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What Can Antibody Testing Really Tell Us About COVID?

By Karen Weintraub

If testing could show who's had COVID-19, even if they didn't have symptoms, we might not have to worry so much about getting it.

Companies could bring back recovered workers, and many health care workers could breathe a sigh of relief. Such a test would reveal insights into a virus that has crisscrossed the world so fast that basic questions about it remain unanswered. And it would lead to better vaccines.

This week, several experts and government officials, including CDC Director Robert Redfield, MD, said that tests looking for immune responses to the virus will be essential as the country moves forward. Such antibody testing has already started, but it can't ramp up overnight. And first, scientists need to figure out exactly what to test for, and whether having these antibodies actually makes someone immune and for how long, says Yvonne Maldonado, MD, a professor at the Stanford University School of Medicine.

"Right now, we're trying to do some studies to understand exactly what having antibodies really means," she says.

A virus like the new coronavirus, officially called SARS-CoV2, enters cells and hijacks their machinery to make more copies of itself. The immune system then makes antibodies to track down and kill these clones, says Anesh Mehta, MD, an infectious disease specialist at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta.

While diagnostic tests can tell if someone is currently infected, testing for antibodies reveals whether they've ever been infected -- even if they never felt sick.

Experts say these antibody tests, in the short term, can answer personal questions, like, "Was I infected?" It will take much longer to answer questions such as, "How long will immunity last after infection?" and societal ones, such as, "How dangerous is COVID-19 really?"

And until we know the answer to those questions, we won't really know the true value of having antibodies. While experts agree it doesn't mean our lives will completely revert to the way they were before, the tests can help us get on that path.

Knowing how many people were actually exposed and developed antibodies will help officials understand how dangerous it truly is, says Michael Mina, MD, PhD, an assistant professor of epidemiology at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. While millions of people worldwide have been diagnosed with COVID-19, many more have probably had it and were unable to get tested or didn't even notice the infection.

"It really changes our view of many, many things: First and foremost, how many people have been infected and [how many] remain susceptible to this infection," he says. "But it also changes our view on the actual biology and pathogenicity of this virus. It will determine and change how we're looking at this virus."

Antibody tests will also be essential for getting us out of our houses and back to work, and for easing the fear that has paralyzed the country, says Marc Lipsitch, PhD, also an infectious disease epidemiologist at Harvard.

Policymakers will need to know how many people have the disease and how many have immunity against it, Lipsitch says, before deciding when it's safe to loosen social distancing requirements and when they will need to tighten up again to cope with a new wave of infections.

Hopefully, having antibodies will protect someone from getting COVID-19 a second time. But since the virus has only been around since late last year, no one yet knows how long that protection will last.

With the common cold, a relative of the new coronavirus, immunity doesn't last long. You can catch it again a few months later. On the other hand, people who contracted severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) -- another related virus that caused a deadly outbreak in 2003-2004 -- still carry protective antibodies more than 15 years later, Maldonado says.

Where this virus lies on that continuum could have a huge impact on the country's ability to reopen and get people back to work, and also on the development of a vaccine, experts say.



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An Open Letter To GOD From A Poor Muslim

M Basheer Ahmed M.D. MCC For Human services

The following letter is not a real letter from anyone, but a scenario written by the author to spread awareness and cause reflection.

Dear God

I am a humble Muslim; I pray and try to comply with the tenants of Islam. My family is poor, but we practice our religion and always thank you for your blessings. Right now, I am doing my best I can to support my family exploring all the available resources. I am under extreme stress and fear and God I am seeking your help to give me patience and courage to face this calamity and cope with this disaster which is affecting me, and millions of people like me.

My grandmother passed away 2 days ago; she had the Coronavirus infection which she got in the nursing home. She died alone gazing at the walls in the hospital ICU. No family members could go in, hold her hands and recite the Kalama. We could not give her a proper burial. God, why did you make us feel so miserable?

I was working at the airport on minimum wage and I was laid off without any benefits. I cannot pay my rent and take care of my 2 young children. My whole family had to move into my mother's 2-bedroom apartment. She has multiple medical problems and lives on a meager disability income. I have not been able to even apply for unemployment benefits due to big lines and a crashed website.

We live in a poor neighborhood; our next-door neighbor was a single mother with 3 children; an hourly worker at a restaurant and was laid off. She was surviving on tips and now she has nothing. She is not eligible for unemployment and even the food pantries helping poor people are now empty.

The neighbor down the street has five children, lives in a small house, was laid off and cannot pay his mortgage. He is very scared of being evicted and going to a shelter. His layoff is affecting his entire family.

One of my cousins who married last year was working along with his wife, making 50 grand a year at a 24hr fitness center and they both were laid off as the fitness center was closed. They lost their income and health insurance. They cannot pay their rent and their savings will not last beyond 3 months. His wife is pregnant, and they are worried to death. They are religious people; he always took 2 hours off for Friday prayers and stayed at work for longer periods in the evening.

In the neighborhood, a man opened a small restaurant

by getting a loan. We all attended on his opening day to recite Quran. He had to close the restaurant when customers stopped coming to eat. He tried to keep open a takeout service, but People stopped coming due to the government lockdown and most of the customers that come do not have money to buy the food. So, he declared bankruptcy and his life is completely ruined. He is depressed and is even thinking of ending his life. Oh God, help him to face and overcome this calamity.

One of my distant relative's daughter just graduated from medical school after getting tens of thousands of dollars in loans for her education. She is assigned to the ER in a busy hospital with minimum Personal Protection Equipment. My cousin has not slept for 3 days continuously worrying about her.

I am home praying and making Dua all the time. But I am hearing nothing but gloomy news about people dying, news about people who are losing their jobs and closing small businesses and news about people who have nothing to survive on.

I hear everyday sermons from Muslim scholars. They all talk about "IT IS A BLESSING from God FOR BELIEVERS AND PUNISHMENT FOR NON-BELIEVERS".

Oh God, I am seeing it differently. Believers or non-believers, if they are rich, they are doing OK, but if they are poor, they are ruined. So, God is this a punishment of being poor? The Ulemas gave us several Duas to recite every day and ensured us that with sincere Duas the misery will go away. All of us have strong faith in you God, praying and making Duas, but every morning we wake up with nothing but misery, and I do not see any light at the end of this tunnel. I am using my credit card to buy food for my children. I have never paid interest and so every month I paid the full balance. Now I do not know how to survive without paying interest. I hope that in the next couple of months, I will have a job so that I can pay off my loan.

Imams say that we do not know why these things happen, there must be some wisdom of God behind it. Maybe, God, you are punishing people who do sinful things like running Casinos, clubs, showing billionaires that their businesses will incur losses, hoping this will control their arrogance. But it is not happening. A person who has \$4 Billion may lose 75% of his wealth, and he still has a billion, but most of us wake up with nothing. Do you think the rich will be less arrogant? It will not happen to God. Once this thing is over, their businesses will recover fast.

They will receive billions of Dollars for recovery of their businesses and an individual like me who is suffering is getting just \$1200, not even enough to pay for a half month's rent and food.

O God You are the creator of all human beings and loved them all. You stated "The best among you are those who are most righteous (justice-oriented)"

49:13 O' Allah you will protect all human beings from this tribulation.

Oh God, you said that for every illness there is a cure. You are correct God. People found cures or vaccines for many illnesses like Tuberculosis, Malaria, Polio, Cholera, and Smallpox. Muslim scholars and Ulemas all over the world are busy 24 hours every day praying for cures and protection. Allah, You told that our prayer should be:

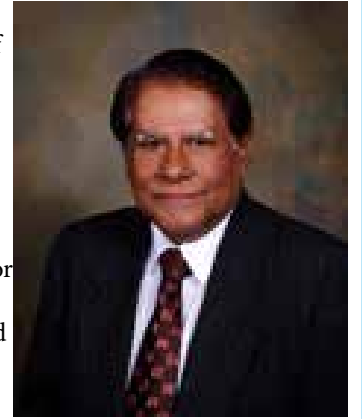
"Rabbi zidni 'Ilmaa" (O Lord, increase me in 'Ilm (knowledge) -20-114. The purpose of gaining knowledge is to understand and unravel the mysteries of your creation.

It also includes an investigation of causes and cure of human ailments. I have never heard any Muslim scholar asking Muslims to find the cure and then pray to God for its success. For the last several centuries God, Muslims become totally dependent on you to find a cure without making any effort; it seems like only non-Muslims are making every effort to find the cure for all our illnesses. Our Prophet (phuh) taught us to tie the camel first and then make Dua for its protection; if you only make dua without tying it, God will not protect it. Oh God, give our scholars guidance to convey the correct message.

I apologize, God, if I said anything wrong. Please forgive me for my shortcomings and my poor understanding. I have strong faith in you God, and I am now praying "Oh God, GIVE ME ENOUGH INTELLIGENCE TO UNDERSTAND YOUR WISDOM and Show me the right path.

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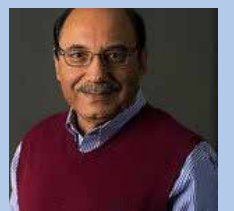
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Bad news for NRIs as Oman asks all state-owned firms to fire expat workers

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NEW DELHI: In what could spell bad news to lakhs of Indians working in Oman, the Gulf country has asked all its state-owned companies to fire all expat workers and replace them with Omani nationals.

However, India said that the policy is not a new one and is not targeted at Indians alone.

“The policy is decades-old and is not India specific. The Omani government has assured to take care of Indians in the country. The policy does not target Indians,” Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Anruag Srivastava said.

According to estimates, there are around 4.4 lakh, Indian migrant workers, in Oman with some estimates putting the number far higher at 8 lakh. The implementation of the policy is being seen as the intensification of the Omanisation project, which was launched during the former Sultan’s rule.

The order to fire all expats, was issued by the government of Oman on Wednesday as part of its financial guidelines.

As of now, the order applies only to state-run companies but workers fear that even the private sector may be impacted by it in the future.

“As of now, I am not affected by it but it would get chaotic if one day my company asks me to pack my bags and leave suddenly. The order has caused a lot of panic. Some people I know will be affected by it,” Mohammed Ibrar, a Salalah-based transport supervisor from Hyderabad, said.

The order comes just weeks after Prime Minister Narendra Modi had a telephonic conversation with his Omani counterpart Haitham bin Tariq Al Said during which he was assured that the Indian Diaspora in Oman would be taken care of.

Oman is already grappling with low oil prices and the economic slow-down caused by a coronavirus. It is a comparatively small energy producer and its debt has been rated as junk by major rating agencies.

INDIANS IN THE GULF

Bahrain	4 lakh
Iraq	12,000
Kuwait	8.25 lakh
Oman	4.4 lakh
Qatar	6.91 lakh
Saudi Arabia	15.4 lakh
UAE	34.27 lakh



Cornavirus And Importance Of Life Insurance

In my 15 years as an insurance agent, I haven't seen the level of panic about life insurance like I have experienced during the past couple of months; both from my existing as well as prospective clients. My clients want assurance that their insurance provides death coverage for Coronavirus of Covid-19 and prospective clients want life insurance for themselves and their families as soon as possible. This week deVere Group, one of the world's largest financial advisory firms, recorded a 76% jump in demand for will in the two weeks to the end of March. Meanwhile, life insurers have reported a spike in the new business of as much as 50%.

I know from my experience that life insurance does not necessarily sit on the top of the to-do list but during the COVID-19 pandemic, people are seeking those policies more than ever. People should think of ways to protect their families and any traditional policy, such as term insurance that provides a great financial safety net. No matter what has brought you to the tipping point for buying life insurance, the important thing is to take action. We are not getting any younger and run into unexpected health issues which will increase the cost of purchasing insurance. It is important to lock your insurability and your loved one's if you haven't already done.

" The modern life insurance policy covers death by any cause at any time in any place, except for suicide within the first two policy years" says Bob Bland, CEO of LifeQuotes. " If you find yourself panic shopping for life insurance, stop and focus instead on getting the right amount of coverage for the right length of time, don't focus on the possible manner of death because that's impossible to predict, " says, Bob Bland, CEO of Life Quotes.

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Joint Statement Regarding COVID19 Pandemic
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The effect of COVID19 pandemic in North Texas has shown us that the infection has a greater potential for harm than the seasonal flu and poses a significant threat to adults of all ages. The most common symptoms of those infected include: a persistent cough, a high fever, a low-grade temperature, difficulty breathing, body aches, loss of taste, loss of smell. The highest risk for death is in the elderly and immunocompromised although the disease has also caused hundreds of fatalities in young adults. It is unclear what percentage of people may carry the virus and remain asymptomatic. These individuals may still be vectors of transmission that harm other community members. Currently the only scientifically proven method of defeating this public health crisis is avoidance of contact with those infected. Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins said on April 28th. 2020 that Dallas county has not met two most important milestones health care experts have recommended before opening up our economy in North Texas; 1) number of confirmed

COVID19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths have not declined for two consecutive weeks, 2) there is not enough testing in the state of Texas to identify new hotspots. Based on the above information, it is our current recommendation that all DFW Islamic institutions do the following till May 31st. 2020.

1. Continue to suspend all services, functions, and events in which their members or attendees could gather and facilitate viral spread
2. Consider screening in-office employees for symptoms daily, offer complementary work-from-home options for those that qualify, and consider having their employees utilize masks to impede potential respiratory spread
3. Implement regular infection control measures such as disinfection of commonly used surfaces like door handles

It is our hope and prayer that Allah relieve us of this pandemic disease and allow us to enjoy our Islamic institutions to their full capacity once again!

Pakistan-American community leader in Houston killed by COVID-19

By Shelley Childers



Houston's Pakistan-American community is grieving after losing an influential member, Pervez Iqbal, to coronavirus.

After immigrating to Houston in the 90' with his wife, they raised three children and worked hard to establish a range of businesses in Houston.

Today, he owns an auto-body shop, many convenience stores and shopping centers throughout the city.

Iqbal was also a leader. In 1997 he was a founding member of the Pakistan Chamber of Commerce USA.

Years later, he served as the president in 2014 and was most recently on the ten member advisory council. Iqbal's friend, Saeed Shaikh, says Iqbal's work helped bring conferences, expos and meetings to Houston, facilitating business between both countries.

