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## Shah Rukh Khan's 'Pathaan' smashes Indian box office records

Superstar Shah Rukh Khan thanked fans Monday after his new film "Pathaan" smashed Indian box office records following its release last week, bringing hope to Bollywood after a spate of weak showings.

"Pathaan" recorded the highest-ever box office collections for a Hindi film for its opening and second day in India, and raked in 2.5 billion rupees (\$30 million) in its first five days, trade analyst Taran Adarsh tweeted Sunday.

Its international ticket sales soared past one billion rupees (\$13.7 million) in just three days, according to Yash Raj Films, which produced the movie.

It comes after glitzy Hindi-language Bollywood films struggled at the box office following the reopening of Indian cinemas about a year

ago after a pandemic hiatus. The release of "Pathaan", 57-year-old Khan's first movie in four years, had been highly anticipated.

Khan, popularly known as "King Khan", has a huge fan following around the world. The film also features Bollywood star Deepika Padukone and action hero John Abraham.

In recent months, "Pathaan" and other Bollywood films -- particularly those starring actors from India's Muslim minority such as Khan -- have been criticised by Hindu right-wingers on social media, with activists calling for boycotts.

Hardline Hindu groups had called for "Pathaan" to be banned because Padukone wore a saffron-coloured bikini -- a colour associated with their religion -- in one of the film's songs.

But Khan thanked fans for showering love on the movie and "bringing life back to cinema", supporting the film "in spite of the fact that there might have been things that could have



curtailed the happy release".

"I just want to say there is so much love from all sides and we can never show enough gratefulness," he said at a press interaction in Mumbai.

Videos shared on social media have shown fans in Indian cinemas dancing and cheering during the film.

"The unprecedented celebratory success of 'Pathaan' I think speaks volumes about where we are headed as the Hindi movie industry," theatre chain owner Akshaye Rathi told AFP.

"Here we are back to the old school way of celebrating cinema in theatres as a community viewing experience."

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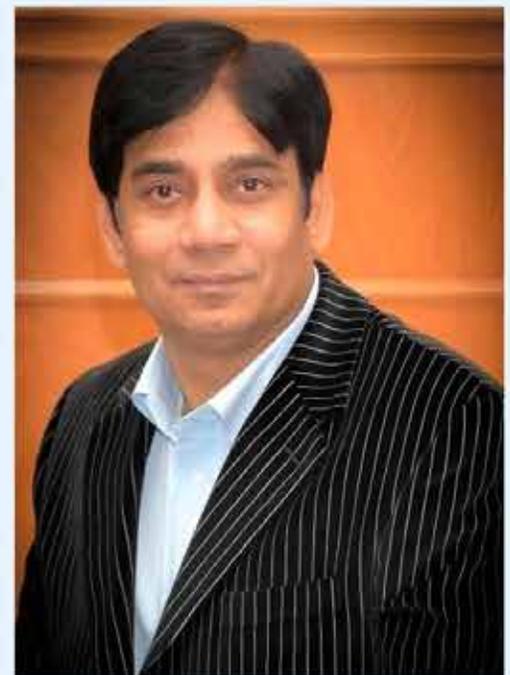
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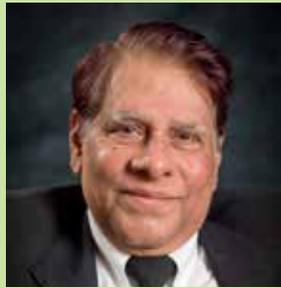
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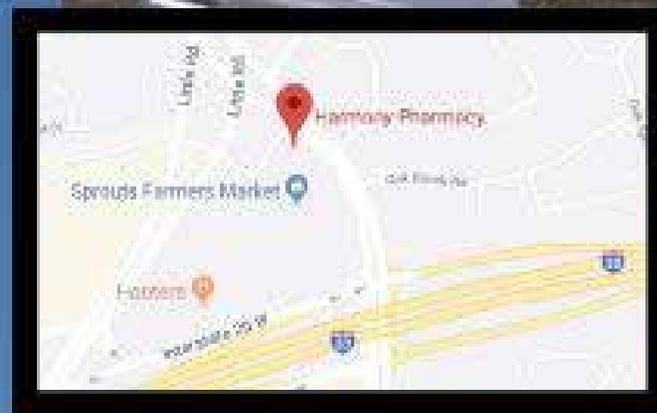


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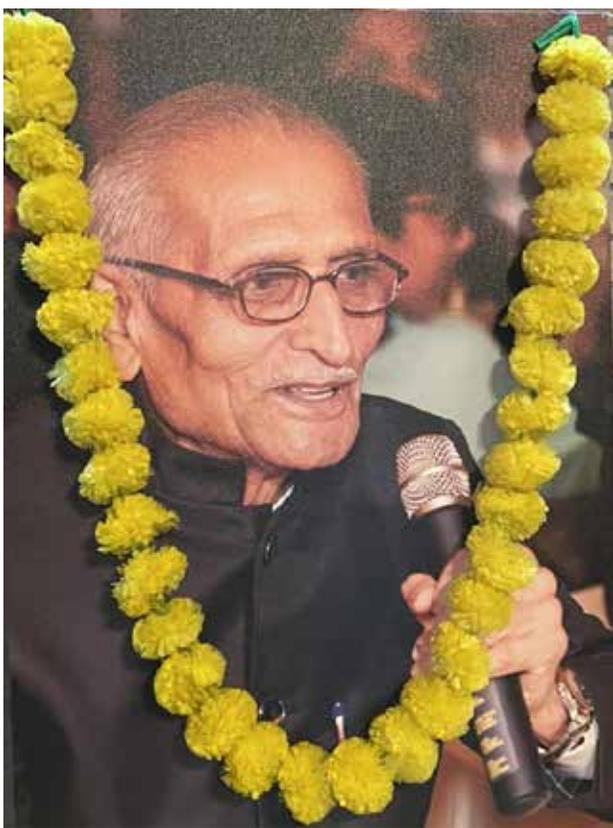
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# Drinking things other than alcohol



“People are realizing, you can drink things other than alcohol, and you should.” Long gone are the days of ordering a Coke at the bar as non-alcoholic, zero proof drinks come on to the scene. Houston-based shop Sipple houses lots of options under one roof, shelves lined with Spiritless Kentucky 74 and Tenneyson’s Black Ginger.

There’s a question customers often ask when they see the bottles lining the walls of Sipple: Is any of this stuff good?

The Houston shop has an awe-inspiring selection of around three hundred nonalcoholic elixirs curated from a market that has ballooned into a \$1.2 billion industry. For a former boozier like me (I gave up alcohol more than ten years ago), Sipple is like a candy store. The chic labels and exotic flavors are at once familiar and entirely novel, touting supplements like “nootropics” and “adaptogens.” But in a hard-drinking state like Texas, the knee-jerk response to a store like this can be skepticism.

“People thought we were crazy,” said Danny Frounfelkner, a former sommelier who runs Sipple with his wife, Helenita. So many retail space owners scoffed at his business plan that it took nine months to secure the nearly six-hundred-square-foot store near Rice Village. But within two months of opening in October 2021, the business was profitable. “People are realizing, you can drink things other than alcohol, and you should,” Frounfelkner said.

More than 30 percent of Americans don’t drink for religious, health, or personal reasons. Spirit alternatives, zero-proof cocktails, and nonalcoholic beer and wine have been trickling into the market for the past decade, fueled by wellness trends, social media, a more vocal and visible recovery scene, and a younger generation that’s less interested in puking into bushes. Movements like Dry January and Sober October—month-long abstinences from alcohol—have caught on in America over the past few years. Now, it seems like the inevitable consequence to the rise of binge drinking—from mommy wine culture to bro-ish overconsumption—might be

its fall.

The beverage industry has snapped to attention: even old-school brands like Heineken and Budweiser have launched nonalcoholic beers far superior to O’Douls. Celebrities such as Katy Perry, Brad Pitt, and Blake Lively have gotten in on the action. Aside from the stalwarts and the bold-faced names on Us Weekly, a coterie of independent upstarts have swarmed onto the scene, and Frounfelkner aims to offer the best. “I wanted drinks that tasted amazing but still looked good on your bar cart,” he said, standing near a display shelf with products grouped to mimic different cocktails. Next to a small black sign that read “Negroni” sat three bottles: Cut Above gin alternative, Roots Divino alternative vermouth, and Wilfred’s orange and rosemary aperitif.

Frounfelkner spent more than twenty years in the service and hospitality industry after growing up in Napa Valley. But during a dark stretch of the pandemic, he began to worry about his consumption. He stopped drinking, and had a hard time ordering at bars that often offer sugary drinks, seltzer, and iced tea as alcohol-free alternatives. So he opened up Sipple and filled its shelves with more interesting flavor profiles, from bitter and savory to honeyed and fruit-forward and mushroom-infused.

Customers can sample the goods—a nice gesture for newcomers who may be overwhelmed and wary of dropping upwards of \$40 on a bottle. Helenita set up a taste test for me in the store’s cozy back room, used for events.





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# A Lecturer was Unjustifiably Dismissed for Showing a Painting of the Prophet Muhammad

M. Basheer Ahmed, M.D.

In January 2023, Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota, dismissed Erika López Prater, an adjunct faculty member, for showing two historical paintings of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) in her art history class. Following complaints from some Muslim students, university administrators described such images as disrespectful and Islamophobic. Many Muslims today believe it is inappropriate to show the image of the Prophet Muhammad, but within the academic world, this material is taught in a neutral and analytical way to help students assess and understand historical evidence.

In my opinion, Dr. Lopez Prater did not do anything wrong. In the class syllabus, she warned that images of holy figures, including the Prophet Muhammad and the Buddha, would be shown in the course. She asked students to contact her with any concerns, but no one did. Prior to the lecture in her Islamic art class, both a few days beforehand and on the day of the lecture, she was concerned about Muslim sensitivity, so she prepped the students, telling them the painting would be displayed, in case anyone wanted to leave.

This picture, painted by a Muslim artist in the 14th century, shows dignity and respect for the Prophet, and it is housed in a museum in Edinburgh (where it is seen by the public all the time) and has been shown in academic institutions. It was not a cartoon.

It seems that she did everything right. This is not an Islamophobic act. Dr. Prater did not insult nor show any act of humiliation toward the Prophet. She was teaching an Islamic art masterpiece in a class on art history.

The 10 commandments say, "Thou shall not make unto thee (God) any graven image." The Quran says, "No vision can encompass Him, but He encompasses all visions" (6:103). Nobody can conceptualize the image of God. One cannot make an image of God.

Nothing in the Quran explicitly bans images. However, the hadith explicitly bans the drawing of images of any creature (not only the prophets). Hazrat Aisha reported, "The Prophet said, 'Whoever makes a picture (of any living

being) will be punished by Allah till he puts life in it, and he will never be able to put life in it.'" Another hadith stated, "The most severe punishment will be to those who try to create something like the creation of Allah." Prophet also said that angels do not enter the house in which there is a picture of God's creatures. The above ahadith clearly prohibits making pictures of living beings, and it is among the major sins. During the early period of Islam, the ruling was made not to show the prophets paintings to prevent the prophet Muhammed from becoming an object of worship. Therefore, most Muslims avoid visual depictions of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

This is very clear that the prohibition is making pictures of any living being, not just Prophet Muhammad. Most Muslim scholars are of the opinion that pictures by hand, such as painting on paper, cloth, or walls, are forbidden. Therefore, according to ahadiths, Muslims should not engage in any photography. If you hang the picture of any person, the angels will not enter your house.

In the 6th century, images of human beings were discouraged because of the concern that it may lead to the worship of prophets rather than God. However, Muslims found ways to worship the prophet anyway. In Qawali and naat (Sufi poetry), the Prophet is described almost in a non-human form with God-like attributes. Barelvis consider the Prophet as human but created from light, like the angels, and all of creation comes from his light. He is the king of earth and the sovereign of mankind.

Now, pictures of human beings are permitted, and only pictures of Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) are restricted. Nobody follows the Ahadith (sayings of Prophet Muhammed) or the sharia, which restricts making images of human beings in paintings, photographs, or movies. On what authority have they overruled the Hadith, which clearly states that images or pictures of any human being are prohibited?

The agitation on showing the image of Prophet Muhammed with good intentions for academic purposes (not to humiliate) is the kind of be-

havior that shows Muslim intolerance. In the Treaty of Hudaibiyyah, the Prophet was insulted by Quraish, who denied that he is a prophet of God, but the Prophet was tolerant and did not order anyone to be killed. Let us follow his teachings rather than these emotional reactions, which give a bad image of Islam.

The Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) released a statement that "Based on what we know up to this point, we see no evidence that Professor Erika López Prater acted with Islamophobic intent or engaged in conduct that meets our definition of Islamophobia. Academics should not be condemned as bigots without evidence or lose their positions without justification."

If you seriously look at the issue, painting the image of the Prophet was not regarded as an insult. The concern was that the image would get too much respect and make him GOD. Cartoons of the Prophet are an insult. I wish people would use common sense and not make this an Islamophobic act. We live in a pluralistic society where not all of us share similar views on controversial issues. Presentation of controversial ideas in an academic context is permissible, and schools must respect neutrality, and allow for all voices and opinions in the pursuit of the truth of inquiry. It is important to determine the intent of an act.

Islam places a duty on Muslims to stand up to injustice. We must actively pursue, protect, and enable justice in our world today.

"O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm in justice, witnesses for Allah, even if it be against yourselves or parents and relatives. Whether one is rich or poor, Allah is more worthy of both." [Quran, 4:135]

Dr. M Basheer Ahmed, a former professor of psychiatry in Southwestern Medical School, is chairman emeritus of Muslim Community Center for Human Services in North Texas.



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The program Emcee was Dr Salem Akkad. Quranic verses were read by Qari Luqman Rahman followed by motivational speech by Dr. Morsy Salem. Dinner was served before Isha prayers.

Mr. Abu Sammy said: Alhamdulillah, we have collected \$128,000 Your



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## Saudi Indian Business Network (Jeddah Chapter) launched plans for the year 2023



Jeddah - Saudi Indian Business Network (SIBN) Jeddah Chapter conducted annual strategy workshop to focus on selected sectors which are aligned with National Industrial Strategy of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The meeting started with the welcome address by the Indian consul general Mohammed Shahid Alam.

In his speech, he said, the year 2022 was very fruitful as the visit of the Indian commerce minister followed by the visit of the Indian external minister to the kingdom gave a new shape between the trade and bilateral relations between the two countries. We have also achieved our targets last year. We are given new targets again for this year which I think is challenging but achievable.

The meeting was attended by prominent SIBN members, Hamna Maryam and officials from the consulate.

Pradeep Sharma, SIBN general secretary gave the annual report for the year 2022.

He said that for the year 2023 we have introduced some new sectors where SIBN will focus new trade between the 2 countries. He further said apart from Toys, entertainment, pharmaceutical, food processing, tourism and entertainment sectors which were focus area in 2022, SIBN Jeddah Chapter decided to add Machinery & Equipment, Chemicals, medical devices, renewables and building material to align with National Industrial



Strategy of KSA.

SIBN is a group of volunteer businessmen and senior professionals from the industry under the patronage of Consulate of India Jeddah. The objective of the group is to increase the bilateral trade between the India and Saudi Arabia.

An entertainment part was organised by Mohammed Hyder, SIBN treasurer where a quiz on Indian and international CEO was played on Kahoot.

The prizes were given to the winners by the Indian Consul general.

The meeting concluded with the Sumptuous dinner.

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Farewell to Ms. Hamna Maryam , IFS ( Consul Commerce and HOC) Layeeq Saudi: From Right to left : Mr. Ali Jaffer( MC Meber India Forum), Mr. Mohammed Layeeq -(General Secretary & Jeddah Incharge- Telangana NRI Forum), Mr. Ahmed Junaid (GS India Forum), Mr. Waseem Mukadam (MC Member India Forum), Ms. Hamna Mariyam (Consul Commerce & HOC), H.E Mohd Shahid Alam -Consul General Of India Jeddah Mr.T Hangshing (Consul -Economic & CPIO & Mr.Muhammed Abdul Jaleel - Consul (CW & PIC) & CSO



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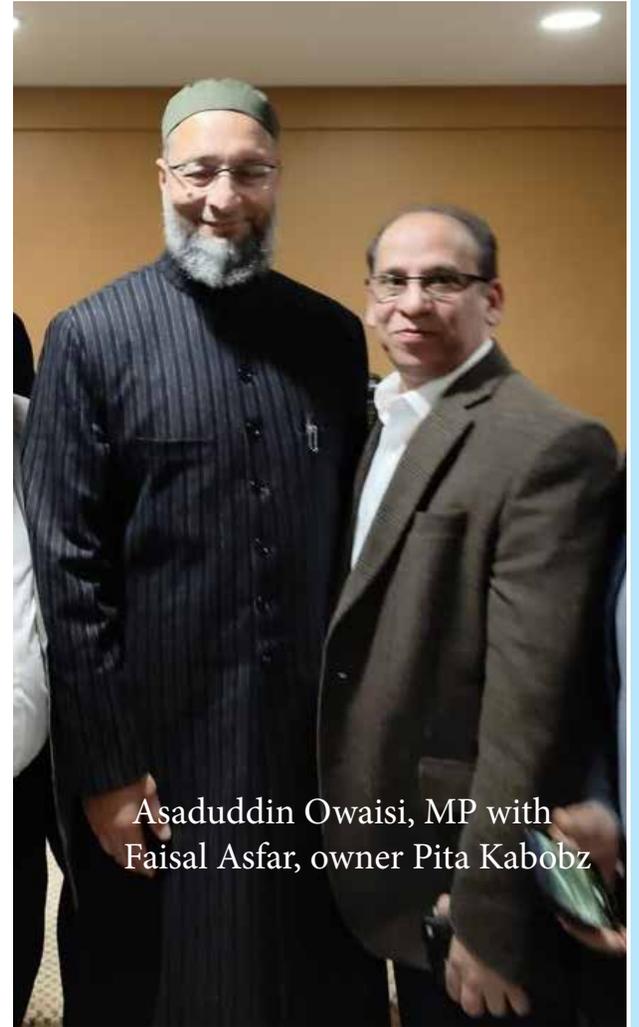
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Adnan Sajid ( Gullu Dada) with Iftexhar Shareef at Monty's Banquet



# Br. Asaduddin Owaisi, Indian MP visits Chicago



Asaduddin Owaisi, MP with Faisal Asfar, owner Pita Kabobz

## 74th Republic Day of India celebrations at Indian Consulate General, Chicago

The Consulate General of India, Chicago celebrated the 74th Republic Day of India on Thursday, 26 January 2023. In the morning, customary flag-hoisting took place. Shri Asaduddin Owaisi, Hon'ble MP, who was on a personal visit to Chicago, also joined the celebration along with a few community members of Indian origin.

