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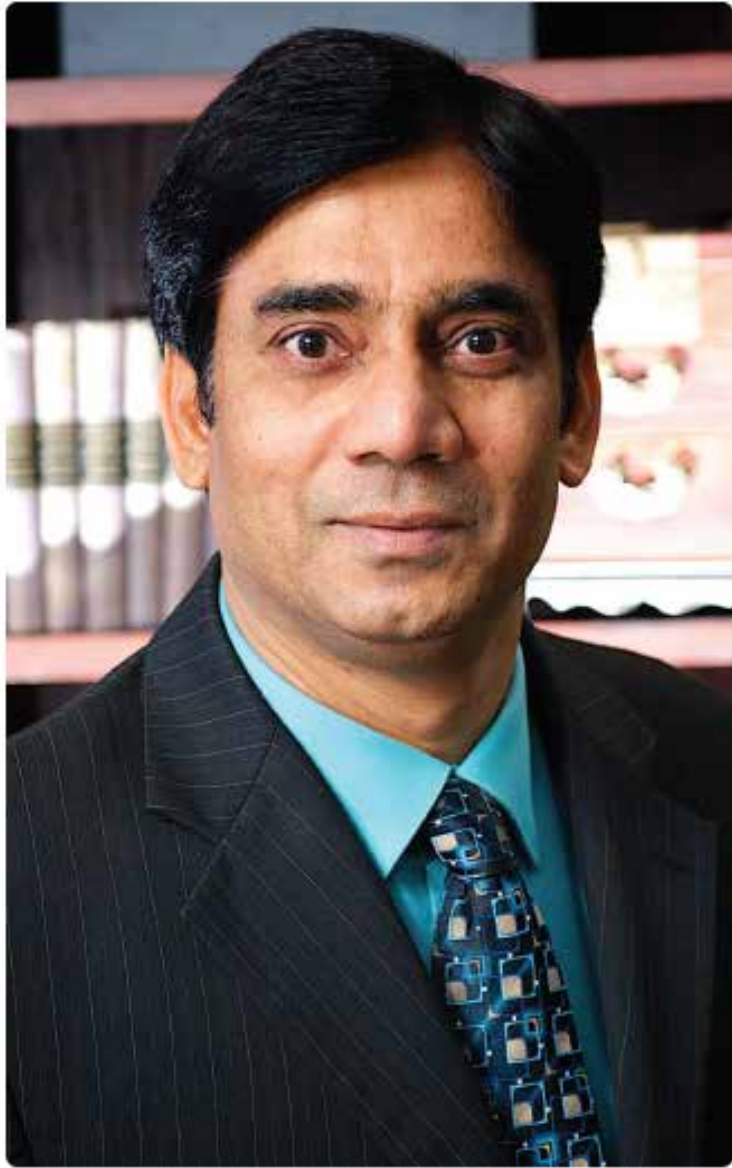
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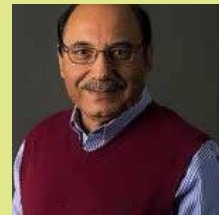
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Business with China

Slowly but surely a crucial realisation is setting in amongst the business community here that dealing with their Chinese counterparts is not going to be easy.

The rhetoric coming from the Pakistani government had made the relationship sound like it was some sort of family affair. But those sections of the business community who have tried to build commercial ties with their counterparts in China are finding out that, over there, profits come first and sentiment second.

One thing the business community has noticed is that their Chinese counterparts prefer dealing with the government rather than building private-sector partnerships, according to a report published on Monday in this paper that presented the opinions of a range of Pakistani businesses that have, or are seeking to build, ties with Chinese enterprises. They have noticed that the Chinese do not negotiate very much. They lay down their terms, and expect them to be fully met.

This realisation is only the beginning of what the rest of the country needs to learn about the growing economic relationship with China. The Chinese government has provided some diplomatic support to Pakistan at crucial junctures, even now as relations with post 9/11 US take yet another nosedive. But business is business, and when it comes to economic cooperation and partnering, all countries look out first and foremost for their own interests.

The question that needs to be asked with increasing urgency is this: is our government doing the same when it engages with the growing number of Chinese delegations landing in the country to build the framework under which Chinese investment will come pouring into Pakistan?

Ever since the CPEC enterprise got under way, calls have been growing for more transparency in its execution. By now, there ought to be no further doubts that the CPEC enterprise goes far beyond roads and power plants, and is, in fact, about creating the right environment for Chinese investment to acquire large stakes in Pakistan's economy.

This is a positive development undoubtedly, but it is also impor-



tant to ask how far the government is going to protect Pakistan's economic interests.

There is a need to learn this important lesson from the Chinese government. Only greater transparency with more information being shared through the online portals created by the government for disseminating CPEC-related news can address this concern.

Answers to questions like what sort of dispute-resolution mechanism will govern the partnerships envisioned under CPEC, and what investments are being prepared for which areas, will help dispel the growing anxieties.

It would be a sad but necessary end to the euphoria that has greeted the arrival of CPEC if the government were to learn the same lesson that the business community is busy learning these days, that in matters of business, brotherly relations have no role to play.

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Shawkat Mohammed with Indian Flag on India Independence Day



Dr Asim Shah with Mj Khan and Ali Shah on Eid Day. Spent the day with a visit to shelter at a local mosque with Consul General Pakistan, UAE, Saudia, Qatar, Egypt, Turkey, and later spent at GRB and NRG.



A message from Dr. Iqbal Memon:

Alhamdulillah , I was discharged Tuesday August 29, 2017 , after quadruple open heart bypass surgery(coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG) ! Please pray for my speedy recovery at home ! I am thankful to ALL who prayed for my life during the surgery, and the post-op period! I love you you ALL !

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Delicious dinner at the residence of Toufiq Bhai of Maharaja Garments who is known for his Pagdi's . Recently he tied Pagdi's at superstar Salman Khan's sister marriage in Hyderabad. He also sent Pagdi's in my son's marriage last month in Chicago. Others seen are Mir Mohtesham Ali , Naveed bhai Builder , Syed Noor , Munnawar and Toufiq bhai's brothers



Welcome to Charminar connection group meeting at Dr Muzaffer Mirza residence in preparation for Charminar Banquet to be held on September 9th at Shalimar Banquets. Seen from left my senior hyderabadi friends Khaleel Nawab , Asad Khan , Dr Muzaffar Mirza, myself, Ali Jaffer , Syed Sharafat Hussain , Rahman Khan and Syed Iqbal . It was wonderful to spend time to make Charminar connection dinner a grand success



U.S Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi with FIA -Chicago Trustees Sohan Joshi, Kanti S patel, Keerthi Kumar and Hina Trivedi



At the India Independence Day Banquet Friday August 11th. 2017 at Meadows Club convention center



Light lamping with O P O.p. Meena Indian Consul, Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi, FIA-President Kanti N Patel, chief guest Deepak Kanth Vyas, Lion's club international chairman Naresh Agarwal, Kanti S Patel

FIA Chicago Celebrates India Independence Day Donates \$25000 to benefit Senior Citizens

CHICAGO – Raising the community service bar, the Federation of Indian Associations, Chicago (FIA Chicago) donated \$25000.00 to the Senior Citizen that congregate under the banner of Bharatya Senior Citizens of Chicago (BSC). FIA Chicago Founder President Sunil Shah, Founder and Past President Onkar Singh Sangha and President Mukesh Shah presented the check to BSC President Haribhai Patel during FIA Chicago's India Independence Day Concert-cum-Banquet at the Jain Center Auditorium. Over 1500 people attended Bollywood star Aishwarya Majmudar's Concert.

Speaking at the occasion, Sunil Shah said, "For FIA Chicago, India Independence Day and Community Service go hand-in-hand. ... The money has been donated to accelerate BSC's ongoing efforts to build its own facility for the community Seniors." Sunil Shah informed the jam-packed auditorium that it is a combined effort of the entire FIA team that comprises of Board of Directors, and sponsors. Thanking FIA Chicago, BSC President Haribhai thanked the FIA Chicago for its generosity. It needs a mention that the Aishwarya Majmudar Concert was the first amongst series of events that had been organized to celebrate 'India at 70.'

The Independence Day celebrations continued the following day morning with FIA Chicago's official India Flag Hoisting Ceremony. India's Deputy Consul General at Chicago Shri OP Meena hoisted India National Flag. Hanover Township and FIA's Director Khaja Moinuddin was the lead organizer of the Tricolor Hoisting Ceremony.

Members of the US Congress, Illinois State Assembly, Local Civic Elected Officials and Leaders of the Local Organizations attended. These included: Congressman Raja Krishnamurthy, State Senator Cristina Castro, Hanover Township Supervisor Brian McQuire, Trustees Craig Essick, and Trustee Eugene Martinez, State Senator Laura Murphey, MWRD Commissioner Frank Avila, and several other dignitaries attended.

In his welcome address Sunil Shah stated that "India's Independence Day celebrations is an ongoing festival during which we remember and salute our freedom fighters." While complimented the FIA team headed by its President Mukesh Shah for presenting the \$25000 to the Bharatya Senior Citizen of Chicago, Sunil Shah reiterated the philosophy of FIA to support and strengthen the community.

President Mukesh Shah recognized the presence of all the dignitaries and acknowledged Hanover Township Trustee's efforts in organizing the event in the Township premises. He described India's post-Independence period as a 71-year post-colonial journey.

In an emphatic message to the Indian American youth, Mukesh Shah stated, "this event is a reminder to the Indian American youth to evaluate the merits of their cultural background as they strive to live in this country and face the challenges to trade of their morals, values, and per-

sonal philosophies."

Speaking at the occasion, Founder FIA, Onkar Singh Sangha rejected India being called a third world country as a misnomer. He stressed that India is a growing power that has even reached the Mars. It is the third biggest economy right now and growing power in manufacturing and other fields.

The Deputy Consul General of India at Chicago Shri OP Meena, highlighted the spirituo-historic significance of the month of August. He said that India has embarked on the pledge to build a new India in next five years that shall comprise Clean, poverty free, corruption free India, terrorism free, and communalism free India. He stated that Indian has reached such a high point that no other country can dare to stare at it. He complimented FIA Chicago in bringing India and other countries together. Its participation in a large number of social and cultural events is a commitment to act as a bridge between India and United States.

Congressman Krishnamoorti complimented FIA Chicago for being the "Friends of India and America," reflected upon the mutual respect for the value of liberty, freedom, human rights and democracy. He added that India's Independence Day is a moment to celebrate these values and recommit ourselves to ensure that these values live on.

Hanover Township Trustee Khaja Moinuddin, introduced the Hanover Township official. He invited Senator Cristina Castro and Supervisor Brian McQuire to address the audience. Senator Cristina Castro assured her constituents that she will continue to give a good fight in Springfield for the rights of the citizens.

Supervisor Brian McQuire drew the similarities between the India and US common struggles for independence and self-determination. He stated that both India and US value the democratic principles that allow all parties to speak and argue. Both have a long history of settling those countries in a peaceful and legislative way. He acknowledged the presence of Township Trustees Craig Essick and Eugene Martinez. He profusely complimented Trustee Khaja Moinuddin for organizing the event there.

Cultural performance and patriotic singing followed the official addresses. Ashley Singh sang the US National Anthem beautifully. Rita Shah sang the Indian National Anthem. Chicago's prominent singer Ms. Rinki Talati sang famous Indian patriotic songs. Chicago singers Mahijit Singh Virdi, and Geetaanjali Maru also sang melodious Bollywood numbers. and Bollywood Singer Aishwarya Majmudar also sang a few numbers. Ms Puja presented a dance on a bollywood number. Ninad Daftari was the in charge of the stage activities. Joint Secretary Abir Maru handled the sound system. Hitesh Gandhi and Gurmeet Singh Dhalwan organized the refreshments. Payal Shah was incharge of Cultural program.

Official FIA Chicago plaques were presented to Supervisor McQuire, Hanover



Township Trustees, Bhartiya Senior Citizen group's Haribhai Patel, and Wintrust Bank's VP Syed Hussaini. Neil Khot was the Master of Ceremony.

FIA Chicago's organizing team: The organizing team included the following officials.

Founder: Sunil Shah, Founder & Past President Onkar Singh Sangha; President: Mukesh Shah; Executive Vice President: Neil Khot; Vice Presidents: Shital Daftari, Manjeet Singh Bhalla, Ali Khan, Hitesh Gandhi, Khaja Moinuddin; Treasurer: Pay-

al Shah; Joint Treasurer: Gurmeet Singh Dhalwan; Secretary: Ninad Daftari; Joint Secretary: Abir Maru; Cultural Secretary: Jatinder Singh Bedi
Board of Directors: Jatinder Singh Bedi, Illa Patel, Vibha Dave, Shetal Shah, Abir Maru, Vibha Rajput, Nirav Shah, Harsh Shah, Nambirahjan Vathilingam, Mahijit Singh Virdi
Founding Committee: Dhitu Bhagwakar, Rita Singh, Sunny Kular, and Monty Sayed.



