butter, cardamom and salt.

Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until all of the brown sugar is dissolved and the mixture is of your desired consistency, (pudding-like) about 15 minutes. Garnish with pistachios or slivered almonds.



Serve warm and enjoy!

IPL SCHEDULE

2025



DATE	DAY	TIME	MATCH	VENUE	DATE	DAY	TIME	MATCH	VENUE
22-MAR	SAT	7:30	KKR vs RCB	KOLKATA	20-APR	SUN	7:30	MI vs CSK	MUMBAI
23-MAR	SUN	3:30	SRH vs RR	HYDERABAD	21-APR	MON	7:30	KKR vs GT	KOLKATA
23-MAR	SUN	7:30	CSK vs MI	CHENNAI	22-APR	TUE	7:30	LSG vs DC	LUCKNOW
24-MAR	MON	7:30	DC vs LSG	VISHAKHAPATNAM	23-APR	WED	7:30	SRH vs MI	HYDERABAD
25-MAR	TUE	7:30	GT vs PBKS	AHEMDABAD	24-APR	THU	7:30	RCB vs RR	BENGALURU
26-MAR	WED	7:30	RR vs KKR	GUWAHATI	25-APR	FRI	7:30	CSK vs SRH	CHENNAI
27-MAR	THU	7:30	SRH vs LSG	HYDERABAD	26-APR	SAT	7:30	KKR vs PBKS	KOLKATA
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31-MAR	MON	7:30	MI vs KKR	MUMBAI	30-APR	WED	7:30	CSK vs PBKS	CHENNAI
1-APR	TUE	7:30	LSG vs PBKS	LUCKNOW	1-MAY	THU	7:30	RR vs MI	JAIPUR
2-APR	WED	7:30	RCB vs GT	BANGALORE	2-MAY	FRI	7:30	GT vs SRH	AHMEDABAD
3-APR	THU	7:30	KKR vs SRH	KOLKATA	3-MAY	SAT	7:30	RCB vs CSK	BANGALORE
4-APR	FRI	7:30	LSG vs MI	LUCKNOW	4-MAY	SUN	3:30	KKR vs RR	KOLKATA
5-APR	SAT	3:30	CSK vs DC	CHENNAI	4-MAY	SUN	7:30	PBKS vs LSG	DHARAMSALA
5-APR	SAT	7:30	PBKS vs RR	CHANDIGARH	5-MAY	MON	7:30	SRH vs DC	HYDERABAD
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8-APR	TUE	7:30	PBKS vs CSK	CHANDIGARH	9-MAY	FRI	7:30	LSG vs RCB	LUCKNOW
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19-APR	SAT	7:30	RR vs LSG	JAIPUR	23-MAY	FRI	7:30	QUALIFIER-2	KOLKATA
20-APR	SUN	3:30	PBKS vs RCB	CHANDIGARH	25 MAY	SUN	7:30	FINAL	KOLKATA

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IS YOUR AIRBAG DEFECTIVE?

Nearly 70 million Takata airbag inflators, in approximately 47 million vehicles, are or will be under recall in the United States by 2020.

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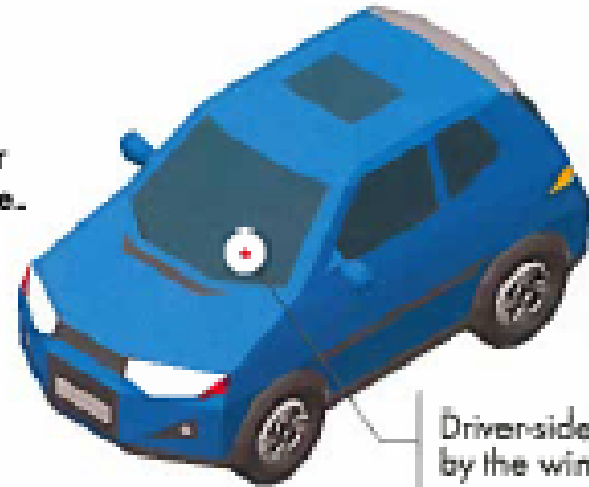
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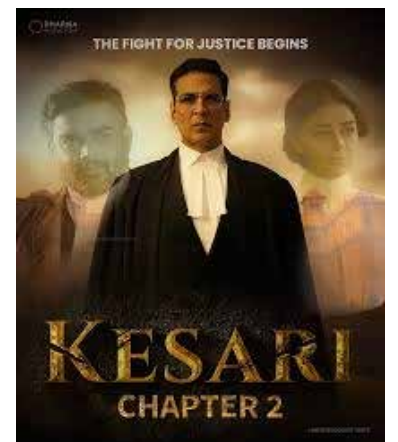
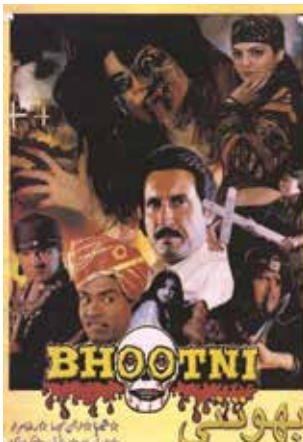
List of Bollywood films of APRIL 2025

Opening	Title	Director	Cast
A P R	10	<i>Jolly LLB 3</i>	Akshay Kumar · Arshad Warsi · Huma Qureshi · Amrita Rao · Saurabh Shukla
		<i>Jaat</i>	Sunny Deol · Randeep Hooda · Saiyami Kher
		<i>Bhool Chuk Maaf</i>	Rajkummar Rao · Wamiqa Gabbi
	11	<i>Phule</i>	Anant Mahadevan · Pratik Gandhi · Patralekha
	18	<i>Kesari Chapter 2</i>	Karan Singh Tyagi · Akshay Kumar · R. Madhavan · Ananya Panday
<i>The Bhootni</i>		Sidhaant Sachdev · Sanjay Dutt · Mouni Roy · Sunny Singh · Palak Tiwari · Beyounick · Aasif Khan	

Rajkummar Rao's 'Bhool Chuk Maaf' is Coming This April

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Arab diplomat Ibn Fadlan

In 922 CE, Arab diplomat Ibn Fadlan encountered a fascinating civilization along the Volga River - the Rus. These Nordic traders stood as tall as palm trees, with intricate blue-green tattoos covering their bodies from neck to feet.

Their most remarkable ritual was the ship burial of their chiefs. In a ceremony Ibn Fadlan witnessed, they placed the deceased chief in his ship along with his weapons and treasures. A young woman volunteered to join him in death. As flames consumed the vessel, offerings of weapons, horses, and other sacrifices joined the inferno.

The Rus were a unique blend of Scandinavian, Slavic and Finnic peoples who had established themselves as powerful traders along the Volga. Their extensive trade networks connected Northern Europe to Central Asia, dealing in everything from furs and slaves to silver.