In an event held in the evening, Consul General Somnath Ghosh read out the Hon'ble President's Address. After a cultural programme following this, he hosted expatriate Indian and Indian origin people. Close to 250 prominent guests from the political, business, community, cultural, academic, and media circles of the Indian diaspora joined the reception.

The event included a wonderful cultural segment, much appreciated by the audience, which featured a scintillating Sarod Recital by Souryadeep Bhattacharya accompanied on the Tabla by Sutanu Sur. The artistes from Kalapadma Bharatanatyam Dance Academy: Anjali Varghese, Reshma Thomas, Shreya Panakkal, and Radha Sheth performed amazing dance on the national song 'Vande Mataram'. The rendition of Hindi patriotic songs by Ishan Ahmed, Nalini Parikh, and Ranajoy Ganguli group raised the flame of patriotism and made audience nostalgic of celebrations in India.



Asaduddin Owaisi is the President of the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen. He is a 4 time Member of Parliament, representing the Hyderabad constituency in Lok Sabha, the lower house of the Indian Parliament. Born 13 May 1969 he is 53 years. For years, he has been regularly listed by Royal Islamic Strategic Studies Centre (RISSC), among the 500 Most Influential Muslims of the world. Owaisi was awarded the 2014 Sansad Ratna award (Gem of parliamentarians) October 2013 for his performance in the 15th session of Indian parliament. During this period, he asked 1080 questions in the Parliament compared to the national average of 292. His attendance is at 70%.

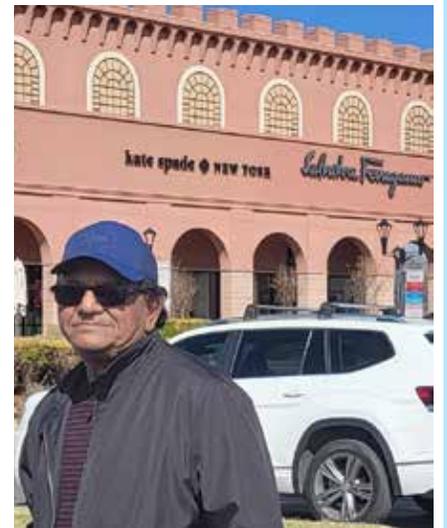
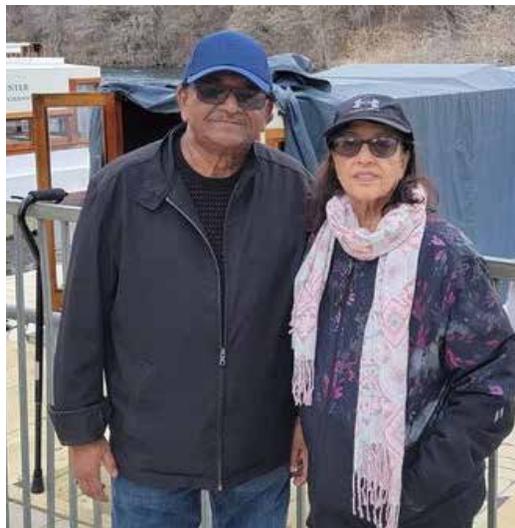




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Mr Waliuddin and Roshan Waliuddin in San Marcos, TX



Avni Singh Tajammul and Abdul Malik at an event at Big Suchir Restaurant & Banquet.

**\*Ashfaq Syed’s Rich Profile Makes Him a Front Runner in the Campaign for Naperville City Council\***

Ashfaq Syed, a well-known Community Activist, is running for Naperville City Council on April 4th, 2023. His commitments to Naperville are Economic Development, Community Safety, Affordable Housing, and Multi-dimensional Welfare of All Sections of Society, Especially Their Weaker Counterparts.

Ashfaq Syed is an active resident of Naperville and passionate about making a difference in the city he is proud to call home.

Ashfaq said that one of his shared values is recognizing the need for diverse perspectives at all levels of decision-making. “All members of our community deserve a seat at the table. If the people of Naperville elect me, I will put my best foot forward to make Naperville City one of the vibrant hubs of rich cultural diversity, which is one of our greatest strengths as a community”, Ashfaq stated.

Ashfaq also said that once the residents of Naperville learn more about his proven record of community involvement, leadership, and vision for Naperville, they will come forward to support him, in a big way, in his campaign for Naperville City Council.

Ashfaq’s passion for the development of Naperville is reflected by his commitment to the boards and committees he serves. He is a

Trustee on the Naperville Public Library Board, a Board Member for Loaves & Fishes, A Brand Ambassador for NCTV 17, a Board Member for Naperville Neighbors United, and the Diversity Advisory Board for the Daily Herald. He is also a graduate of the Naperville Citizen Police Academy and the Naperville Citizen Fire Academy.

Ashfaq serves as a Committee Member for 360 Youth Services and Civic Engagement Committee Member at the Islamic Center of Naperville.

Ashfaq was the co-chair of the 2020 US Census Naperville Complete Count Committee.

He was honored to work with Mr. Mark Rice, Chairman of the Naperville Complete Count Committee, to create innovative strategies for a widespread outreach campaign that was incredibly successful despite the challenges of Covid. Due to his hard work, Naperville was recognized as the #1 City in America for US Census Self Responses. Because of his success in increasing census participation, Naperville will receive more federal and state funding, significantly impacting the city’s budget and alleviating some of the local tax burdens on the citizens. In recognition of the invaluable contribution to the 2020 US Census in Naperville, Ashfaq was honored with a City of Naperville Mayoral Proclamation.



Professionally, he has a successful career spanning over 20 years in the Banking and Finance industry. Currently, he serves as the Vice President for a global financial institution in Naperville.

Ashfaq has spent many years working with local non-profit community organizations, religious and secular groups, and elected officials to help make Naperville the great

city it is today.

If elected, he will use his rich experience to ensure that Naperville becomes a more diverse, welcoming, and prosperous city.

Ashfaq lives in Naperville with his wife, Ayeisha Syed, and three beautiful children.

**Your Salary to be considered rich in Chicago: more than \$132,040**

How much money it takes to be in the top 1% in Illinois: \$416,319  
 Median income in Chicago: \$66,020  
 In the United States, the city of Chicago ranks number three among metro areas for gross domestic product, with an annual GDP in excess of \$670 billion. Its economy is highly robust and extremely diversified. In fact, Chicago has been rated the “most balanced economy” in the United States due to its unusually high level of economic diversification. The city has also been named the fourth “most important business center” in the world according to the MasterCard Worldwide Centers of Commerce Index. Chicago also boasts a high number of new or recently expanded corporate facilities. The metro area has the third-largest science and engineering workforce of any metro area in America. The city of Chicago is also home to 12 Fortune 500 companies and 17 Financial Times 500 companies. The city hosts two Dow 30 companies: aerospace titan Boeing (which moved its headquarters from Seattle to Chicago in 2001) and Kraft Heinz. Metro-area population: 9.5 million



## Viewpoint: When Hindus and Muslims joined hands to riot

A hundred years ago, colonial Bombay (now Mumbai) was convulsed by one of the most unusual riots in Indian history. Hindus and Muslims fought together on one side, joining hands against other groups. Historian Dinyar Patel writes about the lessons that moment holds for today's India.

The riots of 1921 - or the so-called Prince of Wales Riots - are all but forgotten now in Mumbai. But, in these polarised times, history provides important lessons about religious intolerance and majoritarianism.

The violence that unfolded involved an Indian Independence hero, a future British monarch, and a tottering Ottoman sultan. It was fuelled by disparate ideologies and goals: swaraj (self-government), swadeshi (economic self-reliance), prohibition, and pan-Islamism.

The lawyer who fought for women's suffrage in India  
The singer who preached nonviolence to bandits

In November 1921, the Prince of Wales, the future Edward VIII, began a spectacularly ill-timed royal tour of the Indian empire.

India was then in the grips of Mahatma Gandhi's non-cooperation movement, the biggest threat to British colonial rule since the rebellion in 1857.

Under the banner of "Hindu-Muslim unity", Gandhi had joined forces with the Khilafat movement, led by Indian Muslims. They worried that after the Ottoman Empire's defeat in World War One, Great Britain would depose its sultan, whom they regarded as the legitimate caliph of Islam.

While ushering in a remarkable moment of communal fraternity, Hindu-Muslim unity raised fears of majoritarianism among smaller minority groups: Christians, Sikhs, Parsis and Jews. Gandhi said they had nothing to fear. "The Hindu-Muslim entente does not mean that big communities should dominate small communities," he declared.

The Prince of Wales, for his part, naively hoped that his visit would rouse loyalist sentiments and take the steam out of Gandhi's movement. In response, the Indian National Congress resolved to welcome the prince to Bombay with a hartal or strike, and bonfires of foreign-made cloth, a symbol of Britain's economic imperialism.

On the morning of 17 November 1921, a significant number of Bombay's residents defied the strike and attended the prince's arrival by ship. Many of these well-wishers were Parsis, Jews and Anglo-Indians.

India's hidden massacre

Why is India's wealthy Parsi community vanishing?

Despite Gandhi's directive to remain nonviolent, Congress and Khilafat volunteers reacted with rage. Homai Vyarawalla, who became India's first female photojournalist, was a young witness to these events. When I interviewed her in 2008, she recalled Parsi schoolgirls staging garbas - a traditional dance - to welcome the Prince of Wales. But in the following days, Vyarawalla observed pitched battles on Bombay's streets. Rioters used the marble stops of soda bottles as lethal projectiles. They targeted Parsi-

owned liquor stores, hurling stones and threatening to burn them down.

Gandhi had tried hard to include prohibition in the non-cooperation movement, urging Parsis, who had a disproportionately large stake in the liquor trade, to voluntarily close down these shops. As violence shook Bombay, Hindu and Muslim rioters singled out liquor stores as symbols of Parsi economic dominance and their resistance to nationalist politics. They threatened to burn down one Parsi residential building with a liquor store on its ground floor, relenting only when the store owner emptied his stock into the street gutter.

Parsis and Anglo-Indians were not simply innocent victims. Many of them joined the fracas, wielding lathis or bamboo sticks and guns. They assaulted individuals dressed in khadi, the homespun garb of Gandhians, and yelled "Down with the Gandhi caps". Congress-aligned Parsis or Christians could be targeted by both sides.

Gandhi swiftly reacted to the violence, bringing together leaders of various communities to broker peace. On 19 November, he launched his first-ever hunger strike against religious rioting, vowing to abstain from food or drink until the violence abated.

Was Mahatma Gandhi a racist?

His tactics worked: by 22 November, Gandhi was able to break his fast, surrounded by Indians of various communities and political persuasions.

But the Prince of Wales Riots shook him to the core. "We have had a foretaste of swaraj," he declared with irony. He bitterly noted that the riots had validated smaller minorities' fears of violent majoritarianism.

And so, as Bombay recovered from the carnage, Gandhi feverishly worked to regain the trust of these minorities. He instructed Congress and Khilafat volunteers on the importance of minority rights and worked out reparations. Majority communities, Gandhi declared, had a sworn responsibility to uphold minorities' welfare. At meetings and in Congress publications, he yielded significant political space to minority representatives, who voiced their misgivings about Gandhian tactics and their worries about majoritarian impulses.

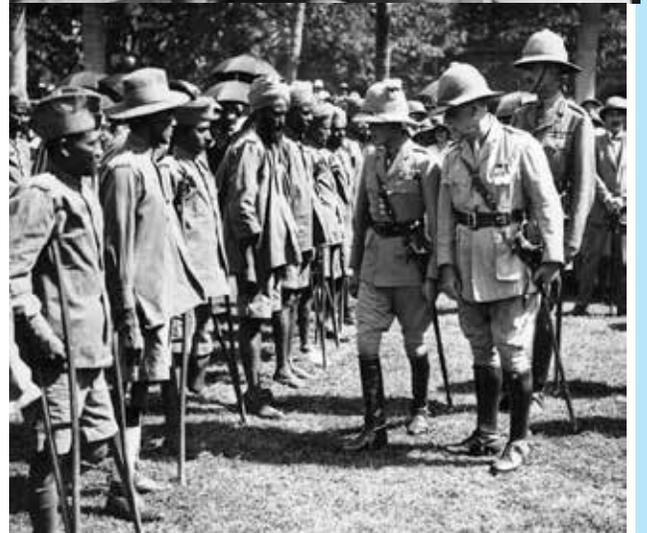
Most remarkably, Gandhi steadily replaced the slogan of Hindu-Muslim unity with a new one: "Hindu-Muslim-Sikh-Parsi-Christian-Jew unity".

It was an unwieldy phrase, but it did the job, helping convince smaller minorities that they would have a place in independent India.

At least 58 people died in the riots, while over one in six liquor establishments in Bombay were attacked. For the Prince of Wales, the riots marked an ominous beginning to his tour. Elsewhere in India, he was greeted with strikes or threats of assassination.

But Gandhi's steadfast diplomacy is the reason the riots are now forgotten. He dissipated the spectre of majoritarianism, ensuring that the riots did not permanently scar Bombay.

Herein lie some lessons for today. Communal vio-



lence, as the Prince of Wales Riots demonstrated, is largely a political construct.

It is not the product of ancient, unbridgeable religious differences. In 1921, the political mood impelled Hindus and Muslims to fight together against other communities. Only a few years later, after the collapse of the Congress-Khilafat alliance, Hindus and Muslims engaged in even bloodier skirmishes against one another.

There is another lesson. Majoritarianism is a fickle, unwieldy thing. Its underlying calculus can shift and fragment in unpredictable ways, just as it did on Bombay's streets in the 1920s.

Perhaps that is why Gandhi went to such lengths to fore swear majoritarianism, instead stressing tolerance of even the smallest of minorities.

A hundred years ago, he issued a prescient warning: if the majority unites today to oppress others, then "tomorrow the unity will break under the strain of cupidity or false religiosity".

Dinyar Patel is the author, most recently, of a biography of Dadabhai Naoroji  
Yahoo News

# Imran Khan Confident of Election Win, Backs IMF Role in Pakistan

Pakistan's ousted Prime Minister Imran Khan said he's confident of returning to power this year, and would back a continued role for the International Monetary Fund to prop up the economy and stave off a growing risk of a debt default. The former cricket star, who was removed from office in a confidence vote last year, said in an interview that he expects to win a majority when elections are held — likely sometime after August. Khan and his party had a mixed showing in recent by-elections and local polls, and he would face an uphill task with a national vote where the winner will need the support of the powerful military establishment to take power.

Khan said he's preparing a "radical" plan to shore up an economy that he predicts will be in even worse shape by then.

"If we get into power, we won't have much time," the 70-year-old politician said at his residence in Lahore in Punjab province, where he's recovering from a leg injury sustained when he was shot at a protest in November. Asked if his plan would involve sticking with the IMF — whose accord for about \$6.5 billion of lending to Pakistan has seen multiple delays — he said: "We have no choice now."

The South Asian nation slid dangerously close to a debt default in recent months, driving its bond yields to distressed levels, as IMF loan payments were held up. Khan's successor, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, has been wary of the fund's demands, like raising energy prices and taxes. Pakistan's foreign-exchange reserves have slumped by half since October, and they're now insufficient to pay for one month's imports.

The country is also still reeling from the impact catastrophic flooding last year, and suffering from surging inflation.

"We will have to make policies like never before in our country," Khan said. "We fear a Sri Lanka-type situation," he said, referring to the default in Pakistan's regional neighbor.

He said he would reappoint Shaukat Tarin as finance minister, after he held the post in the previous Khan administration.

Khan has taken to the streets since he was pushed out of office, leading protests aimed at pushing Sharif's government to call early elections.

In one of his government's last major decisions, Khan lowered fuel prices — triggering a dispute that stalled the IMF program. The ex-premier said his decision was based on getting discounted fuel from Russia. Khan was in Moscow for a previously scheduled visit on the day Russia invaded Ukraine in February last year. In a three-hour conversation, President Vladimir Putin vowed to help Pakistan with energy supplies, Khan said in the interview.



He said he'll pursue an independent foreign policy that doesn't lean on any single country such as the US or China. He gave the example of arch-rival India, which has amicable relations with the US but still imports discounted oil from Russia and trades with China.

Khan said he enjoyed an excellent relationship with former President Donald Trump, but ties deteriorated under his successor. "It's only when Joe Biden came along that for some reason I found that there was reluctance there," he said, adding that he believes that happened because the US needed someone to blame for its exit from Afghanistan.

## Political Outsider

Khan came to power in 2018 as an outsider in a country where politics has been largely dominated by dynasties and the powerful army. While his rise to the premiership was seen as having the blessing of the military establishment, his exit was marked by a breakdown of that relationship.

In his latest pressure tactic to push for snap polls, the former cricket star's allies dissolved two of the nation's four provincial assemblies. That has triggered elections in those provinces, which historically have been held in parallel with a nationwide vote.

Khan said he believes national elections may be rigged to keep him out of power. He referred to his removal from office as "regime-change," and said that Sharif's governing coalition and some members of the country's establishment are "scared" because "they were part of the regime-change. We know exactly who was responsible for it."