Ghazal Singer Imran Mehdi Hasan, son of Shahenshah e Ghazal Janab Mehdi Hasan with his son on Eid Day



Dr. Faiz Shareef with Fardeen Faraj and Azeem Shareef at Eid Party



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Independence Day of India with the students of flood affected areas of Rajasthan India. Chicago Indo US Lions club celebrated 71st independence day of India on 15th August with the students who got affected due to heavy rain and flood at Pali dist. of Rajasthan India. On the instructions of Chicago Indo US Lions Club President Lion Hina Trivedi the team of volunteers led by Lion Deepak Nayak Executive Board member went to the rain affected schools and distributed school bags, water bottles, Lunch boxes, stationery boxes, study materials etc. to the needed students who were in need of such things. It was a great achievement by the Chicago Indo US Lions Club by bringing back the smile on the faces of poor Children's who were in extreme need of study materials which they lost in Heavy rain as their parents were not able to afford such things again because most parents here works as daily wages labor's and some have small agricultural lands and due to flood like situation they all lost their crops so Chicago Indo Lions Club stood by them and helped the poor students at various schools in Rajasthan. President Lion Hina Trivedi said that we as a Lion believe that serving humanity as a human is our prime duty and we work on a motto Where there is a need there is a Lion. Chicago Indo Lions Club will also distribute the appreciation Certificates to the topper students of the schools.



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The Association of Pakistani Americans of Bolingbrook Celebrate 26th Anniversary of their flag hoisting Ceremony at the Taste of Pakistan Independence Day Celebration

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Chicago IL: Another historic Taste of Pakistan in Bolingbrook took place on Saturday, August 26 2017. Thousands flock to this city each year to witness one of the most well organized and well attended Pakistan Day celebrations in the USA. This year was not different as the host organization the Association of Pakistani Americans of Bolingbrook (APA) yet gained another feather in their cap.

The event was hosted at the Bolingbrook performing arts center at 375 W. Briarcliff Rd. behind Village Hall. This year the celebrities invited to perform was no other than the renowned entertainer from Pakistan Bushra Ansari and upcoming famous young singer Asim Azhar from Coke Studio. Thousands of attendees packed the complex filled with food, entertainment and music. The event was sponsored by Dr. Nadim Longi and Dr. Moazzam Saeed of Advanced Pediatric Care.

Bolingbrook has a diverse population and has consistently ranked among the best places to live in America by Money Magazine. Among the honored guests Mayor of Bolingbrook Roger. C. Claar and Consul General of Pakistan Hon. Faisal N. Tirmizi had nothing but praise for the event and the city which has recently become a sister city to Sialkot Pakistan. Also in attendance were representatives from DuPage Township, Village Trustees, Library Trustees, Judge Ben Braun, State Representative Natalie Manley, State Senator Pat McGuire, and Governor Rauner had sent a video and proclamation through Thomas Choi, Will County Board members, Bolingbrook Park District, State Rep Dave Olsen and others.

The official flag hoisting was conducted as the APA celebrated 26 years of raising the Pakistani flag at Village hall. The ceremony was conducted by Mayor Claar and Consul General Tirmizi. Founder of the APA Mr. Talat Rashid was honored with the proclamation from the Governor and received much praise from the guests for the vision and accomplishments of the APA. The Master of Ceremonies was no other than Mir Ali, who continues to grow in his role of leading the future of the community and has done explicit work for the community. Both Mr. Rashid and Mr. Ali were appointed to the Police and Fire and Plan Commission boards, respectively.

The Taste of Pakistan's success has always been due to the hard work of its members and the unparalleled level of its sponsors. Grand Sponsors were no other than Advanced Pediatric Care and the show was powered by Porto's Peri Peri Chicken, a growing franchise in Chicago land. Other sponsors included JF Labs President Mr. Ali Akhtar, RNA Corp. CEO Mr. Munir Chaudhry, AMITA Bolingbrook Hospital, DuPage Township Supervisor Bill Mayer, Dr. Hasnain Syed, and Dr. Aftab Khan who was also recognized as the new President for PPS. Dr. Sameer Shafi, Two River Dental, Mr. Sohail Shafi, IFANCA, Dr. Wasi ullah of East West University and many others.

The event was entertaining at many fronts. Entertainment for kids included face painting, jumpy houses, air plane rides and arts and crafts activities. All types of food were being served at the food booths consisting of Bismillah Restaurant, Azaadi Grill, El Alambon, AWS catering, Pick & Move and Portos Peri Peri chicken.

The clothing and jewelry bazaar was filled with deals for the Eid celebration and business owners had their booths set up to get the maximum exposure. The APA has done a fine job in maintaining the quality and providing businesses a great platform to get exposure through their digital screen advertising and this year the entire event was broadcasted live achieving over 200k viewership.

The entertainment began about 8pm as DJ Kazi entertained the crowd all day with his music. Inspire Multi-brand from Devon Avenue produced another glorifying fashion show which brought out the best bridal and formal wear. The APA offered many great raffle prizes including the grand prize of a round trip ticket by MI travel a lap top from Jamil Khan and many other supporters.

The highlight of the evening were the two entertainers as Asim Azhar opened the show and won the hearts of thousands of attendees lighting up the entire place with lights to his famous song from Coke Studio, Tera who Piyar. The crowd was anxious to see Bushra Ansari, as



when she took the stage she had the entire crowd on their feet. She was simply magical with her voice and entertained the crowd as expected.

Before the event ended all the APA volunteers were brought on stage and recognized. The volunteers included Hamid Bhatti, Rizwan Asghar, Zulfi Ahmed, Aziz Vayani, Kamran Rashid, Aziz Chaudhry and Ali Zaman. The event was a huge success at every level. The APA has done it again and has proven to America that they truly bring out the best in the Pakistani American community and are leaders in educating America on all the positive contributions Pakistani Americans continue to make towards its success.

The 2018 Taste of Pakistan will take place in August 2018 and further information will be available on www.apabolingbrook.com



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PALESTINIAN STRUGGLES IN TODAY'S PALESTINE



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Thursday, Sept. 7, Following Maghrib at 7:15 pm
"Land Without People" –
 Zionists' Actions to Remove Palestinians

The slogan used in 1947 was, "Land without people for people without land". Actions were taken to remove Palestinians from their homes, so a land without people can be realized. The actions included massacre (Deir Yassin), harassment and severe economic and social pressures.



Thursday, Sept. 14, Following Maghrib at 7:03 pm
Dividing Palestinians Up

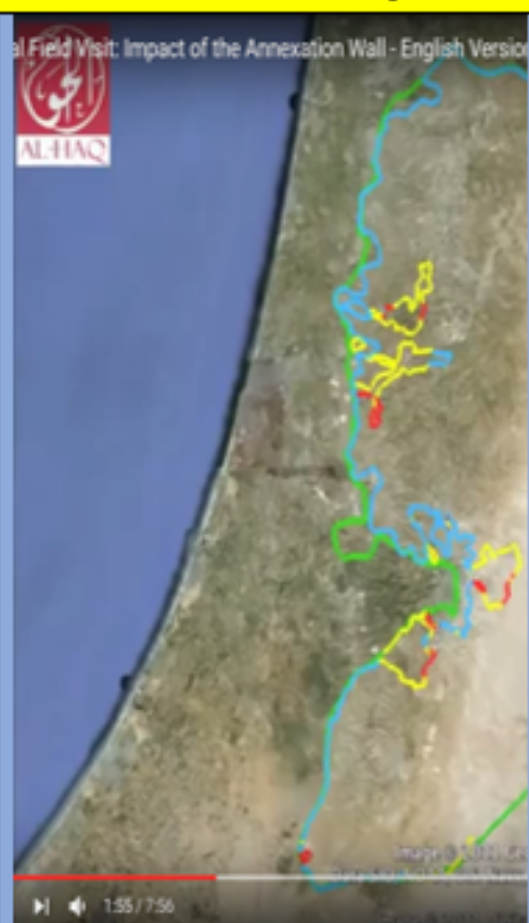
Palestinians were one community, consisting of Muslims, Christians, Jews and Armenians. They are now divided them up based on which part of Palestine they live in and severe limitations are placed on their movement and communications; thus thwarting their economic activity.



The presentations are based on a recent trip to the middle east and interviews with many non-profit groups working for human rights, justice and peace.

Thursday, Sept. 21, Following Maghrib at 6:51 pm
Wall = Land Grab + Disruption

It is not the security, rather grabbing of Palestinian land and annexing some of the settlements seems to have been the main purpose of the wall. Plus, the wall has separated Palestinians from their farms and split some of their villages.



Thursday, Sept. 28, Following Maghrib at 6:39 pm
Palestinian Resistance

Staying where they are despite the created difficulties is part of the resistance. Other positive examples include Palestine Museum of Natural History and promoting foreign investments in Palestine. There is a role for Americans to play.

Palestine Institute of Biodiversity and Sustainability

Palestine Museum of Natural History

Americans for a Vibrant Palestinian Economy

The Consulate General of India Chicago

Celebrates Fourth Kala Utsav

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Chicago IL: The Consulate General of India organized 4th edition of “Kala-Utsav” the Annual Cultural Festival on August 26, 2017, at Yellow Box, Naperville with 19 different Indian Cultural Organizations to promote the rich heritage of Indian Art and Culture in the US Mid-west. The event provided a platform for over 200 renowned as well as new Indian artists, from across the US Midwest to showcase their talents through various performances.

Hon’ble Congressman from 8th District of Illinois Raja Krishmoorthi was Chief Guest and Mr. Juan Ochoa, Special Advisor to Mayor of Chicago Rahm Emmanuel and Board of Director of MPEA [Metropolitan Exposition Authority] was the Special Guest on the occasion. The festival was inaugurated by Consul General of India, Ms. Neeta Bhushan, by lighting of the lamp as per the traditional Indian customs. The Chief Guest, Special Guest, prominent community leaders and volunteers participated in the lighting of the lamp. This was followed by the Indian and the US National Anthems.

Nearly 700 people comprising of the Indian-American Diaspora hailing from different parts of US Midwest, including many US nationals and different ethnic groups attended the event.

In her inaugural address, Consul General Ms. Neeta Bhushan underlined the ancient, rich and diverse culture of India. She added that the

objective of the annual ‘Kala-Utsav’ festival, which was launched by the consulate in August 2014, is not only to encourage and showcase the extraordinary talents in the Indian-American community but also to reiterate and celebrate India’s unity in diversity.

During his address, Hon’ble Congressman Raja Krishmoorthi also appreciated the efforts of Consulate in providing a platform for showcasing India’s various folks and classical dance forms as well rich musical tradition through the local talents.

The function started with a stunning performance of “ChendaMelam” by the Chicago Kalashetra which is the best –known and most popular kshetram vadyam (temple percussion) genre followed by a sequence of captivating dance performances representing the classical, folk and modern dance forms of India from different dance schools.

The classical dance segment included Kathak performances presented by Anila Sinha Foundation, Bharatnatyam performance presented by Natya Dance School, Kuchupudi by Nrityamala Dance Academy, Odissi dance presented by Utkalaa Dance Group, Adardhnareshwar by Rina Rockers, Jugalbani and Bharatnatyam by Yakshagana from Indiana.

The folk dance segment was quite large. There

were 6 folk dance representing six States of India. The Bengali Folk Dance presented by Jhankaar Dance, Shingari Dance School presented Kerala Folk Dance, Rhythms & Grace Dance Studio presented Rajasthani folk dance, the Assam Association of Greater Chicago presented Assam’s Folk dance and high energy Punjabi folk dance “Gidda” by Bollywood Dance Academy. The performance of “Garba”, Gujrati folk dance, by MAFS Seniors Dance Group enthralled the audience.

The kids from Bolly Dance Fit and Fun creative kids also participated and performed in the festival.

There were four presentations under the Contemporary/Fusion dance category in which over twenty five artists participated. The presentation ‘Rain , Drought & Flood’ by Soorya Dance School captured the hearts of the audience. “Bollywood Dance ” was presented by Bollywood Rhythm and Rhythm of Kerala by Team Ghunguru. Mythilli Dance Academy attempted to keep the flame of vibrancy in the heart by presenting “ Parai Drum Dance”.

Mrs. Lakshmi Parmeswaran and Ms. Tanvi Bhatt ably anchored the event as emcee and kept the audience engaged. Mr OP Meena, Consul [HOC], proposed a vote of thanks.



Telugu Association of Greater Chicago (T.A.G.C) conducted yearly Tennis Tournament on August 20th, 2017 at CPAC EAST 2223 Half Day Road, Deerfield, IL -60015. TAGC started this tournament in early 80's, to meet and make new friends as well as get along with other talented players with buddy players. Initially tournament started among telugu people later opened for all Indian communities due to the encouragement from other community leaders.

TAGC team encouraged young Tennis player's parents to register in the tournament. This year tennis registrations broke all the previous records, total 123 players were registered to participate in the tournament in different categories to achieve this number TAGC sports committee worked very hard and explored all possible ways to reach the event details to all tennis players in and around Chicago land area. TAGC rented entire club which holds 9 courts to conduct the tournament from morning 8 AM to 6 PM. Different categories like Men's Doubles, Teens singles Girls and boys singles and Under 10 years Kids singles boys singles. Each team played 4 games with opponent team in regular match, then top 8 teams played quarter finals, winners played semis and finals. All the players reported on time, Tournament started as per schedules and closed on time.