Ibn Fadlan's detailed eyewitness account provides our clearest

window into this remarkable culture - fierce warriors and shrewd merchants who helped shape medieval trade across Eurasia. His writings remain our most vivid record of these enigmatic people who straddled the Viking and Slavic worlds.

Sources: Ibn Fadlan's Risala (Travelogue), The Vikings by Johannes Brøndsted, Thomas Noonan's research on Viking trade networks

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The Third and True Independence of Bengal

The rapid changes in the situation in Bangladesh have left the world in awe. Analysts worldwide are astonished at how, in just a few days, middle-class students rose up like a storm, overthrowing one of South Asia's most powerful Prime Ministers. With this question in mind, a columnist reached out to some well-informed friends through digital waves.

When a Bangladeshi intellectual was asked where the student movement got its motivation from, he replied, "Many people don't realize that we are willing to go to the very end for our freedom because we are the heirs of the blood spilled by Siraj-ud-Daula and his companions in the fields of Plassey. Our youth are the sons of Waqar-ul-Mulk and Mohsin-ul-Mulk, in whose home the party was born that became the standard-bearer for the rights of Muslims across the subcontinent and liberated us from Hindu slavery. The brave youth of Bangladesh were destined to do the same."

A Bengali writer mentioned, "The spirits of Hussain Shaheed Suhrawardy, Maulvi Tamizuddin, Nurul Amin, and Fazlul Qadir Chowdhury have continuously questioned why we sided with India in breaking up Pakistan. This question hammered at our minds and weighed on our conscience, a burden that the youth have now lifted."

When a retired Bangladeshi civil servant was asked why the students destroyed the statues of Bangladesh's founder Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, he said, "The youth believed that we had been turned into a state of India, and Sheikh Mujib and his daughter Sheikh Hasina were responsible for this. The youth's hammers didn't just break the statues of Mujib and Hasina; they shattered Indian dominance."

A well-informed journalist residing in Dhaka stated that the Bengalis have achieved their third independence on August 5th. The first was in 1947 when Muhammad Ali Jinnah and Suhrawardy freed us from Hindu majority rule. In 1971, we gained freedom from General Yahya and his clique, and now, on August 5th, the students liberated the country from Indian subjugation. Mujibur Rahman had placed us in India's lap, and his daughter had practically turned Bangladesh into an Indian colony. Ministers, generals, judges, and high officials in Bangladesh were appointed with Delhi's approval. The curriculum taught in educational institutions was prepared in India. The lava that had been simmering for decades against Indian hegemony and slavery erupted like a flood, sweeping everything away.

When I asked, "Why did such a powerful Prime Minister prove to be a wall of sand?" the response was, "The onslaught of oppression has been defeated by the outcry of patience." Abu Saeed, a student at Begum Rokeya University in Rangpur, stood tall and declared, "Shoot me, I will not back down." As soon as Abu Saeed's bloodied body hit the ground, every student in Bangladesh rose up, standing like a rock against oppression.

The Awami League's Chhatra League had instilled such fear in educational institutions that no one could dare stand against them. The Rapid Action Battalion, responsible for Hasina's personal security, had spread terror. The army, judiciary, and administration were her slaves and tools, but in the grand scheme of things, neither Hasina nor Modi's will prevails. Here, the power to say "Be" belongs to that magnificent entity who uses fragile sparrows to destroy armies of elephants. On July 20th, when Hasina unleashed all the forces of oppression, the stu-

dents of Bangladesh wrote an incredible history of courage, perseverance, and sacrifice.

The young students, both male and female, kept falling to bullets, but no one retreated. In one day, 1,500 young people were martyred, but their blood illuminated the path for the nation. At that moment, the defiant call of their brave and fearless coordinator, Naheed Islam (son of retired teacher Badar-ul-Islam), resonated across the country: "Come out of your homes, hostels, colleges, and universities, and eliminate every symbol of slavery and oppression from your land. Swear to the souls of the martyrs that we will not return until we have achieved complete freedom for our country." When millions of students took to the streets, neither the police nor the army could stand in their way.

When asked if the students were receiving support from any foreign country, the answer was, "Their sources of strength are far more powerful than any nation. They draw courage, patience, determination, and strength from Badr, Karbala, Gaza, Plassey, and the gallows of Dhaka Jail."

A Bengali friend living in London said, "This movement isn't just about ending the unjust quota system; it's about reviving the Two-Nation Theory." When I asked another Bengali intellectual the same question, he said, "Our youth felt they had many debts to pay—the debt of siding with Hindu India against Muslim Pakistan in 1971, the debt of remaining silent in the face of Sheikh Hasina's brutal repression, the debt of remaining neutral over the death of a noble figure like Professor Ghulam Azam, and the debt of failing to save the lives of venerable leaders like Abdul Quader Molla, Quamrul Islam, Ali Ahsan Mujahid, Motiur Rahman Nizami, and Mir Quasem Ali, who were hanged. On August 5th, the students repaid all those debts."b

Binaca Geetmala Annual List (1968)



Thumb / Rank	Song Heading	Singer / Movie	Music By / Lyricist	Actor / Category
 1	Dil Wil Pyar Vyar Main Kya Jaanu Re YouTube ✓ 🏆 ★ 3.97 - 231 votes	Lata Mangeshkar	Laxmikant Pyarelal	Saira Banu, Joy Mukherjee
		Shagird (1967)	Majrooh Sultanpuri	Romantic Songs, Ched Chad Songs
 2	Mere Samne Wali Khidki Mein Ek Chand Ka YouTube ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.43 - 425 votes	Kishore Kumar	R D Burman	Kishore Kumar, Saira Banu, Sunil Dutt
		Padosan (1968)	Rajinder Krishan	Happy Songs, Tareef Songs, Ched Chad Songs
 3	Hey, Nile Gagan Ke Tale, Dharti Ka Pyar Pale YouTube ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.39 - 1458 votes	Mahendra Kapoor	Ravi	Vimi, Raaj Kumar
		Hamraaz (1967)	Sahir Ludhianvi	Filmfare Awards Winner, Romantic Songs, Happy Songs
 4	Aajkal Tere Mere Pyaar Ke Charche Har Zabaan Par YouTube ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.16 - 809 votes	Suman Kalyanpur, Mohammed Rafi	Shankar Jaikishan	Pran, Shammi Kapoor, Mumtaz
		Brahmchari (1968)	Hasrat Jaipuri	Dance Songs, Romantic Songs
 5	Chandan Sa Badan Chanchal Chitwan - By Mukesh YouTube ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.42 - 1098 votes	Mukesh	Kalyanji Anandji	Manish, Nutan
		Saraswati Chandra (1968)	Indeevar	Romantic Songs, Tareef Songs
 6	Honthon Men Aisi Baat Main Dabaake Chali Aai YouTube ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.21 - 232 votes	Lata Mangeshkar	Sachin Dev Burman	Vyjayantimala, Dev Anand
		Jewel Thief (1967)	Majrooh Sultanpuri	Dance Songs, Raag Based Songs, Raga - Ahir Bhairav
 7	Aayi Hai Bahare Mite Zulmo Sitam YouTube ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.36 - 144 votes	Mohammed Rafi	Naushad	Mukri, Nirupa Roy, Kanhaiya Lal, Dilip Kumar, Baby Farida
		Ram Aur Shyam (1967)	Shakeel Badayuni	Happy Songs, Party Songs
 8	Milati Hai Zindagi Men Mohabbat Kabhi Kabhi YouTube ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.36 - 342 votes	Lata Mangeshkar	Ravi	Dharmendra, Mala Sinha
		Ankhen (1968)	Sahir Ludhianvi	Philosophical Songs, Romantic Songs, Raag Based Songs, Raga - Shivranjani
 9	Parde Me Rahne Do Parda Na Uthao YouTube ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.24 - 216 votes	Asha Bhosle	Shankar Jaikishan	Asha Parekh, Dharmendra Johnny Walker, Rehman, Sanjeev Kumar
		Shikar (1968)	Hasrat Jaipuri	Filmfare Awards Winner, Filmfare Awards Nominee, Dance Songs