"He loved to attend all these activities, loved to be involved, loved to serve the community. Not as a business leader,

but I would say, as a great volunteer."

It's believed Iqbal contracted coronavirus while working at one of his convenience stores.

He was hospitalized and on a ventilator for ten days before succumbing to the virus on Monday, April 27th.

Pervez Iqbal was 66-years-old. He leaves behind his wife Shaheen, daughter Hira and sons Mustafa and Farhan.

"Coronavirus has no boundaries. We should be vigilant. We should take it serious. We have lost someone who was much needed to our community. He has credentials that prove he was a great volunteer, a great business leader," said Shaikh.

His friends say his death will leave a permanent void in the Pakistan community of Texas and the Houston business world.

Furqan Siddiqui was a doctor working in NHS in Manchester Royal infirmary and was coming to end of his training. Despite risk to his own health and life, he continued to care for patients. Unfortunately he himself fell ill with Covid 19. He sadly passed away after a struggle with the disease. He leaves behind 6 young children and a wife. He is another NHS hero who had travelled thousands of miles to work for the NHS and made the ultimate sacrifice. Please help collect funds for his family.

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Dr Asim Shah

So very sad to lose our class fellow due to covid in Manchester. He was doing a locum in Manchester UK, when he contracted the disease and was on ventilator for few weeks. He is survived by 6 kids, youngest is 2 years. May Allah grant him Jannah and give his wife and family strength. None of them can even see him as he will be buried in Manchester and they are in Karachi and due to covid he will be buried in Manchester. Please pray for him.

Dr Aliya Naz:

Dr Furqan Ali Siddiqui was an extremely kind, generous, passionate soul. A father of six young children and a supporter of his elderly frail parents. He and his family exemplified Islam and the true spirit of his profession. He touched the lives of so many- doctors and non-doctors from any race, religion and colour.

Dr Javed Iqbal Dawar :

Dr Furqan Siddiqui was a kind-hearted soul and his motive was to help everyone. May Allah SWT grant him the highest place in Janat. Ameen.

Sajid Jabbar



Every soul will taste death, and you will only be given your [full] compensation on the Day of Resurrection. So he who is drawn away from the Fire and admitted to Paradise has attained [his desire]. And what is the life of this world except the enjoyment of delusion. Chapter no:3 verse no: 185. QURAN May ALLAH give sabar to his family and friends in this difficult times. Aameen.

Goher Rahbour

Can't beleive it. Another hugh loss. Wow! When I was starting of in my early years as a junior doctor we used to work together in Chorley Hospital A&E. Very friendly and a humble guy who invited me to his house for meals with family on a couple of occasions. Very saddened to hear of this. Duas for him and family. Rest in peace brother.

Mohammad Kukaswadia

May Allah grant you Jannatulfirdous and make your grave as peace of Paradise, ease questions of the grave, hand over deeds to your right hands, help thru pass of bridge of Sirat and help you get houz e kauser with blessed hands of Rasool Allah SAW
 Altaf Khattak
 A very sad situation. A father of six young children and himself a son of elderly frail parents all living in Pakistan while Irfan was working in UK to support them all.....

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Treat this as an extended Spring Break vacation.	Treat this as the public health crisis that it is, and act accordingly.
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Use public park spaces as a gathering place.	Use public park spaces as an outlet for mental and physical health, practicing social distancing from those around you at all times.
Invite over a group of friends to catch up.	Plan a video or phone conference hangout to catch up with your friends virtually.
Attend a gathering of your neighbors.	Check in on your on neighbors by calling or messaging them online.
Gather together with a group of any size to go to the park together.	Go to the park with members of your family unit only, while practicing social distancing from others.
Visit the grocery store every day.	Send one member (if possible) of your household to the grocery store to pick up essentials once a week.
Gather with a group outside of your household for dinner.	Support local businesses by ordering take-out or delivery from restaurant to enjoy at home with your household.

Do not gather in groups of any size. Stay home as much as possible.

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Mumtaz Ali Akram providing free medicines to needy

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Hyderabad, April 30: As the holy month of Ramadan has begun amidst the extended lockdown, coming to the rescue of thousands of families who have been affected during the period, Hitech International Company Director Mumtaz Ali Akram has contributed for distribution of money to such families for Medicine and Iftaar.



Mumtaz Ali Akram

As Mumtaz Ali Akram is currently living in the gulf country, Deccan Blasters President Engr. Mohammed Mannanullah Khan has been assigned to distribute the same here in Hyderabad.

Earlier last week, Mumtaz Ali Akram also initiated for distribution of face masks and sanitizers to the

Police and Municipal officers, staff and personnel who are working round the clock with their lives at risk.

The face masks and sanitizers were distributed among Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) workers and Police officers at police stations and lockdown check-posts around the city.



Hifzur Rahman Azmi called on General Ali Abdullah Ayoub, Defence Minister, Deputy Commander in Chief of Syrian Army & Armed Forces (23.4.2020) and had fruitful discussion on aspects of bilateral cooperation between India and Syria:



Mr. Mumtaz Ali Akram, Director, Hitech International Company Jubail, Saudi Arabia.

Thank you sir, for your distribution of cash to lot of needy people for medicine and iftar in this lockdown period.

Mr Mumtaz Ali Akram presently living in Saudi Arabia and amount distributing by Engr. Mohammed Mannanullah Khan President of Deccan Blaster.

We Pray to Almighty Allha Keeps You More Healthy and Wealthy. Ameen.



Dr. Syed N Masood during his regular visit to inspect the progress of the educational process



With love and indebtedness, I am glad to congratulate you all on the advent of the month of goodness, mercy, and blessings, the blessed month of Ramadan Al-Mubarak. We ask Allah SWT to bestow upon us his fasting and prayers, asking Allah the Almighty to deliver us from this pandemic and preserve health and wellness for us all and to accept our fasting and prayers and accept all our good deeds. Ameen

May Allah SWT accepts from us and you all the good deeds. Ameen

Abu Al-Abbas Kareemullah Biyaban



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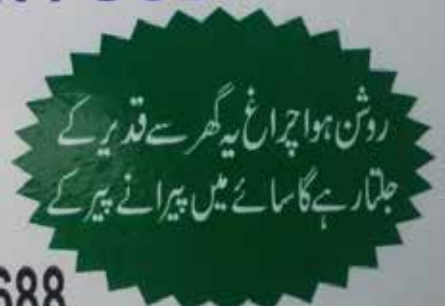
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During this tough time of Covid-19 especially in our state of Illinois, I personally on behalf of our community thank the leadership of our Governor JB Pritzker , our Mayor Lori Lightfoot and our Senator Dick Durkin for all what they could do to curb the spread of Corona Virus . We solute the leadership for working tirelessly in the State .(File Photo from last October).

Distribution of free food supplies in Shamsabad and Hyderabad areas



First Overseas Citizen of India(OCI), Mr. Iftekhar Shareef arranged hundreds of Ration kits for Shamshabad Municipality Karamchari Employees, Underprivileged people irrespective of caste or religion in Shamshabad Municipality. It was Distributed by Ms. Kolan Sushma Mahender Reddy newly elected Chairperson of Shamshabad Municipality along with Nisar Ahmed, Rasheed Ahmed , Puranchander Reddy and Mukesh Patel- RUBY NEWS



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శంషాబాద్, ఏప్రిల్ 29, ప్రభాతవార్త : కరోనా వైరస్ విజృంభిస్తున్న ప్రస్తుత తరుణంలో ప్రాణాలకు తెగించి సేవలు చేస్తున్న మున్సిపల్ సిబ్బంది, పారిశుధ్య సిబ్బందికి దాతలు చేయూతానివ్వడం వల్ల మున్సిపల్ చైర్పర్సన్ కోలన్ సుమ్మమహేందరెడ్డి సంతోషం వ్యక్తం చేశారు. శంషాబాద్ వట్టణానికి చెందిన ప్రవాస భారతీయుడు ఇప్తేకార్ షరీఫ్ 200మంది మున్సిపల్ పారిశుధ్య సిబ్బందికి 5కిలోల బియ్యంతో పాటు నిత్యావసర సరుకులను అందజేయగా మున్సిపల్ చైర్పర్సన్ కోలన్ సుమ్మమహేందరెడ్డి, కౌన్సిలర్ సంజయ్ యాదవ్ తో కలిసి వారికి పంపిణీ చేశారు. ఈ సందర్భంగా సుమ్మరెడ్డి మాట్లాడుతూ....దేశం క్లిష్టపరిస్థితుల్లో ఉన్న సమయంలో ప్రజల కోసం ప్రాణాలు కూడా లెక్క చేయకుండా సేవలు చేస్తున్న మున్సిపల్ సిబ్బందికి సహకరించడం వల్ల సంతోషం వ్యక్తం చేశారు. మరింత మంది దాతలు ముందుకు వచ్చి వలస కార్మికులను, పేద ప్రజలను ఆదుకోవాలన్నారు. ఈ కార్యక్రమంలో సింగిల్ మిండ్ మాజీ చైర్మన్ కోలన్ మహేందరెడ్డి, మున్సిపల్ విభాగం అధికారులు బాబురావు, ధశరథ్ యాదవ్, రమేష్, జయేందర్, రాజు యాదవ్, రవి తదితరులు ఉన్నారు.



Happy to be part of my contribution to a very strong Association of Doctors in America call AAPI(American Assuociation of INDIAN Origin). Today had a great meeting to supply thousands of N95 mask free of cost to Cook County Hospital as well as INDIAN physicians practising in US. Seen with me in mask is Dr SURESH Reddy current President of AAPI at their head quarter in Oak Brook ILLINOIS . Seen in other picture is Suppliers of N95 mask and other emergency equipment for Covid-19



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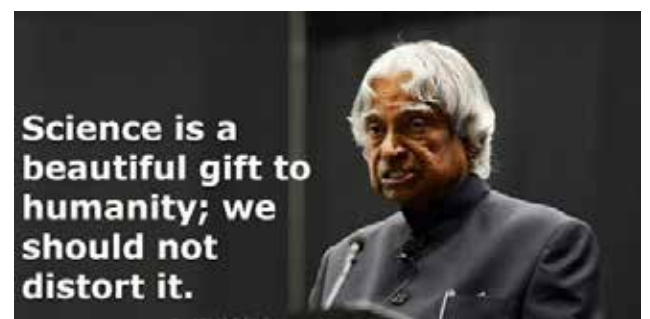
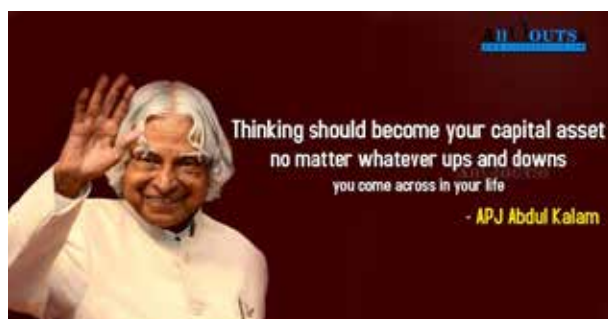
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Wali and Roshan with their Uncle and Aunty In Karachi



Shafeek Abubaker

Ramadan is usually the most busiest time at the Islamic Center of Naperville. During this month, the halls will be beaming with energy, kids running around, boys playing basketball, girls hanging out, and adults doing additional worships and prayers. Families get together in the evening to break their fast, have dinner, socialize continued by the nightly congregational prayers which usually goes into midnight.

It is not the case this year! I went there this evening to see the food distribution which is sponsored by the center for those who are having difficulty during these times. The parking lot is wide open, hallways are deserted, and the gym is unoccupied. No worship in the prayer halls, no kids playing around, and no volunteers busy arranging the dinner. It is truly disappointing and disheartening to see the emptiness. However, the true spirit of Ramadan is to think beyond yourself and make sacrifices for those you love.

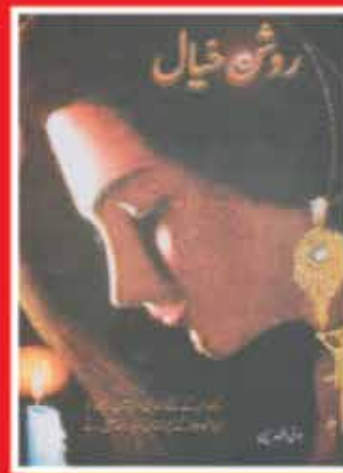
We are in this together, and we will all come out of this together and emerge stronger than before! Stay blessed and strong!



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Dedicated Healthcare Professional, Author and Emcee
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Irrfan Khan -you will be missed - Elyas Mohammed

Those who are in the Parliament, sometime made fun of the destitution of Indian Muslims by calling them "puncture-wallahs"...



Very few knows his full name as Sahabzade Irrfan Ali Khan- Irrfan Khan's journey from a humble background, helping his father at his tyre shop to international stardom - his life is a reminder what Indian Muslims has been contributing towards nation building.

"I cannot live anywhere else except India" — Irrfan Khan

Irrfan Khan - "Discussing his illness on Twitter, he told his fans: 'The unexpected makes us grow, which is what the past few days have been about.

'Learning that I have been diagnosed with NeuroEndocrine Tumour as of now has been admittedly difficult, but the love and strength of those around me and that I have found within has brought me to a place of hope" --- Irrfan Khan, metro.co.uk

Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilahi Rajioon!



India should be placed on religious freedom blacklist, US panel says

Commission says religious minorities face 'increasing assault' under Narendra Modi but state department unlikely to take action

Indian security forces personnel patrol a deserted street during restrictions after the government scrapped special status for Kashmir, in an August photo.

Indian security forces personnel patrol a deserted street during restrictions after the government scrapped special status for Kashmir, in an August photo. Photograph: Danish

A US government panel has called for India to be put on a religious freedom blacklist over a "drastic" downturn under the prime minister, Narendra Modi, triggering a sharp response from New Delhi.

The US commission on international religious freedom recommends but does not set policy, and there is virtually no chance the state department will follow its lead on India, an increasingly close US ally.

