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Former Air Chief Marshal Idris Hassan Latif passes away in Hyderabad



Former Chief of the Indian Air Force (IAF), Air Chief Marshal Idris Hassan Latif, who was the first and only Indian Muslim so far to become the head of the Indian Air Force or of any Indian armed force, passed away in Hyderabad on April 30th..

Latif has the distinction of being associated with three different air forces- the Royal Indian Air Force, Royal Air Force and Indian Air Force-- during pre-independence and post-independence era. He took part in several battles such as World War II, Indo-Pak and Indo-China wars. He also trained pilots of the Indonesian Air Force, during his illustrious career.

As chief of air staff of the Indian Air Force, he served as such from 1978 to 1981. After retirement, he also served as the governor of Maharashtra (1982-85) and later as the Indian ambassador to France, till 1988.

Born on June 9, 1923 at Hyderabad, Idris Hassan Latif was educated at the Nizam's College in the city. He joined the Royal Indian Air Force in 1941 at the age of 18 and was commissioned in 1942. During 1943-44, he was one of the few Indian pilots to be seconded to the Royal Air Force in the United Kingdom, where he underwent training on

more contemporary aircrafts like the Hurricane and Spitfire. He returned to India in 1944 and took part in the Burma campaign. ACAS (Plans). He was involved in flying to the front line squadrons and getting first hand information on the progress of the war and the requirements of the units if any. He was involved in modernisation plans of the air force and he convinced the government to approve the procurement of the Jaguar strike aircraft, a proposal which was lying dormant for over 8 years at that time. He also held negotiations with the Russians and saw the induction of the MiG-23 and later, the MiG-25 aircraft into the IAF.

Latif was also a well-known philanthropist. His wife Billkis Latif, who passed away in 2017, was honoured with Padma Shri for her social service, particularly for the upliftment of children.



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At the time of partition, he chose IAF though he was reportedly urged by some to join the Pakistan Air Force. During the 1971 War, Latif was still the (Assistant Chief of Air Staff)

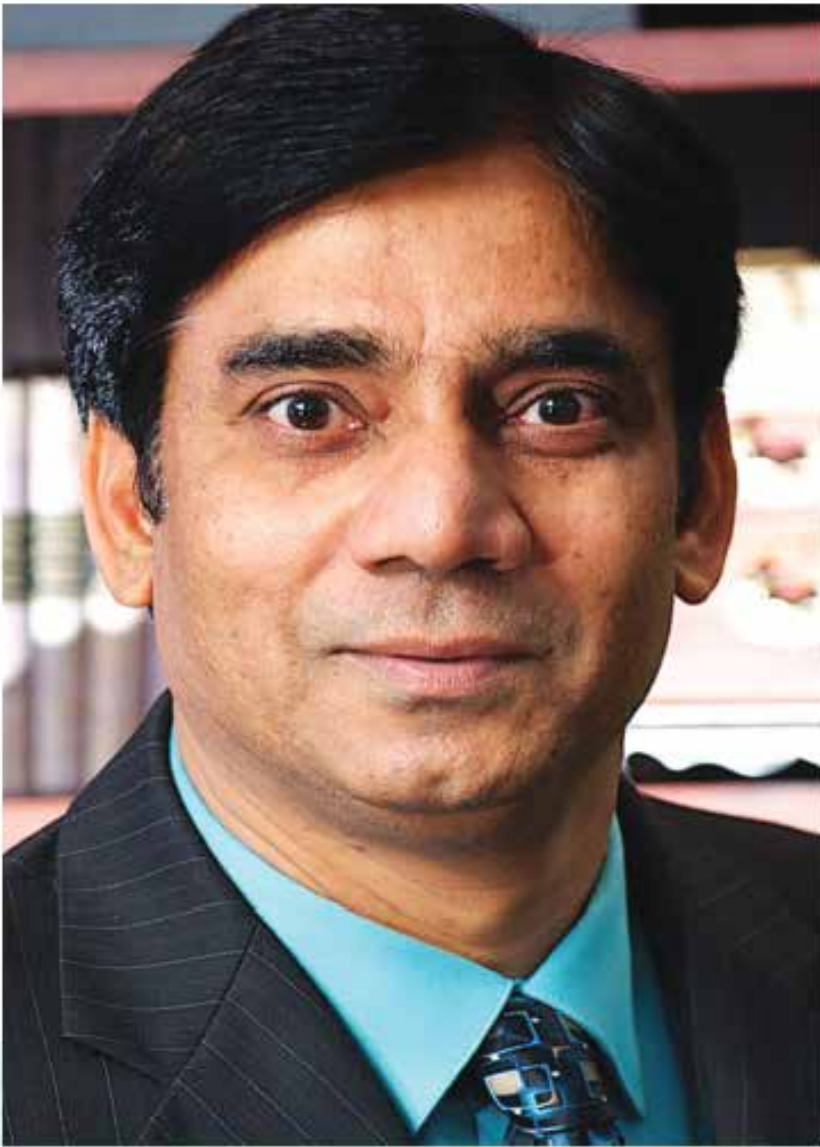
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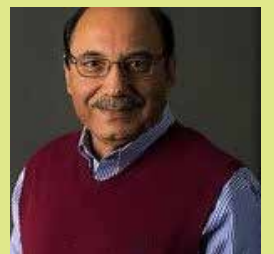
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Sajid Javid appointed Britain's new home secretary

At a Conservative Friends of Israel lunch in 2012, The Jewish Chronicle reported Javid as stating that “if he had to leave Britain to live in the Middle East, then he would choose Israel as home. Only there, he said, would his children feel the ‘warm embrace of freedom and liberty’

British Prime Minister Theresa May appointed a new home secretary on Monday after suffering a blow with the resignation of Amber Rudd for having misled lawmakers over deportation targets for illegal immigrants.

May named Sajid Javid, 48, as Rudd's replacement in the key ministerial post of home secretary after she quit late Sunday, facing anger over wrongful moves to deport legal but undocumented elderly immigrants from the Caribbean.

Rudd, under growing pressure over the so-called Windrush scandal, told lawmakers last week that there were no targets for the removal of people deemed to be in the country illegally.

But she felt it “necessary” to tender her resignation after the emergence of documents, addressed to her office, showing those goals were in place.

“I should have been aware of this, and I take full responsibility for the fact that I was not,” she said in her resignation letter to May, conceding that she “inadvertently misled the Home Affairs Select Committee”, the panel of MPs scrutinising the work of her ministry.

The dramatic exit of close ally Rudd came as a setback for May, whose centre-right Conservative Party faces potentially bruising local authority elections across metropolitan England on Thursday.

Rudd was also seen as a moderate on the EU and a balancing force in a cabinet containing several big-name pro-Brexit figures.

‘Urgent task’ on immigration

Promoted from communities secretary, Javid's first task will be to take some of the political heat out of the Windrush scandal.

“Making sure that we have an immigration policy that is fair, treats people with respect and with decency -- that will be one of my most urgent tasks,” he told reporters.

BIO

Javid is the son of a Pakistani bus driver who arrived in Britain in 1961 with one pound in his pocket.

Javid said that the Windrush scandal felt “very personal” but urged people to concentrate on the government's efforts to rectify the situation.

A rapid riser in the government, Javid was a senior investment banker at Deutsche Bank before becoming a member of parliament in 2010.

He became a Treasury minister in 2013 and joined the Cabinet in 2014 as culture secretary before switching to business secretary in 2015 and communities secretary the following year.



Javid was born in Littleborough, Lancashire, one of five sons of parents of Pakistani descent. His father was a bus driver. His family moved from Lancashire to Stapleton Road, Bristol as his parents took over a shop there, and the family lived in a two bed flat above it.

As a teenager, Javid developed an interest in financial markets, following the Thatcher government's privatisations. At the age of 14 he borrowed £500 from a bank to invest in shares and become a regular reader of the Financial Times.

Javid was educated from 1981 to 1986 at Downend School, a state comprehensive near Bristol. Speaking in 2014, Javid confessed that while at school ‘I was naughty, more interested in watching Grange Hill than homework.’[4] Javid subsequently attended Filton Technical College from 1986 to 1988, and finally the University of Exeter from 1988 to 1991. At Exeter he studied economics and politics and became a member of the Conservative Party.

When he was twenty, Javid attended his first Conservative Party Conference and campaigned against the Thatcher government's decision in that year to join the European Exchange Rate Mechanism (ERM), calling it a “fatal mistake”.

Javid joined Chase Manhattan Bank in New York City immediately after university, working mostly in South America. Aged 25, he became vice-president. He returned to London in 1997, and later joined Deutsche Bank as a director in 2000. In 2004 he became a managing director at Deutsche Bank and, one year later, global head of Emerging Markets Structuring.

In 2007 he relocated to Singapore as head of Deutsche Bank's credit trading, equity convertibles, commodities and private equity businesses in Asia, and was appointed a board member of Deutsche Bank International Limited. He left Deutsche Bank in 2009 to pursue a career in politics. His earnings at Deutsche Bank would have been roughly £3m a year at the time he left.

Javid is a trustee of the London Early Years Foundation, was a governor of Normand Croft Community School, and has led an expedition to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa, to show his support of Help the Aged.

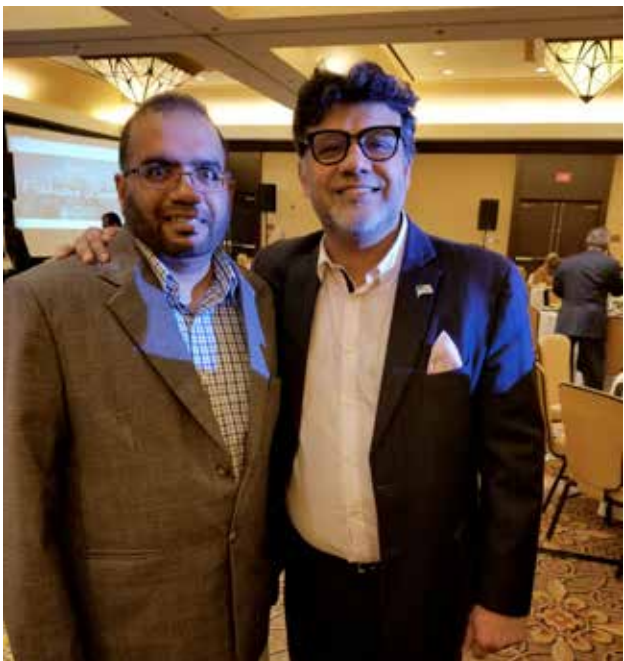
ISNA Hosted Annual ISNA Day in Dallas

Some 500 people attended the ISNA Conference in Dallas on April 14, whose theme was: "Upholding Faith: Serving Humanity."

The conference program, which focused on Islamic education, had sessions for professional development of teachers, principals and administrators of Islamic schools led by several renowned experts and current and former principals of the nation's top ranking Islamic schools. The program included interactive sessions, training workshops and networking opportunities for Muslim educators and administrators of full-time and weekend Islamic schools.

The speakers included ISNA president Azhar Azeez; Abdalla Idris Ali, former executive director of ISNA Canada; Fawzia Belal, director of Islamic studies, Qalam Collegiate Academy; M. Aftab Diwan, Superintendent at the Islamic School of Irving; Susan Labadi, marketing and website management for the American Halal Association, and marketing director and advisor for DEFINE/Leader-Launch; Mathew Moes, School Development Lead, Razi Education; Habeeb Quadri, principal of the MCC Full Time School in Morton Grove, Ill.; and Dr. Iram Shaikh-Jilani, Head of School, Brighter Horizons Academy.

The conference also included a bazaar and matrimonial banquet as well as an evening banquet featuring a keynote address from political journalist Mehdi Hasan, who presents UpFront on al-Jazeera English, a special address from former White House staffer Rumana Ahmed, community service recognition award ceremony honoring Akram Syed and Hind Jarrah as well as entertainment from well-known comedian Preacher Moss.



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Zaman Zaki Taji Qawwali event in Dallas



A private gathering in Dallas to honor visiting famous poet Hashmat Sohail. From left: Khaja Kamaluddin, Shahid Ahmed, Hashmat Sohail, Mohamed Abdur Rahman, Mirza P. Baig and Azeem A. Quadeer



From left: Shawkath Mohammed of New York Life, Zaman Zaki Taji Qawwal, Khaja Mujeebuddin, Azeem A. Quadeer, Mohammed Nasir, With Nabeel Khawar, Zaman Zaki Taji, Khawar Abbas and Adeel Khawar.

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At 12:30 PAKPAC luncheon was a blast. Congressman Dr Raul Ruiz is on board to help our young physician. Thanks to Dr Jalil Khan, President PAKPAC and team to support our Advocacy event with full momentum.

After that we dispersed in groups and met senators and congressmen in their offices as well as their chief of staffs who are real "go getters"!!!!

Our congressional reception was very well organized, started on time ended on time. APPNA Advocacy Committee and other APPNA members who attended it were so excited and happy. Senators or congressmen who merely take seconds to talk on such events, were there for comprehensive speeches and later intermingled with our members.

We had Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi, Congresswoman Jayapal, Congressman Veasey, Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, Congressman Norcross, Congressman Mike Turner, Congress-

man Joe Wilson, Congressman Tokano, Congressman Jim Costa, Senator Cortez Masto and Michael Kugelman. We were able to meet and get the support of Senator Bob Casey, Congresswoman Dina Titus, Senator Sherrod Brown, Congressman Tom Souzzi, Senator Maggie Hassan, Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Congressman Andre Carson, Congressman Jim Banks, Senator Donnelly, Senator Manchin, Senator Van Hollen

Day ended with sumptuous dinner hosted by Pakistani Ambassador at his residence and he assured his full support as well

Thanks to Great Great Great Advocacy members who attended it and supported it. Thanks to non members who took time off to travel to DC for our community!!!!

Thanks to President Iqbal Zafar Hamid, Treasurer Lubna Naeem who came to attend DOTH and Executive Committee for all the help and support. Thanks to Nicholous, Jennifer Watson And Ari Middleton for Day and night work

It's just the start, this effort has to keep going to get desired results!!!!