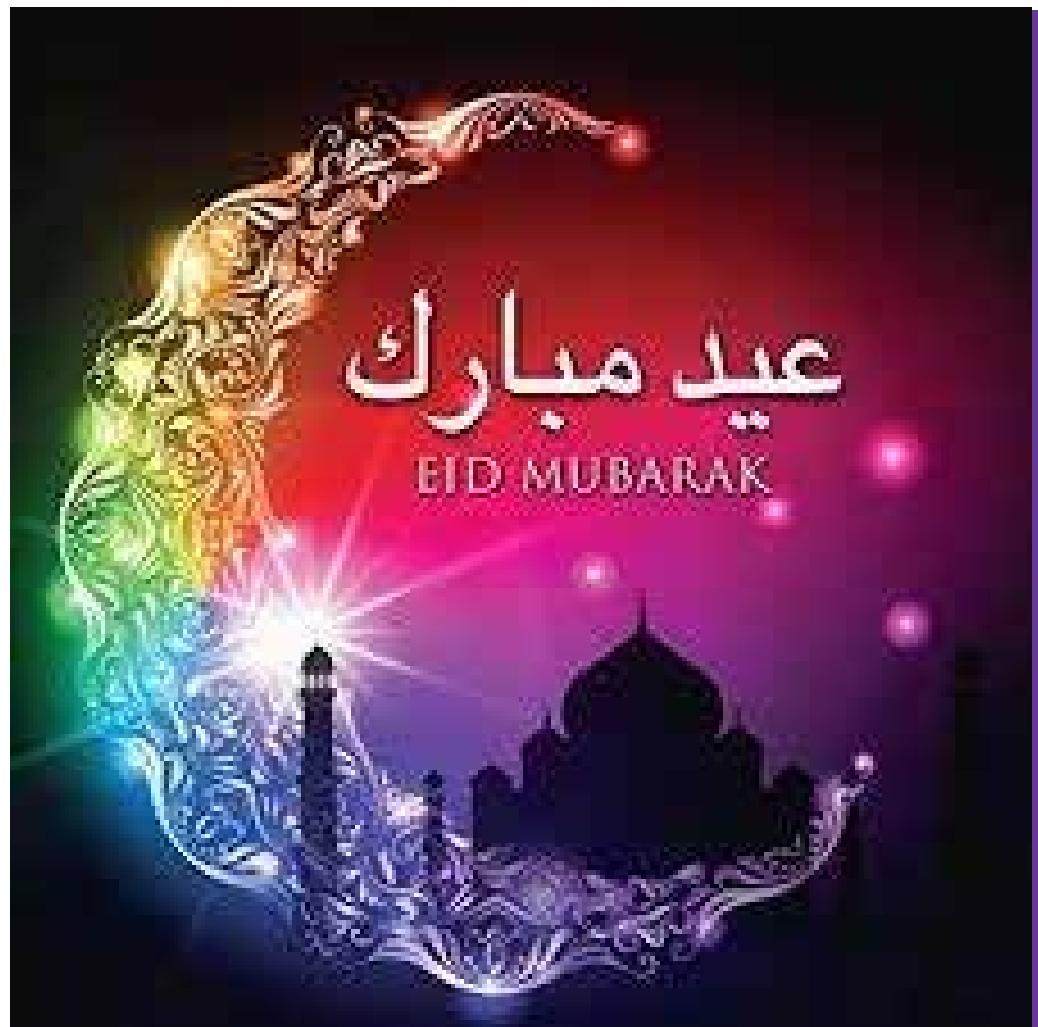
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Shia Community leader Mirza Riyaz Ul Hasan Afandi Sahab Met Aimim Asad Owais sahab Also in the picture is Shahi Roosi Restaurants Owner Mirza Zaki Sahab



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سلمان خان نے 'سکندر' کی کمائی کے بارے میں پیش گوئی کر دی

بالی ووڈ سپر اسٹار سلمان خان نے عید ریلیز 'سکندر' کی کمائی کے بارے میں پیش گوئی کر دی۔ اس سے کوئی فرق نہیں پڑتا کہ فلم اچھی ہو یا بری۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اب یہ تعداد 200



کر دی۔ اداکار سلمان خان نے کہا ہے کہ اپنی آسے والی عید پر ریلیز ہونے والی فلم 'سکندر' کے لیے باکس آفس پر 200 کروڑ روپے کمانے کی پیش گوئی کی ہے۔ سکندر کے ٹریلر لانچ ایونٹ کے دوران سلمان خان نے فلم کے باکس آفس کلیمیشن کے حوالے سے ایک جرات مندانہ پیش گوئی کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ سکندر آسای سے 200 کروڑ کمالے گی چاہے یہ دیکھنے کے قابل ہی کیوں نہ ہو۔ سلمان خان نے کہا کہ چاہے عید، دیوالی، نیا سال، تہوار، غیر تہوار ہو، یہ لوگوں کی محبت ہے فلم اچھی ہو یا نہ ہو وہ 100 کروڑ تو بزنس کروانی دیتے ہیں بنے گی۔

