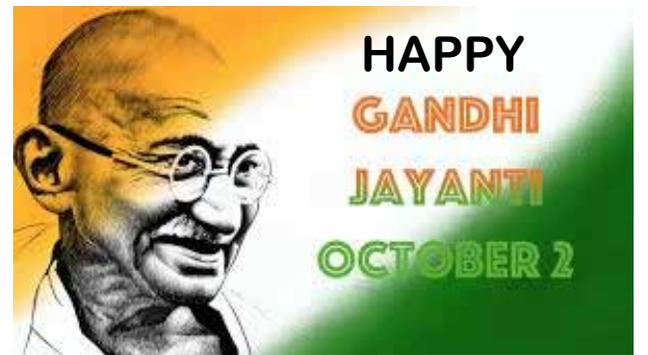


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Malaysia, Turkey, Pakistan to launch TV

The governments of Pakistan, Turkey and Malaysia will launch a BBC type English television channel to highlight the issues of Muslims and fight Islamophobia in the West, according to media reports.

The channel proposal was discussed at a meeting between Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Pakistan premier Imran Khan on the sidelines of the 74th United Nations General Assembly in New York.

Taking to Twitter, the prime minister shed further light on the project saying the English language TV Channel will be like BBC which will highlight the issues faced by the Muslim world.

“We felt that many reports about Islam and Muslims were inaccurate, and do not portray what Islam preaches. They label Muslims as terrorists for example, and the world accepts it as the truth when Islam is not a violent religion,” Mahathir said.

“We feel there must be an effort to explain what Islam is so that there is no confusion and it won't be accused of being a religion that promotes terrorism,” the Malaysian prime minister said.

He said the effort will be spearheaded by the information departments of the three countries without giving the possible date of the channel's launch.

Under the joint venture, web series and films will be produced to spread knowledge on Islamic history, the News International quoted Khan as saying.

“Mis-perceptions which bring people together against Muslims would be corrected; issue of blasphemy would be properly contextualised; series and films would be produced on Muslim history to educate/inform our own people and the world; Muslims would be given a dedicated media presence,” Khan said.

Speaking of hatred towards Muslims in his address to the UNGA, Khan said Islamophobia had grown apace after the September 11, 2001 attacks in the United States.

“There are 1.3 billion Muslims in the world. It is creating a division,



he said. “Muslim women wearing Hijab has become an issue in some countries. It started after the 9/11 [attacks].”

He maintained that terrorism had nothing to do with any religion. He said Muslims were being marginalised in Europe.

“We all know marginalisation leads to radicalism,” he said, adding that, “We must address this issue. No religion preaches radicalism.”



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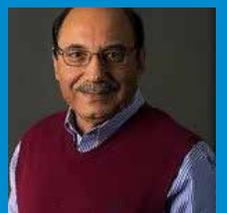
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‘We need action’: Maleeha Lodhi urges UN to prevent bigger crisis in occupied Kashmir

Pakistan’s Ambassador to the United Nations Maleeha Lodhi has called for action on part of the UN to deal with the crisis-like situation stemming from India’s “illegal” annexation of occupied Kashmir and to push for the implementation of the Security Council resolutions that pledged the right of self-determination to the Kashmiri people.

In an interview with Consortium News, an independent American media outlet, she highlighted the gravity of the situation in the disputed region where people have been suffering under a military lockdown for over a month, and urged UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres to take steps to prevent a bigger crisis in South Asia.

“What has happened in occupied Jammu and Kashmir is certainly a flashpoint,” Ambassador Lodhi said, noting that the secretary general and other UN officials have made statements in the wake of the ongoing crisis that called for a settlement of the Kashmir dispute through dialogue between India and Pakistan in accordance with Security Council resolutions and UN Charter provisions. “But we need action. We just don’t need words. We need action,” she emphasised.

“There are already tensions which are at a peak

between India and Pakistan and the situation can snowball into a much bigger crisis,” the envoy warned.

“So, I think, the UN certainly has long-standing obligations, and it also has immediate obligations, including ending the human rights violations that are going on.”

Ambassador Lodhi said Prime Minister Imran Khan was “absolutely right” in repeatedly warning that the situation in Kashmir could turn into a bigger crisis. “This is a very fraught situation,” she said.

About the UN chief’s role, the Pakistani envoy said his offer to mediate the Kashmir dispute has repeatedly been rejected by India. “So, where are we right now? India refuses to talk to Pakistan, India refuses to accept mediation whether it is mediation offered by President (Donald) Trump or it is offered by UN secretary general, and India refuses to abide by its human rights commitments [...] This is a litany of ‘no, no, no’ to everything except to repression, oppression, violations and acting with impunity which its occupation forces are doing in Kashmir.”



Asked about the Pakistan Army’s statement pledging to exercise all options for Kashmir, Lodhi said: “I think that the intent of that statement was to say that we will stand by the people of Jammu and Kashmir, they are not alone, that we would continue to be their protector and that we would continue to speak out for them and [do] whatever we can do and that all diplomatic and political options will be exercised by Pakistan which is exactly what we are doing.” About the possibility of a nuclear conflict between India and Pakistan, she said that Islamabad does not wish to see any kind of conflict. Pakistan, she added, is a responsible nuclear state.

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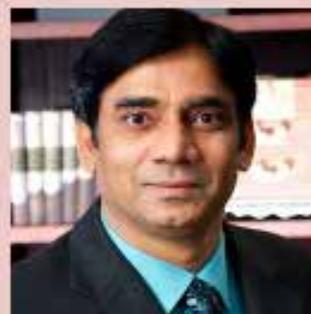
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Howdy Modi faced immense protests in Houston

Buses ferrying protesters began arriving at Crowne Plaza hotel from various pick-up points in Houston and from as far as Dallas, too. Soon, there were thousands of protesters squeezed into the designated, barricaded area—while the Houston police lined up grim-faced and watchful, some on foot, others on horseback.

The volunteers at the entrance of the protest here handed out at least four different kinds of T-shirts for free. Mr. Azhar Azeez and Imam Omar Suleiman addressed the protesters.

The side facing the auditorium abounded with placards and banners with messages ranging from denunciations of lynchings and caste-based violence in India to the recent communication blockade in Kashmir to the National Registrar of Citizens (NRC) detention centres in Assam, and of RSS (Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh) and Modi himself.

The protest was teeming with Kashmiri flags, and yellow Khalistani ones as well, and angry chants and slogans rang out through the numerous megaphones. While the majority of protesters were of South Asian origin, there was a significant presence of Whites, Latinos and African Americans too.

There were some protesters whose parents were actually attending the event. Most of the protesters were from Houston (which has a large South Asian population, especially in suburbs like Sugarland), and many others had travelled from various parts of Texas, including Austin, El Paso, and Galveston. Some had travelled from states as distant as New York and New Jersey.

Soon, a band arrived, replete with sax and drums, protest songs played out alongside the reverberating slogans, as some of the protesters flocked to the centre of the music and danced to the beats. By this time, the heat was positively scorching and many sought shelter under shaded areas and in the adjoining parking lot, as volunteers scurried to distribute water and juice.

The protest ended around 1pm local time, and the many buses that lined up the adjoining Kirby Drive to carry protesters back to their homes soon caused a traffic jam. The police had to then close the street to other traffic.

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SHARIA LAWS- MYTHS AND REALITIES

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September 15th, 2019, Sharia Law Presentation was conducted by MCCHS Dr. Basheer Ahmed at First United Methodist Church of City of Kennedale. Organized by Azam Shaikh. Guests of Honor were Reverend Dr. Nelda Barrett Murraine, First United Methodist Church of Kennedale. City of Kennedale, Mayor Brian Johnson and City Council man Chris Pugh.

There is a growing concern about "Sharia" across America. Twenty two US states have already banned Sharia Law. Anti-Sharia rallies planned by "Act for America" held in several cities across the country. These rallies will generate a lot of fear and animosity towards Muslim Americans and there might be a surge of harassment of fellow Americans on the streets, schools, and other places. Anti-Sharia movement, commonly known as "American Laws for American Courts," is promoted by an anti-Sharia lawyer and activist David Yerushalmi. He has written reports and drafted the model legislation emphasizing that Sharia is one of the greatest threats to American freedom. A religious minority, with one percent of the US population cannot change the US legislative process which is well established in last 250 yrs. How can Sharia laws be a threat to USA.

All Muslim Americans have pledged allegiance to the constitution of the USA and abide by the US Laws. No Muslim individual, group or organization can change these laws on their own. No shariah law can be implemented in US without due process.

I have been discussing the myths and realities of Shariah Law in US for last 3 years and have addressed many groups in inter faith meetings, rotary club, churches and police department.

There is a distinction between Sharia and Shariah Law. Sharia is not a law, but a set of principles for the Muslim guidance based on Holy book Quran and Prophet Muhammad's (PBUH) sayings. Sharia is a way of life practiced by Muslims who follow religion Islam just like Jews, Christians and Hindus follow their religious practices. The sole purpose of Sharia is to create a society for protection of Human Life, family, property, human dignity, freedom of religion and to establish justice.

Personal Sharia is not a law. It includes basics, such as Saying 'salaam' to greet each other, Taking time for prayers, Fasting during the month of Ramadan, Giving 2 ½ % of savings to charity, Eating Zabiha (kosher) meat, Avoiding alcohol, Avoiding taking interest, Honor parents and elderly, Observing rituals of marriage and rituals of burial. When Muslims say they want to practice Sharia law, they mean they want to follow Sharia guidelines. Defining sharia as a threat, therefore, is the same thing as saying that all observant Muslims are a threat.

Public Sharia (Sharia laws- Fiqh) on the other hand is applicable to community at large. Such as marriage, Marriage gift (Mahr), divorcé, inheritance, business or personal contracts). This also includes punishment for rape, theft and murder etc. The practices like cutting the hands of the thieves, lashing or stoning the adulterers, forcing women to wear face veil and denying equal rights for women as the crude form of Sharia implemented in Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Iran, Afghanistan and few other Muslim majority nations. But in reality, many of these practices are not mentioned in the Quran and except the above mentioned few countries very few Islamic countries implemented these laws, It is more culture based and interpretation of specific groups, not endorsed by all Muslims. As for other scary stories attributed to sharia like honor killings and female genital cutting, these are cultural practices and not Islamic.

Those opposing sharia law believe that Islam promotes

certain primitive laws that destroys human dignity, degrades women, ostracizes non-Muslims and prescribe harsh penalties for adultery, stealing and murder. Some lawmakers are concerned that sharia laws may influence American courts and courts may not follow American laws. There's no evidence of it, but a few GOP legislators want to make sure foreign influence never stands a chance. The main emphases that court's ruling "should not be based on foreign law if the application of that law would violate a right guaranteed by the United States Constitution". There is no evidence that courts are deviating from this mandate. American courts follow American laws.

Common use of sharia in American courts is in the enforcement of Muslim marriage contracts. Like the majority of Americans, Muslims opt for a religious marriage ceremony even though they have to register their marriage. At the time of marriage as per Sharia the couple sign a contract which includes a payment (Mahr) from groom to the bride. In case of dispute America judges ensure the validity of contract and expectation of parties. Sharia law is utilized in US courts as the same way as Jewish law or canon law or any other law. Our constitutions is a law of land and our judges are equipped with the constitutional framework to refuse to recognize a foreign law when necessary.

Legislators sponsoring bills against Sharia in USA, evidently do not differentiate between Sharia and Sharia laws. The conservative Center for Security Policy, assert that all Muslims are bound to work to establish an Islamic state in the U.S. This assumption led to belief that all Muslim in America are a national security threat. Muslims first moved to the Detroit suburb of Dearborn, nearly a century ago to work in Henry Ford's factories. For most of the past 100 years, Dearborn has been home to the largest community of Arabs in the U.S. And yet after five or six generations, Dearborn's Muslims have not sought to see the city run in accordance with sharia. Bars and the occasional strip clubs continue to operate, and a pork sausage factory is located next to the city's first mosque. American Muslims are not looking for the public Sharia (as practiced in Saudi, Iran or other Muslim majority nations) to be implemented in America. However, a few men and women saw the opportunity to oppose Sharia laws that no Muslim group or institution had even requested it to be implemented.

Conclusion:

Politicians carelessly throw around a word sharia to scares voters. The Alabama state senator was moved by the danger posed by sharia to sponsor a bill banning it. When he was asked for a definition, he could not say what sharia was. In Tennessee, lawmakers sought to make "following sharia" a felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison -- until they learned that their effort would essentially make it illegal to be Muslim in their state.

All Muslims pledge allegiance to the Constitution of the United States of America. They duly abide by the US laws. How can they be a threat to America? Muslims want to practice "Sharia" not "Sharia laws" and the first amendment guarantees the freedom to practice their religion. Sharia does not pose any threat to USA and Sharia laws can not be implemented in USA.



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By Rao Kamran Ali:

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Deputy Sandeep Dhaliwal dies after being shot from behind

HOUSTON, Texas (KTRK) -- A deputy who was shot while conducting a traffic stop Friday has died at the hospital, according to the Harris County sheriff.

Sheriff Ed Gonzalez said Deputy Sandeep Dhaliwal "was unable to recover from his injuries."

"I'm sad to share with you that we've lost one of our own," Gonzalez said. "There are no words to convey our sadness. Please keep his family and our agency in your prayers."

In a follow-up news conference in front of the hospital, Gonzalez said Dhaliwal was the first member of the Sikh community to join the sheriff's office. The fallen deputy recently returned from a volunteer mission in Puerto Rico, the sheriff added.

Recounting a review of Dhaliwal's dash camera, Lee said the deputy was speaking with the driver and it appeared to be conversational with "no combat, no arguing." The driver's door was even open at one point as Dhaliwal and the suspect were speaking.

The deputy shut the driver's door and the driver remained in the vehicle. According to Lee, when Dhaliwal turned to walk back to his patrol car, the driver's door opened and the suspect exits "almost immediately running with a gun already out."

The dash cam captured the driver shoot Dhaliwal from behind, hitting him in the back of the head, Lee stated.

The suspect returned to his vehicle and drove away. Lee added a nearby resident who was doing yard work witnessed the traffic stop, and after shots rang out and the suspect drove off, rushed to help the deputy.

Lee then said he and other deputies arrived at the scene, reviewed the dash cam, took a photo of the suspect, and sent it out to colleagues to search for the person.

Law enforcement located the suspect, who was described as a Hispanic male, at a business less than a quarter-mile away from the neighborhood. Lee said a deputy saw him look nervous. After matching the description of the photo from the dash cam, the person was taken into custody.

The suspect was later identified as 47-year-old Robert Solis, charged with capital murder with no set bond. It was revealed in court Saturday morning that just before his arrest, Solis was caught on surveillance video attempting to throw away the Glock 45 caliber semi automatic gun used in the murder outside a nearby business.

Prosecutors say Solis and his passenger told investigators Deputy Dhaliwal pulled them over for running a stop sign.

Solis has an extensive criminal history. He has been a wanted fugitive since 2017 for violating parole on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.



Sandeep Dhaliwal with Indian Counsel General Houston Anupam Ray

He also has past charges for aggravated kidnapping, aggravated robbery and driving while intoxicated.

A female who deputies said was also in the vehicle during the stop was also taken into custody. Her identity has not been released at this time.



At a gathering in Seena One mosque, Burluson. From left: Bro Alamgir, Azeem A. Quadeer, Yousuf Jhangda, Md Nasir, Dr Shoeb, Shahid Ahmed, Rafeeq Ahmed and Bro Shams. Seena One Mosque offers 5 times daily prayers and Friday prayers

NEVER FLUSH THE TOILET ON AIRPLANE TWICE

Two Muslim men say American Airlines canceled their flight to DFW because crew 'didn't feel comfortable' flying with them

'Airports are a scary place for Muslims,' says D-FW imam.

Kyle Arnold Dallas Morning news September 19 2019

Two Dallas-area Muslim men say their American Airlines flight was canceled because the crew "didn't feel comfortable"



after they waved to one another boarding a flight from Birmingham, Ala., to DFW International Airport.

When they got off, they said they were trailed by law enforcement officers, interviewed by an FBI agent and had their bags searched again by TSA during their trip Saturday.

Abderraoof Alkhaldeh, a Muslim motivational speaker from Irving, and Dallas nonprofit leader Issam Abdallah said it was a blatant act of racial profiling and they have filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Transportation against Fort Worth-based American. They said they want to talk with the airline's leaders about their treatment and what they say is an increasing number of cases of discrimination against Arabs and Muslims.

"It was the most humiliating day of my life," Abdallah said, speaking Thursday at the Dallas-Fort Worth chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations.

American Airlines said the flight was operated by Mesa Airlines, its Phoenix-based

regional carrier.

American spokeswoman LaKasha Brown said the flight was canceled as a result of "concerns raised by a crew member and a passenger."

"American and all of its regional partners have an obligation to take safety and security concerns raised by crew members and passengers seriously," she said in a statement. "All customers on Flight 5886 were rebooked on the next flight to DFW. We're committed to providing a positive experience to everyone who travels with us. Our team is working with Mesa to review this incident."

Brown said the airline has reached out to Alkhaldeh and Abdallah to "better understand their experience."

Imam Omar Suleiman (center) said airports are "a scary place for Muslims," as racial profiling

instances increase. (Lynda M. Gonzalez / Staff Photographer)

Mesa is independently owned and flies regional jets under the American Eagle flag for American Airlines and United Express.

"The safety and security of our customers is our top priority, and we are conducting a thorough investigation of this matter," Mesa spokesman Jack Heller said Thursday.

American has been under fire during the last two years for alleged hostilities toward racial minorities. The NAACP issued a travel advisory in October 2017 for American Airlines after a string of incidents in which black passengers said they were discriminated against on flights.

In June, a Miami doctor said he was removed from an American flight for his Arab and Muslim appearance and for using a phone during takeoff. He is suing the airline in federal court. That same month, a black doctor and founder of a telemedicine service said an American Airlines crew called her romper inappropriate and

told her to cover up or risk being kicked off her flight coming home from vacation to Jamaica.

Imam Omar Suleiman of Dallas said instances of racial profiling of Muslims are increasing, particularly at airports and on planes.

"Airports are a scary place for Muslims," said Suleiman, who founded the Yaqeen Institute for Islamic Research in Dallas. "Especially with the rhetoric of the president."

The men, who know each other from the local Muslim community, said they were traveling separately from a charity meeting in Birmingham. They were sitting in separate sections and waved to one another while boarding.

During a flight delay because of maintenance issues, Abdallah said he got up to use the restroom, and when he came out a flight attendant was standing unusually close to the restroom door.

The crew soon announced that the flight was canceled. Alkhaldeh said he overheard a crew member saying it was canceled for security reasons.

When they got off the plane, law enforcement officials were waiting for them. After some initial questioning, the men said they were let go but then trailed by a number of uniformed officers to a coffee shop and other areas.

After a few minutes, both men said they were again approached by law enforcement and taken into a private interrogation. They had their bags searched again by TSA officers.

Alkhaldeh and Abdallah said while being interviewed by law officers, they were each told the flight was canceled because the crew didn't feel comfortable flying with the two men. The fact that Abdallah flushed the toilet twice while using the airplane restroom also caused suspicion, Abdallah said he was told.

They were booked on a later flight along with many of the same passengers who saw them approached by law enforcement officials as the plane was emptied.

Alkhaldeh said he flies with American often and is an AAdvantage Executive Platinum member, the company's highest frequent flier ranking.

"This is absurd, unacceptable and un-American," Alkhaldeh said.

Two Muslim men say American Airlines canceled their flight to DFW because crew 'didn't feel comfortable' flying with them

New Jersey Mayor Wonders if He Was Detained for Defending Ilhan Omar

"If they are doing this to an elected official, I can only imagine what they are doing to the average Muslim American or Hispanic American."

Dean Obeidallah 09.20.19 daily Beast

The airport has long posed frustrating challenges for Muslim Americans, from being "randomly" selected for extra screening to being detained at the airport returning home.

But it appears the Trump administration has escalated harassment of Muslims at the airport to a new level when Customs and Border Protection

the mayor of a New Jersey town holding him and his family for three hours, and confiscating his phone for nearly two weeks, returning it only after lawyers from the Council on American Islamic Relations threatened a lawsuit.

And the most disturbing part is that the motivation for these actions may have been, at least in part, to punish this elected official for vocally criticizing Trump and publicly defending two of Trump's favorite Muslim targets, Reps. Rashida Tlaib and Ilhan Omar.



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	Pakistan/Bangladesh, India	
1st Unmarried sons & daughters Of U.S. Citizens	Jan., 15, 2013	Jan., 15, 2013
2-A Spouses and unmarried childrens of permanent residents	Current	Current
2-B Unmarried sons & daughters (21 yrs. of age or older) of permanent residents	June 01 2014	June 01, 2014
3rd Married sons & daughters of US citizens	Sept., 15, 2007	Sept., 15, 2007
4th Brothers & sisters of adult U.S. citizens	Nov., 22, 2006	Oct., 01, 2004

EMPLOYMENT BASED CATEGORY

1st Priority workers	April 22, 2018	Jan., 01, 1915
2nd Members of the professions holding advanced degree or persons of exceptional ability	Current	May 12, 2009
3rd Skilled workers Other workers	Current Current	Jan., 01, 2009 Jan , 01, 2009
4th Certain special immigrants Certain religious workers	Current Unavailable	Current Unavailable
5th Non-regional centers Regional centers	Current Unavailable	Nov., 22, 2017 Unavailable

Muslim Community Center Chicago celebrate Milestones 50th Anniversary was a tremendous Gala

Report and Pictures Syed Khalil Ullah

The Muslim Community Center, Chicago organization celebrated its 50th anniversary on Saturday, September 21st, 2019 with its annual gala, appropriately titled "To make MCC a Welcoming inclusive and well governed organization." Held at the Skokie North shore Holiday Inn. The largest and oldest democratic Muslim organization in the Chicagoland area was founded in 1969. A group of a few members of Muslim meets and Join together 50 years ago and decide to open a Mosque for community needed.

Later that year, the name, Muslim Community Center Inc. was incorporated as a Not-for-Profit organization. It is one of the oldest and is considered the mother organization of many other American Muslim groups and mosques' one of the premier centers of excellence in community service, outreach and education for Muslims in the greater Chicago land area.

Sold-out event was a hit with more than 1500 attendees. The attendance was so large and impressive. Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky, Mayor of Skokie George Van Dusen, Mayor of Morton Grove Dan DiMaria, Illinois Senator Ram Villivalam and several others elected official to attend the historic event.

The event was emceed by renowned Ash-har Qureshi. The event began with a stunning recitation of the Quran and translation by the MCC academy School student. Welcome and opening remarks were conducted by MCC President Kamran Hussain. He welcomes everyone explains about MCC outlined the goals, activities and highlighted Forthcoming activities. Mr. Kamran said, "Our Muslim Community Center has grown in the last few decades and it now runs two additional mosques and schools educational center. We also offer many different programs to Muslims and non-Muslims in the Chicagoland area, including outreach, health screening programs, and counseling. Today we are honoring our founding members."

Through the video documentary MCC shared its past and present activities and the upcoming exciting projects that it has been busy with over the past years.

A panel discussion was conducted, including Q and A with the several Past Presidents hosted by Ali Quadri. To learn and know their experiences and achievement.

Another panel of MCC'S 2nd Generation discussion was held hosted by Khadija Ahmed (Vice President of the MCC)

MCC Presented its Award to Amanat Ullah Ansari and Syeda Afifa Quadri. This award is for their commitment to serving those in need, and their commitment to personal development and represented community roles.

Several organizations Support and Sponsor this event Including GIOGC, IFANCA, Zakat Foundation of America and many others.

Special Prayers were performed for fouring members those pass away few years ago.



AAA-DC AND GOPIO-DC Celebrated

Eleventh Independence Day Mushaira-Kavi Sammelan

The Aligarh Alumni Association-Metro DC (AAA-DC) in association with the Global Organization of People of Indian Origin-Metro DC (GOPIO-DC) hosted a successful Yom-e-Azadi Mushaira/Kavi Sammelan, celebrating 72nd Independence Day of the Subcontinent at the Central Library Auditorium, Arlington on Sunday, 25th August 2019. This year, four cultural community organizations—Association of Indian Muslims (AIM), National Council of Asian-Indian Associations, Inc (NCAIA, Inc.), Hyderabad Association of Washington Metro Area (HAWMA), and Center for Pluralism (CFP)—also co-sponsored the program. More than 150 literary enthusiasts flocked into the Auditorium to be part of this unique event.

Greeting authors, poets, and audience, the Program Coordinator Dr. Zafar Iqbal said, “The goal of this annual program is to provide a forum where diverse people—transcending political, religious, regional, and geographical boundaries—could assemble under the same umbrella and appreciate the Ganga Jamuni culture of the Subcontinent. In addition to sharing poetry, this event also recognizes local poets and authors by releasing their recently published books. In the recent past, more than two dozen poets and authors have released their books through this program.” Dr. Razi Raziuddin, President AAA-DC and Dr. Renuka Misra of GOPIO-DC welcomed and thanked the participants and audience on behalf of their associations. They also applauded the increasing popularity of the program

Dr. Moazzam Siddiqui, who retired as Chief of South-Asian and Far East Languages at Voice of America, gave an eloquent speech tracing the centuries-old tradition of Sanjhi Virasat (shared heritage) in the Subcontinent. He explained the genesis of Urdu through the mixing of Persian, Sanskrit, and other regional languages and emphasized its unmatched role in the freedom movement. He emphasized that writers and poets from Muslim, Hindu, Sikh, and Christian communities all contributed to this cause, using Urdu as their medium of communication. He lamented the current decline in the secular and tolerance ethos in India—the oldest melting pot. “This situation is hopefully temporary and the ethos of Sanjhi Virasat shall come back,” he opined.

Dr. Mike Ghose expanded on the theme of Sanjhi Virasat by reciting a nazm (poem) evoking early memories of celebrations of festivals of all communities in his neighborhood. He described his enjoyments of playing Holi and having sweets in Diwali, whereas his non-Muslim neighbors participated in Eid and other Muslim events.