TAGC President Ramachandra R Ade along with entire sports committee team and sponsor Mr. Jagdeesh were presented the trophies to following winners:



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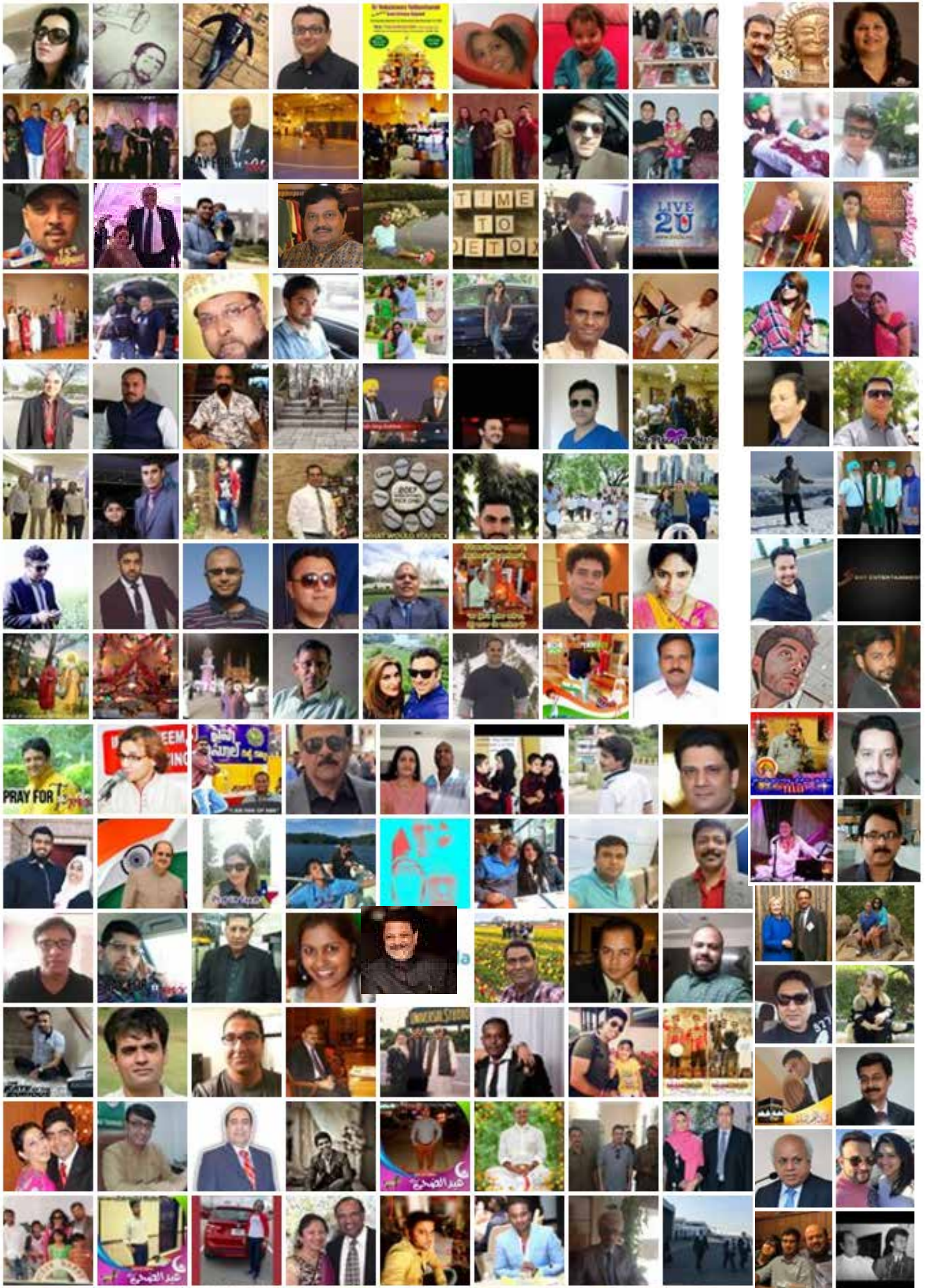
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India and China agree to end border standoff

By Sanjeev Miglani and Ben Blanchard

NEW DELHI/BEIJING (Reuters) - India and China have agreed to an "expeditious disengagement" of troops in a disputed border area where their soldiers have been locked in a stand-off for more than two months, India's foreign ministry said on Monday.

The decision comes ahead of a summit of the BRICS nations - a grouping that also includes Brazil, Russia and South Africa - in China beginning on Sunday, which Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to attend.

Indian and Chinese troops have been confronting each other at the Doklam plateau near the borders of India, its ally Bhutan, and China, in the most serious and prolonged standoff in decades along their disputed Himalayan border.

The Indian ministry said the two sides had agreed to defuse the crisis following diplomatic talks.

"In recent weeks, India and China have maintained diplomatic communication in respect of the incident at Doklam," the

ministry said in a statement.

"On this basis, expeditious disengagement of border personnel at the face-off site at Doklam has been agreed to and is ongoing," it said in a statement.

It did not offer more details of the terms of disengagement from the area which had raised fears of a wider conflict between the Asian giants who fought a brief border war in 1962.

China said Indian troops had withdrawn from the remote area in the eastern Himalayas. Chinese foreign ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said Chinese troops would continue to patrol the Doklam region.

"China will continue to exercise sovereignty rights to protect territorial sovereignty in accordance with the rules of the historical boundary," she said.

The Chinese defense ministry said troops would remain on a state of alert.

"We remind the Indian side to learn the lesson from this incident, earnestly respect the historical boundary and the basic principles of international law, meet China

half way and jointly protect the peace and tranquillity of the border region," spokesman Wu Qian said in a statement.

"The world is not peaceful, and peace needs to be safeguarded. The Chinese military has the confidence and the ability to protect the country's sovereignty, security and development interests," Wu added.

SMOOTH SUMMIT

The trouble started in June when India sent troops to stop China building a road in the Doklam area, which is remote, uninhabited territory claimed by both China and Bhutan.

India said it sent its troops because Chinese military activity there was a threat to the security of its own northeast region.

But China has said India had no role to play in the area and insisted it withdraw unilaterally or face the prospect of an escalation. Chinese state media had warned India of a fate worse than its crushing defeat in the war in 1962.

Indian political commentator Shekhar Gupta said there was too much at stake for the two countries to fight over a small

piece of territory.

"Hopefully, Doklam is a new chapter in India-China relations. Too much at stake for both big powers to let legacy real-estate issues linger," he said in a Twitter post.

India and China have been unable to settle their 3,500-km (2,175-mile) frontier and large parts of territory are claimed by both sides.

Lin Minwang, an India expert and the deputy director of the Center for South Asia Studies at China's Fudan University, said the detente would ensure a smooth BRICS meeting.

"Both sides should be happy. Modi is also happy. They can conduct a meeting smoothly and naturally. If there was still a stand-off, how could they meet?"

(Additional reporting by Tommy Wilkes in NEW DELHI and Michael Martina in BEIJING; Editing by Sanjeev Miglani and Robert Birsell)

Saudi Arabia to allow 100% foreign ownership of engineering firms - Arab News

The opening up of Saudi Arabia's economy is proceeding apace. On Monday, the government took another step along the road to welcoming more foreign investors into the Kingdom with the approval of new measures to encourage outsiders to get involved in the engineering industry, which is expected to become a boom sector as new infrastructure is built under the Vision 2030 strategy.

The Commerce and Investment Ministry, and the Saudi Arabian General Investment Authority (Sagia), have been in consultation for a year or so under the new proposals, and now have decided to allow 100 percent foreign ownership in the engineering business.

There are two conditions: The foreign entity must have a 10-year track record in operations, and it must already have a presence in at least four other countries. So only established multinationals need apply, a sensible measure designed to guarantee the quality of the new entrant.

Sagia has the power to waive these restrictions if an applicant firm's presence would be considered in the best interests of the Kingdom.

The authority, under Chairman Majid Al-Qasabi, has been pushing for a more flexible approach to foreign investment for the past couple of years, since a 2015 policy initiative that foresaw 100 percent foreign ownership in most sectors in the long term.

That policy was in line with the World Trade Organization's principles on free movement of investment, which Saudi Arabia signed up to in 2005. But the accelerated pace of opening up has a lot to do with the national transformation plan that aims to reduce the Kingdom's reliance on the domestic oil industry and government employment. Greater foreign investment is seen as an essential part of that change.

Last year, two big sectors — retail and wholesale distribution — were taken off the "negative list" Sagia maintains for sectors not deemed appropriate for exclusive foreign ownership — like military and other security activities, some aspects for Islamic tourism, media, telecommunications and a few others.

The experience in retail and wholesale must have satisfied the authorities that it was a worthwhile step to encourage greater foreign involvement, which will now be extended to engineering.

Alain Sfeir, Riyadh-based corporate partner with law firm Clyde & Co., said: "It is a positive step forward. Foreign engineers and consultants are looking to get involved in and benefit from the expansion of infrastructure the Kingdom is experiencing, and the new corporate structure will give them more confidence to proceed."

Details of the new proposals are still being finalized and can be expected to be released in a week or so. But if they follow the plans for retail and wholesale, you

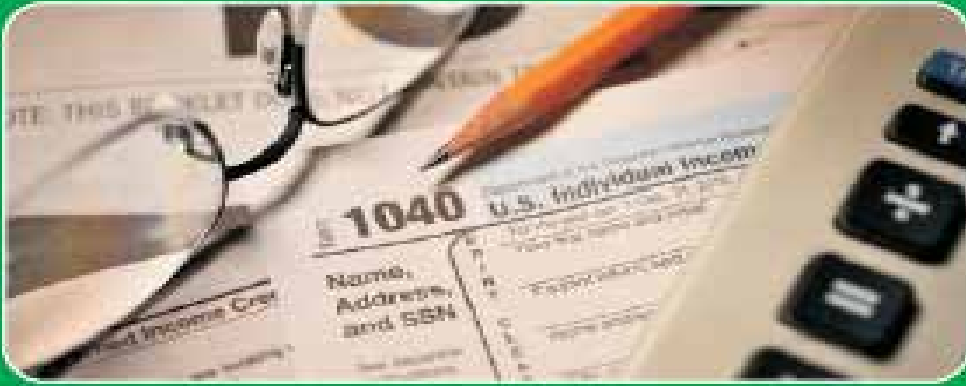


can expect 100 percent foreign ownership, previously limited to 75 percent; no requirement for a Saudi citizen to be a shareholder; and limited liability incorporation.

There will probably also be stipulations on minimum investment levels and employment of nationals in the new corporation, as well as commitments on research and development spending, and training, drawn up in consultation with the Saudi Council of Engineers, the national professional body.

The initiative, in such an important part of the economy, represents a further move away from the traditional model of "commercial agents" identified as a drag on regional economies by Karen Young, an academic with the Arab Gulf Sates Institute in Washington, DC.

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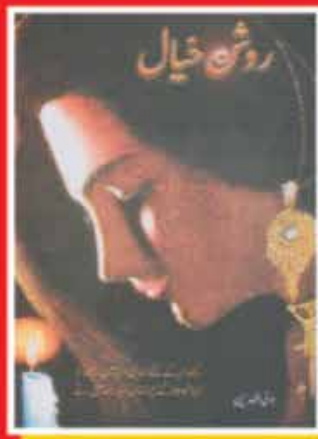
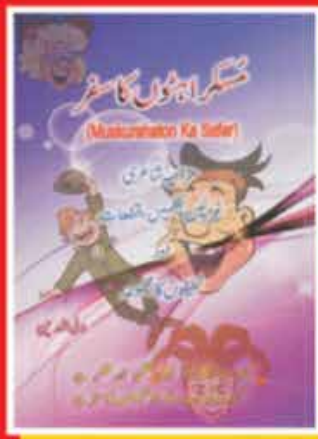
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The culture of agitations is threat to Pakistan's national security.

K. Ashraf

It is human nature human beings do not believe in catastrophes until they really face them. It is like all human beings know that death is ultimate reality but they think everyone else on the planet earth is going to die except them. Why I have started my write up with this analogy? The only reason is I want to make fellow Pakistanis realize the threats to Pakistan's security from culture of agitations they have created during last four years.

It is not that Pakistan is going through these agitations first time. Pakistan faced many such phases of agitations and heavily paid their price too. I won't go in the details of the agitations that preceded Ayub Khan, the agitations that brought Ayub Khan down, but I would like to mention the agitations of 1970 which broke Pakistan. Those agitations also took place after the elections. Politicians used street power to pressure the opponents. Consequently, things reached to the point of no return and Pakistan broke. I don't disregard the Indian factor, but I do blame the politicians at the time who created so much anarchy through agitations in both wings of the country that country could not bear the burden of those agitations.

Mujeeb's and Bhutto's parties were the catalyst that created the massive agitations. Jamaat Islami (By nature an anarchist party) also played its role. The net result was India's intervention, world community's cold shoulder to the issue and eventual breakage of Pakistan.

As I have said, I don't want to waste your time by recounting the other agitations which caused Pakistan serious damage. I want to stress my point about the agitation that started by Imran Khan, Tahir ul Qadri, Shaikh Rasheed and Siraj ul Haq of JI.

This agitation is still going on in various forms and shapes. The characters mentioned above are still

simmering like volcanoes. During these agitations all these characters infused a language of vulgarity in their agitations. That language was generated by Imran Khan, Shaikh Rasheed and Tahir ul Qadri and eventually it entered in their political workers' vocabulary.

