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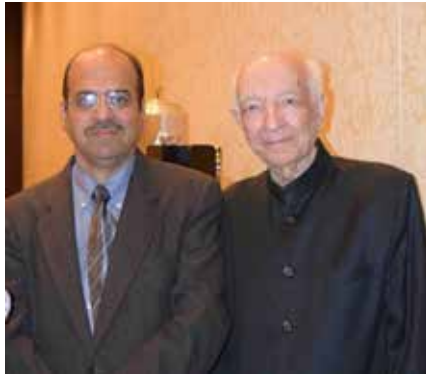
BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA



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Urdu World must now live without Hasan Chishti

It is with great sadness that we should now live with the reality of demise of Hasan Chishti. Mr Chishti was the owner of a great personality, living in Chicago for last few decades. His roots are from Hyderabad, Deccan and he was associated with famous Osmania University.



Among lots of friends of Hasan Chishti who came on social media to give tributes some of them are Minhaj Akhter, Iftekhar Shareef, Mumtaz Ali Akram, Shawkat Mohammed, Syed Khalil Ullah, Kabir Khan, Syed Ashfaq Hussain, AR Saleem, Taufiq Ansari, Ali Khan, Mustafa Hashmi, Mohammed Khaleequr Rahman, Shakeel Khan, Fareeduddin Sabiri, Syed Wasifullah Quadri, Arif Quraishi, Rahman Khan and the list goes on.

A long-time resident of Chicago, Mr. Hasan Chishti has carved a niche in the Hyderabad community for his commitment to literature, community service and help in uplifting human values. Amiable, soft spoken and always ready to help others. Mr. Chishti was an active poet, journalist and social worker. Glory of Hyderabad is proud to honor Mr. Hasan Chishti with this award which is a continuation of many recognitions and honors he has received during his distinguished career.

On the occasion of the 60th Independence Day celebration in 2007, a Chicago based association conferred the Community Leadership Award on him in recognition of his dedication to the principles of community service and inspiring community partnership among the Indian American community in Chicago.

Chishti's work in compiling and publishing four volumes of "Mujtaha Hussain ki Behtareen Tahreeren" was recognized in 2002 by the Delhi Urdu Academy which gave him an award consisting of cash, a shield, a certificate, and a shawl for Vol. 2 of these book. In 2003, Urdu Writers' Society of USA honored him with its Annual Literary Award in recognition of his commendable literary services, and in 2001 the American Urdu Writers Society awarded him the prestigious "Life-time Achievement Award" at an investiture ceremony in Los Angeles, California. He represented the USA in an International Mushaira held in New Delhi in 1988. He has been regularly contributing articles and news from Chicago for Siasat, a widely circulated daily newspaper published from Hyderabad, India. Before migrating to Chicago, while in Saudi Arabia, he founded "Bazm-e-Urdu" and "Hyderabad Association" and was president of both the organizations for six years.

Born in Hyderabad, India, he obtained a BA Degree from the Osmania University and served the university in various administrative capacities for about 26 years. In 1986, he migrated to Chicago and worked for a reputed real estate company Khan & Associates and also for Pentagon Industries for about five years before starting his own business in 1991.



A memorable Urdu World Conference in Chicago. Taseveer

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Losing weight, eating healthy, exercising and managing financials are typical resolutions people strive for in the new year. As 2020 nears its end, we reflect on the year and how we want to better ourselves next year. A Baylor College of Medicine expert explains how we should form our resolutions for the New Year, while staying away from superficial goals.

“I think 2021 resolutions should be different, but we should make them,” said Dr. Asim Shah, professor and executive vice chair in the Menninger Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. “Our goals need to be different from every other year.”

We often put pressure on ourselves when creating resolutions. Allow yourself to relieve stress from 2020 by not placing such high expectations on yourself for the new year. Goals such as reducing weight, going to the gym and saving money can be more stressful in our current environment with the pandemic, Shah said.

“Go easy on yourself and choose resolutions that are necessary, like simply staying positive and optimistic and caring for one another,” Shah said.

Focus on goals to improve yourself in the new year.

Instead of juggling five different resolutions, choose one goal that motivates you to be a better person, affect others and create positivity. Examples include:

- Care for others
- Stop gossiping or spreading misinformation
- Listen to science
- Stay positive

Whichever goal you choose, you must mentally prepare yourself from within.

- Be prepared to accept that goal for yourself
- Use self-reflection to help you achieve the goal
- Be specific about your intentions, and hold yourself accountable

“New year’s resolutions are a good thing because they give you a reflection of your past year. They give us a reminder of what we want to change,” Shah said.



A NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM M BASHEER AHMED M.D.



I hope we will have a better year following the challenging year of 2020 with pandemic.

We all belong to a single human family and it takes courage and honesty to realize the common bond of humanity in all people. It is a distorted belief that one is better than the other. In the eye of Allah, all humans are equal irrespective of color, ethnicity, county and family of origin or religion. Allah will judge every individual based on his/ her behavior. In order for life to be meaningful it should have a purpose and goal. The best goal of live is to serve humanity.

MAY ALLAH BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!



Eddie Garcia the next police chief in Dallas

Recently retired San Jose Police Chief Eddie Garcia has been named the new Dallas police chief. Garcia's hire is historic. City leaders and police all say he will need to hit the ground running to lower record violent crime rates.

Garcia, 50, had been a part of San Jose PD for 28 years before stepping down just days ago. He had spent the past five years as chief.

Garcia is also making history by being the first Latino Dallas Chief of Police.

"I never thought in my 28 years as a law enforcement officer in Dallas we would have our first Latino Chief," said George Aranda, president of the Dallas chapter of the National Latino Law Enforcement Organization.

Garcia was born in Puerto Rico and spoke about his move to California, where he learned English, during his interview with councilmembers. He also spoke about his ideas for crime reduction, saying a small number of locations are often the majority of calls. He said crime-fighting should be data-driven. He also discussed improving morale, a hot topic inside the Dallas Police Department.

"It doesn't matter who you are, what you look like, what language you speak, anything is possible," Garcia said. As the first woman to lead the Dallas Police Department, Chief Renee Hall announced her resignation earlier this year.

Hired in 2017, Hall came to Dallas from Detroit, Michigan. Her tenure in Dallas was rocky, beginning with the Botham Jean shooting and ending with criticism over her handling of protests and the rising violent crime rate in Dallas.

Multiple police associations were critical of Hall's

leadership and before her resignation, Dallas Mayor Eric Johnson criticized Hall for not having a concrete plan to reduce violent crime.

Aranda said he hoped for an internal hire, but he added that he and his fellow officers are happy with the historic selection of Garcia.

"He needs to communicate with the community, all communities," Aranda said. "We can't arrest ourselves out of crime. Talking to these community leaders, clergy, even the officers, and making sure everybody has a stake in this game. Supporting officers, making sure we do things right, not targeting people of color."

Rising crime rate is something Garcia will need to tackle head-on. There have been nearly 240 homicides in Dallas this year, up from the 209 last year.

"We need to hire more officers. That's a must," Aranda said. "But we need to come up with new innovative ways of putting more officers on the street. We can't go putting officers in these hot spots. That's overplayed and overdone and that really doesn't tackle the problem."

Councilmember Jennifer Staubach Gates is the chair of the Public Safety Committee.

"The public is really worried about our current crime rates, and they should be," she said. "We are taking it seriously in the city of Dallas. I think the experience Chief Garcia is going to bring to the job is going to be beneficial for our residents."

Before becoming chief, Garcia worked as a homicide investigator, commanded the community services division and special investigation unit. He made basic Spanish a course in the police academy.

Earlier this month, Garcia told KTVU-TV that there were some low points in his time as chief, including mistakes made during this summer's George Floyd protests.

The department received hundreds of excessive force complaints, and Chief Garcia had to apologize for his reaction to complaints that one of his officers had openly antagonized protestors. He also said the highlights of his time in leadership were diversifying staff and supporting the LGBTQ community.



During the search for a chief, a public survey showed a track record for reducing crime and transparent leadership were top priorities.

The public search for a chief came down to seven finalists. Garcia beat out three internal police applicants as well as two more finalists from DFW.

Garcia talked about being the top choice for the top job at the Dallas Police Department.

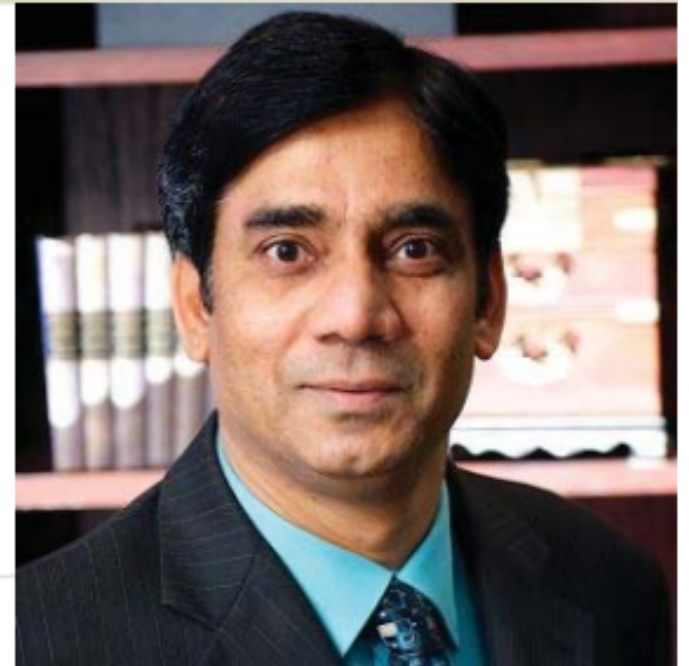
"From a philosophical perspective in these trying times we are in, in American law enforcement we need our leadership that's experienced and made mistakes, learned from mistakes to try and make other departments better," Garcia said. "We need to change the tactics but the goals will always be the same. I feel that is something I will personally take to Dallas on some of the issues we face and some things we can do better in."

Garcia will start as the Dallas police chief on Feb. 3.

Mayor Johnson says Garcia needs to immediately develop plans to fight violent crime.

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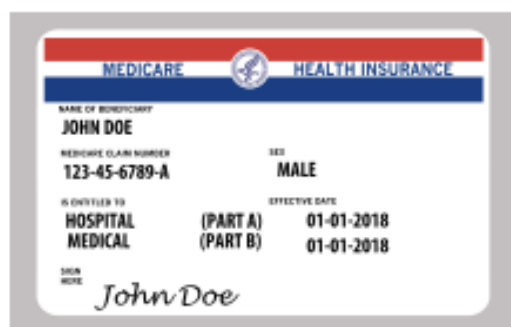
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A small get together by Dr. Syed N Masood with friends @ Success International Schools, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
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Mumtaz Ali Akram pays tribute to KHAN Ather



We all are very shocked beyond my words to share the tragic news of the sudden demise of Janab KHAN ATHER legend of Hyderabad, very great loss to all of us, my well wisher who was more than a family May Allah swt grant him the highest place in Jannat Ul Firdaus and give patience and the strength to the members of the bereaved family to withstand this irreplaceable loss. Inna lilla hi wa inna ilaihi rajooan



Bazm-e-Ittehad Jeddah (BIJ) celebrated AIMIM's GHMC Election Victory with Jalsa-e-Izhaar-Tashakkur in Jeddah KSA



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A MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR HE AUSAF SAYEED

"There is Hope after despair and many Suns after darkness"
 ~ Jalaluddin Rumi

The Year 2020 has been a challenging one. With hope, prayer, and faith seeing us through these difficult months. As the New Year dawns, we wish it brings happy tidings for all. It's time to count our blessings and pray that the new Dawn shines its light on all. With this wish, we say, Season's Greetings & Happy New Year!!



Idris Ahmed Faridi passes away from heart attack may Allah SWT grant him highest place in Jannah.



Abdul Rahman M Baig was felicitated by Toastmasters Immediate Past District 104 Director DTM Abdullah Filimban, at the SATAC 2020 AWARDS ceremony...for his exceptional contribution to Toastmasters..

IFTEKHAR SHAREEF PAGE



Left Pic:

Nice to be back in Hyderabad full of wedding Sean . Last night ran into Honourable Home Minister of TS Janab Mehmood Ali sahab at a wedding reception of Mr Ubeed UR Rehman S/o Mohd Abdul KAREEM sahab of Siddipet . Also seen is Mohammed Masi Khan Hajj Committe chairman , Mufti Nadeem sahab of Kareem Nager , Famous comedy king of Hyd Akbar Bin Tabar and many more noted personalities., Syed Raheemuddin latter joined by Syed Noor and Ilyas Shamshi

Below Pic:

With comedian KB Jani



With Telangana State Home Minister Mahmood Ali, Former Cricket and MP Azharuddin and others





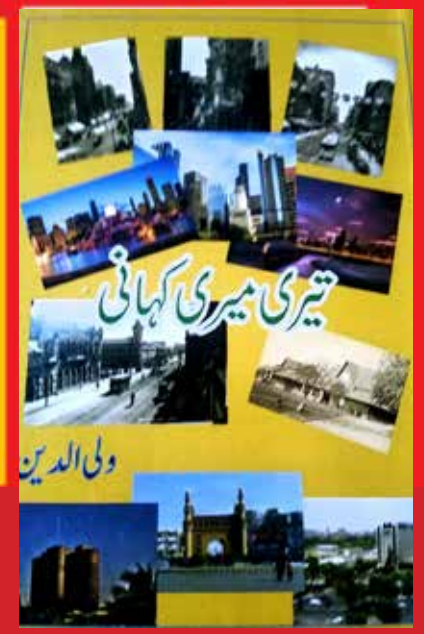
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Kader Sakkaria is a Strong Contender for the IPSD District 204 School Board

Kader Sakkaria is running for the IPSD District 204 School Board, scheduled to be held on April 6th, 2021. He is a distinguished resident of Naperville for over 25 years. He is the husband of a substitute teacher in District 204 and has three kids, one who is currently a freshman in WVHS. He is widely known for his passion towards growth and development in the education system. He also has practical corporate and higher education experience, which he will leverage to create a vision for our children's bright futures.

Kader Sakkaria said that the fast-changing career opportunities, educational landscape, emerging technologies, Covid-19 pandemic impact on mental health, and attention to special needs require fresh perspectives. Through the use of innovative intervention strategies, he ensures that school education continues to be in accordance with the demands

of the contemporary challenges. The priorities of Kader Sakkaria, therefore, include helping the District 204 School Board to adapt, grow, and thrive in the domain of education.

As Kader Sakkaria stated with a sense of conviction, "Ensuring a safe and bullying-free environment for students, addressing class size and class crowding, promoting smart funding and zoning decisions, helping District 204 build technology infrastructure for high-quality learning, both in the classroom and online, collaborating with multiple organizations for Covid-19 vaccination and student/teacher health and safety, and empowering students with the tools for success in the rapidly changing scenario would be the steps in the right direction."

Kader Sakkaria serves as the Chief Digital and Technology Officer at



RNL, which helps Universities encourage more students to enroll. Prior to joining RNL, he held senior positions in several renowned organizations

during the last over two-and-a-half decades.

Pakistani-Descent Physicians Society gave a Huge Donation to the Local Church to support indigent and destitute children.

Report Syed Khalil Ullah.

The Parroquia Luterana Sagrado Corazon Church received a Donation to support indigent children from Pakistani Decent Physician Society.

Friday December 11, 2020, PPS with collaboration of APPNA provided funds for a project to support indigent children of Waukegan, Illinois. It was initiated by PPS and funds matched by APPNA.

Pakistan Physicians Society affectionately known as PPS was founded by Dr. Nasir Rana in 1979. The Pakistan Physicians Society (PPS) is a part and local chapter of the Association of Pakistani Physicians of North America (APPNA). APPNA is one of the largest ethnic medical societies in North America. PPS is a totally non-profit organization and is working toward the promotion of social, cultural, educational and humanitarian goals.

Pakistani Physician Society has been actively working during the pandemic to make a difference and add value to the lives of many. This time PPS raised funds and collaborated with APPNA to help Parroquia Luterana Sagrado Corazon Church located at 658- Grand Ave., Waukegan IL 60085. PPS donated a check in the amount of \$4000. The funds will be used to provide assistance to kids in the indigent and destitute population in the city of Waukegan.

Dr. Amin Nadeem (PPS president), Dr. Samina Hijab (President-Elect) & Mrs. Farah Nadeem visited Waukegan City Hall to deliver a check to the Pastor of the church. Also present on occasion were Mayor

of



Waukegan, Mr. Sam Cunningham and Deputy Mayor Mrs. Susana Figueroa. The Pastor and Waukegan mayor appreciated PPS efforts to assist the indigent population during these difficult times and indicated their willingness to work with PPS in future as well.

PPS appreciates APPNA leadership specially Dr Aisha Zafar chair of APPNA SWDRC & Dr Sajid Chaudhary Chair APPNA COVID-19 task force for their continuous support to PPS during year 2020.

During an interview with Sam Cunningham, Mayor of Waukegan, "The Parroquia Luterana Sagrado Corazon Church will have a Christmas gift card giveaway for its congregational children and families in need. The children need our support from our community. These Children are Currently facing immense challenges during Pandemic."



At the end of the event Dr. Amin Nadeem thanked all attendees and the PPS team for help and support, especially Dr. Sajid Mehmood and Dr. Samina Hijab who helped to arrange the event.

Hindi Club of Illinois hosts Online Anterrashtriya Kavi Sammelan

During this pandemic year Hindi Club of Illinois (HCI) has hosted many online events. But the one we hosted on Saturday, December 19 was rather special. Promoted as Anterrashtriya Kavi Sammelan it turned out to be a great and stimulating gathering of Hindi talents from across various parts of our world. Noted Hindi writers and poets from India, Australia, Canada and the USA shared their high quality poetic recitals during a two hour event. The event was carried live on Facebook and was followed live by thousands of enthusiastic fans over many countries.

The event opened with HCI Secretary, Vijay Chopra introducing HCI Founder and President Gurbachan Kaur Neelam who shared some background about the Club and welcomed the participants. Program started with a traditional Saraswati Vandana recital by Dr. Nisha Pandya who also skillfully emceed the event.

Chief Guest Keshav Rai, President, Vishaw Hindi Academy, Mumbai applauded HCI for its pioneering efforts in promoting Hindi overseas. Through his poem he encouraged all Indian diaspora to keep this flame of language and culture burning bright. Chanchala Priyadarshini of Boston shared her thoughtful and touching poem on motherhood. Monica Sharma of Faridabad, India recitals included feelings of staying away abroad. Dr. Farooque Rehman of Mumbai showcased some moving poetry about down to earth topics. Ambica Sharma from Montreal shared her sentiments about middle age women not giving up.

Special Guest Girlish Vidrohi, Rashtriya Kavi, a song writer and highly regarded and decorated writer kept the audience spell bound with his unique style and recitals. Canadian poetess Pramilla Bhargava shared her views



about struggles in learning Hindi in a foreign country. Talented couple Bhavana Kunwar and Prageet Kunwar from Sydney, Australia shared their ghazal recitals. The event rounded off with an impressive poem on various aspects of life by HCI Secretary, Vijay Chopra. In closing this wonderful event he thanked the vital technical support of Puneet Chhibber, expert compering by Nisha Pandya and our supporters Sunil Shah, Ashok Lachlan of PMI mortgage, SBI, Regal Jewels, Ganesh Temple, Radio Panipuri.

HCI will host its next virtual event on World Hindi Divas, January 10, 2021 at 10:30 am Central. Please watch our home page www.hindiclub.org or our Facebook page / HindiClubIL for details.

Reported by Vijay Chopra

Mumbai: After a lot of speculations, actor Ranbir Kapoor opened up about his marriage with Alia Bhatt for the first time. Confirming his relationship, Ranbir said that he is hoping to get married soon to girlfriend Alia Bhatt. The actor revealed that if there had not been a pandemic situation, the two would have got married already. In a very recent interview with journalist Rajeev Masand, Ranbir Kapoor spoke about his personal and professional life. When asked about his future personal goal, the Brahmastra actor said, "Well, I think it (the wedding) would have already been sealed had the pandemic not hit our lives. But I don't want to jinx it by saying anything. I am going to tick mark that goal very soon in my life."



Speaking about how he had spent the lockdown with Alia Bhatt, Ranbir Kapoor said, "You know my girlfriend Alia (Bhatt) is an overachiever. She probably took every online class there from guitar to screenwriting. And I always feel like an under-achiever next to her."

"But no, I didn't take any classes. Initially, we were dealing with the family crisis, and then I got into reading, spent time with my family, and I watch two-three films every day," he added.

Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor will be seen together for the first time on screen in Ayan Mukerji's Brahmastra. However, this is not their first profes-



sional project together. If things had gone differently, the couple were supposed to share the screen for Sanjay Leela Bhansali's Balika Badhu around 15 years ago, a film which was never realised.

READ: Honoured to present Warren Buffett with 2020 Global Citizen Prize: Priyanka Ranbir Kapoor and Alia reportedly began dating sometime at the end of 2017, when they signed Brahmastra together. Since then many rumours were doing rounds about their relationship. But they let the cat out of the bag by making a grand entry at Sonam Kapoor's wedding reception.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Ranbir Kapoor has the Yash Raj film Shamshera and Ayan Mukerji's Brahmastra in his pipeline. On the other hand, Alia Bhatt has SS Rajamouli's magnum opus, RRR and Sanjay Leela Bhansali's much-awaited film, Gangubai Kathiawadi apart from Brahmastra.

“Happy Birthday Roshan and wish you all the best for the New Year. The whole world celebrate your birthday being on Jan 1st.....” Wali



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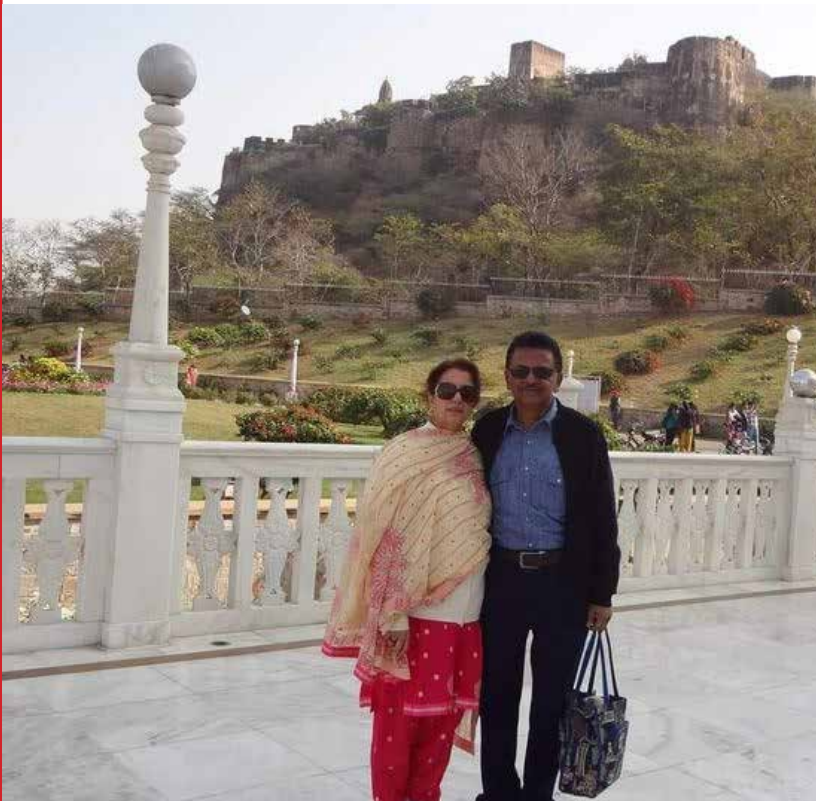
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**HAPPY NEWYEAR to all friends and relatives
from
A. Waliuddin and Roshan Waliuddin**



NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

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To
All my beloved family, friends and all
humanity ,
Salam ,Shalom ,Shanti ,Pax,
Sat sriAkal , Namastae , Hi , Ola ,

Year 2020 was a rather a tumultuous, traumatic and testing
year of historic importance. As challenging as this year was
,it also brought the whole humanity together as one family
due to the challenge of
Covid - 19 irrespective of the cast ,color, Creed, ethnicity ,
language ,nationality or religion .

This pandemic has taught us a great lesson that in the final
analysis, all humanity and human soul is one .(Epluribus
unum. ,that is we are although
seemingly different and many but really come from one .)
Now 2020 is behind us and we are looking
forward to 2021 with a positive outlook and hope . On this
Occasion we acknowledge with gratitude services of

doctors,healthcare providers ,
scientists etc. who brought the
vaccine
so quickly .

