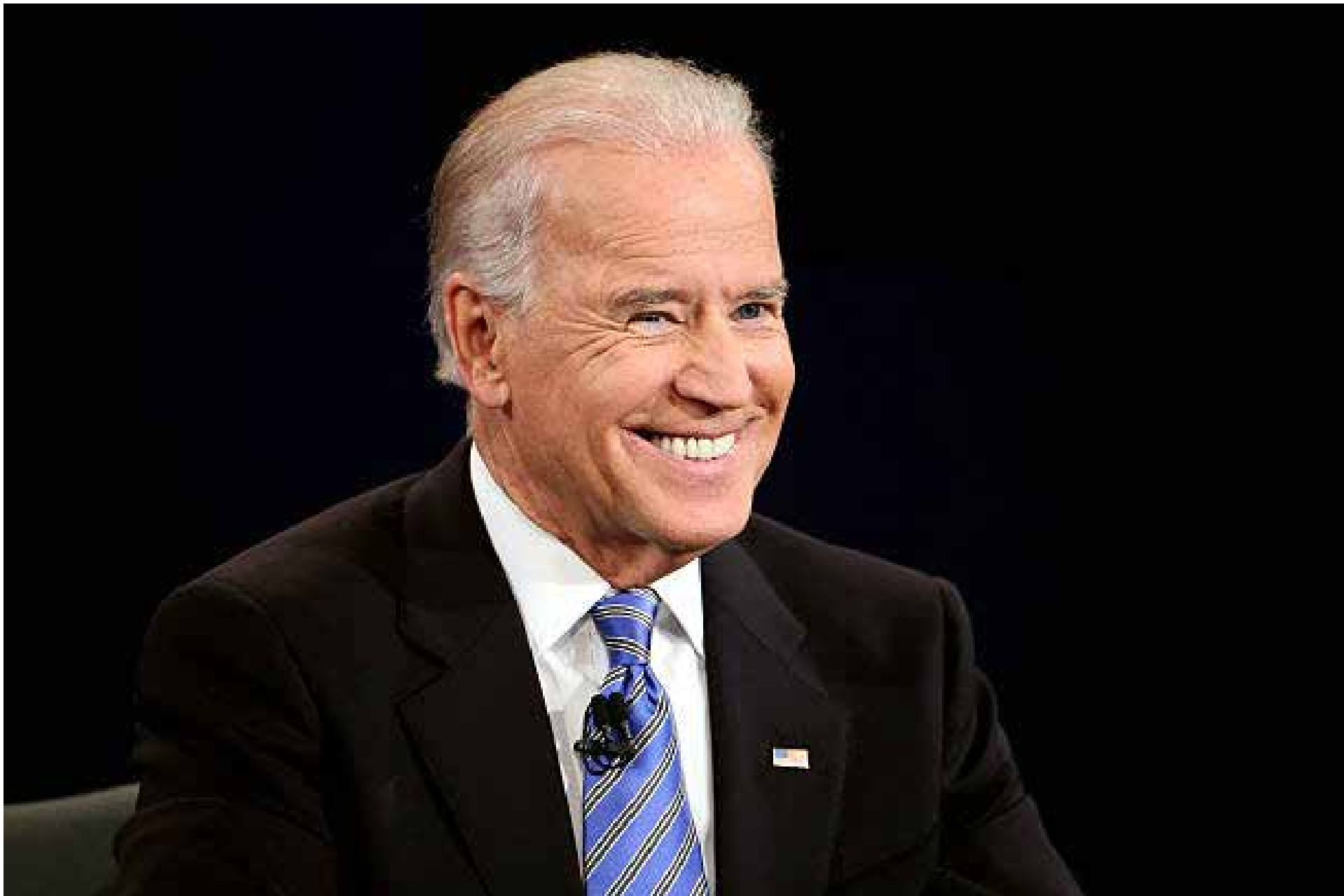




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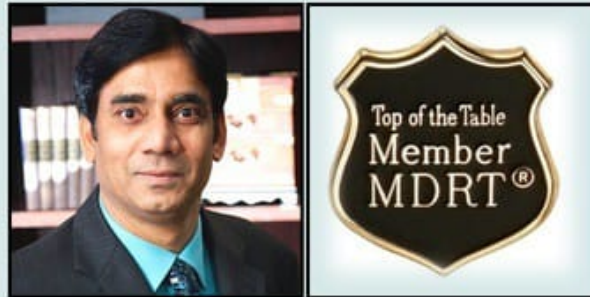
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Doctor with terminal cancer kills paediatrician in hostage siege a childrens clinic

A doctor with terminal cancer killed a female paediatrician and then himself after taking hostages at a children's clinic in Austin, Texas.

Dr Bharat Narumanchi held hostages in a five-hour siege before killing Dr Katherine Lindley Dodson.

Narumanchi had applied for a volunteer position at the clinic a week ago and was declined.

He later came back carrying a pistol, a shotgun and two duffel bags.

Police spokesman Jeff Greenwalt said Narumanchi had recently been given "weeks to live" after a cancer diagnosis.

He said: "The case as far as who did this is closed. We know who did it. And we know

that there's no longer a threat to the public. But we really, really want to answer the question of why."

Dr Lindley Dodson, 43, was beloved by patients and their families.

Karen Vladeck, whose two children were among her patients, told the Austin American-Statesman: "You saw her at your worst when your kid was sick, and she just always had a smile on her face.

"She made you feel like you were the only parent there, even though there was a line of kids waiting."

During the siege a SWAT team used a megaphone to communicate with the armed doctor.

A hostage negotiator shouted: "Your life is

very important to me. And I know life is very important to you.

"You don't deserve to go through this. For all you have done for others. That is why I want to help you work through this. You have saved a lot of lives."

Police first sent in a robot and then officers went into the medical office where they found two bodies.

They did not comment on how the two doctors died.

A police spokesman said: "The SWAT situation has ended. Two subjects have been located and were pronounced deceased."

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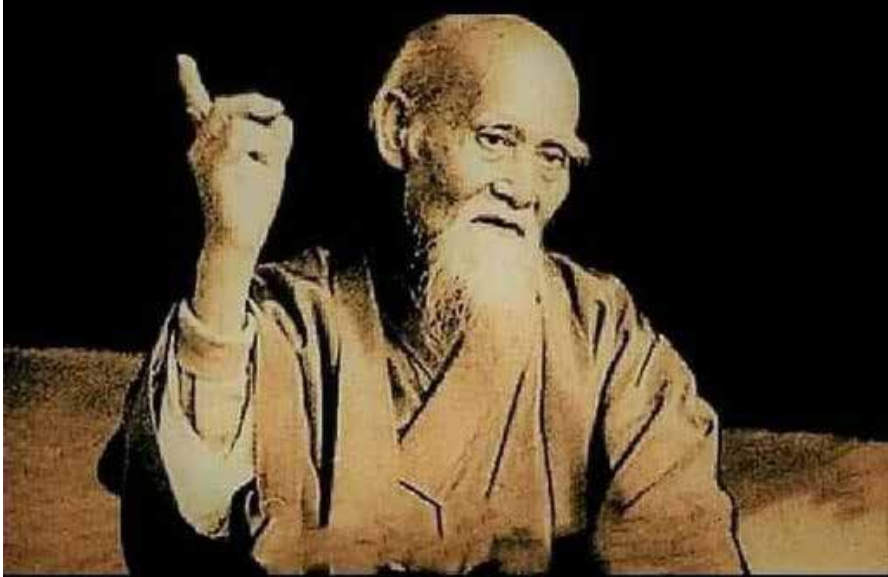


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**Sir Syed Ahmed Khan:
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October 2020 was the one-hundredth anniversary of Aligarh Muslim University India, the first educational institution that offered science in India. It was among the first to introduce science in an institution of higher learning in the Muslim world after a hibernation of 500 years.

Sir Syed Ahmed was a great Muslim scholar, a great visionary, statesman, educator, and a Muslim reformer of the 19th century. He revived the teaching of Science to Aligarh Muslims after five centuries of neglect.

Muslims were at the forefront of science, technology, and innovation from the 7th till the 15th century. Due to the dominant Asharite ideology, the Muslim countries abandoned the teaching of science and philosophy. As a result, they lost their lead globally. It was more comfortable for the western world to colonize the entire Muslim world (including the great Safavid, Ottoman, and Mughal empires) during 18th and 19th century.

Sir Syed was born when the British were colonizing India and Mughals were not able to defend themselves. He was one of the great thinkers, surrounded by Maulvis (Theologians) and poets among the Indian Muslims, who recognized that the severe underlying factor for the defeat and humiliation of the first war of Indian independence was lack of progress in science and technology. While Europeans were making technological advances, with leaps and bounds from the 16th century onwards, Muslims were going downhill by abandoning sciences in the Muslim universities.

Sir Syed recognized Muslims' pathetic conditions and felt deeply pained to see the educational backwardness dominating the masses. He made a mission of his life to bring Muslims out of Jahalia(ignorance) with very little support but loads of opposition. He foresaw that modern education was the only tool to uplift educationally backward masses' condition to compete and have dignity and respect.

Sir Syed Ahmad Khan was born in Delhi to a middle class, pious family on 17 October, 1817. His initial education was focused on learning Arabic, Persian, and Islamic studies. Later on, he studied the English language. In 1938 he was employed by East India Company, and after a few years of service, he served as Judge. During the 1857 revolt against the British, he witnessed British atrocities in which several of his fam-

ily members died. He wrote a book about his experiences highlighting the causes for a humiliating defeat in colonialists' hands. His book was translated into English and sent to the British Parliament and Queen Victoria members, and the East India Company got expelled from India.

Soon after the 1857 Indian Revolt, he set up schools and convinced people to send their children for modern education. It was met with significant criticism owing to the educational backwardness of even great Muslim leaders of the time, as only a few realized the significance of his message.



He went to England (1869-70) and visited Oxford and Cambridge universities to study the British educational system. He observed that British people participated in the hard work of industrial development of their country, which was lacking in the Indian community. On his return, he set up a committee for establishing teaching institutions and started an influential journal, Tahdhib al-Akhlaq "Social Reform," for the "uplift and reform the Muslim." A Muslim school emerged at Aligarh in May 1875, and after his retirement in 1876, Syed devoted himself to enlarging it into a college. He also organized a "Scientific Society" at Aligarh, where he entrusted scholars with translating the great scientific works from English to Urdu and Hindi to make them understandable to the masses.

Sir Syed Ahmad Khan founded Mohammedan Anglo-Oriental College (MAO College), which became the Aligarh Muslim University on 14 September 1920. His motto was "a true Muslim is one who must have the Holy Quran in one hand and the book of science in the other." His supreme interest was the intellectual development of the people through modern education.

He wrote several volumes of a modernist commentary on the holy Quran, several books on Islam, and hundreds of articles to motivate Muslims to get modern education. He argued that understanding the Quran rested on a deep appreciation of reason and natural law and therefore did not preclude Muslim involvement in scientific methodology. He explained that "Religion is the word of God and our surroundings are the work of God. An explanation of the existence of the work of God is Science.

Hence, no contradiction is possible between Science and Religion as the word of God cannot be in opposition to the work of God."



Syed Ahmad considered Madrasa Education better than what the British schools offered in terms of Islamic Education, but it is unlikely to lead Muslims into a new future. He emphasized Western Education's importance and persuaded his coreligionists to abandon their conventional approach of supporting indigenous institutions and adopting new knowledge in these institutions. His supreme interest was the intellectual development of the people through modern education.

He based his education philosophy on science, theology, and morality as an integrated education system. He introduced rationalism in theology and initiated modernist reforms in India's Muslim society when Muslim morale was down and prevented it from decline and cultural decay. He faced severe criticism from religious orthodoxy when learning the English language was considered sinful. His advocacy of Western Education of Science and English caused apprehensions and doubts in people's minds. Many Muslims were perplexed due to clergy that believed that modern education was incompatible with and against the religion. It was of no surprise as science as a subject in any university of the Muslim world since the 15th century. Orthodox Muslims opposed him for his progressive, liberal and secular views and labeled him a Kafir. Deobandi clerics opposed his proposal, saying that they cannot associate an institution with Shia students on the campus. Several Muslim scholars had signed fatwas accusing Sir Syed of disbelief and apostasy. One cleric went all the way to Makkah and secured a fatwa calling for Sir Syed's beheading if he persisted with his plans to establish the college.

In his famous speech at the foundation of MAO College, he said: "Oh my dear children, you had reached a particular stage, and remember one thing that when I undertook the task, there was criticism all-around against me, and abuses upon me. Life had become so difficult for me that I aged before my age. I lost my hair, my eyesight, but not my vision. My vision never dimmed, my determination never failed, I built this institution for you, and I am sure you will carry the light of this institution far and wide; darkness will disappear from all around". It summarizes his lifetime struggle to build Aligarh University, a fine institution of higher education in India.

If Sir Syed were alive today, he would continue to experience pain because his community remains in the same state as it once was in his time. Due to science's introduction in the educational system, the universities produce Muslim doctors, engineers, and IT professionals. Un-

fortunately, none of the universities are producing scientists. Education among Muslims remains the same or slid down to a lower status in some indices. 40% to 50% in urban and 60% to 70% of Muslims remain illiterate in rural areas. A significant Muslim population still prefer sending their children to indigenous institutions like Madrasas where they are not getting any education in science. The belief that religious sciences and worldly sciences are separate and mutually opposed is still prevalent. Students in both the categories, those in modern educational institutions and those in Madrasas, are not getting a proper understanding of Islam, as explained by Sir Syed, which is a complete way of life and commands everyone to excel in Islamic and worldly knowledge.

Today we can see the Aligarh Muslim University graduates in every field of activity in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, the Middle East, Europe, and the United States. Although Aligahr alumni celebrate its founder, Sir Syed, worldwide, I have never heard a talk about his mission of promoting science education. Sir Syed spent all his life improving Muslim Um-mah's status by raising educational standards and bringing them out of shackles of western power and other oppressors. Unfortunately, Muslims are not making enough progress in realizing his dreams. To reiterate, Sir Syed emphasized:

“Acquisition of knowledge of science and technology is the only solution for the problems of Muslims; otherwise, Muslims will remain humiliated and rejected.”

“Ijtihad (innovation, re-interpretation with the changing times) is needed to overcome taqlid (following old values) and to develop new ideas...”

He pointed out not to show what Islam preaches, instead “show your behavior as the follower of true Islam representing the character, education, knowledge, tolerance and piety, and selfless service to humanity.”

“Education alone in the present context can empower Muslims and noth-

ing else. Muslims can create a modern Islamic society only by promoting modern Education like Sciences, medical Education, engineering, teaching, management, etc. God has given the eyes to see and the mind to analyze. We must see what is happening around us and use our intellect to conclude. It is what Allah wants us to do. In short, we must develop a scientific temper among the people as the holy Quran says in different verses”.

Dr. Allama Iqbal says about Sir Syed:

“The real greatness of the man (Sir Syed) consists in the fact that he was the first Indian Muslim who felt the need of a fresh orientation of Islam and worked for it.” This great visionary and reformer, Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, will always remain alive in our memory, inspiring the right Islamic thinking to make progress in this world and regain the intellectual leadership that was part of Muslim heritage.”

Dr. Basheer Ahmed is the former professor of psychiatry, South Western Medical School, Dallas, Texas, and President of the Institute of Medieval and post Medieval studies in North Texas

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Dallas County is currently scheduling appointments for individuals who are 65 or older with an underlying high-risk health condition.

How to register for a vaccination?

COVID-19 Vaccine is still in very limited supply and is still being prioritized to Phase 1A Healthcare Workers. However, limited supplies of vaccine may be available for persons who meet the Phase 1B criteria (Persons 65 and older, or persons 16+ with underlying medical conditions). DCHHS is collecting names of persons to register for the vaccine, as vaccine becomes available. To register for the vaccine, you need to be in Phase 1A or 1B at this time. Again, those groups include doctors, nurses, first responders, as well as individuals 65 and older and 18 or older with an underlying medical condition. Dallas County is distributing the Moderna vaccine at this time, which is only available to individuals 18 and older.

Each entity that is distributing the vaccine may approach this process differently, so if you plan to receive your immunization from a hospital, pharmacy or doctor, it will be a different registration process.

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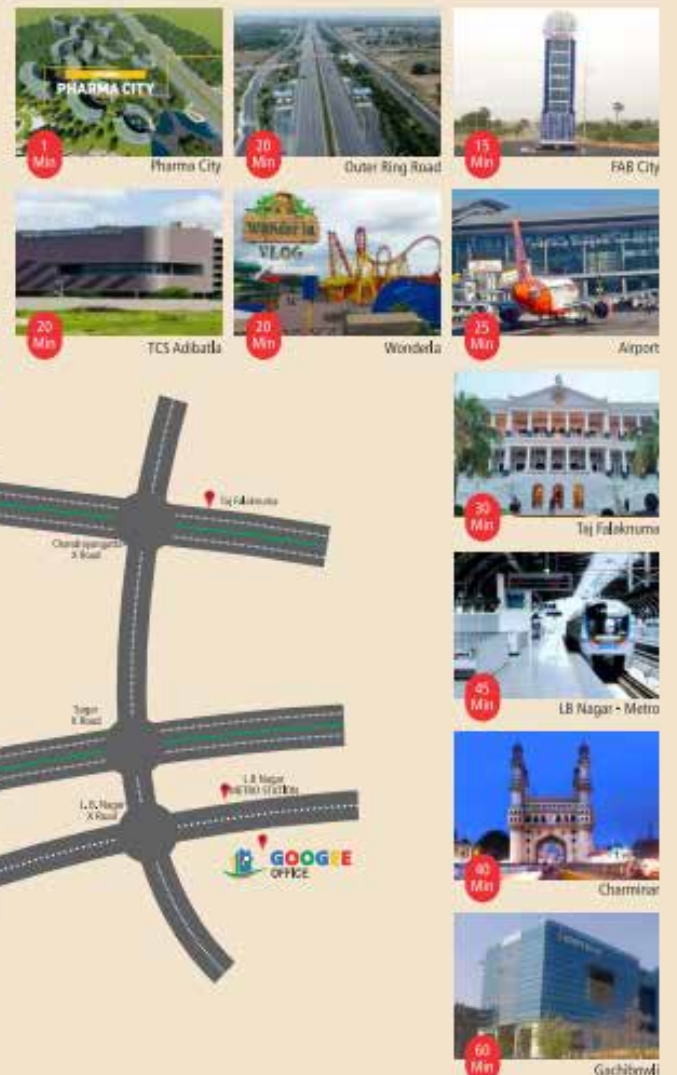
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Many individuals who are about to turn 65 get bombarded with promotions about Medicare Supplement or Medigap Insurance Plans. You need the right advise at this crucial time to make the right decision for your health and well-being.



My name is Shawkat Mohammed. I am a licensed insurance agent serving the community for the past 15 years by providing healthcare and financial advise. I am sharing these important tips to assist our community members who are about to turn 65 years old. I encourage you to visit our website and watch the video for great tips.



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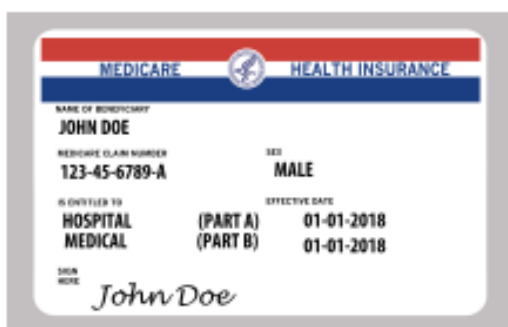
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HE Dr Ausaf Sayeed at Republic Day Celebrations in Riyadh



Mr. Mohammed Abdul Saleem (Headmaster) International Indian School, Riyadh served for more than 25 years extended a warm farewell Dinner Party @ Garden Restaurant for his colleagues teachers, admin staff & friends. Indeed it was a great get together gathering. May Almighty Allah (swt) showers his mercy & countless blessings upon him & his family. We are going to miss him in Riyadh. I extend my best wishes & more success for all his future endeavors & Amighty Allah blessed him a long & healthy life ahead. Aamee'n. Photographs courtesy by Mr. Ashfaq Khan of IISR. God bless him.

In the Pic from Left Mr. Sultan Mazharuddin, Mr. Minhajuddin, Mr. Naseeruddin Mr. Mohammed Abdul Saleem, Dr. Syed N Masood & Mr. Amer Bin Taleb



Telangana Association Team President Mr. Minhaj organized a wonderful Awards Ceremony for BIG BOSS Cricket Cup season -12, 2020 and Bollywood Night at Dammam Saudi Arabia



At an event in Hyderabad Mumtaz ALi AKram, Justice Basha Nawaz Khan and others

India-Saudi ties have evolved into a strategic partnership

On the joyous occasion of India's 72nd Republic Day on Tuesday, I would like to extend my warm greetings and felicitations to all Indian nationals, persons of Indian origin, and friends of India in Saudi Arabia.

Republic Day reminds us of the values enshrined in our constitution, which came into effect on Jan. 26, 1950 and declared India a sovereign, socialist, secular and democratic republic. Our Indian constitution can be construed as a multicultural document, drafted by members who were drawn from different regions, religions, socio-economic backgrounds, and from both sides of the rural-urban divide.

India is one of the oldest civilizations in the world and has always absorbed and amalgamated new ideas, customs, and traditions. In the process it has diversified and enriched its own culture. As a result, India has emerged as a modern, forward-looking country that boasts an inclusive and plural society, providing equal opportunities for all its citizens. As the world becomes more globalized and interconnected, India stands out as a country with a global outlook because of its belief in transparency, openness, and market principles, and its eagerness to share its knowledge and resources with the rest of the world.

India has been at the forefront of the new economic resurgence in Asia: Its economy has grown at an average annual rate of around 7 percent over the last decade. The year 2020 was undoubtedly a difficult one for the global economy owing to the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. That resulted in a "technical recession" in India and the contraction of the country's economy by about 7.7 percent during 2020-21.

Fortunately, India's economy is now headed for recovery based on a revival in the demand for consumer goods, high manufacturing activity, and a major economic stimulus package of \$266 billion. The package was extended by the government in key growth-focused projects in addition to implementing bold economic reforms. The rollout earlier this month of the biggest COVID-19 vaccination campaign in the world has also sent comforting signals to global investors. Despite the pandemic, the total foreign direct investment inflows into India were a record \$50 billion, including inflows worth over \$20 billion in capital markets. India was one of the two emerging markets to see positive inflows despite the pandemic. India is moving on a path toward reclaiming its title as the world's fastest-growing major economy. The London-based data and analytics firm GlobalData has projected a GDP growth rate of 9.7 percent during 2021. Other business entities have forecast a GDP growth rate as high as 12 percent for India despite the World Bank conservatively projecting India's GDP growth at 5.4 percent in 2021.

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Jan 26th morning flag hoisting at my mothers Banquet hall Begum's India Garden on the occasion of 72 Nd India's Republic Day Celebration . Get together of all party leaders of Shamshabad Mandal along followed by unity lunch , flag hoisting by ACP of RGI Airport Police Shri Vemula Bhasker Goud , Shamshabad , Muncipalities chairman Ms Sushma Mahender Reddy TRS , market committee chairman Venkatesh Goud TRS , Asad Mohammad cricketer S/O Mohammed Azharuddin former India's Cricket Captain , Dr Prem Raj Yadav BJP , Rachamalla Siddeshwar former Sarpanch and Telangana State Congress spokesperson , Shri Syed Akbar Hussain chairman State Finance Committe along with over 700 leaders across the party .



Hall of Fame award confirmed on me by The City Life Magazine by Swaranjit Sen Rtd IPS DG AP Police , at Le Meridian Hotel , Gachibowli, Hyderabad. Thanks M A Mallik CEO of magazine a humble gentleman. Followed by Adnan Salim's Ghazals .

Right Pic: Paid homage on the occasion of 79th birthday of Shri S.Jaipal Reddy former Union minister Urban Development and best parliamentary awardee Govt of India at Necklace Road ,Tank Bund , Hyd .

Attended by many leaders across the party line . Also met my good friend A. Revanth Reddy Member of parliament Malkangiri constituency and working president TPCC . Thanks Rachamalla Siddeshwar Ex Sarpanch of Shamshabad for accompanying me along with Ghanta Satyanaran Reddy All India President of Handicaps .



a very senior and sincere friend Subodh Kant Sahay former Union Minister of Home , Tourism , Food Processing since 1978 in politics at my residence in Shamshabad . Also had the opportunity to host him receptions in Chicago. Thanks Advocate M.A Subhan and Advocate Syed Noor to invite him to my residence



Sri Akshya Womens Welfare Association of Shamshabad ladies visited my residence with their executive team headed by Suvarna SriRam Reddy and Shaheen Jahangeer Apa Rama Raji Reddy , Madhavi Karunakar Reddy group . Planning for an Eye camp in February at Shamshabad.





Mr Waliuddin reciting poetry on Punjab Rang Radio program with Shah jee.

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Prism Health Lab Opens Their Sixth Location at the Chinatown Branch of the Chicago Public Library, Solving Geographic COVID-19 Testing Barriers

Chicago IL: Prism Health Lab has developed its sixth COVID-19 testing location in order to provide Chicagoland's various communities with access to safe, easily accessible, and affordable testing options.

The locations, which offer no-cost testing and are open to all, are part of a joint effort with State Rep. Theresa Mah and Ald. Byron Sigcho (25th) to bring permanent testing sites to communities that need them the most. Prism Health Lab's 6th site, located at the Chicago Public Library in Chinatown at 2100 S Wentworth Ave, is permanent.

"The goal of having these locations is to do everything we can to eliminate the barriers to our health care for our Chinese and Latinx community, particularly our immigrant community," Sigcho-Lopez said.

"Our immigrant communities, particularly our Spanish-speaking and Chinese immigrant community, are disproportionately suffering from COVID-19," Mah said. "Making testing more widely available is part of what we can do to help people protect

themselves and, ultimately, our communities."

"We are happy to be here with members of this diverse community because we're dedicated to getting everyone one step closer to life before COVID-19," said Zul Kapadia, CEO & President of Prism Health Lab. "We have faith that grassroots initiatives like ours will be recognized, and as we transition into the Biden Administration, we hope our voices - the voices of Chicago's communities - will be heard when executing the vaccine roll-out."

Prism Health Lab's testing sites offer a wide range of services & support, and can accommodate patients who speak English, Spanish, Cantonese, and Mandarin. Insurance is not required and there is no copay or deductible.

Prism Health Lab testing sites are open from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday and 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturday in the following areas:

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Fauci feared Americans may 'start doing dangerous and foolish things' after Trump suggested 'injecting' bleach

Dr Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Disease, was in a state of shock when he first heard former President Donald Trump's comments about disinfectant working as a potential remedy to Covid-19.