Pakistan's government spokesman and the army's media wing didn't immediately respond to a request for comment on Khan's remarks.

## Personal Security

Khan, who has heavy security outside his residence, said he still believes his life is in danger. He has blamed Prime Minister Sharif and an intelligence officer for the November attack. Both have denied the claim.

"Right now I'm afraid, I have powerful enemies," said Khan. "The entire political status quo is against me."

Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party said early Wednesday that there were reports circulating that the former premier could get arrested. News reports said a senior party leader Fawad Chaudhry had been detained by security officials. The police complaint accused of Chaudhry of threatening senior officials of the Election Commission, the report said.

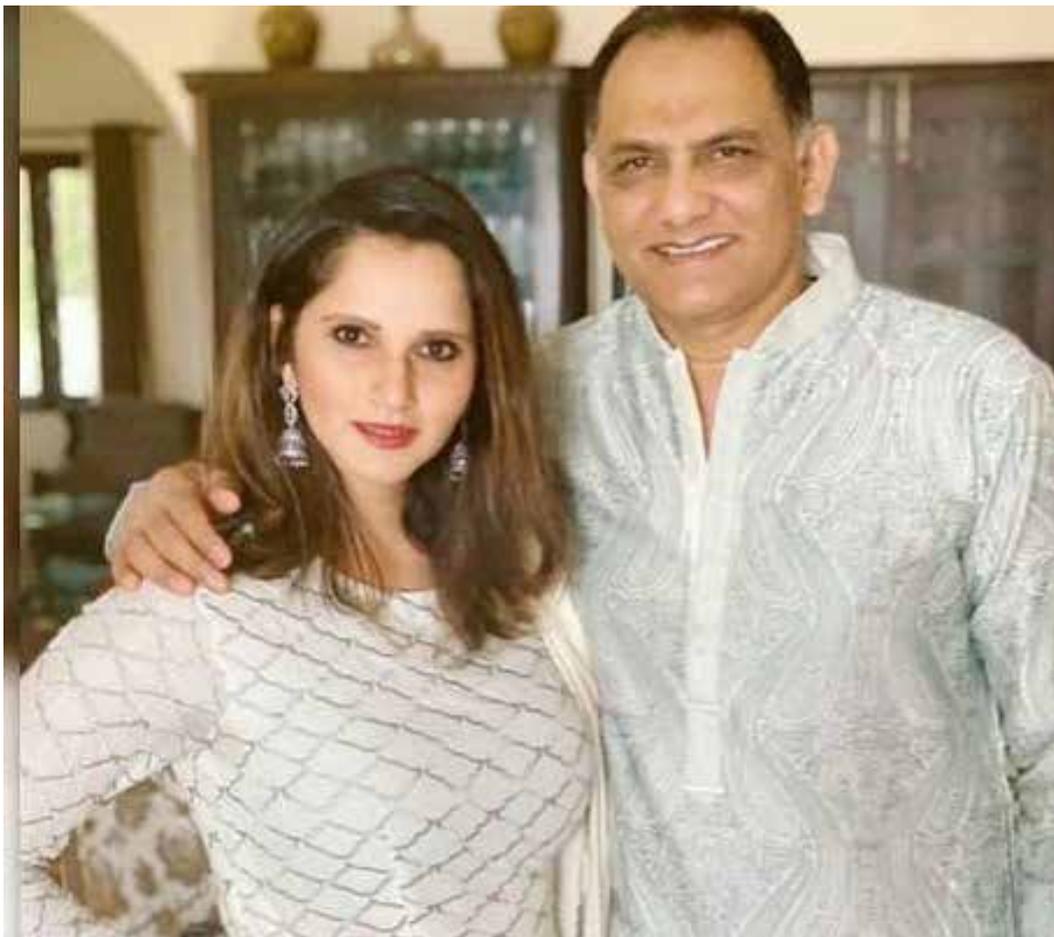
Video footage surfaced on social media showing supporters gathering just outside Khan's residence in Lahore following an appeal by his party to protect him from security forces, highlighting his widespread popularity.

"They have to go through the courageous females and youth to get through to Kaptaan at Zaman Park!" the party said in tweet referring to Khan who was once the captain of the Pakistani cricket team. "Pakistanis are brave and determined, Lahore now belongs to Kaptaan."

--With assistance from Muneeza Naqvi and Khalid Qayum.

(Updates with Khan's mixed showing in a recent slew of by-elections and local polls.)

# GOOD LUCK SANIA



Congratulations on your great career run Sania Mirza. As you bow out of grand slam tennis you have paved the path for many aspiring sports-women.  
Well played!

A Muslim from Hyderabad, India, who started playing tennis on courts made of cow dung, Mirza became the most successful women's tennis player in India's history at an early age but kept pushing for more, experiencing success above all in doubles and in inspiring women from South Asia and beyond to think bigger.

"I hope that I've been able to tell young girls and show young girls that they can achieve and do whatever they want in their lives, no matter how many odds are stacked against them and no matter how many times they are told they can't do it, or it's silly or it's stupid," Mirza said in an interview this week. "I hope that I've been able to bring that little mind-set shift where becoming an athlete can be a career option for a young girl, and I mean the first option."

Nearly 18 years to the day after that third-round defeat to Williams, Mirza reached the end of her Grand Slam journey: losing in the Australian Open mixed-doubles final with her compatriot Rohan Bopanna to Luisa Stefani and Rafael Matos of Brazil, 7-6 (2), 6-2.

It was a fittingly big stage for a farewell: Rod Laver Arena on a sun-kissed Friday afternoon, even if the stands were far from full. Doubles, even with Mirza in the mix, remains a sideshow to singles.

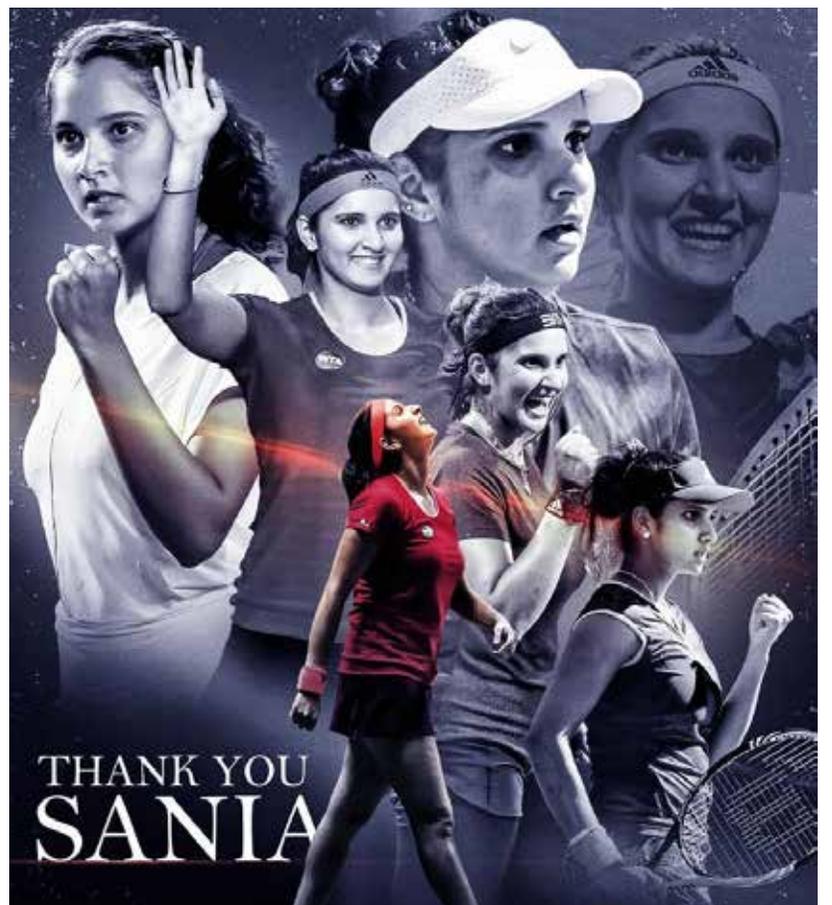
She and Bopanna, 42, certainly looked the part of veterans: Bopanna a bit heavier around the middle now with streaks of gray in his thick beard; Mirza with heavy white tape on her right calf and more tape on her left leg.

"I looked like a mummy," Mirza said with a chuckle. "But the fact is, you have to accept that we are on the wrong side as a tennis player, of age at least, and you have to manage your body."

Mirza, 36, intended to retire at the end of last season but tore a tendon in her right forearm in August and found herself struggling to comb her hair. She decided to come back and then retire, which she will do so after playing two regular tour events in Abu Dhabi and Dubai next month.

## SANIA MIRZA A TRUE TRAILBLAZER

- 43 WTA Doubles Titles
- 6 Grand Slam titles
  - ▶ 2 Australian Open (Mixed Doubles and Women's Doubles)
  - ▶ 2 US Open (Mixed Doubles and Women's Doubles)
  - ▶ 1 French Open (Mixed Doubles)
  - ▶ 1 Wimbledon (Women's Doubles)
- 91 Weeks As No. 1 As Women's Doubles Player

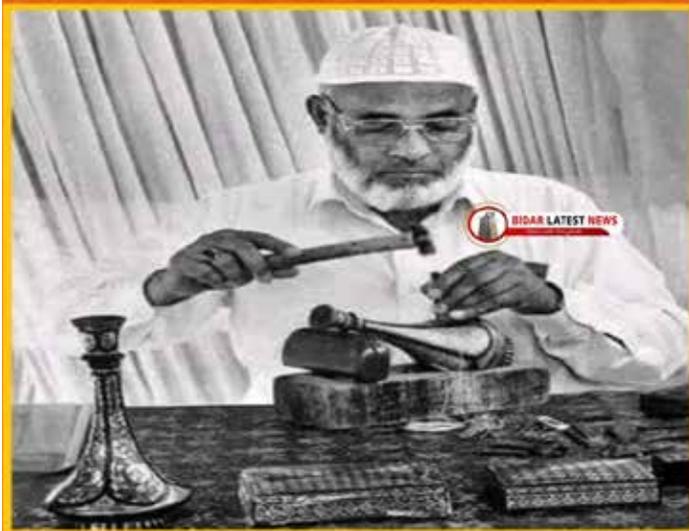


# Padma awards 2023

On the occasion of Republic Day 2023, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs announced the winners of Padma Awards on Wednesday. The long list of 106 awardees included Mulayam Singh Yadav, Zakir Hussain, KM Birla, Sudha Murty, Raveena Tandon, etc.

Padma Awards is the highest civilian awards of India. The award is presented in three categories including Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, and Padma Shri to honour people for their notable work in different disciplines and fields like art, social work, literature and education, public affairs, etc.

Shah Rashid Ahmed Khadri, 67 year old Bidri handicrafts person from Bidar is among the Padma Shri winners this year. He gained instant popularity when he sat working with his tools on the Karnataka Tableau at the Republic Day parade in 2011. He has spent nearly five decades in the art that he learnt



Shah Rasheed Ahmed Quadri Sahab From Bidar Got Padma Shree Award 2023.

from his father Shah Mustafa Khadri, a master craftsman who was honoured by the Nizam of Hyderabad. The Khadris were a family of limited means and Rashid could study only up to PUC. His father however, did not want him to be a Bidri craftsman as he felt they did not earn enough. He enrolled Rashid into English typewriting course. However, he began assisting his father who began losing eyesight due to old age. He is a winner of Shilpa Guru award, Karnataka Rajyotsava award and national award for handicrafts. He is a regular invitee to the Suraj Kund mela, Dilli Haat and other exhibitions in India. He has also served as a procurer for the Kaveri handicraft museum in Bengaluru and master trainee for various various craftsman training programmes of central and state governments. His creations have been exhibited in USA, Europe, Middle East and Singapore. He said he had never expected this honour. I miss my father today. I am sure he would have been happier than I am, he said.

## Padma Vibhushan Recipients List

Name	Field	State/Country
1. Shri Balkrishna Doshi (Posthumous)	Others	Gujarat
2. Shri Dilip Mahalanabis (Posthumous)	Medicine	West Bengal
3. Mulayam Singh Yadav (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Uttar Pradesh
4. Shri Zakir Hussain	Art	Maharashtra
5. Shri SM Krishna	Public Affairs	Karnataka
6. Shri Srinivas Varadhan	Science & Engineering	USA



Living legend playback singer #SumanKalyanpur ma'am awarded by PADMA BHUSHAN Award



## Padma Bhushan Recipients List

Name	Field	State/Country
1. Shri S L Bhyrappa	Literature & Education	Karnataka
2. Shri Kumar Mangalam Birla	Trade & Industry	Maharashtra
3. Shri Deepak Dhar	Science & Engineering	Maharashtra
4. Ms. Vani Jairam	Art	Tamil Nadu
5. Swami Chinna Jeeyar	Others-Spiritualism	Telangana
6. Ms Suman Kalyanpur	Art	Maharashtra
7. Shri Kapil Kapoor	Literature & Education	Delhi
8. Ms Sudha Murty	Social Work	Karnataka
9. Shri Kamlesh D Patel	Others- Spiritualism	

# SAFE DRIVING IN INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS



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

## BE PREPARED

### CHECK LOCAL FORECAST

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

### CONDUCT PLAY OF THE DAY

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

### PERFORM THOROUGH PM

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

## SLOW DOWN

### BE DEFENSIVE & OFFENSIVE

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

### USE SAFE DRIVING TOOLS

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

### SEEK COVER

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

## STAY FOCUSED

### MAINTAIN AWARENESS

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

### BE PROACTIVE

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

### COMMUNICATE

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

# HIGH WATER ON THE ROAD & AVOIDING HAZARDS



## BE PREPARED

### VERIFY CONDITIONS

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

### ENSURE ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES

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

### PLAN FOR MORE

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

## SLOW DOWN

### TURN AROUND

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

### BE CAUTIOUS

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

### HAVE A WAY TO ESCAPE

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

## STAY FOCUSED

### OBSERVE SURROUNDINGS

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

### CALL A TIME-OUT

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

### REMAIN ALERT

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

**KAVITA KRISHNAMURTHY Ji  
(25 January 1958)**

**She is an Indian film playback singer who has sung songs in Hindi, Telugu, Marathi, English, Urdu, Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada, Gujarati, Nepali, Bengali, Assamese, Konkani and Odiya Etc.**





Congratulations Delhi!  
CM Arvind Kejriwal and Dy. CM Manish Sisodia inaugurated UGR and Booster Pumping Station of 110 lakh Litres capacity in Patparganj village.

## Pakistan's Money Ex-changers to Let Rupee Decline Slowly

Pakistan's money exchange companies will let the currency drop slowly in the open market after deciding to abolish the limit on the dollar-rupee rate.

The Exchange Companies Association of Pakistan has informed the central bank of its decision to remove the limit, President Malik Bostan said in a phone interview Wednesday. The group had earlier voluntarily decided to cap the dollar-rupee rate to help ease pressure on the currency.

The rupee fell 0.9% to 243 rupees a dollar in the open market on Wednesday, he said. The currency was steady at 231.50 per dollar in the interbank market.

The decision to remove the cap will curb the black market, where dollars are being sold at about 10%

more than the advertised rates, and bring back the supply of the greenback at money changers. A more market-determined currency may also help Pakistan secure more money from the International Monetary Fund, whose disbursement of loans to the nation has seen multiple delays.

The association also requested the State Bank of Pakistan to help with increasing the supply of dollars to money changers, Bostan said.

"The cap that we had placed for the betterment of the country has turned out to be negative," Bostan said in a video released to the media Tuesday. As the supply of the US currency increases, the dollar-rupee rate will slowly decline and the black market will end, he said.

## Two arrested in case of Indians who froze to death at US-Canada border



Police in India have arrested two men in connection with the deaths of four people near the US-Canada border in January 2022.

The bodies, including that of a three-year-old child, were found lying together frozen in a field in Canada's Manitoba, 12m away from the US border.

Authorities in Gujarat state, where the family was from, said the arrested men were "illegal immigration" agents.

Police are also trying to arrest two agents based in the US and Canada.

The family - Jagdish Patel, 39, Vaishaliben, 37, their daughter, Vihangi, 11 and son, Dharmik, 3 - were from Gujarat's Dingucha village, where many locals aspired to move abroad. The news of their tragic deaths - they walked hours in -35C temperatures - made headlines around the world.

The Patels were among a group of 11 people from Gujarat who were trying to enter the US. The other seven people in the group were detained by US authorities after they crossed the border.

"The city crime branch has registered an offence in a case wherein the accused (agents) had forced

11 people to walk in the snow in a bid to get them illegally cross the US-Canada border, causing the death of four members of a family," Chaitanya Mandlik, a senior police official in Gujarat's Ahmedabad, told reporters

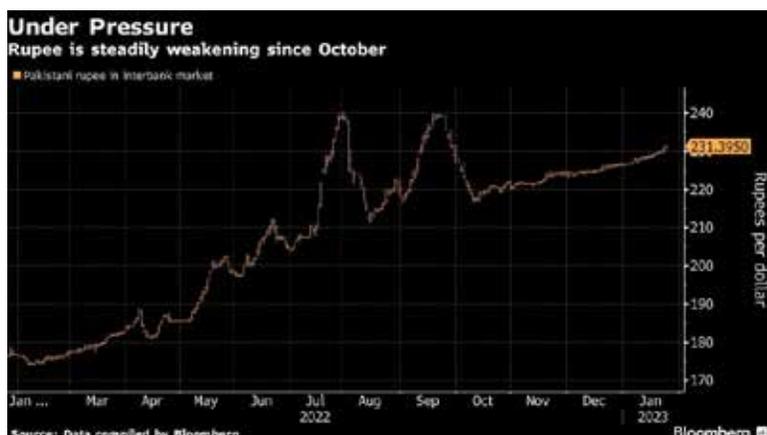
The Canadian Press, a news agency, reported that the arrested men have been accused of "acting as immigration agents, supplying the family members paperwork and helping them get to the US".