May this new year bring
humanity more closer than ever
before.

May polarization and hatred be
replaced with enlightenment and
understanding.

May we all share the blessings
of love , peace, and joy ,

Wishing you all a very happy , joyous and
healthy new year ,

with tons of love and prayers to each of you ,
sincerely and truly yours ,

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Renowned Urdu poet, critic and theorist Shamsur Rahman

Faruqi passed away on 25 December in Allahabad. His daughter Mehr Farooqi tweeted about her father's demise: "We reached Allahabad and father transitioned peacefully," she wrote.

Born in the interiors of Azamgarh in Uttar Pradesh on 30 September, 1935, Faruqi earned his Masters in English Literature from Allahabad University in 1955 and began writing in the early 1960s. A retired officer of the Indian Postal Service, Faruqi commands immense reverence and acclaim equally among the connoisseurs of Urdu and English poetry and prose in India. For his contributions in the field of Urdu literature, Faruqi was conferred with the Saraswati Samman in 1996 for his work Sher-e Shor Angez, a four-volume treatise on the 18th-century Urdu poet Mir Taqi Mir. In 2009, the Government of India conferred upon him the Padma Shri.

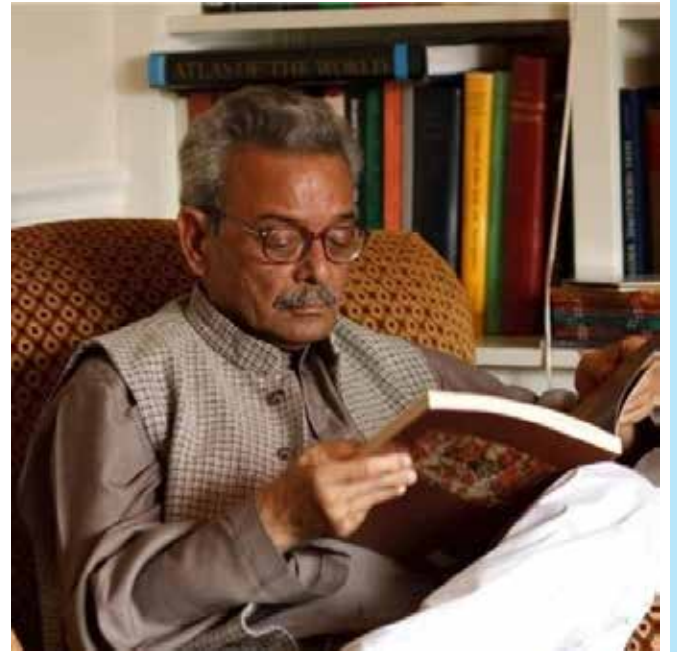
Faruqi's 2013 novel The Mirror of Beauty, based on the life and times of Wazir Khanam, the mother of the famed Urdu poet Daag Dehalvi, set mostly in 19th-century Delhi, was also shortlisted for the prestigious DSC Prize for Literature. It was a translation of his 2006 Urdu novel titled Ka'i Chand The Sar-e Asman. In his 2014 book The Sun That Rose from the Earth, Faruqi shed light on the thriving Urdu literary culture of the 18th and 19th century in the North Indian cities of Delhi and Lucknow that remained vigorous and resilient even in the face of glaring defeat in 1857 at the hands of 'Company Bahadur'.

Emphasising on the need to use language as a thread to bind people and ensure that languages do not become extinct, the literary critic, in an interview with

the Press Trust of India in 2013, had said: "It is difficult to speak about the connections that languages forge as we have made our names and languages as a tool to create disconnect. I am from the interiors of Azamgarh in Uttar Pradesh and it is one of my greatest disappointments that a language like Bhojpuri associated with my place is never considered a full-fledged language."

He also expressed concerns about how language as a medium of expression has been reduced to a tool of identity. "Nobody owns a language, but we still fight over languages in our society. Many native writers don't want their work to be translated by anybody else other than themselves. It is sad that language has become a tool of ownership and hegemony; not the thread that binds people together," said Faruqi.

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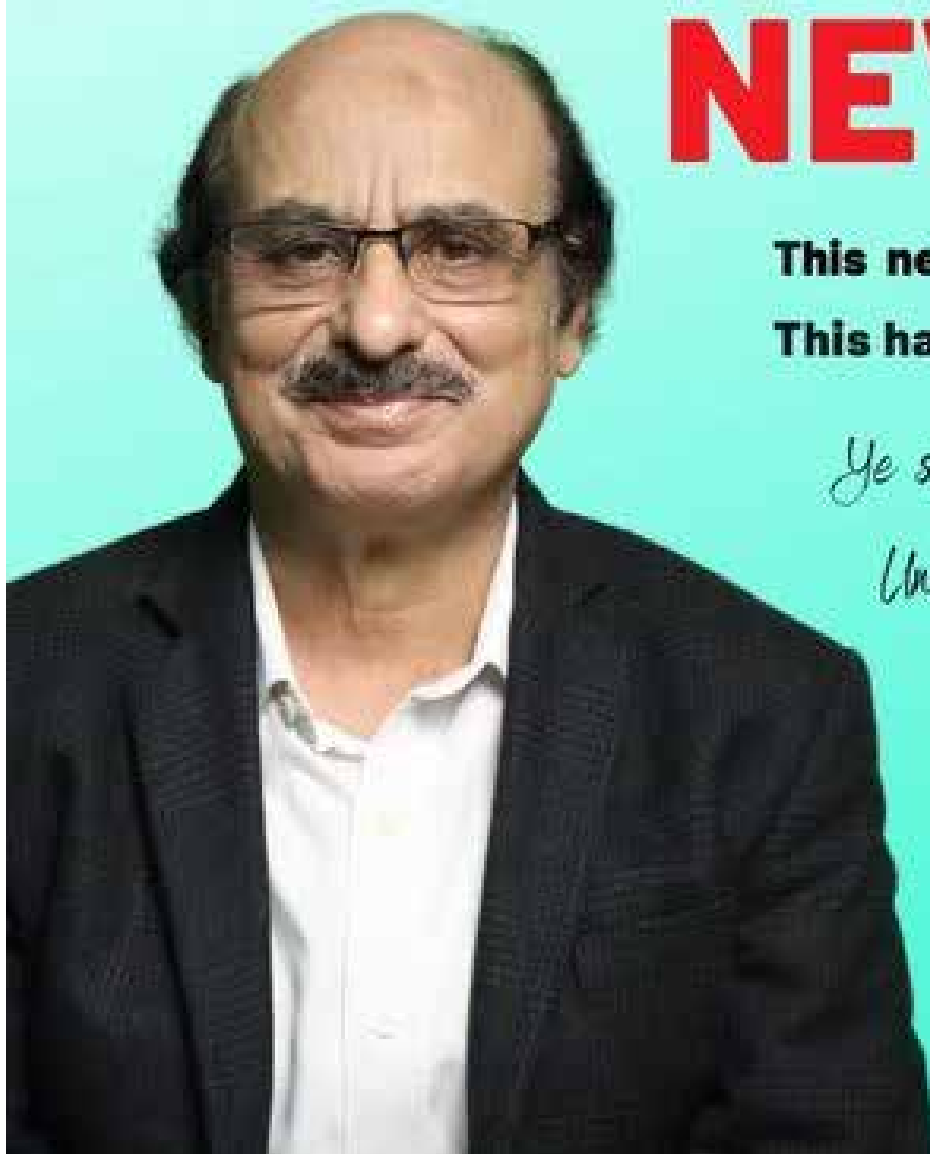
**This new year is different from other new years
This has brought more hopes and more unique**

*Ye saal e no naye saalon se kuch alag sa hai
Umeeden is se ziyada hain aur anskhi bhi*

Dr Javed Jamil

Chair, Islamic Studies and
Research

Yenapoya (deemed to be) University



Farmers will bring down BJP govt: Akhilesh Yadav



Lucknow: Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav on Tuesday said the protesting farmers will bring down the BJP government at the Centre and predicted his own party's victory in the next Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections.

Farmers will bring the arrogant BJP government down to the street, he said.

Yadav attacked the government in tweets and at a press conference after Urdu poet Munnawar Rana's daughter Somaiyya Rana, Bahujan Samaj Party's Masood Alam and former MLA Ramesh Gautam joined his party.

Doors open for smaller parties

He repeated that the SP is keeping its doors open for smaller parties and will take everyone along. He also referred to West Bengal and accused the BJP of trying to break leaders away from other parties.

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"The BJP government has crossed all limits of injustice and atrocities. Whoever raises their voice, the government muzzles it. Democracy will be safe only when this government goes, the SP chief said.

Akhilesh reiterated the SP's support to the farmers protesting at Delhi's borders against the Centre's agri-marketing laws. "The three farm laws are a death warrant for farmers, he said.

He accused the central government of putting off a planned round of talks while farmers camped out in bitter cold.

The BJP is constantly disrespecting farmers. Farmers will bring the arrogant BJP government down to the street, he tweeted in Hindi.

False cases

He said false cases are being registered against SP leaders who hold farmers' chaupals on the new laws. People are being termed terrorists for writing or speaking the truth, he alleged.

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He claimed there has never been so much corruption under any other government, and accused it of harming the economy. Yadav cited the coronavirus lockdown and demonetisation as examples.

He claimed that over 90 workers died while walking to their homes from the cities during the lockdown, but the government did not help anyone.

The SP president accused the BJP of poaching leaders from other parties and instigating fights among them.

It is doing the same thing in West Bengal. It did the same in Uttar Pradesh before the assembly elections, he said.



A delegation of Indian National Congress comprising Shri Rahul Gandhi, Shri Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury and Ghulam Nabi Azad called on Hon'ble President at Rashtrapati Bhavan & submitted a memorandum containing 2 crore signatures seeking his intervention in farm laws issue.

The Kerala Legislative Assembly unanimously passed a resolution seeking the withdrawal of all the three contentious agricultural laws enacted hurriedly by parliament in September. "At a time when the agricultural sector is facing a major crisis, the Central government has introduced and passed three new laws in Parliament that will have a major impact on the agricultural sector," said Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan. Meanwhile, Central ministers and farmer leaders have reached a consensus on stubble burning and safeguarding power subsidies during talks on Wednesday, a farmer leader said. "Issues related to stubble burning and electricity were sorted in today's meeting. Two of our main issues still need to be resolved. We will discuss topics related to MSP and repealing of three Farm laws in the next meeting on January 4," Rakesh Tikait, Spokesperson, Bhartiya Kisan Union (BKU), told media.

Farmers who attended the meet said the government has indicated that it would not repeal the laws, citing the long process required. The 41 farmers' groups attending the meet said they will respond after discussions.



Trees are out of equilibrium with climate

A research team studied the current ranges of hundreds of North American trees and shrubs to assess the degree to which species are growing in all of the places that are climatically suitable. Researchers found evidence of widespread 'underfilling' of these potential climatic habitats -- only 50% on average -- which could mean that trees already have disadvantage as the world continues to warm.

Forecasts predicting where plants and animals will inhabit over time rely primarily on information about their current climate associations, but that only plays a partial role.

Under climate change, there's a growing interest in assessing whether trees and other species can keep pace with changing temperatures and rainfall, shifting where they are found, also known as their ranges, to track their suitable climates. To test this, a University of Maine-led research team studied the current ranges of hundreds of North American trees and shrubs, assessing the degree to which species are growing in all of the places that are climatically suitable. Researchers found evidence of widespread "underfilling" of these potential climatic habitats -- only 50% on average -- which could mean that trees already have disadvantage as the world continues to warm.

Benjamin Seliger, a then UMaine Ph.D. student with the Climate Change Institute, spearheaded the study with his doctoral adviser, Jacquelyn Gill, a UMaine associate professor of paleoecology and plant ecology. Brain McGill, a UMaine professor of biological sciences, and Jens-Christian Svenning, a macroecologist and biogeographer from Aarhus University in Denmark also contributed.

The team used species distribution models to assess the degree to which 447 North

American trees' and shrubs' "fill" their potential climatic ranges by comparing regions that are climatically suitable, known as potential ranges, against where trees are actually found, or their realized ranges.

The Journal of Biogeography published the team's research paper for the study.

Seliger, now a postdoctoral researcher at the Center of Geospatial Analytics at North Carolina State University, and co-authors discovered a significant difference between where the trees they studied could grow, and where they actually grow, also known as range filling. The average range filling value across all 447 species equalled 48.6%, indicating that on average, trees are not found in about half of the areas that are climatically suitable for them, according to researchers.

"We found tree ranges are more limited by non-climatic factors than expected, suggesting trees may not simply track warming climates," Seliger says.

Species distribution models (SDMs) are a common tool to predict how climate change will affect biodiversity and the future ranges of plants and animals. Various studies, including the one from the UMaine-led group, however, caution that because this tool assumes that species live in all areas that are climatically suitable, known as experiencing climatic equilibrium, it may not provide an accurate prediction of where species will be found in the future.

An SDM relies on what has been considered a foundational principle, "that geographic ranges generally appear to be in equilibrium with contemporary climate," according to researchers. Growing evidence suggests otherwise for many species, which experience climatic disequilibrium.



Seliger and his team found that North American trees and shrubs with large ranges tended to show much stronger evidence of climatic equilibrium, meaning they had high range filling. Small-ranged species, however, had much lower range filling overall, performing worse than predicted by a null model. According to researchers, that means small-ranged tree species, including many rare trees and species the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) lists as vulnerable, will face additional challenges as they try to track their climates into the future.

The group also found that small-range species may be more limited by nonclimatic influences, such as soils or pathogens. Conservation efforts for these plants and animals, therefore, should "account for a complex interplay of factors in addition to climate when preparing for the next century of global change," according to researchers.

Their findings support a growing body of evidence that for a climatic disequilibrium

among various flora. As to what causes the disequilibrium could be due to two factors, according to researchers: dispersal lags that date back to the time when glaciers covered large portions of North American 21,000 years ago, or by non-climatic factors that may influence ranges more than previously appreciated, such as soil, competition with other plants, or symbiosis.

"It's been thought that if you zoom out to the scale of North America, climate was the most important factor in determining where species would be found. This study reveals some striking gaps in our knowledge; even at the scale of an entire continent, soils or other plants and animals may be playing an important role too. We used to think those were more important at the more local scale -- think of how the trees might change across two areas of your favorite park," Gill says. "All of this means that when it comes to plants, our predictive tools need to get a lot more sophisticated, if they're going to be useful for conservation."

Rahul Gandhi urges people to support protesting farmers

New Delhi [India], December 24 (ANI): Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Thursday called the farmer protests a 'Satyagraha' and urged the people to support the farmers agitating against the three farm laws passed by the Central government.

Citing a media report alleging the new laws used to dupe farmers, Rahul Gandhi tweeted, and "Farmers in India are agitating against anti-agricultural laws to avoid such a tragedy. In this Satyagraha, we all have to support the annadata of the country."

The Congress leader is scheduled to lead Congress MPs' protest march today from Vijay Chowk to Rashtrapati Bhavan to submit a memorandum containing 2 crore signatures to Presi-

dent Ram Nath Kovind seeking his intervention over farmers' protest.

Ahead of the march, he along with sister Priyanka Gandhi Vadra arrived at party headquarters at 24, Akbar Road, New Delhi earlier today and met senior party leaders and MPs there.

Farmers are protesting at the borders of Delhi since November 26 against the Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020; the Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020; and the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020. (ANI) Yahoo News



Solar System, Galaxy, Universe: What's the Difference?

Many people are not clear about the difference between our Solar System, our Milky Way Galaxy, and the Universe.

Let's look at the basics.

Our Solar System consists of our star, the Sun, and its orbiting planets (including Earth), along with numerous moons, asteroids, comet material, rocks, and dust. Our Sun is just one star among the hundreds of billions of stars in our Milky Way Galaxy. If we shrink the Sun down to smaller than a grain of sand, we can imagine our Solar System to be small enough to fit onto the palm of your hand. Pluto would orbit about an inch from the middle of your palm.

Artist diagram of Milky Way galaxy On that scale with our Solar System in your hand, the Milky Way Galaxy, with its 200 – 400 billion stars, would span North America (see the illustration on the right). Galaxies come in many sizes. The Milky Way is big, but some galaxies, like our Andromeda Galaxy neighbor, are much larger.

The universe is all of the galaxies – billions of them! NASA's telescopes allow us to study galaxies beyond our own in exquisite detail, and to explore the most distant reaches of the observable universe. The Hubble Space Telescope made one of the deepest images of the universe, called the Hubble Extreme Deep Field (image at the top of this article). A galaxy is a gravitationally bound system of stars, stellar remnants, interstellar gas, dust, and dark matter. The word galaxy is derived from the Greek galaxias (γαλαξίας), literally "milky", a reference to the Milky Way. Galaxies range in size from dwarfs with just a few hundred million (10⁸) stars to giants with one hundred trillion (10¹⁴) stars each orbiting its galaxy's center of mass.

Milky Way's central black hole, known as Sagittarius A*, has a mass four million times greater than the Sun. As of March 2016, GN-z11 is the oldest and most distant observed galaxy with a comoving distance of 32 billion light-years from Earth, and observed as it existed just 400 million years after the Big Bang.

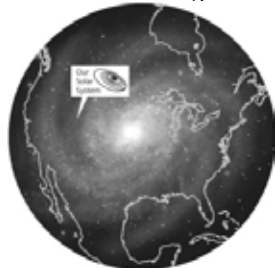
Research released in 2016 revised the number of galaxies in the observable universe from a previous estimate of 200 billion (2 × 10¹¹) to a suggested two trillion (2 × 10¹²) or more and, overall, as many as an estimated 1 × 10²⁴ stars (more stars than all the grains of sand on planet Earth). Most of the galaxies are 1,000 to 100,000 parsecs in diameter (approximately 3,000 to 300,000 light years) and separated by distances on the order of millions of parsecs (or megaparsecs). For comparison, the Milky Way has a diameter of at least 30,000 parsecs (100,000 ly) and is separated from the Andromeda Galaxy, its nearest large neighbor, by 780,000 parsecs (2.5 million ly).

The space between galaxies is filled with a tenuous gas (the intergalactic medium)

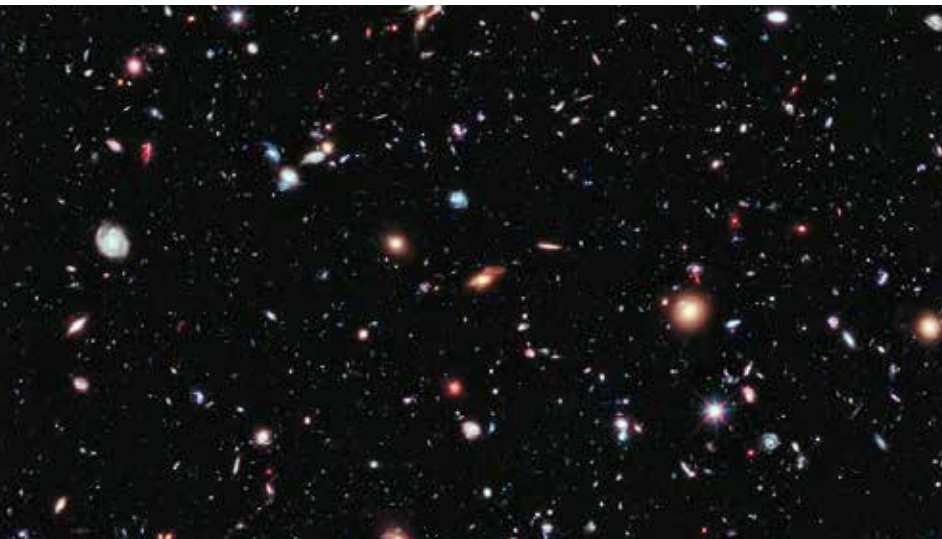
top of this article). Soon the James Webb Space Telescope will be exploring galaxies forming at the very beginning of the universe.

You are one of the billions of people on our Earth. Our Earth orbits the Sun in our Solar System. Our Sun is one star among the billions in the Milky Way Galaxy. Our Milky Way Galaxy is one among the billions of galaxies in our Universe. You are unique in the Universe!

You can observe objects in our solar system and even see other galaxies at a star party near you—and rest assured that everything you are seeing is a part of the same universe as you! Find out more by using our club and event finder and connect with your local astronomy club. We invite you to join the NASA Night Sky Network astronomy outreach community on Facebook and Twitter for the latest updates on astronomy events, outreach opportunities, and astronomy activities. Pictures of your astronomy outreach and other behind the scenes photos are featured on our Instagram feed.



having an average density of less than one atom per cubic meter. The majority of galaxies are gravitationally organized into groups, clusters, and superclusters. The Milky Way is part of the Local Group, which is dominated by it and the Andromeda Galaxy and is part of the Virgo Supercluster. At the largest scale, these associations are generally arranged into sheets and filaments surrounded by immense voids. Both the Local Group and the Virgo Supercluster are contained in a much larger cosmic structure named Laniakea. **tymology** The word galaxy was borrowed via French



In the astronomical literature, the capitalized word "Galaxy" is often used to refer to our galaxy, the Milky Way, to distinguish it from the other galaxies in our universe. The English term Milky Way can be traced back to a story by Chaucer c. 1380:

"See yonder, lo, the Galaxyë
Which men clepeth the Milky Wey,
For hit is whyt."

— Geoffrey Chaucer, *The House of Fame* Galaxies were initially discovered telescopically and were known as spiral nebulae. Most 18th to 19th century astronomers considered them as either unresolved star clusters or anagalactic nebulae, and were just thought as a part of the Milky Way, but their true composition and natures remained a mystery. Observations using larger telescopes of a few nearby bright galaxies, like the Andromeda Galaxy, began resolving them into huge conglomerations of stars, but based simply on the apparent faintness and sheer population of stars, the true distances of these objects placed them well beyond the Milky Way. For this reason they were popularly called island universes, but this term quickly fell into disuse, as the word universe implied the entirety of existence. Instead, they became known simply as galaxies

and Medieval Latin from the Greek term for the Milky Way, galaxías (κύκλος) γαλαξίας (κύκλος) 'milky (circle)', named after its appearance as a milky band of light in the sky. In Greek mythology, Zeus places his son born by a mortal woman, the infant Heracles, on Hera's breast while she is asleep so the baby will drink her divine milk and thus become immortal. Hera wakes up while breastfeeding and then realizes she is nursing an unknown baby: she pushes the baby away, some of her milk spills, and it produces the band of light known as the Milky Way.



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January 2021 Monthly Horoscope

Aries (March 20th – April 19th)

Challenging aspects surround you this month concerning your personal goals and your loved one. Frustration could be part of the picture and a reorientation could be called for. News concerning this could very well be propitious to a complete understanding of the minds, as you could be blowing things out of proportion. Learning experience could come to you through mate or partner concerning future endeavors though a friend might be too close to this picture. Any obstacle could be worked out, providing you follow a middle of the road path to understanding.



You seem to be on a favorable light for an increase in your personal income do to a raise or promotion, hard work will be recognized. Mate or partner could bring you some unnecessary worries on this matter and you could give your partner some reorientation in a friendly way but some readjustment will be necessary. Lack of higher education might present a small roadblock in your way but life experiences could take precedent. Lessons will be necessary in order to adjust your home life with personal opportunities to increase your shared income.



Home affairs seem to be on the forefront this month, friends could bring some disruption that could create agitation in your part. A friendly adjustment should take place as this could bring disagreements with mate or partner, but open communication should bring harmony between every party involved. An opportunity for a good source of speculation could be presented to you and the desire for quick action could be present. Reorientation on this area could be advisable before jumping into anything — mate or partner will not see eye to eye with you on this matter.



judged by your peers according to what you decide to project, and deception an illusion could be present. An unexpected pleasant development could surprise you. Adjustments in your line of work could be necessary in order to increase your earnings potential, and you will be putting your best foot forward to do so. Emotional desire to get certain things resolved at home will manifest itself; cooperation and understanding should be of the most important to avoid unnecessary friction.



Taurus (April 19th – May 20th)

Good news concerning your joint resources and investments could be reaching you in spite of some frustration and preoccupation in your part. A lesson could be learned from this in a very subdued and subtle way. Someone will give you reassurance in connection to your inner feelings of insecurity and holding back in this matter. Your higher ideals could be on the forefront this month, bringing some conflicts. You will have to find within yourself some flexibility, which is very hard for you to do, and be alert to a very important learning experience connected to your work area. Keep lines of communication wide open.