عمران ہاشمی کی 'آوارہ پن 2' کا ٹیزر جاری، ریلیز کی تاریخ کا بھی اعلان

اداکار عمران ہاشمی کی ہر فلم ہٹ ہونے کے ساتھ ساتھ ان کی فلم کے تمام گانے بھی سپر ہٹ ہوتے ہیں جبکہ وہ اپنے کسی بھی گانے کو ہٹ بنانے کے لیے اس میں کوئی پر جوش ڈانس کرتے بھی دکھائی نہیں دیتے۔ اداکار اپنے فلمی کیریئر میں ایسے متعدد کردار کر چکے ہیں جو فینز کے ذہنوں میں ان مٹ نقش چھوڑ گئے ہیں۔ 46 ویں سالگرہ پر عمران ہاشمی نے 2007 کی 'آوارہ پن' کے سیکول بنا کر اعلان کیا انہوں نے فلم کا آفیشل ٹیزر پن 2 کا ٹیزر اصل فلم کے ساتھ پیش کیا گیا ہے اور اس ہے کہ سیکول سے کیا توقع کی ہاشمی کا کردار ایک کشتی پر کھڑا غروب ہونے کا منظر دکھ رہا ہے۔ اس کے علاوہ وہ ایک پنجرے میں بند پرندے کو آزاد کرتے ہوئے یہ الفاظ دہراتے ہیں کہ 'کسی نے کہا تھا کہ ایک مظلوم کو آزاد کرنے کا مطلب ہے ساری انسانیت کو آزاد کرنا۔ پھر ٹیزر میں عمران ہاشمی کی آواز میں ایک اور ڈائیلاگ سننے کو ملا کہ کسی اور کی زندگی کے لیے مرنا ہی میری منزل ہے۔ ٹیزر کا اختتام 'آوارہ پن 2' کا سفر جاری ہے کے الفاظ کے ساتھ کیا گیا اور 2007 کی فلم کا مشہور گانا 'تیرا میرا رشتہ' پس منظر میں چلتا ہے۔ فینز کیلئے تجھے کی صورت میں شیئر کیے گئے پوسٹ کے فلم کا مشہور ڈائیلاگ بطور کیپشن لکھا کہ بس مجھے کچھ اور دیر زندہ رکھ اور پھر لکھا کہ 'آوارہ پن 2' 3 اپریل 2026 کو سینما گھروں کی زینت بنے گی۔



اے آروائی ڈیجیٹل کے نئے ڈرامہ سیریل 'پرورش' کے ٹیزر جاری کر دیا گیا ہے

ڈرامہ سیریل 'پرورش' میں شمر جعفری اور عینا آصف مرکزی کردار نبھائیں گے جس کی دیگر کاسٹ میں نعمان اعجاز، سویرا ندیم و دیگر شامل ہیں۔ نعمان اعجاز اور سویرا ندیم، شمر جعفری کے والدین کا کردار نبھائیں گے۔ آصف کو ان کی مداح دکھایا گیا ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ عینا آصف اور شمر جعفری نے ڈرامہ سیریل 'مائی ری' میں مرکزی کردار نبھایا تھا جسے



جعفری کے والدین کا کردار نبھائیں گے۔ مداحوں کی جانب سے بھرپور پذیرائی ملی تھی۔ ڈرامہ سیریل 'پرورش' بگ بینک پروڈکشن کے بینر تلے ریلیز کیا جائے گا۔ پرورش کی کہانی نوجوان کی جدوجہد کو بیان کرے گی

شہناز بیگم: وہ گلوکارہ جنہیں پاکستانی قوم کبھی فراموش نہیں کر سکتی

ملی نعمات سوہنی دھرتی اور جیوے پاکستان بطور گلوکارہ شہناز بیگم کی وجہ شہرت ہیں۔ مسور کن آواز کی مالک شہناز بیگم کا تعلق مشرقی پاکستان سے تھا جو بنگلہ دیش بننے کے بعد اپنے آبائی وطن میں جا بسی تھیں اور وہیں 23 مارچ 2019 کو ان کا انتقال ہوا۔ گلوکارہ شہناز بیگم مشرقی پاکستان کی وہ پہلی فن کار تھیں سے "جیوے جیوے پاکستان، اور سوہنی دھرتی اللہ رکھے" سنانے کی فرمائش کی جاتی تھی۔ بد قسمتی سے دونوں ممالک کے درمیان جو سیاسی کھنچاؤ اور لوگوں میں جو دوریاں رہیں، اس پر گلوکارہ کو بنگلہ دیش میں مطعون بھی کیا جاتا رہا اور وہاں مخصوص ذہنیت نے انہیں غدار مشہور کر دیا، مگر شہناز بیگم نے اس کی کبھی



پروا نہیں کی۔ وہ پاکستان آمد پر یہاں کے لوگوں کی فرمائش پر یہ ملی نعمات ضرور پیش کرتی تھیں۔ شہناز بیگم کا اصل نام شہناز رحمت اللہ تھا۔ وہ 1952ء میں مشرقی پاکستان کے شہر ڈھاکہ کے ایک متوسط گھرانے میں پیدا ہوئیں۔ شہناز بیگم نے اسکول کے زمانے میں گانا شروع کر دیا تھا۔ وہ دس سال کی تھیں جب ریڈیو پاکستان، ڈھاکہ اسٹیشن سے ایک پروگرام کا حصہ بنیں اور بنگلہ زبان میں پاکستانی قومی نغمہ گایا۔ 65ء کی جنگ میں بھی انہوں نے اپنی آواز میں گانے ریکارڈ کروائے اور خوب داد و تحسین وصول کی۔

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شاعر و ادیب

کھرا سچ



ایکشن ایڈویٹرز سے کہتا ہوں کہ اگر ایکشن جیتتا ہے تو پھر صدر ٹرمپ کی طرح اس کی ذہنیت اور اتنے ہی اسٹائلش کمرشل ایکشن مہم چلائیں۔ چاہے وہ کسی بھی نوعیت کی ہو کیونکہ اب اینٹ کا جواب پتھر سے دینا ہے۔ میں یہ تو نہیں کہتا کہ اگر میں جو بائیڈن ہوتا بلکہ یہ کہتا ہوں کہ اگر میں اس کے ایکشن کی مہم اور اشتہار، تقاریر کے بارے میں ایڈائزر ہوتا تو پھر کہتا کہ یار و شریف اور شرافت والی بات نہیں صدر ٹرمپ کے لیول پر آ کر بات کرنا اور بحث مباحثہ کرنا ضروری ہے ایسے ہی اس کو کو گینز بک آف ورلڈ میں نام آنا چاہیے۔ سفید آدمی کے سفید جھوٹ، چارسال اور اس کی حکومت رہے تو سمجھ لیں کہ تعصب اور رنگ و نسل کا مسئلہ ایسے ہی بڑھ جائے گا جیسا کہ ہمارے کراچی میں 1970 کے زمانہ میں مہاجر، سندھی، پٹھان وغیرہ کا سلسلہ چل پڑا تو ہم امریکا آ گئے اب ٹرمپ اور مودی کی کشمیر کی پالیسیاں بھی یہی کہتی ہیں کہ آگے بڑھے اور سچ کا ساتھ دیں۔ ویسے بھی مودی اور ٹرمپ کے ستارے ایک جیسے ہیں ایسی لیے دونوں کے کرتوت بھی سارے ایک جیسے ہیں انشاء اللہ پھر ملاقات ہوگی مشورے سے نوازیں۔