The charges against them include human trafficking, criminal conspiracy and culpable homicide not amounting to murder.

"The victims were taken to Toronto in Canada and later to Vancouver. The agents then dumped them at Winnipeg in Manitoba province leaving them to cross over to the US on their own," Indian news agency PTI quoted Mr Mandlik as saying.

Manitoba police told The Canadian Press that there was "no evidence to suggest the Patel family travelled to Vancouver".

The Canadian police added that they were working with "international law enforcement partners to advance the investigation into the deaths".



Handle your present with confidence,

# Virginia family sent to prison after forcing Pakistan woman into 'modern-day equivalent of slavery'

Three Virginia family members were sentenced Tuesday for compelling another family member into what one prosecutor once described as "the modern-day equivalent of slavery" for over a decade.

Zahida Aman, 80, and her two sons, Mohammed Naumman Chaudhri, 54, and Mohammed Rehan Chaudhri, 48, were convicted in May of conspiracy to commit forced labor.

The court has also ordered the family to pay the victim \$250,000 in restitution for back wages and other financial losses she incurred during her 12 years in forced labor. Prosecutors say Aman arranged for one of her sons' marriage to the victim in 2002. The family kept the woman in their Virginia home to



serve the extended family even after the victim's husband moved out.

Prosecutors say the family "callously exploited the victim's vulnerabilities and brutally coerced her labor through physical violence and emotional abuse."

The family compelled the woman to serve them as a domestic servant by using physical and verbal abuse and restricting her communication with her family in Pakistan, according to evidence presented in court.

The family confiscated her immigration documentation and money and threatened to separate her from her children by deporting her to Pakistan, the evidence says. On at least one occasion, the family hog-tied the woman's hands and feet and dragged her down the stairs in front of her children, according to the evidence.

The woman was reportedly forced to work every day, beginning early each morning. Her food was restricted, and she was forbidden from learning to drive, speaking with anyone but the family members, and could not call her family in Pakistan.

At their conviction in May 2022, U.S. Attorney Jessica D. Alber for the Eastern District of Virginia likened the woman's forced-labor situation to the "modern-day equivalent of slavery."

"The defendants exploited someone who should have been a loved family member to force her to work in their home for [more than a decade]," she said. "We will stop at nothing to prosecute those that commit these or similar crimes."

Fox News



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# SAVE THE DATE!

# Mohamed El-Erian says passive investing doesn't make sense any more now interest rates are climbing

Mohamed El-Erian says active investment makes more sense than passive in this murky environment.

The top economist said the economy is getting worse, which means the risks in active and passive strategies even out.

“Greater selectivity, smart structuring trump more often the lower fees on passive vehicles,” he said.

Mohamed El-Erian says it's time to get back into active investing, because a passive approach doesn't make sense any more in a murky economic climate of high interest rates and low liquidity.

Over more than a decade, investors got used to an environment of artificially low interest rates and government cash injections, which lifted almost all assets across the board. That environment longer exists, the top economist wrote in a Financial Times op-ed.

“This is an investment world in which greater selectivity, smart structuring and dynamic asset allocation trump more often the lower fees on passive vehicles,” El-Erian said in the op-ed pub-

lished Tuesday.

“It is a world that warrants a partial return to à la carte selection after many years of widespread fixed menus.”

In the past, there didn't seem to be much need for people to hunt out individual investments, given the likelihood of high returns and low volatility, he said. Companies jumped into offering passive portfolios, with competition between them driving down fee costs, and they started to build riskier parts of the market into products.

But passive approaches aren't so attractive anymore in an increasingly deteriorating economic climate, according to El-Erian, the chief economic adviser at Allianz.

“This common global factor was first shaken and now dislodged by rises in inflation that have required central banks to hike rates and reverse injections of liquidity into the economy,” he said.

The US Federal Reserve raised the benchmark interest rate by 75 basis points four times last year, taking it from near zero to 4.5%, to try to cool inflation at 40-year highs.



“The outlook for investors is further complicated by growth risks as the three most systemically important economic areas globally — the US, Europe and China — have slowed, albeit for different reasons,” the economist said.

Others influential market voices have said passive investing has become too dominant. Tesla CEO Elon Musk and Ark Invest CEO Cathie Wood have said it prevents regular investors from getting in on big gains for surging individual stocks.

Read the original article on Business Insider

## Iranian chess player who competed without hijab meets with Spanish PM

MADRID (Reuters) - An Iranian chess player who defected to Spain after she competed without a hijab and was warned not to return to her country met with Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez in Madrid on Wednesday.

Sarasadat Khadomalsharieh, 25, better known as Sara Khadem, arrived in Spain in early January. She had taken part in the FIDE World Rapid and Blitz Chess Championships held in Kazakhstan's Almaty in late December without a hijab - a headscarf mandatory under Iran's strict Islamic dress codes.

“How much I have learned today from a woman who inspires me,” Sanchez posted on his Twitter account after hosting Khadem at his official residence, the Moncloa Palace.

“All my support to women athletes. Your example contributes to a better world,” he added.

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In footage provided by the prime minister's office, Khadem is seen chatting with Sanchez on a couch while sporting a black suit and without wearing a hijab. They later appear to engage in a game of chess at a table.

Demonstrations against Iran's clerical leadership have swept the country since mid-September when a 22-year-old Iranian-Kurdish woman, Mahsa Amini, died in the custody of the morality police, which had detained her for wearing “inappropriate attire”.

Laws enforcing mandatory hijab-wearing have become a flashpoint during the unrest, with a string of sportswomen competing overseas appearing without their headscarves in public.

In a recent interview with newspaper El País, Khadem - who holds the title of Woman Grandmaster - said she only used to wear the headscarf at tournaments when there were cameras because she was representing Iran.

“With the hijab, I'm not me, I don't feel good, and so I wanted to put an end to that situation,” she said. “So I decided not to wear it anymore.”



Khadem is ranked 771st in the world, according to the International Chess Federation's website, and 9th in Iran.

(Reporting by David Latona; Editing by Sandra Maler)

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# Treasure Hunt

Dr. Khalid Razvi

A few years back I met a lady from Hyderabad who was talking about her father and her uncle who had won big lottery prizes in 1963 on two separate tickets when she was about two years old. When she told me where his father worked I was sure of the connection to this as there were no lottery prizes in Hyderabad. Then I started putting pieces of the puzzle together and I never mentioned anything about it till now.

Recently while looking at a google map of Hyderabad the name Mamidipalli popped up and I thought of writing down what happened.

It was late in 1963 when I was working towards Ph.D. in Geology. One day my Professor, Ramana Rao called me for a small project and he wanted me and two of my colleagues whom I can trust to work with him. He said it is only a day's job and we will be paid Rs. 100 each for our efforts. In those days the salary of a lecturer was about Rs. 250 a month. Naturally, I was excited and promised to get two of my close friends to do the job. The job was to do a magnetic survey of a small area near Mamidipalli which was a few miles from Hyderabad.

There was a rumor that during the early 1930s, many Jagirdars camped here to stay away from the horrible plague which was spreading in Hyderabad. While moving from their residence they carried their wealth with them and secured them by burying it in the ground and digging it out when returning back to their homes. There were a few instances where they passed away without leaving a clue about their hideouts. This area where we were asked to survey fits perfectly for camping surrounded by smaller boulders. We were told to keep it completely secret. I picked up two of my close friends whom I can trust and capable of doing a magnetic survey. Vara Prasad and Venkat Swamy joined me and I took Qaiser, our Lab attendant to carry the magnetometer.

They brought six laborers from distant areas to avoid publicity. We started

early in the morning and began looking for some clues and guessing the best place to start from the choices given to us.

We selected an area surrounded by small boulders with enough space for camping. Fortunately, I found some markings on a small rocky area with a figure of a person holding his hand near the neck, and another carrying something that looks like for digging tool but extended for a long distance. That arouse my curiosity and then we started looking closely at all the outcrops. Luckily, we found an arrow marked on an inconspicuous rock and the intersection was the area we thought was the best site to hide their wealth. We did the magnetic survey crisscrossing the selected area and were able to come up with an anomaly.

Laborers dug the area for a few feet and found shreds of crockery and earthenware. We were told by the person who hired us, that they could not find anything else by digging deeper into the area.

We enjoyed the money we received for our hard work and promised not to tell anyone about it. We almost forgot the whole episode till we learned that those people bought new Ambassador cars and were building big houses in Narayanguda from some recent unexpected windfalls.

Rarely I and my two friends ever discussed that experience. Vara Prasad did his Ph.D. and died in 1992 and the same year Qaiser died of Flu. Swamy joined GSI and retired as regional director, unfortunately, he drowned in a lake while working on an exploration project.

I taught at the College of Engineering till 1977 and migrated to the US, worked as Exploration Geophysicist, and retired in ShakkarNagar Texas. And that subject never came up.

Suddenly I had that urge to tell this story and get it out of my chest.

Dr. Khalid Razvi

Sugarland, TX

## Numaish 2023

HYDERABAD: The much-awaited 82nd All India Industrial Exhibition popularly known as the Numaish will begin on January 1 at the Nampally Exhibition Grounds in the city.

AIIE Society Vice President Ashwin Margam announced the same after the Hyderabad Exhibition society received no objection letters from the fire department and other permissions from R&B, GHMC, and various other government departments.

Speaking at a press conference held at the exhibition grounds on Friday, he said that business in Numaish had suffered in the past two years because of the COVID pandemic. He informed that all arrangements have been made for the exhibition to be held smoothly. Due precautions have been taken considering the current COVID conditions as per Health Minister T Harish Rao's advice.

He also mentioned that in the regular format stalls with different kinds of products will be available from Kashmir to Kanyakumari.

He said that around 2400 stalls have been set up with a sufficient distance between the stalls.

Free parking for visitors to the exhibition, medical camp and Covid safety arrangements, and wheelchair facilities for senior citizens have also been taken up, he said.

State Home Minister Mohd Mahmood Ali, Ministers Talasani Srinivas Yadav, and Vemula Prashanth Reddy will be the chief guests to inaugurate the exhibition.

While talking about the entry fee, he said this year the entry fee was going to be Rs.40, and entry for children below was free.

He also revealed that an amuse-

ment park was set up for both children and adults to enjoy. We are confident that this year's edition will be a smooth affair," Margam said.

Exhibition Society Secretary Sainath, Dayakar Shastri, Joint Secretary Vanam Surender, Publicity Chairman Harinath Reddy, Convener Aditya Margam, and others participated in this meeting.

Source: Sakshi Post



INTERNATIONAL PAGES

# HEALTH

## Fight Health-Robbing Inflammation! with 7 Simple Steps

Science has proven that chronic, low-grade inflammation can turn into a silent killer that contributes to cardiovascular disease, cancer, type 2 diabetes and other conditions.

The fact that three out of five people around the world die from a disease linked to inflammation raises serious red flags.

Thankfully, there is plenty you can do to fight back.

The experts at the renowned Harvard Medical School have just published Fighting Inflammation—the Special Health Report that clearly exposes the threat that chronic inflammation poses to your health and well-being and reveals the medical and lifestyle steps you can take to protect yourself.

Give us the word, we'll send you a copy of Fighting Inflammation, which reveal the highly effective, evidence-based strategies you can use to dampen low-grade inflammation BEFORE it has a chance to compromise your health.

Step #1: Eat to beat inflammation. Harvard experts warn that many “anti-inflammatory diets” are not grounded in science.

In this Special Report, you'll discover the three best diet choices—plus essential food “do's and don'ts” to help suppress inflammation levels.

Step #2: Get moving! Fighting Inflammation reveals how much aerobic exercise (surprisingly little!) it takes to lower inflammation levels—and how too much exercise may actually provoke an inflammatory response.

Step #3: Manage your weight. Discover the simple strategies to help you zero in on reducing abdominal fat—the kind that produces pro-inflammatory chemicals. For example, you'll learn surprising no-pain secrets to help reduce sugar in your diet.

Step #4: Get enough sleep. Inadequate sleep not only robs you of energy and productivity it also elevates inflammation—which is especially hazardous to heart health. Fighting Inflammation reveals 4 simple steps to help you get a healthier and more refreshing night's sleep!

Step #5: Stop smoking. Kicking the habit can result in a dramatic reduction in inflammation levels within just a few weeks, experts say. Even if you've tried to quit



before, the steps revealed in this Special Report can help you succeed!

Step #6: Limit alcohol use. When it comes to inflammation, alcohol can be either your friend or foe. Find out in this Special Report why a little alcohol may be helpful and how much is over the line for keeping inflammation in check.

Step #7: Conquer chronic stress. Chronic stress can spark the development of inflammation and cause flare-ups of prob-

lems like rheumatoid arthritis, cardiovascular disease, depression and inflammatory bowel disease. Fighting Inflammation reveals 10 powerful ways to help lower unhealthy stress.

Whether you're aiming to prevent cancer, heart disease, diabetes, dementia, or other conditions connected to chronic inflammation, the sooner you incorporate these seven steps into your life, the better!

## Controlling Your Blood Pressure

Controlling Your Blood Pressure is a powerful presentation that reveals how — no matter what your age — you can gain and maintain the protective benefits of lower blood pressure.

High blood pressure can jeopardize your health and rob you of your independence. Hypertension doubles your risk of heart attack and stroke and increases your risk of vision loss, kidney failure, and dementia.

Discover the steps and secrets to lowering your blood pressure now! New from Harvard Health Publishing, this course gives you the tools to build cardiovascular wellness by lowering your blood pressure and adopting strategies to keep it low. The course is impactful, engaging, and effective.

You'll find even small changes can pay big and lasting dividends. Did you know there is a remarkably easy diet plan that can lower systolic blood pressure 11 points in just 8 weeks? Or that just moderate exercise can end the need for blood pressure medication? Or that one simple change can halt dangerous “part-time” hypertension for good?

In Controlling Your Blood Pressure, you'll learn how to bring blood pressure into a normal range by adopting basic lifestyle

changes — from eating smart to easing stress. You'll get tips for weight loss, for choosing a blood pressure monitor, and for finding the best and safest medications.

Guidance you can trust. Changes you can make. Success you can measure! More than ever, you need to know where information is coming from — especially when it's your health. Controlling Your Blood Pressure comes to you from Harvard Medical School, the nation's top-ranked school for medical research. In the course, Harvard doctors share strategies for addressing hypertension's causes and show you how to use today's advances to your greatest advantage.

You will be introduced to specific, yet simple, lifestyle changes that will help you achieve a lasting reduction in your blood pressure numbers. The instruction is clear, concise, and uncomplicated.

You'll learn the best procedures for an accurate baseline test. The doctors will reveal two home monitors you should avoid... three taboos before a test...and the one important step that is often overlooked.

Of course, you've heard of “white coat” hypertension, but did you know about masked hypertension? You'll find how to unmask this dangerous condition. You'll find why, after age 65, women are at greater risk for high blood pressure...the seven

risk factors you can control... and six important tests your doctor may suggest.

And you'll welcome how easy it is to make strides without sacrifice. You'll be introduced to several easy and enticing eating plans that offer lean, minimally processed foods, packed with nutrients, but not calories. You'll find how to incorporate the three minerals essential to successful blood pressure management... and 15 smart low-sodium substitutes.

You'll get guidance for the most helpful exercises and for maintaining motivation. You'll master effective techniques to manage stress and improve sleep.

And the course offers an impartial, frank assessment of today's expanded array of medications to help you make the safest and smartest choices to meet your goals.

The good news is that what's gone up can come down. You can lower your blood pressure. You can safeguard your heart and your health. And you can do it now!

You'll want the doctor to take your blood



pressure! As you apply these simple proven strategies, you'll not only feel the difference, but with every blood pressure reading you — and your doctor — will see the difference.

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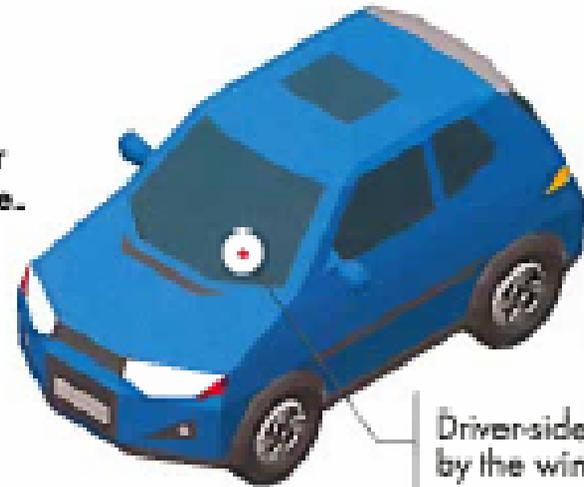
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# RECIPES

## SHRIMP SCAMPI

### Ingredients

1 lb. Large Shrimp, shelled and deveined  
 2 Tbsp. Olive Oil  
 1 Package Alouette Garlic & Herbs Soft Spreadable Cheese (6.5 oz.)  
 1/3 Cup Milk  
 3 Cups of cooked Rice  
 4 Plum Tomatoes, sliced and warmed  
 1 lb. Asparagus, trimmed and cooked  
 Salt and Pepper to taste

### Instructions

1. Thread shrimp onto skewers.
2. Brush lightly with oil and season with salt and pepper.
3. Grill over medium heat for 3 to 4 minutes per side. Cooked shrimp will be opaque throughout.
4. Blend Alouette Soft Spreadable Cheese

and milk. Microwave to warm the sauce mixture.

5. Divide rice onto 4 plates.
6. Arrange tomatoes and asparagus on rice.
7. Place shrimp on rice and vegetables.



8. Top with sauce.

### Ingredients

16 Fresh basil  
 1 Tbsp. Unsalted butter  
 1 lb. Cooked linguini  
 2 Tbsp. Olive oil  
 1 Medium onion, chopped  
 1 pin Crushed red pepper  
 1 jar (24 oz.) Classico® Riserva Marinara Sauce

### Directions

Heat olive oil in large skillet over medium-high heat. Add onions and saute for 5-10 minutes or until translucent. Add Classico® Riserva Marinara Sauce to the skillet along with about a dozen basil. Bring sauce to a low boil and then

lower heat to simmer. Whisk in butter until melted. Serve on top of cooked pasta, and garnish with remaining basil leaves.