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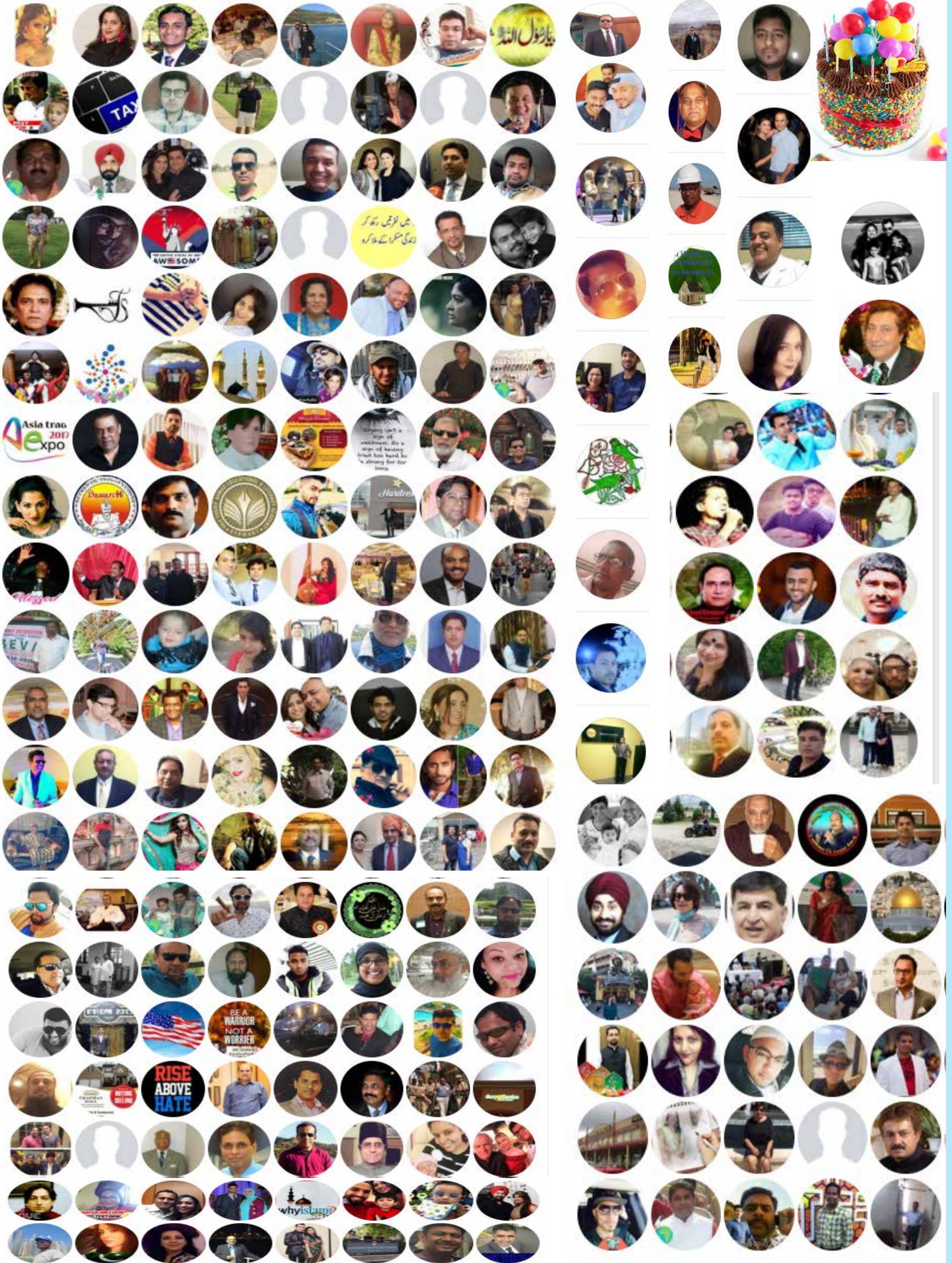
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Rizwan Naeem, Aisha Zafar, Dawood Nasir, Rao Kamran Ali and Asim Shah in Chicago, Illinois. at APPNA Spring meeting

Activist Mujeeb Osman Receives 2017 Achievement Award from Senator Ira Silverstein and Alderman Debra Silverstein, Chicago

By Syed Ikram-ul Haque



In 2017, Mujeeb Osman, along with the public interest group he works with, was awarded for his achievement in raising awareness about opioid use in Chicago. Their project is operated by multiple physicians within the community, including Dr. Khutbuddin and Dr. Aliuddin Khawja. Opioids are often prescribed as a substitute for painkillers. The high that results from constant use has pushed many patients to the point of addiction. The group is concerned with warning youths away from opioid and other drug use, as addiction continues to afflict many Americans. While opioid abuse is a national issue, the number of cases reported are heavily concentrated in the west and midwest. Osman's group seeks to educate Americans about the threat of opioid abuse through programs that promote research and consciousness of opioids. Doctors, too, are being instructed to discuss the danger of opioids before prescribing the medication to their patients. A greater emphasis on properly outfitting facilities with effective treatment measures is necessary, as well as aiding victims through the recovery process. Mayor Rahm Emanuel recently announced his support for the fight against opioid abuse in Chicago. This award is one of many that Osman has received for his efforts. Osman and his group have made great strides in fighting this ongoing issue, and their recognition is well-deserved as they continue forward in their good works. Members of the group include Dr. Younus Alam, Dr. Basheer Ameji, Dr. Shahid Ilahi, Dr. Imam Hussain, Seema Elahi, Sher M. Rajput, Syed Tahir Hussain, Mir M. Sultan, and Syed Ikram-ul Haque.



Indian American Medical Association & IAMACF fund raising event: Mr Sunil Shah, Dr DasGupta and others



Indian America Association, Chicago, Illinois meeting held. Committee elected Mir Hamed Ali Khan as President. Other office bearers are Shahid Razvi, Raju Shah, Fareeduddin Sabiri, Kausar Mirza, Kameshwari B.



Mushaira, organized by APPNA with great poets Khalid Irfan and Waliuddin at Marriott Downtown Chicago on April 27th .2018



Happy Anniversary to Ali Khan and Sana Khan



Right Picture: At Adhe Adhure play directed by Promila Kumar. Special guests were Malini V, Prerna Arya, Gurbachan Kaur Neelam and Sonali Sinha Srivastava



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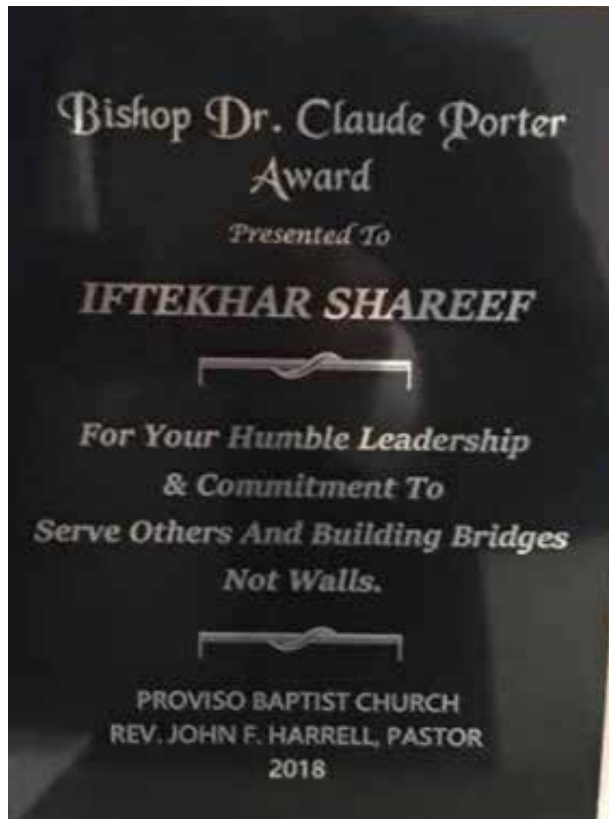
Reception of Majd Hussain, former Mayor of City of Hyderabad Telangana at Shalimar Gardens.



Ms. Dorothy Brown clerk of Circuit court of Cook County announces to run for Mayor of Chicago , good lucks



Federation of Indian Association Chicago dinner meeting at Mysore Woodland Restaurant on Devon Ave , attended by full house of executive board of 2018 and trustees. Parade kick off event on April 29 Th 2018 .



It was honor to receive last night " Bishop Dr. Claude Porter interfaith community service award " from African-American community presented by Proviso Baptist Church Rev. John F Harrell pastor. Other recipients include Secretary of State of ILLINOIS Jessie White , President of Cook County , Illinois Ms. Toni Preckwinkle and other elected officials. Thanks my good friends Babu Marsha Patel , Kanti S Patel, Rey Nonato and other Asian community leaders



Gathering of Interfaith of ILLINOIS under the chairmanship of Dr Claude Porter , it was an honor for me to speak and honor J.B Pritzker Governor-Elect of Illinois with India tricolor Khandwa presented by me , Secretary of State of Illinois Jesse White with Shawl , Dr Claude Porter with shawl

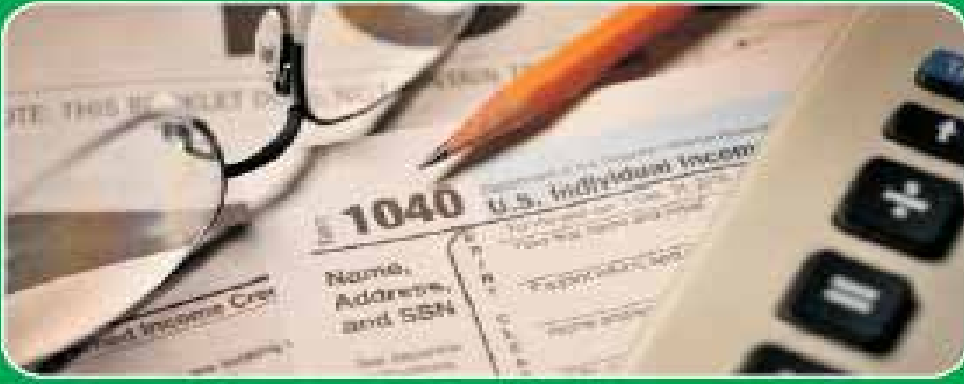


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American Telangana Association Executive Director Narender Chimarla welcomed the guests, American Telangana Association leadership started evening program with Lighting the lamps and Ganesh prayer and followed by Jaya Jaya Telangana song sung by local talent. Local talent showcased many shows which entertained the audience

American Telangana Association President, Satya Kandimalla explained about highlights of upcoming World Telangana Convention 2018 and invited all the guests to register and attend the convention. He also mentioned about the charity works that American Telangana Asso-

ciation conducted like mobilizing the funds for Houston flood victims and helping them. He also gave an update about ATA vedukalu conducted in Telangana in November 2017.

American Telangana Association Chairman Karunakar Madhavararam explained how American Telangana Association formed and what's the goals of organization are, what we achieved since it's inception and what are our future goals. The Convention Kick-Off event is organized by Adhoc Committee member Srinivas Chada, Board Member, Krishna Rangaraju, Standing Committee Chairs, Ramchandra Reddy Ade and Sai Gongati.

American Telangana Association Treasurer Prathap Chintalapani thanked and announced all the donors for upcoming convention and supporters of the American Telangana Association.

Thanks to all local talent team led by Praveen Jaligama, for the wonderful entertainment provided for the audience

Special thanks to Regional Director, Ranga Reddy Lenkala, Pallepaata Aata Notaa Coordinator, Bindu Gongati and all ATA-Telangana Chicago volunteers for organizing



Mr. Iftexhar Shareef and team addressing at ATA

the event and making it a grand success.

ATA-Telangana Leader Ship team conveyed special thanks National and Local Telugu & Telangana Associations like TANA, NATA, NATS, TAGC, CHITA organizations for their participation and un-conditional support for the upcoming World Telangana Convention in Houston TX.



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The real reason Saudi Arabia is lifting its cinema ban

Led by one of the world’s most powerful millennials, Saudi Arabia is moving into an unprecedented era of social and economic change. That’s why he is letting the ultra-conservative kingdom’s subjects go to the movies again. The lifting of the 35-year ban by crown prince Mohammed bin Salman, also known as MBS, is the latest sign of embracing the changes that appear to be essential in sustaining the country’s power and wealth. Saudi Arabia is desperate to relinquish its economic dependence on oil and MBS has been trying to steer toward a future that diversifies the ways it makes

money. The kingdom has been doing away with some of its most archaic bans, such as the one of that kept women from driving. Many of the changes—including allowing women to start their own business without a male guardian—can be seen as part of the concerted effort to address the country’s appalling human-rights record, but economic factors are a large part of the motivation. The cinema ban lift, for instance, brings in a previously untapped and lucrative revenue stream. The government already knows that its people are hungry for films. A 2014 study showed

that Saudis watch films online on a weekly basis. Government data said that Saudis already spend \$30 billion—close to 5% of GDP— on entertainment and hospitality elsewhere in the Middle East and flock to nearby Dubai and Bahrain to watch films in theaters. So imagine if even a slice of those billions are kept in the country. The Saudi population is also incredibly young—a majority of its 32 million people are under 30. Young Saudi film-makers are also making waves, such as with Haifaa Al Mansour’s Wadjda, which became the nation’s first female-created film and an Oscar entry. The movie industry is too

lucrative for Saudi Arabia to ignore, which is why it created a \$2.7-billion entertainment firm and ploughed \$64 billion in its entertainment industry with the hope of creating 22,000 local jobs by 2030. Its new AMC cinema in Riyadh marks the start of this new era.



Kapil Sharma Was Close to Tears When He Saw Me: Ali Asgar

Actor-comedian Ali Asgar says he went to visit fellow comedian Kapil Sharma, who is reportedly battling with depression again after taking a break from his new show Family Time with Kapil Sharma. Asgar says he feels sorry for Kapil and that he is like “a child”.

Asgar told ABP:

“I heard Kapil is suffering from depression, I felt very bad. We all are with Kapil and will always be there for him. Preeti also called me that Kapil is not well and has apparently not even left his room for days. When I reached his office, Kapil was lying down. He was close to tears when

he saw me and could not even speak. It is clear that he is missing all of us, especially Preeti. He is like a child who wants something but is not able to articulate it.” - Ali Asgar on Kapil Sharma

Asgar also said he had been abroad and read about Kapil’s latest outburst and illness in the media, which is when he decided to visit him. Kapil Sharma’s team, however said that the comedian was not in the country, so couldn’t have met Asgar.

Kapil Sharma’s former manager, Neeti Simoes, had earlier shared an open letter to the comedian on Twitter, commenting on his mental state of mind. The comedian

has been in the news since his fallout with Sunil Grover last year. Kapil’s new show Family Time With Kapil also reportedly went off-air after he cancelled shoots with various Bollywood celebrities. One factor which has led to this has been his phone call to an entertainment journalist where he hurled abuses at him, as well as his alleged alcoholism and depression.

Neeti and her sister, Preeti Simoes – creative director of Comedy Nights With Kapil and The Kapil Sharma Show – have



been accused of being “responsible for driving Kapil into depression”. Neeti, in her open letter, writes that she wants to clear the air with Kapil and help him out during this trying time.



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Bengaluru is highest paying city for talent: Randstad study

BENGALURU: The garden city of Bengaluru, which topped the list of salary trends in 2017, continues to lead the pack as the highest paying city in the country, with an average annual cost to company (CTC) for talent across all levels and functions standing at about Rs 11 lakh, according to Randstad Insights, the research and analysis division of Randstad India.

Pune stands second at around Rs 10 lakh, followed by NCR and Mumbai with an average annual CTC figure of a little under Rs 10 lakh and around Rs 9 lakh, respectively. Chennai (Rs 8 lakh), Hyderabad (a little under Rs 8 lakh) and Kolkata (around Rs 7 lakh) are the other three names in the list of Indian cities paying the highest average salaries for professionals.

Randstad Insights' report also reveals that professionals from the pharma and healthcare industry are paid the highest in India with an average annual CTC of approximately Rs 10 lakh across all levels and functions. The company said an increase in demand for specialist doctors and professionals with R&D skills were the primary reasons for the industry topping the charts this year. The roll-out of GST saw a spike in demand for implementation and compliance specialists, thus making professional services the second highest paying sector in the country, with an average salary of a little over Rs 9 lakh. The sector largely comprises management consulting, strategy, accounting, audit and legal firms. FMCG came in third with an average CTC of Rs 9 lakh. The IT sector, offering an average annual CTC of around Rs 9 lakh and infrastructure, real estate & construction at R 9 lakh are fourth and fifth in the list.

Paul Dupuis, MD & CEO Randstad India said, "Building a successful organization requires a number of key ingredients; a solid strategy, clear segmentation and go to market proposition, demand for the service or product and the ability to deliver. Clearly, though, the

most important trigger for success is to have the right people, enabled by the right tools to drive strategy and a competitive compensation structure." A strong salary structure that strikes a perfect balance between internal and external pay equity is an imperative today for the organizations as it's often the key to bring top talent on board and keep them motivated. The Randstad Insights Salary Trends Report 2018 compiles prevalent salary trends across industries, locations, functions and

experience levels in the country, thus empowering India Inc. with critical insights that help redesign a market-appropriate pay structure that augur well for the organizational strategy while also reflecting broader market forces", he added.

For the report, Randstad Insights analyzed 1,00,000 jobs across 20 industry verticals and 15 functions.

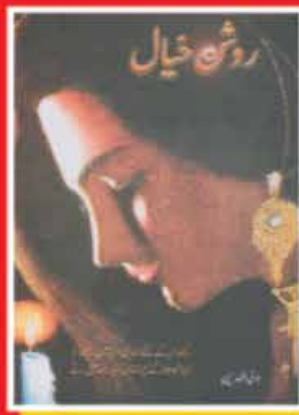


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We ask every masjid/Islamic center to adopt and pledge at least the following five practices during the coming Ramadan:

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Recycle material, especially plastic water bottles

Replace all light bulbs with energy saver bulbs and thus conserve electricity

Give a khutbah on the Islamic imperative to conserve and protect our environment

Remember: "Command the good and forbid the wrong" (Translation 31:17).

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Please fill out the online pledge form (below) on ISNA website that your masjid/Islamic center will implement these five practices this Ramadan. Display the poster showing your commitment to "Greening Our Ramadan."

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Kanhaiya Kumar all set to turn full-time politician

Two years after he was arrested by the Delhi police on the charge of sedition, turning him overnight into a symbol of the Jawaharlal Nehru University students' movement, former students union president Kanhaiya Kumar is finally moving out of university politics to being a full-time politician.

On Sunday, on the concluding day of the 23rd Congress of the Communist Party of India in Kollam, Kerala, the 31-year-old was elected to the 126-member National Council of the party.