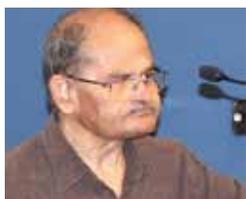
Language binds people, while poetry heals the hearts. Mushaira and Kavi Sammelan are Subcontinent’s tradition where the poets share their poetry with active participating listeners. Urdu/Hindi together is the third most spoken language

in the world after Mandarin and English. Urdu and Hindi languages are twin sisters, they use 75% similar words and are marching forward side by side in India and all over the world. Invited poets from the Metro-Washington area recited their poetry, making people enjoy and reflect on the current social and community issues. The event brought the diaspora with multiple ethnic backgrounds together under the same umbrella. In addition, a special treat was the participation of Dr. Ashok Narayan, who has published a collection of his poetry *Kasaye Dil and Shararey*. He retired from the Indian Administrative Service and came from India. Participating poets (in alphabetical order) included: Dr. A. Abdullah, Dr. Ashok Narayan, Dr. Qaisar Abbas, Dr. Razi Raziuddin, Dr. Satyapal Anand, Dr. Vishakha Thaker, Mr. A Rahman Siddiqui, Mr. Gulshan Madhur, Mr. Qamar Kazmi, Mr. Rakesh Khandelwal, Mr. Sadiq Bajwa, Mr. Yusuf Rahat, Ms. Kiran Nath, Ms. Sukesh Chopra, Ms. Vandana Singh, and Ms. Vinita Tewari. The Metropolitan Washington area is very fertile in producing high caliber literary personalities and it is always a challenge to find adequate time for each poet to enable him/her to recite even a representative quantum literary work. Well-known author and poet, Abdur Rehman Siddiqi chaired and analyzed poems recited by the poets and congratulated the organizers for the successful program. Afzal Usmani compered the poetry recitation session with remarkable literary skill.

In keeping with the tradition of honoring authors and poets of Metro-Washington area, books of two poets—Rakesh Khandelwal and Gulshan Madhur—were released by Dr. Satya Pal Anand and Dr. Ashok Narayan, respectively. Chairing this session, veteran poet, author, and critic, Dr. Anand commended the efforts of the authors and expressed his wish that similar programs to bringing people of different languages and culture under one roof will be continued.

The AAA-DC started this Independence Day annual Mushaira-Kavi Sammelan tradition more than a decade ago and GOPIO-DC joined the efforts soon after. It is very gratifying to see that four other community organizations (AIM, NCAIA, Inc., HAWMA, and CFP) also co-sponsored the program this year. It was announced that the organizers were planning to have a cultural festival of South-Asian languages next year with the help of Montgomery and Fairfax Counties offices.

* Prepared with the help from Dr. Mike Ghose. Mr. Afzal Usmani provided photographs. Zafar Iqbal, Ph.D.



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Kareemullah H. Biyabani with colleagues during Group's Annual meeting at Royal Diwan Hall, Al-Faisaliah Hotel, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



Recently in Riyadh Telangana Gulf Non-Residence Employees Federation organised a seminar at Shalimar Family Restaurant Mr. Yousuf Uddin Amjad of (IDB) Islamic Development Bank, Jeddah Mr. Athar of Rida Restaurant, Dr. Syed N Masood of Success International Schools, Arct. Ahmeduddin Owaisi Sahab, President Global Bazm-e-Itehad, presided the function Engr. Aijaz Ahmed Khan from Jeddah & Mr. Sultan Mazharuddin Member Managing Committee of IISR, Riyadh and many others from Telangana State participated.



Kareemullah H. Biyabani with Honorable Mr. Zahid Ali Khan Sahab Editor-in-Chief of Siasat Daily Urdu News Paper (Hyderabad) at his residence in Hyderabad, India.



Embassy of India, Damascus celebrated ITEC Day - 55 glorious years of India's development cooperation efforts and capacity building programmes, of which Syria is an important partner. A successful event with participation of over 150 ITEC graduates and Syrian dignitaries including President of Planning Commission, Minister of Technology, Governor, Dy Ministers, VC of Damascus University, President of Indo-Syrian Friendship Society, MPs, Members of Baath Party Leadership and many more. Cultural performances by a team of ITEC graduates was much appreciated:

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Decision To Ban Mohammed Azharuddin

Was A 'Total Sham': Outlook, Qiaser Mohammad Ali

Member Of BCCI's Panel That Decided The Punishment Decision To Ban Mohammed Azharuddin Was A 'Total Sham': Member Of BCCI's Panel That Decided The Punishment Kamal Morarka, a member of the BCCI disciplinary committee that took the unprecedented decision to ban Mohammed Azharuddin on December 5, 2000, revealed that the decision was a sham as he had never signed the paper.

On the morning of November 21, 2012, two influential cricket administrators – a businessman and a politician – as part of a pre-devised strategy stopped Mohammed Azharuddin's formal entry into the BCCI, despite the Andhra Pradesh High Court rescinding his match-fixing-related life ban. The same evening the BCCI formally invited him to its annual awards function at Taj Mahal Hotel in the same city, Mumbai, by sending him a proper invitation card. That is how, in a nutshell, the BCCI has treated Azharuddin over the years – by ruthlessly employing carrot-and-stick formula.

(Cricket News)

Wonder how the two administrators, who have since passed away, would have reacted on September 27, 2019, when 56-year-old Azharuddin became president of the Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA), and virtually booked a ticket to attend the next month's Board of Control for Cricket in India AGM as an HCA representative. The late politician-cum-cricket administrator, who had a finger in every cricketing pie, could not realise his ambition of becoming BCCI president while the other administrator was known to find loopholes in the processes applied to the various contentious issues and have his way in 1990s.

Kamal Morarka, a member of the BCCI disciplinary committee that took the unprecedented decision to ban Azharuddin on December 5, 2000, on Saturday congratulated the stylish batsman on winning the HCA election. He had dissented on the three-member panel's decision, didn't attend the crucial meeting, and didn't sign the paper. On Saturday, he called the ban on Azharuddin a "total sham".

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The wheel has turned full circle for Azharuddin, who was much wronged by the BCCI and other external forces that worked overtime and consistently against him over the years, especially as he virtually had no political backing at the time. Some officials of the BCCI in particular played nasty games with him in the last seven years, since his exoneration by the court. On the one hand, the BCCI, state cricket associations, the government-run bodies, including the National Institute of Sports in Patiala, would invite him as chief guest. And, on the other hand, when the BCCI mandarins of all hues and colours – and of deep-rooted self-interests -- would get together in the BCCI boardroom, they, barring one or two, would gang up against Azhar and deliberately delay a decision on his life ban. Remember, a life ban, as per the old BCCI constitution, was initially only for three years, after which a banned player/official/association could appeal for reinstatement.

Morarka, who was a BCCI vice-president from 1996-97 to 2003-04, neither attended the crucial disciplinary committee meeting nor signed the minutes to ban Azharuddin on December 5, 2000. BCCI president AC Muthiah and Karnataka cricket association president KM Ram Prasad, the other members of the committee, took the decision to ban Azharuddin, and interestingly called it "unanimous" in the minutes, a copy of which is in possession of Outlook.

"Certainly not [I didn't sign]. It was a total sham. It was totally wrong. K. Madhavan was, of course, a high-profile man [a former CBI joint director]. Informally, he told me that India should set higher standards [in taking measures to check betting and match-fixing] than even South Africa and England. Even the disciplinary panel was scared of the press. I told Muthiah that it was a money matter. The charge against Azhar was that he had taken money, but forget the proof...proof toh tha hi nahi (there was no proof). There's no proof in the CBI Report [of 2000 on match-fixing] also," Morarka, a former Union minister, told Outlook on Saturday.

"I said that in the current domestic season (2000-2001) he was already banned. I informally suggested to lift Azhar's ban the next season, and make it mandatory for him to train school students free for 30 days a year. I said let's make use of his talent. They said 'that is too light [a punishment], and that what the press would say? I said the press would say either way. They didn't agree, and I excused myself. I was going out of Delhi, so I said you postponed the disciplinary committee meeting, and I will attend and record my dissent. But they didn't postpone it and I didn't attend," recalls 73-year-old Morarka.

A former BCCI joint secretary had also admitted to this some years ago that BCCI officials were indeed under pressure to "act on match-fixing". "There was immense public pressure on us. Some members were apprehensive that if a decision on match-fixing wasn't taken, the public would beat them up when they come out of the hotel," he had



said.

Apart from Azharuddin, Delhi's Ajay Sharma was also banned for his alleged involvement in match-fixing, though a Delhi court, basing its verdict on Azharuddin's Andhra Pradesh High Court judgement, rescinded his ban in May 2014. Cricketers Ajay Jadeja and Manoj Prabhakar, and India team physiotherapist Dr Ali Irani were handed five-year suspensions while India wicketkeeper Nayan Mongia and Delhi groundsman Ram Adhar were exonerated.

Let it be clear that all this is not being said on whether or not Azharuddin actually accepted money to underperform; this is just to state some facts. And one hard fact is that the BCCI appointed an external one-man inquiry commissioner, K. Madhavan, to inquire into match-fixing episode when its constitution did not have any provision to take that step. That rule was incorporated into the BCCI constitution exactly a month after the Board had appointed Madhavan as an inquiry commissioner.

Since the 2012 Andhra Pradesh High Court verdict, successive dispensations of the BCCI – headed by N. Srinivasan, Jagmohan Dalmiya, Shashank Manohar, and Anurag Thakur -- have dithered from taking a decision on Azharuddin's formal reinstatement into the cricket fold. While imposing a ban on Azharuddin, the Disciplinary Committee had even forfeited the BCCI's contribution to his benevolent fund that he had accumulated as an India player, accrued till December 5, 2000. Will the BCCI now release his forfeited fund? And the BCCI has apparently not presented its highest accolade, Colonel CK Nayudu Award, to Azharuddin as, for the Board, he was a pariah at the time. Will a new BCCI set-up that takes charge on October 23 look at Azharuddin afresh? At least one present interim BCCI office-bearer called Azharuddin "my close friend" on September 27 immediately after the cricketer and his six-member panel swept the HCA elections.

And as far as the two senior administrators who had stalled Azharuddin's reinstatement are concerned, they had no objection in sharing the limelight with the stylish batsman many times after stalling his entry in that working committee meeting on November 21, 2012. "Since his case is very old, we will have to look into the sequence of events that have folded since 2000," the businessman-turned-administrator had said at the meeting. The two officials only reflected the dual face of many BCCI mandarins. In his home state, Hyderabad, too Azharuddin was treated unfairly. He was not allowed to contest for the president's post of HCA in 2017.

Another fact is that the BCCI's treatment of Azharuddin, one of the most successful India captains who led the team in three World Cups, was far from transparent and honest. After winning a favourable verdict from a double bench of the Andhra Pradesh High Court, Azharuddin applied to the BCCI for his formal reinstatement. But the BCCI neither formally reinstated him, nor challenged the Andhra Pradesh court order in a higher court, i.e. the Supreme Court.

While the BCCI kept Azharuddin hanging, he became a Member of Parliament from Moradabad in Uttar Pradesh on a Congress party ticket in 2009. Earlier, the Hyderabad-based cricketer had turned to coaching, and recently a film was made on his life.

Azharuddin is relieved and his admirers are happy that he won the HCA president's post. "I am very happy that Azharuddin has been elected. Circumstances have a way of doing justice. I am happy for him. He has been an outstanding leader of cricket and an outstanding example for the youth," says Morarka.

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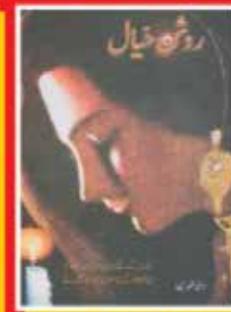
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The Book Launch of Dr. Taufiq Ansari Ahmed in Chicago



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According to the press release of Dr. Afzalurrahman Afsar, the founder and the Secretary General of Bazm -e- Arbab -e- Sukhan , Chicago, the Book Launch of Awrad-e-Eradath was successfully performed on Sunday, September 29, 2019, at Glenside Public Library, in Glendale Heights, Illinois. Awrad-e-Eradath is a religious selection of Urdu Poetry written by the popular Ustad Poet Dr. Taufiq Ansari Ahmed, over a period of sixty years.

The Book has a variety of subjects which includes Hamd, Munajaat, Naat, Manqabat, Qataat, Ruba-yeaat, and even a new category of poetry, created by the scholarly poet, called ' Hanqabat ' which encompasses all formats satisfying the taste of most demanding and loving fan.

Dr. Muneer Uzzaman Muneer, a popular Urdu Poet and Scholar released the book at the grand gathering and highly praised the author and the contents.

The Poet was presented bouquets , Shawls, and a Certificate of Appreciation by the Representatives of the Organizations attending the event.

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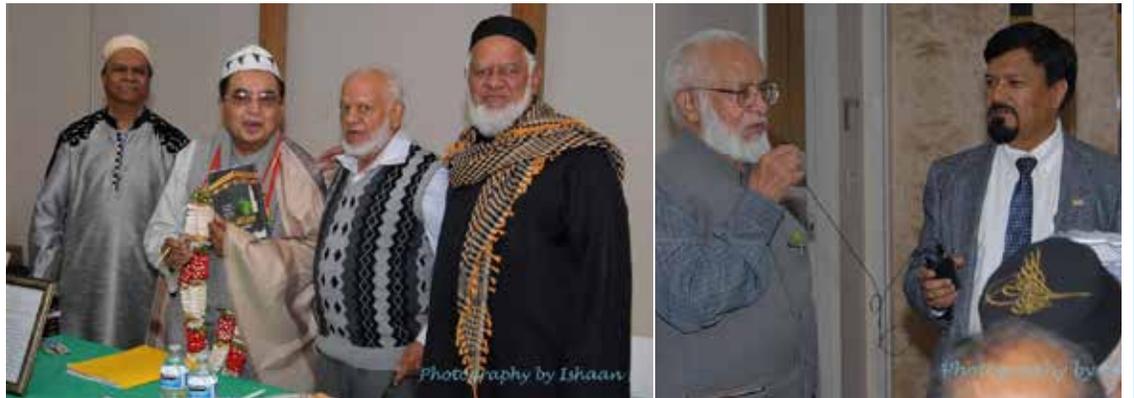
Guests of Honor including Mrs. Ghousia Sultana Noori, Mr. Nazar Naqvi, Prof. Ahmed Hakeem, and Dr. M.T. AliNiasee. Several prominent personalities of Chicago Organizations also expressed their thoughts about the Book and the Author.

Mr. Hashmat Sohail was the Emcee at the Book Launch Event. Photography was performed by the famous Music Melody founder, Singer, Organizer, and the IAA Director Mr. Ishaan Ahmed. Videography was arranged by the Poet Mr. Abid Raseed. Food arrangements were done by the families, fans, and friends.

This Book Launch Event was one of a kind in the Chicagoland which was made possible by the cooperation and under the joint banner of Bazm e Arbab e Sukhan, The Osmanians USA, Bazm e Sukhan, Gahwara e Adab, Anjuman e I'll o Adab, Urdu Times and was attended by the Urdu Lovers.

Dr. Taufiq Ansari Ahmed recited Munajaat and Naat in his own style which was highly applauded by the audience.

The Book Launch Event finally concluded around 4:30 pm, at the Library by a Vote of Thanks from Mr. Shahed Khan of Bazm e Arbab e Sukhan.



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Chicago, Sept 8th-,19: All Saints' Alumni Association conducted a meeting to discuss its proposed Reunion Event at Chicagoland. The proposed date and location of the reunion event will be released soon.

For further details about the reunion event could be emailed to

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Ameer Khan, President, ASAANA.

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businessmen, friends and well-wishers joined in these celebrations. They transported in a huge life size idol of Lord Ganapati, crowned it as Devon Ka Raja and placed in Shree Ganesh Temple of Chicago, 2545 W Devon Ave, Chicago, IL for the occasion. Nonstop 11 days, it was literally festive 'Mela' every day for a huge number of Indians flocking in not only from suburbs but also from neighboring States of Indiana and Wisconsin.

Daily there were two prayers (Aartis) in the morning and evening with Bhajans, Garbas, special discourses and Prasads to everyone were other features of the celebrations. The last day saw a special finally or 'Visarjan' procession symbolized by immersing the idol in water after the Aarti.

Hundreds of devotees and visitors joined the pomp grand procession for the divine king of king, with live band. Throughout the procession of hundreds of worshipers were chanting and dancing as the festival sponsors hoisted the Lord Ganesh in decorated 'Palakhi' upon special open truck. 4 block of Devon street was closed. Along the route, King Shri Ganesh showered the surrounding businesses and homes with His blessings, pausing for a special prayer offering good wishes to Sahil Exclusive, Sukhadia's Sweets, Hindi Lover's Club, Udapi Palace, Uma Sarees, Punjabi Dhaba, India Sari Palace, Resham's Handicrafts, NPHi-India Newspaper, Lakshmi Jewelers, Patel Handicrafts, Patel Brothers, Regal Traders, Fresh Farms International Market, Andaaz Jewelers, Joy Allukas, Kamdar Plaza, Raj Jewels, Vitha Jewels, Shewakramani Partnership, Uru-Swati Resturant, Regal Jewels, and Sari Sapne.

After the procession the priest and worshipers bid Ganesh a final farewell as they submerged him into water. Local businesses along with countless volunteers dedicated hours of assistance, offerings of sweets, food and flowers, and praise to the Lord Ganesha, without whom this event would have been impossible.

After the overwhelming success and



positive community response, Regal Foundation vowed to celebrate this event every year. The Ganesh Chaturthi has always been welcoming of participants of all faiths to come together and celebration of one of most well-known and revered Hindu gods. In addition to hosting the annual Ganesh Chaturthi, Regal Foundation is striving to meet the needs of the community by establishing a permanent Ganesh Temple on Devon Ave. Last but not least, the event couldn't go smoothly and successfully without the hard work of Kaajal Shewakramani Gill and Rahul Gill they are family members.

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How the Bodyguard of Saudi king was killed in shooting

Riyadh (AFP) - A prominent bodyguard of Saudi Arabia's King Salman has been shot and killed at a friend's house in what has been described as a personal dispute, according to state media.

Major General Abdelaziz al-Fagham's death triggered an outpouring of emotion on Twitter, with some condemning the killing of the Saudi ruler's "guardian angel".

Fagham, who was frequently seen by the king's side, died Saturday evening in the western city of Jeddah, police in Mecca said in a statement carried by the official Saudi Press Agency (SPA).

A spokesman said that the gunman was shot dead by security forces, but that five officers were wounded in the melee that has shocked the kingdom, where gun violence is rare.

Police said the trouble broke out when Fagham was visiting a friend who was receiving guests at his home in Jeddah, the port city in western Saudi Arabia.

An acquaintance, Mamdouh al-Ali, entered the residence and an argument ensued.

"The conversation between Fagham and

Ali escalated... Ali left the home, came back carrying a gun and fired at Fagham, injuring two others in the household, a Filipino worker and the brother of the house's owner," it said.

Ali "refused to surrender" and barricaded himself into the house, exchanging shots with security forces before he was ultimately killed, it said.

The incident was triggered by a "personal dispute", Al-Ekhabariya state television reported without giving further details.

It added that Fagham died in hospital from his injuries and that an investigation into the shooting had been launched.

The bodyguard, with his tall, slender bearing, was well known among Saudis and often pictured attending closely to the king.

He also guarded the late King Abdullah, taking after his father who served under the former ruler for three decades.

The Okaz newspaper said the public took a liking to Fagham from the days when he guarded King Abdullah.

"With this, he gained the leadership's trust and the love of the Saudis," the paper said.



"News of the killing has come as a thunderbolt for Saudis, who were deeply saddened by his death," it said.

Okaz described him as "the most famous of all the royal guards" and said he was known for his vigilance and tact.

It said that he accompanied the king on all his travels, inside and outside of the kingdom.

Fagham will be buried near the Great Mosque in Mecca -- Islam's holiest site.

Saudi Arabia opens to tourists

RIYADH (Reuters) - Saudi Arabia said it would issue fines for 19 offences related to public decency, such as immodest dress and public displays of affection, as the Muslim kingdom opens up to foreign tourists.

The Interior Ministry decision accompanies the launch of a visa regime allowing holidaymakers from 49 states to visit one of the world's most closed-off countries. Till now, most visitors have been Muslim pilgrims and business people.

Violations listed on the new visa website also include littering, spitting, queue jumping, taking photographs and videos of people without permission and playing music at prayer times. Fines range from 50 riyals (\$13) to 6,000 riyals (\$1,600).

"The regulations are meant to ensure that visitors and tourists in the kingdom are aware of the law relating to public behavior so that they comply with it," a government media statement said.

It said Saudi police had the sole responsibility for monitoring offences and imposing fines, a comment that appeared to marginalize the kingdom's religious anti-vice squads whose authority to pursue suspects or make arrests was curbed in 2016.

The religious force, known as the mutawa, used to ensure people prayed five times a day in line with Muslim teachings and that women covered their heads. They also enforced bans on music, alcohol, gender-mixing and women driving cars.

Alcohol remains illegal, which could deter some tourists. It also remains unclear if unmarried foreign men and women would be permitted to share a hotel room.

But the ban on women driving has been lifted and public entertainment, including once banned cinemas, has flourished. Many restaurants and cafes have removed physical barriers separating genders and no longer stop serving customers at prayer times.

Some women now wear more colorful abayas, the loose fitting robes worn over their clothes that are usually black, or no longer wear the robes at all.

Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who has spearheaded the social opening and reforms to diversify the economy away from oil, said last year that women in Saudi Arabia did not need to wear a headcover or abaya as long as they dressed respectfully.



The changes have been viewed at home and abroad as proof of a progressive trend, although constraints remain and there have been no moves towards opening up a system that has kept the ruling Al Saud family firmly in control of political power.

The authorities have detained women's rights activists for the past year amid a broader crackdown on dissent. The crown prince's image abroad has also been tarnished by last year's murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi inside the kingdom's Istanbul consulate, and a devastating war in Yemen.

The Gulf country, which shares borders with Iraq to the north and Yemen to the south, boasts vast tracts of desert but also verdant mountains, pristine beaches and historical sites including five UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

(Reporting by Stephen Kalin; Editing by Edmund Blair)

Recent Changes to Social Security in USA

For 2018, the basic structure of Social Security is the same in terms of how workers are taxed and how benefits are calculated and paid. However, there are a few notable changes to be aware of, such as the gradually increasing full retirement age and several thresholds and other Social Security figures that adjust over time with inflation.

With that in mind, here's a rundown of eight 2018 Social Security changes that are set to go into effect.

1. The full retirement age is increasing for some eligible seniors

The full or normal retirement age for Social Security benefits has been 66 years of age for some time now but is set to gradually increase to 67 for Americans born after 1954.

If you were born in... Your full retirement age is...

1954 or earlier	66 years
1955	66 years, 2 months
1956	66 years, 4 months
1957	66 years, 6 months
1958	66 years, 8 months
1959	66 years, 10 months
1960 or later	67 years

Data source: Social Security Administration. Table by author.

The reason this is important now is that the change has begun to affect people who are reaching the age of eligibility for Social Security benefits. Specifically, Americans who will turn 62 in 2018 (born in 1956) have a full retirement age of 66 years and four months, and those who will turn 63 in 2018 have a full retirement age of 66 years and two months.

Here's why this is important. Since most Americans claim Social Security before they reach full retirement age, this means that early retirement will have a more dramatic reduction. For example, if a worker with a full retirement age of 66 claims at 62, he or she would face a 25% reduction. If their full retirement age is 66 years and four months, the reduction percentage would be 25.8%.

2. Finally, a decent cost-of-living adjustment for retirees

The Social Security Administration announced a 2% cost-of-living adjustment, or COLA, for beneficiaries, starting with the Dec. 2017 payment.

This is the highest COLA in six years and is due to higher inflation — specifically, the rise in the CPI. However, this is still historically low. Social Security COLAs have averaged roughly 3.8% since the current method was implemented in 1975. Furthermore, for many retirees, this year's increase could be consumed by rising Medicare Part B premiums.

3. Higher payments for beneficiaries

While many retirees will see some or all of their increase swallowed up by rising Medicare premiums, the COLA should produce higher checks for beneficiaries. The SSA estimates that the average retired worker will get a \$27 raise to \$1,404, and that the average couple receiving benefits will see their combined payments rise by \$46 to \$2,340.

Additionally, because of the higher taxable earnings cap from 2017, the maximum benefit is increasing significantly. The highest possible benefit payable to a worker retiring at their full retirement age is rising by more than \$100 to \$2,788 per month in 2018.

4. A slightly higher taxable earnings cap
Speaking of the taxable earnings cap, this is rising for 2018 as well. Each year, there is a maximum amount of wage income that is subject to Social Security tax. For 2017, this maximum was set at \$127,200 — meaning that any amount of earned income above this threshold was not taxable for Social Security.

In 2018, the maximum taxable earnings amount is rising by \$1,500 to \$128,700, meaning that high-income individuals will end up paying more in Social Security tax than they did in 2017.

5. Disability thresholds are rising
Social Security pays disability benefits to more than 10 million people, and there are maximum amounts of income that people can still earn while collecting disability benefits. For 2018, these monthly thresholds are rising slightly.

Type of Disability 2017 Threshold 2018 Threshold

Non-blind	\$1,170	\$1,180
Blind	\$1,950	\$1,970

Data source: Social Security Administration. Table by author.

6. So are SSI payments

There are two Social Security disability programs — Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI). SSDI payments are based on a beneficiary's work record, just like retirement benefits.

On the other hand, SSI payments are based on a standard payment amount. For 2018, the SSI federal monthly payment standard is increasing.

Status	2017	2018
Individual	\$735	\$750
Couple	\$1,103	\$1,125

Data source: Social Security Administration. Table by author.

7. The earnings test limits are going up
If you claim Social Security before reaching full retirement age and are still working, the amount of money you earn could potentially reduce your Social Security benefits.

This is known as the Social Security earnings test, and there are two different versions of the test, depending on your age.

If you will reach full retirement age after 2018, \$17,040 in earnings (\$1,420 per month) will be excluded from consideration. Beyond this threshold, your retirement benefits can be reduced by \$1 for every \$2 in excess earnings.