In an annual report, the bipartisan panel said that India should join the ranks of "countries of particular concern" that would be subject to sanctions if they do not improve their records.

"In 2019, religious freedom conditions in India experienced a drastic turn downward, with religious minorities under increasing assault," the report said.

It called on the US to impose punitive measures, including visa bans, on Indian officials believed responsible and grant funding to civil society groups that monitor hate speech.

The commission said that Modi's Hindu nationalist government, which won a convincing election victory last year, "allowed violence against minorities and their houses of worship to continue with impunity, and also engaged in and tolerated hate speech and incitement to violence".

It pointed to comments by the home minister, Amit Shah, who referred to mostly Muslim migrants as "termites", and to a citizenship law that has triggered nationwide protests.

It also highlighted the revocation of the autonomy of Kashmir, which was India's only Muslim-majority state, and allegations that Delhi police turned a blind eye to

mobs who attacked Muslim neighborhoods in February this year.



The Indian government, which has long been irritated by the commission's comments, quickly rejected the report.

"Its biased and tendentious comments against India are not new. But on this new occasion, its misrepresentation has reached new levels," a foreign ministry spokesman, Anurag Srivastava, said.

"We regard it as an organization of particular concern and will treat it accordingly," he said in a statement.

The state department designates nine "countries of particular concern" on religious freedom - China, Eritrea, Iran, Myanmar, North Korea, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan.

Pakistan, India's historic rival, was added by the state department in 2018 after years of appeals by the commission, which was appalled by attacks on minorities and abuse of blasphemy laws.

In its latest report, the commission asked that all nine countries remain on the list. In addition to India, it sought the inclusion of four more - Nigeria, Russia, Syria and Vietnam.



Gaston County "Reopening" All Businesses and Churches In Defiance of NC Governor's Order

In a bold move of partisan defiance, Gaston County leaders have just introduced a new order that will openly violate North Carolina's 'Stay at Home Order' by opening up all Gaston County businesses and churches "We're letting our folks know, we support them going back to work," Philbeck said.

The new order is called the "Gaston Promise" and focuses mostly on the North Carolina Constitution in defending its defiance of the North Carolina Governor's orders.

"We understand that what the Board supports is not in lock step with the Governor's executive order, but we support putting our citizens back to work and allowing them to worship corporately, both of which are their constitutional rights. In fact, we are reminded by Article I, Section 13 of our North Carolina Constitution, that "all persons have a natural and inalienable right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences, and no human authority shall, in any case whatever, control or interfere with the rights of conscience." Worship - whether by oneself or corporately -is an inalienable right of the people."

Philbeck seems to have drawn his motivation directly from President Trump,

echoing the President's phrase, "The cure cannot be worse than the problem" in a tweet he posted



How New Mexico, One of the Poorest States, Averted a Steep Death Toll

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — New Mexico has fewer hospital beds per capita than nearly every other state. It has a rapidly aging population and widespread poverty. Its residents have the highest rate by far of chronic liver disease — just one of the underlying medical conditions that are widespread in New Mexico that heighten the risk of dying from COVID-19.

Still, infectious disease specialists say New Mexico seems to have staved off disaster — for the moment, at least — with a coronavirus death rate that is lower than neighboring states like Colorado and Oklahoma.

New Mexico, which this week is reporting a crucial slowing in the spread of the infection, is not the only relatively poor state yielding impressive results against the virus. West Virginia has also moved aggressively, with even fewer per capita deaths.

The fast-spreading virus has caught more than one state by surprise, as unexpected new outbreaks develop. But as state and local authorities grasp for strategies, New Mexico's series of decisive moves early in the crisis reflect how even states with a dearth of resources can mount a dynamic pandemic response.

New Mexico's measures included shutting down schools before most states, aggressively expanding social distancing, ramping up testing beyond levels achieved in richer states and using a pioneering telemedicine initiative to quickly train rural health workers for coronavirus care.

"Hundreds of lives were saved because of what the state did early on, and that's using conservative estimates," said Helen Wearing, a mathematician specializing in disease ecology at the University of New Mexico.

Still, Wearing, who is part of a virus modeling group working with state health officials, warned that the state could see new waves of infection if nearby states loosen stay-at-home restrictions more quickly.

"As neighboring states ease back, New Mexico could get hit badly," Wearing said. "But right now, we have some breathing space we didn't think would exist just a few weeks ago."

Epidemiologists express concern about other risks for a coronavirus surge in New Mexico, including the potential that construction crews working to expand the wall on the border with Mexico could spread the virus around the southern part of the state. Moves by local authorities could also trigger outbreaks. The mayor of Grants, a small town in western New Mexico, said Thursday that

he would allow small businesses to re-open next week in defiance of shutdown orders.

Disease specialists point out that outbreaks in some places come down to chance, although an array of factors can play an important role. New Mexico is more sparsely populated than some hard-hit states, potentially curbing the virus's expansion. But the deadly onslaught of cases in the Navajo Nation, which spreads over parts of New Mexico, Arizona and Utah, shows how the virus can easily ravage rural areas.

Political acrimony could also erode some of New Mexico's gains in fighting the virus. Republicans are hitting back at the state's Democratic leadership, contending that social-distancing measures are crippling businesses and religious congregations.

Even so, prominent Republican leaders in New Mexico have somewhat refrained from attacking the broader containment strategies established by Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham, focusing instead on the economic strain in the state.

"Our main difference with the governor is the inequity," said Steve Pearce, chairman of the Republican Party in New Mexico and a former candidate for governor who lost to Lujan Grisham in 2018.

Pearce said he was focusing criticism on Lujan Grisham's decision to allow large stores like Walmart to remain functioning while smaller operations are shut down.

"It's unfair to side with major out-of-state corporations over local businesses," Pearce said.

While New Mexico has not experienced so-called "reopen" protests of the size or intensity as those in other states, some legal challenges to virus-containment measures are emerging from conservative groups, including the National Rifle Association.

"Our governor left abortion clinics open but closed us down," said Steve Smothermon, the senior pastor of Legacy Church, an Albuquerque megachurch that sued Lujan Grisham this month over a ban on mass gatherings in places of worship.

A judge rejected Legacy's request to throw out the ban. Smothermon is holding Friday night services in Legacy's parking lot where congregants can tune into services from their cars.

Lujan Grisham said her previous experience as state health secretary and director of New Mexico's agency on aging informed her strategies in the chaotic

early days of the crisis.

"I was looking at our chronic care issues and our levels of poverty, and I was praying every day," said Lujan Grisham, who announced March 12 that schools in the state would close at a time when New Mexico had no coronavirus deaths and six identified cases.

Lujan Grisham followed that announcement with calls to the leaders of New Mexico's tribal nations, pleading with them to shut down casinos and begin their own distancing measures. They did so, potentially averting deadly outbreaks in some tribal areas that have scarce running water and multiple generations living under the same roof.

The spread of the virus among Native Americans in the state remained a pressing crisis, the governor emphasized. While Native Americans account for about 11% of New Mexico's population, new data Thursday showed that they make up 44% of the state's confirmed coronavirus cases.

As the pandemic approached, Lujan Grisham also moved quickly to offer free testing, including for people not showing symptoms. She directed the state scientific laboratory to work with a private company, TriCore Reference Laboratories of Albuquerque, to establish testing sites in each of New Mexico's 33 counties.

Citing New Mexico's financial constraints, Lujan Grisham said federal assistance was also crucial for the state's virus response. But tension with federal authorities has also shaped the state's pandemic policies.

For instance, Lujan Grisham voiced frustration over obtaining equipment in a phone call in March between governors and President Donald Trump. Her concern involved being placed by federal authorities in a queue without prioritization to buy testing equipment.

Lujan Grisham requested a follow-up call with Vice President Mike Pence, who moved to ease the delays. As of Wednesday, New Mexico figured among the top 10 states in coronavirus testing with a

rate of 19.5 tests per 1,000 people, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. That compares with a rate of 8.2 tests per 1,000 people in neighboring Colorado.

The testing capacity has allowed health officials to determine where the virus is spreading, as it is now in counties near the Navajo Nation, and allocate resources to these areas.

Another factor in New Mexico's response involved Project ECHO, a telemedicine initiative developed at the University of New Mexico that has previously been used in developing countries such as India and Vietnam.

In New Mexico, Project ECHO, which already has extensive experience working in rural areas in the state, pivoted to prepare doctors and other health workers in those areas for treating coronavirus patients and to convert operating rooms in hospitals into acute respiratory care units.

Epidemiologists credit the state's early moves to put into place social distancing as crucial in limiting the spread of the virus, especially in cities such as Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Las Cruces.

New Mexico is drawing from a team of national defense scientists from Los Alamos National Laboratory — which was created in 1943 to design and build an atomic bomb — to assist with contagion forecasts.

Sara Del Valle and Carrie Manore, mathematical epidemiologists at Los Alamos, said that by April 19, New Mexico had already experienced a stunning decline of more than 40% in the number of originally forecast total cases.

"Because of the stay-at-home order," Del Valle and Manore said in a statement, "the virus had fewer people to infect so the growth rate declined."

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Simon Romero
The New York Times



MATRIMONY

Female
 Age: 24
 Height: 5'4
 Residence : KSA
 Education: MBBS
 Profession: Doctor
 Legal Status: Pakistani
 Marital status : Unmarried
 Religious Sect: Sunni /practicing muslim
 Family: 3 siblings
 Hijab : yes/ wearing scarf

LOOKING FOR:
 Male
 Age : 24-30
 Height: 5'8 or above
 Residence:Overseas Pakistani
 Education: MD or doing residency
 Profession: Doctor
 Legal Status: Permanent Resident
 Marital Status:Unmarried
 Family: Decent and well settled
 Religious Sect: Sunni /practicing muslim
 Ethnicity: Any

Contact :00966545119839

FEMALE
 Hijabi:Yes
 Name: NF
 Age: 21
 Height: 5.4"
 Education:Bachelor of pharmacy(professional graduate)
 Residence: Hyderabad; India
 Legal Status: Indian
 Marital status: never married
 Religious Sect:Sunni muslim
 Language: English,urdu
 Ethnicity: Indian/hyderabad
 Family:
 Father:-reside in Makkah,KSA
 Mother:-Homemaker
 1 Brother(unmarried)-BE;IT;(student)
LOOKING FOR: MALE
 Pious,well educated,simple,good character boy from an excellent,decent & loving family.
 Age: 25-29
 Height:5.7" & above
 Education:Professional graduate,professional post graduate;MS,Masters.
 Profession:job holder/visa holder
 Residence:Saudi Arabia/Qatar/UAE/Canada/US/Australia.
 Legal Status:citizen/PR
 Marital Status:never married
 Religious Sect:Sunni Muslim
 Ethnicity: Indian(hyderabad)
 Contact:+91-9985874351

Name:MF
 Age :23yrs
 Height:5.2"
 Color :Fair and attractive
 Education:BDS completed, Pursuing Internship
 Visa status:US MULTIPLE B1 B2
 Martial status- Never Married
 Ethnicity: Indian Hyderabad
 Religion:Sunni Hanafi Muslim
 Father: Business
 Mother:Home Maker
 Siblings:Two elder sisters married
 One is in Canada and other is in USA, No brothers
 Language:English, Urdu,Hindi
 Hijabi:Yes

Looking for Groom:
 Age- Below 30 years
 Height: 5.8" or 5.10"
 Residence: USA or CANADA ONLY
 Education: MBBS, MDS, Pursuing MD,BE/Btech-MS
 Legal Status:H1B/GREEN CARD/PR HOLDER/CITIZEN
 Martial status:Never Married
 Religion: Sunni Hanafi Muslim
 Contact whatapp no: 8897375675
 9290798362

Hyderabad Gulf Born Canadian Citizen
 Name: JT
 Age: 27
 Height: 5'2"
 Residence : ON, Canada
 Education: BS Honors
 Specialization in Nutrition & Dietetics
 Profession: Registered Dietitian
 Legal Status: Canadian citizen
 Marital status : Single-never married
 Ethnicity: Hyderabad, Indian Canadian family.
 Religious Sect: Sunni - Hanafi, hijabi, wears jilbab, balance deen & dunya, follows the 5 pillars of Islam.
 Family: parents 4 sisters (2 married) & 1 brother.
 Family lived in KSA for several years before moving to Canada.
 Language: English, Urdu, Hindi
 Hobbies: Cooking, baking, reading, henna art, visual arts.
LOOKING FOR:
 Age : 27-32 yrs
 Height: 5'6" and taller
 Residence: Canada/US/India/Gulf
 Education: Professional undergraduate or Masters(engineer, doctor, pharmacist, CA) student/working who is interested in settling down in Canada
 Legal Status:US/Canadian Student/Resident/Citizen
 Marital Status: Single- never married
 Religious Sect: Sunni - Hanafi, moderately religious practicing muslim - prays 5 times/d, eats halal and avoids mortgage/riba (interest).

Ethnicity: Indian
 Contact: Parents. Pref.Hyderabad
 +1 5194942291

Gender: Female,
 Age: 28
 Height: 5'3
 Residence: CA,
 Status: US Citizen,
 Cast: Rajput, Punjabi Sunni, (Hanfi)
 Complexion: fair
 Origin: Pakistan
 Education: Graduated from UC Davis with a B.S. in Biology and minor in Psychology.
 Father: Director in IT field,
 Mother: Teacher,
 1 older sister and 1 younger brother,
 Marital Status: Unmarried
 Language: English/ Urdu/ Punjabi
 Hobbies: Writing, Reading, Art, Baking,
 Loves animals, Enjoys going to theaters, restaurants and traveling
 Very family oriented, well mannered, friendly, and understanding; well round muslim.

Looking For:
 Age: 28-32
 Height: 5'7"-6"
 Residence: US
 Education: Bachelor or above,
 Religious Sec: Sunni Muslim,
 Marital Status: Unmarried
 Language: English, Urdu,
 Ethnicity: Pakistani,
 From Educated family And who respects women.