Left parties find themselves in an ironical position, as despite a strong presence in university politics, they are starved of young blood. Mr. Kumar says the situation is about to change.

Drawing on the famous Charles Dickens line 'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times,' he says, "for youth, it is a bad time as well as a good time to be in politics. There is a serious threat to all our democratic institutions and there is so much hatred and polarisation. But this has also increased ideological awareness among the youth who are now more than willing to join mainstream



politics."

In two months Mr. Kumar will cease to be a student at JNU. "21st July is the last date for me to submit my thesis. After that I will be a social activist and not a students leader. But JNU is a second home for me and I will always remain organically connected to it," he says.

Criticising the government alone is no solution, he says. Instead one has to offer an alternative. "Merely attacking the Narendra Modi and BJP government does not serve any purpose. We have to offer an alternative policy framework for the people to choose from."

Mr. Kumar was born in Bihar, in Begusarai district of Bihar, a stronghold of the Communist Party of India. He does not deny that he will be fighting the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. The Begusarai Lok Sabha seat is currently held by the BJP's Bhola Singh. The CPI did get 17% of the voteshare in the 2014 Lok Sabha polls. "Now I am a part of the CPI and I will do whatever the party and its allies decide. I am not saying that if given a chance I will not fight the polls," he added.

As a member of the CPI's student wing – All India Students Association, he was elected president of the JNU students union. He was arrested on February 12, 2016, under section 124-A (sedition) and 120-B (criminal conspiracy) for allegedly organising an event where some students protested the hanging of Parliament attack convict Afzal Guru and allegedly shouted 'anti-national' slogans.

I am being shifted to Ranchi where there are no facilities, says former Bihar CM

RJD chief Lalu Prasad left the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in a wheelchair on Monday afternoon after being discharged against his wishes.

The AIIMS said Mr. Prasad, who has been at the hospital since March, "has improved significantly", and that he is being referred back to the Ranchi Medical College for treatment of his chronic issues. "He is currently stable and



is fit to travel," the hospital said.

Mr. Prasad, however, said he was not well enough to be sent back to Ranchi. "This is unfair; it is a conspiracy to worsen my health. I am being shifted to a place where there are no facilities. It is a tough time, but I will face it. My health has not improved," he said, citing heart, kidney and blood sugar problems.

"My back hurts and I feel dizzy... I have fallen in the bathroom several times. My blood pressure and sugar keep shooting up," he said.

The RJD called the move a "conspiracy to murder him."

RJD's charge

The former Bihar Chief Minister, who was jailed last year after being convicted in fodder scam cases, was shifted to the AIIMS from the Ranchi prison, for specialised treatment. On Monday morning, Con-

gress president Rahul Gandhi visited him at the AIIMS.

The Rashtriya Janata Dal president had earlier written to the AIIMS director, asking that his treatment be continued at the hospital till he recovered.

Supporters of the RJD president created a ruckus in the hospital premises protesting the AIIMS decision, with his party alleging that there is a conspiracy to "murder" its leader by "forcing him out" of the premier hospital even though he continues to suffer from various ailments.

In the melee, RJD workers broke a glass door resulting in injury to a security guard, and abused administration officials, including the director, hospital sources alleged, adding a police complaint has been lodged against unidentified people over the matter.

Sources said the medical team formed to decide on the course of his treatment, had decided to discharge Mr. Prasad on Saturday and had prepared the discharge summary, but the RJD chief requested the doctors that he be kept in the hospital till Monday as he wanted to travel by Ranchi Rajdhani Express. Mr. Prasad left the AIIMS around 3.25 p.m.

Take oath of office on given time: SC

Elected representatives should face "serious consequences" for not taking the oath of office within a specified time, the Supreme Court urged State Legislatures in a judgment.

A Bench of Justices Madan B. Lokur and Deepak Gupta said measures should be taken to videograph the swearing in or oath taking so that no dispute arises in the future. The court's judgment focuses on elected representatives of local bodies and their swearing-in.

No-confidence motion

The case concerned a no-confidence motion against Uttar Pradesh's Kshettra panchayat pramukh. The pramukh said some of the elected members had not taken oath and their votes were invalid.

Dismissing the contention in its recent judgment, Justice Lokur, however, wrote that such disputes would erupt unless State legislatures provide provisions specifying consequences against elected members who do not take their oath of allegiance.

Justice Lokur said the Constitution attached a great degree of solemnity to the oath of office. For example, Article 60 provides that before entering upon his office, the President shall make and subscribe the oath or affirmation.

Similarly, Article 69 requires the Vice-President to make and subscribe the oath or affirmation before entering upon his office.

Article 84 requires that a person shall not be qualified to be chosen to fill a seat in Parliament unless he makes and subscribes the oath or affirmation according to the forms

set out for the purpose in the Third Schedule. Article 188 refers to the oath or affirmation by a member of the Legislative Assembly or the Legislative Council.

"It should be appreciated that apart from requiring elected representatives of a panchayat attaching seriousness to taking the oath of office, an unimpeachable record of the elected representatives taking the oath of office should be maintained by officials of the State government," the Supreme Court observed in its judgment.

Noting that such controversies are "completely avoidable," the court said "unless the sanctity of the oath of office is appreciated and appropriate documentation kept, we will continue to be faced with situations such as the present one where a dispute is raised whether an elected member of a body has taken the oath of office."

Saudi Arabia embraces change under young crown prince

Mohammed bin Salman, the 32-year-old crown prince of Saudi Arabia, has stirred the ultra conservative oil superpower with economic, social and religious reforms, overseeing the most fundamental transformation in the modern history of the Gulf nation.

The heir to the Saudi throne is keen to change the austere image of Saudi Arabia through a series of moves such as giving women the right to drive and the opening of movie theatres, despite opposition from religious hardliners. These are some of the more recent measures initiated in the kingdom:

WOMEN ALLOWED TO DRIVE

In a historic decision, Saudi Arabia ended its longstanding ban on women drivers. Accordingly, women will be allowed to drive from June this year under a royal decree that was issued in September 2017. The move has sparked waves of euphoria and optimism among the women of the Islamic nation, which was the only country to ban women from driving. Neither Islamic law nor Saudi traffic law explicitly prohibits women from driving, but they were not issued licences and were detained if they attempted to drive.

The decision to allow women to drive is considered a part of the crown prince's social and economic reform plan known as Vision 2030, which aims at increasing women's participation in the workforce from 22 per cent to 30 per cent by 2030 in a bid to wean oil-rich Saudi Arabia off its dependence on resource by stimulating growth in the private sector and promoting tourism.

BAN ON CINEMAS LIFTED

The Gulf kingdom lifted its public ban on commercial cinemas and is readying for a rush of cinema operators eager to turn the Middle Eastern country into a nation of moviegoers. The country's first movie theater in more than 35 years will open on April 18 by AMC Theatres in Riyadh, with plans for up to 100 theatres in some 25 Saudi cities by 2030. These movie theatres will not be segregated by gender like most other public places in the deeply conservative Muslim kingdom. Saudi Arabia had some cinemas in the 1970s but its powerful clerics closed them, reflecting rising Islamist influence throughout the Arab region at the time. In 2017, the government said it would lift the ban as part of Mohammed bin Salman's efforts to transform society.

Questions though remain about what kinds of movies Saudi Arabia will tolerate.

FIRST FASHION WEEK -- FOR WOMEN ONLY

In another first, the Arab nation this week kicked off its first-ever fashion week with designs by Middle Eastern, Brazilian, US and Russian designers, as well as shows by internationally renowned labels Roberto Cavalli and Jean Paul Gaultier.

In line with Saudi cultural norms and rules on gender segregation, the catwalks are open to women-only and no outside cameras are allowed to film inside. Still, the event marks the latest turnaround for a country that for decades has been ruled by ultraconservative dogma. While the kingdom has held fashion shows in the past, they have mostly been tied to charitable causes and did not include big names in the industry. FOCUS ON MUSIC, OPERA, CINEMA

The crown prince's intent to transform the image of his country was evident during his recent trip to Paris. According to an agreement signed during his visit, the Arab country will employ French expertise to set up a national opera and orchestra. The deal will see the Paris Opera company help the Islamic nation produce its own classical music and shows.

The kingdom also announced it would enter short films at the Cannes cinema festival for the first time. The heir to the Saudi throne has in

recent days visited several countries, including the United States, to project a more moderate vision of his country, which is often associated in the West with exporting jihadist ideology. PUBLIC CONCERTS PERMITTED

As part of these reforms, the kingdom has allowed concerts, including mixed-sex gigs. Last year, the nations hosted the first concert by a female performer -- Lebanese singer Hiba Tawaji -- in the country's history.

In February, Saudi Arabia's General Entertainment Authority announced it would stage more than 5,000 festivals and concerts in 2018, double the number last year, and pump \$64 billion in the sector in the coming decade.

But while times are changing, certain rules such as "Dancing is strictly prohibited" during a concert on March 30 underline the balancing act the Saudi government must perform as it takes steps towards liberalisation in a society where certain sections may not be as receptive to the idea. 'SAUDI WOMEN SHOULD HAVE CHOICE ON ABAYA'

In an interview with CBS television, Mohammed bin Salman said women in his country need not wear head cover or the black abaya - the loose-fitting, full-length robes symbolic of Islamic piety - as long as their attire is "decent and respectful."

"The laws are very clear and stipulated in the laws of sharia (Islamic law): that women wear decent, respectful clothing, like men," the Saudi heir said.

"This, however, does not particularly specify a black abaya or a black head cover. The decision is entirely left for women to decide what type of decent and respectful attire she chooses to wear."

It remains unclear if these statements signal a change in the enforcement of women's dress code in the kingdom. Saudi Arabia has no written legal code to go with the texts making up sharia, and police and judiciary have long enforced a strict dress code requiring Saudi women to wear abayas and in many cases to cover their hair and faces. In recent years, Saudi women have started wearing more colourful abayas. Open abayas over long skirts or jeans are also becoming more common.

RIGHT TO JOG

On March 8 this year, a group of women in Jeddah marked International Women's Day by exercising one of their newly acquired freedoms: the right to go for a jog.

Saudi women are now allowed to take physical activity to the public sphere, and following this decision, Saudi Arabia organised its first-ever women's run at the beginning of March, marking a historical moment for its women. More than 1,500 women participated in the event. In another significant change, women will be able to participate in the Riyadh International Marathon next year. Prior to this, women were not allowed to participate in any marathon or other running events.

The Islamic nation also held its first-ever women's basketball tournament recently and will soon be hosting a women's football tournament. In July 2017, Saudi Arabia introduced physical education for girls enrolled in schools and began granting licenses for running women's gyms in the country. CYCLING - SAUDI WOMEN EMBRACE CHANGE

In more signs that the ultra-conservative nation, which for decades seemed irreparably stuck in the past, is now changing by the day, are the images of women cycling regularly on the country's roads.

One women cyclist says the change is evident. "Jeddah today isn't the same as Jeddah five, six years ago. The scrutiny on clothes (has eased), there's more places to go, working opportunities for women are the same as for men."

START BUSINESSES WITHOUT MALE PERMISSION

In a key policy change, women in the kingdom can now open their own businesses without the consent of a husband or male relative, marking a major step away from the strict guardianship system that has ruled the country for decades. Under Saudi Arabia's guardianship system, women are required to present proof of permission from a male "guardian" - normally the husband, father or brother - to do any government paperwork, travel or enroll in classes. Saudi Arabia's public prosecutor's office this month said it would begin recruiting women investigators for the first time. The kingdom has also opened 140 positions for women at airports and border crossings, a historic first that the government said drew 107,000 female applicants.

With these changes, the 32-year-old de facto ruler has taken on the powerful clerics, who long dominated Saudi life, and struck out at the nation's coddled elite with a dramatic purge of royals, ministers and business figures that saw hundreds detained in a probe over graft worth \$100 billion. REVAMPING EDUCATION

Keen to present a modern and moderate Saudi Arabia to the world, the kingdom is working to combat extremist ideologies by reviewing school curricula and books to ensure they do not reflect the banned Muslim Brotherhood's agenda. It will ban such books from schools and universities and remove those who sympathise with the group or its ideology from their posts. The young crown prince has already taken several steps to loosen Saudi Arabia's ultra-strict social restrictions by scaling back the role of the religious morality police.

WOMEN ARE EQUAL TO MEN: CROWN PRINCE

In a departure from the Kingdom's deeply conservative view, Mohammed bin Salman said that women are "absolutely" equal to men during an interview on CBS News programme. "We are all human beings and there is no difference," he remarked.

He acknowledged that Saudi Arabia has been dominated by an "ultraconservative interpretation of Islam" that was wary of non-Muslims, deprived women of basic rights and constricted social life, the New York Times reported.

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Keen to present a modern and moderate Saudi Arabia to the world, the kingdom is working to combat extremist ideologies by reviewing school curricula and books to ensure they do not reflect the banned Muslim Brotherhood's agenda.

It will ban such books from schools and universities and remove those who sympathise with the group or its ideology from their posts. The young crown prince has already taken several steps to loosen Saudi Arabia's ultra-strict social restrictions by scaling back the role of the religious morality police.

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WHAT WOMEN STILL CAN'T DO

The Islamic nation's male guardianship system, which subjects women to full dependence on their male counterparts (fathers, brothers, husbands, sons), in nearly all aspects of public life, has received criticism over the years as it is considered a "hindrance" to women's liberty. Under the system, women are required to present proof of permission from a male "guardian" - normally the husband, father or brother - to do any government paperwork, apply for a national id card or passport, travel or enrol in classes.

Women here cannot marry, divorce, get a passport, travel, open a bank account or have a medical procedure without permission from their male guardians.

They must limit their interactions with males outside their immediate families and can be imprisoned for such an offence. They cannot eat at restaurants that don't have a separate family section and are not allowed to use public swimming pools that are also used by men. They cannot appear in public without wearing the abaya.

HIGHLIGHTS

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Mohammed bin Salman, the 32-year-old crown prince of Saudi Arabia, has stirred the ultra conservative oil superpower with economic, social and religious reforms, overseeing the most fundamental transformation in the modern history of the Gulf nation.

The heir to the Saudi throne is keen to change the austere image of Saudi Arabia through a series of moves such as giving women the right to drive and the opening of movie theatres, despite opposition from religious hardliners. These are some of the more recent measures initiated in the kingdom:

WOMEN ALLOWED TO DRIVE

In a historic decision, Saudi Arabia ended its longstanding ban on women drivers. Accordingly, women will be allowed to drive from June this year under a royal decree that was issued in September 2017.

The move has sparked waves of euphoria and optimism among the women of the Islamic nation, which was the only country to ban women from driving. Neither Islamic law nor Saudi traffic law explicitly prohibits women from driving, but they were not issued licences and were detained if they attempted to drive.

The decision to allow women to drive is considered a part of the crown prince's social and economic reform plan known as Vision 2030, which aims at increasing women's participation in the workforce from 22 per cent to 30 per cent by 2030 in a bid to wean oil-rich Saudi Arabia off its dependence on resource by stimulating growth in the private sector and promoting tourism.

Alabama man, 83, executed for judge's 1989 mail-bomb slaying

ATMORE, Ala. (AP) — An Alabama inmate convicted of the mail-bomb slaying of a federal judge during a wave of Southern terror in 1989 was executed by lethal injection, becoming the oldest prisoner put to death in the U.S. in modern times.

Walter Leroy Moody Jr., 83, was pronounced dead at 8:42 p.m. following an injection at the Alabama prison at Atmore. He had no last statement and did not respond when an official asked if he had any last words shortly before the chemicals began flowing.

Authorities said Moody sent out four mail bombs in December of 1989, killing Judge Robert S. Vance, a member of the Atlanta-based 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, in Alabama and Robert E. Robinson, a black civil rights attorney from Savannah, Georgia. Two other bombs, including one mailed to the NAACP office in Jacksonville, Florida, were intercepted and did not explode.

At his 1996 trial, prosecutors described Moody as a meticulous coward who killed Vance with murder by mail because of his obsession with getting revenge on the legal system, and then committed additional package bombings to make it look like the Ku Klux Klan was behind the judge's murder.

Moody became the oldest U.S. inmate put to death since executions resumed in the U.S. in the 1970s, according to the non-profit Death Penalty Information Center. His attorneys argued in court filings and a clemency petition to Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey that his age and vein condition would make lethal injection more difficult.