## Chrissy's Apple Crumble Chex™ Mix

A comforting and delicious snack mix inspired by your favorite fruit crumble dessert. Start by baking cinnamon oat clusters. Then toss with sweetly spiced Apple Cinnamon Chex™ cereal, crunchy apple chips and lightly salted almonds.

### INGREDIENTS

1 cup old-fashioned oats  
 1/2 cup all-purpose flour  
 1/3 cup packed brown sugar  
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
 1/4 teaspoon fine sea salt  
 1/2 cup cold butter, cut into pieces  
 2 teaspoons water  
 4 cups Apple Cinnamon Chex™ cereal  
 3 cups apple chips  
 1 cup lightly salted, roasted almonds

### PREPARATION

Heat oven to 350°F. Line 15x10x1-inch pan with cooking parchment paper. In

medium bowl, add oats, flour, brown sugar, cinnamon and sea salt; mix well. Use pastry blender to cut in butter, until mixture looks like coarse crumbs. Stir in water until mixture comes together. Spread out evenly in pan; press down slightly on mixture to hold together. Bake 10 minutes; stir gently. Continue baking 10 to 13 minutes or until mixture is light golden brown. Cool completely on parchment in pan, about 1 hour. Carefully break into small clusters. In large serving bowl, mix cereal, apple chips and almonds; stir in clusters. Store in covered container at room temperature.

### TIPS

Try this as a delicious topper to your favorite yogurt. You may need to break up the apple chips a bit before topping. Adding water to crumble mixture helps all of the dry, flour mixture come together before baking. Watch crumble during baking

for excessive browning around edges. Mixture will continue to bake in pan during cooling. Make this a caramel apple crumble by drizzling with your favorite caramel sauce right before serving!

### NUTRITION

1/2 Cup Calories 190 (Calories from Fat 90); Total Fat 11g (Saturated Fat 3.5g, Trans Fat 0g); Cholesterol 10mg; Sodium 130 mg; Total Carbohydrate 20g (Dietary Fiber 1g, Sugars 8g); Protein 3g

% Daily Value: Vitamin A 4%; Vitamin C 2%; Calcium 6%; Iron 20%;

Exchanges: 1 Starch, 1/2 Other Carbohydrate,

2 Fat

Carbohydrate Choice: 1



## Double Layer Pumpkin Cheesecake

A great alternative to pumpkin pie, especially for those cheesecake fans out there. Serve topped with whipped cream.

### Ingredients

2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened  
 1/2 cup white sugar  
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
 2 eggs  
 1 (9 inch) prepared graham cracker crust  
 1/2 cup pumpkin puree  
 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
 1 pinch ground cloves  
 1 pinch ground nutmeg  
 1/2 cup frozen whipped topping, thawed

### Directions Step 1

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C).

### Step 2

In a large bowl, combine cream cheese, sugar and vanilla. Beat until smooth. Blend in eggs one at a time. Remove 1 cup of batter and spread into bottom of crust; set aside.

### Step 3

Add pumpkin, cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg to the remaining batter and stir gently until well blended. Carefully spread over the batter in the crust.

### Step 4

Bake in preheated oven for 35 to 40 minutes, or until center is almost set. Allow to cool, then refrigerate



ate for 3 hours or overnight. Cover with whipped topping before serving.

# History of Bareilly



Here is the brief history of Bareilly and how it came under the control of the Marathas before falling to the British East India Company.

The town of Bareilly was founded by Bās Deo and Barel Deo in 1527 in the region around the river Ramganga. This region earlier had been part of the kingdom of North Panchala in the 2nd century bce and was under the influence of the kingdom of Ahichhatra in the 7th century ce. Its neighbourhood, especially the area of Katehr was brought roughly under the control of the Sultans of Delhi, first by Mahmud and then by Balban.

In 1266, Balban who had succeeded Mahmud to the Sultanate of Delhi, marched to Kampil and according to his official historians, put to sword all the Hindus, and crushed the Katehriyas. In 1290, another invasion by Firoz destroyed whatever remained of Katehr and brought the region firmly under the control of Muslim.

It was when all the neighbourhood had been reduced to nothing, and the kingdom of Delhi, with its military base at Prayagraj had lost interest in the land of the Ramganga, that Barel Deo was able to set up the city which goes by his name. It was during the reign of Shahjahan that Bareilly started gaining in importance. In 1657, Raja Makrand Rai founded what might be called New Bareilly after cutting down the forest to the west of the old town.

With the death of Aurangzeb in 1707, things became chaotic once again with everyone who could afford to, vying for power. It was during this period of chaos that Muhammad Khan, the leader of Ruhella Pathans, defeated the governors of Bareilly and Moradabad and established himself as the ruler. He would be buried at Aonla.

In 1744, the Ruhellas of Bareilly conquered the Kumaon region up till Almora. Within two years they were defeated by Muhammad Shah. Ali Mohammed, the Ruhella chief was taken prisoner and packed off to Delhi. In 1748, he was released from imprisonment and made the governor of the Katehr region. A year later he died.

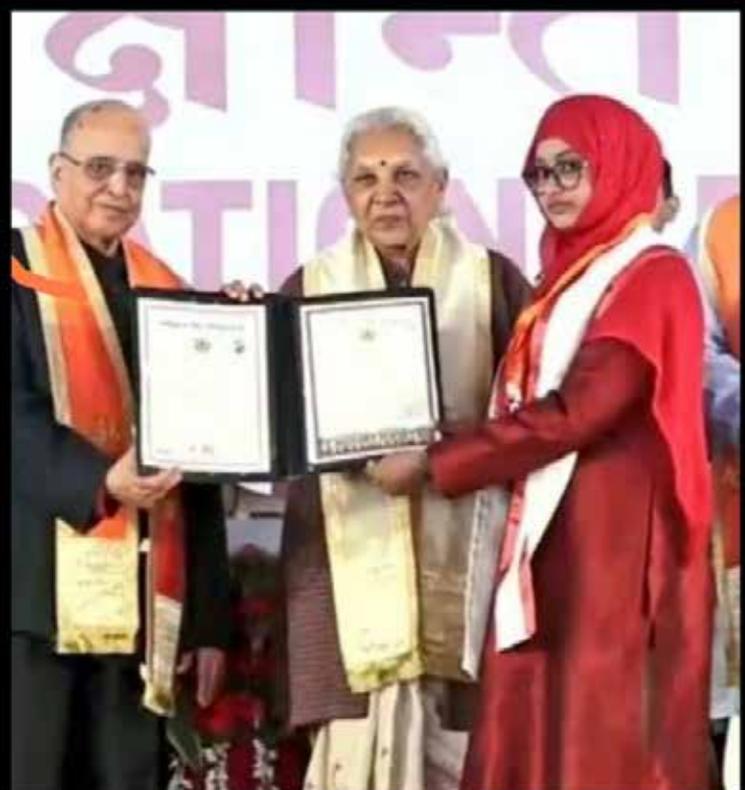
The control of Bareilly now passed into the hands of Hafiz Rahmat Khan, who was in the employ of Ali Mohammed. Hafiz Rahmat Khan slayed the Nawab of Farrukhabad, march northwards and extended his control over Pilibhit and the terai region.

When the Safdar Jang, who had declared himself to be the Nawab of Awadh, plundered Farrukhabad, the Muslim rulers of Farrukhabad asked the Ruhellas for help. It was now, for the first time that the Marathas invaded the region of the pathans who ruled Bareilly. They did so at the request of the Nawab of Awadh. Ahmad Khan of Farrukhabad was defeated by the Marathas and then they defeated the Ruhellas at Fatehgarh and at Bisauli, near Aonla. Fortunately for the Ruhellas, it was at this juncture that Ahmad Shah Durrani invaded north India. Rahmat Khan Pathan was now allowed to become the de facto ruler of the region which by now was being called by the name Ruhelkhand.

With the Marathas having lost most of their fighting arms on the battle field of Panipat in 1761, Rahmat Khan began expanding his control over neighbouring regions. He fortified Bareilly. In 1770, the Marathas returned. This time the Maratha soldiers were led by Sindhia and Holkar. They defeated Rahmat Khan. Rahmat Khan requested the Nawab of Awadh to persuade the Marathas to let him be. The Marathas agreed to leave Ruhelkhand; Shujaudaula became surety for a bond of Rs. 4,000,000.

pic. Mohammed Khan's maqbara at Aonla.

## IQRA WARSI WINS 3 GOLD MEDALS



Daughter of a street hawker, Iqra Rizwan Warsi wins 3 Gold Medals for BA in Lucknow University. She also received the best student of the year award.

# Safety

## 28 BASIC KITCHEN SAFETY TIPS

Make sure all wires, cords and plugs on your appliances are not frayed and that the plugs have 3-prong grounded connections. This would include coffee makers, toasters, blenders, microwaves, mixers, etc. Don't use extension cords. You can obtain a junction box that has built-in GFI (ground fault interrupters). This will allow you extra plug in space and the GFI will kick in if there is a power shortage. Helps avoid water/electrical shock accidents.

Get rid of any appliance that is broken or damaged. New ones are very inexpensive these days. If a new one would bust your budget, try garage and tag sales (just make sure you're not buying somebody else's broken appliance).

Put a childproof lock not only on the cabinets with your medicines and cleaning supplies, but also your oven.

Don't leave the kitchen with pots & pans cooking on the stove. Make sure to turn off burners as soon as you take the pot off.

Avoid wearing inappropriate clothing while cooking. That means loose sleeves and sweaters.

Keep dish towels, pot holders and oven mitts away from the stove.

Keep matches and lighters in high places where curious little hands can't reach them.

If using candles in the kitchen, don't leave the room (or home) while they're burning. Make sure they are in a safe place and are in flame proof containers. Check furniture, curtains, dish towels, etc. to be sure they are not blocking heaters or vents.

Keep a fire extinguisher in or near the kitchen, but not near the stove or the heater.

In case of a grease fire, salt and/or baking soda will help if you do not have a fire extinguisher.

Keep emergency numbers handy - 911 is easy to remember, but phone numbers to Poison Control might take longer.

Scalding is one of the most common injuries in the kitchen. Make sure to turn pot handles away from the front of the stove and away from little curious hands.

Scalding can occur from hot steam as well. Be careful when lifting lids from hot food (including opening that hot bag of microwave popcorn)!

Handling Knives: (a) Always cut away from your body when using a knife. It can slip and cut you, (b) Always use a cutting board, (c) Protect your counter tops, (d) Keep blades sharp, (e) Keep knives clean (including handle) - slippery handles can cause injuries, (f) Don't put knives in

a sink of soapy water - they may not be seen and accidents can occur, (g) Wash and dry carefully keeping sharp edge away from your hands, (h) Always lay them flat, never on the back or edge, (i) Don't attempt to catch a knife as it falls - better it hits the floor than cut your hand, (j) Wash knives with warm soapy water after each use.

Be sure appliances are unplugged before touching sharp edges (blenders, can openers, mixers, etc.).

Never stick a fork in a toaster to retrieve trapped toast - you may get shocking results. Always be sure the blender is unplugged before touching the blades.

Be careful about sharp edges: scissors, broken glass, potato peeler, etc.

Never ever, ever leave cooking foods unattended - not even for a minute.

Casualness causes casualties - don't answer or talk on the phone while cooking - you can be distracted and injuries can result.

Clean up spills immediately - wet floors are slippery when wet.

Keep the kitchen floor clear of toys and other items.

Be certain that walking areas are always clear of toys and other items.

Keep young children out of the kitchen while cooking. Always use a step-stool to reach high places.

Store cleaning supplies and all chemicals in a safe place. Use safety latches.

### Cooking Safety Tips



Check for combustibile materials around the cooking surface, like oven mitts or kitchen towels



Keep a fire extinguisher in or near the kitchen



Never leave children unattended in the kitchen



Never leave food unattended



Be careful of loose clothing like flowing sleeves or aprons



Never put water on a grease fire



# Bill Gates says 'China's rise' is a 'huge win for the world'



Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates said that China's rise is a "huge win for the world" during an interview in Australia on Monday.

Gates made the comment during an interview with the Lowy Institute, a think tank based in Sydney, Australia.

"I tend to see China's rise as a huge win for the world," Gates said. "I mean, that's 20% of humanity. They today match their portion of the global economy, and their portion of the global population match exactly, you know, countries like Australia, U.S., we have per capita GDP's five times what the Chinese have. So we have a disproportionate share of the world's economy."

His comments about the communist country came in response to a question asking Gates how "bullish" he was on China.

"You know, I do think the current mentality of the U.S. to China and which is reciprocated is kind of a lose-lose mentality, that if you ask U.S.

politicians 'hey, would you like the Chinese economy to shrink by 20% or grow by 20%, I'm afraid they would vote that 'yeah, let's immiserate those people,' not understanding that for the global economy, the invention of cancer drugs, the solution of climate change, you know we're all in this together." While painting China's rise positively, Gates acknowledged that the country is "not a democracy," and is an "outlier today in terms of that level of wealth and still being as autocratic as they are." "The U.S. is politically weaker today, I would say, than it's been and you know, that's scary for the world. The current world system is designed around U.S. leadership," Gates said. "As other countries have gotten richer, these middle-income countries including China and India need to play a stronger role in world governance."

**ISNA**

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- Br. Monem Salam, Executive Vice President and Director of Saturna Capital
- Br. Sajid Khan, local public defender and activist
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**What is a recall?**

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

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

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

Thank you for your attention to this important safety matter and for your commitment to helping save lives on America's roadways.

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# Adani stocks fall in India on fraud, stock manipulation claims

Asia's richest man Gautam Adani saw his net worth drop six billion dollars on Wednesday after a US investment firm accused him of "brazen stock manipulation and accounting fraud".

Adani, 60, is the world's third-richest person, with an estimated fortune of around \$120 billion and interests ranging from Australian coal mines

and several Caribbean islands.

Hindenburg said it had identified numerous instances of undisclosed related-party transactions and earnings manipulation "to maintain the appearance of financial health and solvency" of listed Adani companies.

to 2,000 percent in the past three years, adding more than \$100 billion to its founder's net worth and vaulting him up the ranks of the world's richest people.

Critics of the billionaire attribute his meteoric rise to a close association with Hindu nationalist Prime Minister Narendra Modi and support for



to India's busiest ports.

But the magnate was the biggest loser on Forbes' real-time billionaires list on Wednesday, dropping nearly five percent -- or \$6.4 billion -- of his net worth overnight as investors rushed to sell shares in his group of companies.

Hindenburg Research published a report on Tuesday alleging that Adani Group "has engaged in a brazen stock manipulation and accounting fraud scheme over the course of decades".

The firm said it had taken a short position in Adani Group companies after a two-year investigation based on interviews with former executives, site visits in multiple countries and document reviews.

Its report claims that Adani's elder brother Vinod "manages a vast labyrinth of offshore shell entities" in tax havens including Mauritius, Cyprus

The allegations come ahead of an ambitious \$2.5 billion follow-on public offer -- India's biggest-ever -- due to open for bids on Friday and aimed at bolstering the business empire's balance sheet.

"The report is a malicious combination of selective misinformation and stale, baseless and discredited allegations," Adani Group chief financial officer Jugeshinder Singh said in a statement.

Singh added that the report had been deliberately timed to undermine the conglomerate's reputation "with the principal objective of damaging the upcoming follow-on public offering".

- 'Afraid to speak out' -

Adani Group is India's second-largest conglomerate, with the combined market capitalisation of its seven listed companies exceeding \$218 billion.

Shares in Adani business units have soared up

his policies.

Hindenburg's report said there had been a pattern of "government leniency towards the group" stretching back decades.

"We believe the Adani Group has been able to operate a large, flagrant fraud in broad daylight in large part because investors, journalists, citizens and even politicians have been afraid to speak out for fear of reprisal," the report said.

Shares in flagship Adani Enterprises fell as much as three percent on Wednesday, before recovering to trade 1.41 percent lower in the afternoon.

Other business units fell as much as 6.5 percent over the day's trade.

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## List of Bollywood films of February 2023

Opening	Title	Director	Cast
F E B	3	<i>Almost Pyaar with DJ Mohabbat</i>	Anurag Kashyap Alaya F • Karan Mehta
		<i>Faraaz</i>	Hansal Mehta Zahan Kapoor • Aditya Rawal • Aamir Ali • Juhi Babbar
	10	<i>Shehzada</i>	Rohit Dhawan Kartik Aaryan • Kriti Sanon • Paresh Rawal • Manisha Koirala • Ronit Roy
		<i>Shiv Shastri Balboa</i>	Ajayan Venugopalan Anupam Kher • Neena Gupta • Jugal Hansraj • Nargis Fakhri • Sharib Hashmi
	16	<i>Lost</i>	Aniruddha Roy Chowdhury Yami Gautam • Pankaj Kapur • Rahul Khanna • Neil Bhoopalam • Pia Bajpiee • Tushar Pandey
	24	<i>Selfiee</i>	Raj Mehta Akshay Kumar • Emraan Hashmi • Diana Penty • Nushratt Bharuccha
		<i>Afwaah</i>	Sudhir Mishra Nawazuddin Siddiqui • Bhumi Pednekar • Taapsee Pannu



Javed Akhtar recalled an incident recently where a man once greeted him at the airport thinking he was Gulzar; the latter did not correct him and left him in confusion. Javed narrated the incident during the launch event of the book *Jadunama* written by Arvind Mandloi on Javed. He was called upon the stage accompanied by Gulzar Sahab. The *Kal Ho Na Ho* song writer revealed: “Shabana and I were at the airport, when the airline staff asked us to sit and said they will get our luggage. Shabana was sitting right next to me when a gentleman approached me and said, ‘Adaab Gulzar saab!’ I responded with an adaab too.” “He then wondered, ‘How come Gulzar saab is at the airport?’ I told him that Javed Akhtar saab is coming, so I am there to receive him!”