Leo (July 22nd – August 22nd)

Entertainment and desire to take a trip to a faraway place seems to be very much in your thoughts, though working conditions seem to be causing you doubts about this desire's ability to become reality. A lesson very well learned should teach you that there is a proper time for everything and responsibilities must be addressed as first come first done. Communication with partner or mate could become very animated, but try to refrain from saying too much at the wrong time. Ambivalent feelings concerning work performance could be forming in you and misunderstanding could play a role; negotiation should clear the air.



Scorpio (October 23rd – November 22nd)

News concerning your goals could be reaching you this month and preoccupation about this could set in as negotiations at work would be necessary. Harmonious circumstances connected to a money matter appear to be present. Try not to look at the situation with rose color glasses as you could be led down the wrong path. Your experience and hard work will be a direct cause of news that could mean a good money source offer to you, but do not hurry .



Aquarius (January 19th – February 18th)

Your privacy seems to be very important to you at the beginning of the month. An unclear situation seems to be baffling you as things appear to be forever changing. These changes could become very favorable to you. Cooperation while communicating with siblings or close relatives should be taken into consideration and an agreement related to speculation with joint resources could be reached. Around the middle of the January, tension and uncertainty connected to your mate or partner could be a reason to give you worries, but harmonious circumstances will be surrounding you.

Gemini (May 29th – June 21st)

Your shared sources of income are very much in the spotlight this month, and you could be voicing your worries in reference to your future in this area. If you listen, a mate or partner could have some interesting input on this matter that could make things very easy. An old friend could be a part of this picture and will be bringing some good news in this situation.. Keeping an open mind should be extremely helpful. Reorientation concerning speculation could help you a great deal in your area of personal income also.



Virgo (August 22nd – September 22nd)

The spotlight this January is on your area of speculation, inner preoccupation concerning this area could be annoying to you, reorientation should be very important as there could be hidden angles that are hard to understand concerning joint financial doings. Negotiation should take place. Open communication at your home base should be very helpful as harmony is present in this area. A wonderful opportunity for personal financial gain could be at your doorstep and learning will be of great importance in this matter.



Sagittarius (November 22nd – December 21st)

A short trip to a far away place for entertainment purposes could be on the agenda for you this month of January 2021. This could cause some worries on your wallet as desire to travel is greater than your ability to allocate the funds to do so right now, but you will find a way to make adjustments and have your cake and eat it too. The New Year 2021 could be ushering unexpected news concerning mate or partner. The nature of this news could bring difficulties on your budget so adjustments will be also necessary.



Pisces (February 18th – March 20th)

A desire for some expensive entertainment will be felt, but a reorientation of any plans will be necessary. Friends are giving you a false impression in this area as the illusion seems to be present, and rapidly changing plans could surface. A realistic approach in the matter of personal and shared resources should be taken and be negotiated to everyone's best interest and satisfaction. Sense of duty and responsibility should come to the forefront in this matter. Your work area could be a reason of preoccupation on your part, but open communication will be present and favorable results could be attained in reference to your personal income.



Cancer (June 21st – July 22nd)

Libra (September 22nd – October 23rd)

Capricorn (December 21st – January 19th)

Your personality will be very much in the forefront this month. You will be

Holiday Celebrations and Small Gatherings

The COVID-19 pandemic has been stressful and isolating for many people. Gatherings during the upcoming holidays can be an opportunity to reconnect with family and friends. This holiday season, consider how your holiday plans can be modified to reduce the spread of COVID-19 to keep your friends, families, and communities healthy and safe.

CDC offers the following considerations to slow the spread of COVID-19 during small gatherings. These considerations are meant to supplement—not replace—any state, local, territorial, or tribal health and safety laws, rules, and regulations with which all gatherings must comply. Considerations for Small Gatherings of Family and Friends Celebrating virtually or with members of your own household (who are consistently taking measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19) poses the lowest risk for spread. Your household is anyone who currently lives and shares common spaces in your housing unit (such as your house or apartment). This can include family members, as well as roommates or people who are unrelated to you. People who do not currently live in your housing unit, such as college students who are returning home from school for the holidays, should be considered part of different households. In-person gatherings that bring together family members or friends from different households, including college students returning home, pose varying levels of risk.

Organizers and attendees of larger events should consider the risk of virus spread based on event size (number of attendees and other factors) and take steps to reduce the possibility of infection, as outlined in the Considerations for Events and Gatherings.

Several factors can contribute to the risk of getting and spreading COVID-19 at small in-person gatherings. In combination, these factors will create various amounts of risk:

Community levels of COVID-19 – High or increasing levels of COVID-19 cases in the gathering location, as well as in the areas where attendees are coming from, increase the risk of infection and spread among attendees. Family and friends should consider the number of COVID-19 cases in their community and in the community where they plan to celebrate when deciding whether to host or attend a gathering. Information on the number of cases in an area can often be found on the local health department website or on CDC’s COVID Data Tracker County View. Exposure during travel – Airports, bus stations, train stations, public transport, gas stations, and rest stops are all places travelers can be exposed to the virus in the air and on surfaces. Location of the gathering – Indoor gatherings, especially those with poor ventilation (for example, small enclosed spaces with no outside air), pose more risk than outdoor gatherings. Duration of the gathering – Gather-

ings that last longer pose more risk than shorter gatherings. Being within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more greatly increases the risk of becoming sick and requires quarantine. Number and crowding of people at the gathering – Gatherings with more people pose more risk than gatherings with fewer people. CDC does not have a limit or recommend a specific number of attendees for gatherings. The size of a holiday gathering should be determined based on the ability of attendees from different households to stay 6 feet (2 arm lengths) apart, wear masks, wash hands, and follow state, local, territorial, or tribal health and safety laws, rules, and regulations. Behaviors of attendees prior to the gathering – Individuals who did not consistently adhere to social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart), mask wearing, handwashing, and other prevention behaviors pose more risk than those who consistently practiced these safety measures. Behaviors of attendees during the gathering – Gatherings with more safety measures in place, such as mask wearing, social distancing, and handwashing, pose less risk than gatherings where fewer or no preventive measures are being implemented. Use of alcohol or drugs may alter judgment and make it more difficult to practice COVID-19 safety measures. The following people should not attend in-person holiday gatherings People with or exposed to COVID-19 Do not host or participate in any in-person gatherings if you or anyone in your household Has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and has not met the criteria for when it is safe to be around others Has symptoms of COVID-19 Is waiting for COVID-19 viral test results May have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days Is at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19 Do not host or attend gatherings with anyone who has COVID-19 or has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days. People at increased risk for severe illness If you are an older adult or person with certain medical conditions who is at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19, or live or work with someone at increased risk of severe illness, you should avoid in-person gatherings with people who do not live in your household. Food and drinks at small holiday gatherings Currently, there is no evidence to suggest that handling food or eating is associated with directly spreading COVID-19. It is possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object, including food, food packaging, or utensils that have the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes. However, this is not thought to be the main way that the virus is spread. Remember, it is always important to follow food safety practices to reduce the risk of illness

from common food-borne germs. Encourage guests to bring food and drinks for themselves and for members of their own household only; avoid potluck-style gatherings. Wear a mask while preparing food for or serving food to others who don’t live in your household. All attendees should have a plan for where to store their mask while eating and drinking. Keep it in a dry, breathable bag (like a paper or mesh fabric bag) to keep it clean between uses. Limit people going in and out of the areas where food is being prepared or handled, such as in the kitchen or around the grill, if possible. Have one person who is wearing a mask serve all the food so that multiple people are not handling the serving utensils. Use single-use options or identify one person to serve sharable items, like salad dressings, food containers, plates and utensils, and condiments. Make sure everyone washes their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds before and after preparing, serving, and eating food and after taking trash out. Use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available. Designate a space for guests to wash hands after handling or eating food. Limit crowding in areas where food is served by having one person dispense food individually to plates, always keeping a minimum of a 6-foot distance from the person whom they are serving. Avoid crowded buffet and drink stations. Change and launder linen items (e.g., seating covers, tablecloths, linen napkins) immediately following the event. Offer no-touch trash cans for guests to easily throw away food items. Wash dishes in the dishwasher or with hot soapy water immediately following the gathering. Travel and Overnight Stays Travel may increase your chance of getting and spreading COVID-19. Postponing travel and staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others this year. If you are considering traveling, here are some important questions to ask yourself and your loved ones beforehand. These questions can help you decide what is best for you and your family. Are you, someone in your household, or someone you will be visiting at increased risk for getting very sick from COVID-19? Are cases high or increasing in your community or your destination? Check CDC’s COVID Data Tracker for the latest number of cases. Are hospitals in your community or your destination overwhelmed with patients who have COVID-19? To find out, check state and local public health department



websites. Does your home or destination have requirements or restrictions for travelers? Check state and local requirements before you travel. During the 14 days before your travel, have you or those you are visiting had close contact with people they don’t live with? Do your plans include traveling by bus, train, or air which might make staying 6 feet apart difficult? Are you traveling with people who don’t live with you? If the answer to any of these questions is “yes,” you should consider making other plans, such as hosting a virtual gathering or delaying your travel. The safest thing to do is to stay home, but if you do decide to travel, testing can help you do so more safely. Testing does not eliminate all risk, but it can help make travel safer. It’s important to talk with the people you live with and your family and friends about the risks of traveling. If you decide to travel, follow these safety measures during your trip to protect yourself and others from COVID-19: Wear a mask in public settings, like on public and mass transportation, at events and gatherings, and anywhere you will be around people outside of your household. Avoid close contact by staying at least 6 feet apart (about 2 arm lengths) from anyone who is not from your household. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol). Avoid contact with anyone who is sick. Avoid touching your face mask, eyes, nose, and mouth. Travel can increase the chance of getting and spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. Staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others. Use information from the following webpages to decide whether to travel during the holidays: Travel During the COVID-19 Pandemic Know Your Travel Risk Know When to Delay Your Travel to Avoid Spreading COVID-19 Considerations for traveling overnight Travel Planner

CAIR Welcomes Move by Virginia to Replace US Capitol Confederate Statue with Person of Color, Renaming of Confederate-Themed Highways

(WASHINGTON, D.C., 12/15/2020) – The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's largest Muslim civil liberties and advocacy organization, today welcomed a move by the state of Virginia to replace a statue of Confederate general Robert E. Lee at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

Five finalists being considered to replace Lee, including two people tied to the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court case that ruled against government-segregated public schools, are all people of color.

SEE: Lee statue at US Capitol to be replaced by 1 of 5 finalists

<https://www.wsls.com/news/2020/12/15/lee-statue-at-us-capitol-to-be-replaced-by-1-of-5-finalists/>

Oliver Hill, Barbara Johns, Maggie Walker among finalists to replace Virginia's Lee statue at U.S. Capitol

https://richmond.com/news/state-and-regional/govt-and-politics/oliver-hill-barbara-johns-maggie-walker-among-finalists-to-replace-virginias-lee-statue-at-u/article_159b3121-d32a-5b13-9a6b-8035283b1e54.html

In a statement, CAIR National Communications Director Ibrahim Hooper said:

“A statue honoring a traitor who led armed forces against our nation in support of slavery and white supremacy should never have been placed in the U.S. Capitol. We welcome Virginia's move to rectify this mistake and to instead honor those en-

gaged in the struggle for civil rights.”

He said CAIR also welcomes the move to change the name of two Confederate-themed highways in Virginia. Lee Highway, which honors Robert E. Lee will be changed to Mildred and Richard Loving Avenue. They were the couple in the case that legalized interracial marriage.

A stretch of highway in Richmond named for the confederacy's only president will also be renamed Richmond Highway.

SEE: Arlington's Lee Highway nears renaming for interracial couple in Supreme Court case

<https://wtop.com/arlington/2020/12/arlington-lee-highway-nears-renaming-for-interracial-couple-in-supreme-court-case/>

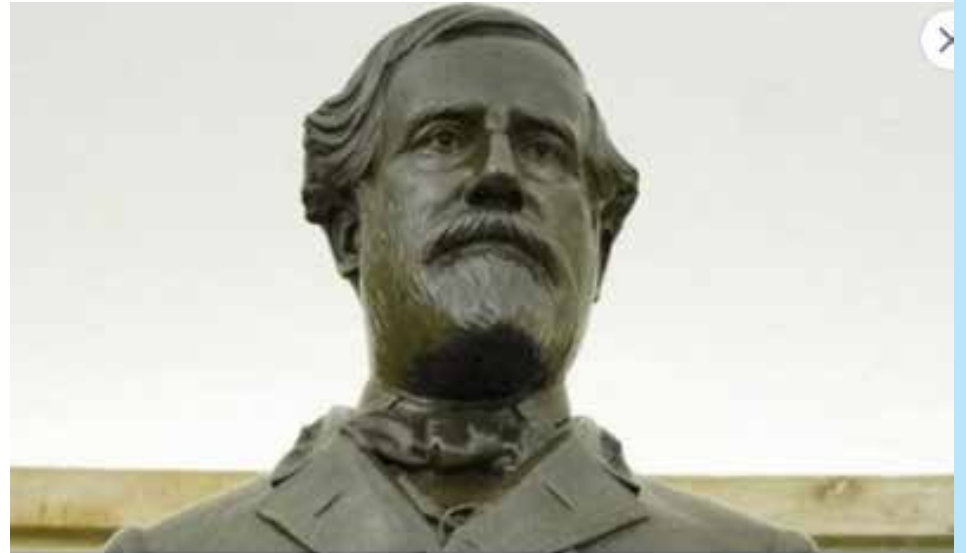
Jeff Davis Highway to be renamed in Richmond

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Hooper added that CAIR has repeatedly urged the removal of Confederate holidays, symbols and racist laws nationwide. He said Washington-based CAIR and the American Muslim community are standing in solidarity with all those challenging anti-Black racism, Islamophobia, anti-Semitism, and white supremacy.

SEE: CAIR Asks DOJ to Probe Attacks on Historic Black Churches in D.C. by Pro-Trump Protesters

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CAIR Supports Removal of Mississippi Confederate Monument, Welcomes New Policy Allowing Hijab Without Waiver for Student Athletes in Tennessee

CAIR is America's largest Muslim civil liberties and advocacy organization. Its

mission is to enhance understanding of Islam, protect civil rights, promote justice, and empower American Muslims.

La misión de CAIR es proteger las libertades civiles, mejorar la comprensión del Islam, promover la justicia, y empoderar a los musulmanes en los Estados Unidos.

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ISNA Year End Snapshot 2020

This has been a challenging year with many tragedies, but it has also opened up new opportunities. The glorious Quran encourages us not to lose hope, for believers will triumph at the end. As I write this letter, the COVID-19 death toll has passed 280,970 with more than 15 million cases in the United States alone. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have passed away and millions more who continue to be affected by this pandemic. Global events of this magnitude give us an opportunity to pause and look inward. Are we being reminded about the purpose of life and our connection with Allah (SWT)? Is this a calling for a higher purpose?

From front line health care professionals to organizations and masjids arranging food drives, the Muslim community and institutions have responded with energy and compassion. As responsible citizens, Muslims have been involved in many efforts including medical support, food drives, spiritual support and education. We have also been civically engaged in other initiatives. The 2020 elections saw more than 60 Muslims being elected to public office at the national, state and

local levels. Even though the community is faced with many challenges, we have carried that Prophetic message of love, compassion, and justice.

The Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) has been tirelessly working for the last 57 years to see the Muslim community flourish on this continent. Over the years, ISNA has raised awareness and provided services for many issues of concern in our community such as women's roles, domestic violence, mental health, youth counseling, environmental stewardship, interfaith relations, and Chaplaincy.

In March 2020, ISNA took lead in creating the "National Muslim COVID-19 Taskforce", a coalition of more than 40 national organizations. For our 57th Annual Convention, we invited more than 100 national speakers including a message from the President Elect Joe Biden. Throughout the year, ISNA arranged several programs including education forum webinars, Seerah conference, youth programs, chaplaincy services, press releases on important topics, Friday Reflections, interfaith events and more.

Whether it is providing scholarships to students or giving a life changing experience to a youth, ISNA is touching thousands of lives. Providing these services requires human and financial resources. We thank you for your past donations and humbly ask you for your support so that we can continue this important work.

Please donate online at <https://isna.thankyoudc.org/isna-donation-olx>
Jazak Allah Khayran
Basharat Saleem
Executive Director

2020 at a Glance

ISNA conducted virtual programming from March to December 2020. These videos were watched by thousands.

ISNA – Serving the Muslim Community for 57 Years

“I am honored to have the opportunity to speak directly to the Islamic Society of North America Annual Conference.

Thank you for ISNA's ongoing dedication in supporting and engaging Muslim Americans and to strengthen communities all across this country.”

President Elect Joe Biden's message for the ISNA 57th Annual Convention

2020 Programs

57th Annual ISNA (Virtual) convention with 100+ speakers
Education Forum Web Series
Youth Programming
Friday Reflections Program
Seminars on Racism and Social Justice
Seminars on COVID-19 related topics
Founded the National Muslim COVID-19 Taskforce, a coalition of more than 40 national organizations
Interfaith Virtual Programming
Chaplaincy Services
Online Matrimonial Services
And more

Trump pardons 4 US contractors convicted for killing 14 civilians in Iraq

Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs said it will follow up on the issue with the US govt through diplomatic channels to urge it to reconsider the decision Washington: US President Donald Trump has granted pardons to four former contractors of a private security company who were convicted over the killing of 14 civilians, including a nine-year-old boy in Baghdad in 2007.

Blackwater, a private security contractor company, was hired to protect US personnel in Iraq. It was accused by the Iraqi government of using excessive force in Baghdad.

Four contractors were convicted. The four convicts are Nicholas Slatten,

Paul Slough, Evan Liberty and Dustin Heard.

The four were among 19 contractors assigned to guard a convoy of four heavily-armoured vehicles carrying US personnel. According to the US Justice Department, at about noon that day, several of the contractors opened fire in and around Nisoor Square, a busy roundabout, adjacent to the heavily-fortified Green Zone.

When they stopped shooting, at least 14 Iraqi civilians were dead – 10 men, two women and two boys aged nine and 11. Latten was found guilty of committing first-degree murder. He was sentenced to life in prison without parole in 2019.

Following a retrial, Slough, Liberty and Heard subsequently had their sentences reduced to 15, 14 and 12 years, respectively.

Reaction of Iraqi government

On Wednesday, Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued official statement in this regard. “The Ministry believes that this decision did not take into account the seriousness of the crime committed, and unfortunately ignores the dignity of the victims as well as the feelings and rights of their families,” the statement said.

The Ministry will follow up on the issue



with the government of the US through diplomatic channels to urge it to reconsider the pardon decision, the statement added

The Siasat Daily
By: Sameer

Military on alert over Trump’s martial law threat: ‘The craziness is unprecedented’

According to a new report, ranking officers have discussed what they would do if the president declared martial law.

President Donald Trump has filed lawsuits after losing the 2020 presidential election and refuses to acknowledge the defeat. A new report claims military leaders have discussed their plan of action if POTUS were to declare martial law toward the last days of his term.

According to the Washington Post, national security and election law experts assert Trump cannot declare martial law, however are alarmed by the possibility.

“This is really dangerous stuff to start playing with,” Rachel Kleinfeld, a national security expert at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace told the Post. “You cannot normalize extrajudicial action outside the rule of law and believe democracy will hold. Democracies are

fragile, even ours.”

“If you have martial law,” Kleinfeld continued. “You have total suspension of the Constitution. So that’s a coup, and a coup in this country is not going to happen.” Although experts do not believe the unprecedented move is possible, a report claims the military is still preparing for the unknown. According to a Newsweek exclusive story, the Pentagon is on red alert and ranking officers have discussed what they would do if the president decided to declare martial law. One officer anonymously detailed the nature of the planning.

“I’ve been associated with the military for over 40 years and I’ve never seen the discussions that are being had right now, the need for such discussions,” the unidentified source said.

Another officer echoed similar sentiments to Newsweek.

“At this point, there’s no telling what the president might do in the next month,” said a former Northern Command (NORTHCOM) commander, who, according to the outlet is actively advising senior officers. “Though I’m confident that the uniformed military leadership has their heads screwed on right, the craziness is unprecedented and the possibilities are endless.” While still in office, Trump has issued several dozen pardons. As theGrio reported in the past week, POTUS has issued 49 pardons and clemencies to his allies. Among those pardoned include former campaign chairman Paul Manafort, former national security adviser Michael Flynn and campaign adviser George



Papadopoulos.

Despite the Supreme Court dismissing Trump’s attempts to overturn the results of the election in four states, he insisted “It’s not over,” according to theGrio.

“This wasn’t like a close election,” Trump said. “You look at Georgia. We won Georgia big. We won Pennsylvania big. We won Wisconsin big. We won it big.”
Yahoo News

AP PHOTOS: A day with an Indian farmer who opposes new laws

FATEHPUR, India (AP) — Ram Singh Patel’s day starts at 6 in the morning, when he walks into his farmland tucked next to a railway line. For hours he toils on the farm, where he grows chili peppers, onions, garlic, tomatoes and papayas. Sometimes his wife, two sons and two daughters join him to lend a helping hand or have lunch with him.

Once home after sunset, he packs the cultivated crops in jute bags and cardboard boxes, ready to be driven by a trailer to a nearby wholesale market where the produce is sold.

This is the daily life of Patel, a 55-year-old generational farmer in India’s heartland state of Uttar Pradesh. The life is laborious and repetitive, but it is one of an unknown hero who, like millions of other small farmers, grows grain to feed India’s ever-growing population of more than 1.3 billion.

But of late, Patel has been a worried man. His earnings have started to fall. His kids

don’t want to work on the farm. And he fears that new agricultural laws introduced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s government will favor big corporations that will push down prices and make family-owned farms unviable, eventually leaving millions like him landless.

“The farmers will survive this onslaught by any means,” said Patel, who supports Modi but opposes the new laws. “But the future generations will have no food because there will be no one to grow the grain. What will the prime minister eat then?”

India’s fabled farmers, often called “annadatta,” or “providers,” have long been seen as the heart and soul of a country where the agriculture industry supports more than half of the people. But farmers have also seen their economic clout diminish over the last three decades. Once accounting for a third of India’s gross domestic product, they now account for only 15% of the country’s \$2.9 trillion economy.

Compounding their worries are the new laws that have stoked widespread anger among the farmers. Tens of thousands of them have besieged New Delhi, the capital, for nearly a month and hunkered down with food and fuel supplies that can last weeks. They have threatened to not leave until their demands to abolish the laws are met.

The government says the new laws provide much-needed reform for the agricultural sector. It has tried to placate the angry farmers, but several rounds of talks to try to get them to end the protests have failed.

Many of the protesting farmers are from the northern states of Punjab and Haryana, two of India’s largest agricultural states. But the rumbles have now started to grow in other states too.



“Modi’s government is for the rich,” Patel said. “His government is forcing these laws on us when we didn’t even ask for them.”

The laws have exacerbated existing resentment from farmers, who often complain of being ignored by the government.

“The common public is against these laws,” Patel said. “I don’t understand why the prime minister is not listening to them.”
Yahoo News

China to suspend UK flights indefinitely -foreign ministry

BEIJING (Reuters) -China will suspend direct flights to and from Britain indefinitely over fears of a new strain of the coronavirus, Wang Wenbin, a foreign ministry spokesman said on Thursday.

"After much consideration, China has decided to take reference from other countries and suspend flights to and from UK," Wang told reporters at a daily briefing.

"China will closely monitor relevant developments and dynamically adjust control measures depending on the situation," Wang said.

Countries across the globe are shutting their borders to Britain after the emergence of a highly infectious new coronavirus strain.

There are currently eight weekly flights between mainland China and Britain, according to aviation data provider Variflight, including one each by Air China, China Eastern Airlines and China

Southern Airlines.

British Airways operates two flights a week from London to Shanghai.

China barred non-Chinese travellers from Britain last month, including those with valid visas and residence permits, because of rising coronavirus cases.

Meanwhile, the China visa application centre in the Scottish capital Edinburgh will temporarily close from Dec. 29 until further notice, in accordance with government requirements, a notice on the centre's website showed on Thursday.

All of mainland Scotland will move to the toughest of four-tiered coronavirus restrictions from Saturday.

The two Chinese visa centres in England - in London and Manchester - said on Tuesday they would close from Dec. 22 and Dec. 29, respectively, as fears over the



new coronavirus strain grew.