ہیں۔ میں نے سوچا کہ طنز و مزاح کا سہارا لے کر حقیقت اور سچائی پر کچھ لکھ دیا جائے۔ میاں امریکا میں موجود حالات میں ایک نئی تاریخ لکھا جا رہی ہے۔ اس لیے کہ صدر ٹرمپ نے سعودی بادشاہوں اور ڈکٹیٹرز کے طور پر اپنی ہر بات منوانے کی مہم چلائی ہوئی ہے اسی طرح سے پرانے زمانے نئے زمانے کے شیخ اور بادشاہ کی طرح اپنے دربار سے شاہی فرمان جاری ہوتے ہیں۔ جو فیصلے کانگریس کو پاس کرا کر پھر قانون بنانے کے بجائے ان کو صدر ٹرمپ ایک طرف کر کے اپنا فرمان ایگزیکٹو آڈر نکال کر پریس کانفرنس میں دکھا دیتا ہے۔ میں نے پہلے بھی کہا تھا کہ میں نے کافی فنکاروں کے ساتھ پروگرام کیے ہیں اور یہ امریکن صدر بھی خود کو بڑا فنکار اور آرٹسٹ سمجھتا ہے اس کی اس کو صرف اپنی شخصیت اور اپنے فائدے اور نمبر بڑھانے کی فکر رہتی ہے۔ عوام کو رونا اور دوسرے مسائل ایک طرف میں ڈیموکریٹک پارٹی کے کانگریس اور دوسرے عہدہ داران اور



ان سے ملاقات رہی اور پروگرام کے دوران میں نے اپنی کتاب روشن خیال ان کو پیش کی اور کہا۔ اس میں وہ میری تحریر ضرور پڑھیں اگر میں جنرل مشرف ہوتا کیونکہ 11 ستمبر کے بعد پاکستان کے ساتھ امریکہ کا رویہ سب کے سامنے تھا۔ تو خیر میں نے لکھ دیا تھا کہ وہ کیا کر سکتے تھے پاکستان اور پاکستانیوں کے لیے ان حالات میں ادھر آج کل امریکا

یہ اس زمانے کی بات ہے جب ہم شکاگو کے ایک اردو اخبار میں ہفتہ وار کالم لکھا کرتے تھے۔ ایک مرتبہ ہمارا کالم شائع ہوا تو اتفاق دیکھئے کہ اسی صفحے پر جنرل پرویز مشرف صاحب کے دورہ امریکا کی خبر بھی تھی۔ ان کی اور ہماری تصویر میں شبہت کے بارے میں کچھ فون کال اور ای میل بھی دوستوں نے کئے۔ ہمارے کچھ رشتہ داروں نے بھی اکثر محفل میں ذکر کیا ہماری شکل جنرل پرویز مشرف صاحب سے ملتی جلتی ہے۔ اس زمانے میں کچھ ہمارا ہیرا سائل اور حلیہ بھی کچھ ایسے ہی تھا۔ یہ سن کر اتنا تعجب نہیں ہوا۔ کیونکہ اس سے قبل نوید مشرف (جنرل مشرف کے بھائی) نے ایک ملاقات کے دوران کچھ ایسا ہی کہا تھا۔ یہ ہمارے لیے ایک اعزاز سے کم نہیں تھا۔ کہاں وہ فوج اور قوم کے ہیرو، ملک کے صدر اور کہاں ہم۔ ہمارے لیے تو اتنا ہی کافی تھا کہ تھوڑی بہت شکل ان سے ملتی ہے کیونکہ میں وہ تو نہیں ہوں جو ہر کسی میں نظر آؤں جس نام کا ولی ہوں سوچتا ہوں کدھر جاؤں شکاگو میں جب جنرل پرویز مشرف تشریف لائے تو ہماری بھی



میں صدارتی انتخابات ہو رہے ہیں ڈیموکریٹک پارٹی کے امیدواروں جو بائیڈن اور صدر ٹرمپ آمنے سامنے

اپنے بچوں کو اردو پڑھائیے

اردو ایک زندہ زبان ہے

اس کی تشہیر کیجئے

حفاظت حمل کے لئے دُعا

اللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَحْمِلُ كُلُّ أُنْثَىٰ وَمَا تَغِيضُ الْأَرْحَامُ وَمَا تَزْدَادُ ۗ وَكُلُّ شَيْءٍ عِنْدَهُ بِمِقْدَارٍ ﴿٨﴾ (پارہ ۱۳، سورہ الرعد، آیت ۸)
فضیلت: روزانہ حفاظت حمل کے لئے یہ آیت 25 دفعہ تین ماہ تک پڑھا کریں ان شاء اللہ حمل ٹھہر جائے گا۔

❖ رَبِّ هَبْ لِي مِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ ﴿١٠﴾ (پ ۲۳، سورہ الصّٰفّٰت)

فضیلت: یہ دُعا حضرت ابراہیم علیہ السلام پڑھتے تھے جس کی وجہ سے اللہ تعالیٰ نے ان کو اولاد عطا فرمائی۔ کوئی بے اولاد شخص خلوص نیت سے ہر نماز کے بعد یہ دُعا پڑھے تو ان شاء اللہ اس کو اولاد صالح ہوگی۔

❖ فَكَشَفْنَا عَنْكَ غِطَاءَكَ فَبَصَرُكَ الْيَوْمَ حَدِيدٌ ﴿٢٢﴾ (پ ۲۶، سورہ ق)

فضیلت: یہ دُعا کو ہر فرض نماز کے بعد گیارہ مرتبہ پڑھ کر آنکھوں پر دم کریں، ان شاء اللہ آنکھوں کی روشنی تیز ہوگی۔

جادو کے اثر کو کم کرنے کی دُعا

قُلْنَا لَا تَخَفْ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْأَعْلَىٰ ﴿٦٨﴾ وَالْقِ مَافِي يَمِينِكَ تَلْقَفْ مَا صَنَعُوا ۗ وَإِنَّمَا صَنَعُوا كَيْدٌ سُلْجِطٌ
 وَلَا يُفْلِحُ السَّاجِرُ حَيْثُ أَتَىٰ ﴿٦٩﴾ (پ ۱۶، سورہ طہ)