The U.S. Supreme Court temporarily

stayed execution plans Thursday evening to consider Moody's late appeals, but later lifted the stay without comment, allowing the execution to go forward.

Vance was at his kitchen table in Mountain Brook, Alabama, on Dec. 16, 1989, when he opened a package after a morning of errands and yard work.

The explosion ripped through the home near Birmingham, killing Vance instantly and severely injuring his wife, Helen. Prosecutors said Moody, who had attended law school, had a grudge against the legal system because the 11th Circuit refused to overturn a 1972 pipe-bomb possession conviction that prevented him from practicing law.

Moody was first convicted in 1991 in



federal court and sentenced to seven life terms plus 400 years. He was later convicted in state court in 1996 and sentenced to death for Vance's murder.

Vance's son, Robert Vance Jr., now a circuit judge in Jefferson County and Democratic candidate for chief justice in Alabama, said it's important that people remember how his father lived, not just how he died.

"He was a great judge, a great lawyer before that, and a great father," he said earlier as the execution loomed. As chairman of the Alabama Democratic Party in the 1960s and 1970s, Vance worked to bring African Americans into the party and often "buted heads" with segregationist Gov. George Wallace, his son said.

Friends said the senior Vance quietly fought for the rights of underprivileged as both a jurist and a politician.

Moody had always maintained his innocence.

In recent weeks, Moody had sent a letter to the younger Vance claiming he was the innocent victim of a government conspiracy. "Had my Dad been murdered, I would want to know who had done it," Moody wrote. The younger Vance said he put the letter in the trash.

Vance said he had to make peace with his father's death, but said he

has no doubt that Moody is guilty. He did not witness the execution.

The lethal injection procedure began at 8:16 p.m. Moody did not open his eyes or respond as the warden read his death warrant and asked him if he had any last words.

Moody's attorney, Spencer Hahn, said he wanted to know what the prison system "gave him before to knock him out and prevent him from getting to give his last words. There was no dignity in that room. This dishonored the memory of Judge Vance and Mr. Robinson," Hahn said.

Corrections Commissioner Jeff Dunn said Moody was not given any sedatives.

In last-hour appeals, Moody's attorneys had asked the U.S. Supreme Court to stay his execution in order to review whether his federal sentence, which was handed down first, could be interrupted. They also argued that the aggravating factors used to impose a death sentence were improper. The nation's high court had no comment on those last-minute appeals Thursday.

Moody's attorneys, in their unsuccessful clemency petition argued that his victim was opposed to the death penalty, and halting the execution would honor Vance's beliefs. Vance's son said his father opposed the death penalty personally, but also believed in following the law.

Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall said Thursday night that after nearly 30 years, "Tonight, Mr. Moody's appeals finally came to a rightful end. Justice has been served."

IAS Toppers Tina Dabi And Athar Aamir Khan Get Married And Shunned Interfaith Taboos

He may have lost the first rank of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) examination in 2015 to her, but he clearly won her heart. Shunning the inter-faith taboos, IAS toppers Tina Dabi and Athar Aamir-ul-Shafi Khan became husband and wife in an idyllic locale in the Valley. To solemnise their relationship, the lovebirds chose Kashmir's picturesque, Pahalgam as their wedding venue.

Announcing her wedding to the love of her life, Tina tweeted, "I'd like to talk to you about our wedding. Athar and I got married on 20th March by in Jaipur by Collector Shri Siddharth Mahajan. Then we planned two wedding celebrations. The Kashmir celebration happened recently. The Delhi wedding celebration will be held on 14th April." While Tina is from Delhi, her hubby, Athar Amir hails from Jammu and Kashmir. Tina with her parents and

relatives flew to Pahalgam for the wedding celebrations that was hosted by the groom's side. For their court wedding in Jaipur, Tina looked beautiful in a red saree with a full-sleeved golden blouse. Athar opted for a maroon shirt with black pants. For their wedding ceremony in Pahalgam, bride Tina looked resplendent in a flower printed red and grey lehenga and she completed her look with minimal jewelry and makeup. Complementing his bride, the groom looked dashing in golden sherwani and pagdi. For the uninitiated ones, Tina met Athar for the first time at the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) office in North Block for a felicitation function on May 11, 2015. It was a love at first sight for them. They fell in love with each other, and Tina was floored by Athar's wit and charm. Once in an interview, Tina said, "It was a love-at-first-sight. We met in the morning and

by evening Aamir was at my door." While many supported the couple for taking a stand against and courage for an inter-religion marriage, some tried to stop their marriage. A right-wing Hindu nationalist political party in India, Akhil Bharatiya Hindu Mahasabha called Tina and Athar's relationship and union, 'Love Jihad' which is an alleged trend of Muslim boys tricking in non-Muslim girls into marriage. But no objections or obstacles were big enough for the much-in-love couple to call off their wedding. Congress President Rahul Gandhi congratulated the couple on their wedding and he hopes, in the age of growing intolerance and communal hatred, Athar and Tina become an



inspiration to everyone. Rahul Gandhi tweeted, "Congratulations Tina Dabi and Athar Amir-ul-Shafi, IAS toppers, batch of 2015, on your wedding! May your love grow from strength to strength and may you be an inspiration to all Indians in this age of growing intolerance and communal hatred. God bless you."

Health & Wellness

Tips for healthy eating away from home

With today's hectic lifestyles, most of us end up eating out at least once a week. That could mean grabbing a sandwich from the supermarket deli counter for lunch, ordering take-out for dinner, or splurging on a special meal at a favorite restaurant. Meals away from home make it harder to control ingredients, calories, and portions. This can be particularly challenging for people with type 2 diabetes (and for those of us trying to avoid getting this condition). The following tips can help you enjoy eating out without abandoning your efforts to eat well:

Ask how the food is prepared. Before you order, ask about ingredients and how the menu selections are prepared. Try to choose dishes made with whole grains, healthy oils, vegetables, and lean proteins.

Meat that has been broiled, poached, baked, or grilled is a more health-conscious option than fried foods or dishes prepared with heavy sauces.

Look for less. Your eyes are the perfect instrument for sizing up portion sizes. Use your estimating techniques to size up the food on your plate.

1 thumb tip = 1 teaspoon of peanut butter, butter, or sugar

1 finger = 1 oz. of cheese

1 fist = 1 cup cereal, pasta, or vegetables

1 handful = 1 oz. of nuts or pretzels

1 palm = 3 oz. of meat, fish, or poultry

Plan on eating half your meal and take the rest home to enjoy for lunch or dinner the next day.

Order an extra side of veggies. Non-starchy vegetables, such as green beans, broccoli, asparagus, or summer squash, will help you fill up with low-calorie choices.

Think ahead. Learn important nutrition information ahead of time. Most fast-food chains provide calories, sodium, and fat content for their menu items. Check out www.calorieking.com for a listing of over 50,000 foods, including many restau-



rant items. You can also visit company-specific websites for nutrition breakdowns, or call and request a pamphlet. Many locations display posters with this type of nutrition information.

Discover the Healing Power of Tai Chi — The Ancient Secret to a Healthier, Happier Life

Boost your balance
... Ease your pain ...
Reduce your stress ...
Strengthen your heart
... and more!

Ever wonder what tai chi is all about? For thousands of years, this ancient Chinese practice has proven to be one of the most powerful ways to improve both your physical and mental health. The key to tai chi's scientifically backed health benefits is qi. Rooted in ancient Asian traditions, qi is your vital energy. When your qi freely flows, you are balanced and healthy. But, if your qi is weakened or blocked, you can experience physical, mental, and emotional problems. Tai chi promotes the flow of your qi. Although tai chi sounds mysterious, research is proving it works! Start healing from head to toe! In an increasing number of recent studies,

tai chi has been found to lower blood pressure ... reduce stress ... build strength and balance ... slow the onset of dementia ... relieve pain ... and the list just goes on and on. And, better yet, everyone can benefit — no matter your age or fitness level. No wonder it's the tried-and-true practice of top athletes, active adults, and even people in their 70s and 80s who want to get — or stay — in shape!

Now, in a Special Health Report from Harvard Medical School, our experts show you how to restore your body and mind through this gentle mind-body exercise — for a longer, healthier life — without the risk of injury. Send for this new report now and discover how to:

Lower your risk of falling — by as much as 43% ... and your risk of injury by half!

Lift your mood — In 82% of studies, tai chi greatly improved mood and lowered anxiety. Plus, it's effective for treating depression drug-free.

Prevent heart disease — It strengthens

your heart five different ways!

Say goodbye to pain — A growing number of clinical trials show that tai chi offers significant relief from back, neck, arthritis, and fibromyalgia pain.

Sharpen your mind — Tai chi can help reduce age-related cognitive decline ... and even slow dementia!

Build confidence — While gaining muscle and mind control. And so much more.

You'll discover why tai chi has proven to be one of the most powerful ways to improve both your physical and mental health — why it's often called "meditation in motion." You'll get gentle guidance through three choreographed routines designed to restore both your body and mind ... and to help you function better all day, each and every day, including one you can do in the comfort of a chair or your bed. Better yet, over 125 step-by-step photos show you exactly how to do



every move correctly. Plus, helpful links to online videos — you can watch and follow along — make it almost seem that you're in your own private tai chi class. And, if that weren't enough, dozens of tips and techniques point out how to practice each move slowly and safely. Don't miss out on the myriad benefits tai chi has to offer, whether you're in your 50s ... 60s ... 70s ... or more, in minutes just a few times a week.

Food and Seasonal Allergy Sufferers

Seasonal Allergies

Seasonal allergies can be caused by small particles (dust, pollen, mold, etc.) that are present in the air, entering the nose as you breathe. A person who has allergies will experience inflammation in the lining of the nose because the body thinks that something dangerous has arrived.

Food Allergy Icons

Food Allergies

Don't be fooled by common non-allergic adverse food reactions such as gluten intolerance, lactose intolerance, or food poisoning. These are not true "allergies".

Research has shown that 4% to 6% of American children and 3% to 5% of all adults have true food allergies.

When it comes to food allergies, 90% of cases in the United States are caused by one of the following: peanuts, soybean, tree nuts, fish, shellfish, wheat, egg, and milk.

Allergy free man smiling

Are allergy symptoms bringing you down?

Symptoms that usually prompt allergy testing include:

- Chest and nasal congestion, coughing or wheezing
- Itchy or watery eyes, runny nose
- Itchy skin or eczema. Click here to download our information sheet on eczema and allergies.
- Vomiting or cramping and diarrhea after

eating certain foods

- Severe reactions to insect stings (other than swelling at the site of the sting)
- Anaphylaxis: a severe allergic reaction
- Allergy-induced asthma. Get access to our informative sheet here!

Allergy symptoms may affect the nasal passages, eyes, skin, lungs, or digestive system. Itchy eyes, sneezing, stuffy nose, wheezing, and hives are common reactions to allergens. Sometimes, more dangerous whole-body reactions can occur which can cause severe hives, shortness of breath and



Spring & Summer Safety

Scooter, Bike and Pedestrian Safety

Scooters, bikes, in-line skates and skateboards are associated with numerous injuries yearly.

Wear a comfortable, properly fitted helmet bearing the label of an independent testing lab. Be sure that the helmet sits level on top of the head—not rocking in any direction—and always fasten the safety strap. Be sure that safety gear (wrist, elbow and kneepads) fits properly and does not interfere with the rider's movement, vision or hearing. Wrist pads are not recommended for scooter riders as they may affect their ability to maneuver.

Ride scooters and bikes only on smooth, paved surfaces and only ride during daylight hours.

Learn the proper hand signals and use them when you turn or stop.

Come to a complete stop before entering driveways, paths or sidewalks, then look left, right and left again for bikes, cars or pedestrians heading your way.

Teach crossing safety to children by example

Barbecue Safety

Beware when you barbecue. In 1998 alone, there were 6,100 reported home fires involving gas or charcoal grills in the U.S., leading to \$29.1 million in direct property damage, according to NFPA.

When using barbecue grills always be sure to leave sufficient space from siding and eaves.

New Jersey law forbids any grill to be utilized on the balconies of an apartment, townhouse or condominium.

Always supervise a barbecue grill when in use.

Keep children and pets far away from grills.

With charcoal grills, only use charcoal starter fluids designed for barbecue grills and do not add fluid after coals have been lit.

With gas grills, be sure that the hose connection is tight and check hoses carefully for leaks. Applying soapy water to the hoses will easily and safely reveal any leaks.

Always follow the manufacturer's instructions and have the grill repaired by a professional, if necessary.

Spare propane cylinders should never be stored indoors or under or near the grill.

Water Safety

Extra caution should be used when around water, for children and adults.

Only swim in approved areas.

Always supervise children near water at all times and make sure that children learn to swim.

Check the depth of the water with a life-guard before jumping in.

Always wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved PFD (personal floatation device) when

boating, jet-skiing, tubing or water-skiing. Air-filled swimming aids, like water wings or inner tubes, are not substitutes for approved PFDs. An adult should always supervise children using these devices. Be sure to extinguish all smoking materials and shut down motors, fans and heating devices before fueling a boat. In case of a spill, wipe up fuel immediately and check the bilge for fuel leakage and odors. After fueling and before starting the boat's motor, ventilate with the blower for at least four minutes

Cleaning For Safety

Nature is undergoing a fresh start and so are homeowners who are ready to clean up the debris that has been accumulating in basements, storage sheds and garages over the winter.

Household and pool chemicals, paints and poisons should be properly marked and stored under lock and key, away from children's reach. Dispose of any that are leaking, expired, or that look bad.

When cleaning up hazardous chemicals, wear rubber gloves and follow the safety directions on the packaging. Never mix chemicals in the same container. If you don't know how to dispose of them, seek outside advice. Never put them in the trash or pour them down the drain.

Make sure gasoline and cleaning fluids are well-marked and stored in a cool, dry place away from the house and out of reach of children and pets. Use only approved containers for gasoline storage. Never use gasoline to clean skin, clothes, auto parts or floors.

Clean up work areas. Put dangerous tools, adhesives, matches or other work items away from children's reach.

Remove all fire hazards, including stacks of rags, newspapers and magazines. Pay special attention to the spaces around your furnace, hot water tank, fireplace, space heaters and dryer, as well as under your stairs.

Yard Work Safety

Itching to get the yard into shape for the summer? Here are ways to help ensure your spring spruce-up is disaster-free.

Always wear protective clothing when you handle pesticides and fertilizers.

More than 60,000 people are treated in emergency rooms each year for lawn-mower injuries:

Rake before you mow to prevent any stones and loose debris from launching into the air

Never operate a mower in your bare feet and avoid wearing loose clothing.

Never start a mower indoors.

Refueling your mower, make sure the engine is off and cool. Don't spill gasoline on a hot engine - and DON'T SMOKE while pouring gasoline.

Never leave your mower unattended.

Don't use electrical mowers on wet grass.

At least 55,000 people each year sustain injuries from trimmers, lawn edgers, pruners and power saws:

Read the manufacturer's instructions carefully before using the tools.

Inspect the product for damage and don't use it if there are problems.

Use proper eye protection.

Make sure blade guards are in place on all cutting equipment.

Don't let tools get wet unless they are labeled "immersible."

Unplug all tools when not in use.

Make sure the tool is in the "off" position before you plug it in.

Store gasoline-powered equipment away from anything that uses a pilot light.

Make sure you use the right saw for the task, and always wait for the saw blade to stop before pulling away from a cut to avoid kickback.

When pruning trees, be careful not to let metal ladders or trimmers contact overhead wires.

Before you do any "hands on" weed removal, be sure you know how to identify poison ivy, sumac, oak and similar toxic plants. Find out ahead of time how to treat the rashes they cause to reduce the irritation.

OUTDOOR SAFETY

Ready for some outdoor exercise and adventure? Here are a few pointers:

Winter's inactive muscles can take only so much strain. Don't overdo it - build up slowly so you don't have strains that can put you out of commission for some time. It may look appealing, but don't wander onto frozen rivers and lakes in the spring. The ice is beginning to thaw, and you never know just how thin the ice really is. Spring's extra rain and thawing snow can cause normally safe rivers, streams and creeks to turn treacherous. Even standing on banks can be risky, as they can be undercut by the rushing water and give in under your weight.

Springtime can also be severe weather time. If the skies look threatening, check to see if a storm watch or warning has been issued before you initiate outdoor activities. If you're already outside and thunderstorms threaten, go immediately into a building or enclosed vehicle. For tornadoes, go to the nearest safe structure, or the basement or interior first-floor room of your home. If there's no time to follow these precautions, take cover in a ditch or depression in the ground.