Of course, reaction was not any less fierce. Some of PML (N)'s spokespersons also fell in the same trap and responded in kind. That vulgar terminology has become part of the political vocabulary.

Unfortunately, Pakistan is still fully drenched with this such culture of vulgar agitations. The characters that initiated the wave of agitations with the specific purpose of removing NS have not still given up even after his removal from office. Imran Khan, Shaikh Rasheed, Tahir ul Qadri and their workers are still using the same language.

It has become a norm for them. The common folks don't want to challenge them. They never like to intervene when such vulgarity goes on in the streets. Unfortunately, some of the media (who are basically non journalists) have adopted the similar language to express their hateful views.

I want to warn Pakistan's all branches of government about the gravity of this situation. They should not take this trend of agitations with infusion of vulgar language in Pakistan's politics. I want to remind them that they should not think that Pakistan is invincible because of its armed forces and lethal nuclear assets. Regardless of the all these pluses Pakistan is a very vulnerable country.

The current international ripples can hurt Pakistan. There are many examples in Pakistan's vicinity from which Pakistan can learn a lesson. Look what happened to those countries and what the citizens of those countries are going through. Situations can be created which can wipe out Pakistan from the map

of world. Just imagine, what the common Pakistani folks will have to go through if any such catastrophic situation is created.

With all this constant phase of agitations Pakistan can be thrown in this type of situation. Pakistan armed forces, with all their professionalism and acumen won't be able to pull Pakistan back. Exactly, like they could not save East Pakistan even though they wanted to save it.

What I am trying to say is these tireless agitations, some by Imran Khan, some by Shaikh Rasheed, some by Tahir ul Qadri, some by Siraj ul Haq for any, are threat to Pakistan's national security. Someone has to show them a STOP sign before it gets too late and things get out of control. All those who think this is their democratic right to arrange that type of agitations in the country they are wrong. No democracy give right to start that type of agitations which become threat to national security. If anyone brings that type of agitations in any democracy they would face the bullets of armed forces and get killed right on the streets.

Different branches of government, executive, army and judiciary they must not allow that kind of on going agitations with that kind of vulgar language which incites violence in Pakistani society. These agitations are threat to Pakistan's national security and they must be stopped before it gets too late and things really get out of control.



President Trump should not put more pressure on Pakistan

K. Ashraf

As President Trump is about to reveal his new Afghanistan policy, commentators are talking about its possible implications for Pakistan. Most Afghan-Pakistan experts think President Trump will tighten up Pakistan's military aid to put more pressure on Pakistan to do more to help USA to make Afghanistan a stable and peaceful country.

I think Pakistan has already stretched to her max to deal with terrorism issue. Pakistan Armed forces have done excellent job by eradicating terrorism on its soil. The ground reality is, now, more terrorism is being committed by elements located on Afghan soil instead of Pakistan. To eradicate terrorists on Afghan soil is the responsibility of Afghan forces which are being aided by USA forces.

Under these circumstances, if President Trump will adopt any policy to tighten military aid to Pakistan or put pressure on Pakistan it will hurt USA more than it will hurt Pakistan. United States has already tried this policy many times before. Former Secretary of State Medline Albright once elaborated the failure of this policy in a congressional hearing on the floor of US Congress. After a long such dysfunctional policy, she informed congressional leaders, Pakistan Army's young officer cadre did not care much about United States. US military leaders had hard time to seek their help at the time they needed it the most.

I suggest President Trump must take into consideration Medline Albright's telling insight. It is as valid today as it was then when she expressed these views on the floor of house of representatives.

Pakistan has her limitations. It has multiple internal issues which it is trying to

deal with. Under these circumstances, tightening Pakistan's military aid to put more pressure on her will make USA swim in Afghanistan's choppy waters without paddles. Not a pretty scenario from USA point of view.

Such policy particularly requires more scrutiny because Pakistan has array of options in case President Trump opts any such policy. I do not need to spell out those options here. I am sure USA's Afghan-Pak experts are not unaware of them.

As far adding on more boots on ground in Afghanistan is concerned, I share governor John Kasich's view. He said he won't send more boots on ground in Afghanistan. He maintained his view from the days of his presidential campaign. However, he supported the present forces on ground through other means. Operation Enduring Freedom was concluded on December 31, 2014 after completion of its objectives. The present number of less than five thousand troops have served the interests of USA well. All USA needs to do is, in John Kasich's words, strengthen them through other means.

In the end, I would suggest President Trump should maintain present level of engagement and cooperation with Pakistan. Afghanistan is a slow and steady project. Messing up present level of engagement and cooperation with Pakistan will have a negative fall out for United States and Afghanistan not for Pakistan.

Badminton: World Champion Okuhara proves vital point in negating height as decision maker in wins!

-Dr. Abdul Ruff Colachal



Height weighs a lot, if not completely, in winning titles in sports especially in running, jumping, long jump, tennis, badminton, etc in which tall persons can easily deal with the opponents who are not high enough. Short person might win a few games and eventually they fall to the tall persons, losing titles as short legs and hands can reduce the chances to hit powerful shots. Rarely, for instance, a short sportsperson could win titles in Tennis.

So, natural growth and height help these sports persons achieve success in sports. Even in entertainments like cricket height helps the batboys to hit big 6s and 4s if the bowlers throw empty balls.

On August 27 in the TOTAL BWF World Championships 2017 held at Glasgow, in Scotland Nozomi Okuhara [7] of Japan defeated two top tall shuttlers Carolina MARIN [3] of Spain and Sindhu [5] of India who are now the Olympic medalists – gold and silver respectively, to prove that height in indeed is not a problem for a skilled, talented, watchful and committed players.

Nozomi Okuhara dismissed the all hopeful Indian Sindhu in the final to win the global title. Sindhu and Okuhara fought tooth and nail in the gripping summit clash of the World Badminton Championships 2017, described by many as the best women's singles final in recent times. The Japanese won 21-19 20-22 22-20.

In the match, Okuhara took the first point of the match on a fine line judgment while Sindhu bagged two successive points to take 2-1 lead. Sindhu went into the break with a 11-5 lead. After changing the sides, Okuhara picked up two straight points to reduce the gap. She soon made it 10-13 after clinching a point on a hard fought 39-shot rally.

Okuhara levelled the scores at 14-all and then took four-point lead to make it 18-14. It was Sindhu's time to mount a comeback to make it 18-18 in the first game. At 19-19, Sindhu played it on the net to give her opponent a game point and then played it wide of the court to lose the first game 19-21.

As if playing according to some BWF script, Sindhu took an early 5-1 lead in the second match. But Okuhara clinched five straight points to reduce the deficit by one point 8-9. Sindhu went into the break with 11-8 lead.

Both Sindhu and Okuhara were neck and neck at 12-all post the break in the second game. Sindhu won four crucial points to lead 16-13. Sindhu made it 20-17 but Okuhara came back strongly to make it 20-20. Sindhu held her nerve to grab two crucial points and forced the match into the decider. She secured the game after winning a 73-shot rally on the final point.

And as if playing according to a BWF script, Okuhara opened the third and title-deciding game with a 5-1 lead but Sindhu's came back level the score. The players exchanged points time. Sindhu took the crucial lead at 18-17 and extended it to 19-17 but Okuhara fought back hard to make it 19-19. Unforced error from Sindhu gave Okuhara the first Championship point. Sindhu drew level at 20-20. But Okuhara earned a second Championship point and won the championship taking the final game 22-20.

Okuhara and Sindhu fought tooth and nail in the gripping final often placed neck-and-neck. An 'upset' PV Sindhu says a historic gold medal at the World Badminton Championships slipped through her hands in the dying moments of the thrilling final against Nozomi Okuhara. Everybody aims for gold and I was there very close but that last moment changed everything," she said referring to crucial unforced error at 20-20 in the deciding game. It was a big match, a good match but unfortunately I couldn't win."

Both the players battled hard in a match full of long rallies. Sindhu and Okuhara were evenly matched and played their heart out in the middle.

World Badminton Championships went to the right person as it slipped through Sindhu's hands in the dying moments of the thrilling final against Nozomi Okuhara of Japan.

Sindhu said, "Okuhara is not an easy player. Every time we have played it is not easy, it is tough, tough rallies "It was mentally and physically very tough" against her. Okuhara had lost to Sindhu in the semi-finals of the Olympic Games last year in Rio de Janeiro and the Japanese said she had learnt a lot from that match. "I learned a lot from that match. Today, I changed my strategy and tried to keep her moving more," she said. "The third game

was so close and I was absolutely exhausted. But I decided to try and enjoy it and I could see that she was very tired and was struggling. My attitude got me through," said Okuhara who became the first Japanese player to win Gold in singles in a World Championships.

Sindhu who had expected an easy global title win as top player from China Taipei did not participate (why did not participate?) and Olympic Gold medalist Carolina had just knocked out by a "weaker" player Okuhara but that did not happen but what happened shocked India as the regime was ready with huge cash prize for her to the tune of 10 lakhs thinking Indian would defeat Okuhara easily. However, the government amount is not slashed down just because she lost the final gold. She gets both silver and 10 lakh money. Former world number one Saina Nehwal's bronze means that it was India's best-ever show in a World Championship.

Many Indians, including this writer have not been given the retirement benefits after their sincere service to nation but now the regime just throw cash and awards on persons because the medals have made the rulers and media lords very impressed and happy. Match fixing media are in full swing trying to arrange the schedule and timings to suit Indians black magicians and spy agencies. In cricket India dictates about 100s for Indian batboys and if one top batboy falls, the opponents must offer 100 to the next players, including bowlers. The ongoing Indo-Lanka matches prove that point beyond doubts.

Nozomi Okuhara achieved her first ever world championship in a tough battle with a highly ambitious Sindhu of ever greedy India which control now BWF and its official portal manipulating information to suit Indian interest. Her fascinating wins against to all tall players to claim the world title should come as a positive sign and soothing invitation to short players also to be confident on the courts and play and win titles comfortably. Fearing the tall players only acts negatively on the psyche of shuttlers. Meanwhile there is a need to group the top players separately from the new payers so that undue points are not won by the top players

UP madrassas under Yogi govt lens

Rohan Dua

All madrassas across Uttar Pradesh will be geo-tagged by the state government through a GPS-based service as part of what the BJP-led dispensation has described as its efforts to weed out fake students and staff.

In addition, the state government has also asked madrassas to share maps of classrooms, photographs of the building, and the teachers' bank account details. The institutes have also been told to upload each employee's Aadhaar card details on a government portal. The order, a copy of which is with TOI, was issued on July 31. The government has directed the registrar of the UP Madrasa Shiksha Parishad to include all the state's 16,000 recognised madrassas in the geo-tagging initiative. Consequently, each madrasa will be identified by a 'unified district information system for education (UDISE)' code.

Issued by principal secretary Monika Garg, the order states that each madrasa would have to be registered with a newly launched government website — madarsaboard.upsdc.gov.in — by October 15 to retain their recognition and state government aid. "Development" has been listed as one of the eight main reasons behind the move. "The launch of the portal and other services is to ensure development, competency-mapping, simplification of process and improvement in education quality of madrassas," says the order. According to the order, the move aims to "curtail duplication of teaching staff as well as beneficiary students".

The bank accounts of the teaching staff and education-related officials at the madrassas will be verified through a public finance management system.

"Only after the financial details of teachers and staff have been collected and their bank accounts verified, (will) their salaries be disbursed," the order states. As part of the initiative, each madrasa will also have to state its building layout, area of campus, etc on the website. "There would not be any tweaking in the data related to the madrassas as all

district minority officers (DMOs) will be able to lock the details with a digital signature. No madrasa will be able to alter the data related to any madrasa after thorough verification," the order states.

Ahead of this Independence Day, the Yogi Adityanath government had issued a controversial order making videography of celebrations mandatory for madrassas, but not government schools.



Conjoined twins survive 22-hour surgery, need more over 3 months

Durgesh Nandan Jha | TNN

The first step in separating the conjoint twins, Jaga and Baliya Kanhar, was successfully completed at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences on Tuesday morning after a 22-hour procedure. After creating a new channel to carry venous blood using an innovative bypass technique, doctors managed to separate a significant portion of the boys' brain.

Surgery started at 9 am on Monday and went on till 6.30 am on Tuesday. A Japanese expert was present during the process, sources said. "Surgery was uneventful and there was no major blood loss or intra-operative problems," revealed Dr Deepak Gupta, the paediatric neurosurgeon who led the operation under the guidance of Dr AK Mahapatra.

Dr Mahapatra said both the kids were doing relatively well after surgery. The separation process had been complicated by the 27-month-old boys sharing the vein that returns blood to the heart from the brain.

In appearance, the twins remain joined at the head as earlier. "The kids will require one or two more operations within three months for final separation," a member of the medical team informed. "The boys will be kept under observation till then." Doctors said they are keeping their fingers crossed that the twins would recover well and be able to brave another surgery so they can live normal lives.

Professor SS Kale, head of neurosurgery at AIIMS, disclosed that surgical planning had begun two months ago, and 40 doctors were involved at various stages of the planning of this extremely rare and complex process of separating twins joined at the head. Globally, only about 50 twins joined at the head have been taken up for surgical separation and few of them have survived. In such cases, even if one of the twins survives to lead a normal life, it is considered a mega achievement.