Another China visa centre in Belfast, Northern Ireland, has been closed since March.

(Reporting by Yew Lun Tian and Stella Qiu; additional reporting by Tom Daly; Editing by Christian Schmollinger and Tom Hogue) Yahoo News

Saumitra Khan: India MP threatens to divorce wife who switched party

The decade-long relationship of a politician couple in the Indian state of West Bengal has hit rock bottom - and the headlines - after the wife switched to a rival party and the husband publicly threatened to divorce her.

On Tuesday, Saumitra Khan, an MP from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), sent a divorce notice to his wife, Sujata Mondal Khan, a day after she joined the state's governing Trinamool Congress Party (TMC).

West Bengal is gearing up for a key assembly election due in a few months and the main contest is between the BJP and the TMC.

At a press conference in the state capital, Kolkata (formerly Calcutta), on Monday, Ms Mondal Khan announced her decision to leave the BJP and listed several reasons for doing so.

She said the party had not shown any respect towards her, that it had taken in several "corrupt leaders" from rival political parties, promising to reward them at the expense of party loyalists.

"BJP has become Trinamool's B-team. So why should I stay in this party? Why shouldn't I go to the A-team - the TMC?" she said.

A few hours later, at a hurriedly-called press conference which local reporters described as "dramatic", Mr Khan, 40, fought back tears as he bared his anguish and vented his anger while announcing his decision to "sever the 10-year relationship" with his wife.

He asked his wife to drop his last name.

"Please refrain from using the 'Khan' surname hereafter, please don't refer to yourself as Saumitra Khan's wife. I am giving you all the freedom to chart your political destiny," the Press Trust of India quoted him as saying.

He then went on to accuse Trinamool of "wrecking his home".

"The TMC has stolen my wife, it has snatched away my love," he said.

A veteran city journalist said it was "a political drama the like of which we have never witnessed before" and the story of the unravelling marriage, being played out on TV news channels, has riveted people.

Since Monday's press conferences, the couple have been sought out by the press and have given several interviews - and the personal and the political have become entangled.

"She was my love. She was a very good wife. She was my only weakness. Of course, I'm emotional. We were together for 10 years," Mr Khan told one journalist.

He acknowledged his wife's role in his election win last year - he was barred from entering his constituency by a court in connection with a criminal case and she had campaigned extensively on his behalf, going door-to-door asking for votes and visiting remote villages to give speeches.

"But our story is over. I have no connection with her anymore," he said. "I have accepted - Sujata is no more for me."

To another journalist, he rubbished his wife's claims that she was not respected in



the BJP. "Mr Modi addresses her as his sister. What more can she ask for?" he asked.

Ms Mondal Khan too broke down in interviews as she accused her husband of neglecting her for the past 10 months.

"He's been busy with politics. He has no time for me. For months, he hasn't bothered to ask if I have eaten or how I have slept," she said.

She also accused BJP leaders of "instigating" her husband and trying to "ruin her marriage".

"Who has cast their evil eye that Soumitra is threatening to divorce me?" she asked on prime-time news, fighting back tears.

Defections and counter-defections are not uncommon in India. And they certainly shouldn't come as a surprise to Mr Khan - he started his career in the Congress party, moved to TMC in 2013 and joined the BJP only in January 2019.

Also, it's not unheard of for political rivals to cohabit. In India, and globally, there are instances of family members supporting rival parties and happy marriages across the political aisle.

In Bengal too, as Ms Mondal Khan has pointed out, several local politicians - fathers and sons, uncles and nieces and brothers - who support diametrically opposing ideologies "coexist happily and no-one tells them to divorce".

"It's a BJP conspiracy, they are asking him to leave me," she told one interviewee. "But I think politics and home are separate and should be kept separately."

At a time when Bengal is so polarised and with a key election battle looming, that might be easier said than done. Yahoo News Geeta Pandey - BBC News, Delhi

MATRIMONY

FEMALE
 Hijabi - Yes
 Age: 23
 Height: 5.3
 Education: BSc(Psy)
 Profession: Student
 Residence: Dallas, Tx, USA
 Legal Status: GC EAD
 Marital status: Never Married
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim
 Language: English, Urdu, Hindi
 Ethnicity: Indian, Hyderabad
 Family: Parents, 1 elder brother, 1 sister

LOOKING FOR: MALE
 Beard: Yes
 Age: 27-28
 Height: 5.9
 Education: Masters
 Profession: Professional Masters
 Residence: US
 Legal Status: Citizen, Green Card
 Marital Status: Never Married
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim
 Ethnicity: Indian, Pakistani, preferred
 Hyderabad background.
 Contact: 469 216 0645 (mother)
 WhatsApp # same as above

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

FEMALE N.B
 Hijabi /No
 Age: 29
 Height: 5'5
 Education: Bachelors Degree in Business administration and management
 Profession: Human Resource Assistant
 Residence: New Jersey Woodbridge
 Legal Status: US citizen
 Marital status: Single
 Religious Sect: Sunni (Arain)
 Language: Urdu, Punjabi, English
 Ethnicity: Pakistani
 Family: Parents and 2 brothers , 1 sister (married)

LOOKING FOR: MALE
 Beard: yes an short one
 Age: 29-34
 Height: 5'5-5'10
 Education: Bachelors or Masters Degree
 Profession: Any descent profession
 Residence: only USA prefer Tristate area or nearby states...
 Legal Status: Us citizens or Greencard holder
 Marital Status: Single
 Religious Sect: Sunni
 Ethnicity: Pakistani
 Contact: Mother
 WhatsApp # 631 951 8824

Name: SS
 Age: 24
 Height: 5'5"

Residence: CHICAGO, USA
 Born and brought up in USA.
 Hijabi: Yes
 Education: BS in Computer Science
 Profession: Software Engineer
 Legal Status: US citizen
 Marital status: Never Married
 Ethnicity: Indian
 Religious Sect: Sunni
 Family: Father works in IT, Mother is homemaker. 2 Brothers
 Language: English, Urdu
 Hobbies:

LOOKING FOR MALE
 Age: 25 - 30
 Height: > 5' 7"
 Residence: USA
 Education: Preferably Masters.
 Marital Status: Never Married
 Ethnicity: Indian CONTACT ADMIN
 ASLAM 2055676126 -DMR120

FEMALE
 Hijabi: Yes
 Age: 24
 Height: 5.1
 Education: M.B.A
 Profession:
 Residence: Hyd, India
 Legal Status: Indian citizen
 Marital status: never Married
 Religious Sect: Sunni
 Language: Urdu, English
 Ethnicity: hyderabad, india
 Family: Parents and Sibling

LOOKING FOR: MALE
 Beard: Any
 Age: less than 32
 Height: 5.4 and above
 Education: Any
 Profession: Any
 Residence: Any
 Legal Status: Any
 Marital Status: never Married
 Religious Sect: Sunni
 Ethnicity: Hyd, Indian
 Contact: +91 81431 74190 WhatsApp # +91 81431 74190

FEMALE
 Age: 18
 Height: 5.4
 Marital status: single
 Legal Status: indian Hyderabad citizen
 Education: persuing Graduation
 Profession: Student
 Residence: Vijay Nagar colony
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim
 Language: Urdu. Hindi & English
 Ethnicity: Indian
 Family:
 Father - Business Man
 Mother - House wife.
 (2)- sister - Students
 (1). Student.
 From girl mother Side - All in US Chicago Citizen Nana nani on US green card. Present in hyderabad.

LOOKING FOR: MALE
 Age: 23 to 27
 Height: 5.2 above
 Marital Status: Single
 Legal Status: US Citizen or Canada Citizen US Green Card. H1.
 Education: atleast graduate
 Profession: any
 Residence: US
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim
 Ethnicity: Indian Hyderabad
 Contact: +919398051539
 WhatsApp # +919398051539

FEMALE
 Hijabi :Yes
 Age: 25
 Height: 5'ft
 Education: Bachelors of Business Administration (BBA) , Sharjah University , UAE
 Profession: currently not working
 Residence: Sharjah , UAE
 Legal Status: Citizenship
 Marital status: Single
 Religious Sect: Sunni - Hanafi
 Language: Urdu
 Ethnicity: Hyderabad , Indian
 Family: Mohammed

LOOKING FOR: MALE
 Beard: Does not matter
 Age: 27-30
 Height: 5'6 and above
 Education: Masters , or any other equivalent qualification
 Profession: Any
 Residence: Gulf countries or Abroad
 Legal Status: Citizenship
 Marital Status: Single - Unmarried
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim
 Ethnicity: Indian (preferably Hyderabad)
 Contact: 00971-524315971
 WhatsApp # 00971-524315961

FEMALE
 Hijabi: No
 Age: 29
 Height: 5'3
 Marital status: Never married
 Legal Status: J1
 Residence: Ohio
 Education: MD
 Profession: Physician/Doctor (1st year Resident Doctor)
 Religious Sect: Sunni
 Language: Urdu/English
 Ethnicity: Pakistani
 Family: small family of 4 including her.

LOOKING FOR: MALE:
 Beard: doesn't matter
 Age: 29-32
 Height: 5'7 and above
 Marital Status: Never married
 Legal Status: Citizen
 Residence: USA/Canada
 Education: MD/DDS/PharmD
 Profession: Doctor/Dentist/Pharmacist.
 Religious Sect: Sunni
 Ethnicity: Pakistani
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MATRIMONY

MALE
 Beard: No
 Age: 29
 Height: 5'7"
 Education: Bachelors Business admistra-tion, Masters MIS
 Profession: Business Analyst
 Residence: Houston
 Legal Status: Student on CPT
 Marital status: Never Married
 Religious Sect: Sunni Hanafi
 Language: English, Urdu
 Ethnicity: Indian, Hyderabad , Raised in KSA, Bachelors in USA
 Family: Father Rtd from KSA and one Sister studying Masters in USA.

LOOKING FOR: FEMALE
 Hijabi: Flexible
 Age: 22-32
 Height: Flexible
 Education: Under/graduate
 Profession: Any
 Residence: Any
 Legal Status: US Citizen
 Marital Status: Never Married
 Religious Sect: Sunni
 Ethnicity: India preferred/Flexible CON-TACT ADMIN ASLAM 2055676126

MALE
 Beard: No
 Age: 34 years
 Height: 6'1
 Education: Masters in Computer Science.
 Profession: Senior Software Engineer, Microsoft.
 Residence: Houston, USA.
 Legal Status: Citizen of USA
 Marital status: Divorced (no kids)
 Religious Sect: Sunni Hanafi.
 Language: English, Urdu.
 Ethnicity: Hyderabad, Indian.
 Family: Parents and Siblings.

LOOKING FOR: FEMALE
 Hijabi: Yes
 Age: 24-30 years.
 Height: 5'4 above.
 Education: Any (preferred Doctor/Engi-neer)
 Profession: Any.
 Residence: Indian or USA or Canada.
 Legal Status: Indian or US or Canada.
 Marital Status: Never Married or Di- vorced.
 Religious Sect: Sunni.
 Ethnicity: Hyderabad, Indian.
 Contact: +91 9246145363
 WhatsApp # +91 7674913402

Male
 Beard: No
 Age: 28
 Height: 5feet 11 inch
 Education: B.Tech
 Profession:Software Engineer
 Residence: Hyderabad, presently working in Kuwait as System Engineer
 Legal Status: Indian Citizen, Canada PR in process
 Marital status: Never married
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim
 Language: Hindi, Urdu, English
 Ethnicity: Hyderabad Indian
 Family: Father: own business
 Mother: Home maker
 2 sisters; one married and settled in chi- cago USA, younger one : Student

LOOKING FOR: FEMALE
 Hijabi: doesn't matter
 Age: 20-26
 Height:5 feet 4 inch and above
 Education: any
 Profession: doesn't matter
 Residence: Hyderabad India or Chica- goUSA
 Legal Status: Indian or US citizen
 Marital Status: never married
 Religious Sect: Sunni muslim
 Ethnicity: Indian
 Contact:Mother
 WhatsApp 011 91 78426 09027

Male
 Beard: No
 Age: 38
 Height: 5' 6"
 Education:MS Wireless Communication
 Profession:System Performance Engineer
 Residence: Chicago
 Legal Status: US Citizen
 Marital status: never married
 Religious Sect:sunni muslim
 Language: English, urdu,
 Ethnicity: Indian Hyderabad
 Family: parents and 1 sister(married)

LOOKING FOR: FEMALE
 Hijabi /Non Hijabi
 Age: 34-36
 Height:5'5
 Education: any graduate
 Profession:
 Residence:USA
 Legal Status:Citizen, Green card
 Marital Status:Never Married
 Religious Sect:sunni muslim
 Ethnicity: Indian Hyderabad only
 Contact:8472541859
 WhatsApp 8472541859

Male
 Beard Yes
 Age 1986
 Height 5'11"
 Education Bachelors in Pharmacy from Hyderabad
 Two years Pharmacy Technician course from Canada.
 Profession Pharmacy Technician in Hos- pital Toronto
 Residence Toronto
 Legal status PR holder Applied for Citi- zenship
 Marital status unmarried
 Religious sect Sunni
 Languages English Urdu Hindi
 Ethnicity Indian
 Family Father Doctor
 Mother House wife
 Two Sisters Married
 Brother one

LOOKING FOR FEMALE
 Hijabi No
 Age 26 to 32 years
 Height Above 5'3"
 Education Bachelors and above
 Profession Any
 Residence Canada
 Legal status Citizen/PR holder
 Marital status unmarried
 Religious sect Sunni
 Ethnicity Indian/Pakistani
 Contact
 WhatsApp 00919951771531

Male
 Age: 30
 Height: 5'11
 Education: BCOM and MBA from Hyder- abad, India.
 Masters in Information Technology from US
 Profession: Looking for a new project in IT but in the mean time working as a front desk administrator
 Residence: USA
 Legal Status: OPT
 Marital status: Never Married
 Religious Sect:Sunni
 Language: English and Urdu
 Ethnicity: Indian (Hyderabad)
 Family: 3 brothers and 3 sisters, All the siblings are married and settled

LOOKING FOR: FEMALE
 Must be a Hijaabi

Age: 20 and above
 Height:5'2 or more
 Education:any
 Profession:any
 Residence: any
 Legal Status:USA citizen
 Marital Status:Never Married
 Religious Sect:sunni
 WhatsApp #613222443

Male
 Beard: Yes
 Age: 27
 Height: 5'11
 Education: Hafiz e Quran and persuing Masters in Computer Science Engineering (UK)
 working at Gatwick Airport in UK
 Profession: IT
 Residence: London
 Like to settle in Maryland, US
 Legal Status: B1B2 (USA)
 Marital status: Never Married
 Religious Sect: Sunni, Muslim
 Language: Urdu, Hindi, English
 Ethnicity: Hyd, Indian
 Family: Parents US Permanent resident, 1 sister married US Citizen,
 Family reside in Baltimore, Maryland.

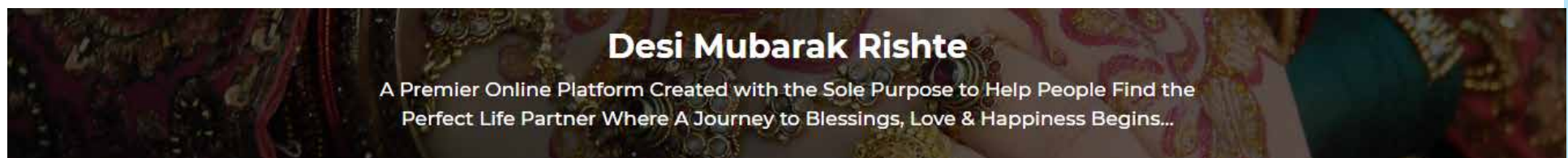
LOOKING FOR: FEMALE
 Hijabi: Yes
 Age: 18-27
 Height: 5'2 - 5'10
 Education: Graduate
 Profession: Any
 Residence: US
 Legal Status: PR/Citizen
 Marital Status:Never married
 Religious Sect: Sunni, Muslim
 Darga, etc : No
 Ethnicity: Indian/Pakistani
 Contact: 443-985-8481
 WhatsApp # 443-985-7800

Male
 Age: 30
 Height: 5'11
 Education: BCOM and MBA from Hyder- abad, India.
 Masters in Information Technology from US
 Profession: Looking for a new project in IT but in the mean time working as a front desk administrator
 Residence: USA
 Legal Status: OPT
 Marital status: Never Married
 Religious Sect:Sunni
 Language: English and Urdu
 Ethnicity: Indian (Hyderabad)
 Family: 3 brothers and 3 sisters, All the siblings are married and settled

LOOKING FOR: FEMALE
 Must be a Hijaabi, and the one who loves to wear ABAYA

Age: 20 and above
 Height:5'2 or more
 Education:any
 Profession:any
 Residence: any
 Legal Status:USA citizen
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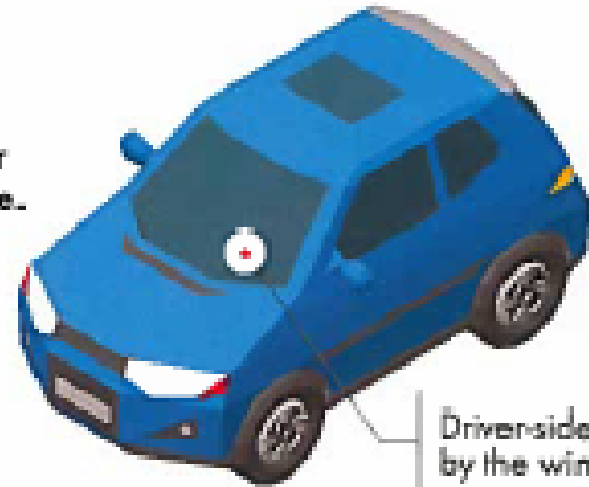
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Overworked Japanese nurses quitting as they face discrimination from neighbours over Covid

Nurses resigned from more than 20 percent of the Japanese hospitals designated to handle coronavirus cases in the first seven months of the pandemic, with the majority leaving due to abuse and discrimination from people around them.

A study by the Japan Nursing Association has found that nurses across the nation are also leaving the profession due to the excessive demands of work as a result of the pandemic, as well as the risk of infection.

Toshiko Fukui, president of the association, said there is widespread unhappiness among nurses that they are being asked to carry out additional duties, such as changing beds and cleaning wards, at the same time as many financially struggling hospitals have announced that salaries are being reduced and traditional year-end bonuses cancelled entirely.

But it is the prejudice and aggression that are being aimed at nurses that is of particular concern, Mrs Fukui said, citing a case in which a member of the association was accused of "spreading the infection" when she was outside the hospital where she worked.

Another nurse wearing protective clothing reported becoming the target of an enraged coronavirus patient who accused her of being "dramatic".

"The healthcare field is being pushed to its limits", Mrs Fukui said. "I would like people to understand that there are cases where thoughtless words serve as a trigger and nursing staff are unable to continue working".

Yoko Tsukamoto, a professor of infection control at the Health Sciences University of Hokkaido, said many of the nurses that she trains have been the target of unprovoked criticism as they go about their jobs or even when they are with friends or family.

"In the hospitals where I have been working with nurses, they are trying to be positive about their positions, but some of them have been taken ill with the virus and now they are receiving this sort of abuse," she said.

"And it goes beyond what is said directly to them; there are cases of schools telling the children of nurses that they can no longer go to classes and husbands of nurses being told by their companies to work from home indefinitely", she told The Telegraph.

"For many nurses, situations like these are what makes them quit".



Mrs Tsukamoto said people are "simply scared of something that is a threat to them, but that they cannot see", adding that there was similar discrimination against families that were forced to evacuate their communities in northern Japan after the melt-down of reactors at the Fukushima nuclear plant in March 2011.

Equally, residents of Hiroshima were shunned in the years after the city was the target of the atomic bomb in 1945, due to some vaguely defined fear of contracting an illness related to radiation, Mrs Tsukamoto added.

"Nurses that I know have come out of hospitals and tried to catch a taxi home, but the drivers go straight past them", she said.

"And when I go home, my family always says something about me bringing the virus into the house", she said. "I know they are joking, but as a healthcare professional it can get a little tiring to hear from your own family every day"

Yahoo News
Julian Ryall

Erdogan says Turkey would like better ties with Israel, criticizes Palestine policy

ANKARA (Reuters) - President Tayyip Erdogan said that Turkey would like to have better ties with Israel, but criticized Israeli policy toward Palestinians as "unacceptable" and a "red line" for Ankara, adding that intelligence talks resumed between the two sides.

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"The Palestine policy is our red line. It is impossible for us to accept Israel's Palestine policies. Their merciless acts there are unacceptable," Erdogan said.

"If there were no issues at the top level, our ties could have been very different," he added. "We would like to bring our ties to a better point."

Turkey and Israel, former allies, expelled each other's top diplomats in 2018 over clashes when dozens of Palestinians were killed by Israeli forces on the Gaza border. Ankara and Tel Aviv continue to trade with one another.

In August, Israel accused Turkey of giving passports to a dozen Hamas members in Istanbul, describing the move as "a very unfriendly step" which his government would raise with Turkish officials.

Hamas seized Gaza from forces loyal to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in 2007, and the group has fought three wars with Israel since then. Turkey says Hamas is a legitimate political movement that was elected democratically.

Israel, which has formalised ties with four Muslim countries this year, said on



Wednesday it was working towards normalising ties with a fifth Muslim nation, possibly in Asia. Tunisia said on Tuesday it did not intend to normalise ties.

Ankara has slammed the U.S.-brokered rapprochements between Israel and the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Sudan and Morocco, with Erdogan previously threatening to suspend diplomatic ties with the UAE and withdraw its envoy. It also slammed Bahrain's decision to formalise ties as a blow to efforts to defend the Palestinian cause.

Palestinians have censured the U.S.-brokered deals, seeing a betrayal of a

long-standing demand that Israel first meet their statehood demand. Egypt and Israel established full relations in 1979 and Jordan in 1994.

Israel will hold a snap election in March after parliament failed on Tuesday to meet a deadline to pass a budget.
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HEALTH

Is my forgetfulness normal?

Now You Can Protect and Even Improve Your Memory as You Age with Improving Memory, an online course from the experts at Harvard Medical School. One of the most common fears we all have as we grow older is losing our memory. In this fascinating course, you'll get tools and techniques to protect your memory as well as 7 specific strategies to improve your memory.

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The common reason you have trouble recalling things that are on the "tip of your tongue"

Why the brain can only juggle a few short-term memories at a time but retain an enormous number of long-term memories

Why depression can make it harder to forget unpleasant experiences

The reason some memories are fleeting

and some we can recall with exact detail

Why two people often have different memories of the same event You'll find specific strategies for enhancing your memory, as well as tips for overcoming common memory lapses, including:

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concentration

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How to make new information stick like a long-term memory

And so much more.

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patience is key for helping boost your memory as you age.

Now is the perfect time to commit to improving your memory and protecting your brain health. You'll see why it's so important to continually challenge your brain with new tasks to help build cognitive reserve — the brain's capacity to resist damage. Staying physically and mentally active are great ways to do this. In fact, exercise is actually one of the best ways to maintain a healthy brain and improve your memor

IS IT A COLD OR ALLERGIES?

It's often hard to tell the difference between a cold and allergies. Both can cause similar symptoms, such as a runny and/or stuffy nose, sneezing, fatigue, and a sore throat. However, there are some differences that might help you tell if it's allergies vs. a cold.

Simply put, colds are infections caused by viruses. Colds can be contagious up to two days before symptoms start and can last two weeks after exposure to the virus. Allergies, on the other hand, are not contagious, and the symptoms you experience are your immune system's reaction to allergens, such as pollen.

Take our simple allergies vs. cold quiz to learn the differences between cold and common allergy symptoms.

Cold bacteria icon Woman sneezing icon

ALLERGIES VS. COLD QUIZ

Can't tell if you have a cold or allergies? Find out which one you might have to help get relief. Take this quiz, and muddle no more! Runny nose icon Nose with smile icon

DO YOU HAVE A RUNNY NOSE?

YES

A thin, clear discharge is most likely a sign of allergies.

NO

The most common symptom of both allergies and a cold is a stuffy and/or runny nose. Thermometer with low temperature Thermometer with high temperature indicating fever

DO YOU HAVE A FEVER?

NO

Allergies don't usually cause a fever.

YES

One symptom of a cold can be a low-grade fever. Face with content expression Face with painful expression

DO YOU HAVE ACHES AND PAINS?