Ladder Safety

Read the manufacturer's instructions that come with your ladder. They contain guidelines for weight and height limits as well as for the proper use of their product.



Inspect the ladder before using it to make sure there are no loose or broken rungs. Make sure the ladder is the right height for the job. Many accidents happen when people overextend their reach because their ladders are too short.

Never stand on a ladder's bucket shelf. Make sure the ladder is completely open, and that all of its feet are planted on a firm, level surface. Extension ladders should not be placed at an angle that is too extreme.

Avoid using a metal ladder near electrical sources. Face the ladder when climbing down and make sure your weight is centered between the two sides.

Camping Safety Tips

Always use a flame retardant tent and set up camp far away from the campfire. Only use flashlights or battery-powered lanterns inside the tent or any other closed space, not liquid-filled heaters or lanterns. Always build your campfire down wind away from your tent. Clear all vegetation and dig a pit surrounded by rocks before building your campfire.

Store liquid fire starter (not gasoline) away from your tent and campfire and only use dry kindling to freshen a campfire.

Always put out a campfire when going to sleep or leaving the campsite. To extinguish the fire, cover with dirt or pour water over it

Fireworks

Fireworks lead to thousands of injuries requiring emergency room treatment, according to NFPA. These dazzling, but dangerous devices can burn up to 1200 F and can cause burns, lacerations, amputations and blindness. Stay safe by always leaving fireworks to professionals.

Stay back at least 500 feet from professional fireworks displays. Treat all fireworks, whether legal or illegal for consumers, as suitable only for use by trained professionals.

If you find fireworks, do not touch them but instead direct authorities to them. Leave any area where amateurs are using fireworks.

Spring & Summer Safety

What living on 'Mars' taught one space researcher about saving Earth

Outer space, to many of us, is about having a hopeful plan B — a place that can save us from world war or an epidemic or environmental disaster. But that might not be the best way to think about it. Instead, says Sheyna Gifford, a space physician who spent a full year on a simulated mission to Mars, learning how to get to another planet may be a means and not an end.

“The question nobody asks is what happens if we don’t become an interplanetary species?” Gifford asks in an episode of the new short-documentary series *Beyond the Horizon* directed by Jared Leto, which began its second season last week. “Mars will never be a backup of Earth. ... But if we can make it there, then we can make it here. Because we can’t get there as single countries believing only what we want to believe, and people who only get along on certain terms when we feel like it. We are going to have to get beyond ourselves to make that work. And when we do that, I don’t see why we have to stop at Mars. We can go anywhere.” Such lofty goals begin to sound plausible when you listen to the clear, calm thoughts of Gifford, a St. Louis-based resident physician and aerospace educator in the U.S. civil air patrol who, in 2015, served as the chief medical and safety officer during the year-long fourth mission of the HI-SEAS study. That’s when she, as part of a four-person research crew, spent a year living inside a 1,200-foot geodesic dome up on the slopes of Hawaii’s Mauna Loa volcano, an expanse of land that’s geographically similar to the surface of Mars.

For that year in the dome, during which they researched what would be required for people actually to live on Mars, the scientist was allowed only limited contact with the outside world, via texting and emailing that was time-lagged to approximate speed-of-light delays — but “since you’re pretty darn busy trying to grow

food, conserve water and power, exercise, and explore space, there is not a lot of spare time to send emails back home,” she says. She was permitted to travel only about a mile away from the base, all while wearing a simulated spacesuit.

“I did not feel constrained by it at all,” Gifford (who is about to be featured in another documentary series, James Cameron’s *Story of Science Fiction* on AMC) tells Yahoo Lifestyle, explaining that the parameters really helped her to stay in the moment. “Within a few hundred meters around the dome, there was a surprising amount to do and see: old, frozen lava flowing into strange formations, deep caverns, and tall ridges. Inside the dome itself, there were constantly things going on — science projects, music, drone flying, 3-D printing, strange engineering, and even stranger cooking experiments. At night, if you walked outside in your spacesuit to watch the arm of the Milky Way rise, you felt like you could be anywhere, on almost any planet in our part of the galaxy.” In *Beyond the Horizon*, Gifford notes that as humans, we tend to think “there’s always more people, there’s always more air, there’s always more food, but there isn’t. And in space you realize that.”

She elaborates for Yahoo Lifestyle, adding, “The explorers pushing the new horizon face very different challenges from the explorers of old. Don’t get me wrong — things got pretty hairy at times for the folks who spread across the face of this world. Supplies like food, water, and heat ran low all the time. But no matter how bad things were for them, the explorers of old didn’t have to worry about running out of air. ... They knew that at some point they had a good chance of finding the resources they needed to survive.” Space, however, “gives us no such kind assurances. ... Every resource you will ever need has to be brought with you, sent ahead,

or discovered at your very, very, very far-off destination.”

Based on Gifford’s experience on the mission, humans are not quite ready to dive in to a long space mission, since we don’t know how to “predict and plan for everything we’re going to need to survive a journey like that in advance. We don’t yet know how to explore an environment devoid of resources for an extensive period of time without running out of the things we need to keep ourselves alive.” But, she adds, “We’re figuring it out.”

At various times during the one-year mission, food, water, and power ran short. “In November, around the time that Andy Weir’s *The Martian* was hitting movie theaters, one of our food resupply robots failed. At the same time, bad weather — on [real] Mars, it would be dust storms — prevented our solar panel system from producing much power. It was a very cold and rather dismal Thanksgiving on simulated Mars. Later in the mission, water resupply robots failed, and the water circulation system itself broke down. At every step, we improvised.”

Gifford has been interested in space since childhood, and one of her earliest memories involves her father showing her photos from the 1976 landing of an American spacecraft on Mars. “I remember being confused, because Mars didn’t look all that welcoming — but at the same time, I wanted to go there really badly. Being human is strange like that.”

She now focuses much of her energy on supporting young girls who are interested in STEM fields. Through her work as an air-patrol educator, she’s able to provide, at no cost, learning kits for robotics, tele-



scopes, gliders, and books about science, engineering, mathematics, or aerospace to any schoolteacher or homeschool teacher who asks. “I also have a few STEM mentees of my own. They are remarkable people,” she says. “The two young women, one of whom is in college and the other of whom will be shortly, are going to make the things I’ve achieved look like small beans before this decade is out.” She also keeps “an open door to the young kids in my neighborhood,” and she spends time with them planting in her local community garden, with the aim of showing them how they can help grow the world, both actually and metaphorically.

Her space goal, meanwhile, is “to ensure that humanity has the power to leave this planet at will and to keep going, and going, for as long and as far as we possibly can.” In addition, she says, she wants to help everyone find a way to stay healthy, fed, clothed, and educated while doing it. “Also,” Gifford adds, “I would like to fall asleep in zero gravity at least one time before I die. That would be a bonus.”

Melania Is Trapped In The White House, Says France’s First Lady

France’s first lady had a great time with the Trumps during her three-day visit to the U.S. with husband Emmanuel Macron, but she told a French newspaper that she felt sorry for Melania Trump because she’s a virtual prisoner in the White House.

Melania “cannot do anything,” Brigitte Macron told *Le Monde* on Friday, apparently referring to security constraints, the newspaper reported. “She can’t even open a window at the White House. She can’t stick her nose outside. She’s much more constrained than I am. Me, every day, I’m out in Paris.”

No wonder she appears to look so grim, Brigitte Macron said. “Everything is interpreted, over-interpreted,” she added, perhaps referring to scrutiny by the media and the public. “She’s a woman with a lot of character but tries to hide it. She laughs very easily about everything but shows it less than I do.”

The two first ladies got along swimmingly, said Macron. Melania was “really fun,” she said. “We have the

same sense of humor. We laugh a lot together.” Macron called her “kind, charming, intelligent and very open.”

France’s first lady admitted that she has to deal with some of the same limitations as her American counterpart because she has to be “careful what I say.”

She added: “I have the impression that every word is a word too many. I’m constantly holding myself back. That’s the hardest part: There’s never really any time off, never a moment when you can be completely calm.”

But she said she tries to live as normal a life as possible and goes out each day. She often visits her three children from a previous marriage, and she visits her grandchildren. Macron said she tries to be more than just a decorative “flower pot” in the shadow of her husband. But that was difficult to do on their trip to the U.S. “Everything was very framed,” she said. “there were small labels on the ground. I put myself where I had to put myself.”

Macron, 65, is 20 years older than her husband, who was once her student. That’s nearly how much older Donald Trump, 71, is than his wife, who just turned 48.

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Allama Mashriqi & Allama Iqbal: The Pride of Asia

By Nasim Yousaf

Allama Inayatullah Khan Al-Mashriqi and Allama Sir Mohammad Iqbal are regarded as legendary personalities of Asia. The two men have much in common; both graduated from the University of Cambridge and were illustrious thinkers, philosophers, writers, intellectuals, and politicians. They reached the highest pinnacles of fame and prominence in their respective fields. Both were also not without their controversies; this piece provides an introduction to these two men.

Mashriqi and Iqbal were both Punjabis whose ancestors were converts to Islam. Mashriqi was born in Amritsar in British India and died in Lahore, Pakistan, while Iqbal, a British India native, was born in Sialkot and died in Lahore. After high school, both men attended Christian educational institutions, Mashriqi went to Church Mission College (Amritsar) and Iqbal went to Scotch Mission College (later named Murray College) in Sialkot. Mashriqi also subsequently attended Foreman Christian College (F.C. College) in Lahore and Iqbal was admitted to Government College Lahore.

Mashriqi obtained his M.A. in Mathematics, while Iqbal obtained an MA in Philosophy. From 1907 to 1912, Mashriqi studied at the University of Cambridge and finished four Triposes in five years, breaking many previous academic records and stunning people in both the East and West. British newspapers showered him with praise - The Star, London, 1912 wrote: "It was hitherto considered not possible at Cambridge that a man could take honours in four Triposes in a short period of five years but it is credit to India that Inayatullah Khan of the Christ's College has accomplished the feat." In the 1920s, Mashriqi was inducted into several prestigious academic societies of Europe. Iqbal also graduated from Cambridge with a Bachelor of Arts; he later became a barrister-at-law from Lincoln's Inn (England) and also obtained a PhD from a German University. The two men developed a strong command over multiple languages, including Arabic, English, Persian, and Urdu. During their lifetimes, both also taught at educational institutions and published poetry. They also competed for the prestigious Indian Education Service (IES) during their respective periods; Mashriqi was inducted into the said service, but Iqbal was denied.

Mashriqi and Iqbal both became well-known for their literary works. Mashriqi's Tazkirah (a scientific look at the Holy Quran) was nominated for the Nobel Prize in Literature by learned men from the East and West (see Mashriqi's biography in Al-Islah, Aug 30, 1935. p. 11). Iqbal's Asrar-i-Khudi and Mashriqi's Tazkirah were translated by the same well-known Cambridge University Professor, Reynold A. Nicholson. As Mashriqi and Iqbal gained prominence in British India, they were not spared from criticism. Many conservative religious leaders labeled them as kafirs (infidels) because of their progressive views on Islam. Despite their critics, both men continued to push forward on their agendas and emerged as top Muslim public figures in the Indian sub-continent and abroad.

It was clear that the two men had much in common. Mashriqi and his Khaksar Movement brought about a revolution in India, while Iqbal's poetry inspired vitality and high spirits amongst the people. Both Mashriqi and Iqbal also seemed to agree that Islam was being widely misinterpreted. According to Dr. Shabbir Ahmed, in his publication Islam: The True History and False belief, "Various great minds have named this degenerate Islam variously... Allama Sir Muhammad Iqbal... termed it Ajami (Alien) Islam... Allama Inayatullah Khan Al-Mashriqi



...called it Maulvi Ka Ghalat Mazhab (The Mullah's Wrong Religion)... Ultimately, both men inspired the masses in India as well as many others around the world.

Along with their many similarities, Mashriqi and Iqbal certainly had their fair share of differences. Mashriqi was not a follower of Sir Syed Ahmed Khan and, like his father (Khan Ata Mohammad Khan), did not agree with Sir Syed's way of promoting English education. Mashriqi felt that Sir Syed's approach was spreading British influence in the country and destroying domestic traditions and culture, ultimately creating an inferiority complex among the people of the sub-continent. On the other hand, Iqbal was profoundly inspired by Sir Syed and his movement.

Mashriqi and Iqbal differed in their methods as well. Mashriqi believed that the key to freedom and regaining lost Muslim glory was through direct action, which he implemented using his Khaksar Movement. Meanwhile, Iqbal tried to revive Muslim glory through his poetry. Although Mashriqi wrote some poetry, he strongly felt that words alone would not be sufficient to achieve his goal of bringing about an end to British rule in India and instead would perpetuate inaction among the populace. Thus, Mashriqi built a private army of over 5 million Khaksars (along with countless supporters) to lead a massive independence movement. During his fight for freedom, Mashriqi remained under close watch by the British authorities and was arrested (or his movements were restricted) many times. Meanwhile, Iqbal emerged as a renowned poet. Additional scholarly studies are needed to examine their differing methods and the best path forward for the nation.

Perhaps the biggest difference between Mashriqi and Iqbal was their thoughts on a separate state for the Muslims. Mashriqi was opposed to partition, which he assessed to be primarily a British plan that was supported by only one Muslim party and some non-Muslim leaders. Mashriqi believed that the people of India could live together as a single, free and strong nation and that an independent judiciary and constitution were enough to protect the rights of Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs, Christians and all other communities (Mashriqi published The Constitution of Free India, 1946 A.C., parts of which were incorporated into the Indian constitution after partition). Mashriqi also feared that partition would tear Muslims apart and result in the slaughter of innocent Muslims and non-Muslims and destroy peace in the region. Mashriqi felt that the arguments in favor of partition (namely that Muslims would be suppressed by the Hindu community in a united India and that Islam would be in danger [history of Muslim rule in united India and Muslim-Hindu co-existence for centuries negates both these arguments]) were merely ploys to scare Muslims and gain political support for a divided India. In contrast to Mashriqi,

Iqbal (per many historians) supported the Two-Nation Theory and the creation of a separate homeland for the Muslims. He is considered the spiritual father of Pakistan.

Despite their differences, both Mashriqi and Iqbal maintained respect for one another. For example, while Mashriqi was Under Secretary of Education in the British Government, the Government used to seek Mashriqi's recommendations on candidates for Knighthood, filling job vacancies, and other matters. During his tenure, Mashriqi recommended Iqbal (among others) for a vacancy in a Government position and also for Knighthood. According to Mashriqi's book, Hareeme-Ghaib (page 296), "...several [people], for example, Dr. [Allama] Iqbal, Nawab Zulfiqar Ali Khan, Sardar Joginder Singh... received the title of Sir with his [Mashriqi's] help." Iqbal also held Mashriqi's intellect and achieve-

ments in high regard. Iqbal used to discuss Mashriqi and his book Tazkirah at gatherings (at his house and in public) and in his correspondence with others (examples available at: www.iqbalcyberlibrary.net/txt/3540.txt). Poet Hafeez Jullandhri (who wrote Pakistan's national anthem) disclosed in a speech, "One day I was sitting with Dr. Iqbal and some anti-Mashriqi people came with Tazkirah and asked Dr. Iqbal to write against it. Dr. Iqbal smiled and said, 'Would I write against the Quran?'" Iqbal was inspired by Mashriqi and used some of Mashriqi's thoughts in his poetry. On October 24, 1958, The Pakistan Times (Lahore) also reported on a photo of Allama Mashriqi, Quaid-i-Azam Jinnah, and Allama Iqbal together (the photo was published by the daily "Shahbaz" in British India). On a more personal note, Iqbal's daughter, Munira Bano, also used to visit Mashriqi's house in Icchra to play with Mashriqi's daughter, Masuda Yousaf.

Following Mashriqi and Iqbal's deaths, the mutual respect continued amongst their families. Both figures' sons (late Engineer Hameedud Din Al-Mashriqi and late Justice Javed Iqbal respectively) and daughters-in-law (Dr. Sabhia Arshad and Justice Nasira Iqbal) met during different periods. Nasira Iqbal was also gracious enough to visit the Khaksar Tehrik Headquarters to condole the death of Hameedud Din Al-Mashriqi.