"I just said, 'Oh my goodness gracious,'" he recalled in a CNN interview about that day in April, when Mr Trump suggested bleach could act as a therapeutic to the novel virus from behind the White House podium.

"I could just see what's going to happen," Dr Fauci added. "You're going to have people who hear that from the president and they're going to start doing dangerous and foolish things."

The nation's leading epidemiologist has been back in the headlines following President Joe Biden's inauguration, acknowledging in multiple interviews how he was "blocked" from speaking with certain outlets like MSNBC's The Rachel Maddow Show by the previous administration.

He has since spoken out about what it was like serving on Mr Trump's coronavirus response task force at the White House, where he said the former president was receiving both "good information and bad information" about the ongoing crisis. By the end of his administration, the former president had largely removed scientists and leading infectious disease experts from his inner circle, instead focusing on counsel from his ex-chief strategist Steve Bannon, and Mike Lindell, CEO of MyPillow — yet Dr Fauci remained in his post until Mr Biden was sworn in last week.

"Unfortunately, the concept of anecdotal as opposed to science-driven information seemed to prevail," Dr Fauci told CNN about the previous administration, adding: "I took no great pleasure out of contradicting the President, but I had to get out just to maintain my own integrity, but also to stand up for science that the data did not show what they were claiming."

Mr Trump was speaking about potential

coronavirus treatments as the outbreak swept across the country last year when he told reporters: "Then I see the disinfectant, where it knocks it out in one minute."

He then looked over at his team — Dr Fauci was not present at the time — and posed the following question: "Is there a way we can do something like that by injection inside, or almost a cleaning?"

"Because you see it gets in the lungs and it does a tremendous number on the lungs," he continued, "so it'd be interesting to check that."

State and local health officials came out swiftly after the former president spoke last year at the White House press conference, warning against injecting or otherwise consuming disinfectants like bleach. Even leading disinfectant companies like Lysol and Clorox released urgent warnings



to customers against using their products as potential therapeutics for the novel virus.

Some officials said their states received hundreds of calls from residents with inquiries about whether disinfectants worked when ingested in the body to prevent Covid-19, as CNN noted, including Maryland's Republican Governor Larry Hogan. Yahoo News Chris Riotta

Donald Harris, Kamala Harris's Dad, Is a Renowned Stanford Professor

Kamala Harris has spoken openly and frequently about her heritage. Being the daughter of two immigrants has affected her perspective of the world, her personal life (including her oft-mispronounced name, which means "lotus" in Sanskrit), and her stance on many issues. An important piece of her backstory is Kamala's father, Donald Harris, a former economics professor at Stanford and an immigrant from Jamaica, who has...thoughts about some things Kamala has said. He lives close to Kamala, and recent reports claim they're on "good terms," but she's made comments that suggest that she was closer to her late mother. It sounds like they have an important, but complicated relationship, so here's what we know about it.

Donald Harris was born in Jamaica. According to his Stanford bio, Donald is a naturalized U.S. citizen (which unfortunately sparked bogus, and racist, claims that Kamala isn't eligible to run for office). Donald attended the University of California Berkeley and worked at the University of Wisconsin (Madison) before coming to California. He's traveled extensively, and has spoken often about the economic situation in his home nation of Jamaica and how to improve the economy there and in other developing nations.

In fact, during his time at Stanford, he acted as economic consultant to the Jamaican government and advisor to various prime ministers there. Renee Anne Shirley, former advisor to the Jamaican prime minister, said, "In three years, he got tenure—think about it, a Black man—and then he left and went to go to Stanford? He is a big thing for us...He pushed the boundaries. He was way ahead of his time."

He was a prominent professor at Stanford. According to his bio, Donald joined the faculty at Stanford in 1972. His focus has been "exploring the analytical conception

of the process of capital accumulation and its implications for a theory of growth of the economy, with the aim of providing thereby an explanation of the intrinsic character of growth as a process of uneven development."

According to The Oprah Magazine, he taught undergraduate classes such as "Theory of Capitalist Development" and graduate students in a program named, "Alternative Approaches to Economic Analysis." He was deemed a "Marxist" scholar by The Stanford Daily, indicating that "there was some opposition to granting him tenure because he was 'too charismatic, a piper leading students astray from neo-Classical economics.'" Nevertheless, he was the first Black person to receive tenure in Stanford's economics department, and people who knew him say they can see his tenacity and spirited argumentation in his daughter's political debates. He also was apparently a strong mentor to students and knew quite a bit about Howard University, which Kamala attended.

He's now been retired since 1998, and holds the title of emeritus professor. He now works on "developing public policies to promote economic growth and advance social equity."

He was divorced from Kamala's mother. Kamala's mother, Shyamala Gopalan, passed away in 2009 of colon cancer. She and Donald separated when Kamala was five and divorced when she was seven. Donald immigrated to the U.S. to go to school at Berkeley and met Gopalan there.

The pair crossed paths when Gopalan met Donald at one of his off-campus meetings in 1962 that discussed the parallels between Jamaica and the U.S. After the meeting was over, Gopalan was interested in his ideas. She went up to him to intro-

duce herself. He recalled her to The New York Times, "a standout in appearance relative to everybody else in the group of both men and women."

Despite growing up on opposite sides of the world, the ideas Donald presented intrigued Gopalan. "This was all very interesting to me, and, I daresay, a bit charming," he recalled in the interview. "At a subsequent meeting, we talked again, and at the one after that. The rest is now history." They were married in 1963.

Funny enough, Gopalan didn't plan on staying past her college years. "I came to study at UC Berkeley," she said to SF Weekly. "I never came to stay. It's the old story: I fell in love with a guy, we got married, pretty soon kids came." Kamala was born in 1964, and her sister came two years later.

According to Harris' autobiography, *The Truths We Hold*, their marriage and decision to stay in the U.S. "were the ultimate acts of self-determination and love." Her first exposure to protests and demonstrations was apparently a "stroller's-eye view."

In a 2018 essay written by Donald, he discussed the divorce, saying it "came to an abrupt halt in 1972" after losing a "hard-fought custody battle in the family court of Oakland, California." He explained that despite the divorce, his love for his family never faltered. "Nevertheless, I persisted, never giving up on my love for my children or renegeing on my responsibilities as their father."

In *The Truths We Hold*, Harris spoke about her parents' relationship, writing,



"had they been a little older, a little more emotionally mature, maybe the marriage could have survived. But they were so young. My father was my mother's first boyfriend." The friction in the family was a source of worry for her, including when she invited both parents to her high school graduation, "even though I knew they wouldn't speak to each other."

Gopalan's brother told The New York Times: "She was quite unhappy about the separation but she had already got used to that and she didn't want to talk to Don after that. When you love somebody, then love turns into very hard bitterness, you don't even want to talk to them."

Initially, the family lived in California; Kamala talked about being bussed to school in California in the first Democratic debate. According to the *San Francisco Chronicle*, she was "part of the second class to integrate Berkeley's classrooms when she began school in 1969." The project achieved national recognition for its efficacy at the time. Kamala moved away at 12 years old when her mother got a research job in Canada. Yahoo life

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Biden plans to replace the US government's fleet of 650,000 vehicles with electric models in a shift to clean energy

President Joe Biden said Monday he plans to replace the "enormous fleet" of government vehicles with electric models.

The switch will help create one million new autoworker jobs in the US, he said.

Biden said he'll change the rules that currently allow vehicles to be considered American-made even if they have parts made in other countries.

President Joe Biden said his new administration will replace the US government's fleet of around 650,000 vehicles with electric models in a bid to shift to clean energy.

Whilst signing a new "Buy American" executive order, Biden said: "The federal

government also owns an enormous fleet of vehicles, which we're going to replace with clean electric vehicles made right here in America made by American workers."

It's unclear when the electric vehicles will rollout and which models they will be. Reuters reported it could cost \$20 billion or more to fully replace the fleet. The White House didn't immediately respond to Insider's request for comment. Biden, 78, said the fleet replacement will help create one million new jobs in the American auto industry.

"This will be the largest mobilization of public investment and procurement, infrastructure and R&D, since World War II,"

said Biden, who was sworn into office on January 20.

The 46th President of the US criticized the current rules that allow vehicles to be considered American-made when bought by the US government even if they carry components which come from other countries.

The current standards require at least half a vehicle's parts to be US-made to be considered American, according to Biden.

"We're going to change that as well. The executive action I'm signing today will not only require the companies make more of their components in America, but that the



value of those components is contributing to our economy, measured by things like a number of American jobs created and supported.

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Opioid addiction in the US and the Indian American community

BY :Manu Shah

On 5th July 2020, Ikonkar Manmohan Singh Sandhu, a young 23 year old boy, died from an opioid overdose in Michigan just months before he was to be married. He is by no means an isolated case in the Indian American community.

A small group of doctors are sounding the alarm on the nation's opioid crisis. Dr. Arun Gupta is one of those who is urging health authorities to wake up to this catastrophe, which is ripping through communities with scant regard for race, gender, educational level or financial standing.

To be fair, before COVID-19 ravaged the country, the growing opioid addiction was giving the nation's health officials sleepless nights. The pandemic put this issue on the back burner and while more Americans are dying from the virus, it can be just as deadly if left unchecked.

Opioid overdoses have killed more than 70,000 young people annually between the ages of 18-54 for the past five years. In 2011, the CDC reported that overdose deaths superseded auto accident deaths for the first time in 32 states. This is now virtually true for all 50 states. The organization also reported that more than 700,000 young Americans have died between 1999- 2017 from poly drug overdose. That number is expected to be as high as one million by the end of 2020. The report further states that, "preventable disease & retroactive analysis show that most of these deaths were unintentional." Isolation, stress and the depression, that came in the wake of the pandemic is shooting cases through the roof. "Parents are burying their children and children are burying their parents," says Dr. Gupta.

Dr. Gupta is quick to rid you of the rosy view that Indo American families have been unaffected by this affliction. It is a growing trend in the community, he says, largely due to parents' unrealistic expectations for their children or the ABCD generation that faces conflicting cultures. What worsens it, is that many are either in denial or wary of seeking professional help for fear of being stigmatized or shunned. These are lives that could have easily been saved, he laments, much like the case of a distant relative who died because the family hesitated to reach out for help or were unaware of the problem.

A physician for 34 years, of which 14 are as a doctor of addiction management, Dr. Gupta has seen enough to be worried. He has been charting the surge in cases throughout the nation for the past decade and is seeing it played out at his doorstep – the rural region of Monroe, Michigan where he runs his private practice.

For 11 years, Dr Gupta was the local prison doctor where he saw the interplay of drugs and death up close and the ineffectiveness of the administration's efforts to curb it. This pushed him to change tracks from being a general physician to addiction management. Rural communities, he

observes, are more prone to opioid addiction than urban areas where the population is better educated and have higher paying jobs. The problem is compounded when there is family instability, lack of education, poverty, physical, mental and sexual abuse in childhood, mental illness or addiction both in the family and the patient.

So why are addictive opioids prescribed in the first place and how do they hook us? About 25 years ago, pharma company Purdue, manufacturers of the painkiller Oxycodone, pushed the government to sanction prescribing painkillers for non-cancer related pain. The American Pain Society also classified pain as the fifth vital sign after blood pressure, pulse, temperature, and weight. Statistically, 40% of the country's population is in chronic pain and many require pain medication to carry out their daily activities or even go in to work.

Addiction starts innocuously enough with a prescription for a painkiller to treat post-surgery or chronic pain as in instances of back pain. Consuming these painkillers diminishes the pain but also brings on a euphoric feeling as it raises dopamine - the brain's pleasure hormone. Celebrities like Michael Jackson were known to use them before a performance, a term referred to as, "spotlight euphoria." Additionally, it changes the perception of reality for those dealing with psychological issues such as an inferiority complex or anxiety, these people now start "liking themselves and feeling good." This altered reality quickly spirals into an emotional and social need followed by dependence and cravings for the painkiller.

The signs of addiction are evident in drastic mood changes, lethargy or impaired decision-making, among others. Discontinuing the painkillers could lead to a host of withdrawal symptoms such as chills, tremors, body aches, bone pain, vomiting, diarrhea or irregular respiration. However, Dr. Gupta clarifies that not everyone gets addicted to painkillers and the risk of addiction is only about 10%.

Soon, Oxycodone grew so popular that it began to have, "street value." When prescriptions ran out, users turned to the streets where it could be obtained illegally. Hustlers began faking health issues to procure and sell these painkillers giving rise to the term "pill-mill." The cost of one milligram of Oxycotin is one dollar so someone using 1000mg was spending \$1000 a day. While insurance took care of legitimate prescriptions, those who were addicted were shelling out their own money. This, of course, was done in connivance with "some doctors who played the game." Dr. Gupta estimates that about 1000 doctors have been apprehended so far for violating this practice and have "tarnished the image of doctors."

There is an obvious connection between mental disorders and addictive disorders and its consequences can sometimes be

life threatening. Doctors, however, are required by law to treat pain with painkillers even if there is a sense/awareness that this medication could become addictive to the patient. On the other hand, if doctors practice caution in prescribing pain medication, they risk a bad review on their practice, something every doctor understandably wants to avoid.

In 1999, the Center for Disease Control went on record for the first time and shared its report of 4000 young Americans who died from drugs. The government scrutinized the problem and rolled out the Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000. For the first time, this law allowed practicing doctors to learn and treat addiction with an FDA approved drug. The law also stipulated that any practicing doctor could complete an addiction program and receive a X DEA license which would allow them to treat 30 patients per month for a year. If the doctor's records are found in order, they could treat 100 patients per month. Past President Barack Obama signed a law that would allow some doctors with specific credentials to treat 275 patients a month. This number was controlled to prevent its misuse but sometimes the best-intentioned laws have unintended consequences.

This one did. Only 4300 doctors in the US can treat 275 patients a month and Dr. Gupta is one of them. It's a drop in the ocean for the estimated 20-40 million people who need help overcoming their addiction. There are more than 100,000 healthcare providers in the country that include doctors, nurses and physician assistants who have the necessary X- DEA credentials to treat opioid use disorders. But less than 20,000 are actively involved in dealing with the growing opioid epidemic in the country. This lack of access to a healthcare provider aggravates the problem leading to more deaths than recoveries. Meanwhile, the pandemic has not made things easier. There is excessive stress and limited counselling due to the shutdowns and prescriptions cannot be given on the phone without the necessary drug testing. This explains the rise in overdose deaths and addiction cases in the past nine months.

Apart from flawed policy, the American Society of Addiction states that every doctor who graduates from medical school is required to study addiction management. There are 179 medical schools and approximately 9000 residency programs in the country and not one of them teaches this course. Moreover, addiction management is not considered on par with other areas of medical specialization and neither do insurance companies view addiction



like other chronic diseases such as blood pressure or diabetes.

In 2002, a drug Buprenorphine was approved for addiction treatment and ten years later another drug Zubsolv made it to treatment plans. These drugs block the opioid receptors in the brain and reduce a person's craving for the painkiller. Another ingredient in the drug, naloxone, reverses the effects of opioids. Together, they prevent withdrawal symptoms and deter the abuser from snorting or injecting it. Dr. Gupta pairs medication with counselling, and non-addictive medication in cases of insomnia or anxiety. Recovery takes anywhere from six weeks to six months depending on the severity of the addiction, but the struggle to remain clean continues for the rest of their lives.

With death rates from opioid misuse surging, more than 500 laws were enacted in the last 10 years against doctors, pill mills and pharmaceutical companies to curb the problem but this has only exacerbated the issue. Addicts are now forced to go to the streets instead of visiting a doctor for treatment. Dr. Gupta notes that national autopsy results over the last 5 years consistently show that fentanyl, heroin and cocaine are the first three drugs in more than 55% of the people with drug overdose deaths as opposed to prescription medication.

Over the past few years, Dr. Gupta has presented more than 150 talks to schools, doctors, healthcare systems and social organizations like Rotary clubs and the Kiwanis Club to highlight the gravity of the problem and his message that addiction can be cured. He is talking to elected officials to leverage their influence and galvanize the government to rethink the limit of patients and allow greater access to people who want to overcome their addiction.

Addiction, he warns, has become synonymous with a death sentence in this country.

As Trump Seeks to Remain a Political Force, New Targets Emerge

Former President Donald Trump, determined to remain a force in GOP politics, is gaining new opportunities with a crucial Senate seat unexpectedly coming open in Ohio, an ally announcing for governor of Arkansas, and rising pressure on Republicans in Congress who did not stand with him during this month's impeachment vote.

The surprise announcement on Monday by Sen. Rob Portman of Ohio that he would not seek a third term sparked a political land rush, with top strategists in the state receiving a flood of phone calls from potential candidates testing their viability. One consultant said he had received calls from five would-be candidates by midday.

That opening, along with another statewide contest next year in which Gov. Mike DeWine is expected to face at least one Trump-aligned primary challenger, is likely to make Ohio a central battleground for control of the Republican Party, and an inviting one for Trump, who held on to Ohio in the election while losing three other northern battleground states. Portman's announcement came hours after Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Trump's former White House press secretary, began her campaign for Arkansas governor. The Republican primary there already includes the state's lieutenant governor and attorney general, but private polling indicates that Sanders is beginning well ahead, and Trump endorsed her candidacy on Monday night.

Trump has only been out of the presidential office five days and has little in the way of political infrastructure. He has told aides he would like to take a break for several months.

But the former president has remained the party's strongest fundraiser, with tens of millions in PAC money at his disposal, and he retains an enduring base of Republican support across the country. Perhaps most importantly, he harbors a deep-seated desire to punish those he believes have crossed him and reward those who remain loyal.

So far he has focused primarily on Georgia, where he believes the Republican governor and secretary of state betrayed him by certifying his loss there. Both are up for reelection in 2022. And he took something of a test run over the weekend by getting involved in the leadership fight in Arizona's Republican Party, after Kelli Ward, the firebrand chairwoman, asked for his help in gaining reelection, according to a person familiar with the discussions.

Already there is a movement at the state and local levels to challenge incumbent members of Congress seen as breaking with the former president, starting with the 10 Republicans who voted to impeach him earlier this month.

The overwhelming consensus among Ohio Republicans is that a Trump-aligned candidate would be best positioned to win a competitive Senate primary, and no poten-

tial candidate has a better claim to Trump's voters in the state than Rep. Jim Jordan, who was Trump's chief defender during his first impeachment trial and received the Presidential Medal of Freedom during the former president's final days in office.

"Jim is well positioned if in fact he's ready to take that leap; I'm not sure there's anybody that would beat him," said Ken Blackwell, a former Ohio secretary of state and longtime Portman ally who last month served as an Electoral College voter for Trump. Referring to Trump's legion of supporters, Blackwell added: "In Ohio, it's going to be who has the track record to show that their agenda respects the newly realigned party base."

Trump is now ensconced at his Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida, where aides are building something that can serve as an office. He's been golfing several times, and was spotted by people at his club in Florida playing with the brother of former tennis star Anna Kournikova on Sunday.

His advisers have had discussions about whether to get him back on some form of social media platform, although they insist he does not need to be on Twitter or Facebook to raise money, and that his email solicitations continue to work well. On Monday he formally opened the Office of the Former President, to manage his "correspondence, public statements, appearances, and official activities."

As President Joe Biden's inauguration approached, Trump began telling some allies that he was considering forming a third party if Republicans moved to convict him in the Senate trial. But by Saturday, after his own advisers said it was a mistake, Trump started sending out word that he was moving on from his threat.

"He understands that the best thing for his movement and conservatism is to move forward together, that third parties will lead to dominance by Democrats," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., who is a close ally of Trump.

Advisers to the president say he has just over \$70 million in his PAC, Save America, with few restrictions on what he can do with it. For now, most of his staff is on a government payroll afforded to former presidents for a period of time after they leave office.

Officials are working to mend Trump's relationship with Rep. Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., the House minority leader, whom Trump called a vulgarity for his House floor speech denouncing the former president's rally address before the riot at the Capitol on Jan. 6. A senior Republican said that aides to the two men were trying to arrange a meeting or a call in the coming days. And Trump's eldest son, Donald Trump Jr., spoke with McCarthy recently and the two are on good terms, a person briefed on the call said.

Trump would like to seek retribution against House members who voted against



him, and he's been particularly angry with Reps. Anthony Gonzalez of Ohio and Fred Upton of Michigan, advisers said. He will also at some point focus on the governor's race in Arizona, where Doug Ducey cannot seek reelection; Gov. Greg Abbott's reelection bid in Texas; and the Senate race in North Carolina, as places where he can show strength, the advisers said. (One adviser disputed that Trump would have an interest in the Texas race.)

In Ohio, Gonzalez faces a potential primary challenge from Christina Hagan, a former state legislator whom he defeated in a 2018 primary. Hagan lost in the general election last year to Rep. Tim Ryan, a Democrat, in a neighboring district. She said in an interview Monday that she will decide which, if any, race to enter in 2022 after Ohio redraws its congressional districts; the state is likely to lose one seat and Republicans control all levers of redistricting.

"A lot of people elected what they thought was conservative leadership and now are witnessing somebody cutting against their values," Hagan said, alluding to Gonzalez's vote to impeach.

Gonzalez's office did not respond to emails seeking comment.

Trump's deepest hostility is reserved for Gov. Brian Kemp of Georgia, advisers said, and they expect he will expend the most energy trying to damage Kemp's reelection bid. The governor's original sin was in choosing Kelly Loeffler over Trump's favored candidate, Doug Collins, to fill a vacant Senate seat in 2019, but it evolved into something more consuming as Trump repeated his debunked claims of widespread fraud in the state and held Kemp responsible for not doing enough to challenge the election results.

Collins, a hard-line Trump backer, hasn't decided whether to challenge Kemp or seek the Republican nomination against Sen. Raphael Warnock, the Democrat who defeated Loeffler in a special election and will face voters again in 2022, or if he will choose not to run for anything, a Collins aide said Monday.

Next on Trump's personal hit list is Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., people close to him said. Cheney was the only member of the

House GOP leadership to vote to impeach. It's unclear whether Trump will target her seat, or simply her leadership post in the House, but advisers said they anticipate he will take opportunities to damage her.

Sarah Longwell, the executive director of the Republican Accountability Project, an anti-Trump group, said she and her colleagues plan to raise and spend \$50 million to defend the 10 pro-impeachment House Republicans in primary contests and attack those who voted to object to the Electoral College results after the Jan. 6 riot at the Capitol. She said the group would aim to defeat Jordan in an Ohio Senate primary if he runs against an establishment-minded Republican. Jordan's spokesman did not respond to messages on Monday.

The 2022 map will be the first real test of Trump's durability in the party. While Sanders is running for governor in Arkansas, rumors that his daughter Ivanka would run for Senate in Florida are unlikely to develop further. And though his daughter-in-law, Lara Trump, was said to be considering a Senate run in North Carolina, people close to the family say it is less clear what she will do now that Donald Trump lost.

Trump's advisers are more focused on the looming impeachment trial. He is working closely with Graham, who has argued to his colleagues that Trump's Senate trial sets a bad precedent.

Graham helped him retain a South Carolina-based lawyer, Butch Bowers, who is also working to fill out a legal team with colleagues from the state, Graham and others said. Bowers is expected to work with a Trump adviser, Jason Miller, on some kind of response operation.

Unlike his first impeachment trial, when the Republican National Committee engaged in a constant defense of the president, including paying for his lawyers, this time it is expected to focus only on rapid response, including calling the Senate trial unconstitutional and a procedural overreach, two people familiar with the committee's plans said.

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Student loan relief extended until Sept. 30: How to take advantage of it

If you're juggling federal student loan debt along with other bills, you're about to get another pandemic-related break.

Those who lost a job during the pandemic and now need to decide whether to pay their student loan debt or buy groceries can hold off making federal student loan payments through Sept. 30.

The temporary pause for federal student loan payments had been set to end Jan. 31 for more than 42 million borrowers. The move means that the interest rate on many federal student loan payments stays set at 0% for another eight months. (But remember, millions of private student loan payments and some federal student loans weren't covered by this deal.)

Time to breathe and pay down other debt

"It really gives people options to get their financial life in order," said Kristen Holt, CEO of GreenPath Financial Wellness, a Michigan-based nonprofit that offers various services nationwide, including a debt management program and financial counseling on student loans.

Some families, Holt said, may be able to use this time to pay off high-rate credit card debt or other bills. Others, if able, might try to set aside extra cash to create or beef up an emergency fund.

Taking care of some other financial headaches, Holt said, will put many families on a better footing once payments on student loan bills must resume later this year.

Save better, spend better: We'll tell you how and send money tips, advice delivered right to your inbox. Sign up here "Right now," Holt said, "nothing is forgiven. They still owe the money."

The temporary financial break, which was first announced in March, was extended twice last year and then again, most recently at the request of President Joe Biden, who took executive action on the matter on his first day in office.

"Too many Americans are struggling to pay for basic necessities and to provide for their families," according to an alert from the U.S. Department of Education.

"They should not be forced to choose between paying their student loans and putting food on the table."

Time to review income-driven plans Holt told me in a phone interview that many borrowers should consider signing up for income-driven repayment plans even now while the pause is in place.

That's because the months when they're not required to make a payment will

count in their favor with some income-driven plans that offer loan forgiveness at the end of a 20 year or 25 year period.

Mark Kantrowitz, a student loan expert, noted that the CARES Act, passed in March, specifically counts the payment pause and interest waiver as though the payments were made.

Kantrowitz said he generally advises borrowers to consider an income-driven repayment plan if their total student loan debt at graduation exceeds their annual income, especially if they want to pursue Public Service Loan Forgiveness.

The budget-friendly, income-driven plans offered on federal student loans can help you avoid defaulting if your income is low compared with your student debt burden. In general, monthly payments are calculated based on borrowers' incomes and family sizes and the plans may be more affordable than other options.

Typically, experts say, borrowers should opt for the repayment plan with the highest monthly payment that they can afford so that the interest doesn't keep building over the long run.

Will there be another pause in payments after September? The Biden administration has left open that possibility. But borrowers would be wise to take advantage of what they know is available right now.

What happens after the pause? Sarah Sattelmeyer, director of the Pew Charitable Trust's Student Borrower Success project, said financially strapped borrowers need to consider what happens when the payment pause ends.

The latest extension, she said, offers essential breathing room for borrowers during a time when many have lost jobs or seen their hours cut during the pandemic.

But many borrowers still may face difficulty even if the jobs picture improves, as some expect once more people receive a coronavirus vaccine.

"Even before the pandemic, a lot of families were struggling financially," Sattelmeyer said.

"Family financial security really drives borrowers' repayment behavior."

Policymakers should be using this time, she said, to put measures in place to help student loan borrowers smoothly transition back into making payments when that is required.

In addition, Kantrowitz notes that loan servicers will face challenges restarting repayment on all the borrowers all of a



sudden, too.