If you will reach full retirement age during 2018, \$45,360 in annualized earnings (\$3,780 per month) are excluded. Beyond this threshold, your retirement benefits can be reduced by \$1 for every \$3 in excess earnings. For this test, only the months before you reach full retirement age are considered.

If your benefits are withheld because of the earnings test, it could permanently increase your benefit once you reach full retirement age, so this money isn't necessarily lost.



8. Social Security "credits" represent more earnings

As a final Social Security change for 2018, the "credits" workers need to earn to qualify for benefits are getting a little more expensive.

Specifically, in order to be eligible for a retirement benefit, you need to earn 40 Social Security credits, up to a maximum of four per year. In 2018, each credit represents \$1,320 in earnings, so you'll need to earn at least \$5,280 in order to earn the four possible credits for the year.

The biggest changes could be yet to come. Social Security isn't exactly in the most sustainable financial condition, and is expected to run out of money by 2034 unless something is done to fix the problem. This would likely mean either a benefit reduction or Social Security tax increase, or some combination of the two.

The point is that while nothing changed regarding the basic tax and benefit structure of the Social Security program for 2018, there's a strong possibility that major changes could be on the horizon.

The \$16,122 Social Security bonus most retirees completely overlook
If you're like most Americans, you're a few years (or more) behind on your retirement savings. But a handful of little-known "Social Security secrets" could help ensure a boost in your retirement income. For example: one easy trick could pay you as much as \$16,122 more... each year! Once you learn how to maximize your Social Security benefits, we think you could retire confidently with the peace of mind we're all after.

Doctors in India are stunned by baby born with 4 legs and 3 hands

A 24-year-old woman in India was shocked to deliver a set of twins, one of whom had four legs and three hands. The other twin was perfectly healthy, leading doctors to believe the woman was initially pregnant with triplets when one baby absorbed extra limbs from the third unborn fetus.

The first-time mother hadn't had any medical checkups throughout her pregnancy and had no idea she was at one point expecting triplets, let alone that she

would be giving birth to twins.

She and her husband are described by Metro as laborers, which may explain why they did not have the time or money to visit doctors before giving birth.

The couple said they were scared for their daughter, but despite a minor breathing issue — caused by the extra limbs growing out of her abdomen — she is in stable condition.

The baby will be transferred to another

hospital in India to undergo an operation, and doctors say they feel confident that the extra limbs can be safely removed during surgery. This case is believed to be the first instance of two naturally born triplets being conjoined.

Earlier this year, 2-year-old Pakistani twins who were conjoined at the head were successfully separated. In August, 3-year-old conjoined twins in Budapest were also safely separated during a 30-hour surgery.



As they build India's first camp for illegals some workers fear detention there

GOALPARA, India (Reuters) - Across a river in a remote part of India's northeast, laborers have cleared dense forest in an area equivalent to about seven soccer fields and are building the first mass detention center for illegal immigrants.

The camp in the lush, tea-growing state of Assam is intended for at least 3,000 detainees. It will also have a school, a hospital, a recreation area and quarters for security forces - as well as a high boundary wall and watchtowers, according to Reuters interviews with workers and contractors at the site and a review of copies of its layout plans.

Some of the workers building the camp said they were not on a citizenship list Assam released last week as part of a drive to detect illegal immigrants. That means the workers could themselves end up in detention.

Shefali Hajong, a gaunt tribal woman from a nearby village, said she was not on the list and will join nearly two million people who need to prove they are Indian citizens by producing documents such as birth and land ownership certificates dating back decades.

If they fail to do so, they risk being taken to detention camps like the one being built. The government says there are hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants in Assam from neighboring Muslim-majority Bangladesh, but Dhaka has refused to accept anyone declared an illegal immigrant in India.

Shefali, who belongs to the indigenous Hajong tribe, said she was tense because of the situation.

"But I need to fill my stomach," she said in the local Assamese dialect as she used a hoe to feed stones into a concrete mixer. She and other workers make about \$4 a day, which is considered a decent wage in the impoverished area.

She said she didn't know her exact age and believed it was about 26, adding that she did not know why she wasn't on the citizenship list. "We don't have birth certificates," said her mother, Malati Hajong, also working at the site.

The camp, near the town of Goalpara, is the first of at least ten detention centers Assam has planned, according to local media reports.

"People have been coming here every other day from nearby villages asking for work," said Shafikul Haq, a contractor in charge of building a large cooking area in the camp.

The mammoth Supreme Court-ordered exercise to document Assam's citizens has been strongly backed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Hindu nationalist government that came to power in New Delhi five years ago. Critics say the campaign is aimed at Muslims, even those who have lived legally in India for decades.

Many Hindus, mostly poor and ill-educated, are also not on the citizenship list released last week.

BRINK OF CRISIS

"Assam is on the brink of a crisis which would not only lead to a loss of nationality and liberty of a large group of people but also erosion of their basic rights - severely affecting the lives of generations to come," Amnesty said in a statement.

India's foreign minister has called the citizenship verification exercise an "internal matter". An Indian foreign ministry spokesman said those not in Assam's citizenship roster "will not be detained and will continue to enjoy all the rights as before till they have exhausted all the remedies available under the law."

The federal government and the local

Assam government did not respond to questions about the camps.

From Goalpara town, the camp being built is reached by a leafy, narrow road dotted with coconut trees. A shaky wooden bridge takes vehicles across a small river to the site, overlooked by a cluster of rubber trees.

Government guidelines for detention camps released earlier this year include building a boundary wall at least 10 feet (3 meters) high and ringed with barbed wire, local media reports said.

A red-painted boundary wall encircles the new camp at Goalpara, and green fields and mountains are visible beyond two watchtowers and quarters for security forces built behind it.

The camp will have separate living facilities for men and women, according to workers and contractors.

A.K. Rashid, another contractor, said he is building six of what would be around 17 buildings with detention rooms of around 350 square feet (32.5 square meters) each. Each of the buildings he is making will have 24 rooms, he said, adding drains for sewage were being built along the boundary walls of the center.

G. Kishan Reddy, a federal government official, told parliament in July that the government had published guidelines for detention centers which stipulate the construction of basic amenities like electricity, drinking water, hygiene, accommodation with beds, sufficient toilets with running water, communication facilities and kitchens.

"Special attention is to be given to women/nursing mothers, children," he said. "Children lodged in detention centers are to be



provided educational facilities in nearby local schools."

WORSE THAN PRISONERS

A senior police officer who declined to be named said the camp would initially be used to house the roughly 900 illegal immigrants who are held at detention facilities in Assam jails.

A group from India's National Human Rights Commission that visited two of those facilities last year said the immigrant detainees there were in some ways "deprived even of the rights of convicted prisoners".

India's top court is hearing a petition for their release.

At the camp site, another woman laborer, 35-year-old Sarojini Hajong, said she wasn't on the citizenship list either and didn't have a birth certificate.

"Of course we are scared about what will happen," she said.

"But what can we do? I need the money."

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WHAT LIFE WAS REALLY LIKE FOR WOMEN IN ANCIENT EGYPT

A lot of the time, people think of women's rights as something that started only very recently. Society in the past was horrible compared to the glorious, enlightened geniuses of the present. To make ourselves look good, everyone else has to be bad. But history isn't a straight line. Feminism wasn't something invented in the 1940s or even the 1840s. While there have been plenty of times in history when women were horrifically oppressed (looking at you, Ancient Greece), there were also periods, in some cases long periods, where they enjoyed almost equal rights to men. Ancient Egypt was one such time. If you ignore the slavery and the disease and living at the mercy of the Nile River, Ancient Egypt was a pretty awesome place to be a woman. But just how awesome was it? Well, from the importance of alcohol to matters of makeup, here's what life was really like for women in Ancient Egypt. ANCIENT EGYPTIAN WOMEN WERE ROLLING IN RIGHTS

It's almost unbelievable the number of rights women in Ancient Egypt had. According to Ancient History Encyclopedia, in Ancient Egypt, women could, "own land, initiate divorce, own and operate their own business," and have many kinds of jobs outside the home. But wait, there's more! They could also own their own houses, "enter into contracts with men, have abortions, and dispose of their own property as they saw fit." Ancient Pages adds they could get drunk, make legally-binding wills, and receive both the same pay as men for the same work and the same punishments for the same crimes. It was a level of personal and sexual freedom that no other ancient civilization gave women and wasn't even common in modern times until recently. When the Ancient Greek historian Herodotus visited Egypt, he was shocked at how women behaved. This made sense, since he came from a place where men didn't even like women going outside, and suddenly, he was in a feminist utopia.

Well, almost. No society in history has gotten the equality of the sexes thing right, and Ancient Egypt wasn't perfect. While women did sometimes have authority over men, that wasn't considered ideal, and men were usually in charge. There were positions women couldn't hold, usually those of the most important government officials. And in 3,000 years, Ancient Egypt only managed to have seven female rulers. Still, the US hasn't managed one woman president yet, so we can't really say anything.

ANCIENT EGYPTIAN MARRIAGES WERE INTERESTING

Women had a ton of rights in Ancient Egypt, although things were a bit tricky when it came to marriage. According to Short History, girls usually got married right after they hit puberty, which at the time was generally about 13 years old. While boys often weren't that much older, usually marrying between 16 and 20, it

wasn't uncommon for teen girls to marry much older men. So how a marriage can really be an "equal partnership" when you have a major age discrepancy is questionable.

Still, Ancient History Encyclopedia says that while it was understood that men were the head of the household and had the final word, there's "plenty of evidence to suggest that men consulted with their wives regularly." Ancient Egyptian fathers gave marriage advice to their sons that included "do not control your wife in her house," not to snap at her, to "recognize her skill," to enjoy her company, and to "[desist] from strife at home." Still, wives had certain expectations on them, like having lots of children, and if they committed adultery, they could be killed. But if they didn't like their husband, divorce was simple. A woman just had to say she wanted one. She didn't even need a reason like infidelity on her husband's part. And she got custody of any children.

RUNNING THE HOME WAS A MASSIVE RESPONSIBILITY

While women may have been equal to their husbands, the job of taking care of the house still fell to them. Rich women might have servants or slaves, and many women also had jobs outside the home, but how well their house was kept was still on their heads. According to Ancient History Encyclopedia, while men helped out with housework from time to time, women had a lot to do.

In a time before alarm clocks, a woman had to wake her whole family up so they could go to work or school. Then she had to take care of the family altar. Every house had one, and keeping the gods happy was the woman's job. Then she had to cook breakfast, do the dishes, haul the daily water from the well, do all the childcare, and take care of any elderly relatives. And of course, she had to feed, water, and generally take care of any animals the family owned. Plus, she had to make lunch, do some weaving and sewing, do laundry, bake bread, brew beer, make dinner, serve dinner, clean up dinner, put everyone to bed, and do it all again the next day. And this was before there were any appliances to make her life a tiny bit easier.

Some tasks were extra essential. The Ancient Egyptians were neat freaks, meaning the house needed to be spotless, so it looked nice, but also to keep pests away. Tending the garden was also super important, since it was the source of most of the family's food.

ANCIENT EGYPTIAN WOMEN OFTEN HAD JOBS OUTSIDE THE HOME

Plenty of Ancient Egyptian women worked in the domestic sphere, but it was also perfectly acceptable for women to — wait for it — work outside the home. According to Ancient History Encyclopedia, the list of jobs they could do was basically endless, and many of them involved authority over men.

In a time before locks, when an important room or container needed to be closed and stay closed, you called on a sealer. These bureaucrats carried official, authorized seals that would have to be broken to open whatever they were used to close, so it was a great way of locking something. That made the position of sealer one of the most important jobs in Ancient Egypt, and women sealers were considered equal to their male counterparts.

Women could be doctors, as well, and the female physician Pesehet even taught male students in a medical school. Male patients would also see lady doctors with no issue. There were female dentists, female seers who interpreted dreams and omens for people, and women who ran textile manufacturing businesses. There are even paintings of these women supervising their workers. Ladies who had a talent for performing could become musicians, singers, and dancers, entertaining privately and in public temple events.

Even women who liked domestic work could do it on the professional level. Girls could become servants as teenagers and rise up the ranks. The top position was household manager, basically running everything for a rich woman who didn't want to do it herself.

WOMEN MADE BEER, AND ANCIENT EGYPTIANS LOVED BEER

There was one job in Egypt that held supreme importance, and in a completely unexpected twist, it was dominated by women. That job was beer brewer. Beer was vital to Ancient Egyptian existence. The story went that it had been given to humanity by the god Osiris, with breweries watched over by the goddess Tenenet, according to Ancient History Encyclopedia. Another story said when the goddess Sekhmet decided to destroy humanity, she was tricked into getting drunk on beer, passed out, and forgot about it. These and other gods were regularly given offerings of beer, and many temple rituals involved getting very wasted.

So beer was important on a spiritual level but also on a practical level. Ancient Egypt Online says everyone drank beer, including children. Beer was seen not so much as a fun drink but a nutritious food staple. Laborers were often paid partly in beer, including the ones working on the pyramids, who got a daily ration of 1 ½ gallons each. When experts at the British Museum recreated Ancient Egyptian beer, they were surprised to find it was "absolutely delicious."

Since beer was really a food, that made brewing cooking, and cooking was women's work. There's evidence that, definitely in early Egyptian history and probably for most of it, breweries were "entirely operated by females." They made huge quantities of booze, which meant they could make a lot of money. And since beer was so vital and ubiquitous, it was an important, honorable profession.



WOMEN COULD BE COLLATERAL

Slavery was a complicated institution in Ancient Egypt. There were different levels of servitude, and it's often hard for experts to distinguish between them, according to Tour Egypt. Servants were a thing, but so were slaves, with no distinct dividing line. People who owned land could still be listed as property of a king, making them sort of equivalent to serfs. Slavery was inherited (if your mother was a slave, regardless of who your father was, then you would also be a slave), or prisoners of war could find themselves enslaved, and slavery could even be a temporary thing you (more or less) chose for yourself.

The UCLA Encyclopedia of Egyptology says in times of famine, men and women could offer to become slaves in order to make sure they got enough food. Sometimes, men found themselves in debt, and they would offer family members, usually women, as collateral. Those women would remain slaves until the debt was repaid. Even among slaves there was a hierarchy, with foreign slaves seen as "better" since originally, they or their families had been of a higher class than regular Egyptian slaves.

Slaves could own property and negotiate transactions. There's a record of two slave women who gave their master some of their own land in exchange for goods. While some slaves became like members of the family, others were freed. One way of finding freedom was by being "purified" and going to work in a temple, and as it turns out, King Tut actually purified some slave women who worked in his palace.

ANCIENT EGYPTIAN WOMEN COULD DO WHAT THEY WANTED IN THE BEDROOM

Prudish, male, Victorian researchers though Ancient Egypt had prostitutes because, obviously, any women who were having sex out of wedlock must've been working girls. But that was totally wrong.

According to Ancient Egyptian Sexuality, people back then weren't hung up on sex. Even their gods and goddesses were always getting up to filthy stuff. Indeed, with the exception of adultery, which was a serious no-no, Ancient Egyptians seem to have been totally cool with women doing whatever. Ancient History Encyclopedia says there was no Ancient Egyptian word for "virgin," possibly meaning that didn't matter. There was definitely no guilt attached to young, single women having their fun, and if one of them ended up pregnant, it was probably something to be celebrated. Fertility was so important to the Egyptians that an out-of-wedlock teen pregnancy was a great thing, because it meant lots more babies to come.

There are no records of brothels in 3,000 years of Ancient Egyptian history. What they did have were "sacred prostitutes" who worked in temples. They were there to scratch the priest's itch. This was a hugely honorable position, one families

would offer up their most beautiful daughters for. The women would walk around in sheer clothing, or just naked, happily calling attention to their job. They didn't even get paid, the honor was so great. When they got older, they would leave and go get married, with no shame attached to their previous profession at all.

PRIESTESSES WERE POWERFUL AND VERY CLEAN

The Ancient Egyptians were seriously religious. Keeping the gods happy was of the utmost importance, so the people who served them on a day-to-day basis had lots of power. This included women, since there were plenty of priestesses. While Ancient History Encyclopedia says it was typical for female attendants to serve goddesses, this wasn't always the case. Some priestesses served male deities, including the all-important Amun. One woman held the position God's Wife of Amun, a job that "would eventually become as powerful as that of the king."

Literally anyone who worked in a temple was considered a priest or priestess, so daily life varied drastically, depending on whether you were more on the janitor end or the high priestess end of the scale. Rituals could involve bathing and dressing a statue of a goddess, lighting sacred fires, or cooking food for the deity. Many priestesses worked part-time, just one month out of every four. According to Herodotus, priestesses had to be super clean, bathing four times a day and shaving all the hair off their bodies and heads (including eyebrows and eyelashes at some temples) to keep lice away and to stay pristine. They also had to practice singing and dancing, so they could entertain their goddess.

The power some priestesses had is evident in their tombs. National Geographic reported on a tomb discovered in 2017, belonging to Hetpet, a priestess of Hathor. According to the magazine, it was "lavishly decorated," including paintings of cheeky monkeys and hunting scenes.

ROYAL WOMEN HAD A SAY IN RUNNING THE COUNTRY

Ancient Egyptian royalty lived lives of luxury. While there were a small number of women who held the top job in Ancient Egyptian history, the vast majority of pharaohs were men. But they had women in their lives. Lots of them.

Ancient History Encyclopedia says each pharaoh would have numerous queens. One of them would be the most important "principle wife." While in the early years of Ancient Egypt, a queen might just be expected to run the palace, support her husband, and act as regent for an underage son, in the New Kingdom, queens had major power. She got her own royal and religious titles, official duties, land, an income, and a degree of independence. Queens were often the pharaoh's most important counselors, who according to Historic Mysteries, "molded the pharaoh's thinking in matters of state and religion and provided him with strong support." They might act as diplomats, and at least

one had her name written in a cartouche, just like a king. Some pharaohs had their wives depicted in statues, occasionally the same size as their own, standing or sitting beside them, making the two royals appear equal in importance. Nefertiti (pictured) basically took over running the country for her husband while he concentrated on religion.

The royal line was passed through women, not men, so they were of supreme importance, even daughters of the pharaoh. Of course, the men these royal women were having kids with were often their brothers, fathers, or uncles, so it's not all great.

EGYPTIAN WOMEN HAD FERTILITY TATTOO

Until very recently, it was thought only Ancient Egyptian women got tattoos. After all, only women were depicted with tattoos in Ancient Egyptian art, and of all the Egyptian mummies that had been found, only the female ones were inked. Of course, it was male archaeologists who usually found these mummies (since they were basically all dudes until recently) and they had some not-so-nice theories about the women with body art. According to Groupthink, the male archaeologists decided these ladies must be "dancing girls" or of other "dubious status." Even if they found them buried among royalty, at best they must have been a pharaoh's concubine.

Now we know that's not accurate at all. One of the slut-shamed mummies turned out to be the priestess Amunet, which excavators would've realized if they'd just read her burial inscription. Ancient History Encyclopedia says as more tattooed women were connected to the royal court, scholars had to change their theories. Now, it seems tattoos might've been connected to fertility. In general, these tattoos (usually patterns of dots) appear on women's stomachs, thighs, and breasts. It seems women inked themselves to honor the goddess of fertility and as a kind of permanent amulet, giving them help conceiving but also protection during pregnancy and childbirth. The tattoo artists were also exclusively women.

Only in 2018 was the first discovery of a tattooed male mummy revealed. So inked men did exist in Ancient Egypt, but so far, it seems very uncommon.

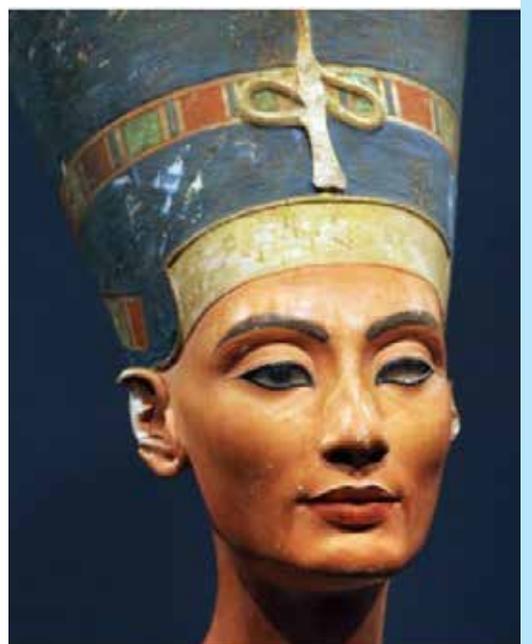
A WOMEN'S APPEARANCE WAS VERY IMPORTANT

Everyone can immediately call to mind what an Ancient Egyptian lady looks like, whether it's the head of Nefertiti, one of a million images of what Cleopatra might've looked like, or just a random woman painted with her head turned to the side. And that distinctive look was hugely important to the average Ancient Egyptian woman. According to Ancient Pages, clothing was considered "one of the most important elements in a person's life."

The Ancient Egyptians are famous for one look because it stuck around for thousands of years. No twice-yearly fashion shows full of new styles for

them. Women wore a basic, tight, strappy dress that fell to their ankles. In the winter, they would throw a thick linen cloak over their shoulders. Women working in the fields switched to a short skirt and nothing else. The "in" color for all clothing was white, as much for practical reasons in the heat as anything. Some new fads did come in, including pleated cloth and brightly colored fringe. All women, no matter how poor, wore jewelry. Jewelry was vital to look attractive for the gods, so women covered themselves in beaded necklaces, bracelets, earrings, collar, and rings.

Makeup was not only aesthetic but also holy. Religion and beauty went hand in hand, so everyone wore makeup. Women did elaborate eye makeup, which might've also been practical, as the thick black kohl could've acted a bit like sunglasses. They also shaved their heads and wore wigs, completing the look.



The Indian children who need to take a train to get to water

By Rajendra Jadhav

MUKUNDWADI, India (Reuters) - As their classmates set off to play after school each day, nine-year-old Sakshi Garud and her neighbor Siddharth Dhage, 10, are among a small group of children who take a 14-km (9-mile) return train journey from their village in India to fetch water.

Their families are some of the poorest in the hamlet of Mukundwadi, in the western state of Maharashtra, a village that has suffered back-to-back droughts.

India's monsoons have brought abundant rain and even floods in many parts of the country, but rainfall in the region around Mukundwadi has been 14% below average this year and aquifers and borewells are dry.

"I don't like to spend time bringing water, but I don't have a choice," Dhage said.

"This is my daily routine," said Garud. Their cramped shanty homes are just 200 meters (220 yards) from the train station. "After coming from school, I don't get time to play. I need to get water first." They are not alone. Millions of Indians do not have secure water supplies, according to the

UK-based charity, WaterAid. It says 12% of Indians, or about 163 million people, do not have access to clean water near their homes - the biggest proportion of any country.

Recognizing the issue, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has promised to spend more than 3.5 trillion rupees (\$49 billion) to bring piped water to every Indian household by 2024.

More than 100 families in Garud and Dhage's neighborhood do not have access to piped water and many depend on private water suppliers, who charge up to 3,000 rupees (\$42) for a 5,000-litre tanker during summer months.

But private water supply is something Garud and Dhage's parents say they can not afford.

"Nowadays, I don't get enough money to buy groceries. I can't buy water from private suppliers," said Dhage's father, Rahul, a construction worker. "I am not getting work every day."

PIPE DREAM

The children take the train daily to fetch

water from the nearby city of Aurangabad.

The train is often overcrowded, so a group of small children jostling to get on board with pitchers to fill with water is not always welcome.

"Some people help me, sometimes they complain to railway officials for putting pitchers near the door. If we don't put them near the door, we can not take them out quickly when the train stops," Dhage said.

Garud's grandmother Sitabai Kamble and an elderly neighbor help occasionally by pushing them on board in the face of irritable passengers.

"Sometimes they kick the pitchers away, they grumble," Kamble said.

When the train pulls into Aurangabad thirty minutes later, they scramble to fill the pitchers at nearby water pipes. Garud can't reach the tap, so she relies on her taller sister, Aaysha, 14, and grandmother.



Others, like Anjali Gaikwad, 14, and her sisters, also board the train every few days to collect water and wash clothes.

Their neighbor Prakash Nagre often tags along with soap and shampoo. "There's no water to bathe at home," he says.

When the train returns them to Mukundwadi, they have just under a minute to disembark. At times, Dhage's mother, Jyoti, is waiting at the station to help.

"I'm careful, but sometimes pitchers fall off the door in the melee and our work is wasted," she said, holding her infant in one arm and a pitcher in the other. "I can't leave my daughter at home alone so I have to take her along."

What it would take for Congress to impeach Trump

By Richard Cowan and Jan Wolfe

Sept 23 (Reuters) - Some of U.S. President Donald Trump's critics in the House of Representatives are calling for an impeachment investigation following a whistleblower complaint that has roiled Washington.

The complaint, which came from inside the intelligence community, focused on a July phone call in which Trump repeatedly pressured Ukraine's president to investigate Hunter Biden, the son of former Vice President Joe Biden, who is one of Trump's chief political rivals, according to reports by the Wall Street Journal and other U.S. media outlets.

Some Democratic lawmakers have said they have no choice but to try to impeach Trump if he pressured a foreign leader to influence a U.S. election.

The majority of the 235 Democrats in the House already supported an impeachment inquiry based on former Special Counsel Robert Mueller's report, which declined to make a judgment on whether Trump obstructed justice but outlined 10 instances in which Trump tried to have Mueller fired or otherwise impede the investigation.

Trump on Sunday acknowledged that he discussed Biden with Ukraine's president but defended the call as perfectly appropriate.

"The conversation I had was largely congratulatory, with largely corruption, all of the corruption taking place and largely the fact that we don't want our people like Vice President Biden and his son creating

to the corruption already in the Ukraine," Mr. Trump told reporters.

Opinion polls continue to show voters sharply divided over removing Trump from office through impeachment, and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has opposed impeachment as a politically risky move unless investigators find powerful evidence of misconduct by Trump that can unify public opinion.

Here is how the impeachment process works.

WHY IMPEACHMENT?

The founders of the United States created the office of the presidency and feared that its powers could be abused. So they included impeachment as a central part of the Constitution.