Allama Mashriqi and Allama Iqbal were two of the most prominent men in Asia's history. Both were highly educated thinkers and provide a source of pride for all of Asia. Their lives mirrored each other's in many ways and, despite their differences and critics, the two maintained a mutual respect for one another. Many books have already been written about these two men individually - and many more could be written comparing their lives and ideologies.

Mashriqi passed away in 1963 and Iqbal in 1938. Both men are buried in the historic city of Lahore, Mashriqi at the Khaksar Tehrik's headquarters in Icchra (from where he started his Movement in 1930) and Iqbal in Hazuri Bagh.

For more information, see: "Allama Mashriqi and Allama Iqbal" (<https://www.facebook.com/AllamaMashriqi.AllamaIqbal>)

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An English Boy Weds In An Indian Summer

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It was a late night call during August 2017, from Gottingen, Germany ,where my daughter was doing her post-doctoral research in pancreatic cancer with Max Planck Institute. Customarily, she spoke to me for few minutes enquiring our well being and about the weather at Bangalore. Thereafter, very gently informed that she is in love with an English boy, a Software Engineer, from Brighton, UK whom she had met in Cambridge during a conference. There was a long pause from both sides and then she expressed her desire that we meet and judge him, then approve for the marriage. I and my wife, though initially perplexed, discussed with other children who were supportive of the proposal. We fixed a date to meet both of them in Dubai, where our eldest daughter lives. The meeting went off very well and the boy Louis impressed both of us and assured us that he along with my daughter would make a very happy couple. We discussed the matter within the family and then consented and at an informal ceremony both were engaged. Louis family too welcomed the alliance as we spoke to them from Dubai. We discussed with Louis the legalities, inter faith issues ,inheritance etc., applicable in such intercontinental alliance and marriage laws applicable. Willingly the boy agreed to follow all the customs, traditions and necessities of same faith in case of Muslim wedding. He even chose a name Atif Louis to be recognised and welcome within our community. As parent's duty, we too visited Brighton in March, met the friendly family of Atif, who too supported and approved the decision of their son. The marriage date was fixed for 2nd April 2018. By then our daughter had taken up a job of Scientist with a UK firm near Oxford, now, being a resident of UK, even obtained permission to marry Louis as per UK law.

During World War I Brighton Pavilion, though a Palace for Royals to retreat, was used as a hospital for Indian soldiers. When I and my wife visited Brighton, Atif took us to all the touristic spots, especially the Brighton Pavilion, which was in news in the past for some racial attacks. It is a tribute to UK that the Pavilion and its surroundings are created as if we are in some Moghul era of Old Delhi.

Brighton Pier is a very frequented beach front reminds us of our own Marine Drive of Mumbai. The pier remains popular with the public, with over four million visitors in 2016, and has been featured in many works of British culture, including the gangster thriller Brighton Rock, the comedy Carry On at Your Convenience and the Who's concept album and film Quadrophenia.

Atif family were excited and were looking forward for an Indian wedding perhaps as they have seen in some Bollywood movie. Looking back at our own modest background and simplicity of marriages in Islam, it was a challenge to mix simplicity, solemnisation of marriage as per our customs and give the visiting family of the boy a flavour of our composite Indian culture. Finally, in consultation with family and friends, it was decided that the boy would undergo the formalities of "Maktab" about ten days prior to the marriage in the presence of our scholars, which would be followed by a Nikah on the 2nd of April. To keep the traditions, an elaborately decorated stage with separate courts for bride and bride groom was organised in a huge Ball Room of a four star Hotel. A centre stage was prepared to enable the couple to be together on the stage and receive blessings from the guests. To add to the pleasant atmosphere, a trio of AIR artistes led by Dr.Jayanta Kumar were engaged to play sitar, violin and table. A Jugalbandi of classical music, playing Desh (Khamaj), Durga (Bilawal), Kedar (Kalyan), Jai-jaiwanti (Khamaj), Pahadi (Bilawal), Shankara (Bilawal) with these ragas suitable for an evening function.

Children and grandchildren from US, UAE had arrived on 25th March and Atif's family of seven members arrived on 30th March. The Haldi and Mahendi ceremonies were performed on 1st April. Logistics of handling, stay, arrivals and departures was a nightmare considering the situation as it exists today at Bangalore. Friends and family were very supportive including well meaning neighbours. Our guests from UK, Atif's family members insisted to be dressed in Indian attire for all the functions. The Boy's grandmother aged eighty years enjoyed and danced to Bollywood music and loved every bit of spicy indian food and the ceremonies. In the wake of happening around in India and elsewhere, humanity getting diluted, political battles, rapes, divisive forces at work overtime, it was a pleasant God sent event where we could enjoy as people. Incidentally, having a better half with Brahmin background, and another American Son in Law, and with the addition of Atif, the Sanskrit Phrase from Maha Upa-

nishad "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" which means that the world is one family makes hell of a lot of sense.



Brighton Pavilion

Brighton Pier



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Chinese-American Scientist Who Was Wrongly Accused Of Spying Gets Job Back

After a long legal battle, a Chinese-American hydrologist who was wrongly accused of espionage is finally getting justice.

Chief Administrative Judge Michele Schroeder ruled Tuesday in favor of Sherry Chen, whom the National Weather Service had fired in 2015 even after the espionage case against Chen had collapsed. Schroeder ordered the federal agency to reinstate the hydrologist and give her back pay.

“My findings indicate that Ms. Chen is an expert in her field of hydrology,” read the decision, which HuffPost obtained via a Freedom of Information Act request. “There is no reason why she cannot continue to be a productive employee and continue to contribute to NWS’s mission.”

The victory has been a long time coming for the hydrologist, who challenged her termination through the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, an independent agency that protects public employees.

FBI agents arrested Chen in 2014, accusing her of using a stolen password to obtain information about U.S. dams. She was also accused of lying about a meeting with a Chinese official. Yet just a week before Chen was to go to trial, the case fell apart and charges were dropped with little explanation.

“We are exercising our prosecutorial discretion,” Jennifer Thornton, the spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, told press at the time.

Chen’s troubles didn’t end there, however. Months after the case fell apart, Chen received a termination letter citing “conduct demonstrating untrustworthiness” and “misrepresentation” among the reasons she was being fired.

However, Schroeder wrote that officials from the U.S. Department of Commerce, which the National Weather

Service is part of, were intent on firing Chen regardless of what facts arose. They were “more concerned about being right than doing the right thing. Based on the unyielding nature of their testimony, I would not have been surprised if they rejected that $2 + 2 = 4$,” the judge wrote.

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Officials failed to consider a dozen sworn declarations from Chen’s co-workers in their termination decision, Schroeder added. Ultimately, the National Weather Service failed to prove the “vast majority” of Chen’s alleged conduct, she said, and the Commerce Department didn’t have cause to terminate Chen.

It’s clear that Sherry Chen was the victim of gross injustice and unwarranted racial profiling during her time at the [Commerce] Department.

Rep. Ted Lieu (D-Calif.)

The judge swapped Chen’s termination for a 15-day suspension without pay, due to what Schroeder called a “singular lapse of judgment on Ms. Chen’s part.” This referred to Chen’s agreement to “provide data to a former member of the weather service with a written assurance not to tell anyone she was doing so.”

Several Asian-American legislators applauded the decision and are now calling for an investigation into the handling of Chen’s case.

“Unfortunately, there have been multiple cases in which Chinese American scientists like Sherry have been wrongly targeted and arrested for alleged espionage only to have those charges dropped with no explanation,” Rep. Judy Chu (D-Calif.) said in a statement. “That is why [Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus] has made it a top priority to urge the Department of Justice to examine whether there is a pattern or practice of Asian

Americans being singled out by federal law enforcement and prosecutors for espionage.”

Rep. Grace Meng (D-N.Y.) and Rep. Ted Lieu (D-Calif.) issued similar statements.

“It’s clear that Sherry Chen was the victim of gross injustice and unwarranted racial profiling during her time at the Department,” Lieu said. “I’m calling on the IG to immediately open an investigation into this wrongdoing so that it does not happen to our fellow Americans again.”

As the legislators pointed out, Chen is among a string of scientists and researchers of Asian descent who have been wrongly accused of espionage, including Chinese-American professor Xiaoxing Xi, Eli Lilly scientists Guoqing Cao and Shuyu Li, and NASA contract worker Bo Jiang. While their cases dissolved, the damage had already been done.

“Dropped charges do not erase the trauma and paranoia from FBI surveillance, \$200,000 in legal fees, or the many shattered pieces of our lives we still have to put together,” Xi’s daughter Joyce wrote in a blog for HuffPost. “It does not erase the fact that the federal government exerted its overwhelming power to try and criminalize my father in the name of national security, as if he were an enemy of his own country, America.”

Research shows that Americans of Asian descent are disproportionately profiled in espionage cases. The non-partisan Chinese-American organization Committee of 100 published a white paper last June that revealed Asians were more likely to be charged with economic espionage than people of any other race. They are also found innocent at a rate two times higher than individuals from any other racial group. However, people with Asian-sounding names received sentences twice as long as those with Western-sounding names.

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Comprehensiveness of human dignity - Dr Javil Jameel



I feel frustrated when I find Muslim intellectuals using Islam for justifying the current international terms or concepts, most of which are defective or deficient, and are advocated by the global forces for their own ends. 'Human Rights' is one such concept, which Muslim intellectuals lend their voice to without realising its hidden motives and implications and without suggesting the correctives.

Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be to him) was, of course, the best champion of the rights of human beings the world has ever witnessed, but his aims and the methods to achieve those aims were entirely different from what the current international proponents of human rights have. In simple words, "human rights" to him was only a small part of a larger plan.

The Prophet gave importance to the lives of individuals as well as the lives of the larger humanity, and took steps to ensure that not only human beings as individuals have their personal rights but the society and the system ensure security to their lives. To him, the security of life was paramount, and human rights in violation of human security had no justification. Without the system safeguarding the individuals, human rights are often exploited by the forces for their own interests. Rights without duties and prohibitions are an open invitation to exploitation. This is what differentiates Islam from the current ideologies where human rights are used less to safeguard the dignity of the people and more to exploit them.

Soon after Declaration of Risalat, and conveying the primary message of total submission to One God, Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be to him) embarked upon his social agenda where every individual's dignity was to be secured through organized efforts. The plan to emancipate slaves in stages was initiated, the campaign to restore dignity of women was launched, the female infanticide was condemned in the strongest possible words, there were clear injunctions against forcing slave girls into prostitution, and the forces of hegemony in Makkah were challenged.

Even in wars, there were instructions not to kill the wounded and the captives, and there were clear instructions not to engage in war except in certain conditions, and if war has begun, to return to ceasefire as soon as possible.

"Human Rights" in the modern world have virtually been reduced to the rights of the murderers and rapists against being executed, the rights of gays against being targeted for their highly dangerous habits and the rights of women for aborting their children in order to make things easy for the male-dominated socio-economic system. Even violence has been categorised to suit their own plans so that the powerful appear to be peace-loving and those who refuse to toe the line appear to be dangerous.

They will condemn "terrorism" and will ignore war; and if their own people indulge in "terrorism" they will call it "war of liberation" from the rulers. They have no concern for the lives lost in crimes and suicides within their own countries, the lives lost in wars against other countries and the rebellions masterminded by them. They are also not concerned about the tens of millions of lives lost annually due to social vices like alcohol, smoking and unhealthy and immoral sexual practices. They will talk for days about beheadings but will not talk of bombs that kill thousands of times the beheadings kill. Bombs become dangerous for them only if they are used by their enemies.

The modern concept of 'human rights', as most of other modern terminologies and concepts, originated from the West. Superficially, it looks an extremely fascinating slogan. But its hidden objectives are not that attractive. The West feared that the kind of economic fundamentalism and legal system that it had decided to aggressively pursue could have some very serious adverse effects. It would engender barbarism in society in the form of steep rise in all forms of crimes including murder, rape, robbery and bribe. It would also enhance societal tensions as well as psychiatric illnesses. If these really happened, it would give a bad name to their ideology. To counter this, the economic fundamentalists sought to impart a new meaning to 'human rights' so that the darker face of their civilisation could not come to the fore. They could use the brighter side to fusillade those systems that were unwilling to accept the economic hegemony of the West. The result of such re-orientation has been that the situation of human rights in a country is not assessed on the basis of crimes there, but on how the accused in various crimes are

being treated by governmental institutions and agencies. Apparently, human rights organisations argue that they safeguard the people against excesses. But in reality, they only serve criminals and saboteurs of social peace. What happens to the victim of a crime and his relatives does not bother them; their function is only to follow the trial of the accused. The economic fundamentalists have vested interests in the paralysed legal system, for criminals and crimes form an indispensable part of their operations. Criminals are supported in more than one way. If they or their crimes have any political dimensions, the "champions" of human rights are quick to label their trial as 'political vendetta'. It is true that governments tend to be less kind towards their opponents, and often use the stick of law to punish them. But it is equally true that all political forces have some nexus with criminals who are used to create ugly situations for the ruling party or coalition. This side of the coin is however intentionally overlooked.

Human rights organisations never publish reports on the crime-situation in different countries, and never pressurise the governments to drastically reduce them, so that the common people can pass their lives without fear; for such reports would unveil their own faces and fingers will then be at the Western ideologies. The Law has become a big industry with trillions of dollars involved in it.

'Women's rights' is yet another extremely favourite subject with the Amnesties and the Human Rights Watches. And it is needless to repeat that the major aim behind all the ruckus that is regularly made is to assist merchants of sex and barons of consumer industry. Why is it that "purdah" (veil) annoys them, but prostitution doesn't? Why has Amnesty, the self-proclaimed champion of human rights, never bothered to tell the world that there cannot be a bigger crime against womanhood than its sordid commercialisation? Why does it not shout that a civilisation cannot claim to be a true human civilisation if it creates a social environment in which women have to willingly or unwillingly sell their bodies?

Amnesties and Human Watch groups take extraordinary pains to highlight the cases of rapes in police custody or in prisons. But their eyes do not bleed at thousands of rapes that innocent women have to suffer daily all over the world. If they begin to unveil the nefarious strategies of the commercial exploitation of women, nothing else would be required to prove their credentials. But the truth is that amnesties are damnesties, which are only mouthpieces of the economic fundamentalists. Their goals are only to glorify Westernism and degrade every other system.

One of the issues that Amnesty and other organisations have continuously been raising at different platforms is that of child labour, an issue ostensibly inspired by humanist sentiments. There can hardly be anybody not moved by the concern shown for the innocent children who, instead of going to schools, have to earn their livelihood in fields and factories. They often have to work in wretched conditions. The situation needs prompt redress. But, is this concern for child labour the only – or the real – motive behind the worldwide campaign? The actual motivating force, on the contrary, is the strategy of big industries to throttle the small sector, so that they can expand their own market.

They know that small-scale industries may be individually small, but combined they have a sizeable share in the economy of at least some countries. They reckon that these industries survive only because they can get relatively cheap labour in the form of young children; once this labour goes beyond their reach, they will not be able to compete with big industries, and will be left with no option but to wind up. Why should the circulation of money remain confined between owners of small-scale businesses and their clients, without the involvement of the big business?

The economic fundamentalists neglect the fact that these children are bread-earners for themselves and their extremely poor families, where each member has to financially contribute to survive. If child labour has to end, better ways should be found, so that small-scale industries do not face virtual extinction.

It is now high time the concept of human rights was re-examined. Human rights are nothing if they do not guarantee the security of the common people, including men, women and children, old, young and yet-to-be born. Islam has a larger plan, which aims at Human Security, "human rights" being only one of the means to achieve that aim. To ensure human security, emphasis on prohibitions is

equally essential. Human Security demands that lives of all human beings must be safeguarded against all kinds of external threats. None – individual, society, corporate sector or government, can be allowed to offer the choice of death to the people; freedom of choice must be limited to choice among the good. A choice between life and death cannot simply be given to the people. A child cannot be left on a highway hoping that it will take all the necessary precautions to save it from being crushed by fast moving vehicles. People are like children who more often than not are guided by baser instincts that suck them into all forms of life-threatening and peace-threatening habits.

Addiction has hardly any regard or fondness for knowledge and sanity. Who knows better, about the ill effects of alcohol, smoking and sexual perversions, than do doctors? Still they often succumb to the temptations. A smoker, a drinker, a drug addict and a promiscuous person understand that they face huge risks on account of their habits; but such is the effect of these on baser instincts that they find it hard to be governed by their knowledge.