Americans seem anxious about an uncertain future, according to Pew research, with nearly a quarter who are not confident that their household will be financially secure in six months.

"In addition, 58% of borrowers reported that it would be difficult to resume student loan payments in the next month if they had to do so," according to a Pew survey released in October.

Sattelmeyer said those who are at the greatest financial risk will need more help once the payment pause ends.

In the future, some borrowers may need a grace period after the pause in payments ends that can help people who maybe miss their first couple payments right after the program ends. A safety net needs to be in place, she said.

What's often not understood, she said, is that not all student loans are covered by this pause in payments.

About 9 million borrowers — those with private student loans and those with most Perkins loans and Federal Family Education Loans that are not owned by the federal government — are not receiving automatic relief, according to the Student Borrower Protection Center, a nonprofit advocacy group.

With private student loans, borrowers must request relief and their options may be very limited. It all depends on what the lender might offer, if anything at all. Some short-term solutions offered earlier have even expired, according to the Student Borrower Protection Center.

"Borrowers with commercially-held FFEL Program and Perkins loans may be able to get assistance, but it is neither automatic nor as comprehensive as that provided to those with federally held loans," Pew's Sattelmeyer said.

Kantrowitz noted that borrowers with FFEL loans and Federal Perkins Loans

can make their loans eligible by consolidating them into a Federal Direct Consolidation Loan.

He noted that FFEL borrowers may be eligible for other types of financial relief, such as economic hardship deferments, unemployment deferments, forbearances and income-driven repayment. The monthly payment under an income-driven repayment plan is zero if the borrower's income is less than 150% of the poverty line.

Pew Charitable Trusts issued a report in January detailing how it is essential to reduce the complexity of the student loan repayment system. One recommendation includes allowing loan servicers to be temporarily permitted to enroll borrowers into an income-driven plan without requiring extensive paperwork.

Borrowers already expressed difficulties navigating the repayment system when the economy was functioning much better than it is now, according to Pew.

The risks are high for failing to repay student loans. Borrowers "can face collection fees; wage garnishment; money being withheld from income tax refunds, Social Security, and other federal payments; damage to their credit scores; and even ineligibility for other aid programs, such as help with homeownership," Pew noted.

Going forward, Biden has proposed forgiving up to \$10,000 in federal student loans for borrowers. But borrowers have no guarantees that such a change will take place or when.

Right now, it's important to take a realistic look at your overall financial situation and try to use the next eight months to your advantage.

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Texas governor's hands-off approach to Covid-19 has allowed the virus to thrive

When Brittany Bankhead-Kendall received the Covid-19 vaccine in a beautiful executive boardroom at University Medical Center in Lubbock, Texas, the small jab finally gave her a dose of hope that she and her family would be safe.

But she still knew that downstairs, patients were fighting for their lives and dying every day, relying on surgical tubes and ventilators just to breathe.

"It's a huge juxtaposition, and it's a really precarious situation to have so much hope and so much heartache, kind of, all in the same walls," said Bankhead-Kendall, a trauma surgeon and ICU doctor with the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

A year into the pandemic, more than 13,500 Covid-19 patients are languishing in hospitals across Texas. With only 586 ICU beds left statewide and some regions already running out of space, "hospitals can't take much more", the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) recently tweeted.

Yet Covid is still raging: about one in six molecular tests in Texas comes back positive right now, well over the 10% threshold Greg Abbott, the state's Republican governor, once viewed as a "warning flag" for high community spread.

"The Covid-19 pandemic is at its worst in Texas," DSHS wrote online earlier this month, and "it's likely never been easier to catch".

In a perfect world, Bankhead-Kendall said, Texas would take a page from other states, where leaders have strategically used economic shutdowns to give healthcare workers a break.

"If you're not gonna be in our hospitals, helping take care of our patients, then you can at least be outside our walls and doing your part to back off in other ways," she said.

But Abbott has categorically rejected another lockdown, a successful but blunt instrument that would undoubtedly cause

him political grief. And, though he has instituted business occupancy reductions and bar closures in regions with high hospitalizations, those restrictions have proven half-baked and mostly ineffective.

In fact, other than championing therapeutic treatments and boasting about the state's vaccine rollout, Abbott's administration has made shockingly little effort to mitigate the virus's carnage in recent months, even as a new, highly contagious variant threatens further devastation.

"Republican politicians are acting like it's business as usual," said Abhi Rahman, communications director for the Texas Democratic party. "They're acting like the pandemic never existed in the first place."

Last March, Dan Patrick, Texas's lieutenant governor, stoked widespread backlash when he advocated for a swift reopening, insinuating that the nation's elderly were willing to put their lives on the line to save the US economy. But despite Texas's hasty emergence from lockdown in May, its struggling workforce has failed to bounce back, with the unemployment rate still lingering at 7.2% as of December, compared to 3.5% the year before.

Instead, Texas's hands-off approach has rallied the virus, killing more than 33,700 Texans, leaving children orphaned and forcing doctors to make painful decisions about rationing care. Now, after months of suffering, the pandemic has reached another hellish chapter, with hundreds dying daily.

"Elections have consequences, and this is the direct result of Republican leadership," Rahman said.

In Fort Worth, criminal justice organizer Pamela Young balked at the city's invitation to pile into a room for seven hours of face-to-face interview panels with the top candidates for police chief this January.

After witnessing near-constant, high-profile instances of police brutality in Fort Worth, she knows how much the police chief job matters. So she asked the deputy



city manager if he could facilitate a virtual option for the panels, similar to the remote meetings other local officials have been holding.

But the city insisted on in-person interviews, seemingly ambivalent to the fact that they were forcing Young to either put her life on the line or be boxed out of high-stakes conversations on an issue she had been advocating around for years.

"It's frightening to think that our city government and staff leadership – whatever – have such a disregard for human life in the midst of a global pandemic," Young said.

Other Texas cities and counties – especially urban hubs that lean more Democratic – have strayed from the state's example and tried to implement policies to curtail infections at the local level. But since last summer, Abbott and his colleagues have undermined other officials' authority, sabotaging attempts to save lives in hard-hit communities.

"The state is driving the car," explained the Houston mayor, Sylvester Turner. "We are passengers."

In December, Abbott – backed by Texas attorney general Ken Paxton – went so far as to encourage businesses in Austin to thwart a local curfew and ring in the new year late into the night.

Emboldened crowds gathered outside of open bars. Inside, revelers danced and hugged while bartenders went maskless, a deadly recipe for the surge upon a surge that health experts warned would happen if Americans didn't stay home for the holidays.

Meanwhile, Bankhead-Kendall has watched as patients who survived even mild or asymptomatic Covid-19 cases deal with collapsed lungs or blood clots, likely because of the virus.

Since the introduction of a vaccine, the general public in Texas has grown lax, she said, "feeling like it's almost over". But so far, only around 5% of the state's roughly 29 million residents have received at least a first dose, and widespread availability is still presumably months away.

"They don't understand the immediate or the potential long-term consequences or sequelae of the disease," Bankhead-Kendall said.

"Most people live, and so that's what a lot of people hang their hat on."

Yahoo News
Alexandra Villarreal in Austin, Texas

Impact of COVID-19 on the United States economy and the policy response

The outbreak of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic has upended the global and United States economies, exacting a large human toll and shutting down major economic sectors. While there is significant uncertainty about United States economic growth prospects, the impact of the pandemic is severe. The record-long United States economic expansion came to an end as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, with forecasts of a deep recession in 2020.

The outlook remains highly uncertain, as it is difficult to gauge the social and economic impact of the pandemic, which will depend on the success of containing the outbreak and the measures to restart economic activity.

The economic policy response to the COVID-19 pandemic has been substantial and immediate. Three stimulus packages were approved by the United States Congress in March to address the impact on households and businesses. New

legislation was also approved in April and June to improve the effectiveness of the programmes included in the previous three fiscal packages. The United States Federal Reserve cut interest rates to the zero lower bound, offered unlimited quantitative easing and deployed old and new policy tools aimed at keeping financial markets functioning.

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At 78 and the oldest president, Biden sees a world changed

WASHINGTON (AP) — When Joe Biden took the oath of office as the 46th president, he became not only the oldest newly inaugurated U.S. chief executive in history but also the oldest sitting president ever.

Biden was born Nov. 20, 1942, in Scranton, Pennsylvania. He was 78 years, two months and one day old when he was sworn in on Wednesday. That's 78 days older than President Ronald Reagan was when he left office in 1989.

A look at how the country Biden now leads has changed over his lifetime and how his presidency might reflect that.

BIGGER, MORE DIVERSE PIE

The U.S. population is approaching 330 million people, dwarfing the 135 million at Biden's birth and nearly 60% greater than when he was first elected to the Senate in 1972. The world population in Biden's lifetime has grown from about 2.3 billion to 7.8 billion.

More striking is the diversity in Biden's America. The descendant of Irish immigrants, Biden was born during a period of relative stagnant immigration after U.S. limitations on new entries in the 1920s, followed by a worldwide depression in the 1930s. But a wave of white European immigration followed World War II, when Biden was young, and more recently an influx of Hispanic and nonwhite immigrants



from Latin America, Asia and Africa has altered the melting pot again.

In 1950, the first census after Biden's birth counted the country as 89% white. Heading into 2020, the country was 60% non-Hispanic white and 76% white, including Hispanic whites.

So, it's no surprise that a politician who joined an all-male, nearly all-white Senate as a 30-year-old used his inaugural address 48 years later to promise a reckoning on racial justice and, later that afternoon,

signed several immigrant-friendly executive orders.

BIDEN, HARRIS AND HISTORY

Biden took special note of Vice President Kamala Harris as the first woman elected to national office, and the first Black woman and south Asian woman to reach the vice presidency. "Don't tell me things can't change," he said of Harris, who was a student in the still-mostly segregated Oakland public elementary school when Biden became a senator.

The first time Biden addresses a joint session of Congress, there will be two women behind a president, another first: Harris and Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. But change comes slowly. Harris was just the second Black woman ever to serve in the Senate. When she resigned Monday, the Senate was left with none -- and just three Black men out of 100 seats. Black Americans account for about 13% of the population.

MONEY MATTERS

Minimum wage in 1942 was 30 cents an hour. Median income for men according to the 1940 census, the last before Biden's birth, was \$956. Today, the minimum wage is \$7.25. The federal government's most recent weekly wage statistics reflect a median annual income of about \$51,100 for full-time workers. But the question is

buying power, and that varies. The month Biden was born, a dozen eggs averaged about 60 cents in U.S. cities -- two hours of minimum wage work. A loaf of bread was 9 cents, about 20 minutes of work. Today, eggs can go for about \$1.50 (12 minutes of minimum-wage work); a loaf of bread averages \$2 (16 minutes).

College tuition is another story. Pre-war tuition at Harvard Business School was about \$600 a year -- roughly two-thirds of the median American worker's yearly wages. Today, the current Harvard MBA



class is charged annual tuition of more than \$73,000, or a year and almost five months of the median U.S. salary (and that's before taxes).

Biden proposes raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour -- a move already drawing opposition from Republicans. He's called for tuition-free two-year community and technical college and tuition waivers for four-year public schools (so, not Harvard) for students from households with \$125,000 or less in annual income.

DEBT

National debt has soared in Biden's lifetime, from \$72 billion to \$27 trillion. But it's a recent phenomenon. Biden finished 36 years in the Senate and became vice president amid the fallout from the 2008 financial crash, when the debt was about \$10 trillion. Now he takes office amid another economic calamity: the coronavirus pandemic.

To some degree, this is a biographical bookend for Biden. He was born when borrowing to finance the war effort generated budget deficits that, when measured as percentage of the overall economy, were the largest in U.S. history until 2020, when emergency COVID spending, the 2017 tax cuts and loss of revenue from a lagging economy added trillions of debt in a single year.

Reflecting how President Franklin Roosevelt approached the Great Depression and World War II, Biden is nonetheless calling for an additional \$1.9 trillion in immediate deficit spending to prevent a

long-term economic slide.

AUTOMOBILES

As part of his proposed overhaul of the energy grid, Biden wants to install 500,000 electric vehicle charging stations by 2030, a move analysts project could spur the sale of 25 million electric vehicles. For context, federal statistics counted 33 million cars in the U.S. altogether in 1948, as Biden began grammar school.

A FIRST FOR THE SILENT GENERATION

Biden is part of the Silent Generation, so named because it falls between the "Greatest Generation" that endured the Depression and won World War II, and their children, the Baby Boomers, who made their mark through the sweeping social and economic changes of the civil rights era, Vietnam and the Cold War.

True to the stereotypes, Biden's generation looked for decades as if it would never see one of its own in the Oval Office. The Greatest Generation produced John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Reagan and George H.W. Bush. Then Boomers took over. Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Donald Trump were born in a span of 67 days in 1946, the first of the Boomer years. Barack Obama, born in 1961, bookended their generation as a young Boomer.

If his inaugural address is any indication, Biden seems eager to embrace the characteristics of his flanking generations. He ticked through the "cascading crises" -- a pandemic and economic fallout reminiscent of the Depression and subsequent war effort, a reckoning on race that's an extension of the civil rights era -- and summoned the nation "to the tasks of our time."

PLENTY OF FIRST-HAND LEARNING

Biden lived through 14 presidencies before beginning his own, nearly one-third of all presidents. No previous White House occupant had lived through so many administrations before taking office.

Yahoo News
BILL BARROW

UAE cabinet approves establishment of embassy in Tel Aviv in further sting to Palestinians

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has announced the establishment of its embassy in Tel Aviv as the US national security advisor announced that America hopes to build “on the success of Israel’s normalisation agreements” under the Biden administration.

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No further details about the embassy were given in UAE media.

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will open in the Moroccan capital of Rabat in the next few days and it’s corresponding office will open in Tel Aviv “soon”, Israel’s Kann Radio cited the foreign minister, Gabi Ashkenazi as saying.

The agreements were brokered under the Trump administration. Favouring Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s hardline politics, President Trump moved the US embassy to Jerusalem, cut funding for Palestinians and recognised Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights.

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In a phone call to his Israeli counterpart, Jake Sullivan, the US National Security Advisor, “reaffirmed President Biden’s unwavering commitment to Israel’s security” and “discussed opportunities to enhance the partnership further,” according to a statement from the White House.

Mr Sullivan added that the US hoped to build “on the successes of Israel’s normalisation agreements with UAE, Bahrain, Sudan and Morocco”, confirming that the US “will closely consult with Israel on all matters of regional security.”

The normalisation deals were largely driven by US ambition to isolate Iran in the Middle East. Yahoo News Abbie Cheeseman

What happened on the India-China border?

Close
The fallout from a deadly clash between Indian and Chinese troops in a remote part of disputed Kashmir continues.

Satellite images suggest China has built new structures near the site of the clash, which left 20 Indian troops dead. Despite a promise to de-escalate, both sides are accusing the other of breaking agreements.

Many questions still remain about what happened and why - after no fatalities there for almost half a century.

The BBC’s Ros Atkins has a close look at a story that’s captured the world’s attention.





Hillary and Bill Clinton: Honored to witness history today. May God bless Joe Biden and Kamala Harris as they take on the work of healing our nation. May we all fulfill our duty as citizens to help our country and our fellow Americans through the challenges ahead.

MATRIMONY

FEMALE
 Hijabi: Yes
 Age: 22
 Height: 5'7
 Education:
 1.B.Tech (Computer Sciences -2019),
 2. MBA in healthcare -currently pursuing.
 Residence: India
 Legal Status: Indian Citizen
 Marital status: Never Married
 Language: English,Urdu, Hindi and Telugu and a bit of Spanish.
 Ethnicity: Indian
 Family: Mother and Younger Sister.
 LOOKING FOR: MALE
 Beard: Flexible
 Age: 34 or below
 Height: Above 5'10
 Education: Any
 Profession: Any
 Residence: Canada/USA/UK /Australia
 Legal Status: Citizen/GC/H1B/PR
 Marital Status: Never Married
 Ethnicity: Any
 Contact: +917093316581

FEMALE
 Hijabi: YES
 Age: 24
 Height: 5'3
 Marital status: Never Married
 Legal Status: US Citizen
 Residence: Indiana, USA
 Education: 2 nd yr, Medical school
 Profession: student, MD
 Religious Sect: Sunni Hanafi
 Hafiz-e-Quran (Mashallah)
 Language: English
 Ethnicity: India/ Hyderabad
 Family: Both Parents-Physicians
 Elder brother-Married Health Informatics
 Elder brother Dentist
 LOOKING FOR: MALE
 Beard: Yes
 Age: 26-30
 Height: 5'5-5'8
 Marital Status: Never Married.
 Legal Status: Citizen
 Residence: USA
 Education: Masters, MD, Dentist, Pharmacist
 Profession: ANY
 Religious Sect: Sunni
 Ethnicity: Indian/ Pakistani
 Contact: 289 505 1555

FEMALE
 Hijabi : no but prays 5 times mashallah
 Age: 32
 Height: 5 ft 5 in
 Education: doctor
 Profession: MD complete doctor
 Residence: texas
 Legal Status: US citizen
 Marital status: never married
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim
 Language: Urdu and English
 Ethnicity: pakistani
 Family: parents retired/1 sister married
 LOOKING FOR: MALE usa only
 Age: 32- 38
 Education: doctor, dentist, surgeon or law
 Profession doctor, dentist, surgeon or law
 Residence: USA
 Legal Status: greencard, us citizen only
 Marital Status:never married
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim
 Ethnicity: pakistani
 Contact:
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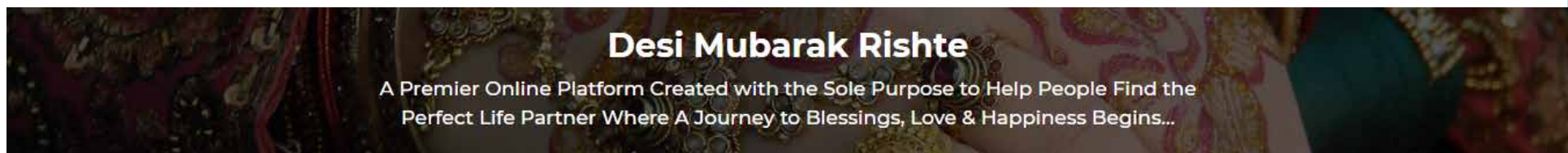
Female
 Name: Dr. XYZ
 Age: 29
 Height: 5'4
 Complexion: V. Fair
 Residence : Banjara hills,Hyderabad, India
 Education: MPT - Master of physiotherapy (K.I.M.S)
 Marital status : Unmarried
 Ethnicity: Indian
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim
 Language: English, Urdu
 Father: Civil Engineer (construction & consultant)
 Mother: House Wife
 Brother: B.E., M.S.(USA)
 Project Engineer,
 Chicago
 LOOKING FOR:
 Age : 33 to 36
 Height: 5'6 to 5'9
 Residence: well settled in USA / Canada/ KSA/ India
 Profession: Any
 Marital Status: Unmarried
 Religious Sect:Sunni Muslim
 Ethnicity: Indian
 Contact: 9849116815
 +1(682)597-1296

DOCTOR FEMALE:
 Name:Dr. xyz
 Age:22 yrs
 Height:5'7
 Hijabi:yes
 Complexion. Very very fair
 Residence:Hyderabad,India
 Education:MBBS step 1 completed (preparing for Usml steps 2)
 Marital status: unmarried
 Citizenship: Indian citizen
 Ethnicity : Indian
 Religious sect: Sunni Muslim
 Family: 1. Father: Central govt employee
 2. Mother : Doctor
 3. Elder sister: Doctor (USA), Married
 4.Brother in law:Resident Doctor at Lomalinda university, California
 Language: English, Urdu, Hindi
 Hobbies: Cooking ,Spending time with family
 Looking for: Male
 Age: 28-30
 Height : 5'10 n above
 Residence: USA
 Education: MBBS , MD(USA)
 Profession: Doctor
 Legal status: US citizen/ J1 visa
 Marital status: unmarried
 Religious sect: Sunni muslim
 Ethnicity: Indian
 Contact: 9848554720
 7901454721
 Email:drallianceusa@gmail.com

ASAK. Looking rishta for my daughter.
 DOB: 1996
 Height: 5'2.5"
 Education: Bachelors in Statistics from University of Illinois,Urbana champagne. Graduated in May 2019.
 Work: Campus selection for a fortune 100 tech company.
 Open for relocation.
 Job: IT professional
 Official title : solutions integration manager.
 Mix of data engineering & project management.
 Educational goal: planning to do masters next year
 Sect: Sunni
 Religious inclination: Moderate
 Non hijabi
 Ethnicity: Indian (north India Lucknow)
 Family: Well educated parents and two older brothers.
 Looking for someone from 24 to 27 only
 From a well educated family.
 Boy should be in gud professional job.
 US citizens only.
 If interested please contact mom on whatsapp: 614 747 5526
 Initially only text please.

FEMALE
 Hijabi : Yes
 Age: 16/07/1998
 Height: 5'5
 Education: B.Tech (pursuing M.tech)
 Profession :
 Residence: Banjara hills, Hyderabad
 Legal Status:
 Marital status: never married
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim
 Language:
 Ethnicity: Indian
 Family:
 Father : (B. E. electronics and instrumentation working as a project manager in KSA)
 Mother: M.com, B.Ed working as in charge head-mistress in banjara hills)
 2 sisters
 LOOKING FOR:
 MALE
 Hijabi / Beard: Yes /No
 Age: 25-27 years
 Height: above 5'7
 Education: M.S, M.B.B.S,M.D, M.D.S
 Profession:
 Residence:
 Marital Status: never married
 Religious Sect:
 Ethnicity: Indian
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MATRIMONY

Gender: male
 Age 33
 Height:5'9
 Never Married
 working in IT ERP systems
 Working professional
 Worked in IL, VA, CA,

 Qualification: MS in Technology management. (2015-2016)
 Bachelor: India
 current location: Chicago IL
 Relocation possible

 Legal status: Not Citizen
 Marital status: never married
 Ethnicity: Indian
 Religion/Sect: Islam Sunni, Hanafi

 Looking for female (24-30) Educated, Any location in USA
 -Never married
 - Not looking in India
 Contact:
 +1 510 953 9669

Male
 Beard: Yes, short
 Age: 27
 Height: 5'11
 Education: Hafiz e Quran and pursuing Masters in Computer Science Engineering (UK)
 working at Gatwick Airport in UK(as customer service associate)
 Profession: IT
 Residence: London
 Like to settle in Maryland, US
 Legal Status: Multiple visit visa (USA)
 Marital status: Never Married
 Religious Sect: Sunni, Muslim
 Language: Urdu, Hindi, English
 Ethnicity: Hyd, Indian
 Family: Parents US Permanent resident, 1 sister married, education Masters in Information Technology, US Citizen,
 Family reside in Baltimore, Maryland.
 Boy also like to move to Baltimore, MD.
 LOOKING FOR: FEMALE
 Hijabi: Yes
 Age: 18-27
 Height: 5'2 - 5'10
 Education: Graduate
 Profession: Any
 Residence: US
 Legal Status: PR/Citizen
 Marital Status:Never married
 Religious Sect: Sunni, Muslim
 Darga, etc : No
 Ethnicity: Indian/Pakistani
 Contact: 443-985-8481
 WhatsApp # 443-985-7800

Male. As
 Age 32

 Hijab. Flexible
 Residence. Chicago
 Relocate. No
 Education Doctor
 Profession psychiatric
 Legal status. Us citizen
 Unmarried
 Ethnicity. Indian
 Religion. Sunni Muslim
 Family father and mother retired.
 Two siblings
 Language. English and urdu
 Hobbies watching TV
 Travelling and spending time with family and friends

 Looking for
 Age. 22 till 27
 Height 5.2 and up
 Residence. Open
 Education at least bachelor
 No doctor's please
 Legal status Any valid status in USA or Canada
 Marital status. Unmarried
 Religious sect.,Sunni or syed or shaikh
 Ethnicity Indian and Pakistani
 Contact
 Mother
 1-630-701-4137

Male
 Beard: Yes
 Name: MFU
 Age: 24
 Height: 5'8
 Marital status: Never married
 Legal Status: Canadian citizen
 Education: Bachelor of Engineering
 Profession: Civil Engineer
 Residence: USA
 Religious Sect: Sunni Hanafi
 Language: English and Urdu
 Ethnicity: Indian
 Family info: Dad, mom, and two brothers. (Hafiz)

 LOOKING FOR: FEMALE
 Hijabi: Yes
 Age: 18 to 21
 Height: 5'5
 Marital Status: Never married
 Legal Status:
 Education: Bachelors
 Profession: any
 Residence: USA
 Religious Sect: Sunni
 Ethnicity: Indian
 Contact: 6478901965
 Whats App #6478901965

Male
 Beard: No
 Age: 25
 Height: 5'9
 Marital status: Single, Never married
 Legal Status: pk
 Education:Bsc,Adp,
 Accounting and finance
 Profession:Finance Manager
 Residence: Pakistan
 Religious Sect: Muslim, Suni
 Language: English,Urdo
 Ethnicity: Jhang
 Family: Arain

 LOOKING FOR: FEMALE
 Hijabi /Yes /No
 Age: Any
 Height: Any
 Marital Status: Any
 Legal Status: Any
 Education: Any
 Profession: Any
 Residence: Any
 Religious Sect: Muslim
 Ethnicity: Any
 Contact: 5035598095
 WhatsApp # 5035598095

Male
 Beard: No
 Age: 45
 Height: 5'11
 Marital status: Divorcee
 Legal Status: South African
 Education: Masters
 Profession: Bussiness owner
 Residence: Cape Town South Africa
 Religious Sect: Muslim Suni
 Language: English Urdu
 Ethnicity: Pk
 Family: Awan

 LOOKING FOR: FEMALE
 Hijabi / Yes /No
 Age: under 42
 Height: Any
 Marital Status: Any
 Legal Status: Any
 Education: Any
 Profession: Any
 Residence: USA
 Religious Sect: Muslim
 Ethnicity: Any
 Contact: brother, 5035598095
 WhatsApp # 5035598095

Male
 Age: 30
 Height: 5'11
 Education:MBA from Hyderabad (India) and Masters in IT from USA
 Job: auditor and supervisor for business management
 Residence: USA
 Legal Status: Work permit
 Marital status: Never married
 Religious Sect:Sunni- Muslim
 Language: Urdu, Hindi and English
 Ethnicity: Indian(Hyderabad)

 LOOKING FOR: FEMALE
 HIJABI, simple and family oriented bride.
 Age: 18-27
 Height:5'1-5'10
 Education:any
 Profession:any
 Residence:any
 Legal Status:USA Citizen/ green card
 Marital Status: Never married
 Religious Sect: Sunni-Muslim

 Please send me bride's profile to move forward.
 Contact: Sister,
 613222443

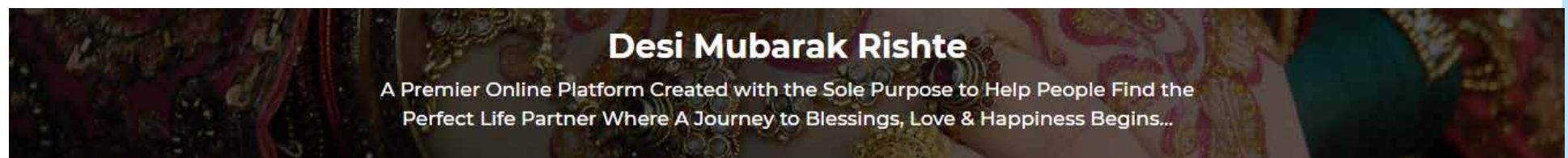
Gender: Male
 Age: 29
 Height: 5'11
 Complexion: Fair
 Location : Fairfax, Virginia
 Qualification: Masters in Computer Science.
 Occupation: Software Developer
 Legal status: Work Permit
 Marital status : Unmarried
 Ethnicity: Indian (Hyderabad)
 Religion/Sect: Sunni
 Relocation: Yes

 LOOKING FOR A BRIDE

 Age : 21-29

 Qualification: Any
 Profession: Any
 Legal Status : Any
 Marital Status: Unmarried
 Religioun/ Sect: Muslim Sunni
 Ethnicity: India or Pakistan
 Contact # +1 (205) 567-6126

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FEBRUARY 2021 Monthly Horoscope



Aries

The month of February has many pleasant surprises for Aries. In general, 2021 will be a period of success for Aries, even if they need to make considerable efforts for it. For everything to run smoothly, you need to work and don't refuse to go on any trips occurring in the second month of the year.