Akhtar added: “He got confused that such a big man has come to receive Javed Akhtar? He asked me, with disappointment in his voice, ‘You are here to receive Javed Akhtar? I replied, ‘I always come. Wherever Javed Akhtar is coming from, I always receive him at the airport.’ The man, in disappointment and confusion, said: “Acha... Chalta hu Gulzar saab”.

IndianExpress reported, Gulzar started laughing after hearing the incident narrated by the 77-years old writer. According to Javed Akhtar, it's not like the two of them look alike, it's just people nowadays with average intelligence use their brains like *Kabad Khaana*.

# 'I was low on confidence, scared when I started shooting Pathaan, I lose confidence many times in the day,' says Shah Rukh Khan

The team of 'Pathaan' had their first event post the film's release and after it has made history and broken records at the box-office. As John Abraham confessed today that Shah Rukh Khan is not an actor, he's an emotion - it seems to be holding quite true as we're seeing euphoria surrounding the actor in cinema halls and outside his house, Mannat, in the last few days!

But contrary to his popularity and stardom, the actor made a candid confession at the event today. He expressed that he was not feeling very confident when he started shooting for 'Pathaan'. He shared, "I was low on confidence when we started work on it because I was coming to set after a long time. Even I get scared, I feel insecure, I lose confidence many times in the day. That's why I keep going because the weaker you are, the stronger you get. And my beautiful friends around me, like Deepika Padukone, John, Siddharth Anand, help me." The actor also shed light on the notion about him that he's quite arrogant. He joked, "Aisa nahi hai ke main arrogant nahi hoon. Is galat faimi mein mat rehna (Don't stay under the misconception that I'm not arrogant) I am the best. I am the best. I'm the best"

On a serious note, he further added, "We should wake up in the morning thinking that I am the best. You have to wake up with the confidence that I am the best only then you can do something. That's why I keep saying that and people think it's arrogance."

When asked about he deals with failure, here's what SRK had to say. "Everyone has a different way of dealing with failure. There is a special bathroom in my house. Everyone knows I am crying when I'm there. But it's all about the Monday. If the film spoils on a Sunday, then you wake up thinking on Monday that you should work harder now. If the film works, you still wake up thinking that now I will have to prove myself again for my next. So, Monday is about getting back to the business for the industry."

The actor added that he feels very guilty if his film doesn't work. "I feel responsible that I have let people down. We all put in the best of efforts. There are thousands of people related to one film being made and their lives are connected to them. We feel guilty when we let the audience down. Hence, Phir se mehnat karo, labour class bano. If you can't go to set like a labour class person, you shouldn't be in movies."

'Pathaan' has now reached a worldwide total of over 400 crores.



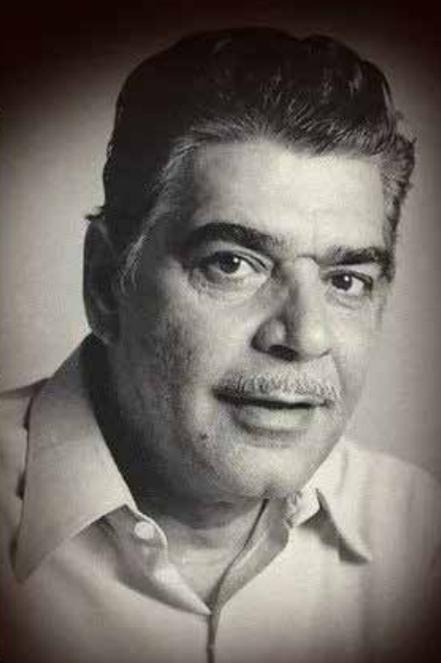
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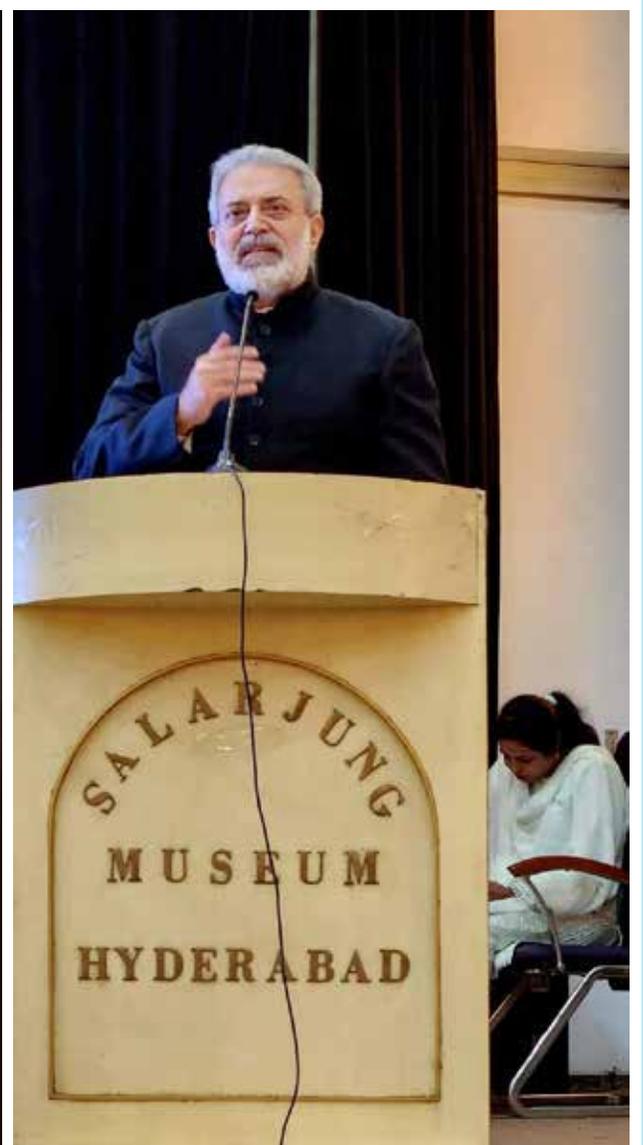
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Shahid Ali Khan son of Hamed Ali Khan (Ajit) at the launch of the book AJIT THE LION

## Binaca Geetmala Annual List (1956)

<p>1</p>	<p>Ae Dil Hai Mushkil Jina Yaha, Zara Hatke  <small>You Tube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.39 - 1057 votes</p>	Geeta Dutt, Mohammed Rafi	O P Nayyar	Johnny Walker
		C. I. D. (1956)	Majrooh Sultanpuri	Masti Bhare Geet
<p>2</p>	<p>Nain So Nain Nahin Milao  <small>You Tube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.31 - 800 votes</p>	Hemant Kumar, Lata Mangeshkar	Vasant Desai	Gopi Krishna, Sandhya
		Jhanak Jhanak Payal Baje (1955)	Hasrat Jaipuri	Songs about Eyes, Romantic Songs
<p>3</p>	<p>Tu Pyar Ka Sagar Hai Teri Ek Bund Ke Pyase Hum  <small>You Tube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.55 - 2185 votes</p>	Manna Dey	Shankar Jaikishan	Balraj Sahni
		Seema (1955)	Shailendra	Prayer
<p>4</p>	<p>Nirbal Se Ladai Balvan Ki, Ye Kahani Hai Diye Ki Aur Tufaan Ki  <small>You Tube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.51 - 356 votes</p>	Manna Dey	Vasant Desai	Nanda, Ulhas, Rajendra Kumar
		Toofan Aur Deeya (1956)	Bharat Vyas	Motivational Songs
<p>5</p>	<p>Ai Dil Mujhe Bata De, Tu Kis Pe Aa Gaya Hai  <small>You Tube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.44 - 998 votes</p>	Geeta Dutt	Madan Mohan	Ashok Kumar, Shyama
		Bhai Bhai (1956)	Rajinder Krishan	Happy Songs, Romantic Songs, Masti Bhare Geet
<p>6</p>	<p>Leke Pahla Pahla Pyar (Part 1)  <small>You Tube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.38 - 827 votes</p>	Shamshad Begum, Mohammed Rafi	O P Nayyar	Sheela Vaz, Dev Anand, Shakeela
		C. I. D. (1956)	Majrooh Sultanpuri	Masti Bhare Geet, Romantic Songs
<p>7</p>	<p>Halke Halke Chalo Saanvare  <small>You Tube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.48 - 200 votes</p>	Hemant Kumar, Lata Mangeshkar	Salil Chowdhury	Anita Guha, Shammi Kapoor, Nirupa Roy, Jayant, Balraj Sahni, Gope
		Tangawali (1955)	Prem Dhawan	Romantic Songs
<p>8</p>	<p>Kaise Aao Jamuna Ke Tir  <small>You Tube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.37 - 173 votes</p>	Lata Mangeshkar	Chitalkar Ramchandra	Anjali Devi
		Devta (1956)	Rajinder Krishan	Classical Songs
<p>9</p>	<p>Aankhon Hi Aankhon Men Ishaaraa Ho Gayaa  <small>You Tube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.40 - 967 votes</p>	Geeta Dutt, Mohammed Rafi	O P Nayyar	Waheeda Rehman, Dev Anand, Shakila
		C. I. D. (1956)	Jan Nisar Akhtar	Songs about Eyes, Romantic Songs
<p>10</p>	<p>Piya Piya Piya Mora Jiya Pukare, Hum Bhi Challenge Saiya Sang  <small>You Tube</small> ✓ 🏆 ★ 4.36 - 1377 votes</p>	Asha Bhosle, Kishore Kumar	O P Nayyar	Kishore Kumar, Chand Usmani
		Baap Re Baap (1955)	Jan Nisar Akhtar	Romantic Songs, Happy Songs

“I am committed to carrying forward the legacy of my ancestors.”

**9th Nizam of Hyderabad (titular) Mir Muhammad Azmat Ali Khan (Azmat Jah)**



Hyderabad: Prince Azmet Jah, a photographer and filmmaker who has worked with Hollywood directors such as Steven Spielberg and Richard Attenborough, will take over as Mukarram Jah's successor

Son of Mukarram Jah and Esra Jah, Azmet Jah was born in London on July 23, 1960. He is amongst the two surviving sons of Mukarram Jah. The 62-year-old completed his early educa-

tion in London and spent the 1980s studying at the University of Southern California.

According to the wishes of Mukarram Jah, Prince Azmet Jah will succeed Mukarram Jah, according to M.A. Faiz Khan, trustee of the H.E.H, the Nizam's Mukarram Jah Trust. "Given that he is the eldest of his sons and since his father desires it, Prince Azmet Jah would be his successor."

According to sources, the ceremony of succession will be conducted after completion of the mourning days by this month's end or in February. "Dastar Bandi ceremony could be held after a few days of mourning and he will be declared a successor," sources confirmed.

It is understood that the nomination of the successor is more

### Last journey of HEH Mukarram Jah





installation of His Exalted Highness Azmet Jah Bahadur as the 9th Nizam of the Asaf Jahi Dynasty at Khilwat Mubarak (Chau Mahalla) in Hyderabad on the evening of 20th January 2023.

Also present at the ceremony were H.H. Esra Jah, Princess Fatima Shehkyar Jah, Princess Niloufer Elif Jah, Paigah Noble Nawab Mohammed Abul Faiz Khan, Paigah Noble Nawab Faiz bin Jung, Rajkumari Indira Devi Saheba, Mahmood Ali (Home Minister of Telangana State) seated with his grandson Furqan Ahmed, M.A. Basith (Former Director General of Police - Andhra Pradesh) and others.



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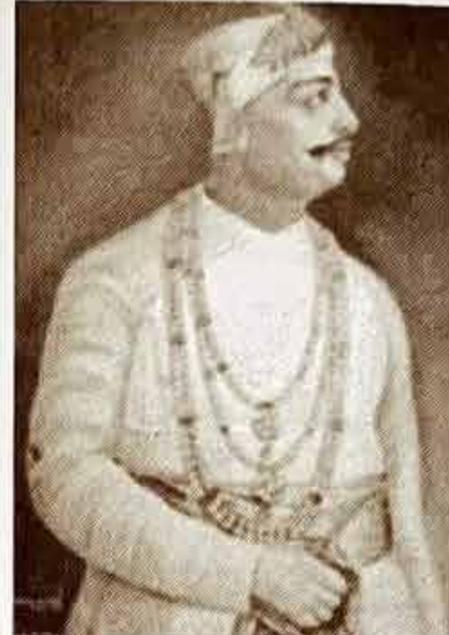
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Nizam-ul-Mulk,  
Asaf Jah I, ruled 1724-1748.



Nizam II Nizam Ali Khan,  
ruled 1762-1803.



Nizam III Sikander Jah,  
ruled 1803-1829.



Nizam IV Nasir-ud-Daula,  
ruled 1829-1857.



Nizam V Afzal-ud-Daula,  
ruled 1857-1869.



Nizam VI Mir Mahboob Ali Khan,  
ruled 1869-1911.



Nizam VII Mir Osman Ali Khan,  
ruled 1911-1950,  
Rajpramukh, 1950-1956.



Mir Barkat Ali Khan  
Mukarram Jah Bahadur 1967

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اس اہم ترین موضوع پر زمانے دراز سے اہل قلم حضرات قلم اٹھا چکے ہیں لیکن معاشرے علم دین کی کمی کی وجہ سے ہماری بگڑتی ہوئی تہذیب اور لاشعوری نے اسے پس پشت ڈال دیا گیا ہے اور مستقل میں بھی راہ راست آنے کی کوئی روشنی نظر نہیں آتی ہے۔

قرآن پاک صرف مسلمانوں کی راہ ہدایت نہیں بلکہ عالم اور ساری انسانیت کیلئے مشعل راہ ہے کیونکہ یہ اللہ تعالیٰ کے آخری پیغمبر حضرت محمد صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم پر اتاری گئی ہے جس میں عمل کا عنصر بے مقصد و بے معنی نہیں ہے۔ اللہ کے کلام کو پڑھنے اور سمجھنے کیلئے ہم سب کو ہمارے پیارے رسول اللہ صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم کی طرز زندگی کا مشاہدہ کرنا لازم امر ہے اور آپ صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم کا ایک ایک عمل عین قرآن کی ہدایت پر ہو بہ ہو مشتمل ہے۔

اگر اس موضوع پر میں اپنے قلم سے کوتاہی سے کام لو تو حقائق کے قتل کے مترادف ہوگا۔ یہ حقیقت ایک صبح روشن کی طرح عیاں ہے کہ مذہب اسلام نے نکاح کو جتنا آسان و بہل کیا ہے اُس کی نظیر کسی مذہب میں نہیں ملتی اور اسکا جیتا جاگتا عمل حضور پاک صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم کی اپنی دختر ان سے اور شہزادی کونین حضرت فاطمہ اور حضرت علی کے طرز نکاح اسکی آسان اور کامل مثال تا قیام قیامت سیرت مبارکہ میں موجود رہے گی۔ حضور اکرم صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم نے اپنی بیٹی بی بی فاطمہؓ کو حضرت علیؓ کو نکاح میں دینے سے پہلے حضرت علیؓ سے دریافت فرمایا کہ

نکاح کرنے کیلئے مہر کی ادائیگی کیلئے تمہارے پاس کچھ رقم ہے تو حضرت علیؓ نے فرمایا میرے پاس نکاح کے مہر کی ادائیگی کیلئے درہم بھی نہیں ہے سوائے زرہ بکتر کے تو حضور صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم نے ارشاد فرمایا کہ جاؤ اسے فروخت کر کے آؤ زرہ بکتر کو حضرت عثمان غنیؓ نے خرید لیا اور اس زرہ بکتر کے فروخت کرنے کے بعد جو درہم حضرت علیؓ نے حاصل کئے اور وہ درہم لا کر حضور اکرم صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم کے دست مقدس میں رکھ دیئے۔ تب حضور اکرم صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم نے انہی درہم سے کچھ معمولی اشیائے زندگی جیسے دو نیکیے ایک پانی کا مشکیزہ اور ایک آٹے کی چکی بیٹی کے مہر کی رقم سے خرید کر پیش کئے اور اس نکاح میں حضور اکرم صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم نے ایک درہم بھی خرچ نہیں فرمایا۔ یہ ہے اسلامی آسان نکاح کی روشن مثال اور چند روز بعد حضرت عثمان غنیؓ نے وہی زرہ بکتر بطور تحفہ حضرت علیؓ کو پیش کر دی۔

مذہب اسلام میں کہیں بھی جمہیز کی لعنت کا تصور نہیں پایا جاتا تھا یہ تو غیر اسلامی دستور ہے جہاں لڑکی کو اپنے ماں باپ کی جائیداد سے کوئی حصہ تک مقرر نہیں ہے اور ماں باپ کو اپنی لڑکی دینا ہوتا ہے تو وہ شادی کے موقع پر انہیں ادا کر دیتے ہیں۔ لیکن اس غیر اخلاقی و غیر اسلامی جمہیز کی رسم کا رواج آج مسلم معاشرہ میں اس حد تک ہو چکا ہے کہ نکاح انتہائی مشکل اور وقت طلب شکل اختیار کر گیا ہے جو معاشرہ کیلئے ایک خطرناک زہر سے زیادہ اثر انگیز ہو چکا ہے۔

اگر میں مزید جمہیز کی اس لعنت پر اپنا قلم اٹھاؤں تو کوئی مبالغہ کی بات نہ ہوگی کہ اس خطرناک بلا جمہیز کی لعنت کے پیچھے ماں باپ جو اپنی اولاد کیلئے ایک عمارت اور چھت کا