Contact Mother, (925) 875-3131
 Jazak Allah

FEMALE
 Non Hijabi
 Age: 31 yrs
 Height: 5'3
 Education: Master's in Speech & Language Pathology (currently finishing 1st yr Ph.d at UT, Austin in Speech & Communication Disorders)
 Profession: Speech & Language Pathologist
 Residence: USA
 Legal Status: US Citizen
 Marital status: Divorced
 Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim
 Language: Speaks English & Urdu
 Ethnicity: Asian
 Family: Indian Origin (Hyderabad Background)

LOOKING FOR: MALE
 Beard: No
 Age: 32-37yrs
 Height: 5'6 or taller
 Education: Prefer a Professional Degree or Master's
 Profession:
 Residence: USA
 Legal Status:
 Marital Status: Single or Divorced (prefer no children)
 Religious Sect: Sunni
 Ethnicity: India or Pakistan
 Contact: (765)7427324
 WhatsApp # (775)7427324

DOCTOR FEMALE:
 Name:Dr. xyz
 Age:22 yrs
 Height:5'7
 Hijabi:yes
 Complexion. Very very fair
 Residence:Hyderabad,India
 Education:MBBS (preparing for Usmle steps)
 Marital status: unmarried
 Citizenship: Indian citizen
 Ethnicity : Indian
 Religious sect: Sunni Muslim
 Family: 1. Father: Central govt employee
 2. Mother : Doctor
 3. Elder sister:Married, Doctor(USA)
 4.Brother in law:Doctor(USA, Louisville, Kentucky)
 Language: English, Urdu, Hindi
 Hobbies: Cooking ,Spending time with family

Looking for:
 Male
 Age: 28-30
 Height : 5'10 n above
 Residence: USA
 Education: MBBS , MD(USA)
 Profession: Doctor
 Legal status: US citizen/ J1 visa
 Marital status: unmarried
 Religious sect: Sunni muslim
 Ethnicity: Indian

Contact: 9848554720
 7901454721
 Email:drallianceusa@gmail.com

Name: HR
 Age: 23yrs
 Height: 5'4
 Hijabi: Yes
 Complexion: Fair
 Residence: Virginia, USA
 Education: Associate degree in Graphic design(on going)
 Marital status: Never Married
 Citizenship: USA citizen
 Ethnicity : Indian
 Religious sect: Sunni Muslim
 Family:
 -Father: IBM PM
 -Mother : IT
 -Two Brothers: High School
 Language: English and Urdu
 Hobbies: Passionate about reading and collecting books. She enjoys quiet family time, independent but follows Islamic values and staying within the Islamic boundaries, loves traveling and making different teas
 Looking for: Male
 Age: 26-30
 Height : 5'9 and above
 Residence: USA
 Education: MBBS, MD(USA), MBA, MCS, Pharm.D.
 Profession: Doctor, IT, Data Scientist, Cyber Security, Pharmacist
 Legal status: US citizen
 Marital status: Never married
 Religious sect: Sunni muslim, pray namaz and keep fasts
 Ethnicity: Indian or Pakistani

Contact:
 Father@732-887-4379
 Please send biodata on WhatsApp before any calls.

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MATRIMONY

Name:SN
Age: 31
Height: 5-8'
Residence : Illinois USA
Education:B.tech MS(IT security)
Profession:QA analyst
Legal Status: work permit
Marital status : single/never married
Ethnicity: Indian(Hyderabad)
Religious Sect:Muslim Syed-Sunni
Family: parents,4-sisters(Alhamdulillah All married)2 brothers.
Language: Urdu,English, Hindi & Arabic.

LOOKING FOR:Female
Age : below 30
Height:5.2-5.5'
Residence:USA /Canada
Education:Any
Profession:Any
Legal Status:Citizen Or Green Card
Marital Status:Single/never married
Religious Sect:Muslim-Sunni
Ethnicity: Any

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Marital status: never married
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Family: moderate and Sunni Muslim Hyderabad
Language: English and Urdu

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Marital status: never married
Ethnicity: doesn't matter

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Residence: USA
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Citizenship / Status: - H1b(GC under processing)
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Marital status:Single
Ethnicity: Hyderabad, India
Religious Sect:Sunni Muslim
Family: Parents both 1Elder brother 1younger sister (Married Sister)
Languages: English,Hindi,Urdu
Hobbies: Traveling, movies, shopping, Eating.

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Residence: USA or Canada
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Profession: Any
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Hijabi : Any
Ethnicity: Hyderabad, India

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Marital status: Single
Ethnicity: Hyderabad, India
Religious Sect: Sunni Muslim
Family: Both parents, 1 Brother & 1 Sister (married)
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Hobbies: Traveling, Movies, playing games, shopping.

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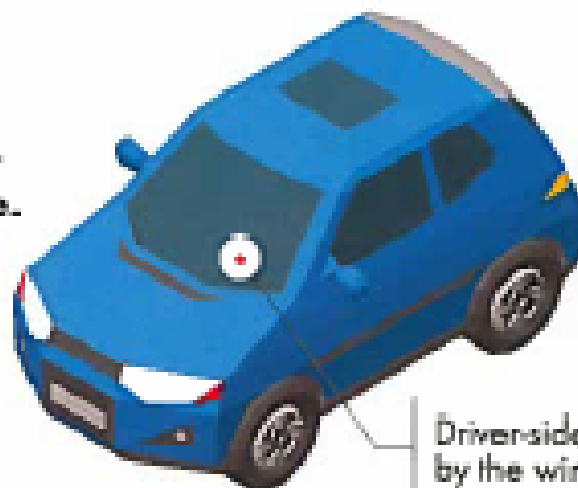
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Google is making Meet free for everyone

Google today announced that it is making Meet, its video meeting tool for businesses that directly competes with the likes of Zoom, available for free to everyone. Until now, you could participate in a Meet call without being a paying user, but you needed a paid G Suite account to start calls.

You won't be able to schedule free Meet calls right away, though. Google is opening up access to Meet to free users gradually, starting next week. It may take a few weeks before everybody has access to it.

After September, free accounts will be limited to meetings that don't run longer than 60 minutes, but until then, you can chat for as long as you want. The only other real limit is that meetings can't have more than 100 participants. You still get screen sharing, real-time captions and the new tiled layout the company introduced only a few days ago.

Users will need a Google account to participate in meetings, though, which isn't likely to be a major barrier for most people, but it does add more friction than simply clicking on a Zoom link.

Google argues that in return, you get a safer platform, not just because it's hard to guess meeting codes for Meet (which makes "Meet-bombing" a non-starter), but also because Meet runs in the browser and is hence less vulnerable to security threats.

"With COVID, video conferencing is really becoming an essential service and we have seen video conferencing usage really go up," Smita Hashim, the Direc-

tor of Product Management at Google Cloud, told me. Because the need for these tools continues to increase, Google decided to bring Meet to individual users now, though Hashim noted that some of this had been on the company's roadmap before.

"We are accelerating what we are doing, given the crisis and given the need for video conferencing at this point," she said. "We still have the Google Hangouts product but Google Meet availability we are accelerating. This is a newer product designed to scale to many more participants and that has features like closed captioning and those kinds of things."

So for the time being, Hangouts for consumers and also Google Duo aren't going away. But at least for consumer Hangouts, which has been on life support for a long time, this move may accelerate its deprecation.

Clearly, Google saw that Zoom caught on among consumers and that Microsoft announced plans for a consumer edition of Teams. Without a free and easily accessible version of Meet, Google wasn't able to fully capitalize on what has become a breakout time for video conferencing tools, so it makes sense for the company to make a push to get this new edition out of the door as fast as possible.

"From a leadership perspective, the message was really: how can Google be more and more helpful," Hashim said when I asked her what the discussion about this move was like inside the company. "That



was the direction we got. So from our side, video conferencing is the product which is really hugely accelerated usage and Google Meet in particular. So that's why we first launched the advanced features, then we did the safety controls and then we said, 'okay, let's accelerate some of these other features,' but we kept seeing that need, so it felt like a very natural next step for us to take and make it available to all our users."

In addition to free access to Google Meet for everyone, Google is also launching a new edition of G Suite, dubbed G Suite Essentials. This new edition, which is meant for small teams and includes access to Google Drive, Docs, Sheet, Slides and, of course, Meet, will be available for free until September 30. After that, Google will start charging, but as Hashim told me, the company hasn't decided on pricing yet.

For enterprise users, Google is also adding a few perks through September 30. These

include free access to advanced Meet features for all G Suite customers, including the ability to live stream to up to 100,000 viewers within their domains, as well as free additional Meet licenses without the need for an amended contract, and free G Suite Essentials for enterprise customers.

Google also used today's announcement to share a few new stats around Meet. As of last week, Meet's daily meeting participants surpassed 100 million, for example, and with that, Meet now plays host to 3 billion minutes of video meetings. Daily peak usage is up 30x since January. That's a lot of time spent in meetings.

Google Meet launches improved Zoom-like tiled layout, low-light mode and more Frederic Lardinois

Recovering from COVID-19, retired Charlotte firefighter grateful to survive

Although there are many tragic moments about the spread of the coronavirus, there are many positive moments about families celebrating homecomings.

John Carothers was hospitalized on March 23 with COVID-19 and spent weeks breathing with the help of a mechanical ventilator and is still dealing with the effects of the virus.

Around March 15 Carothers had a sore throat, was coughing and thought he was coming down with a cold or flu. Over the next few days, he took Tylenol to try and suppress his symptoms.

"I tried to cut the grass and I couldn't catch my breath, so my wife called the hospital for a virtual appointment," Carothers said.

"When they found out I had a 104 temperature and flu symptoms, they said I needed to come in."

His test results came back positive for COVID-19, and the assault on his body was quick. Much like pneumonia, an infection that inflames the air sacs in the lungs, the coronavirus caused severe distress on Carothers lungs, so he was placed on a

ventilator.

At some point, Carothers said he began hallucinating and tried to pull out his ventilator tube. For his own safety, his hands were restrained.

Over the course of the next 14 days, Carothers said his recovery was touch and go.

"I wasn't eating much. I was always tired," he said. "I just thought it was over with because I was hearing stories with people who had the virus and didn't make it."

A former college wrestler and retired Charlotte firefighter, he appears to be the picture of health, but lost 20 pounds and his equilibrium keeps him unsteady. The days spent in the hospital were the most daunting for him.

"My son got married two years ago, and I thought I won't be able to see my grandkids," he said. "I had to turn the television off because I was seeing things that were a year down the road that I didn't think I'd see."

He was only able to see his wife when they had video phone calls. Those were the moments he cherished. Thankfully, he improved enough to be released from the hospital on April 7.

"I started walking around a little bit and getting on the treadmill and my energy level is getting better," he said. "My cardio is getting better." Carothers isn't sure when he was infected, but he suspects it was at a few large events he attended at the end of February.

His sense of despair in the hospital has given Carothers a desire to share his story with others.

"I'm still healing. I had a lot of prayers," Carothers said. "I'm just grateful that I was spared this time and didn't give up."

A GoFundMe page has been set up to help with his medical expenses.



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Over 200,000 H-1B workers could lose legal status by June

Manasi Vasavada has less than three weeks left before she loses her legal right to be in the US. The dental practice in Passaic County, New Jersey, where Vasavada, 31, has worked for almost two years closed its doors in mid-March due to coronavirus. She has been on an unpaid leave of absence ever since.

Vasavada is in the country on an H-1B visa, a temporary visa program designed for people with specialized skills. H-1B recipients can only remain in the country legally for 60 days without being paid. Her husband Nandan Buch, also a dentist, is in the country on an H-1B visa that expires in June. They have been watching the days tick by with growing fear

There may soon come a point when the couple can't stay and can't go: India, their home country, has closed its borders indefinitely. They also have a combined \$520,000 in student loans from the advanced dental degrees they completed at U.S. universities, which would be nearly impossible to pay back on the salaries they would earn in India. The stress has caused Buch, also 31, to start losing his hair. Neither of them is sleeping well. "Everything is really confusing and dark right now," said Vasavada. "We don't know where we will end up."

As many as 250,000 guest workers seeking a green card in the U.S.—about 200,000 of them on H-1B visas—could lose their legal status by the end of June, according to Jeremy Neufeld, an immigration policy analyst with the Washington D.C.-based think tank Niskanen Center. Thousands more who are not seeking resident status may also be forced to return home, he said. About three-quarters of H-1B visas go to people working in the technology industry, though the exact levels vary year by year.

Tens of millions of Americans have lost their jobs in the last two months, but workers on visas are vulnerable in ways native-born workers aren't. H-1B visas, for instance, are tied to a specific location and employer who commits to paying the recipient a minimum salary. Furloughing recipients, reducing their wages, and in some cases allowing them to work from home violates visa requirements. H-1B workers who are terminated have 60-days to find another job, transfer to a different visa or leave the country. Even if they don't lose their jobs, workers can find themselves in a dilemma if they can't get their visas renewed during this period

of disruption.

The visa crisis is causing "a catastrophe at a human level and an economic level," said Doug Rand, who worked on technology and immigration policy in the Obama administration before co-founding Boundless Immigration Inc., a company that helps people navigate the immigration system. H-1B workers often have families who also rely on their jobs for authorization to stay in the country, including children who may have spent their entire lives in the U.S. "It's just a mess," Rand said. In a letter sent to the State and Homeland Security departments on April 17, TechNet, a lobbying group whose members include Apple, Amazon, Facebook, Google and Microsoft, joined a coalition of trade groups calling for relief for foreign-born workers. The letter requested a delay in work authorization expiration dates until at least Sept. 10. "Without action, these issues will lead to hundreds of thousands of unfilled jobs and have profound negative economic effects," the letter read.

The tech industry is crucial to supporting offices working remotely, helping doctors provide telehealth services and keeping students learning at home, said Alex Burgos, senior vice president of federal policy and government relations at TechNet. "We've seen the administration extend tax filing deadlines," he said, and similar flexibility in visa programs makes sense "because no one here is at fault in any way."

The Trump administration has not responded to the letter. A U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services spokesperson declined to say if the agency would extend visa deadlines but said it may provide special support for people affected by circumstances beyond their control when requested.