NO

Allergies are not usually accompanied by an aching body.

YES

An aching body typically means that you have a cold vs. allergies.

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DID YOUR SYMPTOMS DEVELOP FAST OR SLOW?

FAST



Allergy symptoms typically flare up as soon as you come into contact with an allergen.

SLOW

Cold symptoms have a gradual onset and might take several days to develop. Smiling warm sun icon Snowflake icon

IS THE WEATHER WARM OR CHILLY?

WARM

Allergies are more common during the warmer months, when the air is filled with pollen.

CHILLY

Colds are more likely to develop in

winter. Cat and dog with pet dander icon Grass, ragweed and pollen icon

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RECIPES

Onion Pakoda in Air fryer

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup besan (gram flour)
- 2 onions medium , peeled and thinly sliced
- 1 tbsp coriander seeds of crushed
- 1 tsp methi of kasoori
- 1 tsp red chilli powder
- 3/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp turmeric powder
- 1/4 tsp baking soda
- optional coriander leaves Finely chopped ,

INSTRUCTIONS

In a large bowl, mix all the ingredients well and leave it covered for 5 minutes. The onions will release some of the moisture due to the salt, use that to bring it together into a dough, using a few sprinkles of water as required. Don't make it

too wet or it may not crisp up. Make bite sized pakodas by pressing it into logs in your slightly oiled palm.

Preheat the air fryer at 200 C by turning the timer to 5 minutes, but the machine is preheated when the indicator light goes off.

Place a sheet of parchment or lightly oiled aluminium foil on the basket, but leaving some part of the edge open. This is optional, but just makes the cleaning easier. Place pakodas in a single layer and air fry for 5 minutes. After this, you can remove the basket, turn them around to the other side or give it a shake and keep for 5 more minutes, until all sides are golden brown.

Serve immediately with green chutney / tamarind chutney or



Air fryer Onion pakoda

ketchup. You can also use these to make Pakoda Kadhi or in a Moar Kozhambu.

Verdict: The colour turned beautifully golden, and it had a crunch on the outside. The inside of the pakoda was well cooked. But I guess the highlight of the pakoda is the

juiciness that comes from deep frying and this will take some getting used to, otherwise for the 2 tsp oil used, it was really delicious!.

Prep Time 10 minutes
Cook Time 10 minutes

Tandoori Chicken - Air Fryer

A flavor packed spicy dish from the Indian subcontinent popular all over the world. Chicken is marinated in yogurt, ginger, garlic, spices and lemon juice, then grilled in the air fryer or oven. Low carb and keto friendly.

INGREDIENTS

- 5 Chicken Drumsticks de-skinned (about 1.6 lbs)
- 1 tbsp Oil
- 2 tbsp Cilantro leaves to garnish
- 4 Lemon wedges
- For Marinade
- 1/4 cup Yogurt thick
- 1 tbsp Garlic paste
- 1 tbsp Ginger paste
- 1 tsp Cayenne or Red Chili powder
- Kashmiri chili powder preferred
- 1/2 tsp Ground Turmeric (Haldi powder)
- 1/2 tsp Garam Masala
- 1 tsp Ground Cumin (Jeera powder)
- 1 tbsp Dried Fenugreek leaves (Kasoori Methi) (optional)
- 1 tsp Salt adjust to taste
- 1 tbsp Lime juice

INSTRUCTIONS

Make 3-4 slits on each drumstick. Mix together all ingredients for the

marinade. Apply evenly to chicken drumsticks and let them marinate for 1 hour in the refrigerator (you can keep it refrigerated for up to 10 hours).

Remove marinated chicken from refrigerator when ready to cook. Arrange in a single layer in the air fryer pan or basket. Baste with some cooking oil.

Cook in air fryer at 360°F for 10 mins. Flip over the chicken, and baste with oil. Then cook for another 5 minutes. Remove on a serving plate. Garnish with cilantro. Serve with lemon wedges and sliced onion.

NOTES

This recipe makes spicy Tandoori Chicken. Adjust red chili powder to your taste.

If you have, use kashmiri red chili powder for this recipe, as it gives the natural red color. You could use Cayenne pepper or Paprika as a substitute too.

Oven Variation: Preheat oven at 450 F. Then bake the chicken for 15 minutes. Turn and cook for another 5-10 minutes until it is cooked. Follow this by 3-5 minutes of broiling to get the



charred marks.

NUTRITION

- Calories: 231kcal
- Carbohydrates: 4.3g
- Protein: 22.6g
- Fat: 12.7g
- Saturated Fat: 3.2g
- Cholesterol: 113mg
- Sodium: 957mg
- Potassium: 101mg
- Fiber: 0.5g

- Sugar: 1.4g
- Calcium: 30mg
- Iron: 1.6mg
- Servings: 4
- Calories: 231
- Course: Appetizer, Main Course
- Cuisine: Indian, North Indian
- Diet: Gluten-free, Low Carb, Nut
- Prep Time: 1 hr 10 mins
- Cook Time: 15 mins
- Total Time: 1 hr 25 mins



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Silicon Valley elites are fleeing the region for states like Texas and Florida, but that shouldn't be surprising - it's the culmination of a culture clash that has been brewing in the tech industry for years

Since the onset of the pandemic, tech's elite and major firms like HP and Oracle have begun moving out of the Bay Area.

Palantir, Oracle, and HP have all moved their headquarters to other states, and Elon Musk, Drew Houston, Larry Ellison, and Keith Rabois have all decided to leave for cities like Austin and Miami.

While the exodus might seem sudden, it's the direct result of a culture clash that's been simmering below the surface for years.

It dates back to at least 2017, when Oculus cofounder Palmer Luckey was ousted at Facebook over the news that he was financing an anti-Hillary Clinton meme group.

That same year, Google engineer James Damore was fired after he wrote an anti-diversity memo.

Both situations highlighted a growing population of tech workers fed up with the region's culture. Now, more than three years later, the pandemic seems to have freed those who feel frustrated by Silicon Valley's culture to leave the area for good. The Silicon Valley exodus is real.

Since the onset of the pandemic, billionaires, venture capitalists, and even major tech firms like HP and Oracle have started to flee the Bay Area. What at first seemed like a one-off response to our new remote-work reality has become a trend: Tech's elite are leaving, and they're citing a mixture of high taxes, state regulations, and a homogenous, liberal culture as their reasons for decamping to Texas, Colorado, or Florida.

While the departures of Elon Musk, Larry Ellison, and Keith Rabois are new, the reasons that seem to have nudged them out the door date back years. The pandemic may have spurred a migration away from the West Coast, but the writing has been on the wall as far back as 2017.

Now, as we approach 2021, it seems that a long-simmering culture clash is finally coming to a head.

The onset of the so-called culture wars While it's likely that facets of Silicon Valley's culture had been starting to splinter for several years prior to 2017, the most public instance of a culture clash coincides, roughly, with the beginning of President Donald Trump's presidency.

In September 2016, Palmer Luckey, then the 24-year-old millionaire cofounder of virtual reality company Oculus, was discovered to be the main benefactor behind an anti-Hillary Clinton meme group. By that point, Luckey had already sold Oculus

to Facebook for \$2 billion and launched the Oculus Rift, the company's first major product.

According to reporting by The Daily Beast, Luckey had been financing a group called Nimble America, which described itself online as having proven "that s---posting is powerful and meme magic is real." The group had put up a billboard in Pittsburgh with Clinton's face that read "Too big to jail."

Luckey told The Daily Beast at the time that funding the group "sounded like a real jolly good time."

After the report came out, several female employees resigned from Facebook in protest and Luckey stayed out of the spotlight at Oculus events. By March 2017, he left Facebook - in subsequent interviews, Luckey has said he was fired.

Luckey's departure was viewed, by some, as a politically motivated firing. In 2018, Sen. Ted Cruz asked Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg during a Senate hearing why Luckey was fired, implying it was over his politics, which Zuckerberg denied.

While that was the first and most public instance of ideological differences becoming a sticking point in Silicon Valley, it wasn't the last.

The same year, Google engineer James Damore made headlines for writing an anti-diversity manifesto that spread like wildfire through Google's ranks. Damore argued that the search giant shouldn't be aiming to increase racial and gender diversity among its employees, but should instead aim for "ideological diversity." Damore also argued that the gender gap in tech is due to biological difference between men and women, not sexism.

The memo resulted in Damore's firing, but it also sparked a groundswell of support among white, male engineers at Google who felt that conversations about diversity were offensive to white men and conservatives. Around the same time, far-right communities online began revealing the identities of Google employees who identified as part of the LGBTQ community. Damore then sued Google, alleging the company discriminated against white, conservative males (Damore later dropped the suit.)

Both Luckey and Damore ended up without a job. But the reactions to their situations and the support they both received highlighted that there was a growing population of tech workers fed up with the region's culture. At the time, Business Insider's Steve Kovach argued that Silicon



Valley's "liberal bubble" had burst and that the culture wars had begun.

Tech millionaires and billionaires are leaving the Bay Area in droves. More than three years later, it seems as though that undercurrent of dissatisfaction is coinciding with the secondary effects of the coronavirus pandemic.

In years past, those who felt disgruntled, overruled, or otherwise disenfranchised by Silicon Valley's predominately liberal culture had few options. They could leave, of course, but the tech world was still firmly rooted in the Bay Area. Those who wanted a career in tech still felt like they needed to put up with skyrocketing rents and hours-long commutes.

But when offices shut down and major tech companies asked their employees to work remotely, there was no longer as strong a tether to the Bay Area. Some companies, like Twitter and Slack, freed their workers to live wherever they wanted with no expectation to ever return to their San Francisco offices. Others, like Facebook, have said employees may work remotely forever with manager approval.

Read more: An inside look at how Slack is planning to readjust salaries and retrain managers so it can let employees work from home forever

These decisions seem to have encouraged a larger shift among Silicon Valley's elite.

Palantir has moved its headquarters to Colorado and HP and Oracle moved to Texas. Palantir CEO Alex Karp told Axios in May that the company wanted to move away from the West Coast and described what he saw as an "increasing intolerance and monoculture" in the tech industry. Karp, for his part, had been living in New Hampshire for much of the pandemic.

Since then, venture capitalist Joe Lonsdale, Dropbox CEO Drew Houston, and Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk have moved to Austin - Lonsdale tweeted that the region was "more tolerant of ideological diversity," and Musk made the move after warring with California over the state's coronavirus lockdown measures.

See also: Elon Musk and other tech powerhouses are flocking to Texas, pushing an already bonkers real-estate market to new heights. Take a look inside Austin, which is quickly becoming the next Silicon Valley

Oracle billionaire Larry Ellison has left the region for Lanai, the island he mostly owns in Hawaii, and investor Keith Rabois is decamping for Miami, citing high taxes in San Francisco and a political culture he abhors as his reasons for leaving.

And of course, all of these moves follow venture capitalist and PayPal founder Peter Thiel's famous departure for Los Angeles in 2018, a move seemingly spurred by his dislike of Silicon Valley's liberal ideology.

Notably, Lonsdale, Musk, Rabois, and Karp all have ties to Thiel and PayPal, and Ellison is close friends with Musk and sits on Tesla's board.

So while the wave of departures from arguably the most famous tech hub in the world are, for better or worse, being spurred by the pandemic, the exodus didn't being out of the blue - it's a direct result of political and ideological differences that have been building just below the surface for years.

Yahoo News
Avery Hartmans

Important Recall Info That MAY Affect Your Vehicle

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COACHMEN SPORTSCOACH 2020	GMC YUKON 2021	Subject : Damaged Brake Hose may Result in a Leak	Manufacturer :Jaguar Land Rover North America, LLC
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NHTSA Recall ID Number : 20V733	Manufacturer :Triumph Motorcycles America, LTD	Make Model Model Years NISSAN SENTRA 2002-2006	INFINITI M56 2011-2013
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Lost islands beneath the North Sea survived a mega-tsunami 8,000 years ago

Some ancient islands now submerged beneath the North Sea survived a devastating tsunami about 8,000 years ago and may have played a key part in Britain's human prehistory, according to a new study.

The research suggests some parts of the ancient plain known as Doggerland — which connected Great Britain with the Netherlands — withstood the massive Storegga tsunami that submerged most of the region in about 6200 B.C.

The so-called Storegga tsunami was caused by the underwater collapse of part of Norway's continental shelf, about 500 miles (800 kilometers) to the north. Scientists had long thought the towering wave entirely submerged the Doggerland region between the east coast of England and the European continent. But the new research, based on submerged sediment cores sampled during ship expeditions in the North Sea, suggests some parts of Doggerland survived the ancient tsunami and may have remained inhabited by Stone Age humans for thousands of years.

And if they did, the surviving islands of Doggerland might have played a part in the later development of Britain, such as the introduction of agriculture about a thousand years later said study co-author Vincent Gaffney, an archeologist at the

University of Bradford. "If you were standing on some of that coastline on the day it happened, it would be a bad day for you," Gaffney told Live Science. "However, that did not mean it was the end for Doggerland." Sunken lands Scientists think the now-submerged region of Doggerland was exposed by the retreating northern ice cap at the end of the last ice age about 12,000 years ago. By about 10,000 years ago, Doggerland was a landscape of lagoons, marshes, rivers, lakes and forests; it may have been one of the richest hunting and fishing grounds in Europe in the Mesolithic period.

The Europe's Lost Frontiers project is leading the effort to investigate Doggerland's archaeology and to reconstruct the ancient landscape as it appeared before it sank beneath the waves. They found that by the time of the Storegga tsunami, much of Doggerland would have been already underwater due to slowly rising sea levels, Gaffney said.

But a remarkable sediment core from the seafloor near the eastern English estuary of the River Ouse, known as the Wash, shows land there remained above water many years after the tsunami — and computer modeling suggests other regions nearby survived as isolated islands too, he said.

The researchers have now dubbed these islands the "Dogger Archipelago," and it's thought the highest parts of a central region now known as the "DoggerHills" also survived the Storegga tsunami, becoming "Dogger Island."

Although they initially stayed dry land, the islands would all sink a bit more than 1000 years later as the sea level rose, caused by the warming climate. Surviving islands Advertisement

Some parts of Doggerland may even have been better suited to humans after the devastation of the tsunami and the retreat of its waters, Gaffney said.

"People will have gone back and lived where they were previously, and it may have perhaps been a bit more open, and that may even have been quite useful in some of these areas," he said.

The surviving islands may contain early evidence of the introduction of agricultural technologies into Britain, which presumably spread there from the European continent, he said. "It is these coastal areas which are where contact with farming and farmers are likely to



occur." For now, the researchers on the Europe's Lost Frontiers project are working to reconstruct the ancient geography of the Doggerland region. One day, they hope to locate a Stone Age settlement, and the now-submerged islands of the Dogger Archipelago are emerging as some of their best bets. "The last 20 years has revolutionized how we understand Doggerland," Gaffney said. "We have been going down [submerged] river valleys to get environmental data, where we can get information on the plants and animals that lived there."

[But] we do not have yet a single archaeological settlement site," he said. "It's still essentially an unexplored landscape."

1,800-year-old altar to pagan god Pan hidden in a Byzantine church

Archaeologists in Israel have discovered an ancient altar honoring the Greek god Pan, the deity of flocks and shepherds, but whoever inscribed it botched the job.

The inscriber basically ran out of room — etching letters outside the altar's rectangular frame and also shrinking letters toward the end, to make them fit.

"The inscriber was no pro," Avner Ecker, project co-director and archaeologist at Bar-Ilan University in Ramat Gan, Israel, told Haaretz, an Israeli newspaper. Archaeologists found the altar lying sideways on the ground while excavating a Byzantine church. The volcanic basalt altar dates to the second or third century, but it was repurposed as a support brick in the fifth-century church, largely built out of limestone and located in what is now the Banias Nature Reserve in northern Israel. Whoever built the church apparently didn't want worshippers seeing a dedication to the god Pan, so the altar was turned around, possibly to debase

and humiliate any pagans who still practiced "old" polytheistic beliefs, Adi Erlich, project co-director and archaeologist at the Zinman Institute of Archaeology at Haifa University, said in a statement.

"The wall is made of small simple stones and there's this one great big stone," Erlich told Haaretz.

The dedication, written in Greek, likely composed by a pilgrim, says: "Atheneon son of Sosipatros of Antioch is dedicating the altar to the god Pan Heliopolitanus. He built the altar using his own personal money in fulfillment of a vow he made." The archaeologists noted that the altar doesn't just say "Pan," but "Heliopolitanus Pan," a combination of the gods Pan and Zeus, who was popular among people in Antioch, located near what is now the Turkey-Syria border.

The pilgrim, "Atheneon son of Sosipatros," likely traveled about 200 miles (320 kilometers) from Antioch to reach the area, which is now just north



of Golan Heights, Israel. It stands just a stone's throw from the popular Banias waterfall, a spot once called Paneas that was associated with the god Pan. People worshipping Pan at this waterfall dates back to the third century B.C., and a temple dedicated to Pan was completed there in about 20 B.C., according to The Times of Israel. Later, the area became a key center of early Christianity, and a Byzantine church was built over the Pan temple in about A.D. 400. "This site would have had tremen-

dous significance for Christians of the Byzantine era, who believed that this is where Jesus told Peter, 'I give you the keys to the kingdom of Heaven,'" Erlich told The Jerusalem Post.

The excavation is part of a larger project to conserve archaeological sites located in areas protected by the Israel Nature and Parks Authority. By Laura Geggel

Supreme Court Rules Muslim Men Can Sue FBI Agents for Monetary Damages in No-Fly Case

The Supreme Court has voted unanimously to allow three Muslim men to seek monetary damages against FBI agents who put them on the no-fly list for refusing to be informants.

In an 8-0 opinion issued, the court said seeking monetary damages was an “appropriate form of relief” in some circumstances, for people claiming their religious rights were infringed upon by federal employees under the 1993 Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA).

“To the extent the Government asks us to create a new policy-based presumption against damages against individual officials, we are not at liberty to do so,” the court said. “Congress is best suited to create such a policy. Our task is simply to interpret the law as an ordinary person would.”

The opinion was written by Justice Clarence Thomas. Justice Amy Coney Barrett, who was appointed by President Donald Trump to fill the seat that became vacant after Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg died, did not participate in the decision because the case was argued before she joined the bench. The case centered on Muhammad Tanvir, one of three Muslim men who

alleged they were harassed by the FBI to provide information about other Muslims and then placed on the no-fly list—without any evidence they posed a threat to aviation safety—when they refused, partly because of their religious beliefs. The men claimed the retaliation against them violated the RFRA, which generally prohibits the government from placing a “substantial burden” on an individual’s exercise of his or her religion.

The three men sued the FBI agents in 2013. Their case was originally dismissed by a trial judge but later revived by a three-judge panel at the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New York.

In 2019, the Trump administration had urged the Supreme Court to dismiss the suit, arguing it would interfere with “sensitive matters of national security and law enforcement.” But the Court moved ahead and heard oral arguments for the case via teleconference in October.

“Federal agents put my clients on the no-fly list because they refused to spy on innocent coreligionists in violation of their Islamic beliefs,” Ramzi Kassem, a lawyer for the men, told the justices at the time. “My clients lost precious years with loved



ones, plus jobs and educational opportunities.”

Arguing on behalf of the U.S. Department of Justice, Deputy Solicitor General Edwin Kneedler told the justices in October that “money damages are not appropriate relief against the government” since the statute didn’t explicitly state that suing for damages was allowed.

Since the RFRA’s enactment, anyone “whose religious exercise has been burdened” can “obtain appropriate relief against a government.” But the act didn’t

define what exactly constitutes “appropriate” relief, which is where the Supreme Court had to step in.

“We conclude that RFRA’s express remedies provision permits litigants, when appropriate, to obtain money damages against federal officials in their individual capacities,” the Court ruled
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BY ALEXANDRA HUTZLER

Dr. Fauci Says Most People Did This Before Catching COVID

With coronavirus cases frequently resulting in 3,000 deaths a day, Am I going to catch it, too? Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation’s top infectious disease doctor and director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, talked with Andrea Mitchell of MSNBC about where everyone is catching COVID these days. Read on to hear his warning, and to ensure your health and the health of others, don’t miss these Sure Signs You’ve Already Had Coronavirus.

The Rising Cases Do Not Surprise Dr. Fauci

Dr. Fauci warned a day might come in which we reached more than 100,000 cases a day—and it’s here. “I think it’s pretty clear what’s happening when I made that—um, I wouldn’t say prediction; I didn’t want to jinx us—but I said I would not be surprised, this was at a Senate hearing or months ago, when I said when we were at 40,000 cases, that if we did not do something different, really accelerate our prevention activities, that I would not be surprised if we reach a hundred thousand. And unfortunately, very,

unfortunately, that was prescient because as you pointed out correctly, we’re over that right now.”

Fauci says “the reason I’m not surprised at it is that whenever you have a respiratory borne illness and you enter into the cooler months of the fall and the soon to be colder months of the winter, you do more things indoors as opposed to outdoors. And that’s just another added ingredient to the risk you have with a respiratory infection.”

Dr. Fauci Says Here’s Where Many People are Catching COVID

“It was very interesting—when Dr. Birx”—that’s Dr. Deborah Birx, a fellow member of the Coronavirus Task Force—“has gone around the country, trying to get this message across, she has noted—and in my own intelligence, as it were, because I connect with people in the different cities throughout the country—they are seeing now infections less in the big gatherings than in family gatherings, friends getting together, eight to 10 people for dinner, in a social gathering in which they feel well, ‘We know everybody here. We



may not need to wear a mask, but we may not need to get tested.’ We need to know about the asymptomatic spread. It’s important. We cannot deny it. There are people out there innocently and unwittingly who are infected, don’t have any symptoms or infecting others. So much more widespread testing of asymptomatic individuals is going to be very important as we enter and go into these months of indoor type gatherings.”

How to Avoid Death During the Pandemic

Until we reach herd immunity,

practice Fauci’s fundamentals: avoid family gatherings, wear a face mask, social distance, stay outdoors more than indoors, avoid crowds and to get through this pandemic at your healthiest, don’t miss these 35 Places You’re Most Likely to Catch COVID.

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The Conscious Muslim

By: Gulam Samdani

There is no better introduction to Muhammad's (pbuh) Muslim but to go to the opening verse of Surah Bukhara.

An approximate translation of the second line of the Surah "This Book has no doubt in it – a guidance for the Muttaqin".

Very few translators such as scholar Muhammad Marmaduke Pickthal in English and in Urdu Ahmed Ali did the approximate closest translation. Pickthal on his part used the term "who ward off (evil)", and Ahmed Ali uses the term "Parez Gaar". It is important that we get an appropriate translation, because the usual translations of "those who fear Allah" or as done in Urdu "Khuda se darne waala" are not the most appropriate translations.

Their inappropriateness lies in the aspect that they are not closer to the explanation provided by the Prophet of Allah Muhammad (pbuh) to Umar (RA), when he Umar (RA) ask Muhammad (pbuh) the meaning of the word Taqwa/Muttaqin.

The following was the explanation of the beloved Muhammad (pbuh): "O Umar (RA) imagine you are going through a thorny bush, and you collect your clothing together, close to yourself so that the clothes don't get stuck in the bush. O Umar (RA) that is taqwa"

If you look at the explanation, then you see how Pickethal and Ahmed Ali are more appropriate per the explanation.

Pickethal and Ahmed Ali refer to is the qualities of a Conscious person and the explanation of Rasool Allah Muhammad (pbuh) also points to a person who is conscious of his surroundings. The person in explanation of Rasool Allah (pbuh) is not avoiding the path of the bush out of fear but taking precautions out of his or her complete consciousness of his or her surroundings.

And indeed, the honorable and the beloved of Allah (SWT), Muhammad the all praised one (pbuh) was a man of conscience. He was aware of the situations around him, he was fully aware that he was an orphan. He grew fully aware and conscious that he was not the only one that was in situation of lesser privilege, from his place of disadvantage in society he was completely aware of other disadvantaged people in society.

He was fully aware and conscious of the people ignored by society as he himself was ignored as well being an orphan, until he became known by his character of Al Amin.

As you can see Muhammad (pbuh) is a man among men, but he is something more. Even when he was a child, as he grew into his teenage and then into adult hood in every stage of his life, he was special, because he had consciousness.

In our society we are mostly geared towards fulfillment of objectives and not concerned on the quality of completion of these objectives. When you look at the stalwarts of the community the honorable companions the sahaba ikram, these were people of immense consciousness be it Abu Bakar (RA), Uthman (RA) or other like them.