Taurus

Enjoy your friends, new relationships, and the love of your family. Venus can open a new door in your private life, a new friendship, the maximum point of which you will experience in six months. It could be about a partner in an earth element sign (Virgo or Capricorn) that will offer you balance.

Gemini

Venus smiles upon you if you are daring. At work, don't miss any meetings because you may have the surprise of being sent on business trips. The month of February is a perfect time to advance in your career or find another work domain that will attract you more and facilitate quick progress, according to the prediction of the February 2021 Horoscope.

Cancer

Jupiter helps you now more than ever to fulfill your great desires related to your private life. In the first part of February, you will receive good news regarding success, or exceptional earnings, which will

allow you to travel more. In the second part of the month, you will experience some special romantic moments.

Leo

Good omens in your emotional or even romantic life, while Uranus will give you a helping hand in social activities. In the second part of the month, you receive good news health-wise, but until then, be prudent with your expenses. Someone will request your help in a project, and you will gladly get involved.

Virgo

The Sun is less vibrant in your case, so you can also expect more tense situations in all regards, which will, however, be like a wake-up call to reality. Financial success comes due to your creativity and openness to new things. Try to be less of a perfectionist.

Libra

The next period is encouraging but overfilled with all kinds of projects. You will research, analyze, guide others at work, and enjoy an increasingly privileged position. You will need to travel on short distances, which could turn out to be a beautiful business trip, with a lot of work, but also with rewards.

Scorpio

The romantic relationships are under the influence of Uranus, Venus, and Neptune, which means that things will get exciting. After February 19, you may receive some money-related news. In terms of career, you can expect some challenges, and health-wise, you need more rest.

Sagittarius

Don't venture into signing new contracts or starting new professional partnerships, but instead focus your time and attention on your lover.

Capricorn

Financial prosperity is supported by your family members. In love, you will encounter some issues, but there are some scores to settle, and now is a perfect time. During this period, career is more for pleasure, and you can expect more money only starting in June.

Aquarius

Be more discrete at the parties you get invited to, so you don't trigger unnecessary discussions. Have fun, enjoy the company of people, but avoid gossip because the planets have a negative influence on communication when it comes to your zodiac sign. You could lose a friend

you care about!

Pisces

Jupiter retreats in the house of prosperity, but not before helping you to make a happy change in your home. You redecorate and spend more money than you have wanted to. Consistent earnings can be expected in February, so don't worry! In the second part of February, your financial life is going to get better.

Major Astrological Events in February 2021: 17th February 2021 Saturn square Aquarius Uranus in Taurus 21st February 2021 Mercury direct in Aquarius February 2021 will start a period marked by progressivism and visionary thinking. These effects will be felt deeper and deeper this month, when in Aquarius will gather no less than 7 planets (Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn and asteroid Pallas). This intense influx of energy from this fixed air sign will direct our attention to humanitarian issues, technological advances, unconventional innovatio

February 2021 is the month dedicated to lovers, which will be especially noticeable in the Horoscope! Which zodiac signs will be happy in February? Among the luckiest zodiac signs in February are Aries, Scorpio, and Pisces, since the February Horoscope already prepared for them a series of surprises in lov



As Trump departs office, reality sets in for QAnon cult

It began with a cryptic remark by President Trump at a photo op with senior military leaders in October 2017. “You guys know what this represents?” Trump asked the reporters he had summoned to the State Dining Room, gesturing to the officers arrayed beside him. “Maybe it’s the calm before the storm.”

No one, evidently including the generals in attendance, seemed to know what he meant. Was it a threat to North Korea? A warning to Iran or ISIS? Trump, and later his then press secretary Sarah Sanders, refused to elaborate. “He certainly doesn’t want to lay out his game plan for our enemies,” Sanders declared.

But within a few weeks an explanation for the remark began to take shape in the shadows of the internet, on a right-wing message board where someone who called himself Q — the designation for top-secret clearance from the Department of Energy, which supervises America’s nuclear arsenal — began spinning out a baroque paranoid fantasy in elliptical, coded hints known as “crumbs.” The core myth, elaborated over the next three years with contributions from a burgeoning cadre of followers, was that Trump was planning the destruction of a worldwide ring of Satanist pedophiles that included, in various versions, “deep state” bureaucrats, global financial elites, prominent Democrats and, inevitably, Jews.

Although there are theories about the identity of Q — none of which involve a top national security official — he or she remains anonymous, and so do most of Q’s followers. Hence the name: QAnon.

The fantasy ended at noon on Jan. 20, when Joe Biden took the oath of office,

while the erstwhile QAnon hero, now just Donald Trump, ex-president, skulked off to his estate in Florida without even a Twitter account to his name. For some the charade had ended two weeks earlier, with the chaotic riot at the Capitol, at which Q followers were well represented, that failed to stop the counting of electoral votes certifying Biden’s victory. Or at various other milestones along the tortuous road that led from the Nov. 3 election. Q had gone mostly silent since then, and followers had to fall back on reassuring each other that Trump was just biding his time before unleashing the “Storm” on an ever-growing list of enemies, eventually including members of his own administration.

“Trust the Plan” was the mantra of true believers. “Just think,” one posted hopefully on Jan. 19, “today and tomorrow will be holidays for your children.”

But as the clock ticked down to noon on Wednesday, Q message boards began filling with increasingly desperate posts from followers who claimed to have gone without sleep for as long as six days, not wanting to miss the moment they had been waiting and hoping for for years. “Please God, I’m watching, it’s making me sick to my stomach, but I want to see arrests,” one wrote. “Either arrests happen or we are now China’s property,” wrote another. And as Biden prepared to take the oath, a few minutes before 12 p.m. ET, despair turned to anger, even at Trump himself. “Thanks Trump!” read one post. “You sold out our country!”

In what will probably be the closest thing to an official conclusion to the Q saga, Ron Watkins, the former administrator of the 8kun board, which hosted Q, posted

a conciliatory message to Telegram shortly after Biden’s inauguration ceremony, telling followers, “we keep our chins up and go back to our lives as best we are able.”

“We have a new president sworn in and it is our responsibility as citizens to respect the Constitution regardless of whether or not we agree with the specifics or details regarding officials who are sworn in,” the message continued. “As we enter into the next administration please remember all the friends and happy memories we made together over the past few years.”

In an effort to perhaps reassure followers that all is not completely lost, Watkins added, “I’ll have more to say in a few days regarding a new project I’m currently fleshing out,” before concluding the message with “God bless.”

Watkins and his father, Jim, who owns 8kun, the anonymous message board that has hosted Q’s posts for years, played an integral role in facilitating the QAnon phenomenon, leading some to suspect that the two were actually behind the Q persona — a theory both have previously denied.

On Election Day 2020, hours after Q posted what would end up being one of their last “drops,” Ron Watkins announced he was stepping down as the administrator of 8kun. In the weeks that followed, he emerged as a prominent source of a wide range of baseless election-fraud conspiracy theories. His particularly aggressive promotion of false claims relating to Dominion Voting Systems earned him several appearances on the far-right-wing



One America News Network, an “expert witness” citation in one of Sidney Powell’s unsuccessful “Kraken” lawsuits and a retweet from Trump.

It’s too early to say where QAnon will rank in the long history of human delusion. Its reach was wide but comparatively shallow — compared, say, with the Heaven’s Gate cult, whose three dozen or so members committed mass suicide in 1997, believing they would be transported to an alien spaceship tracking Comet Hale-Bopp as it approached Earth. Strong beliefs aren’t necessarily shaken by failed prophecies. Armageddon has been confidently predicted innumerable times since the Book of Revelation was accepted into the biblical canon; in fact, in 1971, the psychic Jeane Dixon pegged it for 2020, which must have seemed safe enough at the time. Now evidently leaderless, and with its raison d’être gone, QAnon may have nowhere to go. But its legacy will endure, a testament to human gullibility and the powerful urge to channel outrage against an enemy, even an imaginary one.

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Caitlin Dickson and Jerry Adler

Is an animated Game of Thrones series in the offing?

HBO is currently working on a spinoff series called House of the Dragon, which will take place 300 years before the events of GoT. The hit Game of Thrones fantasy franchise may be expanded to animation in a new series for streaming service HBO Max, The Hollywood Reporter said. Executives at HBO Max, owned by AT&T Inc’s WarnerMedia, have started holding meetings with writers about a possible animated drama series for an adult audience, the publication said.

An HBO spokesperson had no comment on the report.

Game of Thrones, based on novels by George R.R. Martin, became a global phenomenon and won 12

Emmy awards, including the top prize of best drama series.

The show ended its run on HBO in 2019. Executives have been working to develop new programming in the franchise as they compete with Walt Disney Co, Netflix Inc and others vying for streaming viewers.

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events of Game of Thrones. That series is expected to debut next year.
REUTERS

King of Thailand Reportedly Accused of Breaking Sister's Ankles After She Questions Plan to Name Second Queen

The unpredictable King of Thailand, Maha Vajiralongkorn, who is suffering mass protests in Bangkok, has now been accused of breaking his sister's ankles.

The shocking allegation was reported by Andrew MacGregor Marshall, the former Reuters bureau chief in Bangkok, in his subscription-only newsletter, Secret Siam.

Marshall, who is free to quote his Thai sources without fear of the country's vicious censorship laws since he left Asia, reports that the king is alleged to have attacked his sister after she was knocked over by his dogs. Insiders claimed that he either jumped on her legs or beat her with a cane.

The assault was allegedly prompted after she confronted him over his plans to make his official consort a second queen, alongside his present wife, Queen Suthida. The Thai nobility has recently been alive with rumors that King Maha X is set to elevate his official consort, Sineenat "Koi" Wongvajirapakdi, to the status of full queen.

The proposed scheme apparently went down badly with his sister, Princess Sirindhorn, who went to see her brother to try to change his mind about two weeks ago.

This appears to have been a bad idea; the palace recently announced that Sirindhorn had injured both of her ankles in a fall, and had been taken to the hospital, but, MacGregor Marshall says, citing "well-placed sources" in "informed palace networks," that this is less than half the story.

In fact, he alleges, "a furious row erupted" during the meeting and "she was knocked over by one of Vajiralongkorn's dogs, and

while she was lying on the ground he either stamped on her ankles or struck them with a cane, shattering both of them."

MacGregor Marshall says that Sirindhorn underwent operations on both ankles at Chulalongkorn Hospital and is unlikely to walk again for several months.

An announcement on Koi's promotion to Thailand's second queen is said to have been planned for Tuesday, her birthday. In what may be a precursor to an official announcement later, the pair made a public appearance wearing matching blue coats as they released fish and birds in a Buddhist ceremony at Wasukri pier in Bangkok. Contrary to a report in German newspaper Bild, an official announcement of her elevation has not yet been made.

If Koi is indeed promoted to the position of queen, it would mark a remarkable comeback for the 35-year-old former nurse.

Koi was only released from detention in August last year after spending ten months at a correctional facility. She had been accused of feuding with the queen but was then declared "untainted" and restored to her role as 68-year-old King Maha Vajiralongkorn's official consort.

Just as rumors of her release were circulating, over a thousand photos of her, including alleged nudes, were sent on SD cards to MacGregor Marshall, and to Pavin Chachavalponpun, a Thai academic and outspoken critic of the monarchy.

The king only married his current and fourth wife, Suthida, in May 2019, just days before his coronation. He divorced his third wife in 2014. The relationship was made famous by a leaked video show-

ing her feeding birthday cake to his poodle, Fufu, while she wore only a G-string and courtiers crawled on the floor before her and the king.

Fufu featured in a previous embarrassing incident: Cables written by Eric John when he was U.S. ambassador to Bangkok, which were published by Wikileaks, detailed the king's strange obsession with the dog. The diplomatic cables said he adored Fufu, and gave him the title air chief marshal. He is said to have brought the dog to an official dinner "dressed in formal evening attire complete with paw mitts" where he drank from guests' water glasses.

Thailand is battling a deep recession brought about by COVID-19 and the collapse of the pivotal tourist trade.

Opponents of the ultra-rich royal family have been emboldened in recent months as rallies by student protesters against the establishment have seen their numbers swelling.

Demonstrators have recently taken to protesting by wearing crop tops exposing their midriff to mock the king, who has been photographed wearing similar garb at airports and in German shopping centers.

The protests have been inflamed by reports of the king's vast wealth, estimated by London's Financial Times at between \$30 billion and \$40 billion, after sovereign funds were effectively put under his direct control by the leaders of a successful 2014 coup.



He is believed to be the world's richest king.

As The Daily Beast recently reported, Vajiralongkorn is also alleged to have built up an extraordinary fleet of 38 jets and helicopters for the exclusive use of the Thai royal family.

He has spent much of the past few years living in Germany, most recently at the Grand Hotel Sonnenbichl in Garmish-Partenkirchen, where his retinue of 20 concubines, who have all been given the same honorary surname, have also damaged his domestic and international reputation.

Email addresses provided on Thai government websites did not work, with emails from The Daily Beast requesting comment bouncing back. However, the Thai royals do not typically comment in response to press inquiries, in part because criticizing the royal family in the media is an offense under strict *lèse majesté* provisions of Thai law.

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Tom Sykes

Pakistan PM angry over reports TV anchor knew about strike

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Pakistan's prime minister reacted angrily Monday to media reports of a text exchange between an Indian TV anchor and a former media industry executive that suggests a 2019 Indian airstrike inside Pakistan was designed to boost Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's chances for reelection.

Imran Khan took to Twitter to respond to Indian media reports of an exchange on the WhatsApp messaging service between popular Indian TV anchor Arnab Goswami and Partho Dasgupta, the former head of a TV rating company. The purported text exchange three days before the airstrike indicates Goswami had prior knowledge of the attack and that it was designed to drum up support for Modi in his reelection bid in pending parliamentary elections.

Goswami, a firebrand anchor who is Indian Republic TV's co-owner and editor in chief, is known for supporting Modi and his nationalist policies.

According to the WhatsApp chat transcript, Goswami texted Dasgupta three days before the Feb. 26, 2019 airstrike, saying "something big will happen" and "On Pakistan the government is confident of striking in a way that people will be elated."

Dasgupta tells Goswami the attack on Pakistan would give Modi a "sweeping majority" in the upcoming general election. Months later, Modi surged to a landslide victory in May 2019, propelling his Hindu nationalist party to back-to-back majorities in parliament. Neither Dasgupta nor Goswami was available for comment Monday. But Goswami's Republic TV issued a statement alleging the Pakistani government was conspiring against his station.

The February 2019 airstrike on Pakistan followed a suicide bombing in the Indian-controlled portion of Kashmir that month that killed more than 40 Indian soldiers. India blamed Pakistan-based militant group Jaish-e-Mohammed, which claimed responsibility.

Although Pakistan detained Jaish-e-Mohammed's leaders, Modi's government launched a nighttime airstrike on the Pakistani town of Balakot, saying it hit a militant camp. Pakistan said Indian warplanes dropped bombs in a forested area, causing no casualties.

Khan alleged in a speech at the U.N. in 2019 that Modi used the airstrike "for domestic electoral gains." Khan in a series of tweets urged the world community to "stop India from its reckless, militarist agenda before the Modi govt's brinkmanship pushes our region into a conflict it cannot control." Pakistan and India have routinely accused each other of unprovoked attacks along the tense Kashmir frontier in violation of a 2003 cease-fire agreement. Kashmir is split between the nuclear-armed rivals, and both claim it in its entirety. They have fought two wars over the region since their independence from British colonial rule in 1947.

The text exchange controversy also drew criticism from India's opposition, which

demanded answers from Modi.

The opposition Congress Party said the text exchange between the two men raised serious questions about India's national security. "(Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party) govt betrayed our nation by leaking national security information to a so-called journalist," the party tweeted Monday.

Shashi Tharoor, a Congress Party lawmaker, said Sunday the "leaking of military secrets to a TV channel for its commercial purposes" required a "serious inquiry" by the Modi government. "We all expect it won't, given the evidence of its complicity in the betrayals revealed," Tharoor wrote on Twitter.

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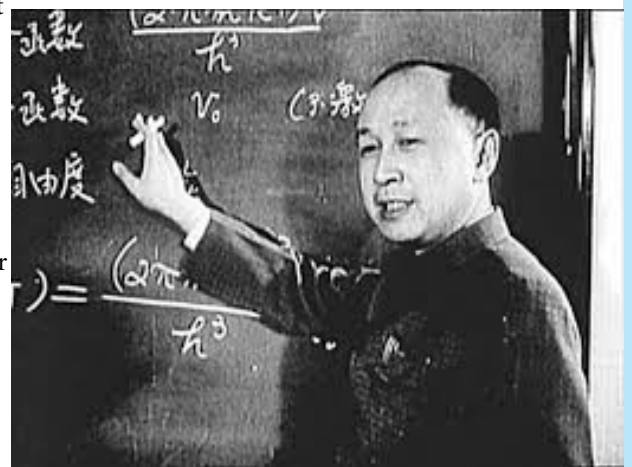


The U.S. Deported The Man Who Would Become China's 'Father of Space Technology' Out of Fear

America may not have won World War II and landed on the moon later if not for the contributions of a brilliant Chinese scientist named Qian Xuesen. Fearing communist presence after the war, the U.S., however, deported Qian to China, clueless that he would eventually spearhead programs that would target American troops and eventually propel China into space. Born to well-educated parents in 1911, it was evident from an early age that Qian had superior intellect. He graduated at the top of his class at Shanghai Jiao Tong University and won a scholarship at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Qian arrived in Boston in 1935. He eventually moved to the California Institute of Technology (CalTech) to study under Hungarian aeronautical engineer Theodore von Karman, one of the field's most influential at the time. It was in CalTech when Qian became a member of a group of innovators called Suicide Squad, which aimed to build a rocket on campus. They earned their nickname, however, due to botched experiments involving volatile chemicals. Just before World War II, the U.S. military, which had been paying for research into jet propulsion systems, caught wind of the Suicide Squad. In 1943, the Jet Propulsion

Lab was established under von Karman -- and Qian was at its core. Qian, a national of the Republic of China (ROC; now Taiwan) -- then a U.S. ally -- was given security clearance to work on classified weapons research. At the end of the war, he was among the world's leading experts in jet propulsion, even flying to Germany as a lieutenant colonel to gather intelligence from Nazi engineers. Unfortunately, Qian's American career faltered when Mao Zedong established the communist People's Republic of China (PRC) in 1949. Chinese nationals were then seen as a threat to the U.S. The FBI accused Qian of being a communist based on a 1938 document, which showed that he had attended a social gathering of the Pasadena Communist Party. He denied being a member, but research proved that he joined the group with JPL co-founder Frank Malina, who was also part of the Suicide Squad. Qian's membership was more inspired by anti-racism than Marxism, however. For instance, they campaigned against the segregation of the local Pasadena swimming pool. Despite the absence of evidence that he actually spied for the PRC, Qian was put on house arrest for five years. In 1955, President Eisenhower de-

ported him to China. Qian left America by boat with his wife and two U.S.-born children. He vowed never to return again. The scientist arrived as a promising talent in China. However, he was not immediately welcomed into the CCP, since his wife was the daughter of a ROC leader. Qian was admitted to the CCP in 1958, later serving on its Central Committee. In the following years, he oversaw the launch of the first Chinese satellite into space -- and a multitude of other projects that laid the foundations of China's Lunar Exploration Program. In a slap of irony, a missile program Qian helped develop produced weapons that were fired back at the U.S. These were silkworm missiles fired at Americans in the Gulf War of 1991, as well as the USS Mason by Huti rebels in Yemen in 2016. "So there's this odd circularity. The US expelled this expertise, and it has come back to bite them," said Fraser Macdonald, author of "Escape from Earth: A Secret History of the Space Rocket," according to BBC News. Despite the turnaround of his



life, Qian reportedly remained fond of the American people. In 2002, Frank Marble, a CalTech colleague, stated that Qian had "lost faith in the American government" but "always had very warm feelings for the American people," according to The New York Times. Qian died as an accomplished scientist at the age of 98 in Beijing. He has since been revered as a hero in China. Feature Images via CCTV YahooNews Editorial Staff

Pakistan loses four spots in corruption perceptions ranking: report

Pakistan ranked 124 out of 180 countries — dropping four spots over last year — in the newly released Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) by Transparency International, an annual index that ranks countries based on perceptions of public sector corruption. The 2020 edition of the CPI ranked 180 countries and territories by their perceived levels of public sector corruption, drawing on 13 expert assessments and surveys of business executives.

Denmark and New Zealand topped the index this year, with 88 points each. Syria, Somalia and South Sudan are at the bottom of the chart with 14, 12 and 12 points, respectively.

Last year, Pakistan had ranked 120. On a scale of 0-100, with zero being 'Highly Corrupt' and 100 being 'Very Clean', the country's corruption score stands at 31 — a point lower than last year's 32 — indicating that the perception of corruption in the public sector has worsened slightly. A reason behind the drop in Pakistan's score on CPI list was its points in the 'Rule of Law Index'

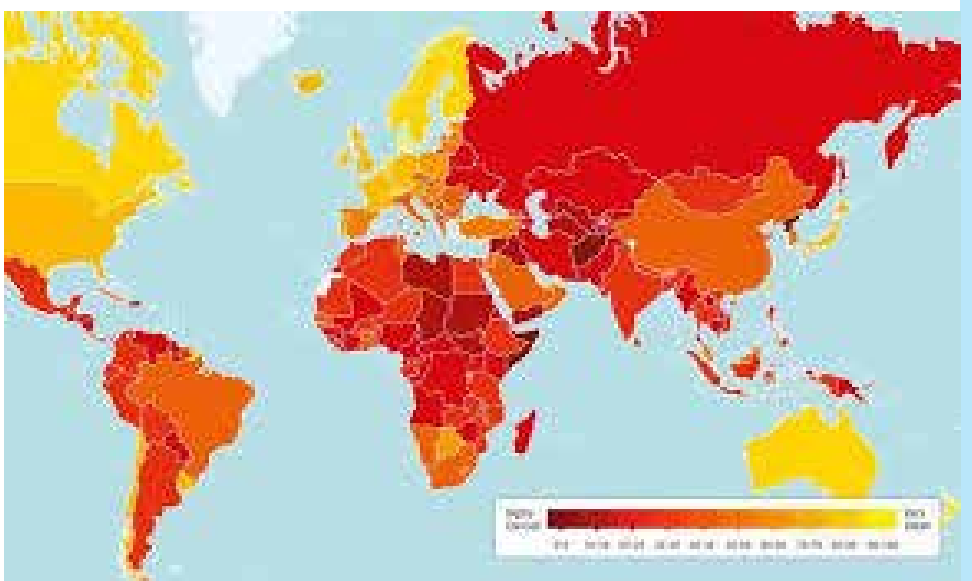
and 'Varieties of Democracy' (VDem) categories were lower than last year.

The questions asked by World Justice Programme (WJP) regarding 'Rule of Law Index' and 'Varieties of Democracy' are about the corruption of government officials viz legislatures, executives, judiciary, police and military, explained Sohail Muzaffar, the chairman of Pakistan's chapter of Transparency International.

The government has to improve its performance in these four sectors, he emphasised.

The increase in corruption perception comes despite the extraordinary efforts of the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) which claims to have recovered Rs363 billion in the last two years and the Public Accounts Committee, which claims to have recovered Rs300 billion over the same period, noted Muzaffar.

Meanwhile, corruption perceptions in other countries in the region including India (40 points), Iran (25 points) and Bangladesh (26 points)



improved, even if by small margins. Afghanistan's score (19) has also improved by three points and so did Turkey (40), according to CPI's statistics.

China, with a score of 42, ranks 78 on the list.

In 2020, the CPI focused on the impact of corruption on the response to the Covid-19 pandemic and found that persistent corruption not only undermines healthcare systems but also contributes to democratic backsliding. Countries that performed well on the index generally invest more in healthcare and, therefore, are in a better position to provide coverage to all their

citizens. They are also less likely to violate democratic norms and institutions or the rule of law, the report said.

Commenting on the findings, chair of Transparency International, Delia Ferreira Rubio, said: "The past year has tested governments like no other in memory, and those with higher levels of corruption have been less able to meet the challenge. But even those at the top of the CPI must urgently address their role in perpetuating corruption at home and abroad."

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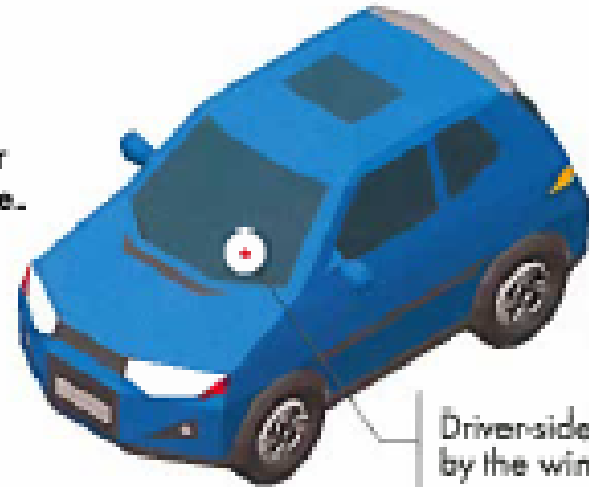
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Indian siblings rescued by NGO after locking themselves in filthy room for a decade

Three Indian siblings who locked themselves inside a single room for a decade after the death of their mother are slowly re-adjusting to normal life.