فضیلت: یہ دُعا پڑھتے رہنے سے جادو کا اثر جلد چلا جاتا ہے۔ اگر کسی کو جادو کر دیا گیا ہو تو روزانہ 11 مرتبہ پڑھ کر دم کرنے سے، ان شاء اللہ جادو کا اثر ختم ہو جاتا ہے۔

درودِ اعلیٰ

صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا يَنْبَغِي الصَّلَاةَ عَلَيْهِ

فضیلت: امام شافعی رحمۃ اللہ علیہ نے ایک بزرگ کو خواب میں دیکھا اور فرمایا اللہ نے تم سے کیا معاملہ فرمایا: جواب دیا کہ مجھ کو بخش دیا اور اعلیٰ مرتبہ دیا۔

یہ درود شریف جو میں پڑھتا تھا اس کی برکت سے اللہ تعالیٰ نے مجھے جنت میں اعلیٰ مقام عطا فرمایا۔

❖ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً مِّن رَّبِّكَ ۗ إِنَّ فَضْلَهُ كَانَ عَلَيْكَ كَبِيرًا ﴿١٥﴾ (پ ۱۵، سورہ بنی اسرائیل)

فضیلت: یہ دُعا پڑھتے رہنے سے ہر پریشانی دور ہوتی ہے۔

تندرست رہنے کی دُعا

فَأَقِمْ وَجْهَكَ لِلدِّينِ حَنِيفًا ۗ فِطْرَتَ اللَّهِ الَّتِي فَطَرَ النَّاسَ عَلَيْهَا ۗ لَا تَبْدِيلَ لِخَلْقِ اللَّهِ ۗ ذَٰلِكَ الدِّينُ الْقَيِّمُ ۗ
 وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٣٠﴾ (پ ۲۱، سورہ الروم)

فضیلت: یہ دُعا صبح و شام 3، 3 دفعہ پڑھتے رہنے سے اس کے تمام اعضاء ان شاء اللہ مرتے دم تک تندرست رہیں گے۔

❖ يَفْرَحُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٣١﴾ بِنَصْرِ اللَّهِ ۗ يَنْصُرُ مَن يَشَاءُ ۗ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الرَّحِيمُ ﴿٣٢﴾ (پ ۲۱، سورہ الروم)

فضیلت: یہ دُعا روزانہ پڑھتے رہنے سے اس کی ہر مشکل آسان ہو جاتی ہے، ہر جائز مراد حاصل ہوتی ہے۔

ماہِ رمضان کے بعد معمولاتِ زندگی اور ہماری ذمہ داریاں

سکتا، جن کی دیگر دنوں میں اجازت ہے۔ اس چھوٹے روزے کی پابندیاں محدود ہیں۔ یہ رمضان کا روزہ ہے۔ یہ روزہ طلوع فجر سے شروع ہو کر غروب آفتاب پر ختم ہو جاتا ہے۔ رمضان کے اس چھوٹے روزے کی افطاری لذیذ غذائیں اور عمدہ مشروب ہیں۔ یہ روزہ کھجور اور ٹھنڈے پانی سے کھلتا ہے۔ اس چھوٹے روزے کا حکم اس کی پابندیاں سب کو معلوم ہیں۔ سب روزے داران تمام چیزوں سے بچتے ہیں، جو ممنوع ہیں۔ یہ چھوٹا روزہ پانی پینے، کھانا کھانے سے ٹوٹ جاتا ہے۔ رمضان کا یہ چھوٹا روزہ اگر غروب آفتاب سے ایک سینکڑے پہلے بھی کھول لیا تو یہ ٹوٹ جائے گا اور سارے دن کی بھوک پیاس کی محنت مشقت بیکار چلی جائے گی، وغیرہ وغیرہ۔ بڑا روزہ اسلام کا روزہ ہے۔ اسلام خود ایک روزہ ہے۔ یہ اس وقت شروع ہوتا ہے، جب کوئی بچہ مسلمان گھرانے میں پیدا ہوتا ہے۔ اس کی سحری انسان کی پہلی سانس سے شروع ہوتی ہے۔ یہ بڑا روزہ مومن کے آفتاب عمر کے غروب ہونے پر ختم ہوگا۔ یہ بڑا روزہ ایمان والے کی پوری زندگی پر محیط ہے، اس کا دورانیہ 60 سال، 70 سال، 80 سال اور 100 سال تک یا اس سے بھی زیادہ ہو سکتا ہے۔ زندگی کا یہ طویل روزہ کس چیز سے کھلے گا؟ جناب رسول اللہ ﷺ کے دست مبارک سے جام کوثر سے کھلے گا۔ اگر وہ روزہ پکا ہے اور آپ نے اس روزے کی شرائط پوری کر دی ہیں۔ محض اللہ کی توفیق اور اس کے فضل و کرم سے ہم دنیا سے کلمہ پڑھتے ہوئے گئے۔ تو وہ بڑا روزہ اس وقت ختم ہو جاتا ہے اس کا افطار اس کی ضیافت یہی کلمہ طیبہ ہے۔

یعنی شیطان ہم سے مایوس نہیں ہوا ہے۔ وہ ہمیں رمضان میں نیکیوں سے روکنے پر تو قادر نہیں ہو سکا، لیکن وہ ہماری ان نیکیوں کو چاند رات کو آزاد ہوتے ہی ضائع کرنے کی سر توڑ کوششوں میں مصروف رہا، لہذا رمضان کی ان نیکیوں اور تقویٰ کو شیطان کے ہاتھوں ضائع ہونے سے بچانا اس وقت ہمارا اہم ترین



بہف ہونا چاہیے۔ رمضان کی اس تیس روزہ مشقت و محنت اور ری فریشر کورس کا تقاضا بھی یہی ہے کہ ہم اپنی زندگی کے آئندہ گیارہ مہینوں میں حرام اشیاء اور اللہ تعالیٰ کی طرف سے منع کردہ تمام امور سے اسی طرح اجتناب کریں جیسے ہم نے روزے کی حالت میں اجتناب کیا تھا۔ اسی کا نام تقویٰ ہے، جو روزے کا اولین مقصد الہی ہے۔ عالم اسلام کے مشہور و معروف اسکالر مولانا ابوالحسن علی ندویؒ نے دو روزے کے خوب صورت عنوان اور چھوٹا روزہ، بڑا روزہ کے دل نشین استعارے میں گفتگو کی ہے۔ گفتگو کا خلاصہ یہ ہے: ”روزے دو طرح کے ہیں، ایک چھوٹا اور ایک بڑا۔ چھوٹا روزہ 12 گھنٹے یا 13 گھنٹے کا ہوتا ہے، اس چھوٹے روزے کا قانونی ضابطہ یہ ہے کہ اس روزے میں آدمی کھانی نہیں سکتا اور تعلقات کا لطف حاصل نہیں کر