The parents of Jaga and Baliya, poverty-stricken farmers from Odisha's Kandhamal district, couldn't afford to raise the kids in their condition and so sought the help of the government to fund their surgical separation. "We are thankful to our state government for arranging the transportation and other costs involved," Bhuiyan Kanhar, the twins' father, told doctors.

Sources said Odisha chief minister Naveen Patnaik and health minister Pratap Jena are



closely following the medical developments.

At least one other pair of twins joined at the head is surviving without surgery in India. Sisters Saba and Farah of Patna are 20 years old. They were not operated upon because of the risks involved. Surgeons at Montefiore Hospital in New York recently separated 13-month-old twins joined at the head.

800 engineering colleges to close over low quality, admissions

The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) wants to close down about 800 engineering colleges across India as there are no takers for their seats, and admissions are plunging in these institutions every year, AICTE chairman Anil Dattatraya Sahasrabudhe told TOI.

There are approximately 150 colleges which are closed down voluntarily every year due to stricter AICTE rules. According to a rule of the council, colleges that lack proper infrastructure and report less than 30% admissions for five consecutive years will have to be shut down, he pointed out.

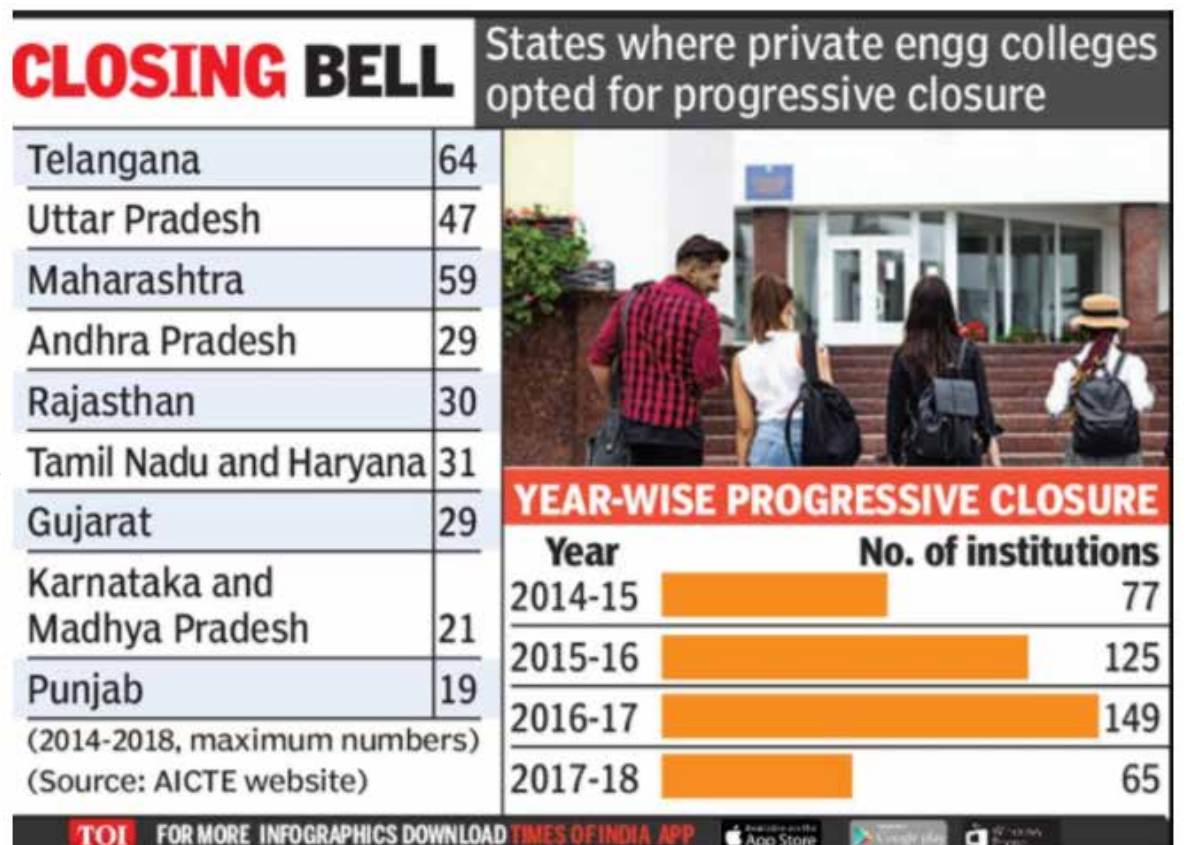
Sahasrabudhe was in Bengaluru on Friday to inaugurate the 'Green Hand' sculpture, signifying the pivotal role humankind plays in preserving and nurturing the environment, at New Horizon College of Engineering, Marthahalli.

According to its website, AICTE has approved the progressive closure of more than 410 colleges across India, from 2014-15 to 2017-18.

Twenty of these institutions are in Karnataka. A maximum number of institutions was approved for closure in 2016-17. Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Haryana, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh have the maximum number of colleges which have sought progressive closure. Failing to survive, private engineering colleges either seek progressive closure and ultimately shut down or turn into polytechnics or science and arts colleges.

Progressive closure means the institute cannot admit students to the first year in that academic year, for which progressive closure is granted; however, the existing students will continue. He also advised engineering colleges and universities to revise and renew their syllabus, which is the major cause behind the fall in the number of admissions and quality of education they impart. With the quality of engineering education and balance in the number of engineering students and their employability being big challenges, AICTE has introduced the plan for teachers' training. "Most engineering college professors or lecturers are MTech or PhD holders. They don't usually have experience in teaching aspiring engineers. Now onwards, any engineering college lecturer joining anew will have to undergo six months of exclusive and compulsory training so that they can train future engineers better. Existing engineer lecturers have three years to undergo this training compulsorily," Sahasrabudhe said.

AICTE is also looking at making engineering students industry-ready so that they are



hired on time. From this year onwards, every second and third-year student will have to undergo internship compulsorily so that they are hired even before campus placements. "Internship is the time when most students are observed by companies and have a fair chance of being absorbed. So it's better to be hired that way instead of depending on just five minutes of interview at campus placements. My advice to budding engineers is that they should be attentive and hardworking during internship," the chairman said.

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Slowly but surely a crucial realisation is setting in amongst the business community here that dealing with their Chinese counterparts is not going to be easy. The rhetoric coming from the Pakistani government had made the relationship sound like it was some sort of family affair. But those sections of the business community who have tried to build commercial ties with their counterparts in China are finding out that, over there, profits come first and sentiment second. One thing the business community has noticed is that their Chinese counterparts prefer dealing with the government rather than building private-sector partnerships, according to a report published on Monday in this paper that presented the opinions of a range of Pakistani businesses

that have, or are seeking to build, ties with Chinese enterprises. They have noticed that the Chinese do not negotiate very much. They lay down their terms, and expect them to be fully met. This realisation is only the beginning of what the rest of the country needs to learn about the growing economic relationship with China. The Chinese government has provided some diplomatic support to Pakistan at crucial junctures, even now as relations with post 9/11 US take yet another nosedive. But business is business, and when it comes to economic cooperation and partnering, all countries look out first and foremost for their own interests. The question that needs to be asked with increasing urgency is this: is our government doing the same when it engages with

the growing number of Chinese delegations landing in the country to build the framework under which Chinese investment will come pouring into Pakistan? Ever since the CPEC enterprise got under way, calls have been growing for more transparency in its execution. By now, there ought to be no further doubts that the CPEC enterprise goes far beyond roads and power plants, and is, in fact, about creating the right environment for Chinese investment to acquire large stakes in Pakistan's economy. This is a positive development undoubtedly, but it is also important to ask how far the government is going to protect Pakistan's economic interests. There is a need to learn this important lesson from the Chinese government.

Only greater transparency with more information being shared through the online portals created by the government for disseminating CPEC-related news can address this concern. Answers to questions like what sort of dispute-resolution mechanism will govern the partnerships envisioned under CPEC, and what investments are being prepared for which areas, will help dispel the growing anxieties. It would be a sad but necessary end to the euphoria that has greeted the arrival of CPEC if the government were to learn the same lesson that the business community is busy learning these days, that in matters of business, brotherly relations have no role to play.

Conjoined twins survive 22-hour surgery, need more over 3 months

New Delhi: The first step in separating the conjoint twins, Jaga and Baliya Kanhar, was successfully completed at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences on Tuesday morning after a 22-hour procedure. After creating a new channel to carry venous blood using an innovative bypass technique, doctors managed to separate a significant portion of the boys' brain. Surgery started at 9 am on Monday and went on till 6.30 am on Tuesday. A Japanese expert was present during the process, sources said. "Surgery was uneventful and there was no major blood loss or intra-operative problems," revealed Dr Deepak Gupta, the paediatric neurosurgeon who led the operation under the

guidance of Dr AK Mahapatra. Dr Mahapatra said both the kids were doing relatively well after surgery. The separation process had been complicated by the 27-month-old boys sharing the vein that returns blood to the heart from the brain. In appearance, the twins remain joined at the head as earlier. "The kids will require one or two more operations within three months for final separation," a member of the medical team informed. "The boys will be kept under observation till then." Doctors said they are keeping their fingers crossed that the twins would recover well and be able to brave another surgery so they can live normal lives. Professor SS

Kale, head of neurosurgery at AIIMS, disclosed that surgical planning had begun two months ago, and 40 doctors were involved at various stages of the planning of this extremely rare and complex process of separating twins joined at the head. Globally, only about 50 twins joined at the head have been taken up for surgical separation and few of them have survived. In such cases, even if one of the twins survives to lead a normal life, it is considered a mega achievement. The parents of Jaga and Baliya, poverty-stricken farmers from Odisha's Kandhamal district, couldn't afford to raise the kids in their condition and so sought the help of the government to fund their surgical

separation. "We are thankful to our state government for arranging the transportation and other costs involved," Bhuiyan Kanhar, the twins' father, told doctors. Sources said Odisha chief minister Naveen Patnaik and health minister Pratap Jena are closely following the medical developments. At least one other pair of twins joined at the head is surviving without surgery in India. Sisters Saba and Farah of Patna are 20 years old. They were not operated upon because of the risks involved. Surgeons at Montefiore Hospital in New York recently separated 13-month-old twins joined at the head.

UP madrassas under Yogi govt lens

LUCKNOW: All madrassas across Uttar Pradesh will be geo-tagged by the state government through a GPS-based service as part of what the BJP-led dispensation has described as its efforts to weed out fake students and staff.

In addition, the state government has also asked madrassas to share maps of classrooms, photographs of the building, and the teachers' bank account details. The institutes have also been told to upload each employee's Aadhaar card details on a government portal.

The order, a copy of which is with TOI, was issued on July 31. The government has directed the registrar of the UP Madrassa

Shiksha Parishad to include all the state's 16,000 recognised madrassas in the geo-tagging initiative. Consequently, each madrassa will be identified by a 'unified district information system for education (UDISE)' code.

Issued by principal secretary Monika Garg, the order states that each madrassa would have to be registered with a newly launched government website — madarsaboard. upsd.gov.in — by October 15 to retain their recognition and state government aid. "Development" has been listed as one of the eight main reasons behind the move. "The launch of the portal and other services is to ensure development, competency-mapping, simplification of

process and improvement in education quality of madrassas," says the order. According to the order, the move aims to "curtail duplication of teaching staff as well as beneficiary students". The bank accounts of the teaching staff and education-related officials at the madrassas will be verified through a public finance management system.

"Only after the financial details of teachers and staff have been collected and their bank accounts verified, (will) their salaries be disbursed," the order states. As part of the initiative, each madrassa will also have to state its building layout, area of campus, etc on the website. "There would not be

any tweaking in the data related to the madrassas as all district minority officers (DMOs) will be able to lock the details with a digital signature. No madrassa will be able to alter the data related to any madrassa after thorough verification," the order states. Ahead of this Independence Day, the Yogi Adityanath government had issued a controversial order making videography of celebrations mandatory for madrassas, but not government schools.

North Korea's Kim says missile test was for Guam

SEOUL/WASHINGTON: North Korea said it had conducted a test of an intermediate-range ballistic missile (IRBM) to counter US and South Korean military drills and as a first step in military action in the Pacific to "contain" the US territory of Guam.

The North's leader Kim Jong Un ordered the missile drill to be conducted for the first time from its capital, Pyongyang, and said it was necessary to undertake more exercises with the Pacific as the target, the North's KCNA news agency said.

"The current ballistic rocket launching drill like a real war is the first step of the military operation of the KPA

in the Pacific and a meaningful prelude to containing Guam," KCNA quoted Kim as saying. The Korean People's Army or KPA is the North's military.

Earlier this month, North Korea threatened to fire four missiles into the sea near Guam, home to a major military presence, after US President Donald Trump said the North would face "fire and fury" if it threatened the United States. This test was of the same Hwasong-12 missile Kim had threatened to use on Guam, but the test flight took it another direction, over northern Japan's Hokkaido and into the North Pacific Ocean.

Trump, who has vowed not to let North Korea develop nuclear missiles that can hit the mainland United States, said the world had received North Korea's latest message "loud and clear".

"Threatening and destabilising actions only increase the North Korean regime's isolation in the region and among all nations of the world. All options are on the table," Trump said in a statement.