The trio, aged between 30 and 42, had been using the floor of the downtown room in the city of Rajkot, which had no natural sunlight, as a toilet and were living among piles of rubbish.

Overcoming the smell, volunteers from the Saathi Seva Group NGO broke down the door of the room on December 28 after a tip-off from the siblings' distressed father, Navin Mehta, 85, who said he had lost hope of the trio ever emerging on their own accord.

Mr Mehta said he had been bringing them food every day and leaving it outside the room but was too scared to enter himself

as he believed he would be exposed to black magic.

Ambrish, 42, the eldest of the siblings, was described as "skeletal" and unable to stand after sitting cross-legged for weeks, while the other brother, Bhavesh, 34, was suffering from memory loss.

The sister, Meghna, 39, was the only one clothed when the group was found and said she had been cooking for her brothers using the supplies left at the house by Mr Mehta.

"They may be like what their father says [that they are mentally ill], but they need treatment urgently," said Jalpa Patel, the leader of the team from the Saathi Seva Group, which usually works with members of the homeless community in Rajkot.

"Megha claimed she was alright but kept on asking for food every now and then. She seemed to be disoriented. Bhavesh wasn't talking yesterday when we managed to break into their room. However, on Monday, he started speaking in limited sentences," said Ms Patel.

Mr Mehta said the siblings were well-educated and had degrees in economics, law, and psychology but his wife's death had "affected my children deeply" and that "some relatives did black magic on them."

The trio were first cleaned and shaved, before being taken for psychological assessment at a government hospital in Rajkot.



Meghna and Bhavesh are responding well, with the latter starting to enjoy cricket games with childhood friends, but Ambrish is still to speak a word, according to the Saathi Seva Group
Yahoo News
By Joe Wallen

The Earth is spinning faster now than at any time in the past half century

If 2020 felt like a drag, you may be surprised to discover it actually went faster than you thought ... and this year is set to be even speedier.

The Earth has been spinning unusually quickly lately, and July 19 saw the shortest day since records began, with the planet completing its rotation in 1.4602 milliseconds less than the usual 86,400 seconds.

The previous shortest day in 2005 was beaten 28 times last year, and 2021 is on track to be the most nippy year ever, with the average day passing 0.5 milliseconds faster than usual.

The changes to the length of a standard day were only discovered after highly accurate atomic clocks were developed in the 1960s and compared to fixed stars in the sky.

In recent decades, Earth's average rotational speed has consistently decreased and timekeepers have been forced to add 27 leap seconds to atomic time since the 1970s to keep clocks in sync with the slowing planet.

The last one was added on New Year's Eve 2016, when clocks around the world paused for a second to allow the Earth's rotation to catch up.

Then, BT's speaking clock added a second's pause before its third pip while Radio 4 inserted an extra pip to its 1am bulletin.

However, now the planet is speeding up and a negative leap second may soon be needed so atomic clocks can

align correctly with the turning world.

It would be the first time that a second has been removed from global clocks.

Peter Whibberley, senior research scientist with National Physical Laboratory's time and frequency group, said: "It is certainly correct that the Earth is spinning faster now than at any time in the last 50 years.

"It's quite possible that a negative leap second will be needed if the Earth's rotation rate increases further, but it's too early to say if this is likely to happen.

"There are also international discussions taking place about the future of leap seconds, and it's also possible that the need for a negative leap second might push the decision towards ending leap seconds for good."

On Sunday, the solar day lasted just 23 hours, 59 minutes and 59.9998927 seconds, then slowed down on Monday to a little more than 24 hours.

However, in the course of 2021, atomic clocks are expected to accumulate a lag of about 19 milliseconds.

While it would take hundreds of years for the difference to become obvious to most people, modern satellite communication and navigation systems rely on time being consistent with the conventional positions of the Sun, Moon and stars.

It is the task of scientists and officials at the International Earth Rotation Service, based in Paris, to monitor the



planet's rotation and inform countries when leap seconds must be added or taken away six months in advance.

However, there can be consequences of tinkering with time.

When a leap second was added in 2012, Mozilla, Reddit, Foursquare, Yelp, LinkedIn and StumbleUpon all reported crashes and there were problems with the Linux operating system and programmes written in the programming language Java.

Some countries want to move to atomic time completely, and abolish leap second corrections, but the UK is opposed to the move because it would sever the link with solar time forever.

The World Radiocommunication Conference will decide on the fate of the leap second in 2023.

The speed of the Earth's rotation varies constantly because of the complex

motion of its molten core, oceans and atmosphere, as well as the effect of celestial bodies such as the Moon.

The friction of the tides and the change in distance between the Earth and the Moon all make for daily variations in the speed the planet rotates on its axis.

Even the snow building up on mountains and melting in the summer can shift the rotation.

Global warming will also have an effect by melting ice and snow at higher elevations, causing the Earth to spin faster, although only by a small amount.

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HEALTH

Discover how to manage Atrial Fibrillation

Doctors reveal the facts about “afib”...what causes it...what to do if you have it...and the best ways to treat it!

Do you ever feel like your heart is racing? Fluttering? Skipping a beat? Do you feel fatigued, short of breath, or have bouts of dizziness?

You could have atrial fibrillation — a common heart condition more commonly called “afib,” which can dramatically increase your risk of stroke. Although afib is common, it is also a complex condition, so the more you know, the better you can protect your health. That’s why Harvard Health Publishing created *Managing Atrial Fibrillation*, a new online guide filled with the latest information on the tests, medications, and procedures, which can help you manage afib.

Just what is atrial fibrillation, and how can you find the right treatment for you?

Simply put, afib is a malfunction of the heart’s timing system or sinus rhythm.

When your heart is beating normally, the atria (the chambers at the top) contract and relax at steady, regular intervals. If you have afib, the atria beat erratically and too quickly. The quivering movements mean the ventricles (the lower chambers of the heart) don’t fill with blood effectively.

In this new report, you’ll discover the most common symptoms afib causes for some people. Plus, you’ll learn that 90% of all afib episodes may not cause any noticeable symptoms!

The 5 most common symptoms of atrial fibrillation

How to lower stroke risk if you can’t take “blood thinners”

The link between high blood pressure and afib

The difference between warfarin and newer anticoagulant medications
3 different types of atrial fibrillation — and why it’s so important to know which kind you have

Specific things you can do to lower your risk for afib

And so much more *Managing Atrial Fibrillation* explains what afib is in clear, easy-to-understand language. You’ll find out how afib affects your heart, why it only causes symptoms for some people, the different tests used to diagnose the condition, and you’ll get a review of the various treatments, procedures, and medications that help to control the condition.

Managing Atrial Fibrillation provides important information on:

- ✓ Non-heart related problems that can increase your risk of afib
- ✓ 6 medical tests that determine if you have afib — and what treatment will work best for you
- ✓ The simple, yet very accurate method to determine stroke risk from afib
- ✓ The Band-Aid-sized monitor that can help detect heart rhythm problems
- ✓ The afib procedure that works for 90% of people
- ✓ How to tell if you should be screened for afib even when you have no symptoms

Atrial fibrillation (afib) is the most common type of heart arrhythmia. Some people have symptoms such as dizziness, shortness of breath, fatigue, a fluttering or racing heart that alert them to the problem. But 90% of all afib episodes may not cause any symptoms.

To help you understand this common, yet serious condition

you’ll learn what atrial fibrillation is, how it affects your heart, symptoms you may experience, and more. You’ll find valuable information you can discuss with your doctor about diagnostic tests you may need, medications that can help treat afib, and the risks and benefits of the procedures that can help control afib and prevent serious complications.

You’ll get the facts about the two main approaches for treating afib—controlling heart rate and controlling heart rhythm—and how to decide which is best for you. You’ll learn about different medications like calcium channel blockers, beta blockers, and digoxin that work to control your heart rate—and the side effects each may cause.

You’ll find the latest information on the benefits and risks of different procedures such as AV node ablation, pacemakers,

cardioversion, catheter ablation, and many more. *Managing Atrial Fibrillation* gives you the knowledge needed to be an active partner in your health.

Whether to take warfarin or a new anticoagulant drug to prevent a stroke

The test that can detect clots in your heart and reveal if you’re at greater risk for stroke

Why women often struggle with worse afib symptoms than men

The medications that can decrease stroke risk from afib as much as 80%

Very important: The longer you wait to try catheter ablation the less likely it will work

How coffee and alcohol can affect afib symptoms

Why managing the risk factors for heart and blood vessel disease could improve afib symptom



Seven steps for making your New Year’s resolutions stick

Creating new habits takes time and energy. A new behavior won’t become automatic overnight, but you may enjoy some of its benefits fairly quickly. Also, as you start to take walks regularly or engage in stress-soothing practices frequently, you’ll find you won’t feel quite right if you stop. That’s a great incentive to continue. So, keep nudging yourself in the direction you’d like to go. And try the following seven tips to help you create long-lasting change.

1. Dream big. Audacious goals are compelling. Want to compete in a marathon or triathlon? Lose 50 pounds or just enough to fit into clothes you once loved? With perseverance, encouragement, and support, you can do it. An ambitious aim often inspires others around you. Many will cheer you on. Some will be happy to help in practical ways, such as by training with you or taking on tasks you normally handle in order to free up your time.

2. Break big dreams into small-enough steps. Now think tiny. Small steps move you forward to your ultimate goal. Look for surefire bets. Just getting to first base can build your confidence to tackle — and succeed at — more difficult tasks. Don’t disdain easy choices. If you start every plan with “Make list,” you’re guaranteed to check one box off quickly. That’s no joke: a study on loyalty programs that aim to

motivate consumers found giving people two free punches on a frequent-buyer card encouraged repeat business. So break hard jobs down into smaller line items, and enjoy breezing through the easy tasks first.

3. Understand why you shouldn’t make a change. That’s right. Until you grasp why you’re sticking like a burr to old habits and routines, it may be hard to muster enough energy and will to take a hard left toward change. Unhealthy behaviors like overeating and smoking have immediate, pleasurable payoffs as well as costs. So, when you’re considering a change, take time to think it through. You boost your chance of success when the balance of pluses and minuses tips enough to make adopting a new behavior more attractive than standing in place. Engaging in enjoyable aspects of an unhealthy behavior, without the behavior itself, helps too. For example, if you enjoy taking a break while having a smoke, take the break and enjoy it, but find healthier ways to do so. Otherwise, you’re working against a headwind and are less likely to experience lasting success.

4. Commit yourself. Make yourself accountable through a written or verbal promise to people you don’t want to let down. That will encourage you to slog through tough spots. One intrepid soul created a Facebook page devoted to her

goals for weight loss. You can make a less public promise to your partner or child, a teacher, doctor, boss, or friends. Want more support? Post your promise on Facebook, tweet it to your followers, or seek out folks with like-minded goals online.

5. Give yourself a medal. Don’t wait to call yourself a winner until you’ve pounded through the last mile of your big dream marathon or lost every unwanted ounce. Health changes are often incremental. Encourage yourself to keep at it by pausing to acknowledge success as you tick off small and big steps en route to a goal. Blast your favorite tune each time you reach 5,000 steps. Get a pat on the back from your coach or spouse. Ask family and friends to cheer you on. Look for an online support group.

6. Learn from the past. Any time you fail to make a change, consider it a step toward your goal. Why? Because each sincere attempt represents a lesson learned. When you hit a snag, take a moment to think about what did and didn’t work. Maybe you took on too big a challenge? If so, scale back to a less ambitious challenge, or break the big one into tinier steps. If nailing down 30 consecutive minutes to exercise never seems to work on busy days, break that down by aiming for three 10-minute walks — one before work, one during



lunch, one after work — or a 20-minute walk at lunch plus a 10-minute mix of marching, stair climbing, and jumping rope or similar activities slipped into your TV schedule.

7. Give thanks for what you do. Forget perfection. Set your sights on finishing that marathon, not on running it. If you compete to complete, you’ll be a winner even if you wind up walking as much as you run. With exercise — and so many other goals we set — you’ll benefit even when doing less than you’d like to do. Any activity is always better than none. If your goal for Tuesday is a 30-minute workout at the gym, but you only squeeze in 10 minutes, feel grateful for that. It’s enough. Maybe tomorrow will be better.

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RECIPES

HYDERABADI CHICKEN KORMA

Ingredients

1 kg Chicken cut into pieces
 1 tbsp oil
 salt – to taste
 1 tsp red chilli powder
 1/2 tsp turmeric powder
 1 tbsp ginger garlic paste
 For the masala:
 2 tbsp dessicated coconut
 1 tbsp peanuts
 1 tbsp khus khus poppy seeds
 2 medium sized onions finely sliced
 For garnishing:
 1 tbsp finely chopped coriander leaves
 1 tbsp finely chopped mint leaves

Other ingredients:

1 tbsp oil
 1 cup yogurt
 1 tsp garam masala powder
 2 – 3 green chillies

Instructions

Firstly, in a pressure cooker, add oil and heat it.
 Wash the chicken pieces well and add them into the pressure cooker.
 Roast the chicken well until slight change

in color appears.

Add the dry spices which are salt, red chilli powder, turmeric powder, mix well and cook over medium flame for few minutes.

Add little water and pressure cook for two whistles until chicken gets tender and rest it aside.

Korma Procedure:

Dry roast dessicated coconut, peanuts, poppy seeds(khus khus), blend them all and make a fine paste of all.
 Take a pan, heat it and add the sliced onions, smear 1 tsp oil all over the onions and slightly roast them for about two minutes and make a paste of it too.

Now, in a curry cooking vessel or pot, add oil, add ginger garlic paste, add green chillies or add paste of it.

Saute well and add the paste of coconuts, peanuts, poppy seeds and onion paste. Mix and cook the masala for two to three minutes.

Add salt, red chilli powder and cook the mixture until oil leaves the masala.

If the masala paste sticks to the base then add very little water in order to avoid the

burning of masala.

Add beaten yogurt, mix it well and again cook the whole korma until the masala is cooked well and also the oil should start leaving the masala.

It takes about 15 minutes for the masala to cook well on sim flame.

Finally, add the cooked chicken curry into the Korma and mix well. Add little water if you find the gravy too thick.

Add the garam masala powder, coriander leaves, mint leaves and let it cook for about five – ten minutes.

Switch off the flame and serve hot.

Tastes best when served with Pulao or Bagara Khana.

Notes

1. Whenever we add nutty ingredients like almonds or cashews or coconut or peanuts or poppy seeds, it is better to dry roast them and make a paste of it. 2. The curries taste much better by doing so. 3. Cook the



masala on sim flame as the masala may stick to the bottom and may burn and spoils the Korma taste. 4. Add little water if the masala sticks the base. 5. Always add coriander and mint leaves in making any Korma as they enhance and better the taste of the Korma. 6. Also few more dry spices like coriander powder or cumin seeds powder can be added if one would wish to. 7. The dish can also be garnished with fried onions.

Banana Cake

Ingredients

3 large ripe bananas (about 1 and 1/2 cups mashed)
 3 cups (375g) all-purpose flour (scoop & leveled)
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 3/4 cup (170g) unsalted butter, softened to room temperature
 1 cup (200g) granulated sugar
 1/2 cup (100g) packed light or dark brown sugar
 3 large eggs, at room temperature
 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
 1 and 1/2 cups (360ml) buttermilk, at room temperature*
 Cream Cheese Frosting

8 ounces (224g) full-fat block cream cheese, softened to room temperature
 1/2 cup (115g) unsalted butter, softened to room temperature
 3 cups (360g) confectioners' sugar, plus an extra 1/4 cup if needed
 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
 1/8 teaspoon salt

Instructions

Preheat the oven to 350°F (177°C) and grease a 9x13 inch pan.
 Make the cake: Mash the bananas. I usually just use my mixer for this! Set mashed bananas aside.
 Whisk the flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, and salt together. Set aside.
 Using a handheld or stand mixer fitted

with a paddle attachment, beat the butter on high speed until smooth and creamy – about 1 minute. Add both sugars and beat on high speed for 2 minutes until creamed together. Scrape down the sides and up the bottom of the bowl with a rubber spatula as needed. Add the eggs and the vanilla. Beat on medium-high speed until combined, then beat in the mashed bananas. Scrape down the sides and up the bottom of the bowl as needed. With the mixer on low speed, add the dry ingredients in three additions alternating with the buttermilk and mixing each addition just until incorporated. Do not overmix. The batter will be slightly thick and a few lumps is OK. Spread batter into the prepared pan. Bake for 45-50 minutes. Baking times vary, so keep an eye on yours. The cake is done when a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. If you find the top of the cake is browning too quickly in the oven, loosely cover it with aluminum foil.

Remove the cake from the oven and set on a wire rack. Allow to cool completely. After about 45 minutes, I usually place it in the refrigerator to speed things up. Make the frosting: In a large bowl using a handheld or stand mixer fitted with a paddle or whisk attachment, beat the cream cheese and butter together on high speed until smooth and creamy. Add 3 cups confectioners' sugar, vanilla, and salt. Beat on low speed for 30 seconds, then switch to high speed and beat for 2 minutes. If you want the frosting a little thicker, add the extra 1/4 cup of confectioners sugar (I add it). Spread the frosting on the cooled cake. Refrigerate



ate for 30 minutes before serving. This helps sets the frosting and makes cutting easier.

Cover leftover cake tightly and store in the refrigerator for 5 days.

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Make Ahead Instructions: Prepare cake through step 5. Cover the cake tightly and refrigerate for up to 2 days or freeze up to 3 months. Bring to room temperature, make the frosting, frost, and serve. Frosted cake freezes well, up to 3 months. Thaw overnight in the refrigerator, bring to room temperature or serve cold.

Buttermilk: Buttermilk is required for this recipe. You can make your own DIY version of buttermilk if needed. Add 1 Tablespoon of white vinegar or lemon juice to a liquid measuring cup. Then add enough room temperature whole milk to the same measuring cup until it reaches 1 and 1/2 cups. (In a pinch, lower fat or nondairy milks work for this soured milk, but the cake won't taste as

moist or rich.) Stir it around and let sit for 5 minutes. The homemade "buttermilk" will be somewhat curdled and ready to use in the recipe.

Cupcakes: I've gotten a few questions about turning this cake into cupcakes. For about 2 dozen cupcakes, fill the cupcake liners halfway and bake for about 20-22 minutes. Same oven temperature. Bundt Cake: You can bake this batter in a 10-12 cup bundt pan, but I find it's not quite as moist when baked in the bundt shape. Bake for 50-65 minutes, give or take. Use a toothpick to determine doneness. Same oven temperature.

Layer Cake: I use this recipe to make my banana layer cake. If you want to make a 2 layer cake, divide batter between 2 greased 9-inch cake pans, and bake at 350°F (177°C) for 26-30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.

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Important Recall Info That MAY Affect Your Vehicle

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V803
 Manufacturer : Volvo Bus Corporation
 Subject : Transmission C1 Hub May Fail
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 VOLVO BUS 9700 2015-2020
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V805
 Manufacturer : SVI Trucks
 Subject : Lighting and HVAC Display May Lock Up
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 SVI TRUCKS SVI TRUCKS 2020
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V806
 Manufacturer : Daimler Trucks North America, LLC
 Subject : Hydraulic Caliper Tie Bar May Be Loose
 Make Model Model Years
 THOMAS BUILT BUSES SAF-T-LINER C2 2022
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V807
 Manufacturer : Daimler Trucks North America, LLC
 Subject : Hydraulic Caliper Tie Bar May Be Loose
 Make Model Model Years
 FCCC MBC 2021
 FCCC MC 2021
 FCCC MT55 2021
 FCCC S2 2021
 FREIGHTLINER BUSINESS CLASS M2 2021
 THOMAS BUILT BUSES SAF-T-LINER C2 2022
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V809
 Manufacturer : Escape Trailer
 Subject : Stove Saddle Valves may Leak Gas
 Make Model Model Years
 ESCAPE RV ESCAPE 2020
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V810
 Manufacturer : Navistar, Inc.
 Subject : Engine may Rev and Overcome Parking Brake
 Make Model Model Years
 INTERNATIONAL DURASTAR 2014-2020
 INTERNATIONAL HV 2020-2021
 INTERNATIONAL MV 2019-2021
 INTERNATIONAL WORKSTAR 2015-2018
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V812
 Manufacturer : Marion Body Works Inc.
 Subject : Lighting and HVAC Display May Lock Up
 Make Model Model Years
 SPARTAN FIRE GLADIATOR 2020
 SPARTAN FIRE METROSTAR 2020
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V813
 Manufacturer : Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA
 Subject : Transmission Second Gear Can Break
 Make Model Model Years
 YAMAHA FJR1300 2016-2020
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V814
 Manufacturer : Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA
 Subject : Front Brake Switch Can Fail
 Make Model Model Years
 YAMAHA FJR1300 2013-2020
 YAMAHA MT10 2017-2020
 YAMAHA MTT9GT2018-2020
 YAMAHA MXTGTKL 2019
 YAMAHA XTZ12 2018-2020
 YAMAHA XV1900 2018-2021
 YAMAHA XV1900B 2018
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 21V001
 Manufacturer : Volvo Car USA, LLC
 Subject : SRS Control Unit Can Detach
 Make Model Model Years
 VOLVO V60 2021
 VOLVO V60CC 2021
 VOLVO V90 2021
 VOLVO V90CC 2021
 VOLVO XC60 2021
 VOLVO XC90 2021

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V780
 Manufacturer : Jayco, Inc.
 Subject : Leveling System Mounting Bracket May Fail
 Make Model Model Years
 ENTEGRA ESTEEM 2020-2021
 ENTEGRA ODYSSEY 2020-2021
 JAYCO GREYHAWK 2020-2021
 JAYCO GREYHAWK PRESTIGE 2020-2021
 JAYCO REDHAWK 2020-2021
 JAYCO REDHAWK SE 2020-2021
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V784
 Manufacturer : Aston Martin The Americas
 Subject : Vehicles Assembled Without Headliner Foam Blocks
 Make Model Model Years
 ASTON MARTIN DBX 2021
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V787
 Manufacturer : Daimler Trucks North America, LLC
 Subject : Parking Brake May Release Unexpectedly/FMVSS 121
 Make Model Model Years
 THOMAS BUILT BUSES SAF-T-LINER C2 2021
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V789
 Manufacturer : Navistar, Inc.
 Subject : Illuminated Stop Sign may Fail
 Make Model Model Years
 IC BUS CE 2021-2022
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V795
 Manufacturer : Ford Motor Company
 Subject : Engine Cover may be Excessively Hot
 Make Model Model Years
 FORD E-350 2021
 FORD E-450 2021
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V796
 Manufacturer : Jayco, Inc.
 Subject : Leveling System Mounting Bracket May Fail
 Make Model Model Years
 JAYCO SENECA 2016-2020
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V802
 Manufacturer : Daimler Vans USA, LLC
 Subject : Brake Caliper May Leak
 Make Model Model Years
 FREIGHTLINER SPRINTER 1500 2019-2020
 FREIGHTLINER SPRINTER 2500 2019-2020
 FREIGHTLINER SPRINTER 3500 2019-2020
 FREIGHTLINER SPRINTER 4500 2019-2020
 MERCEDES-BENZSPRINTER 1500 2019-2020
 MERCEDES-BENZSPRINTER 2500 2019-2020
 MERCEDES-BENZSPRINTER 3500 2019-2020
 MERCEDES-BENZSPRINTER 4500 2019-2020
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V804
 Manufacturer : Thor Motor Coach
 Subject : Front Overhead Cabinets May Detach
 Make Model Model Years
 THOR HURRICANE 2018-2019
 THOR WINDSPORT 2018-2019
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V808
 Manufacturer : General Motors, LLC
 Subject : Front Left Brake Caliper may Fracture
 Make Model Model Years
 CHEVROLET BOLT EV 2020
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V811
 Manufacturer : General Motors, LLC
 Subject : Incorrect Bolts Used To Attach Seat Belts
 Make Model Model Years
 CADILLAC ESCALADE 2021

CADILLAC ESCALADE ESV 2021
 CHEVROLET BLAZER 2021
 CHEVROLET BOLT EV 2020
 CHEVROLET CAMARO 2021
 CHEVROLET COLORADO 2021
 CHEVROLET EQUINOX 2021
 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 2021
 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 2500 2021
 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 3500 2021
 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN 2021
 CHEVROLET TAHOE 2021
 GMC CANYON 2021
 GMC SIERRA 1500 2021
 GMC SIERRA 2500 2021
 GMC SIERRA 3500 2021
 GMC YUKON 2021
 GMC YUKON XL 2021
 HTSA Recall ID Number : 20V764
 Manufacturer : General Motors, LLC
 Subject : Rear Toe Links May Fracture
 Make Model Model Years
 BUICK LACROSSE 2010-2013
 BUICK REGAL 2012-2013
 CHEVROLET MALIBU 2013
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V765
 Manufacturer : Altec Industries, Inc.
 Subject : Hydraulic Check Valve May Have Snap Ring Failure
 Make Model Model Years
 ALTEC AERIAL DEVICE 2018-2020
 ALTEC DIGGER DERRICK 2018-2020
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V772
 Manufacturer : Daimler Vans USA, LLC
 Subject : Engine Hood Improperly Installed
 Make Model Model Years
 MERCEDES-BENZSPRINTER 2500 2019
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V777
 Manufacturer : Altec Industries, Inc.
 Subject : Valve has Shuttle Cartridge not Plug
 Make Model Model Years
 ALTEC AERIAL DEVICE 2020
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V779
 Manufacturer : Rosenbauer America
 Subject : Lighting and HVAC Display May Lock Up
 Make Model Model Years
 ROSENBAUER COMMANDER 2018-2021
 ROSENBAUER WARRIOR 2019-2020
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V781
 Manufacturer : Ducati North America
 Subject : Exhaust Valve Cable May Contact Battery Wiring
 Make Model Model Years
 DUCATI SCRAMBLER 2018-2021
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V782
 Manufacturer : Volvo Trucks North America
 Subject : Parking Brake may Apply Unexpectedly
 Make Model Model Years
 VOLVO VAH 2021
 VOLVO VHD 2021
 VOLVO VNL 2021
 VOLVO VNR 2021
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V783
 Manufacturer : Halcore Group, Inc.
 Subject : Lighting and HVAC Display May Lock Up
 Make Model Model Years
 AEV FREIGHTLINER M2 AMBULANCE 2021
 AEV TRAUMAHAWK 2020-2021
 AEV TYPE 1 F-SERIES AMBULANCE 2020
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V785
 Manufacturer : Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.
 Subject : Driver Side Air Bag Inflator May Explode
 Make Model Model Years
 VOLKSWAGEN BEETLE 2012-2014
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 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V786
 Manufacturer : Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.
 Subject : Brake Pedal Plate Can Bend or Detach
 Make Model Model Years
 AUDI Q3 2020
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V788
 Manufacturer : Ford Motor Company
 Subject : Motor Mount Fasteners May Loosen Over Time
 Make Model Model Years
 FORD EXPLORER 2020-2021
 LINCOLN AVIATOR 2020-2021
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V790
 Manufacturer : General Motors, LLC
 Subject : Telltales may be Dim//FMVSS 101, 208
 Make Model Model Years
 CADILLAC ESCALADE 2021
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V791
 Manufacturer : Ford Motor Company
 Subject : Air Bag Missing First Stage Booster/FMVSS 208
 Make Model Model Years
 FORD ECOSPORT 2020
 FORD TRANSIT CONNECT 2019-2020
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V792
 Manufacturer : General Motors, LLC
 Subject : Front Center Seat Belts may not be Secured
 Make Model Model Years
 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 2019-2021
 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 2500 2020-2021
 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 3500 2020-2021
 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN 2021
 CHEVROLET TAHOE 2021
 GMC SIERRA 1500 2019-2021
 GMC SIERRA 2500 2020-2021
 GMC SIERRA 3500 2020-2021
 GMC YUKON XL 2021
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V797
 Manufacturer : Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)
 Subject : Fuel Filter May Clog and Cause Engine Stall
 Make Model Model Years
 HONDA CRF1000L 2018-2019
 HONDA CRF1100L 2020
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V798
 Manufacturer : Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)
 Subject : Loss of Drive Power from DC-DC Converter Shutdown
 Make Model Model Years
 HONDA ACCORD HYBRID 2020
 HONDA CR-V HYBRID 2020
 HONDA INSIGHT2020-2021
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V799
 Manufacturer : Forest River, Inc.
 Subject : Outdoor Cooktop Can Be Stowed Away While On
 Make Model Model Years
 FOREST RIVER PUMA 2021
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V800
 Manufacturer : Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC
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Siraj shines Down Under; family members, well-wishers rejoice in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: Mohammed Siraj's late father had always dreamt of watching his son play the trade at the highest level but as luck would have it, the wish remained unfulfilled as he died weeks before his son's Test debut in Australia, where the pacer emerged as the highest wicket-taker for India. With 13 scalps, Siraj was India's highest wicket-taker in the memorable 2-1 series win on Tuesday and people in the locality where the cricketer lives erupted in joy.