The administration has taken a consistently hard-line stance on immigration and foreign-born workers. The number of non-immigrant visas issued in 2019 declined for the fourth consecutive year, to 8.7 million from 10.9 million in 2015, according to the State Department. Last month, the department closed embassies and consulate operations with little guidance to those who risk falling into illegal status. In-person services at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, a unit of the Department of Homeland Security, have been suspended since March 18 and won't resume until June 4 at the earliest, a 78-day gap in service.

On April 20, President Donald Trump tweeted that he planned a temporary ban on all immigration to protect American jobs; the following day he announced an executive order blocking most people coming from outside the U.S. from receiving green cards for 60 days. This raised the threat of further disruptions for companies who employ many foreign-born workers.

On the day the president announced his executive order, Luis von Ahn, co-founder and chief executive of the language-learning startup Duolingo Inc., posted a message on Twitter saying a green card ban would force the company to move jobs abroad. Von Ahn is an immigrant from Guatemala, and one-fifth of Duolingo's 250-person staff are on H-1Bs or other visas. The company plans to boost staff by 50% to keep up with a spike in usage that corresponds with the pandemic. "We have definitely felt the practical impact of processing delays," said Duolingo spokesman Sam Dalsimer. "There's also a psychological impact on employees whose futures and abilities to remain here are even more uncertain than ever."

In one case, Duolingo has been trying to hire an engineer who was recently let go from another tech company. The worker is in the U.S. on an O-1 visa, which is designated for individuals with extraordinary ability. Now with added pandemic delays, Duolingo estimates he'll have to wait 6 to 9 months for his visa and work authorization. In the meantime, he can't work for the company or leave the U.S.

The companies facing the hardest decisions, though, are those reducing staff in response to the pandemic. Some are choosing to furlough U.S.-born workers and fire foreign employees whose visas require them to be paid. Others

are choosing to keep H-1B workers on staff to maintain their legal status, while firing U.S. workers. There's risk in either approach, because employers who treat workers differently based on their immigration status expose themselves to potential discrimination lawsuits, according to immigration and employment lawyer Rebecca Bernhard, partner at Dorsey & Whitney LLP.

For some workers, a stable future in the U.S. suddenly seems distant.

Shawn Noronha, a 23-year-old Australian living in San Francisco, was let go from his job at a fintech startup, in January. He found a new position with an enterprise software startup willing to sponsor his visa. But before he could get to an Australian consulate to update his paperwork Covid-19 hit.

Noronha changed his status from a working visa to a tourist visa, which gives him until the end of June to stay in the U.S. He is spending his free time baking, taking walks and learning Python, a programming language. But without a regular paycheck he's eating into his savings. The recent tweets from President Trump about tightening restrictions on immigration have him questioning his choice to migrate to the U.S. "It's made me think, have I made the right choice?" said Noronha. "Should I just go back home and maybe chase the American dream later on in life?"

by Olivia Carville and Shelly Banjo



Trump ties coronavirus outbreak to Democratic state leadership, jeopardizing federal aid

WASHINGTON — President Trump suggested there was a correlation between Democratic leadership of states and the scope of the coronavirus outbreak, hinting that he may support the withholding of federal aid to governors seeking to respond to the pandemic.

He offered no evidence for that assertion.

“It is interesting that the states that are in trouble do happen to be blue,” the president said, referencing the color traditionally associated with the Democratic Party. “It is interesting.” Yet he also said that he had spoken to several Democratic governors and wanted to help states.

That left one of the most pressing issues now facing Congress clouded in confusion.

The president made his contradictory comments during Thursday’s briefing of the White House coronavirus task force. They came in response to a question from a journalist about a potential aid package to states that have seen their coffers ravaged by the coronavirus pandemic. One estimate holds that shortfalls could total \$500 billion because of vanishing tax revenue.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., derided the notion of “blue-state bailouts,” suggesting that states would be better served by declaring bankruptcy. Federal bankruptcy laws, however, do not allow states to discharge their debt obligations through that mechanism.

McConnell’s suggestion was countered with intense criticism, led by New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who scolded the senator for his “obsessive political bias and anger.”

Trump is in the midst of the debate, struggling to describe how the matter would be resolved. He said during Thursday’s briefing that he’d “spoken to Mitch” and other senators about meeting states’ needs,

which he said would be “the next thing we’re going to be discussing,” an apparent reference to a subsequent round of congressional relief aid. He offered no details about what shape those discussions had taken thus far, or how he might direct those talks in the coming days.

He did seem to take McConnell’s side, arguing that Democratic states were trying to use coronavirus relief funds to fix financial problems.

“Some states have not done well for many years,” Trump said, “long before the virus came.” He singled out Illinois as having “a lot of problems” that predated the pandemic. He did not say what those problems were, but gun violence in Chicago — the largest city in Illinois — has been a favorite target of Trump and some others on the right.

The governor of Illinois, J.B. Pritzker, is a Democrat, and has clashed with Trump in recent weeks. So has the governor of neighboring Michigan, Gretchen Whitmer, another Democrat. During his spat with Whitmer, Trump tied federal aid to politics. “If they don’t treat you right, I don’t call,” he said.

Loans from the Paycheck Protection Program, meant to help small businesses that have been forced to close during the pandemic, have been more generously distributed to Republican-led states than to Democratic-controlled ones.

As he continued to discuss the issue of state funding, Trump went so far as to suggest that, past problems aside, Democratic leadership has exacerbated the disease. “The states that seem to have the problem happen to be Democrat,” Trump said. He appeared to be referring to California and Washington state, where the coronavirus first took hold in the U.S. and where the pandemic has been to a large extent contained.



On the opposite coast, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut emerged last month as the epicenter of the outbreak in the United States. Thousands have died in the New York City metropolitan region.

Those three states, like the two states on the West Coast, are led by Democratic governors. And all five states voted heavily against Trump in the 2016 presidential election.

While such assertions are not supported by evidence, they could nevertheless be deployed as arguments against paying out billions of dollars in state aid.

There are, of course, reasons having nothing to do with politics that contributed to states like New York and California serving as hotspots, population density and high rates of international travel foremost among them. And there have been outbreaks in Republican-led states, including South Dakota and Florida.

Even as he suggested that Democratic states were somehow more primed for a pandemic than ones helmed by Republican leaders, Trump also argued that it was not necessarily incumbent on the federal government to help them because, in doing so, the Trump administration would be addressing underlying issues outside the purview of a coronavirus relief pack-

age.

“New York and New Jersey were in a lot of trouble long before the plague came,” Trump said. The criticism was a departure from his frequent praise of Cuomo, not to mention New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, a progressive firebrand with whom Trump claims to have developed an improbably close working relationship.

Even as he appeared to cast blame on Democratic states — both for their handling of the coronavirus crisis and what he sees as the chronic problems of coastal liberalism — he said that he had spoken to Cuomo, New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy and California Gov. Gavin Newsom. That would indicate that he is at least open to their entreaties. The question is whether those entreaties could outweigh those of McConnell.

The president said that helping states was his next major relief item. “If we can help states, we’re always going to help states,” Trump said at one point. “Now, there’s different ways of helping states. Some ways are better than others.”

He did not say what those better ways were.

Alexander Nazaryan National Correspondent, Yahoo News

Dulquer Salmaan Apologises To Tamil People For A Scene In Varane Avashyamund!

Dulquer Salmaan, the actor-producer has been making headlines due to the controversies regarding his production debut Varane Avashyamund, these days. Recently, the actor offered an apology to the Tamil people, through his official social media pages. Dulquer Salmaan took the step after he was mercilessly trolled by a group of netizens for using the name ‘Prabhakaran’ for a dog’s character.

Yes, you read it right. There is a scene in Varane Avashyamund, that features Suresh Gopi, child actor Sarvajith Santhosh Sivan, and a dog. In that particular scene, Suresh Gopi’s character Major Unnikrishnan finally finds a permanent name for his dog and calls him ‘Prabhakara’, to which he happily responds. However, this scene

has irked a group of Tamil audiences who felt that this scene insults the LTTE leader, Velupillai Prabhakaran. Dulquer Salmaan, who is visibly hurt with the attack, apologised to the Tamil people through an emotional post. “A lot of people have brought to my notice that the Prabhakaran joke in Varane Avashyamund is insulting to the Tamizh people. It was not intentional. The joke is a reference to an older Malayalam film Pattana Pravesham and is a common Meme in Kerala. It is a common name in Kerala as well so it wasn’t directed at any person living or dead as our disclaimer mentions in the beginning of the film. Most people reacting are doing so without watching the film and are trying to spread hate. Hat- ing on me and my director Anoop we can

accept. Kindly keep it to us and not our fathers or senior actors from the film. I apologise to all of the good and kind tamizh people who felt offended. I have never intended to offend anyone through my films or my words. It’s genuinely a misunderstanding,” wrote the actor-producer.

“Some of you are being extremely abusive, threatening, deliberately hurtful, and insulting family along with us. I wish that weren’t so,” added Dulquer Salmaan. Akhila R Menon Filmibeat



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 When a manufacturer or the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) determines that a vehicle creates an unreasonable risk

to safety or fails to meet minimum safety standards, the manufacturer is required to fix that vehicle at no cost to the owner. That can be done by repairing it, replacing it, offering a refund (for equipment) or, in rare cases, repurchasing the car.

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

No Social Distancing: K'taka BJP MLA Gives Out Kits in Packed Hall

In yet another instance of politicians flouting social distancing norms, Karnataka BJP MLA MP Renukacharya distributed ration kits and masks to tens of Accredited Social Health Activists in a crowded hall near Davangere's Honnali, without maintaining adequate space, on 23 April.

About 50 to 60 ASHA workers were in attendance at the event conducted at the Town Hall building in Honnali taluk. Visuals from the event show Renukacharya, who is also the political secretary to CM Yediyurappa, standing with a group of people at the head of the hall, addressing a room full of ASHA workers seated on the floor, close together.

In the ANI footage from the programme, Renukacharya can be heard addressing the gathering and praising them for their work at the frontline.

"You are the true leaders. Not just for me, even the Prime Minister of the country and Chief Minister of the state can see your work. We can come and make speeches. But you are the ones who are working in this extreme heat, going house to house, in every taluk," he says. Speaking to a TV channel later, the MLA reportedly said that the women were already seated when he arrived for the distribution drive, and that he had educated them about the importance of social distancing.

ASHA workers from Honnali taluk had been asked to come for the distribution.

Recently, Nikhil Kumaraswamy, son of former CM HD Kumaraswamy had caused a stir after footage emerged from his 'low-key' nuptials of crowds with no masks in sight. Though no official complaint has been filed, the Karnataka High Court has

asked the state government to respond to an e-petition questioning how the wedding was allowed to take place amid the lockdown.

'Doing for Political Gain; Doesn't Care About Workers'

Dismissing the MLA's behaviour as politically motivated, Nagalakshmi, secretary of Karnataka State Samyukta ASHA Workers' Association said that the event was mere posturing.

"They are misleading the women by luring them with promises of some kits and all that. It is clear he is just doing this for political gain. He has no concern for norms or health care workers. We condemn this behaviour. It's not the right thing for a leader to do." - Nagalakshmi



The ASHA workers received a few kilograms of rice, oil and dal in the ration kits, along with one mask, that was reportedly distributed to all attendees. However, in pictures from the event, only a few women were seen wearing masks.

Renukacharya was recently in the news for saying that it was not wrong to issue 'shoot on sight' orders for Tablighi Jamaat attendees who were evading testing for COVID-19. The Quint

Saudi Arabia Ends Death Penalty & Flogging for Minors

Saudi Arabia's King Salman has ordered an end to the death penalty for crimes committed by minors, according to a statement by a top official.

The decision comes on the heels of another ordering judges to end the practice of flogging, replacing it with jail time, fines or community service and bringing one of the kingdom's most controversial forms of public punishment to a close.

King Salman's son and heir, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, is seen as the force behind the kingdom's loosening of restrictions and its pivot away from ultra-conservative interpretations of Islamic law known as Wahhabism, which many in the country still closely adhere to.

The crown prince has sought to modernize

the country, attract foreign investment and revamp Saudi Arabia's reputation globally. He's also overseen a parallel crackdown on liberals, women's rights activists, writers, moderate clerics and reformers. The 2018 killing of Saudi writer Jamal Khashoggi in Turkey by agents who worked for the crown prince drew sharp criticism internationally.

The latest royal decree by King Salman could spare the death penalty for at least six men from the country's minority Shiite community who allegedly committed crimes while under the age of 18, including Ali al-Nimr, who had participated in anti-government protests. Such activity carries terrorism-related charges in the kingdom for disturbing order and disobeying the ruler.

In a document seen by The Associated Press, the royal decree orders prosecutors to review cases and drop punishments for those who've already served the maximum 10 years.

However, the decree states that terrorism-related cases of minors will be tried differently. It was not immediately clear whether these cases would be bound by the 10-year prison limit.

Last year, Saudi Arabia executed a young man convicted of crimes that took place when he was 16 years old. Amnesty International said Abdulkareem al-Hawaj was found guilty of offences related to his participation in protests in Shiite-populated



areas of Saudi Arabia.

Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch have long called on the kingdom to abolish the use of the death penalty, particularly for crimes committed by minors.

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Sundar Pichai says Google employees won't return to working from office at least till June 1

New Delhi, Apr 29: Google employees won't return to working from offices at least till June 1. CEO, Sundar Pichai said in an email that even after Google offices reopen for employees, the company will follow a careful approach for the transition.

The email was first reported by Business Insider. The email said that the work from home states will continue to remain at least until June 1. Google headquarters in California said that it would extend the stay at home order till the end of May.

Coronavirus crisis: Is home isolation a good idea?

We do not have a specific date for

return. However, everyone who is in a recommended or mandatory work-from-home status should assume that will continue until at least June 1, 2020. (If you work in APAC and have been told you can work from the office, please continue to follow your site-specific guidance.)

Once we begin to return, our teams will continue to monitor local conditions and adjust accordingly. In all cases, we will listen to the best advice of health agencies, the medical community and our Global and Regional Incident Response Teams, who are constantly evaluating data to help us make the right decisions for each site, Pichai said in the mail.