They gave the House "the sole power of impeachment;" the Senate, "the sole power to try all impeachments;" and the chief justice of the Supreme Court the duty of presiding over impeachment trials in the Senate.

The president, under the Constitution, can be removed from office for "treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors." What exactly that means is unclear. Historically, it can encompass corruption and other abuses, including trying to obstruct judicial proceedings.

No president has ever been removed as a direct result of impeachment. One, Presi-

dent Richard Nixon, resigned before he could be removed. Two, presidents Andrew Johnson and Bill Clinton, were impeached by the House, but not convicted by the Senate.



HOW DOES IT WORK?

Impeachment begins in the House, the lower chamber, which debates and votes on whether to bring charges against the president via approval of an impeachment resolution, or "articles of impeachment," by a simple majority of the House's 435 members.

If the House approves such a resolution, a trial is then held in the Senate. House members act as the prosecutors; the senators as jurors; the chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court presides. A two-thirds majority vote is required in the 100-member Senate to convict and remove a president. This has never happened.

CAN THE SUPREME COURT OVERTURN?

No. Trump has said on Twitter that he would ask the Supreme Court to intervene if Democrats tried to impeach him. But the founders explicitly rejected allowing appeal of a Senate conviction to the federal judiciary.

PARTY BREAKDOWN IN CONGRESS?

The House has 235 Democrats, 199 Republicans, and one independent. As a result, the Democrats could impeach Trump with no Republican support.

In 1998, when Republicans had a House majority, the chamber voted largely along party lines to impeach Clinton, a Democrat.

The Senate now has 53 Republicans, 45 Democrats and two independents who usually vote with the Democrats. Conviction and removal of a president would require 67 votes. So, for Trump to be removed from office via impeachment, at least 20 Republicans and all the Democrats and independents would have to vote against him. WHO BECOMES PRESIDENT IF TRUMP IS REMOVED?

In the unlikely event the Senate convicted Trump, Vice President Mike Pence would become president for the remainder of Trump's term, which ends on Jan. 20, 2021. (Reporting by Jan Wolfe; Editing by Dan Grebler)

How Nirav Modi built a mega diamond empire despite no knowledge of gems or jewellery

Nirav Modi did not leave Belgium as a successful entrepreneur, nor did he have any kind of work experience with top Western jewellery houses. While it's not clear what he intended to do when he returned to India, what is certain is that by around 1999 Nirav Modi had arrived in Mumbai and begun his tutelage under Mehul Choksi.

Why did he not, instead, join hands with his other uncle, Chetan Choksi, who was already in Europe? The answer is that there wasn't much love lost between him and Chetan. Aside from his rapport with Mehul, another factor may have motivated his return. India was at a crossroads after the liberalisation of its economy. The future was wide open and for a young entrepreneurial expatriate who had returned to start with the support of an entrenched player, India was a land of endless opportunities.

Once the die was cast, Modi learned how gems and jewellery worked in India. What he learned he would, in turn, pass on to his brother Nishal, including how to work within tight budgets and how to buddy up to mid-level employees in factories by sipping on cutting chai with them during breaks.

Modi has claimed that he had always planned for a luxury brand, but during the years that he was with his uncle, and shortly after, he was building up businesses of the diamond supply chain that were of lower-value and that included polishing and trading. But it was fluting, essentially the manual bagging of diamonds for other manufacturers, that gave his company the launch pad it needed, or so Modi would declare publicly.

Modi first called his company Firestone, but then changed it to Firestar in 1999 because the former sounded too much like the automotive tyre company. In Modi's own words, the company gave him consistent profits for the better part of five or six years and, by 2004, Firestar's revenues crossed Rs400 crore (\$56.5 million).

However, when others got into the game and competition stepped up, the margins he was making in the fluting business evaporated. It was then that he looked to maximise his footprint in manufacturing and distribution. After all, monster-size margins only came into the picture once a jeweller got into retail and then branding, followed by the luxury segment. In 2005, he bought a retail division owned by Frederick Goldman, an American diamond retailer with a nationwide footprint. Two years later he bought Sandberg & Sikorski, the largest jewellery supplier to the US Armed Forces, as well as A Jaffe, a 120-year-old luxury bridal jewellery label that Sikorski owned.

Its promoter Samuel Sandberg retained a 5% stake in the firm, and had Modi supplying diamonds and jewellery to department stores like Costco, JCPenney and Zales. A Jaffe's only business was to make



and sell bridal jewellery and while it did buy loose diamonds it didn't keep diamonds as inventory or sell loose stones, let alone in bulk.

When it was first bought, A Jaffe's revenues were sluggish, at between \$6 million and \$7 million a year and the firm was struggling to make profits. However, in due course, the company saw growth with as much as \$20 million sales a year. The extra gravy was cash from loose trades. While the business involved standard contracting jobs that would get outsourced to Indian jewellers, in Modi's case it was a means to an end: building his business slowly but surely to get his finger into every single aspect of the diamond trade.

Besides the fatter margins that lay higher up on the value chain in designer jewellery and retail, the other upside for Modi was to see his name lighting up on billboards across the world, later even on Madison Avenue. The margins that come with luxury retail work like this: it's 2.5% on diamond trading, between 5% and 7% on wholesaling, and anywhere between 15% and 25% and upwards on retail. By 2015, with the addition of these assorted businesses, Modi would report that his revenue had crossed Rs10,000 crore, with average margins at around 3.6%.

"Are you a trained jewellery designer?" I asked Modi some time in 2015 during a meeting for a Fortune India interview at his office in Worli.

"No," came the answer as he shifted in his seat.

"A professionally trained artist then?"

Another "No."

Was he someone with an eagle eye for great stones and a dyed-in-the-wool knack for "rough" trading, which drove the bulk of his revenue?

Yet another "No," followed by a reference to his younger half-brother, "That's Nishal's thing."



If design was handled by his sister Purvi Modi-Mehta in Hong Kong, and finance by CFO Vipul Ambani, what then did Modi do, apart from just lending his name to the brand? Turns out, plenty. For starters, he created the brand. Then he took all the wild gambles, speeding the train forward while the other family members assumed charge of more sedate corporate functions, though all under his direction.

Nirav Modi was the undisputed boss of the family, says one jeweller who knows Modi well. "Everyone, including his parents and siblings, worked for him and took orders from him."

Modi, who ran the flagship company, Firestar International Private Limited, may have been nephew to Gitanjali Gems' boss Mehul Choksi, but what is not commonly known is that Modi's sister Purvi Modi-Mehta is married to Mayank Mehta, Rosy Blue's boss Russell Mehta, through being brother to Russell's wife Mona.

Again, Mona's first cousin is Preeti Choksi, or the wife of Mehul Choksi, Modi's uncle, and Choksi's daughter Priyanka wed Antwerp-based diamond merchant Akash Mehta in 2011. At the time, Priyanka Choksi was running the jewellery company A Jaffe, which her cousin Nirav Modi had invested in.

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While he kept books on Harry Winston, Joel A Rosenthal and Bvlgari on his office mantelpieces, as well as at home, he would agree that his plans most resembled those of diamond king Laurence Graff, the founder and chairman of Graff Diamonds, a company launched over half a century ago that had gilded its reputation by purveying large, rare gems to celebrity clients ranging from Elizabeth Taylor to Oprah Winfrey to Donald Trump. Graff never finished school but instead became an apprentice to a jeweller.

In due course, he went on to start his own brand that targeted high net worth clients. He launched dozens of stores across the world and even picked up a stake in a diamond mine to complete the supply chain internally for his company. Beyond business, Graff also has a passion for art with a collection that includes Warhols and Picassos.

The parallels between Graff and Modi are apparent. Like Graff, Modi too never completed college and, with the exception of mines, owned and operated other parts of the diamond value chain, including retail, wholesale, cutting and polishing, trading of roughs and private label manufacture for other companies.

The key difference between Modi and other jewellery bigwigs like Bvlgari, Harry Winston, Cartier, Tiffany's, and Van Cleef & Arpels was, of course, that they had begun their journey over half a century ago—and had burnished their luxury synonymous names over time with millions of customers and celebrity endorsers who sported their wares because they wanted to and not because they were being paid to do so.

Modi, on the other hand, was pushing the needle from trading to luxury in just a little over a decade.

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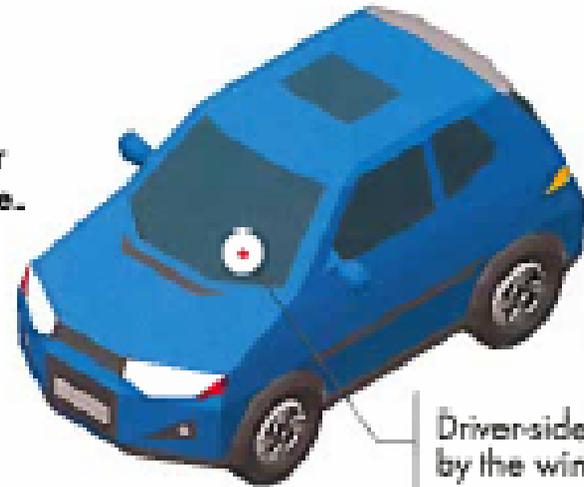
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Before You Say "YES" to a Hip Replacement

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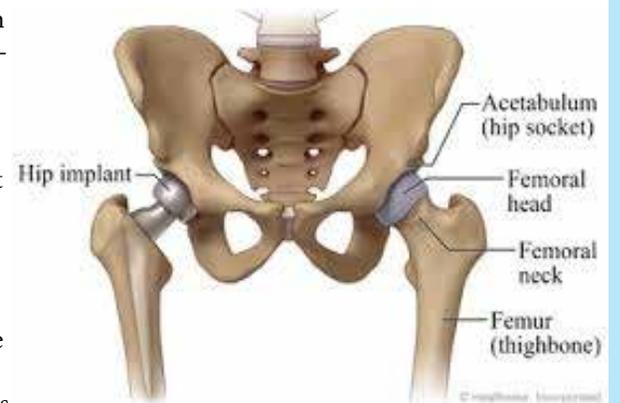
like putting on your shoes, then hip replacement can have a dramatic impact on your life.

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The importance of potassium

Potassium is necessary for the normal functioning of all cells. It regulates the heartbeat, ensures proper function of the muscles and nerves, and is vital for synthesizing protein and metabolizing carbohydrates

Thousands of years ago, when humans roamed the earth gathering and hunting, potassium was abundant in the diet, while sodium was scarce. The so-called Paleolithic diet delivered about 16 times more potassium than sodium. Today, most Americans get barely half of the recommended amount of potassium in their diets. The average American diet contains about twice as much sodium as potassium, because of the preponderance of salt hidden in processed or prepared foods, not to mention the dearth of potassium in those foods. This imbalance, which is at odds with how humans evolved, is thought to be a major contributor to high blood pressure, which affects one in three American adults.

The adequate intake recommendation for potassium is 4,700 mg. Bananas are often touted as a good source of potassium, but other fruits (such as apricots, prunes, and orange juice) and vegetables (such as squash and potatoes) also contain this

often-neglected nutrient.

The effect of potassium on high blood pressure

Diets that emphasize greater potassium intake can help keep blood pressure in a healthy range, compared with potassium-poor diets. The DASH trial (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension) compared three regimens. The standard diet, approximating what many Americans eat, contained an average of 3.5 daily servings of fruits and vegetables, which provided 1,700 mg of potassium per day. There were two comparison diets: a fruit- and vegetable-rich diet that included an average of 8.5 daily servings of fruits and vegetables, providing 4,100 mg of potassium per day, and a "combination" diet that included the same 8.5 servings of fruits and vegetables plus low-fat dairy products and reduced sugar and red meat. In people with normal blood pressure, the fruit- and vegetable-rich diet lowered blood pressure by 2.8 mm Hg (in the systolic reading) and 1.1 mm Hg (in the diastolic reading) more than the standard diet. The combination diet lowered blood pressure by 5.5 mm Hg and 3.0 mm Hg more than the standard diet. In people with high blood pressure, the combination diet reduced blood pres-

sure even more, by as much as 11 mm Hg in systolic blood pressure and 5.5 mm Hg in diastolic pressure.

Potassium and stroke risk

High blood pressure is a leading risk factor for strokes, so it's no surprise that higher potassium is also associated with a lower stroke incidence. One prospective study that followed more than 43,000 men for eight years found that men who consumed the highest amounts of dietary potassium (a median of 4,300 mg per day) were 38% less likely to have a stroke as those whose median intake was just 2,400 mg per day. However, a similar prospective study that followed more than 85,000 women for 14 years found a more modest association between potassium intake and the risk of strokes. Additional research has mostly upheld these findings, with the strongest evidence to support high dietary potassium seen in people with high blood pres-



sure and in blacks, who are more prone to high blood pressure than whites.

Recommendations

Try to eat more produce. Higher potassium consumption from foods, especially fruits and vegetables, may lower blood pressure and the risk of heart disease and strokes.

Never take potassium supplements without a doctor's prescription, as this can easily cause high blood potassium levels that are dangerous.

Pay attention to the potassium content of salt substitutes, since it can be high.

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 Subject :ECU May Disable Audible Warning Signal/FMVSS 208
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 BMW 745E 2020
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 Manufacturer : Ford Motor Company
 Subject :Front Seat Belts May Not Restrain Occupants
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 FORD FUSION 2015
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 Manufacturer : Daimler Vans USA, LLC
 Subject :Taillights May Dim or Switch Off
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 FREIGHTLINER SPRINTER 4500 2019
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NHTSA Recall ID Number : 19V592
 Manufacturer : E-One Incorporated
 Subject :Air Bags Cushions May Not Properly Inflate
 Make Model Model Years
 E-ONE CYCLONE II 2019
 E-ONE TYPHOON 2019
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 19V595
 Manufacturer : Tiffin Motorhomes, Inc.
 Subject :Suspension Hydraulic Hose may Damage Tire
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 TIFFIN ALLEGRO OPEN ROAD 2019-2020
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 19V615
 Manufacturer : Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.
 Subject :Key May Be Removed When Not In Park
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 Manufacturer : BMW of North America, LLC
 Subject :Blower Regulator Wiring May Overheat
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 BMW 128I 2008-2012
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 Manufacturer : BMW of North America, LLC
 Subject :Brake Calipers May Corrode
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 BMW C 400 X 2019
 BMW G310 GS 2018-2020
 BMW G310R 2017-2020
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 19V594
 Manufacturer : Kia Motors America
 Subject :Incorrect Seat Belt Assemblies Installed/FMVSS 208
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 KIA TELLURIDE 2020
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 19V596
 Manufacturer : Keystone RV Company
 Subject :Incorrect Bolt Lengths in Wedge Kits
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 CROSSROADS CRUISER 2020
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 19V600
 Manufacturer : BMW of North America, LLC
 Subject :Rear Center Headrest may Fold in a Crash

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 BMW M340I 2020
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 19V601
 Manufacturer : BMW of North America, LLC
 Subject :Steering Gear Tie Rod may Break
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 BMW X1 2018-2019
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 Manufacturer : Altec Industries Inc.
 Subject :Recovery Winch Valve Exceeds Pressure Rating
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 ALTEC AERIAL DEVICE 2012-2019
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 Manufacturer : Jaguar Land Rover North America, LLC
 Subject :Back-Up Camera May Not Display Image
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 LAND ROVER RANGE ROVER SPORT 2018
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 19V604
 Manufacturer : Forest River, Inc.
 Subject :Storage Rack Beams may Fail
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 FOREST RIVER ROCKPORT 2019
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 19V605
 Manufacturer : Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC.
 Subject :Coolant Pump Electrical Line May Chafe
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 MERCEDES BENZ CLS450 2019
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 19V610
 Manufacturer : Newmar Corporation
 Subject :Bedroom Fascia Header May Unexpectedly Fall
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 NEWMAR KING AIRE 2018-2020
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 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 19V627
 Manufacturer : Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing
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HISTORY PAGE

Sher Shah Suri (1486- 1545)



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Sher Shah Suri was the founder of the Sur empire in northern India, with its capital in Sahsaram in Bihar. His original name was Farid Khan. His father, Hasan, was a jagirdar in Sasarm. The Sur clan had followed the Lodis into India from present day Afghanistan. Farid Khan, at an early age left his father because of mistreatment by his stepmother and went to Jaunpur where he applied himself to the study of Persian and Arabic with a great zeal, and soon acquired mastery over these languages. He even committed to memory the masterpieces of Persian literature, the Gulistan, the Bostan and Sikandarnamih and enriched his wonderfully quick mind with vast stores of polite learning. He also studied literature and history and took a keen delight reading about the noble deeds and virtues of great rulers in the past. Impressed with Farid's talents, his father's patron, Jamal Khan, the governor of Bihar, asked him to treat his son better as he showed ample promise of future greatness. Farid's father entrusted the management of his jagir to Farid; however, he soon left to take service under Bihar Khan, then governor of Bihar. Bihar Khan was also much impressed with Farid's talents. On one occasion, when Bihar Khan went out to on a hunting expedition, Farid slew a tiger. In recognition of his brave deed his master gave him the title of Sher Khan. Farid later resigned his service and left for Agra where his was introduced to Babur. When Babur undertook the subjugation of the Afghans in the east, Sher Khan rendered him great assistance and received in return his father's jagir. After Bihar Khan's death, Babur had restored his son, Jalal Khan to his father's possessions and since Jalal Khan was a minor, Sher Khan managed his affairs until he came of age. Differences soon arose between Jalal Khan and Sher Khan and Jalal Khan sought the assistance of Mahmud, the ruler of Bengal to free himself of Sher Khan. However, Sher Khan defeated the combined forces of the two allies and Bihar easily came into his hands.

During this time, Babur, the founder of the Mughal empire in northern India had passed away in 1530 and his eldest son, Humayun succeeded him. Sher Khan was not a man to rest on his laurels and turned his attention towards Bengal. By the end of February 1536 Sher Khan appeared before the walls of the capital of the Bengal Sultanate, Gaur (also known as Gauda and Jannatabad), located in present-day West Bengal and easily captured the city. Meanwhile, Humayun was busy confronting the forces of Sultan Ahmad Shah of Gujrat. When Humayun heard of Sher Khan's success in Bengal, he advanced towards Gaur, but the wily Afghan retreated towards Bihar and eluded his pursuers. The Mughals captured Gaur. To compensate for his loss, Sher Khan seized imperial territories in Bihar and Jaunpur and plundered the country as far as Kanauj. Humayun left Gaur and marched along the Ganges hastily to confront Sher Khan. Humayun was now convinced of Sher Shah's formidable power and realized that success against him was no easy task. He tried his best to win his brothers to his side but they refused any assistance. The Afghans rallied around their leader and in 1539 defeated the Mughal forces at Chausa, located between Varanasi and Patna. Humayun fought gallantly but his example produced no effect of his forces. At last he plunged into the river on horseback and was saved from drowning by a water carrier named Nizam Khan. As a token of his gratitude for saving his life, Humayun allowed to sit on his throne for two days. The battle

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of Chausa was a turning point in Sher Khan's life. He now took the title of Sher Shah and ordered that coins be struck and the Khutbah be read in his name. A year later, in May 1540, the two forces again met near Kanauj. Again the Afghans emerged victorious and the fate of the Mughal empire looked to have been decided. In a surprising reversal of Pa-



nipat, Humayun's army, forty thousand strong and well-equipped with firepower, was overwhelmed by Sher Shah's fifteen thousand cavalry. Encouraged by the situation, Sher Khan crossed the Ganges with his forces. Humayun also led his army to the Ganges near Kanauj and encamped opposite Sher Shah's forces. The two armies remained in this position for about a month and finally the battle began. The Mughals were soundly defeated and driven into the river, and the Afghans inflicted heavy losses upon them from behind. The Mughals failed disastrously to retrieve their position and Humayun was reduced to the state of a helpless fugitive in the deserts of Sind and Rajasthan and then an exile at the court of Shah Tahmasp, the Safavid ruler of Iran. Sher Shah then subdued Punjab, Sindh and Rajputana one after the other and was supreme in northern India. The last expedition that Sher Shah took part was against the Raja of Kalinjar. There, too, he triumphed where so many others had failed, but at the cost of his life. A rocket aimed at the fort rebounded off its walls and, exploding, ignited a pile of rockets, which were intended to follow it. Sher Shah, who was directing operations, was horribly burnt. His condition grew worse and he died a few hours later on May 22, 1545, just as the news of the fort's surrender arrived. His death was an irreparable blow to the Afghans. The em-

pire he created lasted until 1555 when the last Sur ruler, Sikandar Suri was defeated by Humayun near Sirhind in the Punjab.

In so short a reign (1540-1545) a complete overhaul of government had scarcely been possible. Yet during this brief period his energetic administration implemented many of the centralizing measures in revenue assessment and military organization that would be carried to completion by the Mughals. His many reforms encompassed civil administration, land revenue, army, justice and peace, means of communication, and charitable endowments and grants. Sher Shah was the first Muslim ruler who undertook the construction of roads on a large scale for public convenience. The longest road he constructed was the Grand Trunk Road from Bengal to Peshawar. Trees were planted on both sides of the road and separate sarais were established for Muslims and Hindus.

Sher Shah deserves a high place in history and has rightly been called one of the greatest rulers of medieval India. He cherished a lofty ideal of kingship. He lived for the state and worked hard for the welfare of his subjects. No branch of the administration was neglected and he severely punished those officials who were involved in corruption and injustice. As a soldier he was superb and in strategy and military tactics he surpassed the Mughals. Although a devout Muslim, he was very tolerant towards other religions. The Jeziya was abolished and Hindus were treated with justice and toleration. By his political reforms and policy of religious toleration, he laid the foundations Akbar's greatness. Sher Shah also occupies an important place in the history of Indian coinage, in that he coined the first silver rupees which, together with his other coins of gold and silver, would form the basis of the Mughal currency.

Tomb of Sher Shah Suri



Currency of Sher Shah Suri Kingdom

Grilled Salmon With Tomato and Basil

INGREDIENTS

2 cloves garlic, minced
1 teaspoon kosher salt, divided
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
1 whole wild salmon fillet, also called a "side of salmon, about 1 1/2 pounds
1/3 cup fresh basil, plus 1/4 cup, thinly sliced, divided
2 medium tomatoes, thinly sliced
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat grill to medium.
Mash minced garlic and 3/4 teaspoon salt on a cutting board with the side of a chef's knife or a spoon until a paste forms. Transfer to a small bowl and stir in oil. Check the salmon for pin bones and remove if necessary. Measure out a piece of heavy-duty foil (or use a double layer of regular foil) large enough for the salmon

fillet. Coat the foil with cooking spray. Place the salmon skin-side down on the foil and spread the garlic mixture all over it. Sprinkle with 1/3 cup basil. Overlap tomato slices on top and sprinkle with the remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt and pepper. Transfer the salmon on the foil to the grill. Grill until the fish flakes easily, 10 to 12 minutes. Use two large spatulas to slide the salmon from the foil to a serving plat-



ter. Serve the salmon sprinkled with the remaining 1/4 cup basil.

Yogurt-Marinated Chicken Thighs Recipe

Tangy Greek yogurt, spicy chili paste and zesty lemon infuse this chicken recipe with loads of flavor! Since the chicken needs to marinate overnight, you can set it up the day before and just cook it right before you're ready to eat the next day.

Ingredients

2 packed cups (about 1 bunch) roughly chopped fresh cilantro
1 1/2 cups plain Greek yogurt
1/3 cup finely grated Parmesan cheese
1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil
1/4 cup fish sauce

1 shallot, sliced
4 cloves garlic, peeled
2 tablespoons sambal oelek (Asian chili paste)
1 lemon, zested
1 1/2 pounds skin-on boneless chicken thighs
2 tablespoons canola oil
Preparation

1. For this chicken recipe, puree in a blender: cilantro, yogurt, Parmesan, olive oil, fish sauce, shallot, garlic, sambal oelek and lemon zest until smooth.

2. Pour the mixture into a large bowl, add the chicken thighs, and toss to coat. Let marinate overnight, covered, in the fridge.

3. Preheat the oven to 375°F. Remove the chicken thighs from the marinade; do not wipe off the excess.

4. Heat the canola oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Brown the thighs for 2 to 3 minutes per side (do this in batches to avoid crowding the pan). When all the chicken has been browned,



Spring Pea Salad with Strawberries

Ingredients

As delicious as it is beautiful, this spring pea salad recipe is a potluck or dinner party stunner. Assemble the salad and dress just before serving—or serve the dressing next to the salad for people to drizzle. The tangy champagne vinaigrette balances the grassy sweetness of the peas and fruity pop of the berries.

8 cups mixed salad greens
1 cup snow peas and/or snap peas, trimmed
3/4 cup sliced strawberries
1/2 cup shelled fresh peas
1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese
1/4 cup chopped fresh mint
3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

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2 tablespoons champagne vinegar
1 teaspoon honey
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground pepper
Arrange greens, snow (or snap) peas, strawberries, peas and feta on a serving platter. Whisk mint, oil, vinegar, honey, salt and pepper in a small bowl and drizzle over the salad.



Creamy Avocado & White Bean Wrap

White beans mashed with ripe avocado and blended with sharp Cheddar and onion makes an incredibly rich, flavorful filling for this wrap. The tangy, spicy slaw adds crunch. A pinch (or more) of ground chipotle pepper and an extra dash of cider vinegar can be used in place of the canned chipotles in adobo sauce. Wrap these up to take as a healthy and portable lunch for work.

Ingredients

2 tablespoons cider vinegar
1 tablespoon canola oil
2 teaspoons finely chopped canned chipotle chile in adobo sauce, (see Note)
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 cups shredded red cabbage
1 medium carrot, shredded
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
1 15-ounce can white beans, rinsed
1 ripe avocado
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1/2 cup shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
2 tablespoons minced red onion
4 8- to 10-inch whole-wheat wraps, or tortillas

Preparation

Whisk vinegar, oil, chipotle chile and salt in a medium bowl. Add cabbage, carrot and cilantro; toss to combine. Mash beans and avocado in another medium bowl with a potato masher or fork. Stir in cheese and onion. To assemble the wraps, spread about 1/2 cup of the bean-avocado mixture onto a wrap (or tortilla) and top with about 2/3 cup of the cabbage-carrot slaw. Roll up. Repeat

with remaining ingredients. Cut the wraps in half to serve, if desired.