Their consciousness existed even before they accepted Islam at the hands of the beloved Muhammed (pbuh). Quran behooves to the ones that don't have consciousness either due to our surrounding or their own laziness to achieve it by means of loving or at least fearing Allah. (A rough paraphrased quotation from Quran).

Quran relies on fear, love, and reason to inculcate consciousness among the creation. For Quran these are a means to develop consciousness.

As you can see the repeated goal of Allah is to bring us to the state of Consciousness. And is the most important objective of Allah (SWT) via the Quran and his beloved Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).

Consciousness is a state of being in the present, a state of recognizing the present. To be in this moment observing, recognizing, understanding and accepting the inevitability of this moment. It is only when you have a full grasp of your current state can you benefit from the environment or protect yourself from the environment.

Consciousness is a state that requires the person to be in this moment, accept the inevitability of the moment and not be dreaming of what has passed.

A person might have passed by and walked on soft grass a few moments back, but that moment existed in the past. A requirement of consciousness is to completely and full recog-

nize and accept this moment, While being conscious of your surroundings, if a thorn pricks you in this moment you know you did your best in avoiding the thorns but the pricking of this thorn was inevitable.

Adoption of this moment, the consciousness of this moment removes Human suffering. And that is truly the goal of the Allah (SWT) through the Quran delivered via the beloved prophet Muhammad (pbuh). Instead we have made it a path to attain some certain eternity.

Remember that Rasool Allah Muhammad (pbuh) had gone through different pains in life as an orphan, growing up as an unknown in a society, seeing under privileged people being drowned by the privileged ones and unwanted children being thrown in the desert to die.

His consciousness brought him his purpose which was to elevate people from their unconscious state of living. It was the purpose given to him first by his consciousness then formalized by Allah (SWT) when he Rasool Allah (pbuh) was anointed as the Prophet. He was to elevate people from their unconscious living standards to a life of consciousness.

We sadly have only established suffering as a path in this world to get the benefits in the hereafter. If people are good, then we have made them believe that their suffering is Allah's test and if they did wrong then it is their punishment. We have sincerely walked away from the real goal of Allah (SWT) and his beloved prophet.

The real goal of Allah (SWT) and the Quran, delivered so amazingly via his beloved prophet, was to bring consciousness to people.

Consciousness does not mean no pain; it only means that you do not suffer. Pain is a consequence of even happy aspects of life. Like a woman when she is giving birth to her baby, she is in immense pain. But she is not suffering because she is accepting this moment, the importance of this moment.

It is by being happy, accepting this moment and planning towards the million beautiful possibilities of the future that we will remove suffering from human beings.

Being Conscious does not mean that you don't plan for future. You do plan for future, but you don't live in



the future with the experiences of the past. When we completely disregard this moment and live in the future based on the experiences of the past, we lose the capability to affect our future and at the same time we even loose our present.

In growing the generation ahead, as a people we need to incorporate a few things in our children. First, they need to know that they are very part of this earth. That it was this clay from earth not from Mars, not from Jupiter, and not from paradise that our species was created in its structure. That we all originate from that one Will that is Allah (SWT), when he said we breathe life into Adam (AS).

When our children grow with this mindset of feeling for this earth, feeling for their fellow creations, feeling for their fellow human being, grow with the mindset that the stone that they just threw across the land was also in Prayer of its lord, and they understand that the apple that they just plucked from a tree was also in prayer to its lord then it is at that point that we will be developing a generation of individuals that are conscious of their diversity and their oneness.

It is only when we build such a generation of children that understand it is them but not just them and they are many but one, then we would have a good seed to lay down and grow conscientious Muslims that will enthrall the earth with happiness and will undergo their pain without suffering.

It is my ardent prayer to move our children amid nature, because it is by being in nature that we elevate to the Muslim that took oath in the Alam-e-Arwah. Once they realize how close they belong to this world, these conscious human beings will even be good Momineen walking with the light of the Quran in this moment and building a bright future for a world to come.

'New Parliament Building When Half Of India Is Hungry'? Kamal Haasan Asks PM Modi To Explain Logic

Answer honourable elected Prime Minister, Kamal Haasan said hours before kick-starting the first phase of his campaign for the Assembly polls. MNM chief Kamal Haasan on Sunday demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi spell out the rationale behind constructing a new Parliament building for about Rs 1,000 crore "when half of India is hungry due to coronavirus pandemic triggered loss of livelihoods". Seeking to liken the proposed construction of the new edifice to the centuries-old Great Wall of China, he claimed that 'thousands of people perished' during its construction, but the dragon nation rulers said the wall was to 'guard' the people. "To protect whom is a new Parliament building being To protect whom is a new Parliament building being constructed at a

cost of Rs 1,000 crore when half of India is hungry due to the coronavirus pandemic triggered loss of livelihoods,' the Makkal Needhi Maiam leader asked in a tweet. Answer honourable elected Prime Minister, he said hours before kick-starting the first phase of his campaign for the Assembly polls from Madurai in southern Tamil Nadu. Assembly elections are due during April-May 2021 in Tamil Nadu. Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for a new Parliament building on December 10. He also performed the ground-breaking ceremony for the structure, which is expected to be completed by 2022.

Speaking to reporters before leaving for the temple town, Haasan alleged that the

authorities had at the last minute not granted permission for MNM to campaign within urban areas, though they had got the nod to go ahead in 'many places.' Asked about the focus of his party's campaign, he said would be ushering in a complete transformation in Tamil Nadu. "There is no doubt about degeneration in the state... people know that well and there is no point lamenting... MNM will talk about what needs to be done now," he said, apparently targeting the two Dravidian parties, AIADMK and DMK, who have in turn ruled the state since 1967. Outlook india



First woman detained under India's controversial Love Jihad laws 'forced into miscarriage'

The first woman detained under India's controversial new 'Love Jihad' laws has miscarried in custody, her family have told The Sunday Telegraph. A called her mother-in-law, from a government shelter where she is being held in the city of Moradabad in Uttar Pradesh, saying she had bled profusely and then lost her baby. Mrs Jahan believes her three-month-pregnant daughter-in-law was given an injection to abort the baby by staff because she converted from Hinduism to Islam and married a Muslim man. "The tyrannical world has said goodbye to this child before he was able to see the world," said Mrs Jahan.

Muskan's husband Rashid, 27, is being held in an unknown prison in Uttar Pradesh for allegedly coercing Muskan into converting from Hinduism to Islam by marrying her.

Uttar Pradesh passed legislation last month designed to prevent marriages arranged to convert Hindu women into Muslims, a practice known as 'Love Jihad'. But critics say the law is a poorly disguised attempt by the Hindu nationalist ruling party of prime minister Narendra Modi to break up interfaith unions. A further four Bharatiya Janata Party-ruled (BJP) states are expected to pass similar laws later this month, despite the Indian government admitting in February it had not been able to find one case of so-called 'Love Jihad' nationwide.

While the law doesn't specify any religion, police in Uttar Pradesh are targeting Muslims - at least ten Muslim men have been arrested so far but no Hindus.

Muskan and Rashid met when Rashid left his impoverished family home to work as a hairdresser in the northern Indian city of

Dehradun. Scraping to get by, he began to grow close to another migrant worker from Uttar Pradesh, a woman then known as Pinky. The pair were employed by adjacent salons and Rashid began walking to work every morning with Pinky, making her laugh. "Then, around five months ago, we got a sudden call from Rashid, he was very excited and he said that he had married the Hindu girl," Mrs Jahan told the Sunday Telegraph. "I scolded him that he did a wrong thing and asked him why he didn't consult with us first. But, then he said he was coming home in July and we treated Pinky like our own daughter."

Rashid got a new job in a salon in Moradabad and Pinky - who had taken the decision to convert to Islam and adopt the name Muskan before her marriage in July - soon fell pregnant, much to the delight of her mother-in-law.

"Like every mother, I also had a dream that my son should get married and then the happiness of all of us increased with the news of Muskan's pregnancy," said Mrs Jahan.

"There is no small baby in our house that we could play with on our lap and we had dreams of making the baby a good person through education." Hindus and Muslims have lived side-by-side in Uttar Pradesh for hundreds of years and while interfaith marriages are rare, they constitute three percent of unions.

However, since Mr Modi was re-elected with a landslide win in 2019, the BJP has implemented a string of policies protecting Hinduism. He has regularly been



accused of Islamophobia.

testing the couple were happily married.

The BJP has argued that Muslim men trying to brainwash Hindu women to convert to Islam before marriage to enact demographic change, a practice described as 'Love Jihad'. India's Muslim community constitutes just 14 per cent of the population. On Tuesday, the police arrested Haider Ali, a Muslim from the town of Kushinagar, tortured him and threatened to "skin him alive". Mr Ali was released the next day after it was discovered his bride was born a Muslim.

Rashid was arrested on Sunday after the family visited a lawyer in Moradabad to register their marriage in Uttar Pradesh, as the couple had married in neighbouring Uttarakhand.

The family's route home was blocked by the Bajrang Dal, a hardline Hindu nationalist group, who threatened them and called the police.

The police arrested Rashid and took Muskan to the shelter home, despite her pro-

"This is what Muslims do, first they love, and then they carry out Love Jihad after a few months. We know Pinky [Muskan] is seeing love right now, but after a few days she will find it very difficult to live her life," said Gaurav Bhatnagar, the Bajrang Dal leader from Moradabad.

"Our workers are active in the street, locality, villages, cities, everywhere. Our job is to inform the police when Love Jihad cases occur and then it's the court's job to punish them." When Mrs Jahan tried to visit Muskan at the Nari Niketan shelter on Saturday morning, she was refused inside the building.

"Fear aggravates in our family, I do not know what will happen when both of them get released but I am very scared," said Mrs Jahan. The Telegraph approached the shelter where Muskan is held but did not receive a response. Yahoo news Joe Wallen



Aziz Naser Birthday celebration with famous actor Rk mama ,mast ali (saleem Pehko) ,akber bin taber ,actress sufi khan & song writer singer hussain Raza and kbjaani

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Many people on social media paid tributes to Khan Ather, among them are NRI Iftekhar Shareef, Adnan Sajid Khan, Mohammed Quaiser, Mir Mohsin Ali, Syed Shabuddin Comedian, Talat Rehman, K B Jani, Nizam Ali Khan, Abdulla Shaik , Md. Fareeduddin Sabiri, Shujat Ali Sufi said He use to celebrate the Birthday of Mohammed Rafi every year through a Big Cultural Program. May Allah SWT grant him highest place in Jannah & give patience to his family members.

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Conratulations to Mohammed Shabber on the inauguration of Lucky Tea Point, Ghouse Pasha (Chameli Mandwa) can also be seen in the picture - Reporting by Fareed uddin Sabiri



It is with great sadness we must live with the news of passing away of Janab K M Arifuddin Sahab, Founder of Medina and Global Group of Institutions.

KCR's Development schemes in Siddipet

Chief Minister Sri K. Chandrashekar Rao laid the foundation stone and inaugurated several development works in the Siddipet Assembly Constituency jurisdiction. Local MLA and Finance Minister Sri T Harish Rao, Ministers Sri Eatala Rajender, Sri S Niranjan Reddy, Sri Vemula Prashanth Reddy, MPs Sri J Santosh Kumar, Sri Kotha Prabhakar Reddy, Government Chief Whip Sri Bodakunti Venkateswarlu and MLC Farooq Hussain and Corporations Chairpersons, MLAs, MLCs and other public representatives participated.

CM KCR laid the foundation stone for the IT Park which is coming up at Dudeda at a cost of Rs 45 Crore in sprawling 3 acres with 60,000 square feet of office space. On this occasion, four IT Companies from the US have exchanged MoUs in the presence of the CM with the state government to set up their offices in the IT Park.

The CM inaugurated Rythu Vedika at Mittapally near Siddipet, which was constructed at a cost of Rs 22 Lakh in 2046 Square yards.

The CM also inaugurated Government Medical College, which was constructed

at a cost of Rs 715 Crore in 3 Lakh Square feet. The CM laid foundation stone for a 1000-Bedded Government Hospital.

The CM inaugurated a 2,460 Double Bedroom housing complex in Siddipet which was constructed at a cost of Rs 145 Crore in 45 acre land. The CM made Potha Devender-Swathi, Raj Kaur, Mohammed Saddam, Yaka Bhagya to perform the house warming ceremony. The CM also inaugurated the function Hall and Integrated market in the colony, which was named KCR Nagar.

The CM also inaugurated the underground drainage system in Siddipet which was done at a cost of Rs 278.50 Crore as part of making Swachh Siddipet. The CM also inaugurated the Water Resources department Guesthouse built on Palla Gutta Island in the Ranganayaka Reservoir which has a capacity of 3.50 TMC.

The CM inspected the beautification works taking place at Komati Cheruvu. He walked on foot the Necklace road at the Komati Cheruvu. The CM congratulated Sri Harish Rao for beautifully developing the Komati Cheruvu area.



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ایشیائی ٹائمز یو ایس کے سرپرستوں اور قارئین کو اُردو قافلہ کی جانب سے نیا سال ۲۰۲۱ء کی آمد و استقبال کے موقعہ پر دلی مبارک باد۔ پچھلا سال جس طرح بھی گزرا گزر گیا اور اب ہماری دعا ہے کہ ۲۰۲۱ء اور آنے والا زمانہ ساری دُنیا اور ہم سب کے لئے درازی عمر اور صحت مندی کے ساتھ خوش بختی، خوش حالی اور خوش امنی لے کر آئے اور ہم سب کو اللہ کے فضل و کرم سے دو جہاں میں کامیابی، کامرانی اور اپنے جائز مقاصد و مطالب میں فتح و نصرت سے سرفراز کرے۔ (آمین ثم آمین)



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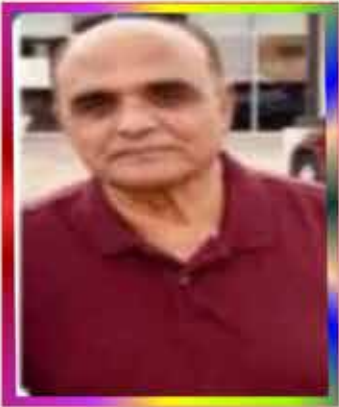
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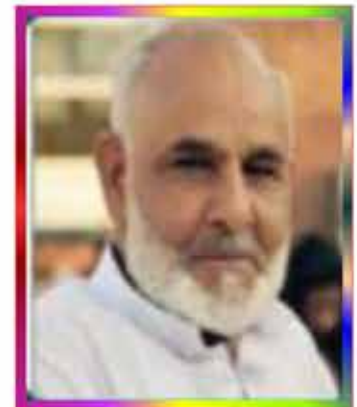
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میں پندرہ بیس لاکھ ماہانہ مار ہا ہے کوڈ پلومیٹ امریکن بورڈ ڈاکٹر سعید اختر کی بارہ لاکھ کی تنخواہ پر آگ لگ گئی اور کمپلیکس کا سٹکار دو بھائیوں نے پورے پی کے ایل آئی کو تباہ کر دیا۔ اگر علم نہ ہوا ایک سپورٹرنہ ہو تو سمجھ آ جاتی ہے لیکن ثاقب ثار کے اپنے بچے امریکہ میں رہتے ہیں اور یہ یہاں آ کر ڈاکٹروں سے ملتا جلتا ہے تو اسے نہیں پتا کہ ڈپلومیٹ امریکن بورڈ کی تنخواہ کتنی ہوتی ہے؟ لیکن کمپلیکس کا کیا علاج؟ یہی چیختا چلاتا کمپلیکس، نیشنل ہاسپٹل لاہور کے ڈریس ڈیزائنر ما لک پر نکلتے ہوئے پوری قوم نے دیکھا؛ کبھی اس طرح اعتراض احسن جیسوں پر چیختے نہیں دیتا جو دو دو کروڑ کا ایڈوانس (retainer) لے کر کیس پکڑتے ہیں؟

اعلیٰ منصب کے لئے چنتے وقت، ایمانداری اور قابلیت کے ساتھ دھیان کمپلیکس پر رکھنا بھی بہت ضروری ہے ورنہ ڈان بچے جیسوں کی مونٹی کارلو میں جوئے یا نالائق ڈاکٹر بھائی جیسوں کی دوسروں کی تنخواہ پر لگنے والی لوگ بہت کچھ جلا دے گی!!!



کمپلیکس سے کہیں زیادہ نقصان اس ملک کو جوں اور جرنیلوں کے کمپلیکس سے ہوا ہے خواہ میٹرک پاس ضیا الحق ہو یا شراب کارسیا سخی خان؛ ”ڈرٹاؤٹا نہیں ہوں“ والا مشرف یا پراپرٹی ٹائیکون بننے کے شوقین کا چین سموکر جرنیل بھائی؛

جسٹس افتخار چوہدری کے لئے ہم جیسے لوگ بھی سڑکوں پر آ گئے؛ امریکہ میں اسکا استقبال کیا لیکن اسکے نالائق بیٹے کا کوٹے پر زبردستی ڈاکٹر بننے اور وہاں سے بغیر سی ایس ایس، چلیل پانڈے بننے اور پھر ڈان بننے کا کمپلیکس پوری قوم کے ارمان ڈبو گیا۔ نیشنل ٹی وی پر ملک ریاض پنپتیس کروڑ دینے کی رشوت کا اعتراف کرتا ہے اور کمپلیکس کا شکار افتخار چوہدری اس کو اعتراف جرم قرار دیکر سو موٹو نہ لے سکا۔ اور اب سڑکوں پر نخل ہو رہا ہے۔ ثاقب ثار؛ جس کے پیچھے لگ کر ہم جیسے (جو سنانے بنے پھرتے ہیں) پچھلے سال ڈیم کے لئے چندہ دے رہے تھے اور مانگ رہے تھے۔ اور یہ ڈیم ڈرامہ تو برداشت کر لیتے لیکن اس کمپلیکس کے شکار جج کے نالائق بھائی ساجد ثار جس نے کبھی ایک دن انٹرنیشنل ٹریڈنگ نہیں لی اور پھر بھی پاکستان

شہر دیکھ سکتے ہوں؛ ہوائی جہاز بھی آپ کے پاس ہو، وسائل بھی ہوں لیکن کیا آپ لندن سے شروع کریں گے یا لنڈی کوتل سے شروع کریں گے؟ جبکہ اگر آپ کے پاس محض نیویارک یا ٹوکیو کی آپشن ہو تو کام آسان ہو جاتا ہے۔ ایک مقام پر آ کر قابلیت میں اگر انیس بیس کا فرق ہو تو ترجیحات، اگلے مقام اور کامیابی کا تعین کرتی ہیں۔

ایمانداری اور قابلیت ایسی میٹھی اور فریبی گھسن گھیری ہے کہ جس میں الجھ کر ہم اگلی اسٹیج تک جا نہیں پاتے ہیں اور وہ ہے کمپلیکس۔ کمپلیکس کی بذات خود اردو مجھے کبھی نہیں ملی۔ یہ عموماً احساس کمتری یا احساس برتری کے طور پر لکھا جاتا ہے اور اگر برتری یا کمتری الگ کر دیں تو محض احساس رہ جاتا ہے اور کمپلیکس کو احساس لکھنا اسے مہمل بنانے کے مترادف ہے۔ نئی تحقیق کے مطابق احساس برتری بھی احساس کمتری کی ایک شکل ہے گو یا وہ انسان جو اندر سے کمتر ہے، خود کو برتر ثابت کرنے کی کوشش کرتا ہے۔ اگر آپ نے پاکستان میں کسی بھی سیاستدان، جج، فوجی یا سول افسر کو پاکستان کا بیڑا غرق کرنے کی کوشش کرتے دیکھا ہے تو اس میں ایک فیکٹر لازم ہوگا اور وہ ہوگا ”کمپلیکس“؛ زیادہ تر میں احساس کمتری۔

آپ جنرل مشرف کی ان دی لائن آف فائر پڑھ لیں یا جنرل شاہد عزیز کی یہ خاموشی کب تک؛ احساس کمتری کو برتری بنانے کی کوشش کی گئی ہے؛ نواز شریف کو بھٹو بننے کا کمپلیکس فوج سے لڑو اتارنا اور انکے صنعتکارا باجان کو رانا پھول کی طرح جاگیر دار بننے کا کمپلیکس رائے ونڈ کے کسان اجاڑ گیا؛ زرداری کو شریفوں کی طرح مالدار بننے کا کمپلیکس کرپشن کو نئی حدوں تک لے گیا؛ سیاستدانوں

دنیا میں عموماً لوگ دو خوبیوں کی وجہ سے کسی بھی نوکری کے لئے پختے جاتے ہیں۔ قابلیت میں تعلیمی و قابلیت کے ساتھ تجربہ شامل ہے لیکن ایمانداری پتا نہیں کیسے اور کب میرٹ کا حصہ بن گئی۔ اکثر افسران کے بارے میں یہ کہا جاتا ہے کہ وہ بڑا ایماندار تھا رشوت نہیں لیتا تھا؛ لیکن یہ کیسے خوبی بن گئی۔ آپ کھانا کھاتے ہیں، آپ کا معدہ ایمانداری سے ہضم کر کے؛ چھوٹی آنت ایمانداری سے کارآمد اجزا کو واپس کھینچ کر بڑی آنت ایمانداری سے فضلے کو باہر نکال دیتی ہے؛ کیا کبھی اس ایمانداری کی تعریف ہوئی؟ گردے ایمانداری سے خون صاف کر کے، مثانہ رشوت لئے بغیر سکون سے باہر نکال دیتے ہیں؛ کبھی تعریف ہوئی؟ خون کی نالی صرف دو منٹ، جی دو منٹ کے لئے دماغ کو ایمانداری سے خون نہ پہنچائے تو باقی زندگی انسان وینٹیلیٹر پر سبزی کی طرح پڑا رہتا ہے، بغیر دماغ کے اور ایسے ہی مر جاتا ہے۔ دل کی سب سے چھوٹی نالی بے ایمان ہو جائے تو انسان سیدہ پکڑ پر ہسپتال پہنچ جاتا ہے اور اگر بڑی نالی یار دھم بے ایمان ہو جائے تو ”مرحوم نے سجدے میں ہی دم توڑ دیا“ یا پھر ”سوئے نہیں اٹھے“ سننے میں آتا ہے۔ گو یا قدرت کا نظام ہی ایمانداری پر ہے اور یہ کوئی خوبی نہیں بلکہ ایک بنیادی جزو ہے انسانی مشین کے کام کا۔

قابلیت بہر حال ایک اہم چیز ہے لیکن کیا دنیا میں سب سے بہترین کام اس شعبے کے قابل ترین لوگوں نے کئے ہیں؟ غالباً نہیں۔ دماغ کے لامحدود ہونے کی مثال اپنی جگہ لیکن ترجیحات کی اہمیت اس لامحدودیت میں اتنی زیادہ ہے جیسے آپ ایک زندگی میں دنیا کا ہر

شوشل میڈیا پر اردو رسم الخط کو فروغ و ترجیح دیجئے کیونکہ اب یہ زبان ملت کو جوڑنے کا واحد ذریعہ ہے۔ اسکے رسم الخط کی حفاظت بھی ہماری ہی ذمہ داری ہے۔ لکھنے میں املا یا تذکیر و تانیث کی غلطی کی فکر نہ کریں بس لکھتے رہیں۔ اس عمل سے یہ فائدہ ہوگا کہ گوگل حرف کی شناخت کر لے گی اور آہستہ آہستہ آٹو کریکشن کے وہ وسائل حاصل ہو جائیں گے جو انگریزی یا اور دوسری زبانوں کو حاصل ہیں۔ اپنی اردو دوستی کا ثبوت دیجئے اور جو کچھ لکھنا چاہتے ہیں وہ صرف اردو میں لکھیں، یہ عمل بھی اردو کی ایک خدمت میں شمار کی جائے گی۔

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گل بوکی حکایت

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اُردو حکایت: ایک بادشاہ کے کئی لڑکے تھے۔ اُن میں سے ایک شہزادہ پست قد و معمولی شکل و

صورت کا تھا اور اس کے دوسرے بھائی دراز قد و خوب رو تھے۔ بادشاہ نے جب شہزادہ کو حقارت سے دیکھا تو شہزادہ نے کہا۔ ”چھوٹے قد والا عقلمند، بلند قد والے اجتن سے بہتر ہے۔ ہو سکتا ہے کہ جو چیز قد و قامت میں چھوٹی لگتی ہو وہ قدر و قیمت میں دوسری چیز سے زیادہ ہو۔“