Vikash Aiyappa



Kashmera Shah On The Return Of The 11-Yr-Old Who Tested Positive For COVID-19 In Oberoi Springs: 'Delighted, But Let's Remain Careful'- EXCLUSIVE

We had broken the BIG STORY that Oberoi Springs in Andheri West had been partially sealed after a 11-year-old girl tested positive for COVID-19. The complex is home to several celebrities from the Bollywood and TV fraternity. The girl returned home from hospital, yesterday evening. We even brought you an EXCLUSIVE video from the complex of the residents welcoming her with a thunderous applause.

Now, we spoke to Kashmera Shah, who also happens to stay in the same complex. Kashmera said, "I am very happy that the kid is back. She is just 11. It must have been a moment of immense happiness and huge relief for the parents. I can understand what they've gone through," and then added, "But we must not take it easy all around us. And this applies to everyone in the world. We must continue to remain careful."

Apart from Kashmera Shah and Krushna Abhishek, Oberoi Springs has many celebrities- Vicky Kaushal, Chitrangada Singh, Chahatt Khanna, Ahmed Khan, Sapna Mukerji, Rajkumar Rao-Patralekha, Rahul Dev-Mugdha Godse, Ahmed Khan, Neil Nitin Mukesh, Aanand L Rai, Arjan Bajwa, Vipul Shah and Prabhu Dheva.

We are sure each one of them is happy and relieved at the return of the kid back home and will continue to adhere to the rules of social distancing. Spotboye



DR Congo police arrest sect leader after deadly raid

Kinshasa (AFP) - The self-styled prophet of a separatist sect blamed for deadly attacks in the Democratic Republic of Congo has been arrested in a raid on his home in Kinshasa involving hundreds of security forces.

"Mission accomplished," a police tweet said, after troops stormed the home of former MP Ne Muanda Nsemi, who heads the Bundu Dia Kongo (BDK) sect, following an hours-long siege on Friday.

A police source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said several BDK members were found in the house and added that an undisclosed number of people had died in the raid.

An interior ministry statement said at least eight people were killed and another 35 injured, without giving details. A total of 168 were arrested, according to the statement.

Police said that eight officers were seriously injured in the raid, suggesting that the fatalities were all sect members.

An eyewitness told AFP he had seen 15 bodies after the police action, and

many more injured.

Nsemi, who is aged around 70, was taken to hospital with a head injury before being handed over to prosecutors.

Police condemned some members of the security forces for looting belongings from the property after the raid, saying in a statement that the perpetrators would be punished.

The BDK aims to revive the pre-colonial Kongo kingdom that included what are today parts of neighbouring Angola, the Republic of Congo and Gabon, and has repeatedly fought with security forces.

Since April 13, about 20 sect members and police have been killed in three separate clashes on a key highway in the Kongo Central province that neighbours Kinshasa.

The route is vital as it links Kinshasa, home to some 10 million people, to the ports of Matadi and Moanda.

At the end of March, police dispersed several BDK members in Kinshasa for defying a ban on gatherings of more



than 20 people imposed to halt the spread of the novel coronavirus.

Nsemi, a former chemistry teacher, was detained in 2017 for inciting tribal hatred but later escaped from prison during a brazen pre-dawn raid.

He spent two years on the run before being re-arrested days after making a public appearance this week on television.

He re-entered political life in 2019 fol-

lowing the election of president Felix Tshisekedi, and in January proclaimed himself president of the DR Congo in a "divine coup".

Dozens of armed groups and militias operate in the DR Congo, many in the east of the country, a legacy of the two Congo wars in the 1990s that dragged in the country's neighbours Uganda and Rwanda.

AFP

RECIPES

Easy chole masala recipe in pressure cooker

Preparation time for easy chole masala -40 minutes
Serving-5

Ingredients easy chole masala:
Chickpeas(chole/kabuli chana)-250 gms(Soak it in normal water for 7-8 hours or overnight)
Chopped onion-4(medium)
Chopped tomato-2(large)
Garlic cloves(peeled)-10 to 12
Chopped ginger-2 inch
Whole garam masala(Bay leaves, black cardamom, green cardamom,cinnamon, mace(javitri)
Cumin seeds-1/2 tsp
Turmeric powder-1/2 tsp
Red chilli powder-1 to 1.5 tsp
Cumin powder-1/2 tsp
Coriander powder-1/2 tsp
Garam masala powder-1/2 tsp
Salt to taste or 1.5 tsp

Chole masala(any brand)-1.5 tsp
Cooking oil-5 tbsp
Coriander leaves-1/3 cup
Method:
Put the ginger, garlic and onion in the grinding jar and grind it into smooth paste(Add little water if needed).
When paste has become smooth, take it out from the jar.

Put the tomato in the grinding jar and grind it into paste(do not add water).
Heat oil in a pressure cooker pan, add whole garam masala and cumin seeds. Fry it for few seconds on medium flame and then reduce the flame to low.
Add turmeric powder and red chilli powder, mix it and cook it for few seconds on low flame.
Add ginger, garlic and onion paste, cover the lid(without whistle) and cook it for one minute on medium flame.

Put cumin powder, coriander powder and chole masala, mix it properly.
Cover the lid(without whistle) and cook it for 1/2 minute on medium flame.

Add tomato paste, cover the lid(without whistle) and cook it for one minute on medium flame.

Add soaked chickpeas, mix it and cover the pan, cook it for a minute on low flame.

Put 1.5 glass of water and salt, stir it well and close the lid of pressure cooker properly.

Cook it for 5 whistles on low-medium flame.

After five whistles, turn off the flame and let the pressure cooker cool down completely.

Open it carefully and add coriander leaves, mix it well



Easy chole masala is ready to serve, serve it hot with jeera rice, plain rice, poori or paratha.

Dum Aloo

Ingredients for Dum Aloo

Baby Potato (boiled and peeled)-600 gm
Chopped onions-3
Garlic cloves(peeled)-10 to 12
Chopped ginger-2 inch
Cashew nut-12 to 15
Curd (whisk it)-1/2 cup
Tomato puree-1/2 cup
Cumin seeds-1 tsp
Kasuri methi-1 tsp
Whole garam masala(1 green cardamom, 1/2 inch cinnamon stick, 1/4 javitri, 2 lounng cloves)
Turmeric powder-1 tsp
Red chilli powder-1 and 1/2 tsp
Cumin powder-1/2 tsp
Coriander powder-1/2 tsp
Black pepper powder-1/4 tsp
Garam masala powder-1/2 tsp
Cooking oil-6 tbsp
Salt to taste
Chopped coriander leaves

How to cook Dum Aloo

Prick the boiled potatoes with fork, add little red chilli powder, turmeric powder and salt into it. Mix it properly and shallow

fry it on medium heat for 2-3 minutes (keep it aside). Heat a pan, add 2 tbsp oil into the pan and let the oil heat. Add whole garam masala and fry it for 5-7 seconds, add cashew nut and fry it for 10 seconds. Add chopped ginger and garlic in pan and fry it for a minute. Add chopped onion and fry it till it turns little soft. Turn off the flame, let the fried ingredients cool down. Take out in a blending jar and blend it into thick smooth paste (do not add water). Heat the same pan, add oil and let it heat. Once the oil is heated, add cumin seeds and let it splutter. Add red chilli powder and turmeric powder into the hot oil for nice and rich colour of gravy. Add the masala paste and fry it with red chilli and turmeric powder for 1-2 minute on medium flame. Add coriander powder,

cumin powder and black pepper powder into the masala paste, mix it. Mix it properly and fry the masala till the oil is separated from the masala paste.

Add tomato puree, mix it and cook it for 2 minutes on low flame (cover the pan). Add curd (simmer the flame before putting it in the pan), stir it continuously. Fry the masala on low flame for one more minute, add one glass of water and stir. Add garam masala powder add salt to taste (I had already added salt in the potato). Crush the kasuri methi on your palm and put in the gravy, stir it. Add the fried potatoes into



the gravy, mix it, cover the pan and let the gravy come to boil. Add coriander leaves and turn off the flame. Ready to serve with roti, rice and pulao etc.

Bhel Puri: A Favorite Indian Snack

A snack with almost iconic status in the western region of India, bhel puri (or bhelpuri) is a low-fat, nutritious, and delicious food. It is a chaat, which is a spicy food that is typically sold via street carts throughout the region.

Bhel puri a puffed rice snack that can be eaten by the spoonful or scooped onto a flatbread or chip. Some places serve it in a paper cone and it's eaten directly from there.

In general, bhel puri is made with puffed rice and sev (a vermicelli-like snack made from gram flour), both of which are available at Indian markets. These dry ingredients are then mixed with onions, potatoes, chat masala, and chutney. It is spicy, but also sweet, tart, and salty and can be adapted to enhance any of those characteristics. The versatility in taste is the beauty of bhel puri.

Ingredients

3 cups puffed rice
1 handful of peanuts (roasted and salted)
2 potatoes (boiled, peeled, and chopped

into tiny cubes)
1 large onion (finely chopped)
1 large tomato (finely chopped)
1/2 bunch coriander (approximately 1/10 pound or 50 grams, finely chopped)
2 chilies (green, finely chopped)
Tamarind chutney (or Mint-coriander chutney, to taste)
1 handful papdi (coarsely crushed)
1 cup sev
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Gather the ingredients.

Bhel Puri snack ingredients

In a large bowl, mix the puffed rice, peanuts, potato, onion, tomato, coriander, and green chilies together.

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Add the tamarind chutney or mint-coriander chutney according to your own taste preferences.

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Mix the entire contents of the bowl well.

Mix bhel puri ingredients

Garnish with plenty of sev and papdi.

Garnish bhel puri with sev and papdi
Serve and eat immediately.
Enjoy!

Tips

Assemble the bhel puri just before you are going to eat it to prevent the puffed rice from getting soggy.

To make this snack even more quickly, simply store the puffed rice, sev, and papdi (savory biscuits made from flour) in air-tight containers. Pre-make and either refrigerate or freeze the chutney. This allows you to toss the wet and dry ingredients together on a whim and prevents that unwanted sogginess.

Various chutneys give bhel puri different flavors. A saunth chutney, for instance, is a



dark, sweet chutney derived from tamarind and dates. In contrast, a green spicy chutney uses green chilies and coriander that leaves for a very distinctive taste. If you have another favorite chutney, try that as well.

Bhel Puri Goes by Many Names
Some say that this snack originated in Mumbai, which, according to research, is a common belief. The dry version of bhel puri is known as bhadang, which is spiced with lemon juice, coriander, and onions. The Kolkata version is called jhaal muri. Another kind is known in Bangalore as churumuri or churmuri.

HEALTH

Get your affairs in order, COVID-19

won't wait

The scourge of COVID-19 is spreading. Thousands of Americans are dying.

What can you do to help? Yes, practice social distancing, wash your hands, and donate masks to local hospitals. Also, talk to your loved ones about advance care planning.

What is advance care planning?

Advance care planning means contemplating and deciding the type of medical care you would want if you had a life-threatening illness; you are never too young or too healthy to start these conversations. It involves identifying your goals and values, learning about life-sustaining interventions — such as cardiopulmonary resuscitation (measures to restart your heart and breathing), intubation (use of a ventilator to help you breathe), or artificial nutrition (being fed through a tube in your nose or stomach) — and sharing with loved ones and your doctors your preferences. An advance directive is written documentation of these preferences.

These preferences are not set in stone and can be revised. Doctors will ask you about your care as long as you can communicate. If you are unable to communicate, doctors will ask your loved ones. Advance care planning empowers loved ones to advocate for the type of care you would have wanted and doctors to provide care honoring your wishes.

The urgency of advance care planning in the COVID-19 pandemic
COVID-19 can affect the chronically ill and the healthy, the elderly and the young.

Patients with severe COVID-19 pneumonia can struggle to breathe and deteriorate rapidly. Decisions regarding CPR, intubation, or transition to comfort care are made quickly. When patients are too sick to respond, their loved ones are asked to speak on their behalf. Protective isolation measures for COVID-19 preclude loved ones from sitting at the bedside for these decisions, making an already challenging discussion more difficult. If a loved one cannot be reached, the breathless patient will be intubated, and resuscitation will be attempted.

In this crisis, where patients are sick, distressed, and isolated, knowing what interventions a patient would want and making these wishes clear is critical.

Key components of advance care planning
While you are home with family during this time of social distancing, do your homework. Discuss these three key components of advanced care

Name and document a health care proxy. This is also known as a medical power of attorney or a surrogate decision maker. If you are unable to make medical decisions for yourself, your health care proxy will make decisions on your behalf, based on your wishes and values. After designating a health care proxy, make sure they are comfortable with this role and understand the responsibilities. Document your health care proxy utilizing your state's form and share this documentation with your doctor.

Discuss your values and wishes. If you are unable to communicate, the health care

proxy may be asked questions like "Your father has pneumonia and is having a hard time breathing. Would he want a breathing tube?" or "If your father is intubated he may never come off the breathing tube. Would he prioritize living longer with a breathing tube that could be uncomfortable, or would he prioritize comfort, even if it meant having a shorter life?" Knowing your values and beliefs — and communicating them to your health care proxy — empowers your health care proxy to make the best decisions for you. Consider the following questions: If time was short, how would you want to spend it?

Are there any kinds of treatment you want or don't want (i.e., CPR, ventilator, artificial nutrition)?

When would it be okay to transition from curative care to comfort care?

Ease into the conversation by utilizing free guides at The Conversation Project and the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. It doesn't have to be morbid; turn the conversation into a game night (over FaceTime or Zoom if needed) by playing Go Wish or a socially-distant Death Over Dinner party.

Decide on a do not resuscitate (DNR) order. This is a written instruction to forego CPR, involving chest compressions and ventilator support when a person's heart or breathing stops. Pursuing or foregoing resuscitation should reflect your goals and values, and should be made in collabora-



tion with your doctor. This order has no bearing on other medical interventions such as antibiotics, dialysis, or fluids, which will be provided or withheld based on a patient's wishes. Older individuals with chronic illness are more likely to develop severe illness from COVID-19, and it is exactly these individuals who may want a natural death, or for whom there is no expected medical benefit, or for whom quality of life after CPR would be unacceptable.