Tip: Chipotle chiles in adobo sauce are smoked jalapeños packed in a flavorful sauce. Look for the small cans with the Mexican foods in large supermarkets. Once opened, they'll keep at least 2 weeks in the refrigerator or 6 months in the freezer.

Eat neat: Keeping the filling inside a wrap or burrito can be a challenge, especially if you're on the go.

That's why we recommend wrapping your burrito in foil so you can pick it up and eat it without losing the filling, peeling back the foil as you go.

Nutrition information

Serving size: 1 wrap, 1/2 cup bean-avocado mixture & 2/3 cup cabbage carrot slaw

Per serving: 346 calories; 17 g fat (4 g sat); 13 g fiber; 44 g carbohydrates; 12 g protein; 55 mcg folate; 14 mg cholesterol; 3 g sugars; 0 g added sugars; 3,220 IU vitamin A; 27 mg vitamin C; 135 mg calcium; 1 mg iron; 465 mg sodium; 488 mg potassium
Nutrition Bonus: Vitamin A (64% daily value), Vitamin C (45% dv)

Carbohydrate Servings: 3

Exchanges: 2 1/2 starch, 1 vegetable, 1 lean meat, 2 fat



YOUR HOROSCOPE AUGUST 2019

**Aries (March 21st – April 20th)**

You'll certainly be fulfilling your need to be independent and develop self-awareness especially within partnership/relationships. Conversations, debates and finding a mentor all figure in. The work scene is pleasant. Watch the tendency to overindulge in food and drink. By months' end you could find a partnership/relationship turning romantic. After the 15th, your mind will want to probe subjects intensely and penetrate deep spiritual truths. After the 22nd, you may experience the "death" and then rebirth of some personal aspect.

After the 24th, make sure groups and friends you are involved with are worth your time and effort. Be sure you are associating with like-minded others! The 27th brings awareness to address your finances and/or current set of values.

Taurus (April 20th – May 21st)

Your ability to be resourceful and productive is being tested on the work front. Your workload has probably doubled. Keep on the look out for increased opportunities for advancement through October 2019. Health should be excellent through this period.

Romantic and creative pursuits get a loving boost but by months' end the emphasis shifts to increased cooperation from co-workers and superiors. After the 13th would be a good time to begin new projects that either enhance your work environment or improve your health. The 15th brings the beginning of intense and probing communications in partnership/relationships. After the 24th, you may become involved with spiritual or occult matters within your career, or you could decide your present calling is not adequate. The 27th brings illumination to some personal issue.

Gemini (May 21st – June 21st)

This month you'll find yourself in the mood to play. Your inner cruise director is working overtime to choose between romance, creativity or pleasurable pursuits. You'll be busy enhancing the appearance of your home or perhaps entertaining guests.

By the end of the month you'll really be in the mood for having a good time. The new moon on the 13th would be good for starting new creative projects that use your artistic ability. After the 15th, you'll be more involved with mental work and be paying more attention to detail. Communications increase with employers and employees. New health regimens will be considered. A good time to start a sensible diet. After the 24th, your interests may be stimulated to connect with higher consciousness and spiritual truths. The 27th brings awareness to some mystical or spiritual discipline or emotional issue.

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The home front becomes your strategic command center! You might as well have a revolving door with all the comings and goings. Numerous visitors, nostalgic conversations, lively debates, renovations and expansion are all part of the scenario. From relationships to money, find out

what to expect over the next 12 months with your 2019 annual horoscope. Precise, well thought out communications gives way to the tendency to overindulge in food and drink. Family disputes begin to be settled. The new moon on the 13th would be a good time to begin a project involving family or strengthening your security and/or foundation.

After the 15th, you'll begin to express your thoughts and communicate them with



others emotionally. Mental activities will appeal to you. After the 24th, you'll be drawn once again to exploring the hidden aspects of the universe. The 27th brings enlightenment to personal goals/dreams and/or to some group activity or cause you are involved in.

Leo (July 23rd – August 23rd)

The universe is asking you to use your inborn need to creatively express yourself and be appreciated by others in your everyday environment. The pace of your daily routine has surely gone into warp speed! Your plans for the future are becoming larger and more expansive. Examining your personal values, being drawn to things of beauty and the urge to shop 'til you drop give way to discovering the considerate amount of love in your everyday world. Which one of you will receive a special "proposal"?

After the 15th, thoughts turn toward the home front, family, and considering the strength of your personal security and foundation. After the 24th, you may find yourself having to look more realistically at partnerships/relationships. Some may take on a higher spiritual quality. The 27th brings awareness to issues concerning career or projecting the public image you desire.

Virgo (August 23rd – September 23rd)

You'll be using your inborn talent to meticulously analyze your finances, your ability to make money, and your self-worth. You'll undoubtedly discover ways to function more efficiently. Be sure and set aside some money for sudden unexpected expenses.

Personal Venusian pursuits give way to the ability to attract material possessions, money and people. Financial opportunities may arise. Guard against over spending. The new moon on the 13th is a good time to start a project to increase your net worth.

After the 15th, you'll pursue communications in your everyday environment in a more powerful and cathartic manner. After the 24th, you may realize the need to heighten your awareness and sensitivity to your physical self, or perhaps fellow employees may not clearly understand your actions. The 27th illuminates the need to take a break from your daily life on some level.

Libra (September 23rd – October 22nd)

Happy Birthday you charming, diplomatic, artistic children of the zodiac! What a way to start your new yearly astrological cycle with so much planetary energy in your birth sign. You are truly on center stage as you have a lot to communicate.

Extra opportunities and luck come your way through October 2019. Hopefully you've begun some new creative projects. You have an extra boost of energy to move you forward until the middle of Novem-

ber. After the 15th you'll intensely reexamine your values – materially, intellectually and spiritually. After the 22nd, finances and personal values need to be addressed. Are they serving your needs or are you serving theirs?

An inspirational romance or project could begin after the 24th. Joint finances, taxes, or intense personal issues could be illuminated on the 27th. By months' end you enhance your appearance or completely change it.

Scorpio (October 22nd – November 21st)

Do you feel like a volcano bubbling and boiling ready to erupt? All this Libra planetary energy is immersed in a house for you where things are often vague and unclear. Irritability is heightened. Engage in some form of mental and physical exercise to ease the tension.

You have a guardian angel on your shoulder until October 2019. A good month to pursue goals and dreams, participate in group activities, or spend more time with friends. After the 15th, you'll share what's been on your mind the last month. Your new yearly astrological cycle begins on the 22nd. Unclear issues concerning the home front or family could arise after the 24th. The 27th brings enlightenment to the need to address issues in some partnership/relationship. You might discover a secret admirer by month's end!

Sagittarius (November 21st – December 21st)

An excellent month to pursue your goals and dreams in life, to participate in group activities and causes perhaps to the point of taking a leading role, and to spend time with friends and make new ones. The new moon on the 13th would be a great time to begin a new project in this area of your life.

After the 15th, meditation would serve you well and help you connect to your higher spiritual self and beliefs. After the 22nd, you begin your yearly period of getting in touch with your subconscious mind. Your astrological year is ending. It's time to review and revise to prepare for new growth next "year."

A strong interest concerning mystical or occult subjects could arise after the 24th. The 27th could bring revelations regarding daily work or health concerns. Months' end brings new romantic interests one of who might be a friend.

Capricorn (December 21st – Janu-**ary 19th)**

Ok you industrious, highly organized sea goats, your career and/or public image is receiving a lot of universal energy. Time to further define and reassess what you want. Additional opportunities or just plain luck come in these areas through October 2019 – take advantage!

Authority figures are watching. Rewards could be great – especially by months' end – or those putting forth the extra effort.

The new moon on the 13th is an opportune time to plant seeds for a new project to enhance your career and/or public image. After the 15th, you'll be expressing your ideas and opinions, in a direct and penetrating manner, in group activities and with friends. Your sense of values may take on a heightened spiritual tone after the 24th. Illumination is given regarding some creative or romantic endeavor on the 27th.

Aquarius (January 19th – February 19th)

A lot of planetary energy is activating the area in your chart that involves higher education and philosophical ideas. Time to pursue a new course of study, take a journey to foreign lands, or simply interact with foreign people to expand your universal vision and help nurture your inborn need to create social change.

After the 13th would be an opportune time to initiate new activities in these areas. Most of the month you may find yourself craving intense emotional encounters that will stir your deepest passions. By months' end you'll be longing for places with breath-taking vistas or find a foreigner has captured your heart. After the 15th, you'll be thinking and communicating intensely about career matters or your public image. You may find yourself more compassionate towards others after the 24th. Issues on the home front may arise on the 27th.

Pisces (February 19th – March 21st)

Your ruling planet Neptune turns direct this month. You now continue to pursue outwardly your inborn intuitive spiritual desire to move humanity forward to a higher plane of existence. What a time to come out of "hibernation" with so much planetary energy driving you to pursue so much intensity in your life. You may seem a little withdrawn by others. This is the month to investigate anything that needs an answer.

Partnerships/relationships go smoothly – you'll be analyzing them very closely. Issues can be settled amicably. By months' end you'll be craving close intimate encounters. After the 15th, you'll be thinking of ways to intensely transform your vision of life and the universe. After the 24th, you begin to question and reevaluate what your life means in spiritual terms. Enlightenment occurs on the 27th regarding your everyday environment.

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FEMALE
 Hijabi : No
 Name: ZG
 Age: 42
 Height: 5'3
 Residence : Brampton
 Education: under graduate
 Profession: business
 Legal Status: Canadian
 Marital status : divorce (no kids)
 Ethnicity: Pakistani,Punjabi
 Religious Sect: Sunni
 OSAP paid: Yes
 Family: parents and two younger brothers
 Language: English, Urdu
 Hobbies: cooking, traveling, spending time with family

LOOKING FOR:
 Male
 Age : 38 to 45yrs
 Height: 5'8 or up
 Residence: USA or Canada
 Education: any
 Profession: any but preferred business
 Legal Status: Canadian or USA citizen
 Marital Status: any
 Religious Sect: Sunni
 OSAP paid: Yes
 Ethnicity: Pakistani or Indian Muslim

Female
 Name: LF
 Age: 23
 Height: 5'5"
 Colour: very fair
 Residence : UAE dubai
 Education: Doing Masters in media business in Netherland
 Profession: Student
 Legal Status: UAE Resident also holding multiple visas of US and Canada
 Marital status : single
 Ethnicity: Indian
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim
 Family: Father doing business in dubai and mother homemaker.. 1 brother doing Engineering and 2 younger sisters sHobbies: reading, travelling hiking etc
 Hijabi: yes

LOOKING FOR:
 Age : 25 to 28
 Height: 5'10 to 6 feet
 Residence: US or Canadian Citizens
 Education: Masters or Engineering or medicine field as well ..
 Profession: Businesses or job
 Legal Status..US or Canadian Citizen
 Marital Status: Single
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim
 Ethnicity: Indian
 Contact: Mother
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Gender: Male
 Name: AM
 Age: 28 years
 Height: 5.9
 Education: Electrical & Computer Engineer, PEngg
 Profession: Senior Electrical Engineer
 Marital status: Never married
 Legal Status: Canadian citizen
 Ethnicity: Hyderabad, India
 Religion: Sunni, Hanafi Muslim
 Family: Parents and Sisters (2 married)
 Mother Tongue:- Urdu
 Dargah/Smoke:- No

Looking for:-
 Age: 23-25
 Height: 5.4"
 Education: Graduate /Masters
 Residence: India/KSA/Canada
 Profession: Homemaker
 Marital Status: Never married
 Religion: Sunni Muslim who observes abaya and is free from shirk.
 Ethnicity: Hyderabad, India

For further details please contact:-
 cell & w/a 4189307331

Male
 Name:MTP
 Age:27yrs
 Height:5.7
 Colour:fair
 Qualification:BE
 Profession: working in metric stream
 Legal status:H1B1
 Martial status: single
 Ethnicity : India
 Religion:sunni muslim
 Father: gazeetted officer
 Mother : homemaker
 Sister: married and settled in Chicago
 Languages known: English, Urdu, Kanada and Spanish

Looking for
 Beautiful girl
 Age:25-26
 Height : 5.3-5.5
 Residence:USA citizen
 Education: engineering or any other field as well
 Ethnicity: Bangalore
 Contact mother : 9845057321

Male
 Name: HRS
 Age: 29
 Height: 5'10"
 Residence: Near Houston, Texas
 Education: BS in Chemical Engineering, MS in Petroleum engineering, Texas A&M Univeristy, Phd in Interdisciplinary Engineering Texas A&M Univerisity
 Legal Status: Student Visa
 Marital Status: Never Married
 Ethnicity: Indian
 Religious sect: Sunni
 Language: Urdu , English
 Hobbies: Generally inclined towards to any outdoor activity

LOOKING FOR
 Age: 24 to 27
 Height: 5'3" above
 Residence: US,Canada
 Education: BS and above
 Marital Status: Never married
 Hijabi: Yes
 Ethnicity: India,Pakistan
 Legal Status: US,Canadian
 Profession: Any

Contact:
 Mother Bahrain: 00973-33932939

Female
 Hijabi
 Hyderabad Gulf Born Canadian Citizen
 Name: BT
 Age: 23
 Height: 5 2"
 Residence : Ontario, Canada
 Education: Bachelors of Science - Biology
 Profession: Research Student
 Legal Status: Canadian citizen
 Marital status : Single-never married
 Ethnicity: Hyderabad, Indian Canadian family.
 Religious Sect: Sunni - Hanafi, hijabi, wears jilbab, tries to balance between deen & dunya,
 Language: English, Urdu, Hindi
 Hobbies: Cooking, baking, reading, henna art, visual arts.

LOOKING FOR:
 Age : 25-29yrs
 Height: 5 6" and taller
 Residence: Canada/US/India/Gulf
 Education: Professional undergraduate or Masters(engineer, doctor, pharmacist, CA)
 Profession: student/working who is interested in settling down in Canada
 Legal Status:US/Canadian Student/Resident/Citizen
 Marital Status: Single- never married
 Religious Sect: Sunni - Hanafi,
 OSAP paid: yes
 Ethnicity: Indian, Pakistani
 Contact: Sister 5192813803

Male
 Beard: No
 Name: SU
 Age: 29
 Height: 5"11
 Residence : USA
 Education: B.com and MBA from Hyderabad (Osmania University).
 Masters in computers from USA.
 Profession: Has a full time job.
 Legal Status: Work Permit(USA)
 Marital status : Single -Never Married
 Ethnicity: Indian (Hyderabad)
 Family: Mother and three brothers and Three sisters (all siblings are married and settled)
 Language: Urdu and English
 Hobbies: gym, soccer, traveling, cooking

LOOKING FOR:
 Hijabi, Religious, Simple and Family oriented Bride.
 Age : 20- 27
 Height: 5"2- 5"7
 Residence: USA
 Education: Any
 Profession: Any
 Legal Status:- USA Residence.
 Marital Status: Single - Never married
 Religious Sect: Sunni(No Fatiha and Darga Please)
 Ethnicity: Indian (Hyderabad)

Contact : Sister
 Canada, 613- 222-2443

Male
 Short Beard
 Name Mohammed
 Age 1986 Born
 Height 5'11
 Residence North York
 Education B.Pharmacy
 Profession Working in South Lake Hospital Pharmacy
 Legal status PR holdet
 Marital status Never married
 Ethnicity Indian
 Religious sect Sunni
 Family Parents
 2 Sisters Married
 1 Brother working in india
 Language English Urdu Hindi
 Hobbies Travelling Movies Music Foodie

LOOKING FOR
 Non Hijabi Working
 Age 26 & Above
 Height 5'3 Above preferable
 Residence Ontario
 Education Bachelors & Above
 Profession Any
 Legal status Citizen/PR holder
 Marital status
 Never Married
 Religious sect Sunni
 Ethnicity Indian/Pakistani
 Contact
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Male
 Name: HRS
 Age: 29
 Height: 5'10"
 Residence: Near Houston, Texas
 Education: BS in Chemical Engineering, MS in Petroleum engineering, Texas A&M Univeristy, Phd in Interdisciplinary Engineering Texas A&M Univeristy
 Legal Status: Student Visa
 Marital Status: Never Married
 Ethnicity: Indian
 Religious sect: Sunni
 Language: Urdu , English
 Hobbies: Generally inclined towards to any outdoor activity

LOOKING FOR
 Age: 24 to 27
 Height: 5'3" above
 Residence: US,Canada
 Education: BS and above
 Marital Status: Never married
 Hijabi: Yes
 Ethnicity: India,Pakistan
 Legal Status: US,Canadian
 Profession: Any

Contact:
 Mother Bahrain: 00973-33932939

Gender: Male
 Name: AM
 Age: 28 years
 Height: 5.9
 Education: Electrical & Computer Engineer, PEngg
 Profession: Senior Electrical Engineer
 Marital status: Never married
 Legal Status: Canadian citizen
 Ethnicity: Hyderabad, India
 Religion: Sunni, Hanafi Muslim
 Family: Parents and Sisters (2 married)
 Mother Tongue:- Urdu
 Dargah/Smoke:- No

Looking for:-
 Age: 23-25
 Height: 5.4"
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 Ethnicity: Hyderabad, India

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 cell & w/a 4189307331

Male
 Age: 28
 Height: 5'7"
 Residence: Toronto.
 Education: Doctor of pharmacy UofT.
 Profession: Pharmacist in Toronto
 Legal status: Canadian citizen

Marital status: Never married
 Ethnicity: Pakistani Punjabi (Sunni).
 Language: English, Urdu
 Hobbies: Hockey, movies

LOOKING For:
 Girl: Hijabi/ slim/fair
 Height: Up to 5'5
 Residence: Canada
 Education: Bachelor's degree at least Or higher.

Profession: Preferably in health care. Will consider too any settled profession.
 Legal status: Canadian citizen
 Ethnicity: Preferably Pakistani
 Contact Mother
 416-876-8560 (Please send WhatsApp messages only)

Female
 Name: SI
 Age: 26
 Height: 5.1
 Residence : Houston, TX. USA.
 Education: B.S in Finance
 Profession: Accounts Administrator
 Legal Status: Green Card Holder - USA.
 Marital status : single
 Ethnicity: Indian
 Relocating: US/Canada
 Religious Sect: sunni
 Language: Urdu,english
 Hijabi: not hijabi but practices Islamic teachings in day to day life.

LOOKING FOR: Male
 Age : below 30
 Residence: USA / Canada
 Education: bachelors or masters
 Marital Status:single (never married)
 Religious Sect: sunni
 Ethnicity: Indian

Contact:
 Irshad Bahmany (Father)
 832-433-2494

Female
 Name: LF
 Age: 23
 Height: 5'5"
 Colour: very fair
 Residence : UAE dubai
 Education: Doing Masters in media business in Netherland
 Profession: Student
 Legal Status: UAE Resident also holding multiple visas of US and Canada
 Marital status : single
 Ethnicity: Indian
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim
 Family: Father doing business in dubai and mother homemaker.. 1 brother doing Engineering and 2 younger sisters schooling
 Language: Urdu/ English
 Hobbies: reading, travelling hiking etc
 Hijabi: yes

LOOKING FOR:
 Age : 25 to 28
 Height: 5'10 to 6 feet
 Residence: US or Canadian Citizens preferably
 Education: Masters or Engineering or medicine field as well ..
 Profession: Businesses or job
 Legal Status..US or Canadian Citizen
 Marital Status: Single
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim
 Ethnicity: Indian
 Contact: Mother
 0097150-4743741

Female
 hijab : yes
 Name: XX
 D.of.birh: 1989 (30 years)
 Height: 5'3"
 Residence: Toronto
 Education: graduated with Honours B.Sc and B.Ed from university of Toronto. Graduated with high distinction.
 Profession: Teacher (Calgary) can be relocate
 Legal status: Canadian citizenship.
 Marital status: never married
 Ethnicity: Pakistani Punjabi (Sunni Muslim)
 Family : Parents ,4 siblings
 Language: English,Urdu,French .
 Hobbies : playing board games/ working with kids /going on hikes /attending Islamic lectures and Volunteering /traveling

LOOKING FOR:
 Age: 29 to 35
 Height: any
 Residence: Canada
 Education: University degree
 Profession: any
 Legal status: Canadian/OR Usa citizenship
 Marital status: never married.
 Ethnicity: Sunni Muslim
 Contact : Mother
 416-876-8560 (only what's app messages plz)

Male
 Name :-Mohammed
 Age :-26
 Height :-5-7"
 Residence:-Dallas
 Education:-BE(mech)MS(Industrial English)
 Profession:-working in Toyota company Dallas.
 Legal status:-OPT
 Marital status:-un married
 Ethnicity:- Hyderabad
 Indian
 Religious sect:-Sunni Muslim
 Family:-Father,Mother 2sister 1Brother
 Elder sister married
 Language:-ArabicUrdu English

LOOKING FOR:-Female
 Age:-18—25
 Height:-5.3"—5.6"
 Residence:-USA
 Education:-Any
 Profession:-Any
 Legal status:-US citizens/green card holder
 Marital status:-Un Married
 Religious sect:-Sunni Muslim
 Ethnicity:-India/ Pakistan

Contact:-971507116717

Name: Sarfraz Ansari
 Age: 30
 Height: 5,9"
 Residence : India,
 Education: MBBS. MD
 Doing Residency now
 Elder brother : Surgeon
 Sis in law : Gynaecologist
 Profession: doctor
 Father - Business man
 Legal Status: RESIDENCE
 Marital status : SINGLE
 Ethnicity: India
 Religious Sect: MUSLIM
 Family:
 Language: URDU HINDI ENGLISH
 Hobbies: TRAVELLING. PLAYING .

LOOKING FOR: Female
 Age : 23_30
 Height: 5.5-6
 Residence: US India Nepal Pakistan
 Education: Doctor or Dentist
 Profession: Doctor
 Legal Status: Residence
 Marital Status: single
 Religious Sect: Muslim
 Ethnicity: US Uk India Nepal Pakistani

Contact:whatsApp
 +919818409459

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CONGRATULATIONS to Mohammad Azharuddin

Making a comeback to cricket as an administrator, former India captain Mohammad Azharuddin is elected as the President of Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA).

Azharuddin's fans started celebrating at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Uppal soon after it was announced that the former cricketer was elected after he pipped his nearest rival Prakash Chand Jain by 74 votes.

Out of the 227 members, 223 had cast their votes. The former India captain secured 147 votes while Jain polled only 73.

Though there were three candidates for the President's post, the main contest was between Azharuddin and Jain.

Azharuddin, who played 99 Tests and 334 ODIs for India between 1985 and 2000, vowed to restore the glory of Hyderabad cricket.

The 56-year-old, who is also a former Member of Parliament, had made an un-

successful attempt to contest the HCA polls in 2017. The returning officer had rejected his nomination citing the ban imposed on him by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) for his alleged involvement in match-fixing.

Predominantly a middle order batsman, Azharuddin was known for his attacking brand of cricket irrespective of the situation of the game and his superb catching in the slip cordon and outfield. Indeed, at the time of his forced retirement, he was arguably India's best fielder, even at the age of 37. Azhar started his career with a 110 against England in Kolkata in 1984 and ended with a 102 against South Africa in Banglaore in 2000 thus, becoming the only Indian and the fifth batsman ever to score a century in his first and last Test matches. Azharuddin became the captain of the Indian team succeeding Krishnamachari Srikkanth in 1989. He led the Indian team in 47 Test matches and 174 One Day Internationals. He led the team to victory in 90 ODIs



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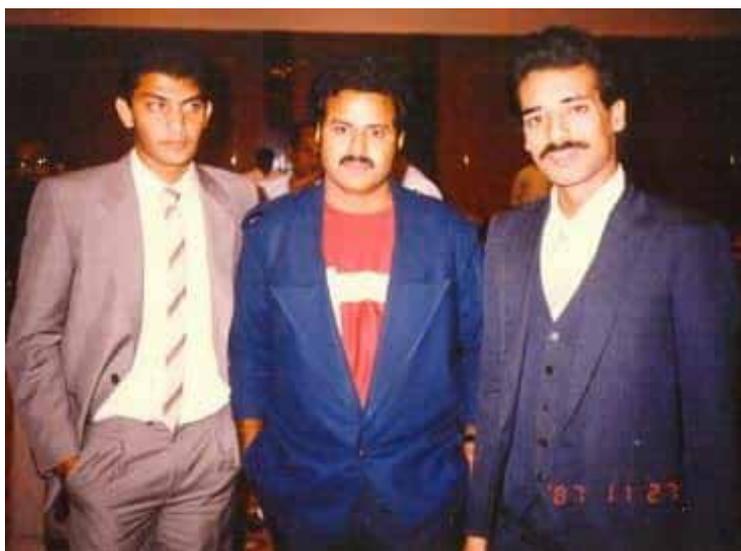
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KABEER KHAN



MOHD MOHSIN



SULTAN MAZHARUDDIN



KHAN ATHER



IMRAN HASHMI



MOHAMMAD RIZWAN UDDIN



RAHUL GANDHI

Nizam's Era Drains Keeps Old City Dry



The century-old storm water drain system of the Nizam era has proven that even now it is much better than the modern drainage system. Old mohallas of Hyderabad are not much affected by the recent continuous rain. Rainwater only entered houses in areas colonised after 1960.

When the Musi River was flooded in 1908, the sixth Nizam, Mir Mahboob Ali Khan, appointed Mokshag-ondam Vishweshwaraya as chief adviser to avoid such havoc in future and focus on the draining of storm water. He asked him to study Hyderabad and chalk out an elaborate plan to manage the floods and for storm water management.

After his demise in 1911, the seventh Nizam, Mir Osman Ali Khan, established the City Improvement Board to provide better civic facilities in the city. Later, the City Drainage Board was established in 1926.

The system is still serving efficiently despite a manifold increase in the population. During the recent incessant rain, it survived the severe force of the water. Old mohallas like Moghalpura, Khilwat, Fateh Darwaza, Chelapura, Hussaini Alam, Sultan Shahi and Chanchalguda are areas never affected during heavy rains.

In these areas, rainwater recedes in lesser time as the lines of the storm water drains and drainage drains are much deeper and wider compared with lines developed after the Nizam era.