بادشاہ نے اس بات کو پسند کیا لیکن دوسرے شہزادے اس بات پر رنجیدہ ہو گئے۔ کچھ دن بعد جب میدان میں دشمن سے مقابلہ کا وقت آیا تو پست قد شہزادہ سب سے پہلے آگے آیا اور دشمن کے چھکے چھڑا دیئے۔

حاصل کلام:

شہزادہ کہہ رہا تھا ”میں وہ نہیں ہوں کہ لڑائی کے دن تو مجھے بھاگتا دیکھے۔ میں تو وہ ہوں کہ جس کے سر کو خاک و خون میں لتھڑا ہوا پائے گا۔ جو شخص جنگ لاتا ہے وہ اپنے خون سے کھیلتا ہے اور جو میدان سے بھاگتا ہے وہ اپنی فوج کے خون سے کھیلتا ہے۔“

منظوم ترجمہ:

نہیں میں وہ کہ جس کو روز جنگ تو بھاگتا دیکھے
میں وہ ہوں جس کے سر کو خاک و خون کی سخت حاجت ہے
کرے جو جنگ وہ خود کھیلتا ہے خون سے اپنے
مگر جو بھاگتا ہے، خون سے اُس کو کراہت ہے
اس جوان مرد شہزادے کو زہر دینے کی کوشش کی گئی تو شہزادہ نے کھانے سے ہاتھ کھینچ کر کہا ”یہ مشکل ہے کہ اہل ہنرم جائیں، اور بے ہنر اُن کی جگہ لے لیں۔“

فارسی شعر:

کس نیاید بزیر سایہ بوم
ور ہمای از جہاں شود معدوم

حاصل کلام:

اگر ہما، دُنیا سے معدوم ہو جائے تو پھر بھی کوئی شخص اُلو کے سائے تلے نہیں آئے گا۔

منظوم ترجمہ:

آئے کیوں، کوئی زیر سایہ بوم
ہو جہاں سے اگر ہما معدوم

بادشاہ کو واقعہ کا علم ہوا تو اُس نے حاسد بھائیوں کو مناسب سزا دے کر اُن کا تصفیہ کر دیا تاکہ فساد کی جڑ کٹ جائے اور آئندہ جھگڑے کا احتمال نہ رہے۔ کیوں کہ داناؤں کا قول ہے کہ دس درویش ایک گدڑی میں سو سکتے ہیں لیکن دو بادشاہ ایک ملک میں نہیں سا سکتے۔“

منظوم ترجمہ:

یہ ممکن ہے کہ دس درویش، اک گدڑی میں ہوں لیکن
سا سکتے نہیں دو بادشاہ اک ملک میں ہرگز

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

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

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

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کی فعال چیف ایگزیکٹو محترمہ غوثیہ سلطانہ نے اقبالیات کانفرنس میں شامل مدعوین کا استقبال کرتے ہوئے کانفرنس کی اہمیت پر روشنی ڈالی اور اقبال کی آفاقی شخصیت کو خراج تحسین پیش کیا۔ علاوہ ازیں انہوں نے تنظیم کی توسیع کا اعلان کرتے ہوئے فرمایا کہ یہ تنظیم امریکہ میں پھیلنے کی دہوں سے آپ فروغ اردو زبان و ادب سے جڑی ہوئی ہیں اب اس کی



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صدر

انجمن علم و ادب اور ساوتھ ایشین کلچرل سوسائٹی آف شکاگو امریکہ کے صدر اور دیگر اہم شخصیات کی تصاویر اور ناموں کی فہرست۔

ہیں۔ اظہار تشکر کی تحریک فرح غیاث الدین پیش کی۔ آخر پر کئی مفکرین نے کانفرنس کی کامیابی پر اظہار اطمینان، ہر خوشی کا اظہار کیا اور تنظیم کے ذمہ داروں کو مبارک بخش کی۔ میڈیا پارٹنرز میں کشمیر سے قبیل ارشاد جذبہ پوسٹ (امریکہ) 'سنجوج' گواہ آواز ادب (جرمنی) ایشیا ٹائمز شامل رہے۔ آٹھ گھنٹے کی اس کانفرنس میں دلچسپی آغاز سے آخر تک برقرار رہی۔

(شکاگو) محترمہ فرید سحر حیدر آباد (انڈیا) محترمہ ج۔ ف غوری (اٹلی) ڈاکٹر افضل رضوی (آسٹریلیا) محترمہ ڈاکٹر توفیق انصاری احمد (شکاگو) محترمہ عابد رشید (شکاگو) ڈاکٹر روز احمد (قطر) ڈاکٹر طاہرہ پروین الہ آباد (انڈیا) ڈاکٹر منیر الزمان منیر ڈاکٹر افضل الرحمن افسر (شکاگو) محترمہ محشر فیض آبادی (ممبئی انڈیا) وغیرہ۔ افتتاحی اجلاس میں تلاوت کلام پاک علامہ اقبال کی نظم "خودی کا سربناں" سے سامعین و ناظرین محفوظ ہوئے۔ اس کے بعد تنظیم کی توسیع کرتے ہوئے ایک عالمی تنظیم کی صورت دی گئی تھی جس کے لئے پروفیسر مولا بخش کو صدر ڈاکٹر ریاض توحیدی کشمیری کو چیئر پرسن اور فرح غیاث الدین کو سکریٹری بنایا گیا ساتھ ہی انہوں نے مختلف ممالک سے منتخب شدہ اہل علم و دانش کے اسمائے گرامی بھی سنائے جو تنظیم کی مجلس مشاورت اور ممبر بنائے گئے ہیں۔ اجلاس میں سعدی شیرازی کی "گلستان بوستان" کا منظوم ترجمہ کتاب "گل بو" مصنف ڈاکٹر توفیق انصاری احمد (شکاگو) اور "حیات ضیاء اردو

انجمن علم و ادب اور ساوتھ ایشین کلچرل سوسائٹی شکاگو امریکہ بہ اشتراک جی۔سی۔ ویمن یونیورسٹی سیالکوٹ کی جانب سے آن لائن بین الاقوامی اقبال کانفرنس کا انعقاد اعلیٰ ترین علامہ اقبال کی ہمہ جہت شخصیت اور فکر و فن کی اہمیت کے تعلق سے عالمی سطح کے ادیبوں، دانشوروں، اسکالروں اور شاعروں کو ایک ہی پلیٹ فارم پر جمع کرنے اور اردو زبان و ادب کی ترقی و ترویج کیلئے انجمن علم و ادب اور ساوتھ ایشین کلچرل سوسائٹی آف شکاگو امریکہ اپنی سرگرمیاں جاری رکھے ہوئے ہیں۔ کشمیر پریس سرو کے موصول تفصیلات کے مطابق انجمن علم و ادب اور ساوتھ ایشین کلچرل سوسائٹی آف شکاگو امریکہ کی جانب سے ایک روزہ آن لائن بین الاقوامی اقبالیات کانفرنس کا اہتمام 29th نومبر 2020 کو ہوا۔ کانفرنس میں سولہ ممالک کے درجہ ذیل ماہرین اقبالیات اور شعراء نے شامل ہو کر مقالے اور کلام پڑھ کر کانفرنس کو کامیاب بنایا۔ ڈاکٹر منیب اقبال (پسرزادہ علامہ اقبال) پروفیسر رخسانہ کوثر (وائس چانسلر جی۔سی۔ ویمن یونیورسٹی) ڈاکٹر شگفتہ فردوس (ڈاکٹر ابراہیم محمد ابراہیم) صدر شعبہ اردو ازہر یونیورسٹی (ڈاکٹر محمد افضل بٹ) صدر شعبہ جی۔سی۔ ویمن یونیورسٹی سیالکوٹ) پروفیسر ناصر عباس ناہیر (ڈاکٹر جنرل آف اردو سائنس بورڈ پاکستان) ڈاکٹر علی بیات (پروفیسر شعبہ اردو یونیورسٹی آف طہران) غوثیہ سلطانہ چیف ایگزیکٹو آف انجمن علم و ادب اور ساوتھ ایشین کلچرل سوسائٹی آف شکاگو۔ پروفیسر مولا بخش (ایچ او ڈی شعبہ اردو علی گڑھ مسلم یونیورسٹی علیگڑھ) محترمہ زیب النساء زہبی۔ ممتاز شاعرہ آف پاکستان زہبی ڈاکٹر غلام سرور خان علیگڑھ (انڈیا) ڈاکٹر احمد علی برقی عظمیٰ دہلی (انڈیا) ڈاکٹر ثروت خان راجستھان پروفیسر رانا اعجاز حسین (کویت) (ڈاکٹر سلیم محی الدین) صدر شعبہ اردو شیواجی کالج پربھنی) محترم اقبال فردوسی دہلی (انڈیا) محترم تمیز احمد پرواز دہلی (انڈیا) پروفیسر حمید نسیم رفیع آبادی (صدر شعبہ اسلامک اسٹڈیز سنٹرل یونیورسٹی کشمیر) شاہد اقبال



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سفیر تہذیب و محبت۔۔۔ حسن چشتی

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”جب اصول اور اعمال علماء اور عوام ایک دوسرے کے حریف بن جائیں تو حق کے پیمانے دشوار اور دُھندلے ہو جاتے ہیں اور ساری سماجی زندگی سخت انتشار کا شکار ہو جاتی ہے۔ اس عبوری دور میں عموماً بڑی شخصیتیں جس قدر اصولوں یا عقیدوں پر اصرار کرتی ہیں اسی قدر اعمال اور عوام کو نظر انداز کرنے لگتی ہیں۔ اصول اور عقیدے عمل کے ترازو میں نہیں آتے۔ عوام علماء کے گرویدہ نہیں رہتے اور عقیدے اعمال کی گرفت سے آزاد ہو جاتے ہیں۔ سماجی انتشار کا یہ عہد جب شباب پر پہنچ جاتا ہے تو زوال اور ظلمتوں کے پردے سے ترقی اور تبدیلی کی صبح نمودار ہوتی ہے اور اس طرح مفکرین، علماء دانشور، مدبر، شعراء، ادباء اور فنکار نئی زندگی اور نئے زمانے کا پیام لاتے ہیں۔“

استاد محترم ڈاکٹر رضی الدین احمد کے درج بالا ارشادات کا اطلاق جن باوقار شخصیتوں اور دانشوروں پر ہوتا ہے ان میں ایک روشن نام محترم حسن چشتی کا ہے۔ ان کے خیال سے نظر میں پھول مہکنے لگتے ہیں۔ تصور میں محبتوں کی دُنیا آباد ہونے لگتی ہے۔ دل میں شمعیں جل اُٹھتی ہیں۔ طبیعت میں کیف و سرور رچ بس جاتا ہے۔ ان کی صحبت راجستھان کے تپتے ہوئے صحرا میں ٹھنڈی دریا کے احساس سے عبارت ہے۔ ان سے مل کر شرافت، تہذیب، خلوص اور شائستگی کے معنی سمجھ میں آتے ہیں۔ ان کے حسین اور مہذب نقطہ نظر سے زندگی اور معاملات زندگی سے عشق ہونے لگتا ہے۔ ان کی وضعداری اسلاف کی تہذیب کو ہمارے روبرو کر دیتی ہے۔ بقول اثر غوری۔

نور لفظوں میں پھیل جاتا ہے جو بھی لکھوں ترے خیال کے بعد چند شخصیتیں ایسی ہوتی ہیں جو وقت کی جلتی ریت پر اپنے قدموں کے نشان چھوڑ جاتی ہیں جس پر زمانے فخر اور رشک کرتے ہیں۔ ان نامور ہستیوں میں حسن چشتی کا بھی شمار ہوتا ہے۔ علامہ اقبال کے الفاظ میں۔

ہزاروں سال نرگس اپنی بے نوری پہ روتی ہے بڑی مشکل سے ہوتا ہے چمن میں دیدہ ور پیدا حسن چشتی کی شرافت، دردمندی، خدا ترسی اور اعلیٰ انسانی و اخلاقی اقدار کے لئے سب کچھ کرنے کی تگ و دو نے انہیں اُردو دُنیا کا باوقار انسان بنا دیا ہے۔ بقول رئیس اختر۔

”ہمیں دیکھو کہ ہم تہذیب ہیں کل کی جہاں والو

سنو ہم کو کہ ہم شائستگی کی بات کرتے ہیں“ وہ غالب و اقبال کی حسین وراثت ہیں۔ حاتی اور شبلی نعمانی کے خوابوں کی تعبیر ہیں۔ سرسید اور مولانا آزاد کے تصورات کا پیکر ہیں۔ حسن چشتی پنڈت جواہر لال نہرو کی انسان دوستی کے نہ صرف معترف ہیں بلکہ ہندوستان کی گنگا جمنی تہذیب کے قدردان بھی ہیں اور علمبردار بھی۔

سرزمین بہار صدیوں سے علمی تہذیبی ادبی اور مذہبی اعتبار سے نہایت سرسبز و شاداب رہی ہے۔ اسی تاریخ ساز سرزمین سے محترم حسن چشتی کے والد بزرگوار محترم سید احمد کا تعلق رہا ہے۔ محترم سید احمد اپنے وقت کے جید منتظم رہے ہیں۔ وہ نہ صرف حق پرست مسلمان تھے بلکہ نیشنلسٹ مسلمان بھی تھے۔ ان کو مہاتما گاندھی، پنڈت جواہر لال نہرو اور مولانا حسرت موہانی سے بے حد عقیدت تھی۔ ان کی شخصیت ہندوستان کی گنگا جمنی تہذیب کی مظہر تھی۔ حیدرآباد آنے کے بعد آپ جامعہ عثمانیہ سے وابستہ ہو گئے۔ جامعہ عثمانیہ کو سہ ماہی و قازو زن و وقار اور رنگ و آہنگ دینے والوں میں ان کا بھی شمار ہوتا ہے۔

۱۵ اکتوبر ۱۹۳۰ء میں شہر نگاراں حیدرآباد میں محبت کا شہزادہ حسن چشتی نے آنکھیں کھولیں۔ حیدرآباد کے ادبی، علمی، مذہبی، شعری اور تہذیبی ماحول نیز جامعہ عثمانیہ سے تعلیمی اور پھر ملازمت کے سلسلے میں وابستگی نے ان کی صلاحیتوں کو پروان چڑھایا۔ انھوں نے حیدرآباد و سکندرآباد سے بحیثیت صحافی، شاعر اور ادیب اپنا ادبی سفر شروع کیا۔

حسن چشتی کی ادبی اور سماجی خدمات کا دائرہ حیدرآباد، جدہ اور شکاگو تک پھیلا ہوا ہے۔ ان کے اس جذبے کو علامہ اقبال کی زبان میں یوں کہا جاسکتا ہے۔

میں کہاں رکتا ہوں عرش و فرش کی آواز سے مجھ کو جانا ہے بہت اونچا حد پرواز سے حسن چشتی ایک باوقار پُرکشش اور خوبصورت شخصیت کے مالک ہیں۔ حیدرآباد کے مشہور افسانہ نگار اقبال مین نے بجا فرمایا ہے:

”شخص مل جاتا ہے شخصیت نہیں ملتی مگر چشتی صاحب میں تو بیک وقت یہ دونوں مل جاتے ہیں۔ یہ عجیب شخص ہے پیاسوں کو تلاش کرتا ہے اور کنواں لے کر ان کی طرف دوڑتا ہے۔“

مہاکوئی را بندرنا تھ نیگور نے بجا فرمایا ہے: ”ایک

جلتا ہوا چراغ ہی چراغ روشن کر سکتا ہے۔“ حسن چشتی کی پوری عمر اندھیروں کو روشن کرنے کی ضرورت مندوں کی مدد کرنے اور اُردو والوں کی خدمت میں گذری اور گذر رہی ہے۔ مولانا ابوالکلام آزاد کا درج ذیل اقتباس اسی نقطہ نظر کا نماز ہے۔

”ہم مسلمان ہیں اور ہم دُنیا میں اس لئے نہیں آئے ہیں کہ کعبہ معظمہ کی خدمت کریں بلکہ ہم اس لئے پیدا کئے گئے ہیں تاکہ تجلی گاہ کعبہ کے ساتھ ہو کر تمام عالم کی خدمت کریں۔ ہم کعبہ کے محافظ نہیں ہیں بلکہ ہم میں ایک چیز ہے کہ اگر اس کو پالیں تو خود ہمارا وجود عالم کے لئے کعبہ بنے، دُنیا ہمارا طواف کرے اور مخلوقات احرام نیاز باندھ کر ہماری طرف دوڑیں۔“

حسن چشتی کی مقبولیت میں ان کے اسلامی کردار کو بہت بڑا دخل ہے۔ ان کے سامنے باری تعالیٰ کا یہ ارشاد بھی ہے:

”تم ایک بہترین اُمت ہو جو سب انسانوں کے لئے وجود میں لائی گئی ہے۔“ (آل عمران: ۱۱۰)

ان کے کردار اور گفتار میں اسلامی تعلیمات کا عملی مظاہرہ ملتا ہے۔ انسانی درد کو وہ اپنی شہد رگ کے قریب محسوس کرتے ہیں۔ ان کی اسی ادا نے ان کو اپنے وقت کا سب سے ہر دل عزیز انسان بنا دیا ہے۔

شکاگو کی محترم شخصیت، شاعر ادیب اور بے زبان حیوانات کے میجا ڈاکٹر توفیق انصاری نے اپنے مضمون میں بجا فرمایا ہے:

”حسن چشتی کی نمایاں شخصیت میں دکنی تہذیب و تمدن کی دلکشی کا حسین عکس شامل ہے۔ نرم لہجہ، شائستہ گفتگو، استدلال، انداز، ہمدردانہ رویہ، رضا کارانہ خدمات اور دوستانہ طریقہ کار ایسے عناصر ہیں جن کے باہمی توازن سے حسن چشتی کی کیتائے روزگار شخصیت عالم وجود میں آئی ہے۔“

خدا نے سخن میر تقی میر نے جب یہ شعر کہا تو ان کے تحت اشعار میں حسن چشتی ہی کی طرح کوئی شخصیت رہی ہوگی۔

مت سہل ہمیں جانو پھرتا ہے فلک برسوں تب خاک کے پردے سے انسان نکلتے ہیں حیدرآباد کے مشہور مزاحیہ شاعر حضرت خواجہ خواجہ حیدرآبادی نے ان کے بارے میں بڑا خوبصورت شعر کہا ہے۔

فقط ”دیوان“ کیا سارا شکاگو ہے چمن ان کا

گزرتے ہیں جدھر سے بیمار کی خوشبو مہکتی ہے حسن چشتی کی تمام تخلیقات دراصل انسانیت کی روشنائی سے اخلاص کے اوراق پر محبتوں کا حسین نگار خانہ ہے۔ وہ حق و صداقت، حسن اور تعمیر محبت کے ادیب و شاعر ہیں۔ ان کی شاعری ان کی شہنی شخصیت کی آئینہ دار ہے۔ فرماتے ہیں۔

پرائے درد کو اپنا ہی درد جانا ہے ہم اہل درد کا رشتہ بہت پُرانا ہے حسن چشتی کے نزدیک شاعری محض حرف محاورہ و زبان یا تلاش پیکر و علامت نہیں بلکہ اپنی روح کا شعور و جذبے کا فنکارانہ اظہار ہے۔ یہی وجہ ہے کہ اپنے بہت سارے ہم عصروں کے برخلاف ان کی شاعری ذہن و دل پر بیک وقت اثر انداز ہوتی ہے۔

ان کے چند اشعار سے ان کے شعری رجحان کا اندازہ لگایا جاسکتا ہے۔

ان کے وعدوں کا اعتبار تو ہے زندگی تیرا اعتبار نہیں پھر کوئی آبلہ پا گرم سفر ہے شاید دشت کے نام بہاروں کا پیام آتا ہے انداز نرالا ہے دل آرا سا لگے ہے قاتل بھی ہمیں آج تو پیارا سا لگے ہے چھلک رہے ہیں تمہاری نگاہ کے ساغر پھر اس کے بعد تمنائے میکشی کیا ہے دکن گئے تو ہوئے فرشِ راہ دیدہ و دل خلوص کیا ہے یہ ہم نے وطن میں جانا ہے اب کیا تری دیوار کے سائے کا بیلاں ہو کوپے کی ترے دُھوپ بھی سایا سا لگے ہے محترم حسن چشتی کی داستان حیات اُردو سرگرمیوں نیز انسانی رشتوں کے احترام کی سوانح عمری ہے۔ ایک ایسی تہذیب کا زندگی نامہ جو مثالی بھی ہے اور لمحہ بہ لمحہ وسعت پذیر بھی۔ حسن چشتی وہ آفتاب دکن ہیں جن کی روشنی مشرق سے مغرب تک ضوفشاں ہے۔ اس محسن اُردو اور انسانیت کے علمبردار کا سایہ ہمارے لئے سکون و قرار کی ایک دُنیا آباد کئے ہوئے ہے۔

آخر میں اس شعر پر گفتگو ختم کرتا ہوں۔ یہ چند لمحے جو گذرے تری رفاقت میں نہ جانے کتنے برس میرے کام آئیں گے ☆☆☆

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عالمی فکر اقبال کانفرنس اور عالمی مشاعرہ

بزم ارباب سخن شکاگو کے زیر اہتمام ایک پروفیسر مسرور قریشی نے فرمائی اور ڈاکٹر اور پروفیسر احمد عبدالحکیم نے نظامت میں عبدالحکیم، ڈاکٹر منیر الزمان منیر اور ڈاکٹر عظیم الشان عالمی فکر اقبال کانفرنس اور عبدالرشید پاکستان کانفرنس کے صدر معویت فرمائشعراء اکرام میں جلال عظیم توفیق انصاری احمد شکاگو سے شامل عالمی مشاعرہ کا کامیاب انعقاد بزم ارباب رہے فکر اقبال کانفرنس میں ڈاکٹر افسر نے آبادی، بنگلہ دیش سے، آمنہ عالم، عبد رہے ڈاکٹر افضال الرحمان افسر اور منتظمین

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سخن شکاگو کے زیر اہتمام ایک عظیم الشان عالمی فکر اقبال کانفرنس اور عالمی مشاعرہ بروز ہفتہ ۲۱ نومبر ۲۰۲۰ء بجے شکاگو ٹائم منعقد کیا گیا عابد رشید صاحب کی تلاوت سے پروگرام کا آغاز ہوا ڈاکٹر توفیق انصاری احمد نے بزم ارباب سخن شکاگو اور اسکے منتظمین کا تعارف کرایا اور پروگرام کے صدور اور مہمانان خصوصی کا اعلان کیا فکر اقبال کانفرنس کی نظامت

روشنی کی جمالیات اور علامہ اقبال جاوید نامہ پر بیحد حسین اور معلوماتی پرزینٹیشن پیش کیا فکر اقبال کانفرنس میں پروفیسر مسرور قریشی، شمیم طارق انڈیا پروفیسر نیپو صدیق شکاگو اور ڈاکٹر عبدالرشید پاکستان نے مضامین پیش کئے اور گفتگو فرمائیں بعد ازاں عالمی مشاعرہ کی صدارت ڈاکٹر احمد علی برقی اعظمی دہلی، انڈیا نے فرمائی اور نظامت ڈاکٹر افضال الرحمان افسر نے کی

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کریمز کے آغاز میں اداکاری سے متعلق میر انداق اڑایا گیا تھا، دپیکا پڈوکون

مائیکل جیکسن کی نقل نہیں کر سکا، ایسا تبھی نے اپنی ناکامی کا اعتراف کر لیا

کہ کریمز کا آغاز ان کے لیے آسان نہیں تھا کیونکہ بہت سے لوگوں نے انہیں تنقید کا نشانہ بنایا تھا، کتنے لوگ ایسے تھے کہ جنہوں نے کہا کہ مجھے اداکاری نہیں آتی اور میں صرف ایک ماڈل



بالی ووڈ اداکارہ دپیکا پڈوکون نے کہا ہے کہ کریمز کے آغاز اداکاری سے متعلق بہت سے لوگوں نے تنقید کا نشانہ بنایا تھا۔ فلم اوم شانتی اوم سے کریمز کا آغاز کرنے والی بالی ووڈ

اداکارہ دپیکا پڈوکون نے ایک انٹرویو کے دوران کہا کہ شروع میں کسی بھی نئے اداکاری کی طرح انڈسٹری سے متعلق انہیں اتنا علم نہیں تھا۔ کہا کہ ان ساری باتوں سے میں بہت اثر انداز ہونے لگی تھی، مجھے ناکامیوں اور تجربات نے بہت کچھ سکھایا ہے جو میں کبھی نہیں بھولوں گی۔