اس کی حفاظت ہوتا ہے۔ بعض اوقات تو اس کی حفاظت ہی زندگی کا مقصد بن جاتا ہے۔ بعینہ دنیا کی کسی بھی قیمتی شے سے زیادہ قیمتی اور اہم ہماری وہ نیکیاں ہیں، جو ہم نے رمضان میں کیں اور انعام الہی کے طور پر پائیں۔ ہم نے بہ توفیق الہی رمضان کے روزے رکھے، نمازیں ادا کیں، تراویح

پڑھی، تہجد ادا کی، تلاوت قرآن کی، اعتکاف کیا، طاق راتوں میں شب قدر کے حصول کے لئے شب بیداری کی، نوافل ادا کیے، استغفار کی، کلمہ طیبہ کا ورد کیا، درود شریف پڑھا، اس سب کے ساتھ اپنے بھائیوں کے ساتھ ہم دردی و غم گساری کا برتاؤ کیا، زکوٰۃ ادا کی، صدقہ و خیرات اور انفاق کیا۔ صرف یہی نہیں، بلکہ ہم نے رمضان اور روزے میں ہر اس چیز کو بدرجہ اولیٰ ترک کیا، جسے اللہ نے حرام کیا ہے۔ ہم نے ہر وہ کام چھوڑ دیا، جسے اللہ نے ناپسند کیا ہے۔ ہم نے رمضان اور روزے کی حالت میں جھوٹ، غیبت، بد نظری، رشوت، کم تولنا، ملاوٹ کرنا اور ذخیرہ اندوزی جسے تمام قبیح کاموں کو ترک کیا۔ ہم نے چھوٹے بڑے، کھلے اور چھپے ہر گناہ سے کنارہ کشی اختیار کی، مگر اس سب کے باوجود یاد رکھیے کہ ہمارا دشمن ہماری نیکیوں کو لوٹنے والا ڈاکو، لٹیہرا

بجائیت امت مسلمہ ہم رجب کے مہینے میں سنت نبوی ﷺ کی اتباع میں بارگاہ الہی میں جو دعا کر رہے تھے کہ اے اللہ رجب اور شعبان میں ہمارے اعمال میں وہ برکت عطا فرما کہ جس کے سہارے ہم رمضان میں داخل ہو سکیں۔ اللہ نے ہماری یہ دعا قبول کی اور ہم بحالت ایمان رمضان میں داخل ہو کر رحمت و برکت مغفرت و سعادت کے انعامات الہی سے مالا مال ہوئے، لیکن ایک لمحے کو رک کر جب پیچھے مڑ کر دیکھتے ہیں، تو معلوم ہوتا ہے کہ وہ ماہِ صیام جس کا گیارہ مہینے سے انتظار تھا، وہ آیا اور ہوا کے ایک خوشگوار جھونکے کی مانند ہمیں ہر نعمتِ خداوندی سے سرفراز و سرشار اور مالا مال کر کے گزر گیا۔ رمضان میں اللہ تعالیٰ نے دین دنیا اور آخرت کے خزانوں کے منہ ہمارے لئے کھول دیئے، ہم نے ذرہ مانگا، اس نے پہاڑ دے دیئے، ہم نے قطرہ مانگا، اس نے سمندر بہا دیئے اور بیش بہا انعامات سے مالا مال کر دیا۔ اس نے ہمیں دیتے ہوئے یہ بھی نہیں دیکھا کہ کس کا رمضان اعمال کے اعتبار سے کتنا وزنی یا بھاری ہے، نہ اس نے نیک دیکھا، نہ بد، نہ عابد و زاہد، نہ گناہ گار، بس وہ تو رمضان میں اپنے بندوں پر اپنی رحمتیں برساتا رہا، مغفرتیں عطا کرتا رہا، نعمتوں سے نوازتا رہا، ہمیں دوزخ سے آزاد کرتا رہا، جنت میں داخل کرتا رہا۔ بلاشبہ، رمضان کے اختتام پر ہمیں اللہ کی جانب سے گناہوں سے پاکی، نجات اور خلاصی کا پروانہ مغفرت کی شکل میں عطا ہوا۔ یاد رکھیے جس کے پاس جتنا قیمتی سرمایہ ہوتا ہے، وہ اس کی حفاظت کے لئے اتنا ہی فکر مند، چوکس اور ہوشیار ہوتا ہے۔ کسی قیمتی شے کو پالینے سے زیادہ مشکل کام



ولی الدین

عید ملن

چوڑی کھنک اٹھی دل زور سے دکھڑکا
جب ہاتھ اٹھا کے آداب کیا اس نے
ایک چنگاری سی بھڑکی ایک شعلہ ساپکا
ہستی کو میری مست شراب کیا اس نے
قربت 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



سو یوں کی عید ہو یا بکروں کی عید ہو
اپنی تو ہوتی ہے عید جب ان کی دید ہو



بشیر بدر

غزل

مجھ سے بچھڑ کے خوش رہتے ہو
میری طرح تم بھی جھوٹے ہو
اک دیوار پہ چاند ٹکا تھا
میں یہ سمجھا تم بیٹھے ہو
اجلے اجلے پھول کھلے تھے
بالکل جیسے تم بنتے ہو
مجھ کو شام بتا دیتی ہے
تم کیسے کپڑے پہنے ہو
دل کا حال پڑھا چہرے سے
ساحل سے لہریں گنتے ہو
تم تنہا دنیا سے لڑو گے
بچوں سی باتیں کرتے ہو



افتخار امام صدیقی

غزل

تو نہیں تو زندگی میں اور کیا رہ جائے گا
دور تک تنہائیوں کا سلسلہ رہ جائے گا
کیجئے کیا گفتگو کیا ان سے مل کر سوچنے
دل شکستہ خواہشوں کا ذائقہ رہ جائے گا
درد کی ساری تہیں اور سارے گزرے حادثے
سب دھواں ہو جائیں گے اک واقعہ رہ جائے گا
یہ بھی ہوگا وہ مجھے دل سے بھلا دے گا مگر
یوں بھی ہوگا خود اسی میں اک خلا رہ جائے گا
دائرے انکار کے اقرار کی سرگوشیاں
یہ اگر ٹوٹے کبھی تو فاصلہ رہ جائے گا