The 26-year-old Siraj lost his father Mohammed Ghaus, an autorickshaw driver on November 20, a week or so after the Indian team landed in Australia and could not return home for the last rites due to the COVID-19 restrictions. The decision to remain with the team Down Under showed his determination to succeed and also fulfil his father's dream.

"It was my (late) father's dream that Siraj should represent India in Tests. He always wanted to see him (Siraj) in blue and white jersey to represent the nation, so the dream got fulfilled," Siraj's brother Mohammed Ismail told PTI.

Siraj bowled his heart out and picked up a maiden five-wicket haul (5/73) at the Gabba in Brisbane, Australia's fortress which was breached on Tuesday after 32 years.

"It was a great achievement by the Indian

team and my brother Siraj has achieved what our father dreamt. We are happy that Siraj was able to contribute to the victory," Ismail said.

He said the family members had been closely following Siraj's performances since he made his debut in the second match of the four-Test series in Melbourne.

"Continuously, we were watching from the day 1 when Siraj made his debut. We were all excited to see him play for India and happy that he did well and justified his selection," Ismail said.

"We have not planned any celebration at home, but the people of the society and the city of Hyderabad are going to celebrate."

Shafi, a close friend of Siraj, was overjoyed for his mates success.

"We did not expect that Siraj bhai would do so well. Such was his performance. He took five wickets. India has won the series in Australia. It's a great thing to win the series in Australia with senior players out with injuries," said Shafi, who used to play tennis ball cricket with Siraj.

Shafi said he spoke to Siraj a few days ago and tried to motivate him to take more



wickets.

Shafi said he has stopped playing cricket and took up a job in the Revenue department of the Telangana government.

Mohd Mahboob Ahmed, secretary of Charminar Cricket Club, who helped Siraj when he was a youngster, said he felt proud about the pacer's performance in Australia.

Recalling that one Kaleem, a vegetable

seller, had told him in 2016-17 about Siraj's talent, Ahmed said impressed with his talent, he let the fast bowler play in the Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) league match, for the first time, for Charminar CC.

"He is talented. It feels great if we could help build someone's life," Ahmed said. the SiasatDaily by Minhaj Adnan

he 5 Best Places in North America to See the Milky Way Galaxy

The Milky Way, the galaxy that we humans call our home is such a vast, beautiful mystery. The allure of this gorgeous enigma is intrinsically enticing. Regardless where you are in the world, the Milky Way galaxy is a glorious sight to behold. Yet, with all the light pollution and other earthly factors, there are only select places on earth where the Milky Way can be viewed. Fortunately, during the summer months, North America has plenty of different places throughout the western part of the continent to get a good look at the Milky Way.

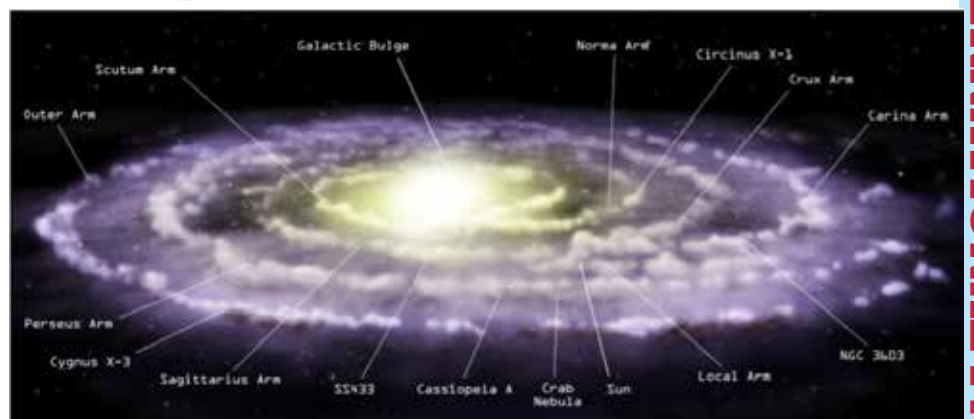
Here are the Best Places in North America to See Our Galaxy, the Milky Way:

Joshua Tree National Park, California
This national park (and a certified International Dark Sky Park) is nestled between the Mojave Desert and lower Colorado Desert. This location makes it the perfect place for to see the Milky Way, for anyone who lives in or around Los Angeles, California.

Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming
Yellowstone National Park is iconic for so many reasons; Old Faithful and the majestic Grand Prismatic Spring are only a couple of the reasons people visit Yellowstone from all over the

world. Yet, this national park also has a little-known secret; Yellowstone is also home to some of the most magnificent views of the Milky Way. **Great Basin National Park, Nevada**
The Great Basin National Park is a designated International Dark Sky Park, with key stargazing locations scattered throughout the area. A few of the most prolific areas at which you can view the Milky Way are the Baker Archaeological Site, the Ranch Interpretive Site, and Mather Overlook on the Wheeler Peak Scenic Drive.

Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona
The Grand Canyon Conservancy (GCC) was just initiated into the company of the Dark Sky Parks, in June
This was after officials at the park spent three years and over \$1 million converting the park's light fixtures into low-wattage, LED bulbs. The specifications for this status are extremely specific but it is all worth it when the Grand Canyon's five million annual visitors look up at the sky and see the stars in all their unpolluted glory. While the South Rim is currently the dark sky-friendly portion of the park, visitors can travel to the remote Desert View or Lipan Point for some exclusive viewing. There they are; five of the best places in



North America to see the Milky Way Galaxy. Remember, these places only show the galaxy in the summer months, though. So, before you

make a trip out to one of these places for this purpose, check to see when the Milky Way is at its brightest overhead.

Teotihuacan Pyramids

Teotihuacan is an ancient Mesoamerican city located 30 miles (50 km) northeast of modern-day Mexico City. The city, which was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1987, was settled as early as 400 B.C. and became the most powerful and influential city in the region by 400 A.D. By the time the Aztecs found the city in the 1400s and named it Teotihuacan (meaning “the place where the gods were created”), the city had been abandoned for centuries. Teotihuacan’s origins, history, and culture largely remain a mystery.

Teotihuacan Pyramids

Teotihuacan (also written Teotihuacán) is arranged in a grid layout that covers about 8 square miles (20 square kilometers). It contains around 2,000 single-story apartment compounds, as well as various pyramids, plazas, temples and palaces of nobles and priests.

The main buildings of Teotihuacan are connected by the Avenue of the Dead (or Miccaotli in the Aztec language Nahuatl). The Avenue of the Dead is a 130-foot- (40-meter-) wide, 1.5-mile- (2.4-km-) long road that’s oriented slightly east (15.5 degrees) of true north and points directly at the nearby sacred peak of Cerro Gordo, an extinct volcano.

The city contains several large, important structures: The Pyramid of the Moon, the Pyramid of the Sun, the Ciudadela (“Citadel”) and the Temple of Quetzalcoatl (the Feathered Serpent).

Pyramid of the Sun

Surrounded by smaller pyramids and platforms, the Pyramid of the Moon is situated at the northern end of the Avenue of the Dead and faces south. Standing at 140-feet (43-meters) high with a base measuring 426 by 511 feet (130 by 156 meters), the Pyramid of the Moon is the second largest structure in Teotihuacan.

Less than half a mile south of the Pyramid of the Moon stands the largest structure in Teotihuacan, the Pyramid of the Sun. Facing west, the pyramid stands at 216 feet (66 meters) with a base measuring approximately 720 by 760 feet (220 by 230 meters).

The Ciudadela is situated at the south end of the Avenue of the Dead. The 38-acre (15-hectare) courtyard contains multiple elite residential complexes and is dominated by the Temple of Quetzalcoatl, a kind of truncated pyramid that is adorned with numerous stone heads of the Feathered Serpent deity.

Who Built Teotihuacan?

It’s unknown who built the ancient city.

Scholars once believed the ancient Toltec civilization may have built the massive city, based largely on colonial period texts. But the Toltec culture (900-1150 A.D.) flourished hundreds of years after Teotihuacan peaked.

Other scholars believe the Totonacs, a tribe from the east, built and inhabited the city.

Another theory holds that immigrants flooded into the Teotihuacan valley follow-

ing the eruption of a volcano, and those immigrants built or augmented the city. Teotihuacan appears to contain features of various cultures, including the Maya, Mixtec and Zapotec.

Whatever the case, Teotihuacan was founded as early as 400 B.C., though the largest structures of the city weren’t completed until about 300 A.D.

It’s thought that the city reached its peak around 100 years later, with a population as high as 200,000 people.

Teotihuacan Religion

Little is known about the language, politics, culture and religion of the Teotihuacan people. They had a glyph-based written language, but it may have been limited to dates and names.

The art and architecture of the city shows it was a polytheistic society, with the primary deity being the Great Goddess of Teotihuacan, which is depicted as a spider goddess. Other deities include Quetzalcoatl (a vegetation god whose meaning changed in subsequent civilizations), the rain god Tlaloc, and the god of spring Xipe Totec, among others.

The Teotihuacan priests practiced ritual sacrifices of animals and people to these gods.

In 1989, researchers discovered 18 sacrificial victims buried in a long pit just south of the Temple of Quetzalcoatl. The later discovered that around 200 other victims were sacrificed when the temple was built in the early 3rd century A.D. Many of these sacrifices were male warriors in military attire, others were young women and others still were males likely of relatively high social status.

More recently, in 2004, archaeologists uncovered evidence of sacrifices at the Pyramid of the Moon that suggests the site was a place to celebrate state power and militarism.

These sacrifices included 12 people with their hands bound behind their back, 10 of whom were decapitated and tossed about at the burial vault within the pyramid. The other two sacrifices were richly ornamented.

Other sacrifices at the pyramid include five canines (wolves or coyotes), three felines (jaguar or puma) and 13 birds (many thought to be eagles)—animals believed to be symbols of warriors.

Teotihuacan Influence

Artifacts found in the city and sites across Mexico suggest Teotihuacan was a wealthy trade metropolis in its prime.

In particular, the city exported fine obsidian tools, including spear and dart heads. Teotihuacan had a monopoly on obsidian trade—the most important deposit in Mesoamerica was located near the city.



Ceramics, such as pottery and other luxury goods, were also highly prized export goods because of their elaborate decorations. Other goods coming into and out of the city likely included cotton, cacao and exotic feathers and shells, among other things.

Local harvests included beans, avocados, peppers and squash, and the city farmers raised chickens and turkeys.

The art and architecture styles of Teotihuacan are found widely throughout Mesoamerica, suggesting the city had far-reaching influence.

Teotihuacan Collapse

It’s unclear why Teotihuacan collapsed.

Around 600 A.D., major buildings were deliberately burned and artworks and religious sculptures were destroyed, suggesting an uprising from the poor against the ruling elite.

Another theory holds that invaders sacked and burned it—though Teotihuacan exerted its military power over other cultures, the city lacked fortifications and military structures.

By 750 A.D., the remaining inhabitants of the city had all abandoned their homes to join neighboring cultures or return to their ancestral homes.

Ongoing Research



In 2003, a heavy rainstorm opened a large sinkhole at the Temple of Quetzalcoatl; researchers have been excavating the site since.

By late 2015, they had unearthed 75,000 artifacts of various type, including sea-shells, pottery, animal bones and human skin. They also uncovered a large chamber containing vast amount of jewelry and other treasures, such as amber jars, black stone statues and other ritual relics.

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Biden freezes giant UAE jet package, Saudi arms for review

US President Joe Biden's administration has temporarily frozen for review a massive package of F-35 jets to the United Arab Emirates and arms to Saudi Arabia, officials said on Wednesday. The nearly week-old administration has already signalled it plans to end support for the Saudi-led, UAE-backed offensive in Yemen, which is facing a humanitarian catastrophe.

A State Department spokesperson said the administration is "temporarily pausing the implementation" of a number of defence sales "to allow incoming leadership an opportunity to review".

"This is a routine administrative action typical to most any transition, and demonstrates the administration's commitment

to transparency and good governance," the spokesperson said.

The move is also aimed at "ensuring US arms sales meet our strategic objectives of building stronger, interoperable and more capable security partners".

The most high-profile sale is a \$23 billion package of top-of-the-line F-35 jets to the UAE.

Former president Donald Trump's administration agreed to the sale — the first of the stealth-capable planes to an Arab nation — after the UAE agreed to recognise Israel.

A potential halt to the sale could raise questions about whether the UAE will

continue its normalisation with Israel, which Trump saw as a key foreign policy achievement.

Lawmakers of Biden's Democratic Party had voiced misgivings over the deal, fearing it would set off an arms race, but failed in the Senate to block the sale while Trump was in office.

The package to the UAE also included unarmed drones, while the United States has been preparing major sales of munitions to Saudi Arabia.

Trump had explicitly backed arms sales on commercial grounds, saying that the



Saudis were creating US jobs by buying from US manufacturers.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken said during his confirmation hearing that the Saudi offensive against Yemen's Huthi rebels, who are backed by Iran, has contributed to the dire humanitarian situation in Yemen
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Celebration of 72nd Republic Day Embassy of India Washington DC

The 72nd Republic Day of India was celebrated in Washington D.C. with a flag-hoisting ceremony on 26th January, 2021 at the India House. Members of the Indian community joined the celebrations in large numbers virtually, in view of the local public health guidelines due to COVID 19.

Ambassador of India, H.E. Taranjit Singh Sandhu, unfurled the tricolor, which was followed by singing of the National Anthem. In his remarks to the community, Ambassador complimented them for their work during the pandemic and their role in bringing India and the US closer. He said that the Indian Government "looks forward to working with the new Administration, led by President Joseph Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris. From outer space to nanotechnology, from the Indo-Pacific to climate change, from healthcare to education & IT, there is a recognition, that our partnership can benefit, not just our two nations, but the entire world."

The Address by the Hon'ble President of India on the eve of Republic Day was played. This was followed by a short cultural program involving local artist and rendition of patriotic songs by students of Gandharva School of Music, Richmond and a violin recital by Mr. Kamalakiran Vinjamuru.



Exclusive! Kanika Kapoor on Bollywood remixes: Some are insane, some are pathetic

Kanika Kapoor was one of the most searched names in India in 2020 after she became the first celebrity to have contracted Covid-19. Putting the controversy behind her, the popular singer is currently living it up in London with her family. From juggling parenting duties to sticking to her fitness regime despite the chilly winters, and also churning out hits, Kanika has her hands full. In an exclusive interaction with ETimes, the songstress opens up about her journey in the music industry, her take on remixes, and the much talked-about Covid controversy. Excerpts: From 'Junni' to 'Jugni 2.0', how would you describe your musical journey? I feel lucky and blessed that all the hard work has paid off. I started out at the age of 12 and what a journey it has been! When I performed on the All India Radio as a child artiste, I realised that I wanted to get into music professionally. I had also won one of the inter-school competitions in Lucknow. All this made me--a little girl from a conservative family--feel like a star. It gave me the confidence to believe that I could do something with my life. I did everything I could for many, many years but got my break almost 20 years later. It was challenging because I didn't come from a musical background; my father is a businessman. I think I'm still learning more and more about this job, every single day. 'Jugni' was a passion project and 'Jugni 2.0' was just making sure that the song was heard by the whole generation.

How did you brave the tough times in your career? When an artiste claims that they have not faced rejection, they are lying to themselves. Rejection is a part of any field because not everyone is going to love your work and style of singing. Every singer has their own audience and we should really do the best that we can and leave the rest to the audience. Even I don't like all kinds of music; it changes from person to person. So yes, there have been a lot of rejections, and I'm sure that even in the future there will be, and it's okay. I have learnt from my rejections. Your take on remixes? Some are insane, some are pathetic. I am also doing them and I hope that the ones I do, I don't kill them because it's just ridiculous. They're picking up a beautiful Hemant Kumar song and killing it; it's not the best idea. What kind of songs do you like? I love sad, Sufi songs. That's the genre of music that I listen to. I love qawwalis and meaningful lyrics. One of my personal favourites is 'Jugni'. It is something that I resonate with because of the meaning of the song. When I started singing, I didn't know the meaning of the song. And when I read the meaning of the song, I fell in love with it even more because I started seeing it in a different light. It means that at the end of the day, it is between you and God. And my second favourite song, sung by



me is, 'Baby doll'. I was dealing with a lot of trauma and going through several ups and downs in my personal life when I was offered the song. When I understood the meaning of 'Yeh duniya pittal di, Baby doll main sone di', I sang it with a vengeance, which is quite sad. But I sang it with all my heart and people connected with it. What were you going through when the Covid controversy erupted? I don't even know why the whole controversy happened. I'm a normal person; I did not go against the law. When I landed in India on March 9, there was no quarantine law, no checkups at the airport. So I went home and everything was fine. I went to see my parents in Lucknow because I had a week off. Obviously, if I had known that I was high-risk, I would have stayed away from my father, and my grand-

mother who is 92. There's no way I would even go near them, but I was with them the whole week. Thankfully, they were all okay. Nobody caught the virus from me. But it was something that shook me up badly because the whole nation hated me and called me all sorts of things. It was not very nice. But you live and learn. I learned a lot from it and I forgive them. What precautions are you taking what with the second wave in London? We are just not getting out and refraining from meeting anyone. We are taking as many precautions as we can but hopefully, I will be back in India soon. E TIMES By - Shivani Mankermi

Exclusive - Aladdin: Naam Toh Suna Hoga's Siddharth Nigam on how superstar Salman Khan helped him get a hike in his per day salary

Young sensation, Siddharth Nigam is loved for his role of Aladdin in TV show Aladdin: Naam Toh Suna Hoga. In an exclusive interview with ETimes TV, he talked about the time he spent with Bollywood superstar Salman Khan and the guidance that he got from him. While Siddharth was shooting for Ashoka in Karjat, Salman Khan was shooting for his films there. He revealed that Salman helped him get a raise in his per day salary "I shared a good bonding with Salman Sir when I was shooting for Ashoka in Karjat and he was shooting for Sultan and another film. I would workout in his gym and also had dinner with him. We would workout together. Salman sir had asked me about my per day salary once when I was working on Ashoka and he was really shocked after hearing it. Since my per day was very low at that time, he called up someone and told that person how low I was being paid. And after he spoke about it and there was a boom in my per day after a year of being on Ashoka," he said. Talking about the tips he got from

Salman Khan, "Salman sir has given me very good advice that you are a gymnast, your body is flexible. He said you look like John Travolta, so I searched for him. I thanked him. He said involve your gymnastics in your acting. If I add a flip in my scene while delivering a dialogue then people will notice me. So, I have added such things in my role for Aladdin too. I learnt Parkour after watching YouTube videos on my own. I was a very bad dancer but I have improved a lot. While doing Jhalak I would rehearse for 18 hours at a stretch to get the perfect moves. I added my gymnastics into it too and that's why people know me as an action actor," he shared E TIMES



Hina Khan wins the Times Power Woman Award; writes an inspiring note 'I want all of you to become your version of a Powerful Woman'

TV personality Hina Khan has won the Times Power Women Award and it's a moment to rejoice for her. The actress shared several pictures on her social media handle announcing her big win. She also wrote a note for all the women out there.

While Hina looks stunning in shimmering pantsuit, she wrote about starting the year with a bang. In one of the posts she wrote, "Thank you @timesofindia... All you women out there, Keep the power of your spirits alive.. and ride the waves of your instincts.. that's what I do .. and I want all of you to become your version of

a Powerful Woman .. #PowerWomanHinaKhan #TimesPowerWoman."

In another post she wrote, "2021's Power Pack beginning... Here comes the First award of 2021... Thank you @timesofindia for honouring me with the Times Power Woman Award... #CharismaticTVPersonality2021 #HinaKhan #BossBabe #PowerWoman #CelebratingWomen #WomanPower #GirlPower #LetsLift-EachOther #2021HereWeGo."

The actress has won millions of hearts with her striking personality and she definitely deserves the title.

Not only reality TV, web shows and

TV shows, Hina Khan made her presence felt on the international platform as she walked the Cannes Red Carpet in 2019.

Last seen in Bigg Boss 14 as a Senior, Hina is living her life holidaying with her family and beau Rocky Jaiswal. She is also endorsing several brands and keeps herself occupied with work most of the time.

Congratulations to Hina and more power to her.

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Bigg Boss 14: Vikas Gupta's mother Sharda Gupta says, "I want to meet my son and surprise him"

Bigg Boss 14 contestant Vikas Gupta, who has been through an emotional rollercoaster ride in the show recently opened up about his personal life. The TV producer shared how much he has gone through and also revealed about his family disputes. Vikas stated on the show that he not only faced financial issues but was left with a few friends in the industry. Vikas Gupta has been in and out of season 14 because of his health issues. The producer-turned-host has shared about his ongoing tussle with his mother in one of the recent episodes. However, now Vikas' mother has dismissed these allegations and has shared, "Fights take place in every family and it is totally okay. Nevertheless, I want to meet my son and surprise him. It's just that I want him to

forget everything and move on happily in life and not come under anybody's influence."

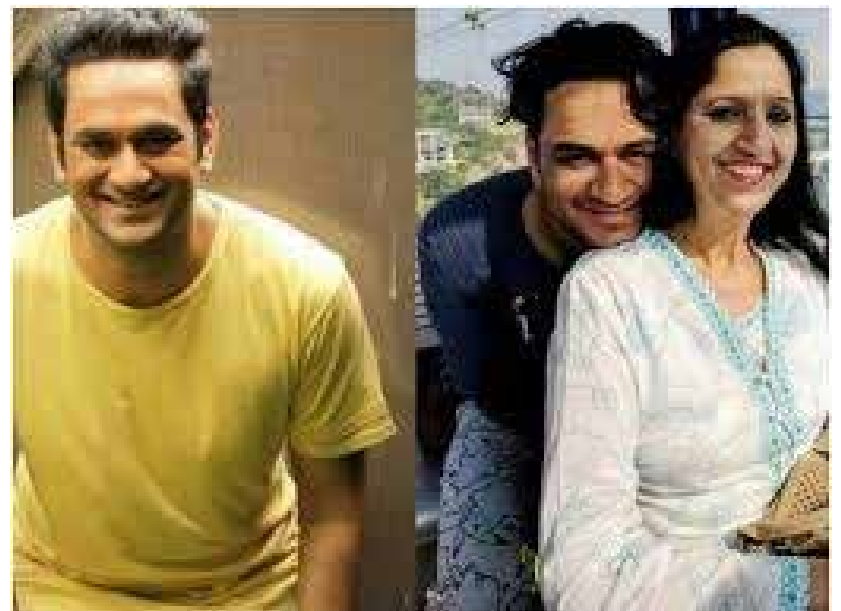
Vikas had accused Arshi Khan of blackmailing him and stated that his family was only concerned about his money. He accepted on the show that he asked his mother to leave his house as he was tired of looking after everyone and nobody was concerned about him.

Vikas Gupta is currently nominated for this week in the Bigg Boss house.

Bigg Boss 14 is inching towards its finale and the latest episodes of the show are getting interesting with housemates coming out open with their game.

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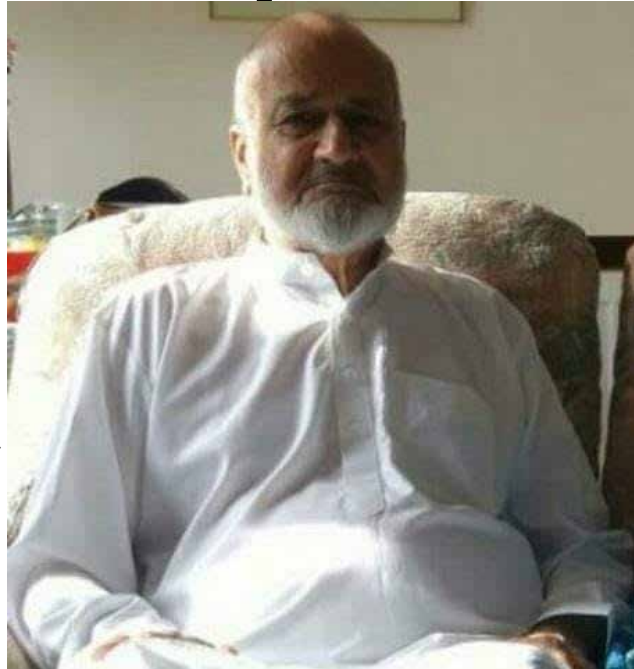
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You belonged to Hyderabad Deccan and lived in London. You were sick for the last several years You came to Hyderabad every year and addressed the concerts of Iqbal recognition My grandfather regarding late Salar Nazeeraldi Ghazi Meeting stay All I can say is that there were silent sea of knowledge Sufi man of Momin Packer of humility and simplicity You wrote many books and research articles on Iqbal and Ghalib and recognition of Iqbal around the world. Spoken to hundreds of seats. For fifty years, the Urdu candle was lit in London. Your death caused an irreparable loss of world's knowledge and literature. May Allah forgive the deceased and grant him a place in Paradise and give patience to his family. Amen Ayaz Al Sheikh, Hyderabad

Mohammed Siraj among other Indian cricketers nominated for ICC Player of the Month awards

Dubai: Mohammed Siraj and four other Indian cricketers were on Wednesday nominated for the newly-introduced player of the month awards by the International Cricket Council (ICC). The awards have been introduced to recognize and celebrate the best performances of both male and female cricketers across all forms of international cricket throughout the year.