بہت ساتھ دیا۔ دوسری طرف اداکارہ نے بتایا

اداکارہ سارہ علی خان نے چھوٹے بھائی کی فلم انڈسٹری میں انٹری کو خوش قسمتی قرار دیا

اداکارہ سارہ علی خان نے چھوٹے بھائی کی فلم انڈسٹری میں انٹری کو خوش قسمتی قرار دیا۔ بھارتی میڈیا سے بات کرتے ہوئے سارہ علی خان نے چھوٹے بھائی کی فلم انڈسٹری میں انٹری کو ان کے لیے خوش قسمتی قرار دیا۔ سارہ علی خان نے کہا کہ ابراہیم علی خان خوش قسمت ہیں کہ وہ فلموں میں آنے والے ہیں، تاہم وہ انہیں فلم ڈبیز سے قبل مشورہ دینا چاہتی ہیں کہ وہ باہمت اور انسان دوست بنے رہیں۔ سارہ علی خان نے اعتراف کیا کہ ابھی وہ اس قابل نہیں ہیں کہ وہ اپنے چھوٹے بھائی کو کامیابی یا ناکامی کے مشورے دیں، تاہم وہ انہیں تجویز دے رہی ہیں کہ وہ باہمت شخص بن کر رہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ابراہیم علی خان کو مشورے دینے کے لیے ان کی والدہ اور والد موجود ہیں اور ان کی مشورے دینے کی اوقات نہیں۔ انہوں نے بھائی کی فلم انڈسٹری میں داخل ہونے پر بات کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ زندگی میں ہر ایک شے اور مسئلے کو الگ الگ طریقوں سے دیکھنے اور سمجھنے کی ضرورت ہے۔ انہوں نے امید کا اظہار کیا کہ ابراہیم علی خان فلمی دنیا میں الگ مقام بنانے میں کامیاب جائیں گے، کیوں کہ وہ دیکھنے میں بھی پرکشش ہیں۔



بالی ووڈ کے 77 سالہ میگا اسٹار ایسا تبھی بچن کیلئے شہرہ آفاق پاپ گلوکار مائیکل جیکسن کی نقل کرنا ناکامی ثابت ہوئی۔ بالی ووڈ اداکار ایسا تبھی بچن اکثر اپنے انسٹاگرام اکاؤنٹ پر اکثر پرانی فلموں کی تصاویر شیئر کرتے رہتے ہیں اور اس میں اپنی فلم گنگا جمناسر سوتی میں مائیکل جیکسن کو



سے ان کے چاہنے والوں کی یادیں بھی تازہ ہو جاتی ہیں۔ حال ہی میں ایسا تبھی بچن نے انسٹاگرام پر 1988 کی فلم گنگا جمناسر سوتی کی ایک تصویر شیئر کی۔ تصویر میں اداکار ایسا تبھی بچن کو معروف امریکی پاپ گلوکار مائیکل جیکسن کے کاپی کر سکتا ہوں، کیا ہی ناکامی تھی یہ۔ خیال رہے کہ اداکار ایسا تبھی بچن نے من موہن دیسائی کے ساتھ متعدد سپر ہٹ فلمیں کی ہیں جن میں قلی، مرد، پرورش اور نصیب جیسی فلمیں شامل ہیں۔



شوہر عمیر جسوال کی کافی چرانے کی عادی ہوں، ثناء جاوید

زینب جمیل نے ماڈلنگ کی تمام تصاویر ڈیلیٹ کر دیں

پاکستان کی خوبرو اداکارہ ثناء جاوید نے انکشاف خوبصورت تصویر شیئر کی ہے، ثناء جاوید تصویر میں مغربی لباس پہنے ہوئے ہیں اور کافی پیتے ہوئے نظر آ رہی ہیں۔ ثناء جاوید نے اپنی تصویر شیئر کرتے ہوئے عمیر جسوال کی جانب اشارہ کیا ہے اور کیپشن میں لکھا کہ وہ ہمیشہ عمیر جسوال کی کافی چرا لیتی ہیں ثناء جاوید کی اس خوبصورت تصویر اور دلچسپ ہیں۔ اداکارہ ثناء جاوید نے اپنے فوٹو، ویڈیو کیپشن پر عمیر جسوال کی جانب سے بھی کمنٹ کیا شیئرنگ اپیلیکیشن انسٹا گرام پر ایک گیا ہے۔



کیا ہے کہ اپنے شوہر عمیر جسوال کی کافی چرانے کی عادی ہوں۔ اداکارہ نے سوشل میڈیا پر ایک تصویر شیئر کی ہے جس میں انہوں نے بتایا ہے کہ وہ اپنے شوہر معروف گلوکار عمیر جسوال کی کافی چرانے کی عادی

سابق اداکارہ و ماڈل زینب جمیل نے کراچی تھیں۔ زینب جمیل کے انسٹاگرام اکاؤنٹ کا جائزہ لیا جائے تو اس وقت ان کے اکاؤنٹ پر صرف 31 پوسٹس ہیں جن میں کچھ ان کی اپنی تصویریں ہیں، کچھ ان کی بیٹی آیت کی تصویریں ہیں جبکہ کچھ پوسٹس وہ ہیں جن میں انہوں نے شوہر سے کنارہ کشی کرنے کا اعلان کیا تھا۔ اس سے قبل زینب جمیل نے اپنے انسٹا اکاؤنٹ کی تمام تصویریں ڈیلیٹ کر دی ہیں جو انہوں نے بطور ماڈل شوٹ پروفاائل پیکچر تبدیل کی تھی۔



سوشل میڈیا سے ماڈلنگ کی اپنی تمام تصویریں ڈیلیٹ کر دیں۔ اسلام کی خاطر اداکاری و ماڈلنگ سے کنارہ کشی اختیار کرنے کا اعلان کرنے والی زینب جمیل نے انسٹاگرام پر موجود اپنے آئیٹل

آہ حسن چشتی صاحب دیارِ غیر میں اُردو کا مسیحا۔۔۔۔۔ اب نہیں رہا

حسن شریف



بھر میں بلا کسی محنت و جستجو شہرت، عزت، دولت اور لوگوں کا ایک وسیع دائرہ اپنے ارد گرد اپنی خوشامد کرتے دیکھنا چاہتے ہے لیکن اس کے برعکس آپ کو ایسے افراد (کم ہی سہی) بھی ملیں گے جو محنت و لگن، جدوجہد، ہمدردی، خلوص، خود مصیبت اٹھا کر دوسروں کو راحت دینے کی سعی کرتے ہیں اور اپنی پسندیدہ چیز کی قربانی دے کر دوسروں کے کام آتے ہیں انہیں لوگوں میں سے حسن چشتی صاحب بھی ایک تھے یہ ان کی کئی خوبیوں میں سے ایک خوبی تھی۔ حسن چشتی صاحب چھوٹے بڑے، ادنیٰ و اعلیٰ، خاص و عام اور گورے، کالے سب ہی سے اپنے چہرے پر مسکراہٹ لئے نہایت خندہ پیشانی کے ساتھ انتہائی پُر خلوص انداز میں ملاقات کرتے تھے، نخوت و رعونت کی ذرا سی بھی مقدار ان میں نہیں پائی جاتی تھی۔ ان کے اخلاق ہی ہیں جس کی بناء پر سنا ہے کہ ان کے دولت خانہ پر ضرورت مندوں کا جم غفیر ہمیشہ لگا رہتا ہے ان کی شخصیت اپنے آپ میں ایک انجمن کی سی تھی۔

حسن چشتی صاحب پر جتنے بھی مضامین میں نے پڑھے ہیں ان سب میں یہی پایا کہ انہوں نے فلاں فلاں کی مدد کی۔ اسکول اور کالج کے زمانہ سے لے کر آج تک بھی یہ سلسلہ جاری و ساری رہا۔

آخر میں اتنا ہی کہنا چاہوں گا کہ حسن صاحب جیسے نیک لوگ بہت کم پیدا ہوتے ہیں۔ ان کی مدد اور سہارے سے لاکھوں لوگوں کی زندگیاں سنور گئیں۔ اکثر ایسا ہوا ہے کہ صرف ایک سپاہی کی ہمت سے شکست کھاتی ہوئی فوج فتح پا گئی، ڈوبتا ہوا جہاز صرف ایک شخص کی دانشمندی سے کنارے لگ گیا۔ آج وہ ہمارے بیچ نہیں رہے اللہ انہیں مغفرت فرمائے۔ آمین

حسن چشتی صاحب کا تعلق سرزمین حیدرآباد (دکن) سے تھا۔ لیکن آپ دُنیا بھر کی کئی انجمنوں سے وابستہ رہیں کسی انجمن کے صدر



تو کسی کے سکرٹری اس طرح اُردو کے فروغ کے لئے انہوں نے اہم رول ادا کیا تھا۔ اسی طرح پچھلے ۲۵ برسوں سے امریکہ جیسی سنگلاخ زمین پر اُردو کو پروان چڑھانا کوئی معمولی بات نہیں اور وہ بلا تکان یہ کام کر رہے تھے۔ حسن چشتی صاحب بہت ہی بہترین شاعر ہونے کے ساتھ ساتھ عمدہ ادیب بھی تھے۔ اچھی شاعری، احساس کی شدت اور واردات قلبی کو حُسن کارانہ طور پر شعری لباس عطا کرنے کا نام ہے۔ انہوں نے بڑی عمدہ اور مرصع غزلیں بھی کہی۔ چند اشعار تحریر کر رہا ہوں ملاحظہ کیجئے۔

وہ گلستاں کہ جہاں اپنا آب و دانہ ہے
اسے بھی برق و شرر نے عزیز جانا ہے
جہاں بھی شام ہوئی بس وہیں ٹھکانا ہے
نہ کوئی شاخ ہے اپنی نہ آشیانہ ہے
پرائے درد کو اپنا ہی درد جانا ہے
ہم اہل درد کا رشتہ بڑا پرانا ہے
چھلک رہے ہیں تمہاری نگاہ کے ساغر

ویسے تو آسمان ادب پر کئی تخلیق کار کے نام ابھرتے ڈوبتے رہے لیکن چند ایسے بھی تخلیق کار ہیں جو ابھرتے ڈوبتے منظر سے دور اپنے فن کی روشنی بکھیرتے رہتے ہیں۔ ان میں حسن چشتی صاحب کا نام بھی نمایاں طور سے لیا جاسکتا جو نصف صدی سے اُردو ادب سے وابستہ رہیں۔ بدلتے ہوئے رجحانات کی پرواہ کئے بغیر وہ لکھتے رہتے تھے۔ حسن چشتی صاحب کی ذہنی سطح اتنی بلند تھی کہ وہ تاریکی کے تدارک میں تفہیم اور تعقل کا چراغ روشن کر سکتے تھے۔ اسی پس منظر میں کچھ اشعار پیش خدمت ہے:

انتہائے دوستی بھی دشمنی نکلی حسن
ابتدا میں اس حقیقت کو کہاں سمجھا تھا میں
کونسی آنکھ اشکبار نہیں!
کس کا دل ہے جو بیقرار نہیں
اف یہ محرومی کہ منزل نے دیئے لاکھوں فریب
گردِ راہ کارواں کو کارواں سمجھا تھا میں
کئی افراد آپ کو ایسے ملیں گے جو صرف پل

ہمدرد، مرنجان مرنج، سادگی پسند اور وضع دار شخصیت کے مالک کو انسانی رشتوں کے وسیلے سے اُردو دُنیا انہیں حسن چشتی کے نام سے جانتی تھی۔ حسن صاحب کو اللہ تعالیٰ نے دُنیا کی اُن گنت نعمتوں اور بے شمار خوبیوں سے نوازا تھا۔ ان کی فطرتِ خاص میں شرافت، درد مندی، درگزر، وضع داری بھری ہوئی تھی۔ طبیعت میں بلا کی سادگی، بیحد ملنسار بھی تھے۔ اگر کوئی ان سے ایک بار ملاقات کر لے تو یہ اپنی ہمدردانہ مشفقانہ اور منکسر المزاجی سے اس کو اپنا گرویدہ بنا لیتے تھے۔

موصوفِ معظم کی شخصیت و خدمات سے متعلق جو کچھ لکھا جائے اس سے کہیں زیادہ وہ مشہور تھے۔ البتہ یہ اظہر من الشمس ہے کہ موصوفِ معظم نے دن اور رات کے کسی بھی وقت کسی کے پاس بھی بلا امتیاز رنگ و نسل خدمت خلق انجام دیتے تھے۔ اسی اندازِ خدمات کی وجہ سے وہ ہر عام و خاص کے دلوں پر چھا گئے اور چھائے ہوئے تھے۔ بارگاہِ رب العزت میں دُعا ہوں کہ وہ موصوفِ فردوس بریں میں اعلیٰ مقام عطا فرمائے۔

حسن صاحب کی ضعیفی پر نوجوانوں کو رشک آتا تھا اور ان کی مستعدی کو دیکھ کر دل میں امنگ پیدا ہوتی تھی ان کی زندگی بے لوث خدمات سے بھری تھی اور ان کی زندگی کا ہر لمحہ کسی نہ کسی تعمیری کام میں صرف ہوتا تھا۔ یہ بہت ہی رقیق القلب تھے، دوسروں کی تکالیف کو دیکھ کر بے چین ہو جاتے تھے حاجت مندوں کی حاجت پوری کرنے میں ایڑی چوٹی کا زور لگا دیتے تھے سفارشیں کر کے لوگوں کے کام نکالتے تھے۔ حسن چشتی صاحب کے اخلاق و کردار اچھوتے تھے نہایت ہی بامروت اور بااخلاق انسان تھے اور ہر وقت ضرورت مندوں کی مدد پر کمر بستہ رہتے تھے۔



ولّی الدین

نصیحت

کاش کوئی سمجھائے ان کو دوستو
پڑھائی کرتے ہوئے شادی نہ کیجئے
سال بھر میں بیگم کہیں گی آپ سے
B.A کو چھوڑیے یہ بے کو لیجئے

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ہمسائی

کہتے ہیں سارے محلے سے دوستی رکھو
پر ہمارے لئے ایک ہمسائی بہت ہے
لگتا ہے وہ بیوی نہ بن جائے ولی
میرے گھر والوں کو پسند آئی بہت ہے

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جنرل مشرف

کس نے کہا تھا واپس آپ کو پاکستان جانیے
کیوں اپنے چچوں کی ہر بات کو مان جانیے
ایکشن تو گیا ہاتھ سے اب ہے جان پہ بنی
مشرف تو ولی نہیں پردوںوں ہیں ہمشکل جان جانیے

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یہ اطلاع بے حد افسوس کے ساتھ دی جا رہی ہے کہ ایشیا ٹائمز میں شائع ہونے والے اس صفحہ کے مرتب اور ممتاز ادبی و سماجی شخصیت جناب حسن چشتی کا جمعہ ۲۵ / دسمبر ۲۰۲۰ کو شکاگو میں انتقال ہو گیا۔ مرحوم پچھلے کئی سال سے ادبی خدمت انجام دے رہے تھے۔ ایشیا ٹائمز اس غم میں برابر کا شریک ہے۔ اِنَّا لِلّٰہِ وَاِنَّا اِلَیْہِ رَاجِعُوْنَ



وحید اختر

حسن چشتی

مومن خاں شوق

غزل

جس کو مانا تھا خدا خاک کا پیکر نکلا
ہاتھ آیا جو یقیں وہم سراسر نکلا
اک سفر دشت خرابی سے سراپوں تک ہے
آنکھ کھولی تو جہاں خواب کا منظر نکلا
کل جہاں ظلم نے کاٹی تھیں سروں کی فصلیں
نم ہوئی ہے تو اسی خاک سے لشکر نکلا
خشک آنکھوں سے اُٹھی موج تو دنیا ڈوبی
ہم جسے سمجھے تھے صحرا وہ سمندر نکلا
زیر پاب نہ زمیں ہے نہ فلک ہے سر پر
سیل تخلیق بھی گرداب کا منظر نکلا
غم ہیں جبریل و نبی گم ہیں کتاب و ایماں
آساں خود بھی خلاؤں کا سمندر نکلا
گوئج اٹھا نغمہ کن دشت تمنا میں وحید
پائے دشت حد امکان سے جو باہر نکلا

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غزل

کونسی آنکھ اشکبار نہیں!
کس کا دل ہے جو بیقرار نہیں
نالہ دل پہ اختیار نہیں
ورنہ شکوہ مرا شعار نہیں
حالتِ اضطراب دل شاید
آپ پر اب بھی آشکار نہیں
اُن کے وعدوں کا اعتبار تو ہے
زندگی تیرا اعتبار نہیں
آ بھی جاؤ کہ منتظر ہوں میں
اور اب تاب انتظار نہیں
مست نظروں کا واسطہ ساقی
پی رہا ہوں مگر شمار نہیں
جب سے بدلی نگاہِ ناز حسن
زندگانی کا اعتبار نہیں

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غزل

نگاہ و دل کا فاصلہ وہ اس طرح گھٹا گیا
نظر سے جب ملی نظر، وہ راز دل سنا گیا
مری اُداسیوں میں کوئی آ کے مسکرا گیا
کہ سونی سونی شاخ پہ نیا وہ گل کھلا گیا
بجھے چراغ جل گئے کہ چاندنی سے کھل اُٹھی
وہ مسکراہٹوں کے پھول چار سو بچھا گیا
وہ جب تلک رہا ہمارے ساتھ زندگی رہی
وہ کیا گیا کہ زندگی کا لطف ہی چلا گیا
مری حیات نے دیئے ہیں زخمِ دل کچھ اس طرح
میں زندگی کے نام ہی سے آج تھر تھرا گیا
جھلک دکھا کے چھپ گیا ہے جب سے اجنبی کوئی
کو جستجوئے شوق کو کچھ اور ہی بڑھا گیا

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شناورا سحاق

غزل

کوئی لہر تھی جو لہا رہی تھی وجود کو
کوئی نیند تھی جو منارہی تھی وجود کو
کسی خواب میں کہیں ریت پر کوئی ناؤ تھی
کوئی داستان سنا رہی تھی وجود کو
کوئی مثل تھی نہ آب شار پڑی ہوئی
کوئی آگ تھی جو بجھا رہی تھی وجود کو
کوئی ملگنی سا شمار تھا مری تاک میں
کوئی روشنی تھی جو کھارہی تھی وجود کو
کسی سبز آنکھ میں زرد پیڑ کا عکس تھا
کوئی بیل تھی جو چھپا رہی تھی وجود کو
کوئی شاخ تھی کسی آسنے پہ جھکی ہوئی
کوئی بیج تھی جو سجا رہی تھی وجود کو
کبھی ماروا کبھی گن کلی کبھی بھیرویں
کوئی مٹر بہ تھی جو گارہی تھی وجود کو

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شاہد شادانی

غزل

اُبر شہروں پہ ہیں بر سے کیا کیا
گاؤں بارش کو ہیں تر سے کیا کیا
پاؤں کنکر پہ تو خاروں پہ قدم
چن لیا راہ گزر سے کیا کیا
صد ہجوم خلش و دل زدگی
لے چلے دشت سفر سے کیا کیا
ازدحام آس کی تصویروں کے
بہہ گئے دیدہ تر سے کیا کیا
فانسیہ دیکھ دھنک پھیل گئی!
رنگ بر سے زہر سے کیا کیا
تو مرا فن پہ مگر لوگوں نے
لے لیے کام ہنر سے کیا کیا
ذکر پھولوں کا جو چھیڑا شاہد!
شعلے نکلے مرے گھر سے کیا کیا

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ڈاکٹر ریاض احمد

غزل

زندگی کی رہگزاروں سے گزر جانے کے بعد
کھوئے کھوئے بیٹھے ہیں کچھ یاد آنے کے بعد
چھپ نہیں سکتی حقیقت کو ملتے شوخ ہو
سب اُبھر آتا ہے اک دن رنگ اُتر جانے کے بعد
اُس سے کیا شان تھی اور کیسے کیسے زعم تھے
یاد آتے ہیں وہ لمحے اب گزر جانے کے بعد
جو حادث میں نے دیکھے اس جہاں میں گرد و پیش
دل دہل جاتا تھا وہ منظر نظر آنے کے بعد
دیکھ کر ظلم و ستم یوں لگ رہا تھا روز و شب
زندگی بدلے گی لیکن روح نکل جانے کے بعد
چھا گیا تھا وقت ایسا یوں نظر آتا تھا واں
جیسے ظلمات کا سماں سورج کے ڈھل جانے کے بعد
جو ر و الفت کے اصولوں میں تصادم رات دن
پر سمجھ آئے گی سب کو جاں پہ بن جانے کے بعد
کاش ہم لیں جائزہ اپنے عمل کا اب ریاض
کون پلانا ہے جہاں میں خاک بن جانے کے بعد

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پروفیسر احمد عبدالکلیم

آیا ہے سال نو

جشن خوشی منائیے آیا ہے سال نو
نغمے خوشی کے گائیے آیا ہے سال نو
تڑپا رہی ہیں ہجر کی تنہائیاں بہت
جلوہ نیا دکھائیے آیا ہے سال نو
نفرت کی ہر حصار کو یکنخت توڑ کر
سب کو گلے لگا آیا ہے سال نو
جو بھی خلش ہے دل میں اُسے بھول بھال کر
شکوے گلے منائیے آیا ہے سال نو
مانگے بغیر آئے گی کوئی خوشی نہ ہاتھ
دست دُعا اُٹھائیے آیا ہے سال نو
ماضی کے دیکسین پہ تکیہ نہ کیجئے
ٹیکے نئے لگائیے آیا ہے سال نو
گھونگھٹ اُٹھا کے دیکھئے احمد ہے سامنے
نظریں نہ یوں چڑائیے آیا ہے سال نو

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On the lighter side....

silence is golden...

Unless you have children...

If that is the case, silence is suspicious.

A lumberjack once told me he's cut down 27,653 trees.

"How do you know exactly how many?" I inquired.

"Easy. I keep a log."

What is a committee?

A committee is a group that keeps minutes and loses hours.

Thanksgiving Day was approaching and the family had received a Thanksgiving card with a painting of a pilgrim family on their way to church.

Grandma showed the card to her small grandchildren, observing: "The Pilgrim children liked to go to church with their mothers and fathers."

"Oh yeah?" her young grandson replied. "Then why is their dad carrying that rifle?"

I told my boss, "Sorry I'm late. I was having computer issues."

"Hard drive?" he asked.

"No, the commute was fine. It's my laptop."

An officer while walking his beat sees a lady walking a skunk along the sidewalk.

He says, "Hey lady, why do you have the skunk?"



"This is my Social Distancing Support Animal!"

For once, instead of the ridiculous statement, "Please note our menu options have changed..."

How about, "Our menu options are the same as they have been for years. Just prepare to be on hold for a very long time..."

I think the girl at the Airlines check-in just threatened me.

She looked me dead in the eye and said, "Window or aisle?"

I laughed in her face and replied, "Window or you'll what?"

When do you congratulate someone for their mistake?

On their Wedding Day!

While my parents were making their funeral arrangements, the cemetery salesman pointed out a plot that he thought they would like. "You'll have a beautiful view of the swan pond," he assured them.

Dad wasn't sold. Without missing a beat he told the salesman, "Unless you're including a periscope with my casket, I don't know how I'm going to enjoy that."

Little Johnny: "My pa is very religious. He always bows his head and says a prayer before meals."

Dick: "Mine always says something when he sits down to eat. But he does not bow his head."

Little Johnny: "What does he say?"

Dick: "Go easy on the butter, its up to a dollar and half a pound."

Did You Ever Wonder...

How come we choose from just two people for President and fifty for Miss America?

So I was in the chemist lab and I said to the assistant, "What gets rid of germs?"

She said, "Ammonia cleaner."

I said, "Oh sorry, I thought you worked here.."

I went to the doctor for my yearly physical. The nurse started with certain basics. "How much do you weigh?" she asked.

"135," I said. The nurse put me on the scale. It turns out my weight is 180.

The nurse asked, "Your height?"

"5 foot 4," I said.

The nurse checked and saw that I only measure 5 foot 2 inches. She then took my blood pressure and told me that it is very high.

"Of course it's high!" I screamed. "When I came in here I was tall and slender! Now I'm short and fat!"

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