The bottom line

Advance care planning brings up challenging emotions, and these conversations can be hard. But the day your loved ones are asked what you would want, this planning will make those conversations less distressing, and will enable your doctors to provide the best care for you.

During this pandemic, do your part to help. Get your affairs in order now, because COVID-19 won't wait.

4 ways to tame tension headaches

If you ever had a tension headache, you know it can put a damper on your day. This kind of headache usually develops in the afternoon, causing mild or moderate pain that may feel like dull tightness or a band of pressure. Tension headaches occur when neck, shoulder, and scalp muscles become tense. Some people experience tension headaches from time to time; others get them more often. While a tension headache is rarely debilitating, it can certainly make life miserable. If you have frequent tension headaches (more often than once or twice a week), here are some strategies that can show you how to get rid of a headache.

Pay attention to the basics. Get enough sleep, don't skip meals, and be sure to pace yourself to avoid stress and fatigue. Relaxation techniques. Physical and psychological relaxation therapies can help stave off tension headaches, so long as you practice these techniques regularly. Physical approaches include applying a heating pad to your neck and shoulders to relax the muscles. Exercising these muscles also helps by strengthening and stretching them. Guided imagery exercises that help

you focus your attention on various parts of your body in order to relax them and release tension and stress can also help. Biofeedback. This relaxation technique requires special training but can help people avoid recurrent tension headaches. Typically, a therapist will attach electrodes to your skin to detect electrical signals from your neck and shoulder muscles. You then learn to recognize when you are becoming tense and practice ways to relax the muscles before they tighten so much that you develop a tension headache.

Medical approaches. Some people with tension headaches have very sensitive areas, known as trigger points, at the back of the neck or in the shoulders. Injecting a local anesthetic into these areas may eliminate the pain and prevent the headache from occurring again. There are also a number of medications that can help keep tension headaches at bay. If non-



drug therapies aren't giving you the relief you need, talk with your doctor about the medication options that might be right for you.

Learn the secrets to fast relief and the strategies and steps that can prevent migraines, tension headaches, and more! Whether you're suffering the tightness of a tension headache, the misery of a sinus inflammation, or the throbbing agony of a migraine, when headache pain attacks, you want it gone — now! And you don't want it back — ever!

Many people accept headaches as a part of life. Indeed, 50% of adults experience headaches at least once a month. You don't need to be one of them!

Headache Relief is an encompassing and empowering guide that gives you effective

ways to secure rapid relief from headache pain and provides welcome direction for adopting preventive strategies to dramatically lessen your risk of headaches in the future. This report shares...

...instructive insights into the causes of your distress. You'll read why most migraines occur on just two days of the week. You'll learn why stress is far from the only cause of a tension headache...why sinus headaches are often misdiagnosed...and the surprising reason for many chronic headaches.

... 17 ways to halt headache pain swiftly—and safely. You'll discover a medication for tension headache relief in 15 minutes...a relaxation therapy proven to ease migraine pain...ways to avoid triggering a cluster headache... and three quick-acting choices to end sinus headache pain.

... 23 techniques and tricks for staying headache-free! You'll find exercises that can help sidestep headaches...a "hot" tip for avoiding tension headaches...a simple way to prevent recurrent headaches...and a targeted therapy that could keep you free from migraines for weeks on end!

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Afghan schoolgirls work on turning car parts into ventilator

Five Afghan schoolgirls are spending their days on a lifesaving mission to build a ventilator from car parts as the war-stricken country battles coronavirus.

Nearly every morning, Somaya Farooqi and four other members of Afghanistan's prize-winning girls' robotics team pile into her father's car and head to a mechanic's workshop.

They use back roads to avoid police checkpoints set up to enforce a lockdown in their city of Herat, one of Afghanistan's hotspots of the coronavirus pandemic.

"If we even save one life with our device, we will be proud," said 17-year-old Somaya.

Their pursuit is particularly remarkable in conservative Afghanistan. Only a generation ago, during the rule of the Islamic fundamentalist Taliban in the late 1990s, girls were not allowed to go to school, and Somaya's own mother was pulled out of classes at a young age.

After the US invasion of Afghanistan in 2001, girls returned to schools, but gaining equal rights remains a struggle. Somaya is undaunted. "We are the new generation," she said in a phone interview. "We fight and work for people. Girl and boy, it does not matter anymore."

Afghanistan faces the pandemic nearly empty-handed. It has only 400 ventilators for a population of more than 36.6 million. So far, it has reported just over 900 coronavirus cases, including 30 deaths, but the actual number is suspected to be much higher since test kits are in short supply.

The Herat province in western Afghanistan is one of the nation's hotspots because of its proximity to Iran, the region's epicenter of the outbreak.

This has spurred Somaya and her team, aged 14 to 17, to help come up with a solution.

At their workshop, the team is experimenting with two designs, including an open-source blueprint from the Massachu-

setts Institute of Technology.

The parts being used include the motor of a Toyota windshield wiper, batteries and sets of bag valve masks, or manual oxygen pumps. A group of mechanics helps them build the frame of a ventilator.

Daniela Rus, a professor at MIT, welcomed the team's initiative to develop the prototype. "It will be excellent to see it tested and locally produced," she said.

Tech entrepreneur Roya Mahboob, who founded the team and raises funds to empower girls, said she hopes Somaya's group will finish building a prototype by May or June. In all, the team has 15 members who work on various projects.

The ventilator model, once completed, would then be sent to the Health Ministry for testing, initially on animals, said spokesman Wahid Mayar.



Somaya, who was just 14 when she participated in the first World Robot Olympiad in the US in 2017, said she and her team members hope to make a contribution.

"Afghans should be helping Afghanistan in this pandemic," she said. "We should not wait for others."

Tameem Akhgar, Associated Press, PA Media

A record number of Americans are losing their jobs — but Walmart, Amazon, Ace Hardware and others are hiring to fill 604,000 openings amid coronavirus demand

22 million job losses have occurred in the past month, but several sectors are ramping up hiring

Many employees in the U.S. are holding their breath, waiting to see if their jobs will be the next to disappear as the coronavirus pandemic cripples parts of the U.S. economy. But at the same time, hiring is ramping up in some industries.

Some 22 million Americans filed for unemployment benefits in the past month. As Americans practice social distancing to contain the spread of COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus, layoffs are hitting sectors that rely on foot traffic, such as restaurants and bars, hospitality, and brick-and-mortar retail. Those job losses are starting to spread to other industries, including white-collar professions.

But the good news is that layoffs aren't happening across the board. In fact, a wave of unprecedented demand in certain sectors is sending some employers on hiring sprees.

Walmart Inc. WMT, -3.43% said last month it plans to hire 150,000 new workers. The retail giant filled all of these roles in less than a month, about six weeks ahead of schedule.

On Friday, the company announced that it will hire 50,000 additional associates

across distribution centers and stores, filling roles such as cashiers and personal shoppers, MarketWatch reported. The company said these new roles are likely to be temporary.

Like Walmart, Amazon has also gone on a second hiring spree amid coronavirus.

Last month, Amazon AMZN, +2.53% announced plans to hire 100,000 new employees to handle an influx of e-commerce orders and deliveries as more Americans stay home. On Monday, the e-commerce and cloud giant said it was hiring an additional 75,000 more employees.

The company said it had already managed to hire 80,000 people for the original 100,000 roles as of April 2. The current openings are across the U.S. "in fulfillment, delivery and sortation operations which do require people to be on-site," an Amazon spokeswoman told MarketWatch

Amazon's hiring in March was for fulfillment centers, transportation operations, Amazon Go Stores, Whole Foods stores, and in deliveries. "While most of the hires will stay with the company through at least April, we do anticipate there will be opportunities to stay with Amazon in a longer temporary or permanent role," an Amazon spokeswoman said last month. Traffic at Walmart, Costco and Target falls for the first time in weeks as coronavirus



stockpiling behavior shift. Shopper traffic could climb again, though social distancing and e-commerce may keep consumers away from stores. Traffic at Walmart Inc., Costco Wholesale Corp. and Target Corp. dropped for the first time in the weeks since the coronavirus pandemic ramped up in the U.S., according to Placer.ai.

Walmart WMT, -3.43% traffic was down 6.7% year-over-year for the third week of March. The previous week, traffic was up 18.4%.

At Costco COST, +0.70% , traffic fell 8.7% year-over-year for the third week of March. The second week of March, traffic

jumped 34.7%.

And at Target TGT, +0.08% , traffic slumped 20.5% in the third week of March after climbing 19.2% year-over-year the previous week.

At each of the three retailers, traffic grew the last week of February and the first week of March.

Dispatches from a pandemic: 'Would you risk your life for a bagel?' A New Yorker's 5-point guide to surviving grocery stores during the coronavirus pandemic

Elisabeth Buchwald

2 Brothers Died of COVID. They're Being Denied Their Last Wish.

NEW YORK — When Javier Morales, 48, died at a hospital in Hackensack, New Jersey, his family decided not to tell his brother Martin right away. Martin Morales was also battling the coronavirus, and they worried about how he would handle the news.

Morales, 39, found out from a friend that night, in his New Jersey home. The next day, on April 7, he died, too.

“My family likes to think that he could not live without his older brother. They were best friends,” said Melanie Cruz Morales, 19, the niece of both men. “They had to go together.”

Since then, Cruz and her twin sister have been trying to raise thousands of dollars and navigate the bureaucracies of two countries to grant the last wish of their uncles — to be buried in their birthplace, the tiny village of Santa Catarina Yosonotú in Oaxaca, Mexico.

If the coronavirus outbreak has transformed life around New York City, it has also transformed death. Lonely deaths are followed by lonely burials. Urns are handed over without the usual ceremonies and tributes to the lost.

For the area's Mexican immigrants — a community already hit hard by the virus — the pandemic has brought another cruel change. Mexican families typically send bodies home, for flower-strewn Catholic burials, and to give relatives the chance to glimpse their loved ones again after long separations. The tradition is so important that Mexican consulates around the country have long helped to repatriate the bodies of immigrants.

But that sacred rite has come to a halt.

More than 250 Mexican immigrants are known to have died of COVID-19 in the New York area, according to the Mexican government. But officials in the area are not issuing the transit permits needed for repatriation, and parts of Mexico have closed their borders to bodies, fearing contagion. The Mexican Consulate in New York, which has temporarily shut its doors, is advising families who call to consider cremation; ashes can far more easily be sent home.

Cruz said her family was crushed to hear this news. “Because my grandmother who is back in Mexico, all she ever wanted was to see her sons.”

“Mexican families always love to bring their loved one back home,” said Stephanie Garcia Morales, a funeral director at International Funeral Service of New York, and herself the child of Mexican immigrants. “They want the body there. They don't want ashes there. They want the physical body. The person there in Mexico.”

The blow is not just emotional. Now, rela-

tives who in many cases have lost jobs and drained their savings to pay medical bills also have to come up with thousands of dollars to pay for cremations, a cost that often includes a storage fee, because of the deep backlog at crematories.

In New York City, such families have faced an added strain: Until very recently, they were given two weeks to find a funeral home to claim their loved one's body, or it would be buried in the city's potter's field on Hart Island.

This week, city officials revised the plan, announcing bodies will be frozen to give families more time to claim them before they are interred on Hart Island.

The fear of losing a loved one to a mass grave was profound. “That's what you're accustomed to seeing in war-torn countries,” said Francisco Moya, a councilman from a part of Queens ravaged by the outbreak. For some immigrant communities, the comparison was all too real.

Rather than wait, dozens of Mexican families have turned to social media and to crowdfunding sites, seeking to raise money from their community and beyond to cremate their relatives' remains and send their ashes back to hometowns.

In the process, GoFundMe has become the closest thing to a memorial that exists for the Mexican victims of COVID-19 around New York.

There are pages for women and men; construction workers, kitchen workers, hotel employees, nursing home attendants, baby sitters. The victims include recent arrivals and immigrants who came decades ago, such as Edmundo García, 62, who worked at Salem and Sons Bakery in Union City, New Jersey, for 21 years, until the day he got sick.

The victims are often remembered with a single grainy photograph. The pleas are humble; the reason families give for needing help are often the same: “We want Adrian to be sent to Mexico,” says the page for 39-year-old Adrian Hernández, who worked at Carmine's Italian Restaurant in Times Square and supported his two children in Puebla.

David Rosales Flores, whose father, Remigio Rosales Flores, died in his Brooklyn home, said families like his have been through ordeals. All they want now is to give their relatives in Mexico the chance for a final goodbye — “el último adiós.”

The pages barely hint at the hardships: the mountain of bills, the unemployed spouses and confused children, the squabbles with relatives. “My aunts were really upset that we made the page,” said Leslie Puebla, who lost her father, Tomás Puebla, a longtime line cook at diners on Manhattan's Upper East Side. “They said, ‘A lot of people are jobless and they're struggling to make ends meet.’”

But Puebla, 22, did not know how else to raise \$5,200 for a funeral service for the father she adored, she said. Her mother, a housekeeper, is out of work. She still has a job, doing outreach for Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, but earns \$22 an hour.

“It's brutal what's happening right now,” said Javier H. Valdés, the co-director of Make the Road New York, an advocacy organization that has lost 38 of its working-class Latino members to COVID-19. “There's a lot of anxiety and frustration. First and foremost, how do you cover the cost?”

When Gregorio Rosales, a 69-year-old livery cabdriver, died at a hospital in the Bronx, his nieces wondered the same thing. Rosales — their tío goyo — was a single father who worked sporadically while shuttling his 13-year-old to medical appointments. She had been born with a host of health issues, and her mother had died of cancer.

He had no savings, but had always wanted to go back to Mexico. “That's the dream. You think you'll go where you belong,” said his niece Marisol Rojas, 35. “You don't think you're going to end up dead in the Bronx.”

Rojas and her sister Dulce Mojica, 39, began working the phones. “My sister and I have been calling every single person we can think of to ask for help to pay for the cremation. I created a GoFundMe for long-distance relatives. Little by little, we have been gathering money.”

New York City offers burial assistance to low-income families. But the relatives of immigrants living in the country illegally, like Rosales, are excluded from receiving the \$900 in aid because the application requires a Social Security number both for the person who died and the person requesting assistance.