In a media release, ICC stated that an independent ICC voting academy comprising former players, broadcasters, and journalists from around the world, will team up with fans to vote for the ICC men's and women's player of the month respectively. Candidates for the month of January The Indian candidates for the month of January are as follows

- Mohammed Siraj (India)
- Washington Sundar (India)
- T. Natarajan (India)
- Rishabh Pant (India)
- Ravichandran Ashwin (India)

The nomination, voting process The three nominees for each of the categories will be determined by the ICC Awards nominations committee based on on-field performances and overall achievements during the period from the first to the last day of each calendar month.

This shortlist is then voted for by the independent ICC voting academy and fans around the world.

The voting academy will submit their votes by email and will retain a 90 percent share of the vote. Subsequently, on the 1st day of each month, fans registered with the ICC will be able to submit votes via the ICC website

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اردو حکایت: ایک بادشاہ اپنے عجمی غلام کے ساتھ کشتی میں سوار تھا۔ غلام نے اس

سے پہلے کبھی دریادیکھا اور نہ

کشتی کا سفر کیا تھا۔ سفر شروع ہوتے ہی غلام پر لرزہ طاری ہو گیا اور وہ بے تحاشا آہ وزاری کرنے لگا۔ بادشاہ بڑا پریشان ہوا مگر غلام کو خاموش کرنے کی کوئی تدبیر نہ سوچی۔ ایک دانا بھی اس کشتی پر سوار تھا اُس نے بادشاہ سے عرض کیا۔ ”اگر آپ حکم دیں تو اس کو خاموش کر دوں۔“ بادشاہ نے کہا ”نہایت عنایت و مہربانی ہوگی۔“

دانا کے اشارہ پر لوگوں نے غلام کو اٹھا کر دریا میں پھینک دیا۔ جب چند غوطے کھا چکا تو بالوں سے پکڑ کر کشتی کی طرف لائے۔ وہ دونوں ہاتھوں سے کشتی کے پچھلے حصہ کے ساتھ لٹک گیا۔ جب کچھ وقت گذرا تو کشتی کے ایک کونے میں دبک کر بیٹھ گیا۔ بادشاہ کو اس دانا کی تدبیر بہت پسند آئی۔ پوچھا۔ ”اس میں کیا حکمت تھی؟“ دانا نے عرض کی۔ ”اس نے کبھی ڈوبنے کی تکلیف نہیں اٹھائی تھی اور کشتی کے آرام کو نہیں جانتا تھا۔ آرام اور سلامتی کی قدر وہی شخص جان سکتا ہے جو کسی مصیبت میں گرفتار ہو چکا ہو۔“

منظوم ترجمہ:

جانتا ہے ڈوبنے والا کہ کیا ہے ڈوبنا
جو نہیں ڈوبا، سمجھ سکتا نہیں آرام کو



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

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

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

رابی پسرزادہ اور ہم

ڈاکٹر راہ کا مران علی



ہو جائے کہ یہ آپ کے جسم کی تصویر ہے تو صاف مگر جائیں اور سخت جواب دیں۔ چاہے زمین آسمان ایک ہو جائیں، آپ نے اقرار نہیں کرنا ہے کہ یہ آپ کی ویڈیو یا پکچر ہے؛ ایک کالم نگار کا ایسے جھوٹا سکھانا معیوب ہے؛ لیکن ایسے جھوٹ جن سے کسی کی زندگی اجڑنے سے بچ جائے، ہزاروں سچ سے بہتر ہے۔ جب بھی ہم ایسی لیک ہونے والی ویڈیوز کا سوچتے ہیں تو ”چسکے“ کے لئے دوسری لڑکیاں تصور کرتے ہیں۔ فرض کریں، آپ کا بہنوئی دو سال سے سعودیہ یا چھ مہینے سے فوج سے نہیں آیا اور جذبات کی رو میں آپ کی بہن سے ایسی کچھ فرمائش کرتا ہے اور وہ شریف لڑکی نہ چاہتے بھی سہاگ کی خاطر ایسا کچھ بھیج دیتی ہے اور وہ لیک ہو جاتا ہے تو آپ کیسا محسوس کریں گے؟ انٹرنیٹ کے باعث odds اتنے زیادہ ہو گئے ہیں ایسے معاملات کے، کہ کسی کو فرشتہ یا شیطان لیبل کرنے سے کام نہیں چلے گا۔ انسان کو انسان سمجھیں، اسکی غلطیوں کا اپنی غلطیوں سے موازنہ کریں اور اگر کوئی زیادتی یا زبردستی یا غیر قانونی حرکت نہیں ہو رہی تو دو لوگوں کا معاملہ خدا پر چھوڑ دیں۔ اللہ آپ کے ساتھ بھی رحم کا معاملہ کرے گا!



بھی بالغ کا اٹھارہ سال سے کم عمر کے لڑکے یا لڑکی سے اسکی مرضی کے ساتھ بھی جنسی تعلق ”ریپ“ کے زمرے میں آتا ہے۔ زمین اور جذباتی حقائق تو یہ ہیں تصاویر اور ویڈیوز کا یہ سلسلہ اب رکنے والا نہیں۔ رابی جیسے واقعات سے عاشق خواتین و حضرات چند روز سہم کر پھر اپنے جذبات کی رو میں بہہ جاتے ہیں۔ اصل مسئلہ احتیاط کا ہے۔ بہتر ہے ایسی تصاویر یا ویڈیوز نہ بنائی جائیں۔ اگر کچھ ایسا ہو بھی تو چہرہ ضرور ڈھانپنا ہو۔ جب ایک انسان ایسی ویڈیوز بناتا ہے تو پہلا رسک اسکے اپنے موبائل کا ہوتا ہے اور دوسرا ریسو کرنے والے کے موبائل کا اور تیسرا رسک ویڈیو کے بھیجنے کے طریقے کا۔ اگر ویڈیو بڑی ہو اور بھیجنے کے لئے ”بکس“ استعمال کیا جائے تو یہ ایک اور رسک ہے۔ آپ میں سے ہر ایک نے کم از کم ایک بار غلطی سے کسی اور کو بھیجی ای میل ریسو کی ہوگی اور غلطی سے کسی انجان کو ای میل یا ٹیکسٹ بھی بھیج بھی چکے ہوں گے؛ یہ بھی بد احتیاطی کی بڑی وجہ ہے۔ ہیجان خیز لمحات میں کانپتے ہاتھوں کے ساتھ ایسی غلطیوں کے امکانات کئی سو فیصد زیادہ ہوتے ہیں۔ چہرے کے بغیر جسم سے کسی کی شناخت تقریباً ناممکن ہے۔ اور اگر آپ کے نمبر یا ای میل کے باعث کسی کو اندازہ

آپ نے یا آپ کے کسی پیارے نے ایک بھی ایسی تصویر بھیجی یا ریسو کی ہے تو وہ ”ٹیکنیکل“ رابی پسرزادہ ہے؛ منسرق صرف قسمت، بد قسمتی، احتیاط بد احتیاطی کا ہے۔ اگر رابی نے گناہ کیا ہے تو میں نے اور آپ نے بھی کیا ہے۔ اگر قانون توڑا ہے (جو کہ غالباً نہیں توڑا) تو میں نے اور آپ نے بھی وہ توڑا ہے۔ چونکہ غلطی انسان سے ہوتی ہے تو دیگر انسان بھی اپنا گریبان جھانک سکتے ہیں۔ اس پورے کیس میں رابی صرف اس لئے مجرم بنتی ہے اگر اس نے یہ ویڈیوز خود ریلیز کی ہیں اور اسکی معافی اور شوہر چھوڑنے سے ظاہر ہوتا ہے کہ اس نے نہیں کی۔

اب اہم بات یہ ہے کہ اس کا تدارک کیسے ممکن ہے؟ آسان جواب بہت سے قارئین دے سکتے ہیں کہ اسلامی اصولوں پر عمل کریں جو کہ یقیناً ٹھیک حل ہے لیکن بدنام زمانہ ویب سائٹس پر مولوی حضرات اور اسلام پر عمل پیرا لوگوں کی بھی ایسی ویڈیوز موجود ہیں اور یہ کوئی طعنے کی بات نہیں؛ وہ بھی انسان ہیں۔ اگر ایک اسلامی زندگی پر پیرا بالغ مرد یا عورت سے ایسی غلطی ہوتی ہے تو وہ بھی ہمارے جیسے جذبات سے لبریز انسان ہیں۔ مسئلہ صرف جب ہوتا ہے جب مولوی صاحب کسی نابالغ سے تعلق قائم کریں۔ شاید آپ کو علم نہ ہو لیکن کسی

پینتیس سے چالیس سال تک کی عمر کے قاری یہ جانتے ہو گئے کہ انکا پہلا عشق خط و کتابت سے شروع ہوا ہوگا۔ چاہے ہمسائے کی لڑکی گھر والوں سے چھپ کر چھت پر خط دینے یا لیسنے آئے یا سینکڑوں میل دو پھوپھو کی بیٹی کو لکھے گئے عشقیہ خطوط، سب کے ساتھ ٹائمنگ کا پرابلم ہوتا تھا۔ سنجھی دیوار کی ہمسائی تک کو دیکھنا ہوتا تھا کہ کب باپ بھائی گھر پر نہیں اور اماں قبیلہ کر رہی ہے تو دور شہر کے عشق کا تو کہنا ہی کیا۔ چودھویں رات کو جذبات اور بدن میں اٹھلاتے مدوجز میں محبوب کو سوچ کر جو خط لکھے جاتے اور اگلے دن پوسٹ کئے جاتے وہ جب تک محبوب تک پہنچتے؛ یا تو محبوبہ کی لوڈ شیڈنگ میں ہانڈی روٹی کرتے مت ماری ہوئی ہوتی یا پھر محبوب کا افسر اسکی کام پر کلاس لیتے ہوئے اسکے عشق کے آبی بخارات اڑا رہا ہوتا تو اگلی چودھویں تک راوی چین ہی چین لکھ دیتا۔ پہلے ٹیکسٹ پھر ٹیکسٹ اسکے بعد فیس بک اور آج ڈس ایپ نے یہ جذبات اور فعل کا فاصلہ ختم کر دیا ہے۔ آج کسی بھی رات میں بات مولانا فضل الرحمان کے دھرنے سے شروع ہو کر بھی عشق تک پہنچ جاتی ہے اور بھٹکتے جذبات کی تسکین فوری تصاویر یا ویڈیوز کے تبادلے کے ساتھ کی جاتی ہے۔ اگر

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میر حمایت علی المعروف حمایت علی شاعر

میر حمایت علی المعروف حمایت علی شاعر 14 جولائی 1926 کو اورنگ آباد (دکن) میں پیدا ہوئے۔ لڑکپن ہی میں اپنے وقت کے بائیں بازو کے صاحب قلم افراد سے متاثر ہو گئے پھر مقامی روزنامہ 'خلافت' میں بھی کام کیا اور آل انڈیا ریڈیو سے وابستہ ہو گئے جہاں کئی جہتوں میں آپ نے کام کیے جیسے ڈرامے میں صدا کاری وغیرہ۔ ان کے آبا و اجداد کا پیشہ سپاہ گری تھا۔ لکھنے لکھانے کا آغاز افسانہ نگاری سے کیا پھر شاعری کی جانب توجہ مرکوز کر لی۔ انٹرنیٹ پر ان کے 9 عدد شعری مجموعوں کا ذکر ملتا ہے۔ جس میں پہلا مجموعہ کلام 'گھن گھرج' (1950) ہے جو بھارت سے شائع ہوا۔ پاکستان کی طرف 1951 میں ہجرت کی اور ریڈیو پاکستان کراچی سے وابستہ ہو گئے۔ پاکستان میں ان کی پہلا شعری مجموعہ 'آگ' میں پھول ہے جو 1956 میں شائع ہوا۔ جلد ہی انہوں نے فلمی گیت لکھنے کا بھی آغاز کر دیا۔ جس پر انہیں دو عدد نگار ایوارڈ بھی ملے جن کی تفصیل آگے آئے گی۔ 1963 میں سندھ یونیورسٹی سے اردو میں ایم اے کیا اور پھر یہیں شعبہ اردو سے منسلک ہوئے۔ حمایت علی شاعر کی زندگی بہت بھرپور رہی۔ یہ خوش قسمت رہے کہ زندگی میں ہی ماشاء اللہ ہر دل عزیز اور پذیرائی ملی۔ انہیں چھوٹے بڑے بہت سے ایوارڈ حاصل ہوئے۔ 2002 میں صدر پاکستان نے ادبی خدمات کے صلے میں تمغہ حسن کارکردگی سے نوازا۔ حمایت علی شاعر کے لئے موجد ثلاثی ایوارڈ کا ذکر عام علم میں ہے۔ میری تحقیق کے مطابق ثلاثی یعنی تین مصرعوں کے شعر کا وجود تو روایتی اردو ٹیوں میں زمانے سے چلا آ رہا ہے۔ یہ کلام قدیم اساتذہ کے گراموفون ریکارڈوں میں اب بھی سنا جاسکتا ہے۔ میں نے بھی اس ٹپے کا ایک گراموفون ریکارڈ استاد بڑے غلام علی خان کی آواز میں سنا تھا۔ ہاں یہ ضرور ہے کہ جدید شاعری میں تین مصرعوں کے شعر کی ابتدا حمایت علی شاعر نے کی۔ حمایت علی شاعر ریڈیو میں آنے سے پہلے 1948 سے 1950 تک حیدرآباد دکن کے تین روزناموں سے منسلک رہے، 'جناح'، 'منزل' اور 'ہمدرد' صحافت سے تعلق کی بنا پر آپ نے مختلف ادبی پرچوں کی ادارت بھی کی جیسے: 'ساز نو' (حیدرآباد دکن) 1949، 'شعور' (حیدرآباد سندھ) 1956 سے 1957،



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ہے۔ حمایت علی شاعر نے 'ارژنگ' کے زیر اہتمام، 1959 میں نظم "بگال سے کوریا تک" سندھ یونیورسٹی کے اسٹیج پر ٹیلو میں پیش کی۔ اسی سال 1959 میں ان کا لکھا ہوا ڈرامہ "اندھیرا اجالا" حیدرآباد سندھ میں اسٹیج ہوا۔

اب ریڈیو کا ذکر آتا ہے۔ حمایت علی شاعر 1947 سے 1950 کے عرصے تک آل انڈیا ریڈیو حیدرآباد (حیدرآباد دکن) سے وابستہ رہے۔ پھر ریڈیو پاکستان حیدرآباد اور کراچی سے 1951 سے 1962 تک منسلک رہے۔ یہیں ان کی اداکار محمد علی وغیرہ سے دوستی ہوئی تھی جنہوں نے حمایت علی شاعر کو فلموں کی طرف راغب کیا۔ سابقہ وائس چانسلر سندھ یونیورسٹی جناب شیخ ایاز صاحب کے صاحبزادے ڈاکٹر سلیم شیخ، ماہر امراض قلب سے میں نے رابطہ کیا۔ وہ کہتے ہیں: "میرے والد صاحب نے حمایت علی شاعر کو خاص طور پر سندھ یونیورسٹی بلوا کر شعبہ اردو کا سربراہ مقرر کیا تھا۔ (1977) یہ ہمارے گھر بھی آتے تھے۔ میرے والد کا کہنا تھا کہ حمایت علی شاعر بہت اعلیٰ پائے کے انسان اور شاعر ہیں۔ مجھے بھی بہت نفیس شخصیت لگتے تھے۔ میرے والد صاحب ان کی بہت عزت اور قدر کرتے تھے۔ وہ اکثر کہتے کہ حمایت علی جیسے اب صرف دو چار ہی تو رہ گئے ہیں۔" فلموں میں حمایت علی شاعر کے گیت خاص و عام میں بہت مقبول ہوئے۔ کچھ اپنے لکھے ہوئے گیتوں کی عوامی پذیرائی کچھ اداکار محمد علی کا ریڈیو پاکستان حیدرآباد کے ساتھ نے ان کو بھی فلمی صنعت میں فلم سازی کی تحریک دی۔ اس طرح انہوں نے بقول نامور بھارتی فلمی شاعر اندیور "بڑے ارمانوں سے" لاہور کی فلمی دنیا میں پہلا

قدم رکھ دیا۔ نئے سرے سے رنگین خام فلم پر شوٹنگ کرنے کے لئے وہ تیار نہیں ہوئے۔ پچھلی فلم "لوری" شاعر نے کامیاب رہی تھی اور ان کی اپنی فلمی ساکھ بھی بطور فلم ساز فلم "لوری" 2 مناسب شرائط پر ادھار میں خام مال اور اپنے اسٹوڈیو دے سکتے تھے (غالباً یہ پیشکش ہوئی بھی اپریل 1966 بروز)۔ تقسیم کاروں کی جانب سے بھی خاصی عید الاضحیٰ بڑی رقم ایڈوانس میں آسکتی تھی لیکن انہوں نے بعض نامعلوم وجوہات کی بنا پر اس فلم سے ہاتھ لے کر کھینچ لیا۔ گو انہوں نے بہت زیادہ فلموں کے لئے گیت نگاری نہیں کی لیکن جو بھی گیت لکھے اکر مقبول ترین تھے۔ مزے کی بات اس دور کی فلموں کی کہانی میں ان کے گیت کہانی کے ڈرامائی موڑ ثابت ہوتے تھے۔ حمایت صاحب کے کچھ لازوال فلمی گیتوں کا ذکر: "آج کل" (1962) "تجھ کو معلوم نہیں، تجھ کو بھلا کیا معلوم، اسے سلیم رضا اور ناہید نیازی نے الگ الگ ریکارڈ کروایا اور کسی چمن میں رہو تم، بہار بن کے رہو آواز احمد رشیدی موسیقار خلیل احمد۔ فلم "دامن" (1963) "نہ چھڑا سکو گے دامن، نہ نظر بچا سکو گے، خوشی اور غم کی کیفیات میں الگ الگ نور جہاں نے ریکارڈ کروایا، موسیقار خلیل احمد۔ فلم "جب سے دیکھا ہے تمہیں" (1963) "جب سے دیکھا ہے تمہیں دل کا عجب عالم ہے۔۔۔۔۔، آواز سلیم رضا اور ہمت سے ہر قدم اٹھانا تو ہے پاکستانی، تجھ سے ہی یہ ملک بنے گا دنیا میں لاثانی۔۔۔۔۔ آواز احمد رشیدی، موسیقار سہیل رعنا۔ فلم "تصویر" (1966) "اے جان وفادل میں تیری یاد رہے گی۔ آواز مہدی حسن، موسیقار خلیل احمد۔ فلم "میں وہ نہیں" (1967) "نوازش کرم شکر یہ مہربانی، مجھے بخش دی آپ نے زندگانی، آواز مہدی حسن، موسیقار اے حمید۔ فلم "میرے محبوب" (1966) "ہر قدم پرت نئے نئے سانچے میں ڈھل جاتے ہیں لوگ، دیکھتے ہی دیکھتے کتنے بدل جاتے ہیں لوگ آواز نور جہاں، موسیقار خلیل احمد۔ ایسی کئی فلمیں ہیں جن کی کامیابی میں حمایت علی شاعر کے گیتوں کا بہت بڑا حصہ ہے جیسے: "جب سے دیکھا ہے تمہیں" (1963)، "دل نے تجھے مان لیا" (1963)، "دامن" (1963)، "اک تیرا سہارا" (1963) اس فلم کا ایک قومی نغمہ "اپنے پرچم تلے ہر سپاہی چلے آج بھی اپنے اندر ولولہ رکھتا ہے۔"

سلیمان تھے جو اداکار سنتوش کمار اور درپن کے چھوٹے بھائی ہیں۔ کہانی احمد ندیم قاسمی کی اور موسیقار خلیل احمد تھے۔ فلم کے ستارے زینب، سنتوش، محمد علی، سلونی، طلعت صدیقی اور ننھے اداکار رونٹی تھے۔ مذکورہ فلم سپر ہٹ ثابت ہوئی۔ اس فلم کے 9 گیتوں میں سے 8 ریڈیو پاکستان پر بہت مقبول تھے: "چندا کے ہنڈولے میں، اڑن کھٹولے میں۔۔۔۔۔ یہ ثریا حیدرآبادی اور نور جہاں کی آوازوں میں الگ الگ ریکارڈ کیا گیا، "ہوانے چپکے سے کہہ دیا کیا۔" آواز مالا، "خداوند ایہ کیسی آگ سی جلتی ہے سینے میں۔ آواز مہدی حسن، میں خوشی سے کیوں نہ گاؤں میرا دل بھی گا رہا ہے۔ آواز مجیب عالم، مانا کہ حضور آپ ہزاروں میں حسین ہیں۔" آواز احمد رشیدی، تالی بچے بھی تالی بچے۔ آوازیں آرزین پروین، باتش اور بچے۔ فلم "لوری" کے کامیاب تجربہ کی روشنی میں حمایت علی شاعر نے فلم "گڑیا" بنانے کا اعلان کیا۔ اب کی دفعہ موسیقار خلیل احمد کی جگہ انہوں نے نوجوان موسیقار سہیل رعنا کا انتخاب کیا۔ مجھے ستار نواز، ارینجر اور موسیقار جاوید اللہ دتہ نے بتایا: "سہیل رعنا فلم "گڑیا" کے گانوں کی ریکارڈنگ کے لئے مجھے ستار نواز کی حیثیت سے لاہور لے کر گئے۔ وہاں گیت ریکارڈ ہو کر ریڈیو سے نشر بھی ہوئے۔ لیکن افسوس کہ یہ فلم مکمل ہو کر پردہ سیمیں کی زینت نہیں بن سکی۔ اس موضوع پر میری نامور فلمی شخصیت علی سفیان آفاقی سے بات ہوئی تھی۔ ان کا کہنا تھا: "اس کی سب سے بڑی وجہ بلیک اینڈ وائٹ فلموں کی جگہ رنگین فلموں کا آنا ہے۔ حمایت علی نے تمام جمع پونجی اس فلم پر لگا دی۔ کچھ فلم بندی بھی ہوئی لیکن شاید

قطر کی قدیم ترین اردو ادبی تنظیم بزم اردو قطر کے زیر اہتمام آن لائن عالمی طرحی مشاعرہ

اردو زبان و ادب کی ترقی و ترویج کے لیے کوشاں قطر کی قدیم ترین اردو تنظیم، بزم اردو قطر (قائم شدہ ۱۹۵۹ء)، کی جانب سے بزم پر آن لائن عالمی طرحی مشاعرہ، ۲۶ / دسمبر ۲۰۲۰ء (ہفتہ) کو بڑے اہتمام سے منعقد کیا گیا جس میں پندرہ ممالک سے تقریباً دو درجن شعرا و شاعرات نے شرکت کی۔ شعرائے کرام کے علاوہ مختلف ملکوں سے سخن فہم سامعین کی ایک بڑی تعداد اس مشاعرے سے اپنی اپنی قیام گاہوں سے محفوظ ہوئی۔

آکولہ، ہندوستان میں مقیم بزرگ شاعر جناب اقبال خلش نے مسد صدرت کو روٹی بخشی۔ دہلی میں مقیم عالمی شہرت یافتہ زود گو بزرگ شاعر ڈاکٹر احمد علی برقی اعظمی مہمان خصوصی کی کرسی پر سرفراز ہوئے جب کہ ہندوستان سے منفرد دل و لہجہ کے شاعر جناب سرفراز بزمی اور امریکہ میں مقیم پروقار لہجے کے شاعر ڈاکٹر احمد ندیم رفیع مہمانان اعزازی کے طور پر مشاعرے میں جلوہ افروز ہوئے۔ اس عالمی آن لائن طرحی مشاعرے میں کھائیں ادب کے معروف شاعر مرزا داغ دہلوی کے دو مصرعے ہائے طرح دیئے گئے تھے۔

۱۔ ”اڑے گی ابھی یہ خبر دیر تک“ (ردیف: دیر تک)
۲۔ ”گرا ہوں میں پہنچ کر آسمان تک“ (ردیف: تک)
جن پر مختلف ممالک میں مقیم شعرا و شاعرات نے غزل کہہ کر اپنی شرکت سے مشاعرے کو کامیابی سے ہم کنار کیا۔ بزم اردو قطر کے جنرل سکرٹری افتخار راغب نے مشاعرے کی نظامت کے فرائض انجام دیئے۔ مشاعرے کا آغاز ڈاکٹر سعد محمد رفیق کی تلاوت کاام پاک سے ہوا جب کہ دعا بنت محمد رفیق نے اپنی شیریں آواز میں حمد باری تعالیٰ پیش کی۔ جناب قاضی عبدالملک اور جناب ابوالخیر خان نے اپنی دلکش آوازوں میں داغ دہلوی کی دونوں غزلیں پیش فرمائیں جن سے مصرع منتخب کیے گئے تھے۔ بزم اردو قطر کے چیئرمین ڈاکٹر فیصل حنیف نے تمام شعرا و سامعین کا پر جوش استقبال کیا اور مرزا داغ دہلوی کی شاعری پر مختصر اور جامع اظہار خیال کیا۔ ساتھ ہی اردو دنیا کے عظیم نقاد و نثر نگار شمس الرحمن فاروقی اور قطر کے معروف اردو نواز و تاجر محمد صبیح بخاری کی رحلت پر آپ نے اظہار افسوس کیا اور بزم اردو قطر کی جانب سے تعزیت پیش کی اور آپ کی گزارش پر بزم اردو قطر کے صدر جناب محمد رفیق شاد اکولوی نے دعائے مغفرت فرمائی۔ بزم کے نائب سکرٹری سید فیاض بخاری کمال نے پروگرام کو زور و پراصرام و ریکارڈنگ کی ذمہ داری بہ حسن و خوبی انجام دی۔ مختلف ممالک کے جن شعرائے کرام نے اپنی طرحی غزل سے مشاعرے کو پر وقار بنایا ان کے اسمائے گرامی ہیں: صدر مشاعرہ جناب اقبال خلش (ہندوستان)، مہمان خصوصی ڈاکٹر احمد علی برقی اعظمی (ہندوستان)، مہمانان اعزازی جناب سرفراز بزمی (ہندوستان) اور ڈاکٹر احمد ندیم رفیع (امریکہ)، جناب جلیل نظامی (قطر)، جناب شاد جہانی (آلوک کمار شرپو استو، ہندوستان)، جناب محمد رفیق شاد اکولوی (قطر)، افتخار راغب (قطر)، محترمہ زینت کوثر لاکھانی (پاکستان)، جناب رشید بیچ (امریکہ)، جناب ضمیر احمد ضمیر (ہندوستان)، جناب فاروق رضا (ہندوستان)، جناب اجیت سنگھ بادل (ہندوستان)، جناب فرید انور صدیقی (متحدہ عرب امارات)، ڈاکٹر وصی بستوی (قطر)، جناب منصور اعظمی (قطر)، جناب