PBD 2018 event should open new Horizons for NRIs/PIOs

Syed Saifullah Quadri and Javid Hassan

The next Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (NRIs) Convention scheduled to be held in India from January 7-9 2018 offers exciting business opportunities for the Indian Diaspora across the broad socio-economic spectrum.

The annual event, which will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, comes at a time when the Indian expatriates and PIOs in the US and elsewhere are going through a critical phase both in their home and host countries. They need to convert those challenges into opportunities for growth and development.

The NRIs' event coincides with the return of Mahatma Gandhi as India's first NRI from South Africa on January 9, 1915 and the launch of his freedom movement symbolised by the charkha (spinning wheel).

This was the source of inspiration for Javid Hassan's e-book, 'Reinventing the Wheel for Inclusive Growth' (Kindle edition). Its underlying theme is that, besides passenger and commercial services, the wheels in motion should also serve as a means of transporting Knowledge and Healthcare on Wheels through mobile schools, mobile clinics, mobile labs and creative tourism for entrepreneurs among many other van-based community services for the poor.

A Bangalore-based NGO is already providing mobile lab services to schools in some districts of Karnataka where lab facilities are not available. It is a viable solution for earning income from multiple sources that should appeal to the Indian Diaspora.

The book also discusses ways of rehabilitating Indian returnees from abroad by utilising their skills and other resources in the broader national interest. Worth mentioning here is the role played by Dr. Surajit Kumar De Datta, an Indo-American agronomist. He is known for his high-yielding variety of rice IR-8 that brought about the Green Revolution across Asia.

He worked for 27 years as an NRI at the International Rice Research Institute in the Philippines, where he

helped Southeast Asia in becoming self-sufficient in rice production. Such highly skilled manpower from the Middle East, US and other Western countries could be mobilised in recharging the economies of friendly nations around the world.

The year 2017 has had a bad start in terms of oil prices and the consequent dip in government revenues, the backbone of the Gulf economy. As a result, some of the major risks that face the Gulf region include economic slowdown and the need to tap demographic dividend in India and the Gulf States.

Uncertain future

GCC exporters face an uncertain future over the next five years amid concerns that the gross public debt could rise to 59% of the GDP, according to the latest MENA Economic Monitor Report. It points out that the economic prospects for 2016 look grim, as the growth rate in the GCC countries is expected to reach 2.2% in 2016 as against 3.1% earlier. This will have an adverse impact on the expatriates, including NRIs, who are being replaced by the nationals, especially in Saudi Arabia.

The Gulf economy will have to factor in a "sharp" slowdown this year and the next, although the UAE and Qatar will fare better than the others, observes arabianbusiness.com in a special report released on October 16 last year.

As for PIOs in the US, the Trump Administration's new policy of America first does not augur well for the future of around 500,000 Indian-Americans who may be affected by the crackdown on immigrants, says a report in the 'Hindustan Times'.

Against this backdrop Indian expatriates and PIOs will have to map out a long-term strategy aimed at converting these challenges into an opportunity that serves their long-term interest. Indian migrants to the US numbered around 3.8 million who were either born in India or in America as per the U.S. Census Bureau 2013.

Together with NRIs, they could leverage their skills in contributing to the country's growth at the bottom of the socio-economic pyramid. India slipped one place from 130 to 131 among the 188 nations ranked in terms of human development, says the 2016 Human Development Report (HDR) released by the UNDP on March 21 this year.

It is placed in the 'medium human development' category alongside countries like Congo, Namibia and Pakistan. Human development is evaluated on the basis of three criteria—a long and healthy life, access to knowledge, and a decent standard of living.

Even so, India is set to become the world's third largest economy at \$6.84 trillion by 2030. Currently, it is home to 14800 multimillionaires. The economic imbalance dictates the need for investments that could uplift those at the lower rungs of the Indian society.

More than 25% of India's population of over 1.32 billion falls under the 'extreme poverty' group. Another 40% of the population comes under the 'poverty' category, leaving around 30% in the 'urban middle class'. This last group of nearly 300 million people constitutes the consumer class in terms of their purchasing power.

Besides education, healthcare and the service industry, NRI Deposits can earn an interest ranging from 7 to 9% per year. Moreover, the principal and interest earned on NRE Deposits is not taxable in India. This is best suited for NRIs who want to transfer their foreign income to Indian accounts.

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Receding waters reveal Harvey's devastation as death toll rises

Rescuers continued plucking people from floodwaters across Texas on Thursday even as waters receded from Houston, revealing swathes of devastation wrought by Hurricane Harvey.

Emergency crews and volunteers in boats, trucks and aircraft scoured inundated suburbs around Houston and cities to the east for people still in need of evacuation.

Police rescued 18 people from floodwaters overnight, said Houston's mayor, Sylvester Turner. "Crisis ebbing but far from over."

In dryer areas recovery crews started to assess damage and remove debris. They braced for the discovery of bodies.

Harvey, once a category 4 hurricane, was downgraded to a tropical depression and moved over north-eastern Louisiana and into Mississippi.

Fires and two explosions early on Thursday at a chemical plant in Crosby, north-east of Houston, jolted residents to the presence of new dangers as waters recede.

The plant, which makes organic peroxides used in plastic resins and paint, lost refrigeration due to the storm. An executive warned that eight more tanks could burn and explode. Contradictory messages from officials left people unsure if emissions were toxic.

The Texas department of public safety said 48,700 homes sustained flood damage, including 17,000 with major damage and 1,000 that were destroyed.

The storm has killed at least 44 people in Texas, officials said on Thursday, and forced 32,000 people into shelters since it came ashore last Friday near Rockport on the Gulf of Mexico coast. It was the most powerful hurricane to hit Texas in half a century.

Officials ordered mandatory evacuation of some communities near the Barker and Addicks reservoirs, which continued to discharge water.

But much of Houston was dry and baked under a blazing sun.

The heat aggravated the stench from stagnant waters and flood-damaged properties. "Man, oh-ooh, that is foul," said a shirtless man on Discovery Green, a park beside a convention centre which is sheltering 8,000 people.

A Houston megachurch shut out flood victims. A Twitter storm opened it Jamie Peck Read more The city's health department urged residents to take precautions to minimise the risk of contamination and diseases such as cholera and typhoid.

"Practice good hygiene such as hand washing after any contact with #Harvey floodwaters," it tweeted. "Do not eat any food that came in contact with #Harvey floodwaters. When in doubt, throw it out."

Regular trash collection was due to resume on Thursday. Airports have resumed a limited service.

Despite the havoc of recent days, Houston remained calm. "No city curfew citations or arrests for a second night in a row.

Thank you Houston for your understanding and cooperation," tweeted the mayor.

Meanwhile, the White House announced on Thursday that Trump was pledging \$1m in personal funds to the relief efforts.

The press secretary, Sarah Huckabee Sanders, called on the media to help decide which specific group or organisation he should give to. "He'd love some suggestions from the folks here and I'd be happy to take those if any of you have them," she told reporters in the briefing room. "But as I said, he'll pledge proudly a million dollars of his own personal money to help the people of both Texas and Louisiana."

She said she was uncertain whether the donation would come from the president directly or his private foundation, which has been a source of controversy.

Trump and his wife, Melania, will travel back to Texas and to Louisiana on Saturday, Sanders added. The tentative plan includes the Houston area in Texas and possibly Lake Charles, Louisiana, but this may change depending on conditions.

Ladies Group in Riyadh Celebrate Pakistani Independence Day

By: Madiha Malik

National Day celebration is one event that almost all citizens of any country would be ready & willing to join. However, for Pakistanis it's a day of rejoice especially for the reason that the all of these years of gloom & despondency has deprived them of any occasion to celebrate.

However, the Pakistani ladies in Riyadh are especially known to be resilient enough to overcome any situation that tries to bring them down. They always find time, impetus and motivation to come together and celebrate & enjoy. One such group of energetic ladies comprise of Madiha Malik, Asma Tariq, Madiha Noman, Shumaila Malik, Almas Mumtaz, Dr. Naghma Rehan, Sarwat Waqar et al.

On Monday the 14th August these ladies organized a grand gala event to celebrate the 70th Independence Day of their beloved country – Pakistan.

This event celebrated in the community hall of a local hospital brought together about 100 women and their children – from all walks of life. This event provided a unique opportunity to the young school going kids in show casing their talents in public, speech, singing patriotic songs, one-act play and art & painting.

The event kicked off on a very charged note – with a pin-drop silence. The structure & the content of the event was so planned that it allowed everyone to participate.

The program commenced with recitation of verses form Holy Quran followed with Naat rendition. The event was ably choreographed by Asma Tariq and nicely conducted by Madiha Malik.

Children were full of excitements and demonstrated their extreme interests & enthusiasm by their participation in different activities like Painting, Art & Craft, Speech competition and rendition of Patriotic National songs.

Children of all ages attired the colorful traditional national dresses of Pakistan.

There was a competition on how the children dressed themselves and there was award for the best dressed child – in the categories of boys and girls.

Noted singer Omer Khalid enthralled the audience with his epic national patriotic songs.



The event concluded on happy notes ends with prize distribution ceremony and that included award of trophies and medals for the lucky winners. At the end, refreshments were also served.



Above: Seminar India @70 at the Indian Embassy Riyadh with Ambassador Ahmad Javed, Khalid Al Maena, Editor in large Saudi Gazette and Rasooldeen, Arab News. and Mir Mohsiin Ali

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Preservers of great culture : The Sindhis around the world

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Sindhis are an Indo-Aryan ethno-linguistic group who speak the Sindhi language and are native to the Sindh province of Pakistan, which was previously a part of pre-partition British India. Today, Sindhis are both Indian and Pakistani. Indian Sindhis are predominantly Hindu, while Pakistani Sindhis are predominantly Muslim. Sindhi Muslim culture is highly influenced by Sufi doctrines and principles. Some of the popular cultural icons are Raja Dahir, Shah Abdul Latif Bhitai, Lal Shahbaz Qalandar,

India they constitute about 4 million. Being part of a highly evolved and civilised group, they have ventured out all over the world establishing successful businesses in Europe, Mediterranean islands, Atlantic Sea islands, UK, USA, Pacific and Africa. In the Mediterranean sea there are islands like Malta, and close to Atlantic we have Palmas Maillorca, then we have coastal cities Gibraltar, Tangiers, Casablanca, Oran, Algiers, Tunis. Cities like Marseilles is just 45 mts away so is Madrid, Casablanca, Islands around just half an hour by flight from Algiers.

Summer months July to Sept people from all over the world spend their holidays and there is room for every size of purse. I found a chain of Sindhi families with surnames like Budhranis, Mirpuris, and so on who have set up garment shops in all these places and have migrated before partition of India and have uncorrupted love for the people of undivided India. To me, during my posting at Algiers from 1982 to 1987, except language nothing much was harder as people were extremely friendly. In Algiers, my Sindhi friend was Budhrani who had two garment and Indian curios shop. we use to meet often during festive celebrations, National days and birthdays of kins, the families use to enjoy those evenings with Indian Bollywood music, women folk dancing children running around, Indian National flag in the background in the drawing room with the local flag. Weekends watch Indian movies on VHS format.

OPEC cartel countries, Algeria being one, had ninety seven percent revenue coming from Liquefied Natural Gas exports. Europeans, Japanese and Americans had sold them turnkey projects worth billions of dollars of machineries for every conceivable industrial operation including Asphalt Laying machine which could

lay around 1 Km per night. But they did not train them to maintain and repair them, we smelt an opportunity in area of maintenance, as we had hundreds if not thousands of trained technicians in the maintenance depts. Soon, we struck a deal with the telephone manufacturing company similar to ITI of India set up by the same collaborators and got a combined team of 35 technicians from India whose services were sold at USD 250 per day, housing free, medical free, transportation free plus 4500 Dinars

per month to meet the boarding expenses. We were to pay Indian salary plus statutory payments and pay technicians about USD 450 pm. The client was sending pre paid travel advice also. The contract was for two years non stop with one month holiday, as in many parts of Europe most factories close for one month in summer. The team of 35 technicians landed at Algiers and we had made arrangements for them to stay for a day at the capital and then proceed to a place called Tlemcen about 650 kms away. A shock was waiting for me, the guys landed with just USD 20 or so per head issued to them as per RBI guidelines those days, since the customer was to pay the local costs. The customer would take at least a week to pay the local currency at the rate of 4500 Dinars per person. I was not informed by my company, the total amount in cash required worked out to 1,57,500 Dinars working out to USD 30000. I was shattered looking at the enormity of the problem and thirty five technicians to take care, and I could not have shared this kind of problem with my client nor with the Ambassador. All my faculties were stretched and suddenly I remembered Budhrani, who after hearing my situation appeared in a while with 200,000 Dinars in currency and left the bag in my house and whispered in my ears that I could return the amount as and when I receive from the client. I did not share the problem with my colleagues who had left the shores for two years to earn little money for their families and were ready to work in harsh conditions. The technicians were from different states and for some of them even the air travel was for the first time and transiting through Paris, looked after by Air India Business Class hospitality with a layover was ultimate in their career. The two years passed off very well and this standard mix was repeated in many a Industrial complex to our full advantage. This was an innovation of sorts in a metal working industry. I learnt recently my friend Budhrani, an old man over eighty years passed away. Sometimes I recall these days by flipping through old photos. These are the brave Indians who ventured out, labored hard and built a reputation for Indians around Mediterranean and Atlantic cities of Spain and Africa. We should salute them from the bottom of our hearts and they shall remain the unsung Ambassadors of India parted away by unfortunate circumstances of partition of India.