In the Old City, only those habitations were being affected during the rain which came up either on water bodies or on the banks of nalas. Such areas include Talabkatta, Ganga Bowli, Bhavani Nagar, Salam Chowk, Falaknuma Al-Jubail Colony, Bilalnagar, Amannagar, Moula Ka Chilla.

New colonies which emerged in Tolichowki like Nizam Colony, Salar Jung Colony, MD Lines, Nadeem Colony, Al-Hasnat Colony, Al-Kareem Colony, Owaisi Colony, Akbarpura, BalReddy nagar are most affected areas which are inundated every year.

Residents complained that the GHMC authorities do not de-silt the Balkampet nala passing through the military area.

Dr Gade Venkatesh, a sanitation expert, said Asaf Jahi rulers were keen to acquire world class facilities in their estate and always focused on high quality. Whatever they built and developed were the world's best standards of their times.

Big crack found on PVNR Expressway

Film director Kona Venkat shared a picture of the pillar on his FB, Twitter feed and asked the authorities to take care before it was too late.

Hyderabad: The P.V. Narasimha Rao Expressway developed cracks on pillar no. 20, creating panic among motorists. After the recent incident at Ameerpet metro station, everyone's focus is on flyovers and the construction of the Metro Rail. However, officials of the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) said there was no need to worry.

The crack was first identified on Wednesday and a few people had posted photos of the damaged pillar on Facebook and Twitter. Later, film director Kona Venkat shared a picture of it on his Facebook and Twitter feed. He pointed out that pillar no. 20 of the PVNR Expressway had developed cracks and asked the authorities to take care before it was too late.

The director tagged GHMC and the Minister for municipal ad-

ministration and urban development, Mr K.T. Rama Rao in his post.

Local people said that they found it only yesterday but can't say when the cracks first developed. They said it may have developed following the torrential rains that lashed the city over the last few days. They said there may be no danger to the structural health of the expressway, but they fear what would happen if a piece fell down.

Chief engineer of HMDA, Mr B. L. N. Reddy, said a team of engineers inspected the spot and it was found that there is no danger to the structure as the cracks were not developed either on a pillar or girder.

"The flyover is totally intact. People should not panic," he said. He added that repair work would be carried out overnight.



At Rose function Palace Mohammed Ali Shabbir, Farooq Hussain, actor Suman Talwar and Kabeer Khan



Khan Ather, Jaber Patel, Zakir Osman, Akhtar Nawab and Mirza Nayeem Baig at a bismillah ceremony



Mohib Baig and Abdur Rahman congratulating Srinivas Donthi on his birthday



Abdur Rahman at the oath ceremony of Tamilisai Soundararajan New governor of Telangana at Rajbhavan

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Opening	Title	Director	Cast	Genre
O C T	2	<i>War</i>	Siddharth Anand Hrithik Roshan · Tiger Shroff · Vaani Kapoor	Action, Thriller
	11	<i>The Sky Is Pink</i>	Shonali Bose Priyanka Chopra · Farhan Akhtar · Zaira Wasim	Drama
		<i>Laal Kaptaan</i>	Navdeep Singh Saif Ali Khan	Action
	18	<i>Lootcase</i>	Rajesh Krishnan Kunal Khemu · Rasika Dugal · Gajraj Rao · Ranvir Shorey · Vijay Raaz	Drama
		<i>P Se Pyaar F Se Faraar</i>	Manoj Tiwari Jimmy Sheirgill · Kumud Mishra · Bhavesh Kumar	Drama
		<i>Housefull 4</i>	Farhad Samji Akshay Kumar · Kriti Sanon · Ritesh Deshmukh · Kriti Kharbanda · Bobby Deol · Pooja Hegde · Chunky Pandey · Boman Irani · Rana Daggubati	Comedy
	25	<i>Saand Ki Aankh</i>	Tushar Hiranandani Bhumi Pednekar · Taapsee Pannu · Prakash Jha	Drama
<i>Made in China</i>		Mikhil Musale Rajkumar Rao · Mouni Roy · Boman Irani · Gajraj Rao · Sumeet Vyas · Amyra Dastur · Paresh Rawal	Comedy	

Ittymani: Made In China Movie Review : A weak story with a weaker script

Story: Ittichan (Mohanlal) is known for this thriftiness and gets in trouble every-time he tries to do some good. Even his magnanimity ends up earning him more bad name.

Review: Ittymani was born in China, yet brought up in Kunnankulam, Thrissur. And, 'Ittymani : Made in China' is his story. Debutante director duo Jibi and Joju have more than two decades of experience in Malayalam cinema to boost of associates and assistant directors. So the expectations from their debut would be high given that they've roped in an impressive star cast, including Mohanlal, KPAC Lalitha, Siddique, Raadhika, Aju Varghese, etc.

Ittychan, aka Ittymani, quite like the eponymous Pranchiyettan, is a wealthy, yet thrifty businessman who wants to create a good name and image for himself among his peers. But everything Ittychan puts himself upto ends up creating more trouble for him. And his Chinese roots (he was born and raised till age 10 in China)

earn him the title of 'made in China' which is also used to taunt his credentials as a "duplicate". How he gets in and out of each crisis makes the crux of the film.

Ittychan's love-hate relationship with his mother (KPAC Lalitha) makes for much entertainment, even as they share their love for China and the time they spent there and even converse in Chinese. Ittichan's bachelor status also leads to some humour. But largely the humour that depends on wit-wordplay and sexual innuendos falls flat or, at times, evokes a laugh as a knee-jerk reaction. Aju Varghese and Hareesh Kanaran, the quintessential comedy factories are mere ornaments.

But speaking of ornamental casting, Honey Rose's character is the true decoration on the script. Her character Jessie has the least consequence in the story that even if her portions are dissected, it wouldn't really affect the movie. The distasteful puns mostly irk than amuse. Even the references from iconic Mohanlal movies

like 'Thoovanathumbikal' et al are a disservice to the man and his fans from the way they have been conceived. The story is forceful in trying to be feel-good. It plays out like a stretched out comedy sketch done in poor taste. When you try to aim at highlighting the abandonment of an elderly woman by her children, having her refereed to as a "second-hand ambassador" with "good mileage and pick-up" is absolutely repugnant.

And in true "masterpiece-style" trying to polish over it by making the protagonist make a sweeping speech about "respecting elders" in the climax doesn't help. By just preaching to respect elders while not walking the talk isn't helping anyone. The forced goodness in the story sticks out like a sore thumb making the lengthy run time of the movie hard to keep up with.

The songs in 'Ittymani: Made in China' are a respite to the otherwise stretched out crass-fest. And Mohanlal, inspite of looking plastic, is the star he is for a reason.



Mohanlal is Mohanlal, and nothing and nobody can take that away from him. His combinations with KPAC Lalitha and Siddique are the only things that make the 2 hour 30 plus hour movie worth anything.

'Ittymani :Made in China' is a weak story and a weaker script that even the Mohanlal cannot save. It's a poorly made amalgamation of every stereotype in the book, that neither Mohanlal, nor his fans deserved. So catch it at your own risk.

War (2019 film)

War is an upcoming Indian Hindi-language action thriller film directed by Siddharth Anand. It is produced by Aditya Chopra under his banner Yash Raj Films, and stars Hrithik Roshan, Tiger Shroff and Vaani Kapoor. The film follows an Indian soldier who is assigned to eliminate his mentor, who had turned rogue. Principal photography of the film began in the second week of September 2018, and concluded in March 2019. Initially titled *Fighters*, the film's title was changed after the release of the official teaser in July 2019. The film's soundtrack is composed

by Vishal-Shekhar, with lyrics written by Kumar, and released under the banner YRF Music. War is scheduled to be theatrically released in India in IMAX on 2 October 2019, the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti.

Khalid, an Indian soldier, is assigned to eliminate Kabir, a former soldier turned rogue, who mentored Khalid. This leads to 'war' between them.

Development

On occasion of Yash Chopra's birth anniversary, Yash Raj Films announced a thrilling action film starring Hrithik Ro-

shan and Tiger Shroff Hrithik and Tiger shared screen space for the first time in the film directed by Siddharth Anand. It has been thirteen years since Hrithik and YRF teamed up post *Dhoom 2*. And, the film is Tiger's first YRF film. Vaani Kapoor was finalised to play lead role. Two international action choreographers from Hollywood and Korea were employed to design action sequences. Siddharth the director stated, "We want to push the benchmark of action movies that are made in our country. So, we are bringing two of the biggest action chore-



ographers together to design some of the most outlandish and visually-spectacular sequences. On one hand, we have Andy R Armstrong from Hollywood and on the other, we have Mr Oh, who is an outstanding martial arts action choreographer from South Korea

Top 10 Most Influential Bollywood Personalities

These are the dream merchants whose every action and word is followed ardently by the millions who worship them. As part of an exclusive series, Yahoo India brings to you a 'power list' of the most powerful entertainers in the country.

Methodology: Ranking famous people as per their perceived clout in their respective spheres of influence is a tough task at the best of times. But for the purpose of populating this list, we have tried to be as objective and transparent as possible. The factors that governed our choices are as follows: measurable success in terms of hits and collections, visibility and standing in traditional and social media, achievements in the last 12 months, the impact they have made within the industry and outside it, and that intangible 'wow' factor that lends these people the Midas touch.

The pioneer of the saas-bahu serials era on Indian television, Ekta became a household name with successful soap operas such as 'Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi', 'Kasauti Zindagi Ki' and 'Kusum'. While a lot of viewers criticized these 'K' serials for being regressive, the TRPs showed that there was a huge section of the population lapping them up. Ekta replicated her small screen



success with some very successful films under her banner, Balaji Motion Pictures. And now, she has made a super successful transition to the OTT space, launching 40 web TV series online through her digital app ALTBalaji. The czarina of Indian TV recently embraced motherhood by choosing to become a single parent to a baby boy through surrogacy.

India's first genuine export into Hollywood's mainstream, this former Miss World has carved out a unique niche for herself in the national as well as international arena. Her role as FBI agent Alex Parish in 'Quantico' catapulted her to global fame and there has been no looking



back for Priyanka since. From being invited to Megan Markle's royal wedding to getting hitched to one of America's most popular singers, Nick Jonas, this lady can sashay her way into any 'A' list with the utmost ease. Such was the buzz around her wedding, that even India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi graced the occasion. She is also a global ambassador for Unicef and carries herself with impeccable poise wherever she goes — the hallmark of a genuine celebrity.

From big screen superstars to the men behind their success; from beauty queens turned international celebrities to talented actresses with opinions as sharp



as their acting chops - here are India's Top 10 Most Influential. The once undisputed Badshah of Bollywood has had a long, dry spell at the box-office. His experiments with new roles haven't quite paid-off and back-to-back big budget films, 'Dilwale' (2015), 'Fan' (2016), 'Raees' (2017),

She is among the few female actors in India with the ability to carry a film on her shoulders. Known for her bold and sometimes controversial statements about colleagues, Kangana's saves her best for the big screen. She was loved in the memorable



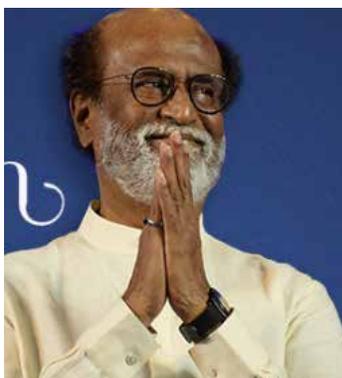
'Tanu Weds Manu' franchise and Vikas Bahl's 'Queen'. Her period drama, 'Manikarnika', which she co-directed after the director walked out halfway thorough, netted over Rs 95 crore. Her fierce views against the practice of nepotism in Bollywood, in which she did not even spare Karan Johar, have only added to the clout she possesses in the industry.

Deepika's last big release was Sanjay Leela Bhansali's 'Padmaavat' (2018) and the film was an out-and-out blockbuster. Her next film is Meghna Gulzar's 'Chhapaak', a story inspired by the travails of an acid-attack sur-



ivor. While Deepika seems to be taking time to decide on her film projects, she's almost always in the news. Her red carpet appearance at the MET Gala and at the Cannes Film Festival in 2019 was much talked about. She has also spoken openly about her struggle with depression and has worked to raise awareness about mental health in India with 'The Live, Love, Laugh Foundation'. In 2018, Deepika was the first woman to enter the top five of Forbes India's 2018 list of richest Indians.

Can you think of another star emerging from India who has a



dedicated fan following even in Japan? That's Rajinikanth for you! What nobody else can do, Rajini can. From being a bus conductor to a mass-frenzy-evoking superstar, Rajni's journey has been long, arduous and dramatic. As of now, even at 68, he is in big demand with actresses less than half his age vying for roles opposite him. The combined earnings

of his 'Kaala', '2.0' and 'Petta', at the end of January 2019, was estimated to be over ₹1000 crore according to trade analysts.

His range of portrayals are as diverse as they are praiseworthy and this livewire actor always ensures that both critics and fans sit up and take notice of his performances. From the boy next



door in 'Band Baaja Baraat', to the emperor Alauddin Khilji in 'Padmaavat' to the street-rapper Murad Ahmed in 'Gully Boy' — Ranveer has done justice to whatever he has taken on. His wedding with Deepika Padukone established them both as a genuine power couple in the film industry. Ranveer's next features him as Kapil Dev in the much-anticipated '83'.

While his area of influence was originally primarily in the Telugu-speaking southern



regions, the stupendous success of 'Baahubali' and its sequel have imbued Rajamouli's fame with a pan-Indian hue. The 'Baahubali' franchise is the highest-grossing Indian multilingual film franchise of all time. Rajamouli has now become a name that can get one of the biggest openings at the theatres across the country. For a regional director to achieve this is no mean feat. He was also honoured with the Padma Shri in 2016 for his contributions to the field of art.

The 53-year-old 'Bhai' of Bollywood continues to be the country's most commercially successful actor. His recent release, 'Bharat', enjoyed a dream run in theatres and his next, the third instalment of the very successful 'Dabangg' franchise, is expected



to be an even bigger hit this coming Christmas. Even Salman's notoriety — his run-ins with the law of the land in the infamous hit-and-run and black buck cases — have failed to weaken the grip in which he seems to hold his die-hard fans. His well-known philanthropy and masterly hosting of the popular 'Big Boss' show have further endeared him to his fans. He has also launched several newcomers and allowed them to gain a foothold in the industry.



Producer, director, chat-show host and actor: these are only some of the hats this multifaceted celebrity dons with panache. In a career spanning over 20 years, Karan has overseen the spectacular growth of Dharma Productions as it continues to be the most coveted Bollywood banner to work under. Even though his recent films, 'Kalank' and 'Student of the Year 2', didn't quite live up to the expectations, Johar's penchant for big-budget films often works magic at the box-office. His inner circle includes the film industry's who's who: Shah Rukh Khan, Kareena Kapoor Khan, Ranbir Kapoor and Alia Bhatt, all acknowledge the huge role KJo has played in the evolution of their careers. His talk show prowess and, now, his courage to step into fatherhood through surrogacy, make him a role model for many.

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”ہاؤڈی مودی“ سے ”ہٹلر مودی“ تک

کرنے کا، ہمت کا، محنت کا اور مستقل مزاجی کا؛ لیکن اسکے سواصل کیا ہے؟ اکثر مذہبی فالورز تنقید کرتے ہیں کہ آپ امریکہ کو سب کچھ سمجھتے ہیں جبکہ سب اللہ کے ہاتھ میں؛ یقیناً ایسا ہی ہے لیکن ستر سال سے حج پر کشمیر کے لئے دعا ہو رہی ہے؛ کیا آزاد ہو گیا؟ ہو سکتا ہے کہ اس میں ہمارے لئے کوئی اشارہ ہو؛ مزید ہمت اور عقل سے کام کرنے کا۔

ہمارے وزیر اعظم بھی اقوام متحدہ کے اجلاس میں شرکت کے لئے موجود ہیں؛ انکی مضبوط قیادت اور کشمیر پر دو ٹوک موقف، کمیونٹی کے دلوں کو گر مار رہا ہے۔ نیویارک کی پاکستانی کمیونٹی 27 ستمبر، جمعہ المبارک کو نیویارک کی تاریخ کا سب سے بڑا مظاہرہ کرنے جا رہی ہے؛ مین ہیٹن میں ہزار لوگوں اور کشمیر کی آزادی کے فلک شگاف نعروں سے گونجے گا اور ”ہاؤڈی مودی“ کی بربادی سے ”ہٹلر مودی“ کی آوازیں گونجیں گی۔ دنیا کو پتا چل جائے گا کہ ساٹھ لاکھ یہودیوں کے قتل کا دکھ اتنی سال میں کم نہیں ہوا تو اسی لاکھ کشمیریوں پر ظلم پچاس دن میں کیسے بھول جائیں؛ نہ بھولیں گے، نہ بھولنے دیں گے! جب تک کشمیر یوں کو آزادی نہیں ملے گی، انڈیا کو چین سے نہیں بیٹھنے دیں گے؛ یہ وعدہ ہے!!!

مودی کی ہیوسٹن میں تقریب میں شرکت کی دعوت بھی ٹھکرادی تھی! میڈیا کے ذریعے یہ خط جب وزیر اعظم عمران خان تک پہنچا تو انکی خوشی کی انتہا نہ رہی کہ پوری دنیا کے پاکستانی ایک ہی صف میں کھڑے ہیں اپنے کشمیر کے لئے۔ کچھ افلاطون جن کی ”عظیم معلومات کا ذریعہ چند اخبارات اور ٹی وی چینلز ہیں، منفیت پھیلانے کی کوشش کر رہے ہیں۔ یاد رکھیں، انسان کے ہاتھ میں صرف ایک چیز ہے اور وہ ہے خلوص دل سے انتھک محنت۔ امریکی انڈینز بہت امیر ہیں اور لائنگ پر بے انتہا خرچ کرتے ہیں انکی پولیٹیکل ایکشن کمیٹی ”آئی پیک“ کہلاتی ہے جبکہ یہودیوں کی ”اے پیک“۔ یہ دنیا کی دو بڑی پیکس ہیں اور کوہم بچپن سے یہودی لابی اور انڈین لابی سنتے آرہے ہیں وہ یہی پیک ہوتی ہیں۔ پاک پیک (پاکستانی امریکن پولیٹیکل ایکشن کمیٹی) کے محض بارہ بورڈ اراکین نے اپنے دوستوں اور تنظیم کے ممبران کی مدد سے پینتیس کانگریس مین تک سیاسی اثر و رسوخ حاصل کیا تو سوچیں اگر محض دس ایسی ٹیمیں ایسے ہی کام کریں تو اس اثر کو دس گنا بڑھا سکتی ہیں۔ کانگریس کے اراکین کی تعداد 435 ہے گو یادیں گنا مضبوط پاک پیک آدھی کانگریس میں رسائی حاصل کر سکتی ہے۔ یہ ہے کام

پاکستانی، امریکہ کے کونے کونے سے جمع ہیں؛ کشمیر کے پرچم تھامے! پورے امریکہ سے کمیونٹی لیڈروں نے اپنی جاب، بزنس پرے رکھا اور ”آتش نورد میں کود پڑا عشق بن گئے“! دو ہفتے پہلے ثقافتی نقوی نے کہا تھا؛ ”کامران جتنے لوگ اسٹیڈیم کے اندر ہوں گے ہم اتنے ہی باہر جمع کریں گے“؛ ہٹلر چوہدری، پاکستانیوں کے ساتھ انڈین امریکی سکھوں کا لشکر ساتھ لیکر آئے؛ اور طاہر جاوید حسب معمول اپنا اثر و رسوخ استعمال کرتے نظر آئے؛ ہمارے ڈیل سے امتیاز راہی اور غزالہ حبیب کی ہمت کو سلام؛ باقی سب سینکڑوں ہزاروں کا ذکر ناممکن ہے لیکن ان سب پر لاکھوں سلام! پاک پیک نے اپنا برسوں کی محنتوں کا خراج کینیڈا بل پر وصول کیا! پورے امریکہ کی متفرق ریاستوں سے ڈاکٹرز، انجینیرز، آئی ٹی ایکسپٹس، بزنس مین اور دیگر شجوبوں کے ماہرین واشنگٹن ڈی سی میں اکٹھے ہوئے اور کانگریس سے کشمیر کے مسئلے کو حل کروانے میں مدد مانگی۔ کشمیر کی تاریخ میں پہلی بار ایک ریپبلکن اور ایک ڈیموکریٹ کانگریس مین نے مشترکہ خط اقوام متحدہ کو لکھا اور اس خط پر پینتیس کانگریس مین نے دستخط کیے! یہ پاک پیک کے ممبران کا اثر و رسوخ اور آگاہی تھی کہ ان پینتیس اراکین نے

یہ بائیس ستمبر کا دن ہے؛ ہیوسٹن کا ”این آر جی“ اسٹیڈیم کچھ بھرا ہے، پچاس ہزار سے زائد پڑھے لکھے انڈینز جمع ہیں؛ ”ہاؤڈی مودی“ (خوش آمدید مودی) کے نعرے لگ رہے ہیں اور زندہ انسانوں کو جلادینے والا؛ محض چند سال پہلے، امریکہ کے ویزہ آفس سے دھتکار کر پاسپورٹ واپس کئے جانے والا، بھیا نک قصاب * مودی ہال میں داخل ہو رہا ہے۔ اپنے مکارانہ اور گھٹیا انداز میں امریکہ کے 11/9 اور انڈیا کے 11/26 کو جوڑ کر انکی ذمہ داری پاکستان پر ڈال رہا ہے اور پاکستان کو سبق سکھانے کا ارادہ کر کے! ”نزدیک“ (فیصلہ کن) لڑائی لڑنے کا عندیہ دے رہا! ہم اکثر سوچتے تھے کہ کیسے لوگ ہوں گے جنہوں نے اس قصائی کو چننا ہوگا اور انکی ”کریم“ کو دیکھ لیا؛ جنگ کے اعلان پر امریکی انڈینز کے سیاہی مائل چہرے، سرخ ہوتے ہوئے، نقوش پھیلتے ہوئے اور چست دھی آنکھوں کی پستلیاں پھڑ پھڑاتے ہوئے! یہ ہے ”امن کی آشا“ کا فلسفہ کی آشاؤں سے مزین چہرہ!!!

آپ کا کیمرے سے مڈن ڈرون، اسٹیڈیم سے باہر نکلتا ہے اور تاحدنگاہ تک پھیلے ہوئے خوبصورت

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جو تم شاخ گلستاں ہو ابھی ہر تازوں کو بل کر چمن میں ہنس کر سلجھاؤ۔ فوقیت ہرگز نہیں ہے!	بہن، کیا ماجرا ہے بتلاؤ؟ یہ وطن میں آج کل، کیا وہ پھیلی ہے سجھاؤ! جدا ہوں میں نہیں تم سے	ذوق لطیف و چشم حقیقت بگر کہاں حُسن ازل تو عام ہے، حُسن نظر کہاں تیرے حضور وسعتِ قلب و نظر کہاں جو تجھ میں کھولیا اُسے اپنی خبر کہاں غم روح زندگی ہے تو غم سے مفر کہاں جائے گا زندگی سے کوئی روٹھ کر کہاں بے مصلحت گزار نہ عالم شباب کا اے وقت ناشناس! یہ دن عمر بھر کہاں ہر چند آنندھیوں کی ہیں گلشن میں یورشیں لیکن ابھی شکستِ نسیم سحر کہاں اک روز تو میں ڈھونڈھ ہی لوں گا جہان نو دُنیا مجھے تلاش کرے گی مگر کہاں ہر لحظہ ناتمام ہے رودادِ غم شکیل اہل نظر کو فرصتِ نقد و نظر کہاں	بھڑکا رہے ہیں آگ لب نغمہ گر سے ہم خاموش کیا رہیں گے زمانے کے ڈر سے ہم کچھ اور بڑھ گئے جو اندھیرا ہوا تو کیا مایوس تو نہیں ہیں طلوعِ سحر سے ہم لے دے کے اپنے پاس یہی اک نظر تو ہے کیا دیکھیں زندگی کو کسی کی نظر سے ہم مانا کہ اس زمیں کو نہ گلزار کر سکے کچھ خار کم ہی کر گئے گزرے جدھر سے ہم دے گا کسی مقام پہ خود راہزن کا ساتھ اتنے بھی بدگمان نہ تھے راہر سے ہم	نشہ پلا کے گرانا تو سب کو آتا ہے مزا تو جب ہے کہ گرتوں کو تھام لے ساقی جو بادہ کش تھے پُرانے، وہ اٹھتے جاتے ہیں کہیں سے آبِ بقائے دوام لے ساقی! کئی ہے رات تو ہنگامہ گستری میں تری سحرِ قریب ہے، اللہ کا نام لے ساقی! (باگِ درا)
اک دو جے پر ہم دونوں کو! ہم سفر ہیں ہم صدیوں کے یوں جدا کر کے نہ تڑپاؤ؟ تخیل چھوڑ دو میری،	اور نہ تم مجھ سے کبھی تمہیں! گھرے ہیں لوگ جہاد گفتگو میں، کوئی تو انکو محبت سکھلاؤ؟ نہ میں مسلمان تھی کبھی!	اور نہ وہ دھرم سے ہندو! لگا کر آگِ نفرت کی اس قدر نہ شعلے اور بھڑکاؤ! جو میں ہوں لغتِ شیریں	دے گا کسی مقام پہ خود راہزن کا ساتھ اتنے بھی بدگمان نہ تھے راہر سے ہم	تیرے حضور وسعتِ قلب و نظر کہاں جو تجھ میں کھولیا اُسے اپنی خبر کہاں غم روح زندگی ہے تو غم سے مفر کہاں جائے گا زندگی سے کوئی روٹھ کر کہاں بے مصلحت گزار نہ عالم شباب کا اے وقت ناشناس! یہ دن عمر بھر کہاں ہر چند آنندھیوں کی ہیں گلشن میں یورشیں لیکن ابھی شکستِ نسیم سحر کہاں اک روز تو میں ڈھونڈھ ہی لوں گا جہان نو دُنیا مجھے تلاش کرے گی مگر کہاں ہر لحظہ ناتمام ہے رودادِ غم شکیل اہل نظر کو فرصتِ نقد و نظر کہاں
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سعودی عرب کے شہر یمنج میں ایک رنگارنگ تقریب --- رپورٹ: عنبرین فیض احمد (یمنج)

پاکستانی کمیونٹی کے لوگوں نے شرکت کی۔ یہ موسیقی کا پروگرام جناب محمود القریشی صاحب کے دولت خانے پر منعقد کیا گیا تھا۔ محمود القریشی صاحب کا شمار مشہور کاروباری شخصیت میں ہوتا ہے۔ جو کہ ہیں تو پاکستانی مگر اب سعودی شہریت حاصل کر چکے ہیں۔ قریشی صاحب اور انکی اہلیہ کے بارے میں مشہور ہے کہ وہ کافی مہمان نواز ہیں۔ وہ اکثر اپنے گھر پر ایسے پروگرامز کرواتے رہتے ہیں اور لوگوں کو لطف اندوز ہونے کا موقع فراہم کرتے ہیں۔ انہوں نے جدہ سے گلوکاروں کو مدعو کیا تھا، جنہوں نے اپنی آواز کا جادو جگا کر لطیف جزبات رکھنے والوں کے دل موہ لیے۔ موسیقی کی ان لطیف دھنوں نے محفل کو ایسا حسین بنا دیا



کہ سب داد دے بغیر نہ رہ سکے۔ اور بے کیف ہو کر رہ جائے گی۔ کیونکہ زندگی کے ہر رنگ میں موسیقی ہے۔ کائنات کے ہر ذرے ذرے میں موسیقی ہے۔



شیخ سعدی نے فرمایا:

روئے زمین پر اکثریت میں ایسے لوگ ہیں جو "دکھ"، "تکلیف"، "افیت" فریب "دھوکہ" تو انسانوں کو دیتے ہیں اور "معافی" اللہ سے مانگتے ہیں!