Human security demands that all necessary measures must be taken to minimize

- * Murders (severe punishment to criminals)
- * All other crimes (punishments equal to crimes, and poverty alleviation)
- * Rapes and other crimes against women (Severe punishment to rapists, proper dress code, ban on nudity and sex in films and media)
- * Diseases caused by gambling, smoking, drinking and unhealthy sexual practices (ban on tobacco, alcohol, gambling and all forms of sex industries)
- * Suicides (apart from ban on all forms of addiction, endeavours to strengthen family system)* Abortions (total ban on abortions except for medical reasons, ban on premarital sex)
- * Commercial exploitation of women (total and effective ban on prostitution and pornography)
- * Commercial exploitation and sexual abuse of children (total and effective ban on commercialisation of sex, harshest legal measures against sexual abusers, social environment conducive for healthy family life)
- * Effective steps to minimise economic disparity (this will be discussed later) and poverty

Islamic organisations must popularise the slogan of Human Security at every possible level. Seminars must be conducted to highlight concerns related to the security of all human beings. Regular surveys must be conducted to assess the position at the global level, as a whole as well as the situation in all the countries of the world. The governments of different countries must be sent missives demanding strengthening of legal system and multi-sectorial campaigns against all the crimes and evils. Governments of Muslim countries must be constantly pressurised to raise the issue of global security in the international organisations, including UN, WHO, European Union, NAM, etc.

Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be to him) had the dignity of human life foremost in his mind. To safeguard life and the quality of life was the principle on which he built the Islamic system of governance and social system. If he prohibited alcohol, it was to safeguard human life; if he made sexual relations outside marriage a punishable offence, it was again aimed at safeguarding mankind from disastrous consequences; if he campaigned against abortions and female infanticide, it was again to ensure that even foetuses and infants enjoy their lives.

Let us learn the comprehensiveness of human dignity from the Last Ambassador of God who taught us that security is the prerequisite of dignity.

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Your vehicle MAY be involved in a safety recall and MAY create a safety risk for you or your passengers. If left unrepaired, a potential safety defect could lead to injury or even death. Safety defects must be repaired by a dealer at no cost to you.

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V792
 Manufacturer : Navistar, Inc.
 Subject : Fire Extinguisher May Be Clogged or Inoperable

Make	Model	Model Years
INTERNATIONAL	4700	2000-2001
INTERNATIONAL	4900	2000-2002
INTERNATIONAL	9100I	2001-2003
INTERNATIONAL	DURASTAR	2002-2003, 2005, 2007-2009, 2012-2014, 2016-2018
INTERNATIONAL	LT	2018
INTERNATIONAL	PROSTAR	2012, 2014-2017
INTERNATIONAL	TERRASTAR	2014-2015
INTERNATIONAL	TRANSTAR	2001-2003

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V137
 Manufacturer : Hyundai Motor America
 Subject : Air Bags/Seat Belt Pretensioners may be Disabled

Make	Model	Model Years
HYUNDAI	SONATA	2011-2013
HYUNDAI	SONATA HYBRID	

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V203
 Manufacturer : Chrysler (FCA US LLC)
 Subject : Rear Liftgate May Open Unexpectedly

Make	Model	Model Years
ALFA ROMEO	STELVIO	2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V205
 Manufacturer : Chrysler (FCA US LLC)
 Subject : Water Leak at Front of Vehicle

Make	Model	Model Years
ALFA ROMEO	STELVIO	2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V207
 Manufacturer : Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC.
 Subject : Seatbacks may Not Lock

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V217
 Manufacturer : Keystone RV Company
 Subject : Brake Wire may be Damaged and Short Circuit

Make	Model	Model Years
CROSSROADS	CRUISER	2018
CROSSROADS	VOLANTE	2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V218
 Manufacturer : Doepker Industries Ltd.
 Subject : Main Rails may Fail

Make	Model	Model Years
DOEPKER	HG FLATDECK SEMI	2015-2016

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V222
 Manufacturer : Forest River, Inc.
 Subject : Incorrect Information on Label/FMVSS 110, Part 567

Make	Model	Model Years
FOREST RIVER	SURVEYOR	2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V223
 Manufacturer : Motor Coach Industries
 Subject : Tail Light Failure/FMVSS 108

Make	Model	Model Years
MERCEDES BENZ	C300	2017-2018
MERCEDES BENZ	C43 AMG	2017-2018
MERCEDES BENZ	C63 AMG	2017
MERCEDES BENZ	C63S AMG	2017-2018
MERCEDES BENZ	E400	2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V208
 Manufacturer : Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC.
 Subject : Air Bag Inflator Housing Material Failure

Make	Model	Model Years
MERCEDES BENZ	AMG GT	2018
MERCEDES BENZ	AMG GT C	2018

Make	Model	Model Years
MERCEDES BENZ	GLC300	2018
MERCEDES BENZ	GLC350E	2018
MERCEDES BENZ	GLC43	AMG 2018

Make Model Model Years
 MCI J4500 2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V224
 Manufacturer : Autocar, LLC
 Subject : Drag Link Pinch Bolt may be Loose

Make	Model	Model Years
AUTOCAR	XPEDITOR	2018-2019

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V225
 Manufacturer : Motor Coach Industries
 Subject : Left Rear Window may Separate from Coach

Make Model Model Years
 MCI J4500 2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V226
 Manufacturer : Keystone RV Company
 Subject : Missing Fuel Protection Barrier

Make	Model	Model Years
KEYSTONE	CARBON	2018
KEYSTONE	RAPTOR	2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V228

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V211
 Manufacturer : Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing
 Subject : Brake Assist Vacuum Pump may Fail

Make	Model	Model Years
LEXUSRX350		2017
TOYOTA	CAMRY	2018
TOYOTA	HIGHLANDER	2018
TOYOTA	SIENNA	2017
TOYOTA	TACOMA	2017

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V212
 Manufacturer : KZRV, L.P.
 Subject : Loose or Missing Refrigerator Gas Valve Screws

Make	Model	Model Years
KZRV	SPORTSMEN CLASSIC	2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V215
 Manufacturer : Zero Motorcycles Inc.
 Subject : Internal Cells in

Manufacturer : Indian Motorcycle Company
 Subject : Motorcycle may Start Unexpectedly

Make	Model	Model Years
INDIANCHIEF		2018
INDIANCHIEF	CLASSIC	2018
INDIANCHIEF	DARK HORSE	2018
INDIANCHIEF	VINTAGE	2018
INDIANCHIEFTAIN		2018
INDIANCHIEFTAIN	CLASSIC	2018
INDIANCHIEFTAIN	DARK HORSE	2018
INDIANCHIEFTAIN	ELITE	2018
INDIANCHIEFTAIN	LIMITED	2018
INDIANROADMASTER		2018
INDIANROADMASTER	CLASSIC	2018
INDIANROADMASTER	ELITE	2018
INDIANROADMASTER	ICON	2018
INDIANSPRINGFIELD		2018
INDIANSPRINGFIELD	DARK HORSE	2018

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V230
 Manufacturer : General Motors LLC
 Subject : Rear Outboard Seat Belts may not Restrain Properly

Make	Model	Model Years
BUICK	REGAL	2018

Battery may Short Causing Fire

Make	Model	Model Years
ZERO	ZERO DS	2012
ZERO	ZERO DSP	2012
ZERO	ZERO S	2012

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V220
 Manufacturer : Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc.
 Subject : Passenger Side Front Air Bag Inflator may Explode

Make	Model	Model Years
MITSUBISHI	LANCER	2004-2006

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 18V221
 Manufacturer : Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)
 Subject : Rivets that Secure Seats may Fail/FMVSS 207, 210

Make	Model	Model Years
ACURA	MDX	2018
HONDA	PILOT	2018
HONDA	RIDGELINE	2018

HINDI MOVIE RELEASE DATES

M A Y	4	102 Not Out	Umesh Shukla	Amitabh Bachchan, Rishi Kapoor	Comedy
		Omerta	Hansal Mehta	Rajkumar Rao	Crime Drama
	11	Raazi	Meghna Gulzar	Vicky Kaushal, Alia Bhatt	Period Thriller
		The Past	Gagan Puri	Vedita Pratap Singh, Yuvraaj Parashar	Horror Thriller
		Torbaaz	Girish Malik	Sanjay Dutt, Nargis Fakhri, Rahul Dev	Drama/Thriller
		Hope Aur Hum	Sudip Bandyopadhyay	Naseeruddin Shah, Sonali Kulkarni, Aamir Bashir	Drama
		High Jack	Akash Khurana	Sumeet Vyas, Sonnalli Seygall, Mantra, Taaruk Raina, Priyanshu Painyuli, Kumud Mishra, Natasha Rastogi	Comedy
		When Obama Loved Osama	Sudhish Kumar Sharma	Mousam Sharma, Swati Bakshi, Rahul Avana, Mohit Baghel, Heena Panchal, Hemant Pandey, Vikas Giri	Comedy
		Falooda	Dhiraj Singh	Aarav Negi, Goonj Chand, Azhar, Pihu Sharma, Dhiraj Singh	Comedy
	25	Khajoor Pe Atke	Harsh Chayya	Vinay Pathak, Manoj Pahwa, Seema Pahwa, Dolly Ahluwalia, Sabah Kapoor	Comedy
		Bhavesh Joshi	Vikramaditya Motwane	Harshvardhan Kapoor, Priyanshu Painyuli, Nishikant Kamat	Action
		FryDay	Abhishek Dogra	Govinda, Varun Sharma	Comedy
		Parmanu: The Story Of Pokhran	Abhishek Sharma	John Abraham, Diana Penty, Boman Irani	Action/drama
			Bioscopewala	Deb Medhekar	Danny Denzongpa, Geetanjali Thapa, Tisca Chopra, Adil Hussain

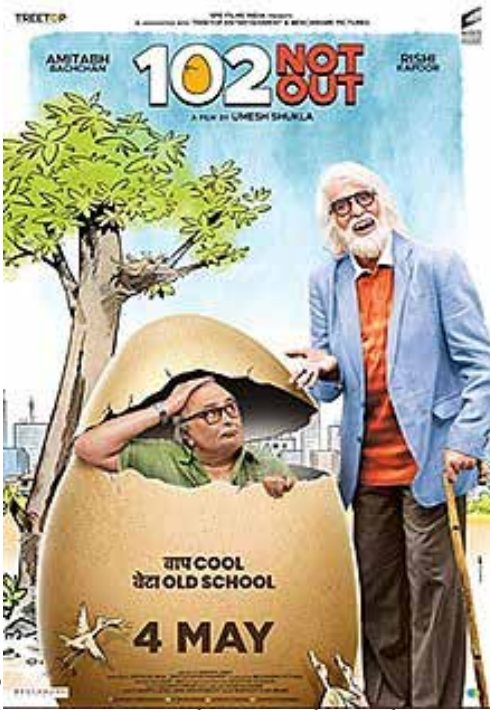
102 Not Out

Amitabh Bachchan's upcoming film '102 Not Out' has created a lot of buzz among the audience prior to its release. The light-hearted trailer of the movie was well received by everyone. It is a known fact that Amitabh Bachchan and Rishi Kapoor play Gujaratis in the film but did you know that the two veteran actors had to shoot barefoot for the indoor scenes in the film.

Considering that Gujaratis, don't wear footwear at home, director Umesh Shukla made sure that both the actors don't wear slippers in the indoor scenes so that their characters come across as real as possible. When asked about getting the two actors to go barefoot for the indoor portions, the director said that Gujaratis don't have a habit of wearing any footwear inside the house hence, he wanted Big B and Rishi Kapoor also to not wear shoes during the shoot. He further added that he was in two minds whether to ask the two actors or not. But when he discussed it with them, the two instantly agreed to the same.

Directed by Umesh Shukla, '102 Not Out' is based on a popular Gujarati play by the same name. Amitabh will be seen playing a 102-year-old father to a 75-year-old character played by Rishi Kapoor in the film. '102 Not Out' also features Jimit Trivedi, and the film is set to hit the screens on May 4.

In a time when Khans are still ruling Bollywood and young generation of actors are also gaining prominence, there are a few veterans actors who are going strong with time and are holding on to their ground firmly. One of them undoubtedly is Amitabh Bachchan and the other is Rishi Kapoor. The two power stars will be coming together for '102 Not Out' which has already created a great buzz. While



we wait to see the two sizzle together on the silver screen, here are a few interesting facts about the upcoming comedy-drama. The new poster of Umesh Shukla's ageless comedy '102 Not Out' has been unveiled and it looks fun and quirky. '102 Not Out' brings the legends of Indian cinema Amitabh Bachchan and Rishi Kapoor, as father and son for the very first time, 27 years after their last film together. The poster bears the tagline- "Baap COOL beta OLD SCHOOL!" Billed as the most unusual father and son love story, '102 Not Out' is based on playwright Saumya Joshi's well known Gujarati play by the same name and has been adapted into a feature by him. '102 Not Out' is produced by SPE Films India, Treetop Entertainment and Shukla's Benchmark Pictures. The film releases worldwide on May 4, 2018.

TORBAAZ



It came to light recently that Nargis Fakhri is making a comeback in Bollywood with Sanjay Dutt in 'Torbaaz'. The project has taken the two leads to some exotic locations, which Nargis was happy to share with her fans. Taking to Instagram, Nargis posted a picture of herself with Dutt. Clad in heavy winter gear the two can be seen posing against a snow-covered backdrop of the Chuy region. The actress seems just as surprised as we are with the unique location as she captioned the click as, "My life has taken me many places but I still wonder how I got here. A girl from the projects in #Queens to #Bollywood - & now this.... #kyrgyzstan with @duttсанжай #shooting - #journey #adventure #work." Nargis will be essaying the role of an NGO worker who looks after war refugee kids in Afghanistan. TOI





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मई का महीना खुशियों को आमंत्रण देता है। बरसात से फूल खिलते हैं और हर ओर हरियाली छा जाती है। ठण्ड के भरी भरकम कपडे छोड़ कर हल्के फुल्के होने का अहसास होता है और हम खुशी के मारे नाचने गाने लगते हैं। इसी अहसास को जगाने के लिए हिंदी लवर्स क्लब इस साल से वार्षिक **वसंत मेला** का आयोजन कर रहा है। आप सभी इसमें आमंत्रित हैं। हिंदी लवर्स क्लब की ये कोशिश रहेगी कि उसके हरेक कार्यक्रम निशुल्क प्रवेश वाले हों ताकि अधिक से अधिक हिंदी प्रेमी इसमें जुट और हिंदी के प्रचार प्रसार में अपना योगदान दे सकें। इस मेले में मुख्य अतिथि योगाचार्य श्रीमती परणा आर्य जी हैं जो हमें मेले का महत्व भी बतायेंगी। आप सभी सपरिवार आर्य और मित्रों को भी जानकारी दें। यह मेला ५ मई को १२ से ५ बजे तक संत निरंकारी मिशन ,1 S 750 IL-59, WEST CHICAGO, IL 60185 में है। आप HLCVASANTMELA.EVENTCOMBO.COM में जाकर खुद को रजिस्टर करें और रेफाल में भिन्न भिन्न प्रकार के आकर्षित इनाम जीतें।

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किसी अबला की लुटी इज्जत को
चदुकारिता ले और लुटाया जाता है
किसी बच्चे का बचपन
डर के साये तले गँवाया जाता है।
लोगों को जगाने के बहाने
उनका मनोरंजन शायद करवाया जाता है
दो दिन की चर्चाओं के बाद
कोई और नया मुद्दा उठाया जाता है।
मानवता का करके होंग खूब दिखाया जाता है
किसी के दर्द को और बढ़ाया जाता है।

मोनिका शर्मा

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एक मुस्कान चेहरे पे बनाये रख
दर्द ए दिल कुछ दिन दबाये रख,
छोड़ भी दे ये फिकर ए मन्जिल
बस सफर पर कदम बढ़ाये रख,
अंधेरो को आंखे पहचान लेगी
बस चिराग ए दिल जलाये रख,
किसे पता तलवार है या नहीं
तू खाली मयान ही दिखाये रख,
वक्त बे-वक्त बदलता है बेखबर
इसलिए रश्मे- वफा निभाये रख,

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तिरस्कार- मासूम सी जानों का

बचपन में पढ़ी थी दो सहेलियों की कहानी
एक थी चित्रकार,
दूसरी में थी समाजसेवा की भावना बेशुमार।
कहीं रास्ते में दोनों ने
मरी इक माँ के सीने से
चिपके दो बच्चों को देखा।
एक ने कहा, 'वाह! नए चित्र का मजमून मिल गया
बना उनकी देवती का चित्र
सर्वोत्तम चित्रकार का पद भी उसने छू लिया।
तालियाँ बजो, हुई प्रशंसा उस चित्र की
विक गई हर प्रति उस माँ।'
समय गुजरा सालों बाद मिली सहेलियाँ फिर वही
दो अजनबी बच्चों को देख, समाज सेविका के घर कहीं
नज़र उन्हीं पर थी चित्रकार की टिक गई।
बोली कौन है ये? कहाँ से उठा लाई हो?
दाना पानी इनकी खातिर, क्या लोगों से जुटा पाई हो

दूसरी बोली इन्हें पहचाना नहीं
इन्हीं की बना तसवीर वाह- वाही तुमने पाई थी।

दाना पानी इनके की, 'किसे चिंता थी ?
सबने रूचि चित्र में इनके दिखाई थी।
झुक गया सिर चित्रकार का
उसकी सखी ने चित्र नहीं असली जिंदगी बनाई थी
कई हैवानों से उनकी मासूमियत छिपाई थी।
आज भी हो रहा है तिरस्कार मासूम सी जानों का
कोई नज़र नहीं आ रहा रखवाला इनकी जानों का

खुलकर इजहार पहली बार कर रहा कोई,
हमे भी कुछ दिनों से....प्यार कर रहा कोई.