Jhulelal, Sachal Sarmast and Shambumal Tulsiani. After the partition of India in 1947, most Sindhi Hindus and Sindhi Sikhs migrated to India and other parts of the world. According to the 1998 census of Pakistan, Hindus constituted about 8% of the total population of Sindh province. Most of them live in urban areas such as Karachi, Hyderabad, Sukkur, and Mirpur Khas. Sindhi Muslims and Hindus in Pakistan with about 21 million population constitute the largest ethnic block whereas in

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Opening	Name NA	Genre NA	Director	Cast
July 7	<i>Guest in London</i>	Comedy	Ashwini Dhir	Kartik Aaryan, Kriti Kharbanda, Paresh Rawal, Tanvi Azmi, Ajay Devgn(Cameo appearance), Sanjay Mishra (actor)
	<i>Babu Ji Ek Ticket Bambal</i>	Social Drama	Arvind Tripathi	Rajpal Yadav, Sudha Chandran, Bharati sharma, Milind Gunaji
	<i>Mom</i>	Thriller/Drama	Ravi Udyawar	Sridevi, Akshaye Khanna, Adnan Siddiqui, Sajal Ali
14 July	<i>Jagga Jasoos</i>	Comedy/Romance	Anurag Basu	Ranbir Kapoor, Katrina Kaif
July 21	<i>Munna Michael</i>	Action/Romance	Sabbir Khan	Tiger Shroff, Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Nidhi Agerwal
	<i>Daddy</i>	Crime/Drama	Ashim Ahluwalia	Arjun Rampal, Aishwarya Rajesh, Nishikant Kamat
	<i>Lipstick Under My Burkha</i>	Drama	Alankrita Shrivastava	Konkona Sen Sharma, Ratna Pathak Shah, Aahana Kumra, Plabita Borthakur, Sushant Singh,Vikrant Massey, Shashank Arora, Vaibhav Tatwawadi, Jagat Singh Solanki
July 28	<i>Mubarakan</i>	Comedy/Romance	Anees Bazmee	Anil Kapoor, Arjun Kapoor, Ileana D'Cruz, Athiya Shetty
	<i>Indu Sarkar</i>	Drama	Madhur Bhandarkar	Anupam Kher, Neil Nitin Mukesh, Kirti Kulhari, Tota Roy Chowdhury
August 4	<i>Jab Harry Met Sejal</i>	Romance	Imtiaz Ali	Shah Rukh Khan, Anushka Sharma
	<i>Yeh Hai India</i>	Patriotic/Drama	Lom Harsh	Gavie Chahal, Deana Uppal, Mohan Agashe, Mohan Joshi
	<i>JD</i>	Drama/Thriller	Shailendra Pandey	Govind Namdev, Aman Verma, Vedita Pratap Singh, Arvind Gaur
August 11	<i>Toilet: Ek Prem Katha</i>	Romance/Satire	Shree Narayan Singh	Akshay Kumar, Bhumi Pednekar, Divyendu Sharma, Anupam Kher
August 18	<i>Haseena: The Queen of Mumbai</i>	Biographic	Apoorva Lakhia	Shraddha Kapoor, Sharman Joshi, Siddhanth Kapoor, Ankur Bhatia
	<i>Bareilly Ki Barfi</i>	Comedy/Romance	Ashwini Iyer Tiwari	Ayushmann Khurrana , Rajkummar Rao ,Kriti Sanon
August 25	<i>A Gentleman</i>	Action/Romance	Raj and D.K.	Sidharth Malhotra, Jacqueline Fernandez, Darshan Kumar, Suniel Shetty
September 1	<i>Baadshaho</i>	Action	Milan Lutharia	Ajay Devgn, Emraan Hashmi, Vidyut Jammwal, Ileana D'Cruz, Esha Gupta
September 8	<i>Poster Boys</i>	Comedy	Shreyas Talpade	Sunny Deol, Shreyas Talpade, Bobby Deol
September 8	<i>Love Per Square Foot</i>	Romance/Comedy	Anand Tiwari	Vicky Kaushal, Angira Dhar
September 15	<i>Simran</i>	Drama	Hansal Mehta	Kangana Ranaut, Sohum Shah
September 22	<i>Bhoomi</i>	Action/Drama	Omung Kumar	Sanjay Dutt, Aditi Rao Hydari
September 29	<i>Mangal Ho</i>	Sci-Fi/Comedy	Pritish Chakraborty	Pritish Chakraborty, Aanushka Ramesh, Sanjay Mishra, Annu Kapoor
September 29	<i>Judwaa 2</i>	Action/Comedy	David Dhawan	Varun Dhawan, Tapsee Pannu, Jacqueline Fernandez
October 6	<i>Mein Terrorist Nahi Hoon</i>	Action	Arjin Uppal	Gulshan Grover, Rahul Dev, Afiq Muiz, Chacha Maembong,Farida Jalal
6 October	<i>Chef</i>	Drama	Raja Krishna Menon	Saif Ali Khan,Sobhita Dhulipala
October 18	<i>Golmaal Again</i>	Comedy	Rohit Shetty	Rohit Verma, Ajay Devgan, Parineeti Chopra, Neil Nitin Mukesh, Tabu, Shreyas Talpade, Tusshar Kapoor
	<i>Secret Superstar</i>	Musical Drama	Advait Chandan	Zaira Wasim, Abin Muhammed, Aamir Khan, Meher Vij
November 9	<i>Drive</i>	Action/Romance	Tarun Mansukhani	Sushant Singh Rajput, Jacqueline Fernandez
	<i>Omerta (2017 film)</i>	Drama	Hansal Mehta	Rajkummar Rao
November 17	<i>Padmavati</i>	Period Drama	Sanjay Leela Bhansali	Deepika Padukone, Shahid Kapoor, Ranveer Singh, Aditi Rao Hydari
December 1	<i>Tumhari Sulu</i>	Comedy Drama	Suresh Triveni	Vidya Balan, Manav Kaul, Neha Dhupia
	<i>102 Not Out</i>	Drama	Umesh Shukla	Amitabh Bachchan, Rishi Kapoor
December 8	<i>Fukrey Returns</i>	Comedy	Mrighdeep Singh Lamba	Pulkit Samrat, Varun Sharma, Ali Fazal, Manjot Singh, Richa Chadda
	<i>Parmanu: The Story Of Pokhran</i>	Action/Drama	Abhishek Sharma	John Abraham, Diana Penty, Boman Irani
December 22	<i>Tiger Zinda Hai</i>	Action/Drama	Ali Abbas Zafar	Salman Khan, Katrina Kaif, Paresh Rawal, Sudeep, Angad Bedi, Girish Karnad, Kumud Mishra

Baadshaho Movie Review

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BAADSHAHO STORY: Emergency has been declared in India. Maharani Gitanjali (Ileana) from one of Rajasthan's princely states has already lost her privy purse. Now, she fears that she will lose the last treasure chest of gold which has been forcibly taken away from her. So she asks her trusted lieutenant, Bhawani (Ajay) to step in and plan a heist.

BAADSHAHO REVIEW: On paper, Baadshaho may have had the merit of a Hollywood heist thriller like Ocean's Eleven. This would seem like why Ajay Devgn agreed to be a part of this multi-starrer-- that attempts to make outlaws look like Robin Hood. However good intention is defeated, when the execution offers zero novelty.

Anyway, mastermind, Bhawani, who is madly in love with Gitanjali promises her that he will win her pot of gold back. So he lovingly handpicks his crew—a lock picker, Tikla (Sanjay), a daredevil all-rounder, Daliya (Emraan), a 'I-bite-bullets-for-breakfast' kinda gal, Sanjana (Esha) who along with him, form the quartet that sets out to outsmart the faujis taking the armoured truck from Rajasthan to Delhi. It's the haraami v/s army clash.

The highlight of the film is the chase that ensues soon after Seher (Vidhut), an army officer alights from the train. You so wish that the film had maintained the same breakneck speed all through, but alas!

For a heist-thriller to work, the moves of the rural bandits should have been more calculated and precise. Instead, here you have buffoonery. Everyone is mouthing signature lines trying to constantly reiterate how 'bad-ass' they are. However, if you're in the mood, indulge them-- these are Bollywood's paisa-pheko, dialogue-suno moments.

Ajay burns the screen with his searing intensity; Ileana passes muster as the Maharani

Shubh Mangal Saavdhan Movie Review

STORY: 'Shubh Mangal Saavdhan' is a remake of the Tamil film 'Kalyana Samayal Saadhnam' made in 2013. The story revolves around Mudit Sharma (Ayushmann Khurrana) and Sugandha (Bhumi Pednekar) who fall in love and plan to get married. But the twist in the tale comes when the groom discovers that he suffers from erectile dysfunction.

REVIEW: Is it possible to create a Hindi film around the 'touchy' subject of erectile dysfunction without being downright crass about it? Turns out that it is, and quite a funny one at that. This is because the lead pair has an affable chemistry between them - an ab-



with hidden facets; Emraan's takeaway is that he gets to shimmy with Sunny Leone and Vidhut gets an 'interesting' introduction.

Sunita Radia's lens captures the expanse of the desert deftly showing scale. Certain shots even stay frozen in your memory. The song Mere Rashke Qamar rekindles the magic of the voices of Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan and Rahat Fateh Ali Khan. If you're an action junkie, this could be your weekend big-ticket ride.

solutely essential element when dealing with such a private 'Gents problem' (as the film calls it). The whole premise would fall flat without them playing so well off of each other. Ayushmann and Bhumi are able to recreate the magic of being together on-screen, even if their characters aren't exactly new or challenging to either actor. But it works, so there's no need to fix it. Additionally, they're surrounded by a group of talented supporting actors who blend in seamlessly without being too overbearing. This makes the comedy work exactly how and when it's meant to without stooping to raunchy humour.

However, Seema Pahwa deserves a special mention. She has nailed down the traditionally modern mother in the recent past (as seen in 'Bareilly Ki Barfi'), and can clearly continue to make her career based on that oxymoron. There's a scene where she tries to teach her grown-up daughter Sugandha about the birds and bees by drawing comparisons to a popular Arabian folk tale. It works on multiple levels by being hilarious and heartwarming at the same time, as we see a mother making an honest and uncomfortable attempt to give her daughter a crash course in sex-ed - albeit a little too late. This scene itself shows writer-director R.S. Prasanna's ability to balance comedy with sincerity, and the film works largely because of this.

But, much like Mudit's character, the film is unable to perform when it matters the most - the climax. For some reason, the screenplay resorts to an unconvincing turning point towards the end, followed by a few more absurd sequences, including a seemingly forced cameo before going flat out overboard. It's quite the disappointment, and while that doesn't negate the undeniable effort put in by the cast, it makes you wonder why the narrative suddenly went limp. That aside, 'Shubh Mangal Saavdhan' keeps you entertained long enough to make it worth a watch.

Exclusive: My new show with same star cast will have a better story, says Pehredaar Piya Ki producer

After facing a lot of backlash for Pehredaar Piya Ki, the channel and producer, Shashi- Sumeet Mittal, have mutually decided to end the show, midway. In an exclusive interview to the TimesOfIndia.com, producer Sumeet Mittal of Pehredaar Piya Ki said taking a show off air midway is like suffering a miscarriage.

“It’s a very painful process to end the show abruptly. It surely feels bad. Taking a show off air is like suffering a miscarriage. We work hard for each of our creation, without thinking about the outcome. Whether the show works or not, we put in the same amount of hard work and passion. We didn’t want to wait for the audience to reject our show,” said Sumeet.

When asked about the reason behind this sudden decision, he said, “It’s not sudden. We have been discussing it internally with the channel ever since the change in time slot was decided. We were skeptical about it and not convinced. We wrote the story keeping the prime time audience in mind and change in the slot would have given us no output. Hence, we decided to end the show mutually. It was a difficult call, but we had to do it.”

Sumeet Mittal denies the reports that the decision was taken because of a notice by the I & B Ministry. “No. They had asked us to shift the time slot and add a scroll. That’s it. After watching the show, the ministry was sure that there was nothing wrong or objectionable about the story. To pull the plug on the show was our decision. We didn’t want to do something just for the heck of doing it. We believe in enjoying the process of making a show,” explained Sumeet of Pehredaar Piya Ki.

Sumeet, who has produced Diya Aur Baati Hum, is now planning to comeback with a new show, and the same cast and crew.

“We treat audience as an asset so we don’t want to lose them. We will return with a new show and the same team very soon. In fact, we have started working on the same. The next show will have a better story. The actors will be with us till then,” said Sumeet Mittal.

The producer says that those associated with the show have taken the decision in the right spirit.

“The best part after we took this decision has been my team’s reaction. They all have taken the decision in the right spirit and now we are working towards coming up with a new show. This is what I have earned in a short span of time. I have lost money, but I have got a fabulous team who are supporting our decision,” concluded Sumeet.



Pehredaar Piya Ki has been mired in controversy from day one due to its bizarre plot. It centers around the love story and subsequent marriage of a 9-year-old young boy with an 18-year-old girl. The show was slammed for being “regressive”, with many viewers accusing it for “promoting child marriage.”