پرانی موسیقی کے امتزاج سے میوزک کے دلدادہ شائقین خوب محظوظ ہوئے اور ان گلوکاروں نے محفل کو ایسی رونق بخشی کہ ہر کوئی جھومتا ہی رہ گیا۔ ایک جانب یہ گلوکار اپنے گیت سنا رہے تھے تو دوسری طرف حاضرین محفل کی داد بھی خوب مل رہی تھی۔ پروگرام جوں جوں آگے بڑھ رہا تھا اس کے ساتھ اسکی دلچسپی میں بھی اضافہ ہوتا جا

صدیوں سے کہا جاتا ہے کہ موسیقی روح کی تقویت اور شادمانی کا سبب بنتی ہے۔ یہ زندگی کورنگ اور ذائقہ بخشتی ہے، ورنہ دیکھا جائے تو اس کے بغیر زندگی بے رنگ اور بے رونق ہی ہو جاتی ہے۔ جس قوس و قزح چہرے پہ اپنا نقش چھوڑ جاتی ہے۔ گویا موسیقی انسانی گلے سے پیدا ہونے والا وہ سرمال ہے جو ہماری روزمرہ زندگی کی تقریباً تمام شعبہ جات میں اپنا اثر رکھتی ہے۔ یہ انسان کی اپنی سوچ پر منحصر ہے کہ



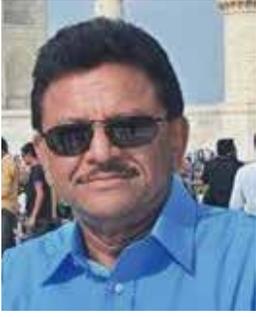
طرح ہمارے جسم کی نشوونما کیلئے غذا کی ضرورت ہوتی ہے اسی طرح ہمارے ذہنوں کی تازگی کیلئے تفریح کی ضرورت ہوتی ہے۔ ذہنوں کی تازگی کیلئے ہمیں موسیقی کا سہارا لینا پڑتا ہے۔ آج کے مشینی دور میں ہر فرد کا ذہن کام کر کے تھک جاتا ہے۔ ہر شخص تفریح کا متلاشی نظر آتا ہے۔ شاہد اس لیے آج کے دور میں ہمیں ایسی کوئی جگہ نظر نہیں آتی جہاں موسیقی کی دھنیں سنائی نہ

وہ وقت، حالات، موسم، واقعات، حادثات، خوشیاں اور غموں میں یہ وہ ساری کیفیات ہیں جو انسانی ذہن کو مہمیز کرتی ہیں اور انہی حالات کے پیش نظر موسیقی انسان کی پسند کا حصہ بنتی ہے۔



دیتی ہوں۔ ہم سفر میں ہوں یا حضر میں۔ یوں سمجھئے کہ موسیقی اور ہمارا چونی دامن کا ساتھ ہوتا ہے۔ خواہ ہم کسی شاپنگ سنٹر میں چلے جائیں یا پھر کسی ریسٹورنٹ کے اندر، ہر جگہ ہماری سماعتوں سے گانے کی آوازیں ضرور نکراتی ہیں الغرض یہ کہ کوئی بھی ایسی تقریب یا جگہ ایسی نہیں جہاں موسیقی کی دھنیں نہ بجائی جا رہی ہوں۔ موجودہ دور میں موسیقی ہماری زندگی کا حصہ بن چکی ہے۔ جسے ہم اگر اپنی زندگی سے الگ کرنا بھی چاہیں تو الگ نہیں کر سکتے جس سے دماغی توازن بگڑ جائے گا۔ سرمال سے سب الفاظ جب نغموں میں ڈھل کر ہماری سماعت سے نکل جاتے ہیں اور دماغ کے تاروں پر انگلی پھیرتے ہوئے روح سے ہم کلام ہوتے ہیں تو ایسی کیفیت سے گزرتے ہوئے کبھی ہماری آنکھیں بھیگ سی جاتی ہیں اور کبھی خوشیوں کی

زندگی میں موسیقی کا تڑکانہ ہو تو گویا ہم نے خوشیاں منائی ہی نہیں ہیں۔ کہتے ہیں کہ موسیقی کا نہ ہی کوئی وطن ہوتا ہے اور نہ ہی کوئی سرحد۔ اسی لئے تو پنچھی ندیاں پون کے جھونکے کوئی سرحد نہ انھیں روکے موسیقی سرحدوں کی بندشوں کو بھی نہیں مانتی ہے وہ ہواؤں کے دوش پہ سفر کرتی ہے۔ ایسے وقت میں بھی جب ملکوں کے درمیان ماحول کافی کشیدہ ہوتے ہیں۔ لیکن فن کے پرستاروں کو اس سے کوئی سروکار نہیں ہوتا ہے۔ یہی وجہ ہے کہ آج ہم نے اور سڑکے بغیر زندگی کا تصور ہی نہیں کر سکتے۔ اسی لئے اکثر لوگ اپنے گھروں میں بھی موسیقی کی محافل سجاتے ہیں۔ اسی طرح سعودی عرب کے شہر یمنج میں موسیقی کی ایک سہانی اور حسین شام منائی گئی۔ جس میں بڑی تعداد میں ہندوستانی اور



Waliuddin

بلڈ پریشر

اس حسین لیڈی ڈاکٹر کو دیکھ کر
”دل دھڑکنے کا سبب یاد آیا“
Blood Pressure بڑھ گیا جو کہا اس نے
گولی نہیں کھائی تھی اب یاد آیا

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ستارے

کہتے ہیں ہم دونوں کے ستارے ایک جیسے ہیں
بیگم شاید اسی لئے قسمت میں خسارے ایک جیسے ہیں
ہر محفل میں بیگمات آتی ہیں بیوٹی پارلر سے جج کر
پر جتنے بھی شوہر ہیں بیچارے ایک جیسے ہیں

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امن وامان

کہہ کے اپنی بیگم کو جان
گھر میں رکھے امن و امان
دیکھنے میں وہ لگے بوڑھا
پر دل ہے اب بھی جوان

تلنگانہ میں غیر مقامی حکمرانی کی بنیاد 17 ستمبر

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ریاست تلنگانہ کی تاریخ سے عدم واقفیت اور تاریخ کو مسخ کرتے ہوئے بے بنیاد حوالے دیکر 17 ستمبر کو یوم نجات نہیں کہا جاسکتا۔ یہ اور بات ہے کہ سیاسی مفاد حاصل کی خاطر 17 ستمبر کو یوم نجات سرکاری طور پر منانے کیلئے ایک گوشہ سے پر زور مطالبہ اور کوشش جاری ہیں لیکن تلنگانہ کی عوام کیلئے اس بات کا جاننا ضروری ہے کہ 17 ستمبر 1948ء سے زیادہ تلنگانہ کیلئے یکم نومبر 1956ء ہی بہت بڑا خطرناک دن ثابت ہوا جس کی دلیل 60 سالہ متحدہ ریاست کی حکمرانی میں ملتی ہے جبکہ 17 ستمبر کو یوم نجات منانے کا مطالبہ کرنے والے مرٹھواڑہ اور کرناٹک کے ان اضلاع میں سرکاری تقاریب کا حوالہ دے رہے ہیں۔ انہیں اس بات کا علم ہونا چاہئے کہ

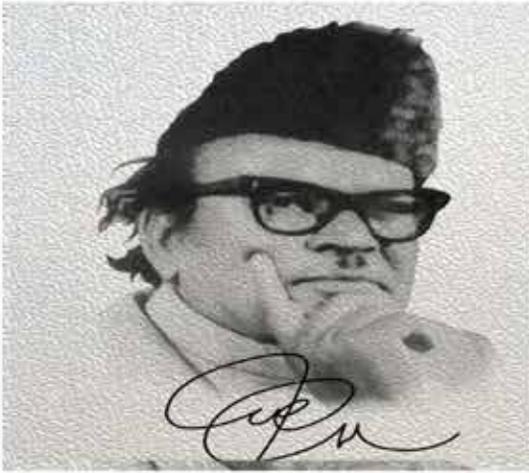


تلنگانہ عوام کے احساسات مرٹھواڑہ و کرناٹک کے عوام کے احساسات مختلف ہیں بلکہ ان میں کافی فرق پایا جاتا ہے۔ 17 ستمبر 1948ء تلنگانہ کے حق میں بیرونی حکمرانی اور سیاسی تخریب کاری کیلئے بنیادی دن ثابت ہوا ہے۔ درحقیقت ریاست تلنگانہ کی عوام میں 17 ستمبر کے تعلق سے مختلف رائے پائی جاتی ہے۔ تلنگانہ سٹیزن سوسائٹی نے اس ضمن میں 17 ستمبر 2009ء کی اہمیت پر مشتمل تاریخی مواد بھی جاری کیا تھا۔ یوم نجات کے متعلق یہاں اس بات کا خلاصہ ضروری ہے کہ جب 12 ستمبر 1948ء کو آپریشن پولو کے نام سے جو کارروائی ہوئی جس کو پولیس ایکشن کے نام سے بھی جانا جاتا ہے، اس کارروائی میں لاکھوں انسانی جانیں گئیں جبکہ مؤرخین، دانشور، ادیبوں یہاں تک کہ ہندوستانی فوج نے بھی اس اقدام کے بعد یوم نجات کے لفظ کا استعمال نہیں کیا جیسا کہ 1962ء میں پور پوگیس حکمرانی سے گوا کی آزادی اور 1972ء میں بنگلہ دیش کی آزادی کو یوم نجات کے لفظ سے تعبیر کیا گیا حالانکہ پولیس ایکشن کے بعد دو سال

تک نظام حیدرآباد کو راج پر کچھ کا خطاب دیتے ہوئے انہیں گورنر کے طرز کا عہدہ دیا گیا۔ 17 ستمبر 1948ء وہ دن ہے جس دن تلنگانہ میں بیرونی حکمرانی اور سیاسی تخریب کاری کا جنم ہوا۔ یہ دن سیاسی تخریب کاری اور تلنگانہ عوام کی حق تلفی کا دن ثابت ہوا۔ پولیس ایکشن میں اصل نشانہ حیدرآباد ریاست میں طاقتور موقف اختیار کر گئے کیونست تھے جبکہ رضا کاروں کے نام پر معصوم مسلمانوں کا قتل کیا گیا۔ مسلمانوں کی نسل کشی کی گئی جس کے بعد 1949ء ویشال آندھرا تحریک نے جنم لیا جو آہستہ آہستہ اپنے مقصد میں کامیاب ہوئی اور تلگو زبان کی بول چال کے نام پر دونوں ریاستوں کا انضمام ہوا۔ 1953ء میں آندھرا ریاست کی کانگریس کمیٹی نے ایک قرارداد منظور کرتے ہوئے کرنول کو عبوری اور حیدرآباد کو مستقل ریاست قرار دیتے ہوئے اپنا حق جتنا شروع کر دیا لیکن 1952ء ہی میں غیر ملکی واپس جاؤ کی تحریک نے تلنگانہ میں جنم لیا تھا۔ ان حالات کو دیکھتے ہوئے 1953ء میں نہرو حکومت نے فضل علی کمیشن کو قائم کیا جس نے تلنگانہ سے بوری نا انصافیوں اور تلنگانہ عوام کی حقیقی حالات کو پیش کیا لیکن آندھرائی قیادت نے جن کے دہلی میں بہترین تعلقات پائے جاتے تھے۔ نہرو تک پہنچ کر فضل علی کمیشن کی سفارشات کو رکوا دیا اور یکم نومبر 1956ء کو نہرو نے دونوں ریاستوں کو ضم کرنے کا اعلان کیا۔ یکم نومبر 1956ء تخریب کاری سیاست کیلئے بنیادی ثابت ہوا جو کہ تلنگانہ کے حق میں نہیں تھا تو پھر 17 ستمبر کو کس طرح یوم نجات کہا جاسکتا ہے۔ ان 60 سالہ متحدہ ریاست کے دور میں تلنگانہ سے ہوئی نا انصافیاں ہی اسکا واضح ثبوت ہے تو پھر یوم نجات منانے اور سرکاری تقاریب کا اہتمام کرنے کا مطالبہ کرنے والوں کو تاریخ سے واقفیت حاصل کرنا ضروری ہے۔ تلنگانہ کیلئے 2 جون کے علاوہ کوئی اور دن یوم نجات نہیں ہو سکتا۔



سلیمان خطیب... ایک تعارف



محمد سلیمان خطیب ۲۶ دسمبر ۱۹۲۲ء کو چنگو پہ، معین آباد، ضلع بیدر (کرناٹک) کے ایک خطیب گھرانہ میں پیدا ہوئے۔ ۱۶ مہینے کی عمر میں ہی والد اور والدہ کا سایہ سر سے اٹھ گیا۔ میڈک میں تعلیم حاصل کی۔ شاعری کا چسکہ بچپن سے تھا، کئی لوگ گیتوں سے خاص دلچسپی تھی چنانچہ عام بول چال کی دکنی میں شعر کہنے لگے۔ زبان کی ندرت، دل کو چھو لینے والا انداز بیان اور نظموں کی ڈرامائیت ان کے کلام کی خصوصیات ہیں۔ حکومت کرناٹک نے ۱۹۷۴ء میں اسٹیٹ ایوارڈ سے نوازا۔ ۱۹۸۱ء میں بحیثیت مہتمم واٹر ورکس گلبرگہ ملازم ہوئے۔ ۱۹۷۷ء میں وظیفہ حسن خدمت پر سبکدوش ہوئے۔ ۲۲ اکتوبر ۱۹۷۸ء کو انتقال ہوا۔

تسلیں خطیب میرے اباسب کے شاعر

آج جبکہ میں خطیب نوازوں کے کہنے پر مضمون لکھنے بیٹھا ہوں تو میرے ذہن میں یادوں کے لاتعداد ستارے جھلکے گئے ہیں۔ ان یادوں میں آنکھوں میں سمندر جگانے والی بڑی یادیں بھی ہیں اور چھوٹی بھی۔ چھوٹی مگر تیز اور کھلی سیدھے دل میں اتر جانے والی۔ ابا کا درس زندگی محبت تھا۔ وہ زندگی بھر پاؤں میں کانٹے، دل میں چھالے اور آنکھ میں آنسو لیے محبت کے پھول بانٹتے رہے۔ وہ انہوں سے بھی محبت کرتے تھے اور غیروں سے بھی، دوستوں کو بھی چاہتے اور دشمنوں کو بھی۔ اس بے پناہ محبت کے صلہ میں، انہیں کیا ملا اس کی انہیں قطعی پروا نہیں تھی۔ ان کے ذہن پر تو بس یہی خیال مسلط تھا کہ قدرت نے بچپن میں ان سے جو خزانہ چرایا ہے اس خزانے کو خوب خوب لانا یا جانے۔ انہوں نے کبھی کسی سے خصومت نہیں رکھی۔ وہ زندگی بھر غمور گدڑ پر کار بند رہے۔ اپنے سخت ترین مخالف اور دشمن کو بھی معاف کر دیتے اور ضرورت پڑنے پر اس کی ہر قسم کی مدد کرتے۔ اس سلسلے میں یہاں میں ایک شخص کا ذکر کروں جو باسب ان سے گدورت رکھتا تھا اور نہ صرف ذہنی صدمات پہنچایا کرتا بلکہ جسمانی صدمہ پہنچانے کے مواقع تلاش کرتے رہتا تھا۔ مگر یہی شخص کسی قانون شکنی کے جرم کا مرتکب ہوا تو ابا نے عنایت دلا کر اسے پولیس کی حراست سے بچھڑایا، ایسے کئی واقعات ہیں جن سے ان کی شرافت اور نیک نفسی ظاہر ہوتی ہے۔ شعرا کا ایک مخصوص حلقہ ابا کا مخالف تھا۔ معصروں میں آپسی چٹھک کب نہیں رہی ہے۔ غالب اور ذوق کی آپسی چٹھکیوں کو دنیا میں مشہور ہیں۔ دونوں ایک دوسرے کی ناک میں رہتے تھے۔ اگر ذوق نے غالب کے خلاف کچھ کہا یا تو غالب بھی جواباً آگے بڑھ کر وار کرتے اور اگر کبھی غالب کچھ کہتے تو ذوق اس کا منہ توڑ جواب دیتے اس کے برعکس ابا نے اپنے ہم عصروں کی کارروائیوں کا کبھی اٹھایا اور نہ ہی کبھی کسی سے اس کا ذکر کیا۔ ابا کے مخالفین مشاعروں کے Organizers پر دباؤ ڈالنے کا نہیں مدعو نہ کریں۔ بعض دفعہ مخالفین کے مشاعروں کے Organizers کے نام لکھے ہوئے خطوط ابا تک پہنچ جاتے، اس کے باوجود بھی ابا ان لوگوں سے دوستی اور محبت کا رشتہ قائم رکھتے اور ان لوگوں پر یہ ظاہر نہیں کرتے کہ وہ ان کی دوستی میں چھپی ہوئی دشمنی سے واقف ہو چکے ہیں۔ ابا نے اپنی یا کسی دوسری شخصیت کے لیے لڑائی نہیں لڑی۔ زبان کے نام پر ہتھیار نہیں کھڑا کیا۔ وہ ہر زبان کی ترقی کی ترقی سے دوسری زبان متاثر نہ ہوا اور خود بھی اس پر عمل کرتے تھے۔ وہ ساؤتھ انڈیا اور دوکاڈی گھبرگہ کے بانی تھے۔ کرناٹک ہندی پر چار سہا (گھبرگہ) کے نائب صدر اور مرادھی ساہتیہ منزل گلبرگہ کے رکن تھے۔ ابا کی شاعری ان کے بلند کردار اور ان کی اعلیٰ شخصیت کا آئینہ ہے۔ ان کی شاعری میں بات کوئی ہی ہو اور جہاں سے بھی شروع ہو بالآخر جانچ پڑتال ہے۔ انسانیت کے اونچے اصولوں پر ابا میں بڑے شعرا کی ہی نازک مزاجی نہیں تھی۔ شعر کہنے کے لیے وہ کبھی خاص ماحول کے تابع نہیں تھے۔ وہ خلوت میں بھی شعر کہہ سکتے تھے اور شور و شغب میں بھی، دور اور سفر، بازار میں، آفس میں چلنے پھرنے نظمیں ہو جاتیں۔ اور چلنے پھرتے ہی اپنے اطراف کے ماحول سے نظموں کے موضوعات اٹھالیتے مثلاً "ہراج کا پلنگ" ہمارا اپنا ہے اس نظم میں پلنگ کو جو تصویر کشی کی گئی ہے وہ بالکل ہمارے پلنگ کی ہے۔ ان کی ایک اور نظم ہے "تیم خانہ کے بیٹے" یہ تیم خانہ ہمارے گھر کے چھپے چھپے ہی تیم خانہ میں ایک صاحب ملازم تھے اور ان صاحب کا عہدہ ہاؤز فائر کنٹرولر تھا۔ "لولی فاؤر" اسی سے بنی ہے۔ "علاش گمشدہ" میں جس نوجوان کا حلیہ بیان کیا گیا ہے وہ ان کے ایک پرستار کا ہے۔ "پڑوسی نامہ" ہمارے ایک پڑوسی کا اعمال نامہ ہے۔ درحقیقت اس نظم کی محرک ہندوستانی جنگ ہے۔ اخباری اطلاع بھی ان کی نظم کی بنیاد ہوتی ہے۔ جب ڈاکٹر برنارڈ نے دل کی تہدیلی کا آپریشن کیا تو انہوں نے "دل کی تہدیلی" لکھی۔ امریکی خلا باز نے چاند کو فتح کیا تو "اپنا ٹیوٹر" لکھی۔ راشن کی ۹۰ میں ایک بچے کی پیدائش کی خبر پڑ کر ایک چینی کے منڈے سے تنے کی بیرونی ایک نعلی کی اونچی دکان کے تنے لکھی۔ یہ بیرونی بہت مشہور ہوئی۔ ان بیرونی کے بعد خود نے اپنی نظم سنانی چھوڑ دی تھی، جناب محمود عقی (نانڈیز) بیان کرتے ہیں، کسی مشاعرے میں ابا اور خود ہم کے ساتھ وہ بھی شریک تھے۔ سامعین نے جب خود ہم سے "چارہ گر" کی فرمائش کی تو خود ہم نے نظم سنانے سے پہلے ابا سے وعدہ لیا کہ وہ ان کے بعد اپنی بیرونی "بھاری بھاری" نہیں سنائیں گے۔ مشاعرے میں ابا کی ہر نظم تہلکہ مچا دیتی، پسند اپنی اپنی مختلف لوگ مختلف نظموں کی فرمائش کرتے مگر ابا کو اپنی نظم "چلڈنڈی" بہت پسند تھی اور وہی یہ ان کا شاہکار ہے۔ یہی وہ نظم ہے جو انہیں انگریز شاعر وروڈ زورجھ کے مقابل لاکھڑا کرتی ہے اس نظم کا روئی زبان میں بھی ترجمہ ہو چکا ہے۔ نظم لکھنے کا ان کا ایسا طریقہ تھا وہ شعر لکھتے تھے میں نے کبھی انہیں قلم اور ریاض لے کر شعر لکھنے نہیں دیکھا وہ دل میں شعر کہتے اور داغ میں منظر دکھتے تھے اور سب سے اہم بات یہ کہ خیالات کے بہاؤ میں وہ قافیہ، ردیف، اور بحر کی پابندی کو ماحول ہونے دیتے تھے۔ پہلے خیالات کے پرندے کو الفاظ میں باندھ لیتے اور جب نظم مکمل ہو جاتی تو بے وزن اشعار کاغذ پر لکھ کر برابر لیتے مگر اس بات سے تم کو ہوتا۔ یادہ تر خیالات شعر کی شکل میں داخل کر لیتے۔ انہیں اپنا سارا کلام زبانی یاد تھا شاید ہی کبھی انہوں نے لکھ کر پڑھا ہو۔ ابا کے برجستہ اور فی البدیہہ ہونے اشعار بھی نامہ وزن رکھتے ہیں۔ میرے ایک ماموں بارہ سال سے امریکہ میں مقیم ہیں۔ بارہ سال کے اس عرصے میں وہ ایک بار بھی ہندوستان نہیں آئے۔ ایک دفعہ کاڈرے عید الفطر کے موقع پر انہیں عید کاڈرے بھیجا جا رہا تھا، جب میں نے جب سے قلم نکالا اور یہ اشعار لکھ دیئے

بات آتی ہے کیا کہوں ابا
عید مل من مزید ہو جاتی
تم لکھتے تو سب سے مل لیتے
چاند لکھتے تو وہ ہو جاتی
عید رمضان تو خیر آتی ہے
تم جو آئے تو عید ہو جاتی

اس کے بعد انہوں نے ہر شخص کو بھیجے جا رہے عید کاڈرے پر اشعار لکھے جن میں مکتوب الیہ کے نام بڑی خوبصورتی کے ساتھ جڑے گئے تھے۔ طرانت، حاضر جوابی، بذلہ سخی ابا کے خیر میں شامل تھی، کتنی ہی فکرو پریشانیوں ہوں، ماحول کتنا ہی کھنچا کھنچا ہو یا سنجیدہ ہوں ان کی طرانت کے جس متاثر نہ ہوتی۔ شدید نیرت، پریشانی، اور ہیبت کے عالم میں بھی جب کہ آدمی کے حواس معطل ہو جاتے ہیں، ان کی رگ طرانت بھڑکی، ان کی اس طرانت نے سب سے مرگ پر بھی ساتھ نہ چھوڑا۔ مثالیہ پاپٹل (حیدرآباد) میں جہاں ابا نے زندگی کے آخری دن گزارے۔ ایک سٹریٹسز آیا کئی تھی۔ سن سٹریٹسز خدمت کے لیے اپنی زندگی وقف کر دیتی ہیں اور ان خیالات سے کہ اس سن میں شادی مانع ہوگی وہ شادی نہیں کرتیں جب کسی صاحب نے اس سے (Nun) کی وضاحت چاہی تو ابا جو اس گفتگو سے بے تعلق آنکھیں بند کئے بیٹھے تھے یکا یک کہہ پڑے (Nun for None) ابا نے ایک جاہلی زندگی گزار دی، بہادر سپاہی کی طرح حالات سے لڑتے رہے۔ ابھی صرف چھ ماہ کے تھے کہ پہلے ماں اور پھر باپ بھی چل بسے اور اس پھر ماں کی عمر سے ہی ابا تمام عمر بے جگر کی کے ساتھ حالات سے لڑتے رہے۔ البتہ زندگی کے آخری حصے میں وہ بہت تھک گئے تھے۔ زمانے کے تلخ ترش حادثات سب سے تپتے تپتے وہ اندر سے بڑی طرح ٹوٹ پھوٹ گئے تھے ان کا ریزوریز وہ جو جنس ہوا کے ایک جھونکے کا شکر تھا اب صرف ایک بہانے کی تلاش تھی اور یہ بہانہ بھی مل گیا۔ برقان کے روپ میں۔ لوگ کہتے ہیں گھن دکنی کا ٹیل ٹوٹا خاموش ہو گیا۔ دکنی کی ماگ اجز گئی۔ دکنی شاعری کا آفتاب غروب ہو گیا۔ سلیمان خطیب کے گزر جانے سے جو خلا پیدا ہوا ہے وہ کبھی نہیں بھر سکتا۔ میں سوچتا ہوں ایک شاعر ایک فنکار پھر پیدا ہو سکتا ہے دکنی کو ایک نیا سماج مل سکتا ہے مگر مجھے میرا باپ نہیں مل سکتا!!!!