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صدر مشاعرہ اور تمام مہمانان نے بزم اردو قطر کی کاوش کو سراہا اور مشاعرے کی بہترین کامیابی پر مبارک باد پیش کی۔ آخر میں بزم اردو قطر کے صدر جناب محمد رفیق شاد اکولوی نے تمام شعرا و سامعین کا شکریہ ادا کیا۔ اس مثالی اور یادگار عالمی طرحی مشاعرے میں پیش کیے گئے چند منتخب اشعار باذوق قاری کی نذر کیے جاتے ہیں:

اپنی زندگی جھیلی میں نے
مگر شکوہ نہیں آیا زباں تک
میں آئینے سے باتیں کر رہا ہوں
کوئی ملتا نہیں ہے ہم زباں تک

اقبال خلش اکولوی، ہندوستان
وہ دم بھرتا ہے میری دوستی کا
نہیں سنتا جو میری داستاں تک
سمجھتا نہیں جو مرا حال دل
ہلاتا رہا اپنا سر دیر تک

احمد علی برقی اعظمی، ہندوستان
یہی صیاد کی مرضی ہے شاید
سٹ جائیں پرندے آشیاں تک
مجھے پستی کا طعنہ دینے والو
”گرا ہوں میں پہنچ کر آسمان تک“

سرفراز بزمی، ہندوستان
تو چپ ہو گیا پر کہانی تری
سناتی رہی چشم تر دیر تک
مری خاموشی میں رہا موجزن
تری خاموشی کا اثر دیر تک

احمد ندیم رفیع، امریکہ
جنہیں جانا تھا حد لامکاں تک
سٹ کر رہ گئے ہیں جسم و جاں تک
انا کی ضد میں ہے گلزار ہستی
بچائے آدمی خود کو کہاں تک

جلیل نظامی، قطر
رکھوں گا اگر بند آنکھوں کو میں
وہ آتے رہیں گے نظر دیر تک
مجھے دکھتی ہے بس اچھائی اس میں
سمجھ پایا ہوں میں اس کو جہاں تک

شاد جہانی (آلوک کمار شرپو استو)، ہندوستان
جواں مروی پہ اپنے تھے جو نازاں
اب ان کے مٹ گئے نام و نشان تک
لگن ہے عیش و عشرت میں تو نگر
بھلا بیٹھا ہے مرگ ناگہاں تک

محمد رفیق شاد اکولوی، قطر
دباتے ہیں بیگم کا سر دیر تک
سو سوتے ہیں وقت سحر دیر تک
نکلتا نہیں گھر میں اک لفظ بھی
پھرتے ہیں لفظوں کے پر دیر تک

افتخار راغب، قطر
رہے گا جو باقی شجر دیر تک

بیشہ وہ دے گا شمر دیر تک
اڑائی ہوئی دشمنوں کی ہے یہ
”اڑے گی ابھی یہ خبر دیر تک“
رشید بیچ، امریکہ

خرد کی حد زمیں سے آسماں تک
محبت کی رسائی لامکاں تک
فسادی جیسے اندھے ہو گئے تھے
جلا ڈالی کتابوں کی دکان تک

ضمیر احمد ضمیر، ہندوستان
بنائیں شہید جمال ایسی بھی
ہو خوشبو کا جس میں اثر دیر تک
کرامت ہو یہ بھی کہ خوشبو اڑے
چیلی لکھیں صفحہ پر دیر تک

فرید انور صدیقی، متحدہ عرب امارات
جلایا دل تری باتوں نے اکثر
مرے منہ سے نہیں نکلا دھواں تک
شکست ڈور رشتوں کی پکڑ کر
نبھاتے رم دنیا کی کہاں تک

زینت کوثر لاکھانی، پاکستان
مرے اپنے بھی ہیں ذاتی مسائل
اٹھاؤں غم جہاں بھر کے کہاں تک
کبھی چلتی تھی جن کی حکمرانی
رضا کھلتی نہیں ان کی زباں تک

فاروق رضا، ہندوستان
عقیدہ ہو ترا وحدانیت پر
نہ کوئی شرک ہو دل میں نہاں تک
میں خوش تھا بہت وصل محبوب سے
خوشی سے تھیں آنکھیں بھی تر دیر تک

فیاض بخاری کمال، قطر
ہمیں لے ہی بیٹھی یہ دیوانگی
بچایا تھا ہم نے بھی سر دیر تک
ابھی اور رسوا کرے گی مجھے
”اڑے گی ابھی یہ خبر دیر تک“

اجیت سنگھ بادل، ہندوستان
جلائے کس ہنر سے گھر ہمارے
کہاں دیکھا کسی نے بھی دھواں تک
پرندے رو رہے ہیں ڈر سے منصور
پہنچ آئی ہے ناگن آشیاں تک

منصور قاضی، سعودی عرب
ذرا سا حوصلہ دل میں اگر ہو
گراں رہتا نہیں کار گراں تک
دباؤ مت دیتی آواز اپنی
اسے جانے دو یہ جائے جہاں تک

وصی بستوی، قطر
پلا دے مجھے وہ شراب وفا
رہے مجھ پہ جس کا اثر دیر تک
اڈاں ہو رہی ہے اٹھو میرے لال
رہے گی نہیں یہ سحر دیر تک

منصور اعظمی، قطر
خوشی سے آگے آہ و فغاں تک
محبت لے کے جائے گی کہاں تک
اشاروں کے اشارے کہہ رہے ہیں
کسی کی ناکی ضد پہنچے گی ہاں تک

شہباز شمس، متحدہ عرب امارات
مجھے دیوانگی تجھ پر نہیں ہے
مجھے لے چل مقام جاوداں تک
ابھی تو دل ہی بس قرباں ہوا ہے
لانا عشق میں پڑتا ہے جاں تک

طارق فیض، ہندوستان
سناتے رہتے ہیں رواد اپنی
نہیں سنتے ہماری داستاں تک
زبان قال سے اظہار کر دو
اشاروں کی زباں آخر کہاں تک

اظہار راشد، ہندوستان
تو گھر میرے آئے گی چندن بدن
تو مہکے گا میرا بھی گھر دیر تک
اگر بے وفا سے لگاؤ گے دل
تو کیسے رہے گا اثر دیر تک

بینا تھہ شاہ منٹو، قطر
ہوا ہر دھم دل اس طرح گویا
نہ دل کی بات کچھ آئی زباں تک
شکست ہو گئے یہ پر تو کیا غم
”گرا ہوں میں پہنچ کر آسمان تک“

عالیہ تقویٰ، ہندوستان
قسم لے لو کوئی حرف شکایت
جو آیا ہو کبھی میری زباں تک
اڑا کر لے گئی باؤ حوادث
ہماری کشتیوں سے بادیاں تک

رضیہ کالٹی، امریکہ
سکوں مجھ کو حاصل ہو ممکن نہیں
رہے گا یہ درد جگر دیر تک
تو آئے نہ آئے ہے مرضی تری
میں دیکھوں گا تیری ڈگر دیر تک

سفیان احمد، ہندوستان
ہیا سے یہ پلکیں بھی جھک جائیں گی
رہے گی جو رخ پر نظر دیر تک
کہاں لطف ملتا ہمیں وصل کا
بہانہ نہ کرتے اگر دیر تک

نرمت نوشین، ہندوستان
اسی اک ادا نے ہے رکھا بھرم
وہ ہنستا بھی تھا روٹھ کر دیر تک
وہ اک شام سے یاد اب تک ہمیں
لے آئی بار پر دیر تک

عرفان روشن، ہندوستان
رہا جذب دل کا اثر دیر تک
ملائے رہے وہ نظر دیر تک
نئی چاہ اسے داغ چھپتی ہے کب
اڑے گی ابھی یہ خبر دیر تک

مرزا داغ دہلوی (پیش کش: جناب عبدالملک قاضی)
یہ سب جھگڑے ہیں جان ناتواں تک
رہے گا دم کہاں تک، غم کہاں تک
دل اس کی بزم سے کس طرح اکھڑے
ٹھہر جائے جہاں عمر رواں تک

مرزا داغ دہلوی (پیش کش: جناب ابوالخیر خان)
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تین بار ورون دھون کو مسترد کرنے والی ان کی دلہن کون ہیں؟



کم از کم دو سال کی چھ گونیوں کے بعد بولی وڈ ایکشن ہیرو 33 سالہ ورون دھون بالآخر 24 جنوری کو 30 سالہ فیشن ڈیزائنر نیشا دلال سے شادی کے بندھن میں بندھ گئے۔ دونوں کی شادی بھارتی ریاست مہاراشٹر کے دارالحکومت ممبئی کے ساحلی علاقے علی باغ کے پریش ریزورٹ میں ہوئی، جہاں مختصر مہمانوں نے شرکت کی۔ یہ پہلے ہی چھ گونیاں تھیں کہ کورونا کی وبا کے باعث ورون دھون کی شادی میں کم مہمانوں کو مدعو کیا گیا ہے، تاہم رپورٹس تھیں کہ شادی میں بولی وڈ کے بڑے ستارے ضرور شرکت کریں گے، تاہم ایسا نہیں ہوا۔ ورون دھون اور نیشا دلال سمیت ان کے والدین نے بھی شادی کے حوالے سے اس وقت تک کوئی بیان نہیں دیا تھا جب تک ان کی شادی نہ ہوگئی۔ شادی ہو جانے کے چند گھنٹے بعد ورون دھون نے اپنے سوشل میڈیا اکاؤنٹس پر شادی کی تصاویر شیئر کرتے ہوئے تصدیق کی کہ بالآخر اب شادی کے بندھن میں بندھ گئے۔ ورون دھون کی جانب سے شادی کی تصاویر شیئر کیے

کریم کے آغاز میں اداکاری سے متعلق میرا مذاق اڑایا گیا تھا، دپر پکاڈ وکون

شوہر کے ساتھ رومانوی تصویر پر تنقید کا نشانہ بنانے والے افراد کو اداکارہ ثنا فخر نے کراہی جواب دیتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ ان کی زندگی میں نفرت کرنے والے افراد کی کوئی جگہ نہیں۔



ثنا فخر نے انسٹاگرام پر 7 منٹ سے کم دورانیے کی ویڈیو شیئر کی، جس میں وہ گزشتہ روز شوہر کے ساتھ شیئر کی گئی رومانوی تصاویر پر تنقید کرنے والے افراد کے رویوں پر بات کرتی دکھائی دیں۔ ثنا فخر نے مختصر ویڈیو میں ساتھ سفر کرنے والی خاتون کے سوال کا جواب دیتے ہوئے بتایا کہ دراصل ان کی جانب سے گزشتہ روز انسٹاگرام پر شوہر کے ساتھ شیئر کی گئی رومانوی تصویر سے کئی لوگوں کا دل دکھا۔ اداکارہ نے مزاحیہ انداز میں تنقید کرنے والوں سے پوچھا کہ ان کا دل کس بات پر دکھا؟ اداکارہ نے پوچھا کہ کیا لوگوں کو اس بات پر برا لگا کہ انہوں نے شوہر

’تانڈو‘ کے بعد ویب سیریز ’مرزا پور‘ بھی متنازع

انڈیا کی عدالت عظمیٰ نے ای کامرس پلیٹ فارم ایمازون کی ویب سیریز ’مرزا پور‘ کے متعلق شکایات کی سماعت کرتے ہوئے فریقین کو نوٹس جاری کیا ہے۔ ابھی ویب سیریز ’تانڈو‘ کے متعلق تنازع جاری ہی تھا کہ پرانی ویب سیریز ’مرزا پور‘ کا معاملہ بھی سامنے آ گیا ہے اور انڈیا میں سوشل میڈیا پر ’مرزا پور‘ ٹریڈ بھی کر رہا ہے۔ ’مہاتما گاندھی‘ کا قاتل نتھورام گوڈ سے سچا ہندو قوم پرست تھا، ’ارنب‘ کے دو آگے ارنب، ارنب کے دو پیچھے ارنب، بولو کتنے ارنب؟ مندر کے لیے چندہ مہم، انڈین مسلمان خوف میں

’قیمت تو چکانا پڑے گی‘ ویب سیریز کا تنازع

انڈیا میں نئی ویب سیریز ’تانڈو‘ کے ہدایت کار کی جانب سے معافی مانگنے کے بعد بھی اس سے منسلک تنازع کم ہوتا نظر نہیں آ رہا۔ فلم سے منسلک بہت سے لوگوں کے خلاف ملک کے مختلف حصوں میں ایف آئی آر درج کی گئی ہیں جبکہ سوشل میڈیا پر اس سیریز پر پابندی کے ساتھ ساتھ اوٹی پی پلیٹ فارم ایمیزون کے بائیکاٹ کی بات بھی کی جا رہی ہے۔ خیال رہے کہ یہ ویب سیریز کو علی عباس ظفر نے بنائی ہے اور اس میں سیف علی خان جیسے بڑے اداکار اپنی اداکاری کے جوہر دکھا رہے ہیں۔ جذبات کو ٹھیس پہنچانے کا الزام، سیف علی

خان کی سیوریٹی سخت خبر رساں ادارے پی ٹی آئی کی ایک رپورٹ کے مطابق اس سیریز کے خلاف سب سے پہلے ممبئی کے علاقے گھاٹ کوپر میں ایف آئی آر درج کی گئی۔ ہندوستان ٹائمز کی ایک رپورٹ کے مطابق اس کے بعد اتر پردیش کے دارالحکومت لکھنؤ اور اس کے علاوہ دہلی سے ملحقہ اتر پردیش کے ربوپورا کے پولیس سٹیشن میں بھی ایف آئی آر درج کی گئی ہے۔ یو پی میں درج کی جانے والی ایف آئی آر میں کہا گیا ہے کہ اس سیریز میں مذہبی جذبات کو ٹھیس پہنچائی گئی ہے اور یو پی پولیس کی برے انداز میں پیش کیا گیا ہے۔



محبوب علی خاں

حمد باری تعالیٰ

ہر طرف جلوہ انوار ہے میرے اللہ
دل ترے ذکر سے سرشار ہے میرے اللہ
جانتا ہے تو سبھی بھید دل مضطر کے
اک تو ہی صاحب اسرار ہے میرے اللہ
ہم گنہگار الست، اور خطاکار وفا
تو ہی ستار ہے غفار ہے میرے اللہ
یہ جہاں تیرے تصرف سے نہیں ہے خالی
تو ہی قہار ہے جبار ہے میرے اللہ
اے خدا، لطف و کرم تیرا عنایت تیری
مجھ کو ہر رنگ میں درکار ہے میرے اللہ
کیا قیامت ہے قیامت پہ اٹھا رکھا ہے
جو ترا وعدہ دیدار ہے میرے اللہ
ترا عاصی ترا عاجز ترا بندہ محبوب
تیری رحمت کا طلبگار ہے میرے اللہ



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روح کی ہے، غذا، درد شریف
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قاعدے میں، پڑھا، درد شریف
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سب فرشتے، سدا، درد شریف
فرش سے عرش تک، بلندی ہے
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جس نے دل سے پڑھا، درد شریف



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غزل

اتنا ہوتا نہیں انسان کا نقصان اگر
ایک سجدہ جو ادا کر لیتا شیطان اگر
تیرا کیا جاتا جو رکھ لیتا مرا مان اگر
کیا نہ بڑھ جاتی زمانے میں تری شان اگر
اتنا بدنام نہ ہوتا وہ زمانے بھر میں
کاش! پڑھ لیتا مرا یار بھی قرآن اگر
میں بھی تیری طرح مشہور یہاں ہو جاتا
تو نہ ہوتا جو مجھے جان کے انجان اگر
میرے گھر کے درو دیوار بھی روشن ہوتے
کاش! آجاتا مرے گھر کوئی مہمان اگر
وہ بھی ہو جائیں گے فردوس کے حقدار بھی
اُن کو بن دیکھے جو لے آئیں گے ایمان اگر
اتنا نقصان نہ ہوتا یہاں انساں کا منیر
آج انسان بنا رہتا جو انسان اگر



رشید شیخ

ترانہ اردو زبان

منبع انوار عالم ضو فشاں اردو زبان
کل جہاں میں ہے محبت کی زبان اردو زبان
محفل شعر و سخن اہل تمدن کا نشاں
کہہ رہی ہے خود ہی اپنی داستاں اردو زبان
محفل وجد و سرور و رونق بزم نشاط
خسروئے اقلیم دل ہے بے کراں اردو زبان
شاہ ہو یا ہو گدا سب سے ہے اس کا واسطہ
دور کی رمز آشنا، روح رواں اردو زبان
انقلابات جہاں میں حاصل سود و زیاں
درد مندوں کا نشاں، خون گراں اردو زبان
وسعت الفاظ میں اور ندرت الفاظ میں
بیشتر رنگیں بیاں، شیریں زبان اردو زبان
ہے ولی وغالب و اقبال و عبدالحق کی جاں
سر زمین پاک کی قومی زبان اردو زبان
واعظ و ناصح کو بھی اردو میں ملتی ہے پناہ
شیخ کے الہام کا سر نہاں اردو زبان



محمد اسلم

غزل

کیوں، دوا دارو سے، لڑتا ہے مرض
اور دُعا سے کیوں؟ الجھتا ہے مرض
چارہ گر بھی اس سے خائف ہے مگر
چارہ گر سے بھی، جھگڑتا ہے مرض
ہے مزاج اس کا الگ، سب سے الگ
بات جب بھی ہو، بگڑتا ہے مرض
سر پہ خطرہ ہے، کرونا کا، ابھی
آگے چل کر، پیچھے، مڑتا ہے مرض
بے مروت، سخت سے ہے، سخت تر
ہے بڑا سرکش، اکڑتا ہے مرض
ہو گئی ہے خالی اب، اسلم کی جیب
پارے سے بھی، اونچا چڑتا ہے مرض



عابد رشید

غزل

ہم جو بچھڑے تو وہ گھڑی تھی عجب
اُس کے لہجے میں تازگی تھی عجب
مجھ پہ اک لمحہ خدائی تھا
اُس کے چہرے پہ بے بسی تھی عجب
آپ نایق ہی دل پہ لے بیٹھے
ہم نے ایسی بھی کیا کہی تھی عجب
اُس کو اک روز پالیا میں نے
بات پھر کوئی کب رہی تھی عجب
اُس کے ہونٹوں کو پڑھ لیا میں نے
مجھ پہ اُس روز آگئی تھی عجب
موم تھا دل لحاظ آنکھوں میں
اُن دنوں اپنی زندگی تھی عجب
جیت کر بھی ہم اس کو بار آئے
بے خودی میں بھی اک خودی تھی عجب



ولی الدین

لیڈر کا وعدہ

ایکشن جیت گیا ہوں اب شور کروں گا
کس طرح دولت ہے کمائی میں غور کروں گا
اب میرے وطن کی یک جہتی کی خاطر ولی
ایک بیوی ہے پہلے میری، تین اور کروں گا



نیت

اب کیا مثال دوں تمہارے خضاب کی
سفید داڑھی کالی کردی جناب کی
ادھر میک اپ کی آڑ میں وہ لگی حسین
ادھر ہم نے بھی جانے کیوں نیت خراب کی



یاد

فرج بھی خالی ہے آج تو اپنا
کاش وہ دیوان سے کچھ لے کے آئے
پرس بھی لے گئی ہے کار کے ساتھ
ولی وہ جب یاد آئے بہت یاد آئے



غوشیہ سلطانہ نوری

غزل

شمع الفت ذرا جلا دینا
دل کا آئینہ بھی سجا دینا
خون کلیوں کا ہو رہا نایق
آگ نفرت کی اب بجھا دینا
داغ سینے میں ہیں چھپے سارے
دل کی قدیل اب جلا دینا
دل کا شیشہ تو ہے بہت نازک
نازکی وقت کی بتا دینا
زخم دل پھر اٹھا رہے ہیں سر
اک نئی سوچ کا پتہ دینا
ناش کر کے وبا کا دُنیا سے
اک نئی پھر سحر دکھا دینا
آنکھ کی اگنائی سے نوری
شب کی تاریکیاں بنا دینا



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ضیا الدین احمد شکیب

جنون عشق سر بیدار بھی ہے
غرور بادۂ سرشار بھی ہے
خیال طرہ شب رنگ مجھ کو
کبھی اک سایۂ دیوار بھی ہے
مجھے تسلیم یہ گردوں رکابی
بلندی اک فراز دار بھی ہے
یہ عصر نو کا شوق چارہ سازی
پئے درماں غم بیمار بھی ہے
تمیز خار و گل دستور گلچیں
نگاہ باغبان میں خار بھی ہے
چمن میں کھل گئیں زگس کی آنکھیں
بیان خواب میں جھکار بھی ہے



رحمن جامی

آدم ہے نہ حوا ہے زماں ہے نہ زمیں ہے
وہ کون ہے جو کن میں مگر پردہ نشیں ہے
مانا کہ نہیں ہوں ترے الطاف کے قابل
تو پھر بھی مرے حال سے غافل تو نہیں ہے
بندہ ہوں ترا غیب پہ ایمان ہے میرا
اوروں کو نہ ہو مجھ کو مگر تیرا یقین ہے
شاہوں کے بھی تاجوں کو لگا دیتا ہے ٹھوکر
یہ بندۂ نا چیز جو اک خاک نشیں ہے
تھا ہند کی جانب مرے آقا کا اشارہ
خوشبوئے محبت تو ہمیشہ سے بہیں ہے
مانا کہ مرا لٹ گیا سرمایہ خوشی کا
اک درد کی دولت تو ابھی میرے قریں ہے
احباب کے برتاؤ کو میں کیسے بھلاؤں
بیکار تسلی گئی دل پھر بھی حزیں ہے
آسان نہیں راہ وفا دیکھ کے جامی
تکلیف کہیں بھوک کہیں پیاس کہیں ہے



حسن چشتی

وہ گلستاں کہ جہاں اپنا آب و دانہ ہے
اُسے بھی برق و شرر نے عزیز جانا ہے
جہاں بھی شام ہوئی بس وہیں ٹھکانا ہے
نہ کوئی شاخ ہے اپنی ' نہ آشیانہ ہے
پرائے درد کو اپنا ہی درد جانا ہے
ہم اہل درد کا رشتہ بہت پُرانا ہے
دکن گئے تو ہوئے فرشِ راہ دیدہ و دل
خلوص کیا ہے یہ ہم نے وطن میں جانا ہے
جہاں نہ ٹھیس لگے دل کے آگینوں کو
وہی قبیلہ ہے اپنا ' وہی گھرانا ہے
گئے ہو جب سے ہر اک سمت ہو کا عالم ہے
بہت اُداس ہمارا غریب خانہ ہے
غریب شہر ہیں لیکن گلاہ کج ہے حسن
یہ بانگین تو ہمارا بہت پُرانا ہے



On the lighter side....

Whenever you feel sad...

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

Teacher: "Whoever answers my next question, can go home."

One boy throws his bag out the window.

Teacher: "Who just threw that?"

Boy: "Me, and now I'm going home."

A soldier serving overseas far from home was annoyed and upset when his girl wrote to break off their engagement and ask for her photograph back.

He went out and collected from his friends all the unwanted photographs of women that he could find, bundled them all together, and sent them back with a note saying, "I regret that I cannot remember which one you are. Please keep your photo and return the others."

Once upon a time there was a shepherd looking after his sheep on the side of a deserted road. Suddenly a brand new Porsche screeches to a halt. The driver, a man dressed in an Armani suit, Cerutti shoes, Ray-Ban sunglasses, TAG-Heuer wrist watch, and a Pierre Cardin tie gets out and asks the shepherd, "If I can tell you how many sheep you have, will you give me one of them?"

The shepherd looks at the young man, then looks at the large flock of grazing sheep and replies, "Okay."

The young man parks the car, connects his laptop to the mobile-fax, enters a NASA Website, scans the ground using his GPS, opens a database and 60 Excel tables filled with algorithms and pivot



tables. He then prints out a 150-page report on his high-tech mini-printer, turns to the shepherd and says, "You have exactly 1,586 sheep."

The shepherd cheers, "That's correct, you can have your choicest sheep from the herd."

The young man takes one of the animals which he likes most and cute from the flock and puts it in the back of his Porsche. The shepherd looks at him and asks, "If I guess your profession, will you return my animal to me?"

The young man laughed and answers, "Yes, why not?"

The shepherd says, "You are an auditor."

"How did you know?" asks the young man.

"Very simple," answers the shepherd.

"First, you came here without being wanted. Secondly, you charged me a fee to tell me something I already knew. Thirdly, you don't understand anything about my business... now can I have my DOG back?"

A rancher was minding his own business when an FBI

agent came up to him and said, "We got a tip that you may be growing illegal drugs on the premises. Do you mind if I take a look around?"

The old rancher replied, "That's fine, you shouldn't go over there though." As he pointed at one of his fields.

The FBI agent snapped at him, "I'm am a federal agent! I can go wherever I want!" With that he pulled out his badge and shoved it into the ranchers face.

The rancher shrugged this off and continued with his daily chores. About 15 minutes later he heard a loud scream from the field he had pointed out earlier. All of a sudden he could see the FBI agent sprinting towards him with a large bull on his heels.

The rancher rushed to the fence and yelled, "Your badge! Show your badge to the bull!"

School teacher sends home a note with student. The note reads, "Your son is an obedient and bright student, but spends too much time talking to girls."

Mother sends a note back the following day, "Please advise a solution. Father has the same problem."

Wife goes to an astrologer to learn more about her husband. The astrologer asks her, "Do you want to know about your husband's future?"

Without hesitation, the wife responds. "I will decide his future, you just tell me about his past."

When I see lovers' names carved in a tree, I don't think it's sweet...

I just think it's surprising how many people bring a knife on a date.

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