The show has now been pulled off by the channel after Broadcasting Content Complaints Council (BCCC) directed it to shift the show in late night slot from prime time.

Alia Bhatt resumes shooting for ‘Raazi’

Alia Bhatt and her co-star Vicky Kaushal were compelled to take a short break from the shooting of ‘Raazi’, produced by Jungle Pictures and Dharma Productions. The forced break was a result of riots in parts of Punjab and Haryana, following Dera chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh’s arrest and his subsequent conviction by a CBI court in two rape cases. BT has it that the shoot of the film resumed earlier this week and the actors are putting in extra hours to make up for the lost time. Vicky’s father, action director Sham Kaushal, and Alia’s mother, actress Soni Razdan, are also relieved that their children’s film is back on track.

“They were shooting away from where the riots broke out, but I was concerned because Vicky was supposed to travel to our native place, a few hours’ drive from his location, on the day of the riots. I asked him to cancel it because the situation was so unpredictable. Even the phone network was poor for a few days. So, we had to use the hotel landline to stay in touch,” says Sham, adding, “During those three-four days, Vicky and I would speak at least three-four times a day. I’m glad that they didn’t shoot when the riots were on because a delay is better than risking lives. Now, I’m waiting to see Vicky back home.”

Alia’s mother admits that she was concerned, but there was also the solace that the unit was not shooting close to Panchkula. “I was concerned about Alia and the entire unit’s safety. The film’s team is very professional and they know that cancelling a shoot for two days is wiser than putting lives in danger. Alia called in to say everything was fine and she stayed in touch. Even at home, we were glued to our television to know what was happening. The two day-rest was a boon in disguise because Vicky and Alia had been shooting continuously. The break helped them get a little rest. I must give credit to Alia for not getting rattled by what was going on,” Soni sums up.



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NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V457
 Manufacturer :Mazda North American Operations
 Subject : Passenger Frontal Air Bag Inflator May Rupture
 Make Model Model Years
 MAZDA CX-7 2007-2009, 2012
 MAZDA CX-9 2007-2009, 2012
 MAZDA MAZDA6 2009, 2012
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V464
 Manufacturer :Tremcar
 Subject : Rear Impact Guard Failure/FMVSS 223
 Make Model Model Years
 TREMCAR 1350FT3 B-TRAIN PUP 2008
 TREMCAR 1625FT3 VAC TANDEM 2014
 TREMCAR 2300FT3 QUAD 2016
 TREMCAR 2800FT3 DRY BULK QUAD 2008-2017
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V477
 Manufacturer :REV Recreation Group
 Subject : Headlight Lenses may Crack or Break
 Make Model Model Years
 FLEETWOOD BOUNDER 2018
 FLEETWOOD DISCOVERY 2017-2018
 FLEETWOOD DISCOVERY LXE 2017-2018
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 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V482
 Manufacturer :Vantage Mobility International, LLC
 Subject : Rear Pinion Brackets may Crack
 Make Model Model Years
 CHRYSLER PACIFICA 2017
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V483
 Manufacturer :Utility Trailer Manufacturing Company
 Subject : Improper Weld Allowing Mud-flap Bracket to Detach
 Make Model Model Years
 UTILITY VS2RA2017
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V486
 Manufacturer :CSI Emergency Apparatus, LLC
 Subject : Wheels May Crack and Break
 Make Model Model Years

CSI WILDLAND UNIT 2013-2016
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V489
 Manufacturer :Conel, LLC dba McElrath Trailers
 Subject : Trailer Neck may Detach
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 MCEL RATH TRAILERS VX30-800 2015-2017
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 Manufacturer :Trail King Industries, Inc.
 Subject : Pivot Plate may Crack and Trailer may Disconnect
 Make Model Model Years
 TRAIL KING GOOSENECK TRAILER 2012-2014
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V406
 Manufacturer :Navistar, Inc.
 Subject : Fuel Pump may Fail
 Make Model Model Years
 INTERNATIONAL HX 2018
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 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V467
 Manufacturer :BMW of North America, LLC
 Subject : Front Wheel Rim may be Missing Markings/FMVSS 120
 Make Model Model Years
 BMW C EVOLUTION 2017
 BMW C650 GT MAXI-SCOOTER 2017
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V490
 Manufacturer :Jaguar Land Rover North America, LLC
 Subject : Improperly Secured Fuel Pump may Cause Fuel Leak
 Make Model Model Years
 LAND ROVER RANGE ROVER 2017
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 Manufacturer :Jaguar Land Rover North America, LLC
 Subject : Improperly Secured Fuel Pump may Cause Fuel Leak
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 JAGUAR F-PACE 2017
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V493
 Manufacturer :Hino Motors Sales U.S.A., Inc.
 Subject : Loose Door Hinge Bolts/FMVSS 206
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 HINO NV8J 2018
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V495
 Manufacturer :BMW of North America, LLC
 Subject : Incorrectly Welded Driver Air Bag Inflator
 Make Model Model Years
 BMW M6 2013
 BMW X3 2012-2013
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V496

Manufacturer :Chrysler (FCA US LLC)
 Subject : Oil leak Due to Engine Oil Cooler Hose Separation
 Make Model Model Years
 DODGE CHALLENGER 2017
 DODGE CHARGER 2017
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V497
 Manufacturer :Newmar Corporation
 Subject : Battery Cable may Rub Against Frame Rail
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 NEWMAR DUTCH STAR 2014-2017
 NEWMAR MOUNTAIN AIRE 2014
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V498
 Manufacturer :Tems Global Sanayi Ve Ticaret A.S.
 Subject : Tag Axle Hydraulic Steering Hose may Leak or Burst
 Make Model Model Years
 TEMSA TS45 2014-2018
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V499
 Manufacturer :Streetcar ORV LLC
 Subject : Wheels may Fracture Causing Rapid Air Loss
 Make Model Model Years
 RAM 2500 2013-2017
 RAM 3500 2013-2017
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V500
 Manufacturer :Forest River, Inc.
 Subject : Battery Cable may Rub Against Frame Rail
 Make Model Model Years
 FOREST RIVER BERKSHIRE 2016-2017
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V501
 Manufacturer :Ride The Ducks International LLC
 Subject : Axle Housing may Fracture due to Fatigue
 Make Model Model Years
 RIDE THE DUCKS AMPHIBIOUS VEHICLE 1996-2005
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 Manufacturer :Kovatch Mobile Equipment Corp.
 Subject : Unintentional Rotation of the Ladder
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 KME PREDATOR AERIAL 2014-2016
 KME PREDATOR SS AERIAL 2014-2016
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V504
 Manufacturer :Kovatch Mobile Equipment Corp.
 Subject : Ladder Tip Speed may Increase Unexpectedly
 Make Model Model Years
 KME PREDATOR AERIAL 2012-2014
 KME PREDATOR SS AERIAL 2014-2017
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 17V505
 Manufacturer :Keystone RV Company
 Subject : Propane Lines could be Damaged, then Leak
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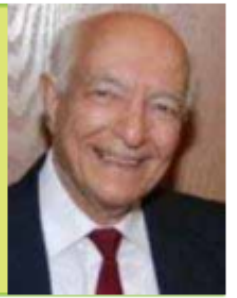
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سو اس دفعہ میں نے اپنی ہی ایک نظم ایک فرضی شاعر نوڈم بک ٹوکے نام سے بھجوا دی اور اس پر لکھ دیا انگریزی سے ترجمہ۔ نظم یہ تھی۔

از دو ابی چہل قدمی

میں اور میری بیوی ہر روز سیر کے لئے نکلتے ہیں میں تیز چلتا ہوں اور بیوی آہستہ اس لئے میں گھر سے پہلے نکل جاتا ہوں کیونکہ میں دور تک جاتا ہوں۔ بیوی بعد میں نکلتی ہے کیونکہ وہ جلدی لوٹ جاتی ہے پھر بھی ہم ایک ساتھ واپس نہیں آتے۔ جب میں واپس آ رہا ہوتا ہوں بیوی مجھے جاتی ہوئی لاتی ہے۔ اگر ہمارے تعلقات خوشگوار ہوں تو ہم ایک دوسرے کو ہاتھ بلاتے ہوئے گزر جاتے ہیں۔ اگر ان دنوں ہمارے تعلقات میں تلخی ہو تو ہم ایک دوسرے کی طرف دیکھے بغیر گزر جاتے ہیں۔ اسی طرح ہماری از دو ابی زندگی کا یہ سفر گزر رہا ہے اور گزرتا رہے گا جب تک کہ ایک دن میں تھک کر گر پڑوں گا یا وہ۔

یہ نظم فوراً ہی چھپ گئی۔ اس نظم کے چھپنے کے بعد میں نے اپنی اور نظمیں جس میں اسی قسم کے ”فکری نکتے“ تھے اسی نام سے بھیجا شروع کر دیں۔ ہر ایک پر انگریزی سے ترجمہ بھی لکھتا گیا۔ وہ نظمیں صرف اسی پرچے میں نہیں چھپیں بلکہ ہر پرچے میں چھپنے لگیں۔ ایڈیٹروں کی معرفت میرے نام تعریفی خطوط آنے لگے۔ کچھ لوگوں نے پوچھا کہ اس شاعر کی اصل نظمیں کہاں مل سکتی ہیں تاکہ ہم اس کی زبان میں یا کم از کم انگریزی میں پڑھ سکیں۔ رسالوں میں چھپنے والے خطوط کا جواب دینا میں نے کبھی ضروری نہیں سمجھا۔ چنانچہ آپ بھی دیکھ رہے ہوں گے کہ نوڈم بک ٹوکی ترجمہ شدہ نظمیں مسلسل رسالوں میں چھپ رہی ہیں۔

مگر اب میرا مسئلہ یہ ہے کہ نوڈم بک ٹو خوب مشہور ہو رہا ہے اور میں وہیں کا وہیں ہوں۔

On the lighter side....

“Hello, police department? I’ve lost my cat and... “
 “I’m sorry lady, but this is not a police job, you can try calling...”
 “But you don’t understand, this is a very intelligent cat. He is almost human. He can practically talk.”
 “Well, in that case ma’am, you’d better hang up. He may be trying to call you right now.”

 Jake came rushing in to see his Dad. “Dad!” he puffed, “Is it true that an apple a day keeps the doctor away?”
 “That’s what they say,” said his Dad.
 “Well, give me an apple quick! I’ve just broken the doctor’s window!”

 When Mary was pregnant, her five year old, Billy, was utterly amazed and a little bit disbelieving that his sister was growing in his mom’s tummy. So one day when the baby was especially active, she asked Billy to place his tiny hands on her tummy to feel the baby kick.
 But when he did, the baby was suddenly still. “Oh, Billy, she must have decided to take a nap,” shrugged his mother.
 “A nap?” Billy marveled. “You mean there’s a bed in there too?”

 I was visiting a friend who could not find her cordless phone. After several minutes of searching, her young daughter spoke up.
 “You know what they should invent? A phone that stays connected to its base so it never gets lost.”

 Years of smoking finally caught up with my friend John one morning when he keeled over at work, clutching his heart. He was rushed to a hospital and peppered with questions.
 “Do you smoke?” asked a paramedic.
 “No,” John whispered. “I quit.”
 “That’s good. When did you quit?”



“Around 9:30 this morning.”

 I’m not the easiest guy in the world to get along with. So when our anniversary rolled around, I wanted my wife to know how much I appreciated her tolerating me for the past 20 years. I ordered flowers and told the florist to enclose a card that read, “Thanks for putting up with me so long.”

When my wife got the delivery, she called me at work.
 “Just where do you think you going?” she asked.
 “What do you mean?” I said.
 She read the card aloud as the florist had written it:
 “Thanks for putting up with me. So long.”

 His girlfriend’s father was interviewing Young Charles.
 “So,” said the father, “you want to be my son-in-law, do you?”
 “No, not particularly,” said Charles tactlessly, “but if I want to marry your daughter I haven’t much choice, have I?”

 College meals are generally unpopular with those who have to eat them, and sometimes with good reason.
 “What kind of pie do you call this?” asked one student indignantly.
 “What’s it taste like?” asked the cook.
 “Glue!”
 “Then it’s apple pie... the plum pie tastes like soap.”

 From a passenger ship one can see a bearded man on a small island who is shouting and desperately waving his hands. He gets more and more animated with each passing moment.
 “Who is it?” a passenger asks the captain.
 “I’ve no idea. Every year when we pass, he goes mad like that.”

 A man was going bald and told his friends he was going to get a rabbit tattooed on his head as it was a lot cheaper than an implant or a toupée.
 His friends asked how getting a rabbit tattooed on his head would help?
 The man replied, “Well, at least from a distance it will look like hare.”

 We visited our newly married daughter, who was preparing her first Thanksgiving dinner. I noticed the turkey thawing in the kitchen sink with a dish drainer inverted over the bird. I asked why a drainer covered the turkey.

 Our daughter turned to my wife and said, “Mom, you always did it that way.”

 “Yes,” my wife replied, “but you don’t have a cat!”

 A customer goes to the bank to make a deposit.

Teller: “Sorry sir. This \$100 bill is a fake one. We cannot accept it.”

 Customer: “What’s the big deal? I’m depositing it into my account, right?”



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