سلیمان خطیب

ہر کام ڈوبنے کا کیا کرتے ہیں جھپٹے
مستحاب، کٹوروں میں بھرا کرتے ہیں جھپٹے
لیکن کوئی محفل ہو رہا کرتے ہیں جھپٹے
ہر کام کو حمل جاتے ہیں ہر کام کے جھپٹے
زسوائے زمانہ ہوئے ونام کے جھپٹے
ہر گھر میں ہی آگ لگا دیتے ہیں جھپٹے
آپس میں شریلوں کو لڑا دیتے ہیں جھپٹے
خونخوار بناؤں سے لڑا دیتے ہیں جھپٹے
کچھ پارگت اور بڑھا دیتے ہیں جھپٹے
اور تپتے کے پینے کی ڈھا دیتے ہیں جھپٹے
سرکار کو سولی پہ چڑھا دیتے ہیں جھپٹے
قدیل صداقت کو بجا دیتے ہیں جھپٹے
شمیر کے خیمے کو بجا دیتے ہیں جھپٹے
بیاسے کو لب سمیر کتا دیتے ہیں جھپٹے
راہوں میں سمیر کتی بجا دیتے ہیں جھپٹے

جھپٹے کی جنمیں قید، وہ چھوٹا کہ بڑا ہو
کٹھیر تو کر دیتی ہے دنگوں کا صفایا
کہنے کو تو جنمیں کے مقامات آگ ہیں
دنیا میں بڑی چیز ہے یہ بچے گری بھی
دنیا کو مچھا دیتی ہیں امریکی ٹائیس
بے بات کی جرات اڑا دیتے ہیں جھپٹے
یہ ان کی عنایت ہے نوازش ہے کرم ہے
معصوم کہتو کو بڑھا دیتے ہیں اتنا
سرکار تو پشتوں سے گنہگار رہے ہیں
ہر وقت ڈنٹے رہتے ہیں دستر کے بلاؤں
کچھ اتنی محبت سے اٹھا دیتے ہیں اوپر
علمت کی تراشیدہ ہیں ارواح خبیث
اک نار جنم ہیں کہ اولاد شر ہیں
کوئی ہیں، دغا باز ہیں، غلام ہیں، شقی ہیں
اشرار کے جھپٹے ہوئے وہ خار مقلیان

ایک ماہ

دل کی دنیا عظیم ہے ابا
دل تو کہے کا نہ کلیسا کا
دل ہی مجھوں ہے دل ہی لکلی ہے
دل ہی شعلہ ہے روح موسیٰ کا
دل اندر سے میں ڈوب جاتا ہے
دل، دلاسا ہے صبح فردا کا
دل کے معنی ہیں درد مندی کے
جیسے سایہ کسی مسما کا
ایک آنسو تہیم بچے کا
رُرد چہرہ غریب بیوہ کا
دل کے نیچے ہیں عقل کی راہیں
دل اجالا ہے عرش اعلیٰ کا
دل تو دریا ہے ماں کی متا کا

تسلیں رستے کی تپتی ہوں دیکھ بوں کُن کا
یہ سارا اُجھلا ہے میرے نغمے کا
مجھے چُٹے بچپانے لوگھی میرے
تسلیں اُجھل میرا بوں دکن کے کُن کا

عید
لوگ ملنے کو محفل کے ملتے ہیں
دل کے غنچے سکر خمیں بھلتے
یہ تو ایک ہاتھ کی صفائی ہے
ہاتھ ملتے ہیں دل خمیں ملتے

صدی کے سپر اسٹار ایتنا بھ چکن کو بالی ووڈ سیلبرٹیز نے دی مبارکباد

ایوارڈ کا اعلان ہوا یہ سن کر مجھے بہت خوشی ہوئی۔ میں آپ کو بہت مبارکباد دیتی ہوں۔ بھارتی سینما باوا کے نام کا ایوارڈ ہندوستانی سینما کے سپر اسٹار کو ملنا یہ اپنے آپ میں ایک تاریخی واقعہ ہے۔ رجینی کانت نے ٹوٹ کیا۔ مبارک ہو عزیز ایتنا بھ چکن!!! آپ اس اعزاز کے قابل ہیں!!!! دادا صاحب پھالکے ایوارڈ۔ مرکزی فلم سرنٹیکیشن بورڈ (سی بی ایف سی) کے صدر اور مشہور نغمہ نگار پرسون جوشی نے ٹوٹ پر۔ خوشی، فخر اور ایک خوشگوار احساس۔ محترم امت جی۔ آپ کو یہ اعزاز ملے، اس کا کب سے انتظار تھا، دل سے مبارکباد۔ ایثار آپ کو یوں ہی ہم سب کے لئے حوصلہ کا ذریعہ بنائے رکھے۔



بالی ووڈ کے شہنشاہ ایتنا بھ چکن کو فلم دنیا کے سب سے بڑے ایوارڈ دادا پھالکے سے نوازا جائے گا۔ امیتا بھ کو دادا صاحب پھالکے ایوارڈ تب دیا جا رہا ہے جب بگ نی نے بالی ووڈ میں 50 سال کا سفر مکمل کر لیا ہے۔ ایتنا بھ کی پہلی فلم 'سات ہندوستانی' 1969 میں ریلیس ہوئی تھی۔ 76 سالہ ایتنا بھ چکن یہ اعزاز پانے والی 66 ویں شخص ہیں۔ سال 2018 کا دادا صاحب پھالکے ایوارڈ ایتنا بھ چکن کو دینے جانے کے اعلان کے بعد سیلبرٹیز نے سوشل میڈیا پر ایتنا بھ چکن کو مبارکباد دی۔ بہترین آواز کی ملکہ لاکشمیکار نے ٹوٹ کیا۔ 'نمسا کار امت جی آپ کے لئے دادا صاحب پھالکے

رنیر کی سالگرہ کے لئے پر جوش عالیہ، کپور فیملی میں ہوگا گرینڈ جشن!

رنیر کے والد اداکار رشی کپور 11 ماہ بعد نیویارک سے اپنا کینسر کا علاج کرا کر واپس آئے ہیں۔ یہی وجہ ہے کہ وہ ان دونوں ہی چیزوں کو ایک ساتھ جشن منائیں گے۔ رشی کپور 4 ستمبر کو 67 سال کے ہوئے تھے اور وہ



کپور خاندان میں اس وقت ڈبل جشن کا ماحول ہے۔ یہ صرف رنیر کا برتھ ڈے ہی نہیں ہے بلکہ رشی کپور کا دوسری پیدائش بھی ہے۔ رنیر کپور کی سالگرہ میں ایک ہفتے سے بھی کم وقت بچا ہے۔ 28 ستمبر کو رنیر 37 سال کے ہو جائیں گے۔ اس موقع پر عالیہ بھٹ کافی پر جوش ہیں۔ دراصل رنیر کے ساتھ ہی ساتھ تقریباً ایک سال بعد نیویارک سے واپس لوٹے رشی کپور کی واپسی کا جشن بھی کپور خاندان منانے جا رہا ہے اور اس کے چلتے اس بار کپور خاندان میں کافی بڑا جشن ہونے جا رہا ہے۔ رپورٹوں کے مطابق، رنیر کے والد اور اداکار رشی کپور 11 ماہ بعد نیویارک سے اپنا کینسر کا علاج کرا کر واپس آئے ہیں۔ یہی وجہ ہے کہ کپور خاندان میں اس وقت ڈبل جشن کا ماحول ہے۔ یہ صرف رنیر کا برتھ ڈے ہی نہیں ہے، بلکہ رشی کپور کی دوسری پیدائش بھی ہے۔ رنیر اور عالیہ نے فیصلہ کیا ہے

شاہ رخ خان کی ہیروئن ماہرہ خان پر پاکستان میں کی جا رہی ہے قابل اعتراض تبصرہ

فلم اداکار شاہ رخ خان کی فلم رنیر کی ہیروئن ماہرہ خان کو ایک پاکستانی آرٹسٹ فردوس جمال نے فلاپ اداکارہ بتایا ہے۔ اتنا ہی نہیں، فردوس نے ماہرہ خان کی اداکاری کرنے کی صلاحیت اور ان کی عمر پر بھی منفی تبصرہ کیا ہے۔ ماہرہ خان اور شاہ رخ خان کی فلمی جوڑی کو ہندوستان میں پسند کیا گیا۔ شاہ رخ خان کی ہیروئن ماہرہ خان پر قابل اعتراض تبصرہ کرتے ہوئے پاکستانی آرٹسٹ فردوس جمال نے کہا، میری دعا ہے کہ ماہرہ خان کی کوئی ایک فلم ہٹ ہو۔ ماہرہ کی جتنی بھی تصویر سامنے آتی ہیں، کوئی بھی نہیں چلی۔ میں یہ گزارش کرنا چاہ رہا تھا ماہرہ جو ہے، مجھے یہ کہنے کے لئے معافی چاہتا ہوں



پاکستانی فلم انڈسٹری اور سینما ناظرین کی بہت زیادہ توقعات وابستہ ہیں، وہ فلم دی لیجنڈ آف مولا جٹ ہے۔



باقی جہاں تک مزاج اور دیگر رجسٹرڈ مکالمہ نگاری کا تعلق ہے تو یا حسین کا لکھا گیا سکرپٹ اپنے پورے جوبن پر ہونے کی امید کی جاسکتی ہے۔ شہزاد شیخ، صبا قرم، عاصمہ جواد، شاہد علی اور یا حسین کی اس فلم میں کہانی اس بار سفر سے ہٹ کر اور آؤت ڈور فلماے جانے کا امکان زیادہ ہے۔ فلم کے پلاٹ کے بارے میں ابھی کوئی پریس ریلیز جاری نہیں کی گئی۔ باجی: سال 2019 میں آنے والی چوتھی اہم فلم قلم ساڑھن ملک کی فیچر فلم باجی ہے۔ تھرلر ڈرامہ کیلکچر کی یہ فلم جب بنا شروع ہوئی تھی تو اس سے متعلق افواہیں یہ بھی تھی کہ اس فلم میں ماموں فلم ستار میرا کی زندگی کا احاطہ کیا گیا ہے۔ آخر قلم جب بروقت سامنے آئے اور انہوں نے ان تمام اطلاعات کو غلط قرار دیا۔ نیز یہ بھی واضح کیا کہ یہ فلم مختلف سماجی مسائل کا احاطہ کرتی ہے۔ اس فلم کے مرکزی کردار فلم اورٹی وی ستار عثمان خالد بٹ اور فلم ستار میرا کر رہی ہیں۔ واضح رہے کہ یہ عثمان خالد بٹ کی دوسری فلم ہوگی اس فلم کی دیگر کاسٹ میں محسن عباس، حیدر علی کاظمی اور آمنہ الیاس بھی شامل ہیں۔ ہمایوں سعید پاکستانی فلم انڈسٹری کا وہ نام ہیں جو اپنی فلموں 'ہنخاب نہیں جاؤ گی' اور 'جوانی پھر نہیں آتی' کے بعد پاکستانی فلم انڈسٹری میں کسی بھی فلم کی کامیابی کی ضمانت بن چکے ہیں۔



پاکستانی فلم انڈسٹری میں وقت کے ساتھ بہت سے شیب و فراز آتے رہے ہیں۔ 2018 کے دوران فلم انڈسٹری ترقی کی راہ پر گامزن دیکھی گئی ہے۔ گزشتہ برسوں میں بہت سی فلمیں ایسی آئی ہیں جن سے پاکستانی سینما اپنے ناظرین واپس لانے میں کامیاب ہوئی ہے۔ ان فلموں میں بن روئے، ماہ میر، آزادی پنجاب نہیں جاؤ گی اور طحان ٹریل شامل ہیں۔ پاکستانی فلم ساز اپنی ثقافت کو مد نظر رکھتے ہوئے جدید ٹیکنالوجی کی مدد سے خوبصورت فلمیں بنا رہے ہیں۔ فلم انڈسٹری کی کامیابی میں سرمائے کے علاوہ بھی کئی عناصر کا اہم رول ہے۔ گزشتہ چند برسوں کے دوران جو بہت اہم تبدیلی دیکھی گئی وہ یہ تھی کہ نوجوان بڑے لکھے ڈائریکٹر اور پروڈیوسر بھی اب اس فلم انڈسٹری کا اہم ستون ہیں۔ ایسے ہی چند فلم ساز سال 2019 میں کون سی فلمیں لارہے ہیں، آئیے دیکھتے ہیں۔

دی لیجنڈ آف مولا جٹ: 2019 میں آنے والی جس فلم سے پاکستانی فلم انڈسٹری اور سینما ناظرین کی بہت زیادہ توقعات وابستہ ہیں، وہ فلم دی لیجنڈ آف مولا جٹ ہے۔ بالال لاشاری کا اس فلم کے بارے میں واضح طور پر یہ بیان موجود ہے کہ فلم نٹو مولا جٹ کا سیکول ہے اور نہ ہی یہ اس کا دوسرا حصہ ہے۔

اس حوالے سے یہ فلم گزشتہ دنوں تنازعات کا شکار بھی رہی اور اصل مولا جٹ فلم کے پروڈیوسر سرور بھٹی نے کاپی رائٹ کی خلاف ورزی کیے جانے پر بالال لاشاری کے خلاف عدالت سے رجوع بھی کیا۔ اطلاعات کے مطابق اب تمام معاملات طے پا چکے ہیں اور قوی امید ہے کہ عید الفطر 2019 پر یہ فلم پاکستانی سینما گھروں کی زینت بن سکے گی۔ گزشتہ برس فلم کارٹریبلٹیز ہونے کے بعد کچھ ناقدین نے اس فلم کو اس حوالے سے یہ فلم گزشتہ دنوں تنازعات کا شکار بھی رہی اور اصل مولا جٹ فلم کے پروڈیوسر سرور بھٹی نے کاپی رائٹ کی خلاف ورزی کیے جانے پر بالال لاشاری کے خلاف عدالت سے رجوع بھی کیا۔ اطلاعات کے مطابق اب تمام معاملات طے پا چکے ہیں اور قوی امید ہے کہ عید الفطر 2019 پر یہ فلم پاکستانی سینما گھروں کی زینت بن سکے گی۔ گزشتہ برس فلم کارٹریبلٹیز ہونے کے بعد کچھ ناقدین نے اس فلم کو

صادق نقوی



غزل

آنکھوں میں تشنگی تھی مکمل شباب تھا
وہ دن گئے کہ اپنا پسینہ گلاب تھا
دار المطلاعہ تھا یہ شہر وفا کبھی
اس شہر میں ہر ایک کا چہرہ کتاب تھا
چونکا تو ایک نور کا دریا تھا سامنے
دیکھا تو دو قدم پہ مرے آفتاب تھا
وہ جس کے ہاتھ پھول کی پتی سے کٹ گئے
بخاروں کی نظر میں بڑا کامیاب تھا
کچھڑے پھول اونچے مکانوں میں جا بے
میرے شہر میں ایک یہی انقلاب تھا
وہ جس کی فکر چاند ستارے سمیٹ لے
اپنے ہی گھر میں دفن وہ خانہ خراب تھا
صادق تھا جس کا نام اُسے جانتے تھے لوگ
وہ بھی صدقتوں کے صحیفے کا باب تھا

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نیاز گلبرگوی



غزل

جوش جنوں کا سرد ہے بازار دیکھنا
اجڑا ہوا ہے کوچہ دلدار دیکھنا
رحمت کو جوش آئے گا اس بار دیکھنا
نم ہو رہی ہے چشم گنہ گار دیکھنا
ہونے کو ہے غروب شب تار دیکھنا
اوج افق پہ صبح کے آثار دیکھنا
کیا کیجئے کہ ترک تعلق کے باوجود
جی چاہتا ہے پھر اسے اک بار دیکھنا
توہین امتحان محبت ہے دوستو
دشت وفا میں سایہ دیوار دیکھنا
سچائی کتنی تلخ حقیقت ہے اسے نیاز
احباب اپنے بن گئے اغیار دیکھنا

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غلام مصطفیٰ انجم



غزل

دانش کے ساتھ درد کا تحفہ دیا گیا
جس کو بھی یہ دیا گیا یکجا دیا گیا
میرا قصور دہرا بنانے کے واسطے
پھر سے مرے کلام کو دہرا دیا گیا
پیہم مشقتوں کا شہر قبر تھا جہاں
زندہ کسی غریب کو دفن دیا گیا
جو ہاتھ حریت کا علم تھامنے اٹھا
ہے کربلا گواہ وہ کٹوا دیا گیا
سولی تھی ہوئی تھی کڑے انتظار کی
آنکھوں سے باندھ کر مجھے لٹکا دیا گیا
آشوب شہر لکھنے کی پاداش میں مجھے
انجم فصل شہر میں چنوا دیا گیا

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خواجہ ریاض الدین اعظمی

غزل

ہو رنج سہارا تو سہارا نہیں ہوتا
جب تک وہ ستم گر، ستم آرا نہیں ہوتا
کہنے کو تو تینکے کا سہارا بھی بہت ہے
لیکن یہ سہارا تو سہارا نہیں ہوتا
میں دور نکل جاتا تصور کی فضا میں
گھبرا کے اگر دل نے پکارا نہیں ہوتا
اک طائر آزاد تہہ دام نہ آتا
دانے کی کشش نے جو اُتارا نہیں ہوتا
چل وحشت دل چل کہ کسی موج سے کھلیں
طوفان کا ساحل سے نظارا نہیں ہوتا
دل میں جو تری یاد کی اک شمع ہے روشن
ایسا تو فلک پر کوئی تارا نہیں ہوتا
قسمت ہی عطش اب کوئی تدبیر بتائے
تقدیر کے ماروں کا گذارا نہیں ہوتا

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پروین شیر



غزل

ایک آندھی سی سر ساحل جاں آئی ہے
دل نے کیا ڈوب ہی جانے کی قسم کھائی ہے
عجب انداز سے گزری ہے غز ہستی میں
رہا ہے خود سے نہ اوروں سے شناسائی ہے
آخری وقت میں کیا جور و ستم کا رونا
اب تو شکوہ بھی مجھے باعث رسوائی ہے
زندگی تیری ادائیں نہ مجھے لے ڈوبیں
بس بھی کر اب تو مری جان پہ بن آئی ہے
اک عجب دور ہے یہ دور کہ جس میں ہر شخص
خود تماشا بھی ہے اور خود ہی تماشا ہے
جاؤ بے سود پریشان نہ ہو چارہ گرو
اب دواؤں سے طبیعت مری اکتائی ہے

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مختی امردہوی



غزل

جذبہ دل کی کمی آج کے انسان میں ہے
بات پہلی سی نہ ہندو نہ مسلمان میں ہے
کام ہے آپ کا آئیں کہ نہ آئیں لیکن
آپ کو یاد تو کرنا مرے امکان میں ہے
زخم جو ان سے ملے ہیں انہیں گہرا کر لوں
دیکھنا ہے کہ نمک کتنا نمکدان میں ہے
ڈر اگر ہے تو فقط عشق کی رسوائی کا
ورنہ قاتل جو مرا ہے مری پہچان میں ہے
جس کو اکثر وہ پڑھا کرتے ہیں سب سے چھپ کر
اک غزل ایسی بھی مختی میرے دیوان میں ہے

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آصف نشاط



غزل

اس کو ہر بات بتاتی رہی نادانی میں
یہ تو ہوتا ہے محبت کی فروانی میں
خود پہ آسان کیا ہجر تراء، مشکل تھا
ڈھونڈی پھر کوئی مشکل اسی آسانی میں
اتنی آسودگی در آئی کہاں سے مجھ میں
خود کو سوچا تو نہیں! تیری نگہبانی میں
اس نے کیوں چھوڑ دیا ہاتھ مرا وہ جانے
میں تھی مصروف بہت اپنی ہی من مانی میں
تیرے تپتے ہوئے الفاظ سے کھڑے مرے اشک
آگ کا عکس بہت دیر رہا پانی میں

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سید تقی حسن عابدی



غزل

کیسے یہ شب گزاروں ترے دروٹھنے کے بعد
کیونکر تجھے مناؤں ترے روٹھنے کے بعد
دل میں جواں امنگ کے شعلوں کا ہے الاؤ
کس کو غزل سناؤں ترے روٹھنے کے بعد
ساغر ترے لبوں کے ہیں ہر وقت سامنے
کیسے انہیں بھلاؤں ترے روٹھنے کے بعد
روٹھا ہوا ہے مجھ سے بھی میرا ملول دل
کیونکر اسے مناؤں ترے روٹھنے کے بعد
ہے شمع بھی تقی کے لئے اشکبار اب
کب تک جلوں جلاؤں ترے روٹھنے کے بعد

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مشترکہ غزل

ہو باہر تشنگی قابو سے، پیاسا ڈھونڈ لیتے ہیں
”جنوں عشق میں بیکے تو صحرا ڈھونڈ لیتے ہیں“
کوئی گریہ کنال ہو، اس کے آنسو پونچھ دیتے ہیں
”کسی کی مسکراہٹ میں سہارا ڈھونڈ لیتے ہیں“
کبھی خوشبو کو خواروں میں، چین کو لالہ زاروں میں
”یہ شاعر بھی خیالوں ہی میں کیا کیا ڈھونڈ لیتے ہیں“
تری نفرت، تری دنیا ہی تجھ سے چھین لیتی ہے
”مگر ہم تو تری چاہت میں دنیا ڈھونڈ لیتے ہیں“
مقدر ڈوبنا ہے، جن کا ہے پتوار پر تکیہ
”جو نکراتے ہیں طوفان سے کنار ڈھونڈ لیتے ہیں“
خود اپنے شہر میں رہتے ہیں ہم اک اجنبی بن کر
”مگر انجان شہروں میں شناسا ڈھونڈ لیتے ہیں“
عزیز امروز کی اس تیرگی کی سخت دہشت کے
”کسی کو نے میں ہم کل کا اُجالا ڈھونڈ لیتے ہیں“



مصرع حانی

عبد السلام



مصرع اولیٰ

عزیز بلگامی

On the lighter side....

Michelle: I hear you broke off your engagement to Rob. Why?

Irina: It's just that my feelings toward him weren't the same any more.

Michelle: Are you returning the ring?

Irina: No way! My feelings toward the ring haven't changed on

Weary of constantly picking clothes up from the floor of her son's room, a mother finally laid down the law. Each item of clothing she had to pick up would cost her son 25 cents.

By the end of the week, he owed her \$9.50. She received the money promptly, along with a 50 cent tip and a note that read, "Thanks, Mom, keep up the good work"

Ralph took a job with a construction to paint lines on Texas Road 82. The first day he painted ten miles. The boss was very impressed.

The second day he painted two miles. The boss was a little disappointed. The third day he only painted 500 feet.

The boss sat him down and said, "Ralph, how come you paint ten miles the first day, two miles the next day, but only 500 feet today?"

Ralph replied, "Well boss, each day I get farther and farther away from the paint can".

Father buys a lie detector that makes a loud beep whenever somebody tells a lie. The son comes home in the afternoon.

Father asks him, "So, you were at school today, right?"
Son: "Yeah."
Detector: "Beep."

Son: "OK, OK, I was at the movies."
Detector: "Beep."
Son: "Alright, I went for a beer with my friends."

Father: "What?! At your age, I wouldn't touch alcohol!"
Detector: "Beep."

Mother laughs: "Ha! He really is your son!"
Detector: "Beep."

A local laboratory employed a licensed boat captain to man its research vessel. Reportedly, the captain couldn't swim. A newcomer, learning of this, approached him about it.

"Is it true?" the newcomer asked incredulously. "You, a boat captain, can't swim?"



"No I can't," the captain replied. "Can pilots fly?"

Teddy came thundering down the stairs, much to his father's annoyance.

"Teddy," he called, "how many more times do I have I to tell you to come downstairs quietly? Now, go back upstairs and come down like a civilized human being"

There was a silence, and Teddy reappeared in the front room.

"That's better," said his father. "Now in the future you will always come downstairs like that."

"OK," said Teddy cheerily. "I slid down the railing!"

Your Honor," said the smartest lawyer in the world, "my client is not guilty. He merely inserted his arm into a window and stole some jewelry. His arm is not himself. I fail to see how you can punish the whole individual for an offense committed by one arm."

"I agree," nodded the judge. "I hereby sentence the defendant's arm to one year in prison. He may accompany the arm or

not."

"Thank you, Your Honor," said the defendant as he detached his artificial limb, laid it on the bench, and walked out

One evening a grandmother was babysitting her two granddaughters Anne and Betty. Presently, 8:00 PM rolled around.

"Okay, time for bed," she informed the two children who were playing in the den.

"Why?" Anne asked (aged 6). "It's so early!"

"Your father said your bedtime is 8:00," the grandmother said.

"You don't have to listen to him," the Betty (aged 4½) replied.

"Why not?" the grandmother asked.

Betty answered, "Because you're his mother!"

Me: I taught my dog to play chess.

Friend: He must be very smart?

Me: Not really, I beat him two games out of three



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