مقام رکھتے ہیں اپنے بچوں کو دین اسلام کی بنیادی تعلیم و تربیت اور خاص طور پر حرام و حلال میں امتیاز کا فرق نہ بتا کر انکی دنیاوی تعلیم پر لاکھوں کی دولت خرچ کرنا اپنا فرض سمجھ رہے ہیں۔ دستور و نظام قدرت نے زیست کی کامل ذمہ داری مرد آہن و آفریں پر عائد کی ہے جو اپنی آمدنی کی حیثیت سے اپنی بیوی پر خلوص دل سے خرچ کرے، جس سے دونوں کی خوشگوار زندگی کا سامان ہو اور اسی میں ازدواجی زندگی کی راحت پوشیدہ ہے۔

ہمارے معاشرے کی یہ بد نصیبی ہے کہ آج ہمارے جدید خیالات سے متاثر علماء کرام جو اپنے آپ کو حضرت اور فقیر کہلانا پسند کرتے ہیں اور جو ملت کے رہبر اور پاساں ہیں وہ بھی ایسی غیر اسلامی تقریبات میں شرکت کرنے سے گریز کرتے نظر نہیں آتے بلکہ ان معزز حضرات کیلئے خاص خصوصی شاہانہ انتظامات کا اہتمام بھی فخریہ طور پر کیا جاتا ہے ایسا کئی ایک محفلوں میں دیکھا جا رہا ہے۔

عصر حاضر میں مہنگائی کے آتش فشاں دور میں ایک اوسط معیار رکھنے والے ماں باپ کو اپنی بیٹی کی شادی کرنا پہاڑ سے دودھ کی نہر نکالنے کے مترادف ہے۔ جس کو اپنے بھرم و وقار کو قائم رکھنے کیلئے کہیں پر قرض کے بوجھ اور اور کہیں پر اپنی جائیداد کو بینک میں رکھ کر سود پر قرض لینے پر مجبور ہونا پڑتا ہے جس ادائیگی میں ان کے کالے بال سفید ہو جاتے ہیں۔

عصر قدیم میں ابھرتے نوجوان کو مرد مجاہد کے لقب سے مخاطب کیا جانا عام بات تھی آج اس کے برعکس وہی مرد کامل سے نوازا جانے لگا ہے کیونکہ اس کو اپنے قوت بازو اور کمانے کی صلاحیت پر بھروسہ نہیں رہا اور وہ

اس صلاحیت کا اہل نہیں رہا جب کہ خالق کائنات نے حضرت انسان ابن آدم کو صنف نازک عورت کو اہم محافظ و پاساں بنایا۔

آپ تمام حضرات کو یہ اچھی طرح یاد ہوگا کہ کچھ ہی عرصہ قبل یعنی کورونا وباء کے دوران شادی کی تقریبات اور شادی خانوں میں تعداد پر سختی سے حکومت نے پابندی لگائی تھی جس کے خوف سے بڑے دھوم دھام و اصراف سے تقاریب انجام نہیں دی جا رہی تھی۔ ہر تقریب نکاح و شادی بہت ہی سادگی سے انجام دی جا رہی تھی لیکن افسوس آج کے مسلمانوں کے قلب پر اللہ کا ڈر اور سنت رسول صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم کا پاس و لحاظ باقی ہی نہیں رہا تو ازدواجی زندگیوں میں خیر و برکت کہاں سے آئے گی۔

بقول حضرت علامہ اقبال کہ:

خدا نے آج تک اس قوم کی حالت نہیں بدلی نہ ہو جس کو خیال آپ اپنی حالت کے بدلنے کا تو ہر اہل ایمان کو خود اپنا محاسبہ کرتے ہوئے اپنے گریبان پر نظر ڈالتے ہوئے اپنی زندگیوں کو عین اللہ تعالیٰ کے حکم اور سنت نبوی صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم میں ڈھالنے کی شدید ضرورت ہے۔ جس عمل سے سماج اور خاندانوں کی نصرت کا سامان ہو۔

ان حالات میں ہم سب ہی کا فرض عین ہے کہ جو بھی ایسی تقریبات جو سنت کے خلاف ہو اس کا ہم سب مل کر بائیکاٹ کریں اور شرکت سے گریز کریں تاکہ آئندہ ہونے والی شادیاں و دیگر تقریبات اسلامی طرز پر سادگی سے انجام پائیں اور لڑکیوں کے ماں باپ کے کندھوں پر کسی بھی قسم کے قرض کا بوجھ نہ ہو۔

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

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حضرت شیخ سعدی شیرازی رضی اللہ عنہ

### 35 سخاوت کا ہاتھ

**اُردو حکایت:** حضرت ابراہیم خلیل اللہ کی عادت تھی کہ تنہا کھانا نہ کھاتے بلکہ کسی نہ کسی مہمان کو اپنے ساتھ شریک فرمالتے۔ ایک دفعہ مسلسل سات دن تک آپ کے پاس کوئی مہمان نہ آیا۔ آپ مہمان کی تلاش میں باہر نکلے اور ایک ضعیف مہمان کو عزت و احترام سے گھولائے۔ دسترخوان پر آپ نے بسم اللہ کہہ کر ہاتھ بڑھایا لیکن مہمان نے بسم اللہ کہے بغیر کھانا شروع کر دیا۔ اس پر حضرت نے فرمایا کہ کیا یہ ضروری نہیں کہ کھاتے وقت سچے رزاق کا نام لیا جائے۔ بوڑھے نے کہا میں تمہارے خدا کو نہیں مانتا۔ میں آتش پرست ہوں۔ سنا ہوں کہ تمہارا دین بُرا ہے۔ آپ نے آزرده خاطر ہو کر بوڑھے کو نکال کر دسترخوان لپیٹ دیا۔ اسی وقت آپ پر وحی نازل ہوئی کہ اے ابراہیم! میں سو سال سے اس کو رزق دے رہا ہوں حالانکہ میں جانتا ہوں کہ وہ مجھے نہیں مانتا۔ تم کو ذرا سی دیر میں اس سے نفرت ہوگئی۔ اگر وہ آگ کو سجدہ کرتا ہے تو تم سخاوت کا ہاتھ کیوں پیچھے ہٹاتے ہو۔

حاصل کلام:

بلا مذہب و ملت ہمیشہ سخاوت اور نیک عمل کا سلسلہ جاری رکھو۔

منظوم ترجمہ:

کبھی ہٹا نہ سخاوت کا ہاتھ تو ہرگز  
یہ چیز، مذہب و ملت سے ہے بہت اونچی



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

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

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

## سونیا حسین کے سابق شوہر نے شادی کر لی، دلہن کون ہے؟



ماڈلنگ سے کیریئر کا آغاز کرنے والی اداکارہ منتشا کیانی نے انسٹاگرام اکاؤنٹ کے ذریعے کراچی کے معروف فنس ٹریزر واصف محمد سے شادی کا اعلان کیا۔ میڈیا رپورٹس کے مطابق منتشا کیانی اور واصف محمد کے درمیان فنس ٹرینگ کے

واضح رہے کہ سونیا حسین نے 2014 میں فنس ٹریزر اور ماڈل واصف محمد سے شادی کی تھی لیکن جلد ہی ان کے درمیان طلاق ہو گئی تھی جب کہ دونوں نے تاحال طلاق کی وجوہات نہیں بتائیں۔

## اداکاروں کی خلاف جو قابل اعتراض مواد ہٹا سکتے تھے وہ ہٹا دیا

سندھ ہائیکورٹ میں سوشل میڈیا پر قابل اعتراض مواد اپ لوڈ کرنے سے متعلق معروف اداکاروں مہوش حیات اور کبریٰ خان کی درخواستوں پر سماعت ہوئی جس میں پی ٹی اے، وفاقی حکومت

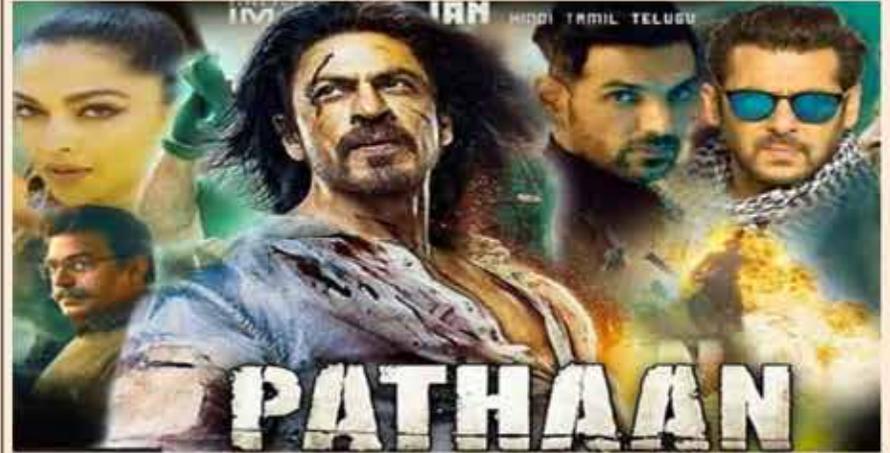


اور ایف آئی اے نے اپنے جواب جمع کرائے۔ جسٹس نعمت اللہ پھلوٹو نے سماعت کے دوران سوال کیا کہ مواد ہٹانے کی ہدایت کی تھی، کیا ہٹا دیا گیا؟ اس پر سرکاری وکیل نے کہا کہ مہوش حیات کا بیان لے لیا ہے، کبریٰ خان کا بیان لینا ہے۔ سائبر کرائم ونگ کے افسر نے بتایا کہ پی ٹی اے کو مواد ہٹانے کا کہہ دیا گیا ہے جب کہ تفتیشی افسر نے کہا کہ متعلقہ مواد جلد ہی ہٹا دیا جائے گا۔ پی ٹی اے نے جواب دیا کہ قابل اعتراض مواد جو خود ہٹا سکتے تھے وہ ہٹا دیا گیا، جو

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## شاہ رخ خان نے ایک بار کمر توڑ کر کیا کہ وہی جتنی مسوں میں بالی وڈ کے بادشاہوں

شاہ رخ اور دپیکا پڈوکون کی 25 جنوری کے علاوہ پٹھان نے چھٹی والے دن ریلیز نہ کو دنیا بھر میں ریلیز ہونے والی فلم 'پٹھان' ہونے والی فلموں میں بھی کمائی کا ریکارڈ قائم



نے بھارتی سنیما کا بڑا ریکارڈ اپنے نام کر لیا۔ دنیا بھر میں لیش راج فلمز کی ہے اور فلم انڈسٹری پر شاہ رخ خان کی بادشاہت کو مزید مستحکم کر دیا ہے۔ باکس آفس پر فلم کھڑکی توڑ بزنس کر رہی ہے، پورے بھارت میں صرف پٹھان کے چرچے ہیں اور فلم لوگوں کو خوب بھاری ہے۔ فلم پٹھان میں شاہ رخ، جان ابراہم اور دپیکا نے کتنا معاوضہ لیا؟ بھارتی میڈیا رپورٹس کے مطابق 25 جنوری کو ریلیز کے پہلے ہی روز فلم نے دنیا بھر سے 100 کروڑ بھارتی روپے سے زائد کا بزنس کر کے نیا ریکارڈ قائم کر دیا۔ پہلے دن 10 ملین ڈالر کمائے تھے جبکہ پٹھان



ہے۔ شاہ رخ کی یہ فلم ریلیز کے پہلے ہی روز 100 کروڑ کمانے والے بھارتی سنیما کی تاریخ کی پہلی فلم بن گئی ہے۔ صرف بھارت میں ہونے والی کمائی کی بات کی جائے تو فلم نے ریلیز والے دن تقریباً 57 کروڑ روپے کمائے ہیں اور یہ بھی ایک ریکارڈ ہے۔ اس

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## ڈپریشن کا شکار معاشرہ

ایک 55 سالہ شخص ڈپریشن کا شکار تھا، اس کی بیوی نے ایک ماہر نفسیات سے ملاقات کی، بیوی نے کہا کہ میرا خاوند شدید ڈپریشن میں ہے، براہ کرم مدد کریں۔

ڈاکٹر نے اپنی مشاورت شروع کی، اس نے کچھ ذاتی باتیں پوچھیں اور اس کی بیوی کو باہر بیٹھنے کو کہا۔۔۔ صاحب بولے میں بہت پریشان ہوں، دراصل میں پریشانیوں سے مغلوب ہوں، ملازمت کا دباؤ، بچوں کی تعلیم اور ملازمت کا تناؤ، ہوم لون، کار لون، مجھے کچھ پسند نہیں دنیا مجھے پاگل سمجھتی ہے لیکن میرے پاس اتنا سامان نہیں جتنا کہ ایک کارٹوس میں گولیاں، میں بہت اداس اور پریشان ہوں۔ یہ کہہ کر اس نے اپنی پوری زندگی کی

کتاب ڈاکٹر کے سامنے کھول دی۔ پھر ڈاکٹر نے کچھ سوچا اور پوچھا کہ آپ نے دسویں جماعت کس اسکول میں پڑھی۔ اس شخص نے اسے اسکول کا نام بتایا، ڈاکٹر نے کہا آپ کو اس اسکول میں جانا ہے پھر اپنے اسکول سے آپ کو اپنی دسویں کلاس کا رجسٹر تلاش کرنا ہے اور اپنے ساتھیوں کے نام تلاش کرنے ہیں اور ان کی موجودہ خیریت/حالات کے بارے میں معلومات حاصل کرنے کی کوشش کرنی ہے۔ پھر ایک ڈائری میں تمام معلومات لکھیں اور ایک مہینے کے بعد مجھ سے

میں وہ شخص اپنے اسکول گیا، رجسٹر ڈھونڈنے میں کامیاب رہا، اور اسے کاپی کروایا، اس میں 120 نام درج تھے، اس نے ایک مہینے میں دن رات کوشش کی لیکن

وہ بمشکل 75 ہم جماعتوں کے بارے میں ہی معلومات جمع کرنے میں کامیاب رہا حیرت: ان میں سے 20 مرچھے تھے، 7 رنڈوے اور 13 طلاق یافتہ تھے،

10 ایسے نکلے جو کہ بات کرنے کے قابل بھی نہیں تھے، 5 اتنے غریب نکلے کہ کوئی ان کا جواب نہ دے سکا، 6 اتنے امیر نکلے کہ اُسے یقین ہی نہیں آیا، کچھ کینسر میں مبتلا تھے، کچھ فالج، ذیابیطس، دمہ یا دل کے مریض تھے، کچھ لوگ بستر پر تھے جن کے ہاتھوں/ناگوں یا ریزہ کی ہڈی میں چوٹیں آئی تھیں کچھ کے بچے پاگل، آوارہ یا بیکار نکلے ایک جیل میں تھا۔ ایک شخص دو طلاق کے بعد تیسری شادی کی تلاش میں

تھا۔ ایک ماہ کے اندر دسویں جماعت کا رجسٹر اذیت بیان کر رہا تھا۔ ڈاکٹر نے پوچھا "اب بتاؤ تمہارا ڈپریشن کیسا ہے۔ وہ شخص سمجھ گیا کہ اسے کوئی مُوزی بیماری نہیں، وہ بھوکا نہیں، اس کا دماغ دُست ہے، اسے عدالت، پولیس، وکلاء کا کوئی مسئلہ نہیں، اسے کم سے کم عدالتوں کے چکر نہیں لگانے پڑے۔۔۔۔۔ اس کی بیوی اور بچے بہت اچھے اور صحت مند ہیں، وہ خود بھی صحت مند ہے۔ اس شخص کو احساس ہوا کہ واقعی دنیا میں بہت زیادہ دکھ ہیں، اور وہ بہت سے اذیت ناک دکھوں سے محفوظ ہے۔

غور طلب بات: اپنی سوچ کو وسعت دیں جو نعمتیں آپ کے پاس ہیں بہترین ہیں... صرف اپنی ہی ذات کے بارے میں مت سوچتے رہیں اپنے اردگرد

بھی نظر دوڑائیں ایک طبقہ ایسا بھی ہے جو بیمار ہیں۔

بنیادی ضروریات سے بھی محروم ہے۔ اصل میں آپ کی خواہشات ہی آپ کی پریشانیاں ہیں

❖ آپ خواہشات پوری نہ ہونے پر پریشان ہیں لوگ ضروریات کے لیے ترس رہے ہیں آپ کو شکوہ ہے کہ مجھے ویک اینڈ پر آؤٹنگ نہیں کروائی گئی اور بہت سے لوگ ایسے ہیں کہ تین دن سے ان کے گھر چولھا نہیں جلا۔

❖ آپ کو شکایت ہے کہ مجھے برینڈڈ سوٹ نہیں لے کر دیا لیکن بہت سی خواتین ایسی ہیں جنہیں سال بعد عید پر بھی نیا جوڑا نہیں ملتا۔

❖ آپ پریشان ہیں کہ بچے کی پہلی پوزیشن نہیں آئی بہت سے خواتین کے بچے غربت کے باعث اسکول ہی نہیں جاسکتے۔

❖ آپ کو فکر لاحق ہے کہ میاں کم کماتے ہیں مگر کچھ خواتین کے شوہر اللہ عزوجل کو پیارے ہو چکے ہیں اور وہ اکیلی ہی اللہ عزوجل کے سہارے مشکلات سے زندگی گزار رہی ہیں۔

❖ آپ کو ٹینشن ہے کہ میرا گھر بڑا نہیں ہے لیکن بہت سے لوگ کرائے کے مکان میں رہتے ہیں۔

❖ آپ کو فکر ہے کہ میرے پاس جمع پونجی کچھ نہیں بینک بیلنس نہیں بہت سے لوگ ہیں جن کے پاس اگلے وقت کا کھانا نہیں۔

❖ آپ پریشان ہیں کہ کام ختم ہی نہیں ہوتے بہت سی ایسی خواتین ہیں جو

❖ دوسروں کی محتاج ہیں اللہ عزوجل نے آپ کو صحت اور ہمت دی ہے کسی کا محتاج نہیں بنایا صرف دنیا ہی کو مد نظر نہ رکھیں اپنی آخرت کی بھی فکر کریں۔