عبدالاحد ساز

غزل

سوچ کر بھی کیا جانا جان کر بھی کیا پایا
جب بھی آئینہ دیکھا خود کو دوسرا پایا
ہونٹ پر دیا رکھنا دل جلوں کی شوخی ہے
ورنہ اس اندھیرے میں کون مسکرا پایا
بول تھے دو انوں کے جن سے ہوش والوں نے
سوچ کے دھندلوں میں اپنا راستہ پایا
اہتمام دستک کا اپنی وضع تھی ورنہ
ہم نے در رسائی کا بارہا کھلا پایا
فلسفوں کے دھاگوں سے کھینچ کر سرا دل کا
وہم سے حقیقت تک ہم نے سلسلہ پایا
عمر یا زمانے کا کھیل ہے بہانے کا
سب نے ماجرا دیکھا کس نے مدعا پایا
شاعری طلب اپنی شاعری عطا اس کی
حوصلے سے کم مانگا ظرف سے سوا پایا
ساز جب کھلا ہم پر شعر کوئی غالب کا
ہم نے گویا باطن کا اک سراغ سا پایا



عمار اقبال

غزل

تخیل کو بری کرنے لگا ہوں
میں ذہنی خود کشی کرنے لگا ہوں
مجھے زندہ جلایا جا رہا ہے
تو کیا میں روشنی کرنے لگا ہوں
میں آئینوں کو دیکھے جا رہا تھا
اب ان سے بات بھی کرنے لگا ہوں
تمہاری بس تمہاری دشمنی میں
میں سب سے دوستی کرنے لگا ہوں
مجھے گمراہ کرنا غیر ممکن
میں اپنی پیروی کرنے لگا ہوں



ساغر صدیقی

غزل

ایک وعدہ ہے کسی کا جو وفا ہوتا نہیں
ورنہ ان تاروں بھری راتوں میں کیا ہوتا نہیں
جی میں آتا ہے الٹ دیں ان کے چہرے سے نقاب
حوصلہ کرتے ہیں لیکن حوصلہ ہوتا
نہیں شمع جس کی آبرو پر جان دے دے جھوم کر
وہ پتنگا جل تو جاتا ہے فنا ہوتا نہیں
اب تو مدت سے رہ و رسم نظارہ بند ہے
اب تو ان کا طور پر بھی سامنا ہوتا نہیں
ہر شاور کو نہیں ملتا تلاطم سے خراج
ہر سفینے کا محافظ ناخدا ہوتا نہیں
ہر بھکاری پا نہیں سکتا مقام خواجگی
ہر کس و ناکس کو تیرا غم عطا ہوتا نہیں
ہائے یہ بیگانی اپنی نہیں مجھ کو خبر
ہائے یہ عالم کہ تو دل سے جدا ہوتا نہیں
بارہا دیکھا ہے ساعر رہ گزار عشق میں
کارواں کے ساتھ اکثر رہنا ہوتا نہیں



عبدالاحد ساز

غزل

عزیز اتنا ہی رکھو کہ جی سنبھل جائے
اب اس قدر بھی نہ چاہو کہ دم نکل جائے
ٹلے ہیں یوں تو بہت آؤ اب ملیں یوں بھی
کہ روح گرمی انفاس سے پگھل جائے
محبتوں میں عجب ہے دلوں کو دھڑکا سا
کہ جانے کون کہاں راستہ بدل جائے
زہے وہ دل جو تمنائے تازہ تر میں رہے
خوشا وہ عمر جو خوابوں ہی میں بہل جائے
میں وہ چراغ سر رہ گزار دنیا ہوں
جو اپنی ذات کی تنہائیوں میں جل جائے
ہر ایک لحظہ یہی آرزو یہی حسرت
جو آگ دل میں ہے وہ شعر میں بھی ڈھل جائے



سدرشن فاخر

غزل

عشق میں غیرت جذبات نے رونے نہ دیا
ورنہ کیا بات تھی کس بات نے رونے نہ دیا
آپ کہتے تھے کہ رونے سے نہ بدلیں گے نصیب
عمر بھر آپ کی اس بات نے رونے نہ دیا
رونے والوں سے کہو ان کا بھی رونا رو لیں
جن کو مجبوری حالات نے رونے نہ دیا
تجھ سے مل کر ہمیں رونا تھا بہت رونا تھا
تنگی وقت ملاقات نے رونے نہ دیا
ایک دو روز کا صدمہ ہو تو رو لیں فاخر
ہم کو ہر روز کے صدمات نے رونے نہ دیا



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 Where do waiters with on leg work? IHOP.
 How does NASA organize a party? They planet.
 What did the janitor say when he jumped out of the closet? Supplies!!
 How do scientists freshen their breath? Experiments.
 Why don't scientists trust atoms? They make up everything.
 What is the best way to criticize your boss? Very quietly.
 What do you call a magician who has lost his magic? Ian.
 How do you measure a snake? In inches because they don't have feet.
 What's the difference between a hippo and a zippo? One is super heavy; the other is a little lighter.
 What do you call a toothless grizzly? Gummy bear.
 What do you call a pig that's a black belt? A pork chop.
 What do you call a fish with no eyes? Fsh.
 What do you call a dog magician? A labracadabrador.
 What did the buffalo say when his son went to college? Bison.
 When does a joke become a "dad" joke? When it becomes apparent.
 How come it was called the "Dark Ages"? There were a lot of knights.
 What's the difference between a poorly dressed man on a unicycle and a well-dressed man on a



bicycle? Attire.
 I stayed up one night wondering where the sun was. Finally, it dawned on me.
 What do you call fake fettuccine? Impasta.
 Why did the cowboy get a wiener dog? He wanted to get a long little doggie.
 Why are crabs bad at sharing. They're shellfish.
 I tried to catch fog. Mist.
 Why did the banana skip school? It wasn't peeling well.
 Why did the ghost go to rehab? He was addicted to boos.
 How do you find Will Smith in the snow? Look for fresh prints.
 Where do bad rainbows go? Prism where they serve a light sentence.
 What happens when a frog's car breaks down? It gets toad.
 What did the ocean say to the ocean? Nothing. It just waved.
 What's the best thing about Switzerland? No idea, but their flag is a big plus.
 Why isn't Dracula married? He's a real pain in

the neck.
 Want to hear a joke about the roof? The first one is on the house.
 How come teddy bears refuse to snack? They're always stuffed.
 What did the Buddhist ask at the ice cream shop? Make me one with everything.
 I tried to win a suntan contest. All I got was bronze.
 What concert costs 45 cents? 50 Cent featuring Nickleback.
 Why did the skeleton skip the dance? He had no body to go with.
 Where do snowmen get loans? Snowbanks.
 Why won't skeletons fight? They don't have the guts.
 Why was the belt arrested? It was caught holding up a pair of pants.
 What do you call a snowman in summer? A puddle.
 Why was Cinderella kicked off her soccer team? She kept running away from the ball.
 Why did the golfer bring an extra pair of pants? Just in case he got a hole in one.
 Why did the car get a flat tire? There was a fork in the road.
 Why did the can crusher quit his job. It was soda pressing.
 Why did the donut go to the dentist? To get a filling.
 What does a vegan zombie want to eat? Graaaaaiins.



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