कोई इकार भी नहीं किया अभी से मगर,
हमारे नाम का.....श्रृंगार कर रहा कोई.

मैं एक शाह था.....दिल ही सल्तनत मेरी,
मेरी जागीर पर.....अधिकार कर रहा कोई.

बेचैनी, दर्द, थकन, ऊब, टीस, तन्हाई,
इश्क में खुद को खुद बीमार कर रहा कोई.

हमे थी चाह कि.... हमको हमारे जैसा मिले,
हमे भी वैसा ही.....स्वीकार कर रहा कोई.

एक उम्मीद जो पलकों पे रखकर निकले थे,
उन्ही दिनों से.....इंतजार कर रहा कोई.

हमे यकी है कामयाब.....होके निकलूँगा,
खुदा सा हमपर.....ऐतबार कर रहा कोई.

(गोरख नाथ पाण्डेय)

कुदरत

मैं जब भी निराश हुई,
जब मुश्किलों से दो चार हुई,
आ खुले आकाश के तले,
कुदरत के खज़ाने को निहारती रही।
सूर्य ने मुझे एक नई रोशनी दिखाई,
जीवन चालक ऊर्जा की कर दी भरपाई।
नदी नालों ने गम को बहा लिया,
सागर की लहरों ने जीने का उत्साह दिया।
पहाड़ों ने हृदय में विशालता भर दी,
पेड़ पौधों ने ऊपर उठने की चाह दी,
जगमग करते तारों ने शोखियों मुझ में भर दी
चौदनी सी शीतलता चाँद ने हवाले मेरे कर दी,
पा कुदरत के खज़ाने से कुछ न कुछ
मैंने जिंदगी को एक नई राह दी,
कुदरत ने मेरी जिंदगी सँवार दी।

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मैं और तुम

मैं शब्दों के जोड़ लगाऊँ, तुम उनको गीतों का स्वर दो।
मैं कलश प्यार के लाऊँ, तुम उनको मधुरस से भर दो।

अंधकार नफरत का, फैला रहता हर ओर
मैं गाती पेम की लाऊँ, तुम इन्हे उजाता कर दो।

राह भटक जाते हैं लोग, सुख संसार को आग लगा,
मैं स्नेह के दीप जलाऊँ, तुम उनको राहों में रख दो।

जग देखो तो भूल गया, आज प्यार का नाम,
मैं शांति सन्देश लाऊँ, तुम जग में इसको फैला दो।

तुम और मैं, मैं और तुम, रहें इक दूजे के पूरक,
मैं तुमको कुछ बात बताऊँ, तुम इसे जग को बतला दो।

मैं शब्दों के जोड़ लगाऊँ, तुम इनको गीतों का स्वर दो।
मैं कलश प्यार के लाऊँ, तुम इसको मधुरस से भर दो।

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अपवासी वकील होने के नाते मैं बहुत ही खुशनुसीब रहा हूँ कि मैं उनके व्यक्तिगत और व्यापारी दोनों के ही मामले बहुत आसानी से समझ सकता हूँ और सुलझाने की पूरी कोशिश करता हूँ। मैं अपने आप को बहुत भाग्यशाली समझता हूँ कि मुझे विश्व के भिन्न भिन्न देशों का प्रतिनिधित्व करने का मौका मिलता है। चाहे वो अपवासी नियम हों, या कोई अलग अलग प्रश्न हों, सबसे कुछ नया सिखने को मिलता है।

दक्षिण एशिया का होने के नाते मैं खुद को इनके बहुत करीब महसूस करता हूँ और कभी इनकी परिवार के लिए बलिदान की कहानी, कभी रिश्तेदारों का दुर्व्यवहार और कभी बुजुर्गों के लिए प्रश्न और कभी अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय विद्यार्थियों की समस्याएं हल करने के लिए मैं सरकार के नियमों से उन्हें परिचित करा कर व्यक्तिगत रूप से बहुत खुशी महसूस करता हूँ।



مخدوم محی الدین

انتظار

رات بھر دیدہء غمناک میں لہراتے رہے
سانس کی طرح سے آپ آتے رہے جاتے رہے
خوش تھے ہم اپنی تمناؤں کا خواب آئے گا
اپنا ارمان براگنندہ نقاب آئے گا
نظریں نیچی کئے شرمائے ہوئے آئے گا
کاکھیں چہرے پہ نکھرائے ہوئے آئے گا
آگئی تھی دلِ مضطر میں تھکی پائی سی
تج رہی تھی مرے غم خانے میں شہنائی سی
پہچان کھڑکیں تو سمجھا کہ لو آپ آہی گئے
سجدے سرور کہ مجھ کو ہم پائی گئے
شب کے جاگے ہوئے تاروں کو بھی نیند آنے لگی
آپ کے آنے کی اک آس تھی اب جانے لگی
صبح نے سچ سے اٹھے ہوئے لی انگڑائی
ادھا تو بھی جو آس تو اکیلی آئی

تمہارا بھائی



ہزار رنج سہرا نکھوں پہ بات ہی کیا ہے
تری خوشی کے تصدق مری خوشی کیا ہے
خدا بچائے تری مُت مُت آنکھوں سے
فرشتہ ہو تو بہک جائے آدمی کیا ہے
گزار دوں ترے غم میں جو عمر خضر بلے
ترے نیشاریہ دودن کی زندگی کیا ہے
بھری بہک رہاں اور قفس کہاں صیاد
سمجھ میں آج یہ آیا کہ بے بسی کیا ہے
وہ اور ہیں جو طلب گارِ خلد ہیں واعظ
نگاہ یار سلامت مجھے کی کیا ہے
کھڑے ہوئے ہیں وہ کب سے نظر جھکائے ہوئے
خمار ہوش میں آؤ یہ بے خودی کیا ہے

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Waliuddin

ملا کے ہاتھ مُت کشید کی جائے
”وہ سامنے نظر آئے تو عید کی جائے“
جنون عشق کہاں ناپ تول جانے ہے
اگر ہوئی ہے محبت شدید کی جائے
وہاں تو امن کے سجدوں کی نور پاشی تھی
کہا تھا کس نے کہ مسجد شہید کی جائے
چلن وفا کا تمہاری سرشت میں ہی نہیں
تو کس امید پہ تم سے امید کی جائے
خلوص و پیار سے پتھر پھلتے دیکھے ہیں
اتا ہے دشمنِ جانوں، مرید کی جائے
روایتوں کا بھی اپنا مزاج ہے فاروق
غزل ضروری نہیں ہے جدید کی جائے

واعظ

کچھ اس طرح سے مولوی ایمان چنگتے ہیں
رات بھر لاڈلے اٹیکر پر محفل سمجھتے ہیں
ایک دن یہ راز کھلا سارے محلے کو چکا کے
خود سو گئے تھے واعظ کا CD لگا کے
☆☆☆

ہوم لینڈ سیکورٹی

(Home-Land Security)

میری بیگم مجھے یوٹھا نہیں ہونے دیتی
ٹھنکے دے دے کر جان رکھتی ہے
یہ ہم لینڈ سیکورٹی کی طرح محفل میں
میری ہر نظر پر دھیان رکھتی ہے
☆☆☆

تکرار

میاں بیوی کی تکرار محبت کی نشانی ہے
یہ جھگڑے صبح سویرے ہوتے رہتے ہیں
Bachelors کو اس بات کی خبر نہیں ہوتی
وہ بے چارے دیر تک سوتے رہتے ہیں

مشورہ

خود کشی کا سوچ کر کسی سے لیا مشورہ
کہا اس نے کیوں نہ شادی کر کے دیکھ
ایک دن تو سب کو ویسے بھی مرنا ہے
کیوں نہ تو تلوں میں مر کے دیکھ
☆☆☆

فائدہ

کچھ بھی نہ ہوا ڈالر کمانے سے فائدہ
اب کہتے ہو کیا ہوا امریکہ آنے سے فائدہ
جانے کیوں وہ مجھے اکل کہہ گئی
کچھ نہ ہوا ڈالھی منڈھانے سے فائدہ
☆☆☆

پیر صاحب

ایمان پہ اپنے بھروسہ نہیں جن کو
فرمت نہیں نہیں انہیں گنت و شنید کی
پیر صاحب نے عقیدت کا دیا یہ صلہ
محبوب بھگت کے لے گئے اپنے مرید کی

غزل

آنکھیں ہیں اگر پاس تو کچھ خواب بھی ہونگے
سینوں میں اگر دل ہیں تو بیتاب بھی ہونگے
رندوں کی ضرورت بھی ہے ساقی کے علاوہ
اور بزمِ سببگی تو کچھ آداب بھی ہونگے
بس میں تھی کہاں غیروں کے اس درجہ کی سازش
شامل کہیں دیکھو مرے احباب بھی ہونگے
کپتان کو رہنا ہے سبق یاد ہمیشہ
منزل کی طرف راہ میں گرداب بھی ہونگے
موتی سبھی یکساں ہوں کہاں ایسا ہوا ہے
کچھ عام تو کچھ گوبرِ نایاب بھی ہونگے
جاوید اطبا ہیں، دوائیں ہیں، دعا ہے
بیمار اگر ہونگے، شفا یاب بھی ہونگے



نیاز گلبر گوی

راہ الفت ہے تو پھر عزت و توقیر نہ دیکھ
طوق سینے سے لگا زحمت زنجیر نہ دیکھ
میرا دل دیکھ مرے جسم کی تعمیر نہ دیکھ
”میری صورت پہ نہ جاتو میری تصویر نہ دیکھ“
ہر طرف گرم ہے پھر دار و رن کا موسم
چشم میگوں سے گزر زلف گرہ گیر نہ دیکھ
سوچنا ہے تو بھلا سوچ ہر اک انسان کا
دیکھنا ہے تو کسی کو یہاں دلگیر نہ دیکھ
جو مداری ہیں لگانے دے تماشہ ان کو
کام رکھ پیش نظر نام کی تشہیر نہ دیکھ
رکھ نظر قوت بازو پہ ہمیشہ اپنی
سامنے تیرے فضا کتنی ہے گہمیر نہ دیکھ
اپنی ہی راہ گزر پر ہمیں چلنا ہے مدام
اور کی راہ گزر اے مرے رہ گیر نہ دیکھ
خوف محشر سے ہراساں ہے نیاز عاصی
اپنی رحمت پہ نظر کر مری تعمیر نہ دیکھ



شاہ نعیم الدین نعیمی

کبھی ذی ہوش تو مومن کا ہے ترلوں سے یہ اندازہ
کلید آگئی کرتی ہے پیدا فکر و فن تازہ
منافذ ذات غالب ہو اگر طرز سیاست میں
نکھر جاتا ہے ایسے عہد کا پھر جلد شیرازہ
نہ کل پایا وہ ایجاب اب تک ان ذعاؤں پر
گو میں نے کھٹکھٹایا خوب اس کے گھر کا دروازہ
سزاوار مزا ہے صاف گوئی شہر میں تیرے
کریچ کہنے کا بھگتا ہے بہت کچھ ہم نے خیاہ
نہیں تخصیص کوئی بھی مکاں ہر ایک ہے یکساں
جہاں پھولوں کی بیلیں ہیں وہی ہے اس کا دروازہ
ہے وقتِ جلوہ افروزی نگاہیں باادب رکھنا
ہوا جاری دیارِ حسن سے فرمان اک تازہ
زمین کے ہم کہیں کب ہیں بعد مجبوری ٹھیرے ہیں
بھگتنا ہے ازل کی اک خطا کا ہم کو خیاہ
معتد ہوں میں سحر زیت کی نگیں دیواروں میں
بجز اک موت اور کوئی نہیں ہے اس کا دروازہ
بناؤٹ کے تبسم پر نہ جاؤ یوں نعیمی تم
لے گا اصل چہرہ تم گر دیکھو جہہ غازہ



آج کا شہسوار
(حسن چشتی)
اس پیرہن دریدہ بچی کو آپ دیکھیں
ہے طالبِ توجہ اس کی یہ کسمپرسی
ڈاکٹر برقی اعظمی

On the lighter side....

“Waiter, there’s a fly in my soup!”

“Don’t worry, sir, the spider in your salad will get it.”

Old mathematicians never die...

They just lose some of their functions.

The phlebotomist entered the hospital room to draw blood. Noticing an apple on the patient’s nightstand, she remarked, “An apple a day keeps the doctor away.”

“That’s true,” the patient replied. “I haven’t seen a doctor in three days.”

A man was standing in front of the bathroom mirror one evening admiring his reflection, when he posed the following question to his wife of 20 years, “Will you still love me when I’m old, fat, and balding?”

She answered, “Of course I will. I’ve already been doing it for the past 5 years haven’t I?”

Why was Cinderella so bad at sports?

Because she had a pumpkin for a coach!

“Doctor, Doctor, I have a hoarse throat.”

“Well I hate to break it you, but the resemblance doesn’t end there.”

After completing dinner, a husband carries his plate to the sink and starts washing it.

His wife looks at him in disbelief and says, “Honey, we are not at home. This is a restaurant.”

Employer: “We need someone responsible for this job.”



Applicant: “Sir your search ends here! In my previous job whenever something went wrong, everybody said I was responsible.”

Jenny: “That’s a really cool tattoo. dude!”

Jimmy: “Thanks, I got it from my Doctor.”

Jenny: “Your doctor?”

Jimmy: “Yeah... he does this on the side to pay the bills and also holds a Ph.D. in Psychology.”

Jenny: “Great, so not only does he get into your head, but he also gets under your skin!”

On a narrow mountain road a man saw a car driving uphill backwards.

“Hi guys. Why are you driving backwards?”

“Because we are not sure if there’s enough space to make a U-turn on top of the mountain.”

After one hour the same man saw the same car driving downhill backwards.

“But guys, why are you driving backwards again?”

“There was enough space to make a U-turn up there.”

When a small village decided to buy a new fire truck, the town council met to decide what to do with the old one. Randall, an older man, stood up. “Ah think we should keep the old truck,” he said. “We can use it for all them false alarms!”

Doctor: Are you still taking the cough medicine I gave you?

Patient: No, I tasted it and decided I’d rather have the cough.

What happened when Lee ate raw onions for a week?

He became Lone Lee..

My son crawled for the first time while I was away on business. I also missed his first steps. I was now afraid I would miss his first words. Each day, I called home and asked if he had spoken yet.

The answer was always “no” until one day my wife said, “Harry has something to say to you.... ‘Daddy, daddy,’” I heard it over the phone and I glowed with pride. My wife came back on the line and said, “You should come home as soon as possible.”

“Why?” I asked.

“He was speaking to the dog.”

Who sells a product cheaper... a manufacturer or a distributor?

The correct answer is: the storehouse security guard!

A quote from an interview with the Operations Manager of a growing company. The journalist asks, “So how many employees are working in your company?”

The manager replies, “Approximately half of them...”

What do you call an Egyptian back specialist?

A Cairo-practor!

Why did the barber win the race?

Because he took a short-cut!



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