❖ اپنی آخرت کا بھی سوچیں شکر کریں صبر سے کام لیں جو اس دنیا میں نہیں ملا وہ آخرت میں ضرور بالضرور مل جائے گا۔ ان شاء اللہ عزوجل اگر یہ شکر اور صبر زندگی میں نہیں آیا تو..... یقین کیجئے زندگی سے خوشی اور سکون بھی ختم ہو جائے گا۔

### فیصلہ آپ کا اپنا

دوسروں کی پلٹیوں میں جھانکنے کی عادت چھوڑیں، اپنی پلیٹ کا کھانا پیار سے لیں۔ دوسروں کے ساتھ اپنا موازنہ نہ کریں، اور ہر حال میں اللہ عزوجل کا شکر ادا کرتے رہیں۔



شام کے وقت یہاں ٹھنڈ بڑی ہوتی ہے برف سے گدے، رضائی میں نمی ہوتی ہے بھول جاتے میاں کون ہے محمود و ایاز بیٹھ جاتے ہیں جہاں آگ جلی ہوتی ہے (ارشاد ندیم)

## واجبات مستحقین مستحقات Helping in / Helping out

منہ کا ذائقہ ہی تلخ ہو جاتا ہے بلکہ موت کے خوف کی کیفیت طاری ہو جاتی ہے اور اسے سکون و اطمینان میں بدلنے کا ایک ہی ذریعہ ہے کہ ہمت کر کے جو کچھ ہو سکے بانٹ دیا جائے اچھا ہے کچھ لے جانے سے، دے کر ہی کچھ جانا سر عام سخاوت صرف اس وقت محمود ہے جب کوئی کنجوس اسے دیکھے اور اسے اس داد یا دین helping out کی تحریک ہو، باقی سب پوشیدہ۔۔۔

رہے سدا نام اللہ کا

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نے نیا قصیدہ ریلیز کر دیا

لاہور (پبلر رپورٹر) گلوکار و قوال شجاعت علی خاں نے اپنا نیا قصیدہ ریلیز کر دیا گلوکار کا شجاعت کا کہنا ہے کہ میرا کلام گزشتہ روز ریلیز کیا جو عوام میں بہت پسند کیا جا رہا ہے۔ عظیم پروڈکشن نے اسے ریلیز کیا ہے اور ملک کے نامور آرٹسٹوں نے بھی اس بہت سراہا۔ شجاعت علی خاں کا کہنا ہے کہ وہ آئندہ بھی اپنے چاہنے والوں کے لئے اچھے سے اچھا کام بنائیں گے۔

نہیں دے رہا۔۔۔ نیکی یا مدد دکھانا اور بتانا غیر محمود فعل ہے اس لئے کوئی نہیں جانتا کہ ہر شخص انسانیت اور انسانی ہمدردی کے ناطے کس قدر کسی کی مدد کرتا ہے یا کر رہا ہے یہ معاملہ بندے اور خدا کے درمیان ہے اور اسے ان کے درمیان ہی رہنے دیا جائے دنیا فانی ہے، زندگی لمحہ لمحہ موت کی طرف چپکے چپکے بڑھتی جاتی ہے اور دنیا کی رونقیں غفلت میں پڑے بنی آدم کو اس طرف دیکھنے سوچنے کی فرصت ہی نہیں دیتیں اور اس نے اس مہلت کو انعام taken for granted سمجھ رکھا ہے۔ اپنے اپنے تئیں موت کو اگر سنجیدگی سے لیا جائے تو

میں بتا دوں کہ یہ جو خفیہ طور پر سب سے پہلے اپنے غریب اقرباء یعنی رشتہ داروں کو دینے کا امر ہے یہ سب سے زیادہ مرغوب بھی ہے اور اولی اولی most preferred بھی اور اگر متمول کہ جن کے پاس وسائل میسر ہیں اور اللہ تعالیٰ نے انہیں نوازا رکھا ہے صرف زکوٰۃ ہی صحیح طور پر ان اقرباء کو دینے تو کوئی محتاج ہی دکھائی نہ دے چند ہاتھوں میں دولت کا ارتکاز ہی سارے مسائل کی جڑ ہے، جان لو اور اگر غربت و احتیاج بڑھتی جاتی ہے تو اس کی ایک ہی وجہ ہے کہ کسی نہ کسی کے پاس دولت بڑھتی جاتی ہے اور وہ اسے آگے حرکت ہی

کون ہے جسے نیکیاں پسند نہیں کون ہے جسے حسنت ضرورت نہیں کون ہے جو نامہ اعمال کو وزنی نہ کرے ہر ایک مرد عورت زندگی میں اکثر یہ سوچتا ہے کہ مجھ سے عامۃ الناس کو راحت پہنچنے نفع پہنچنے محبت و سلوک سے مجھے ہر دل عزیز جانا جائے اور خلق خدا مجھے اچھی نظروں سے دیکھے میرے ایک کرم فرما کہ جو مرفہ الحال ہیں ڈالروں میں پنشن لیتے ہیں اور نیکی کے کاموں میں لوگوں کی ان کی ضروریات و احتیاجات میں مادی مدد کرتے رہتے ہیں، نے مجھے بھی اسی طرح کی مدد کرنے کا مشورہ دیا ہے، شکریہ برادر عزیز، آسان و سادہ الفاظ

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### اللہ تعالیٰ کا فرمان

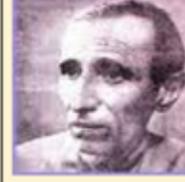
- ۱) کوئی اُمت ایسی نہیں گزری جس میں کوئی ڈرانے والا نہ آیا ہو۔
- ۲) جس کو میرا ذکر سوال کرنے سے روک دے میں اس کو سوال کرنے والوں سے زیادہ عطاء کرتا ہوں۔
- ۳) اے لوگوں! اپنی پرہیزگاری نہ جتایا کرو (اللہ) پرہیزگاروں کو خوب جانتا ہے۔
- ۴) اللہ تعالیٰ لوگوں کے ساتھ نیکی کرنے والوں کو دوست رکھتا ہے۔

- ۵) لوگوں کے ساتھ خوش اسلوبی سے بات کرو۔
- ۶) ظالموں کو کبھی فلاح نہیں ملتی۔
- ۷) نیکی اور بھلائی کے کاموں میں ایک دوسرے سے تعاون کرو۔
- ۸) انسان بڑا ہی جلد باز واقع ہوا ہے۔
- ۹) کیا نیکی کا بدلہ نیکی کے سوا اور بھی کچھ ہو سکتا ہے۔
- ۱۰) انسان کو وہی کچھ ملتا ہے جس کی انسان کوشش کرتا ہے

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سعید شہیدی

غزل



بن گیا دل اگر بیاں نہ ہو  
غم بہر حال رائیگاں نہ ہو  
دیدنی ہے بہار منزل کی  
آج منزل پہ کارواں نہ ہو  
تو نے سیاد کتنی محنت کی  
یہ قفس پھر بھی آشیاں نہ ہو  
نظریں افسانہ وہ سنا کے رہیں  
جو زباں سے کبھی بیاں نہ ہو  
میں نے کی ہے شگفتگی منظور  
میں کبھی گرد کارواں نہ ہو  
پوچھتے ہیں وہ داستان فراق  
ہائے وہ غم جو داستاں نہ ہو  
برق لہرا رہی ہے گلشن میں  
آج ہی میرا آشیاں نہ ہو  
میں نے اپنی طرف بھی دیکھا تھا  
خیر گزری وہ بدگماں نہ ہو  
کب وہ آمادہ ستم نہ ہوئے  
کب سعید اپنا امتحاں نہ ہو

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شاذ تمکنت

غزل



مرا ضمیر بہت ہے مجھے سزا کے لیے  
تو دوست ہے تو نصیحت نہ کر خدا کے لیے  
وہ کشتیاں مری پتوار جن کے ٹوٹ گئے  
وہ بادباں جو ترستے رہے ہوا کے لیے  
بس ایک ہوک سی دل سے اٹھے گھٹا کی طرح  
کہ حرف و صوت ضروری نہیں دعا کے لیے  
جہاں میں رہ کے جہاں سے برابری کی یہ چوٹ  
اک امتحاں مسلسل مری انا کے لیے  
میں تیرا دوست ہوں تو مجھ سے اس طرح تو نہ مل  
برت یہ رسم کسی صورت آشنا کے لیے  
ملوں گا خاک میں اک روز بیج کے مانند  
فنا پکار رہی ہے مجھے بقا کے لیے  
مہ و ستارہ و خورشید و چرخ ہفت اقلیم  
یہ اہتمام مرے دست نارسا کے لیے  
جفا جفا ہی اگر ہے تو رنج کیا ہو شاذ  
وفا کی پشت پناہی بھی ہو جفا کے لیے

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بشر نواز

غزل



چپ چاپ سلگتا ہے دیا تم بھی تو دیکھو  
کس درد کو کہتے ہیں وفا تم بھی تو دیکھو  
مہتاب بکف رات کسے ڈھونڈ رہی ہے  
کچھ دور چلو آؤ ذرا تم بھی تو دیکھو  
کس طرح کناروں کو ہے سینے سے لگائے  
ٹھہرے ہوئے پانی کی ادا تم بھی تو دیکھو  
یادوں کے سمن زار سے آئی ہوئی خوشبو  
دامن میں چھپا لائی ہے کیا تم بھی تو دیکھو  
کچھ رات گئے روز جو آتی ہے فضا سے  
ہردل میں ہے اک زخم چھپا تم بھی تو دیکھو  
ہر ہنستے ہوئے پھول سے رشتہ ہے خزاں کا  
ہردل میں ہے اک زخم چھپا تم بھی تو دیکھو  
کیوں آنے لگیں سانس میں گہرائیاں سوچو  
کیوں ٹوٹ چلے بند قبا تم بھی تو دیکھو

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ولی الدین

سادھو مہاراج



(ایک شوہر بڑے سادھو مہاراج کے پاس جنگل  
میں گئے اور ان سے کہنے لگے)  
میرے جیون کو سجا دو  
مجھے کوئی ایسا منتر بتا دو  
غصہ نہ آئے میری پتی کو کبھی  
اُسے میرا دیوانہ بنا دو  
یہ سن کر بولے سادھو مہاراج  
بات یہ سمجھ آئی ہے آج  
کاش یہ منتر میں نے جان لیا ہوتا  
یا اپنی پتی کا کہا مان لیا ہوتا  
گر میرے پاس ایسا کوئی جادو ہوتا  
گھر میں چین سے بیٹھ کے کھاتا  
جنگل میں بھییں بدل کے نہ سادھو ہوتا

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میر نیازی

نظم



ہمیشہ دیر کر دیتا ہوں میں ہر کام کرنے میں  
ضروری بات کہنی ہو کوئی وعدہ نبھانا ہو  
اسے آواز دینی ہو اسے واپس بلانا ہو  
ہمیشہ دیر کر دیتا ہوں میں  
مدد کرنی ہو اس کی یار کی ڈھارس بندھانا ہو  
بہت دیر یہ رستوں پر کسی سے ملنے جانا ہو  
ہمیشہ دیر کر دیتا ہوں میں  
بدلتے موسموں کی سیر میں دل کو لگانا ہو  
کسی کو یاد رکھنا ہو کسی کو بھول جانا ہو  
ہمیشہ دیر کر دیتا ہوں میں  
کسی کو موت سے پہلے کسی غم سے بچانا ہو  
حقیقت اور تھی کچھ اس کو جا کے یہ بتانا ہو  
ہمیشہ دیر کر دیتا ہوں میں ہر کام کرنے میں

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ساحر لدھیانوی

نظم



تاج تیرے لیے اک مظہر الفت ہی سہی  
تجھ کو اس وادی رنگیں سے عقیدت ہی سہی  
میری محبوب کہیں اور ملا کر مجھ سے  
بزم شاہی میں غریبوں کا گزر کیا معنی  
ثبت جس راہ میں ہوں سطوت شاہی کے نشان  
اس پہ الفت بھری رحوں کا سفر کیا معنی  
میری محبوب پس پردہ تشہیر وفا  
تو نے سطوت کے نشانوں کو تو دیکھا ہوتا  
مردہ شاہوں کے مقابر سے بہلنے والی  
اپنے تاریک مکانوں کو تو دیکھا ہوتا  
ان گنت لوگوں نے دنیا میں محبت کی ہے  
کون کہتا ہے کہ صادق نہ تھے جذبے ان کے  
لیکن ان کے لیے تشہیر کا سامان نہیں  
کیونکہ وہ لوگ بھی اپنی ہی طرح مفلس تھے  
یہ عمارت و مقابر یہ فصیلیں یہ حصار  
مطلق الحکم شہنشاہوں کی عظمت کے ستوں  
سینہ دہر کے ناسور ہیں کہنہ ناسور  
جذب ہے ان میں ترے اور مرے اجداد کا خون

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محمد علوی

نظم



کوئی حادثہ  
کوئی سانحہ  
کوئی بہت ہی بری خبر  
ابھی کہیں سے آئے گی!  
ایسی جان لیوا فکروں میں  
سارادن ڈوب رہتا ہوں  
رات کو سونے سے پہلے  
اپنے آپ سے کہتا ہوں  
بھائی مرے  
دن خیر سے گزرا  
گھر میں سب آرام سے ہیں  
کل کی فکریں  
کل کے لیے اٹھا رکھو  
ممکن ہو تو  
اپنے آپ کو  
موت کی نیند سلا رکھو!!

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مخدوم محی الدین

نظم



شب کی تاریکی میں اک اور ستارہ ٹوٹا  
طوق توڑے گئے ٹوٹی زنجیر  
جنگل گانے لگا ترشے ہوئے ہیرے کی طرح  
آدمیت کا ضمیر  
پھر اندھیرے میں کسی ہاتھ میں خنجر چکا  
شب کے سناٹے میں پھر خون کے دریا چمکے  
صبح دم جب مرے دروازے سے گزری ہے صبا  
اپنے چہرے پہ ملے خون سحر گزری ہے  
خیر ہو مجلس اقوام کی سلطانی کی  
خیر ہو حق کی صداقت کی جہاں بانی کی  
اور اونچی ہوئی صحرا میں امیدوں کی صلیب  
اور اک قطرہ خون چشم سحر سے چکا  
جب تلک دہر میں قاتل کا نشان باقی ہے  
تم مٹاتے ہی چلے جاؤ نشان قاتل کے  
روز ہو جشن شہیدان وفا چپ نہ رہو  
بار بار آتی ہے مقتل سے صدا چپ نہ رہو  
چپ نہ رہو!

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**On the lighter side....**

“Don’t be afraid of the dog,” said the lady to Little Johnny, who was delivering her groceries.

“You know the old proverb, ‘A barking dog never bites?’”

“Yes,” replied Little Johnny. “You know the proverb. I know the proverb. But does your dog know the proverb?”

Why did the superhero flush the toilet?

Because it was their doo-dy!

As the storm raged, the captain realized his ship was sinking fast. He called out, “Anyone here know how to pray?”

One man stepped forward. “Aye, Captain, I know how to pray.”

“Good,” said the captain, “you pray while the rest of us put on our life jackets - we’re one short.”

A man had just got his car stuck in a during a drive in the country and he needed help getting it out. So he walked until he found a farm and asked the farmer for help. The farmer agrees to help the guy out. So he takes a horse out of the stable and leads him to the car. The farmer then ties a harness around the horse and the other end to the car.

The farmer yells, “Pull, Sandy!”

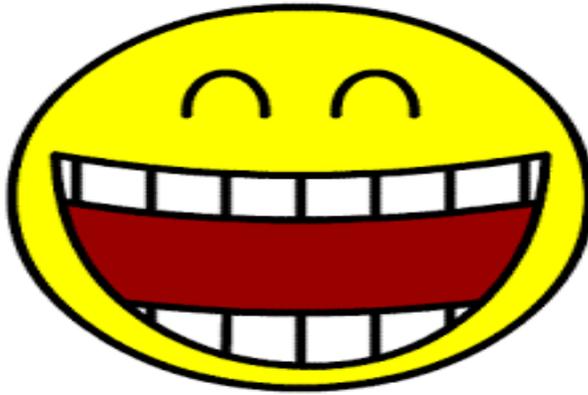
The horse just stands there.

The farmer yells, “Come on now, pull Twister!”

The horse once again just stands there.

Finally the farmer yells, “Ok dangit, PULL RANGER! You’re just standing there!”

Finally the horse springs forward and with all the strength



he has he pulls the car out of the ditch and onto the road-side.

The man thanks the farmer many times, but before leaving the farmer why he yelled out names of horses that weren’t there.

The farmer just smiles and replies, “Oh, you see Ranger there is completely blind and a lazy horse. He wasn’t going to pull if he thought he was the only one trying.”

The test I gave my math class covered everything we’d studied all year -- fractions, percentages and portions of whole units.

But maybe I could have explained things better. To the question “What portion of a foot is six inches?”

One student answered, “The toes?”

What branch of the military accepts newborns?

The infantry.

I adopted a 9 month old female Chihuahua; after a two week struggle for dominance she won leaving me somewhat perplexed.

After going over the training events step by step an epiphany graced me with a large dose of reality.

“If one wishes to train a dog he must first be smarter than the dog.”

When I look at chocolate, I hear two voices in my head.

The first one says, “You need to eat the chocolate.”

The second one says, “You heard. Eat the chocolate.”

I asked my wife when her birthday was.

She said March 1st.

So I walked around the room and asked again.

Her: Could you loan me ten dollars please?

Him: What did you say?

Her (a bit louder): Could you loan me twenty dollars please?

Him: I thought you asked for ten!

You know that you’re a really boring person when someone steals your identity and then tries to give it back.

Why was a new born puppy mad at his mother?

He felt that she gave him a licking for no reason.

Little Johnny: “Having a farm is really hard work.”

Billy: “It’s an ant farm Johnny, all you have to do is supervise.”

Where do you find lost silverware?

Answer: At the fork in the road.



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