Moya, the Queens councilman, is proposing that the city create an emergency fund to extend burial assistance to all low-

income families who have lost loved ones to COVID-19, regardless of immigration status. He also wants to expand the program to cover the cost of cremations as well as burials.

“Let's allow these people to say goodbye to their loved ones in a dignified way,” Moya said.

When the Morales brothers got sick, their wages evaporated. One was a long-haul trucker and one worked in a produce warehouse, and what they had saved did not go far.

Their nieces, college students who are able to legally live and work in the country through the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals policy, were left in charge.

They created a GoFundMe page for their uncles, and took to Twitter, hoping that other immigrants of indigenous Mixtec descent might come to the family's aid. By this week, they had raised more than \$20,000.

Their uncles' funeral might not be as they had imagined it, Cruz said. There might not be caskets hoisted on their siblings' shoulders and carried to the cemetery. But there will at very least be two urns, lifted high over Santa Catarina Yosonotú, the village their uncles helped sustain for so long.

“If anything were ever to happen to me,” Javier Morales had once told the mother of the twins, “I would always want to go back to my land.”

He had become a U.S. citizen, and could travel back and forth easily with his new passport. His brother, Martin, was undocumented, and had never gone back at all.

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US restaurants expect big changes when their doors reopen

The days of standing shoulder-to-shoulder at a bar or sharing a meal at a table for 10 are gone for now — and could take a long time to return even after the coronavirus pandemic ends.

U.S. restaurants are thinking ahead to a time when their dining room doors reopen to a changed world. Owners say there may be physical differences, like masked waiters, disposable menus or fewer tables so patrons can sit farther apart. There will be signs explaining cleaning procedures and glass dividers to protect cashiers. Disinfectant wipes might sit next to napkin dispensers.

“The pivot with my restaurants doesn’t anticipate a return to exactly what was,” said Dan Simons, the owner of Farmers Restaurant Group, which owns six restaurants, a bakery and a distillery in the Washington area and a restaurant in Pennsylvania.

Restaurants that have reopened in Asia provide a blueprint. In Hong Kong, public gatherings are limited to four people, and restaurants must keep tables nearly 5 feet apart. Customers’ temperatures are taken at the door, and they are required to wear masks unless they’re eating or drinking.

In Hefei, China, the La Ma Restaurant reopened March 17 but still checks diners’ temperatures and disinfects the premises every two to three hours, said employee Yang Gui. Business is down by half compared with before the outbreak, Yang said. As few as a dozen diners come some days; two-thirds of the staff have yet to return to work.

That’s changing the experience for diners. Rae Elloso, a teacher in Hong Kong, eats out occasionally because she feels it’s important to have social contact. Dining out is more peaceful now, she said, but also a little uncomfortable when some seating areas are blocked off.

“When restaurants tape up chairs and tables, the impression I get as a diner is that they don’t want me there, even though I know this is not the case,” Elloso said.

David Siu, who also lives in Hong Kong, has noticed that restaurants try to turn the tables over more quickly

because they have less capacity.

Delivery is also accelerating in China, indicating many people still want to eat at home. Spending on food at restaurants, convenience stores and other outlets dropped 30% in China in January and February, but delivery spending was up 10% in that period, according to NPD Group, a data and consulting firm.

Takeout and delivery were already gaining in popularity in the U.S. before the pandemic with the introduction of apps like UberEats; that may accelerate if shell-shocked consumers stay home. Menus will likely be pared down, with more focus on food that travels well.

John Gordon, founder of San Diego-based Pacific Management Consulting Group, which advises restaurants, thinks U.S. restaurants — like Asia’s — will have to follow local guidelines when they reopen. Earlier this week, California Gov. Gavin Newsom suggested the state might require temperature checks and more distance between tables.

Gordon says regulations about density will affect restaurants differently. Sit-down restaurants like Cheesecake Factory are designed to bring in a certain amount of money per square foot, so they would see their profitability drop. Fast food chains generally don’t have a lot of business in their dining rooms, so they may not feel as much impact.

But with business down as much as 80% in the sector right now, Gordon said, most restaurants aren’t yet focused on the impact of potential regulations.

“They’re just trying to survive to get to whatever the other side of this is,” he said.

While they wait, some restaurants are already experimenting. Simons added fresh produce and other grocery items to his Founding Farmers restaurants this month. It was a big success. Simons has rehired 175 of his 1,100 staff members, and he’s making 60% of pre-virus sales at one location and 80% at another between takeout and groceries.

Simons expects to continue grocery sales once his dining rooms reopen.

He’s also considering other ideas, like renting out the dining space for events.

Even before the pandemic, Simons said restaurants were struggling with the popularity of takeout and delivery, high labor costs and lower alcohol consumption among younger patrons.

Overall traffic at U.S. restaurants was flat last year, according to NPD Group. But digital orders for takeout were up 33%, while digital orders for delivery rose 16%.

With those numbers in mind, many restaurants were already shifting away from big dining rooms. In December, Applebee’s opened its first takeout-and-delivery-focused restaurant in Mobile, Alabama. The store is half the size of a traditional Applebee’s, and all the food is packaged to go.

Bent Hansen, the owner of Los Gringos Locos, a Mexican restaurant near Pasadena, California, says it will be up to restaurants to make diners feel comfortable. That will likely mean visible cleaning, fewer tables, touchless ordering and lots of hand sanitizer. He’s also thinking of hiring his own delivery drivers so he can make sure cars are sanitized and the food is protected until it’s delivered.

Restaurants will eventually bounce back, predicts Henry Pertman, director of operations at Total Image Creative, a Maryland-based hospitality consulting firm.

“If you think this is going to make people want to cook their own meals



while surfing the Food Channel, you’re wrong. You can only burn so many pot roasts,” he said.

But some restaurants just can’t make the math work right now. The Downtowner in Lafayette, Indiana, closed its dining room in mid-March and quickly abandoned takeout after getting only a handful of orders. Now the 69-year-old restaurant is shuttered until the crisis passes. Its six full-time employees are signing up for unemployment benefits.

Still, Manager Yolanda Timmons said she’s optimistic that the restaurant will reopen when the outbreak recedes.

“We’re going to have the biggest party when we can all get out,” Timmons said.

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Veteran actor Rishi Kapoor passes away

Rishi Kapoor, the veteran Bollywood actor and member of the prominent Kapoor family, passed away in Mumbai on Thursday aged 67. The news of his demise was revealed by his brother, actor Randhir Kapoor, to a news agency this morning,

Kapoor had been admitted to HN Reliance hospital where he was undergoing treatment for complications related to cancer. "He is suffering from cancer and he has some breathing problem, so he has been admitted to the hospital," Randhir Kapoor had told PTI earlier. Rishi, who is usually active on social media, hadn't posted anything on his social handles since April 2, though he had recently announced his next project, a remake of Hollywood film *The Intern*, also featuring Deepika Padukone.

Rishi had returned to India last September after undergoing treatment for cancer in the US for almost a year and was, in February this year, hospitalised twice due to ill health. The third offspring of thespian Raj Kapoor, Rishi's earliest formal role was as a child artist in his father's 'Mera Naam Joker' in 1970. He went on to act in over a 100 mainstream movies. He first attained mass popularity as a teen icon and loveable romantic in the mid-1970s, in his first movie as the main lead. 'Bobby', opposite Dimple

Kapadia, catapulted him into the hearts of India's young and went on to be a big hit. Rishi won the Filmfare Best Actor Award in 1974 for this role.

Other prominent outings included 'Amar Akbar Anthony', 'Laila Majnu', 'Rafoo Chakkar', 'Sargam', 'Karz', 'Prem Rog', 'Chandni', 'Heena', 'Karz', 'Bol Radha Bol', and 'Saagar'. After a brief hiatus, Rishi's career had a second wind when he moved to character roles at the turn of the millennium.

This has been an especially cruel week for the Indian film industry as on Wednesday the supremely gifted actor Irrfan Khan had lost his battle to a rare cancer, sending the entire country into mourning. Soon after Rishi passed away, his immediate family posted a heart-warming message.

"Our dear Rishi Kapoor passed away peacefully at 8:45am IST in hospital today after a two-year battle with leukemia. The doctors and medical staff at the hospital said he kept them entertained to the last. He remained jovial and determined to live to the fullest right through two years of treatment across two continents. Family, friends, food and films remained his focus and everyone who met him during this time was amazed at how he did not let his illness get the better of him. He was grateful for the love of his fans that poured in from the world over. In his

passing, they would all understand that he would like to be remembered with a smile and not with tears.

In this hour of personal loss, we also recognise the world is going through a very difficult and troubled time. There are numerous restrictions around movement and gathering in public. We would like to request all his fans and well-wishers and friends of the family to please respect the laws that are in force.

He would not have it any other way."

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Rishi Kapoor's LAST WISH When He Realised He Won't Be Able To Make It Will Leave You In Tears!

The day April 30, 2020 started on a sad note, as the nation woke up to the news of veteran actor Rishi Kapoor's demise. He breathed his last in the morning and left for his heavenly abode. Yesterday, his brother, Randhir Kapoor confirmed that he was hospitalized in Mumbai owing to his deteriorated health as he was suffering from cancer. He had said, "He is in the hospital. He is suffering from cancer and he has some breathing problem, so he has been admitted to the hospital. He is stable now.

A Tough Time For The Kapoors Unfortunately, Rishi Kapoor couldn't make it and left the entire nation in shock. There's no denying that the current time is anything but peaceful. Amid all the chaos,

we have come across the news of Rishi Kapoor's last words, when he realised he won't be able to survive, and it will surely leave you teary-eyed.

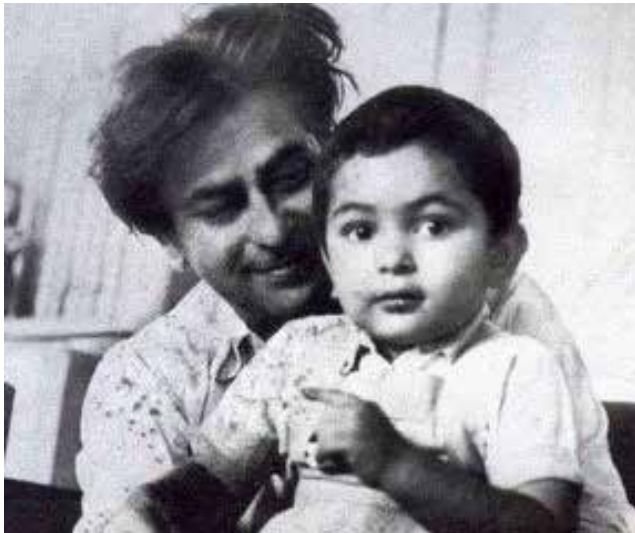
Here's What Rishi Kapoor Said Last Night According to Peeping Moon, last night, Rishi Kapoor realised that he won't be able to make it and asked for his son, Ranbir Kapoor. Thankfully, when Ranbir heard about Rishi Kapoor's wish to see him, he immediately rushed to the hospital at midnight, and was there with his dad in his tough time.

Rishi Kapoor Breathed His Last At 8:45 AM

As devastating as it sounds, but the Bobby actor couldn't fight the battle against life and breathed his last at 8:45 am, leaving his family in deep grief. Rishi Kapoor is survived by his wife Neetu Kapoor and kids, Ranbir Kapoor and Riddhima Kapoor.

May Rishi Kapoor's Soul Rest In Peace.. Since morning, each and every social media platform is buzzing with sad posts on Rishi Kapoor's demise. Be it B-town celebrities or netizens, each and every person is devastated with the fact that the Karz actor is no more with us!

May God give strength to his family to cope with this tragedy.



Irrfan Khan, the Bollywood star who cracked Hollywood

He was a man who achieved what few actors manage to do -- success in two of the world's biggest film industries, Hollywood and Bollywood.

But, according to his biographer, Irrfan Khan didn't let the fame get to his head. Khan, known internationally for his roles in "Life Of Pi" and "Slumdog Millionaire," died Wednesday, his representatives confirmed. He was 53.

According to his PR agency, he was admitted to the ICU in Mumbai's Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital due to a colon infection. In March 2018, Khan revealed that he had been diagnosed with a rare neuroendocrine tumor -- an abnormal growth that begins in the body's specialized neuroendocrine cells, according to the Mayo Clinic.

Khan was widely beloved in India, but also scored the kinds of roles in Hollywood that no other Indian actor has managed to get, according to Aseem Chhabra, a film journalist who wrote a biography about Khan called "Irrfan Khan: The Man, the Dreamer, the Star."

His success in both film industries prompted an outpouring of grief online from both India and overseas.

Indian Prime Minister tweeted that Khan's death was a "loss to the world of cinema and theatre," while American actor Chris Pratt -- who starred alongside Khan in "Jurassic World" -- tweeted: "He was an exquisite actor and human. He will be missed."

A 'very warm-hearted kind of guy' Khan was born in the northern Indian state of Rajasthan. He came from a modest, middle-class family, who didn't hold any dreams of movie stardom, Chhabra said.

Khan attended the National School of Drama in the country's capital, New Delhi -- but according to Chhabra, his mother hoped Khan would come home and become a teacher.

Nevertheless, Khan started his acting career. After playing mainly supporting and character roles for more than a decade, he broke into leading roles in the early 2000s, starring in and winning his first award for the 2004 film "Haasil."

He quickly gained national recognition in the following years, with roles in other award-nominated and winning films like "Life In A...Metro" and "The Lunchbox."

While many of India's Bollywood stars play singing, dancing, romantic leads, Khan tended to play more serious roles, Chhabra said.

In 2007, Khan appeared in American productions "The Namesake," "A Mighty Heart" and "The Darjeeling Limited."

The next year, he got his big break. Khan rose to international fame in 2008 when he played a police inspector in British director Danny Boyle's crime drama "Slumdog Millionaire," which won eight Academy Awards and seven BAFTA Awards. "That opened up doors for him in a very big way," Chhabra said.

Khan then took on a bigger starring role in "Life of Pi," where he played the eponymous Pi. The film won multiple Golden Globes and Academy Awards.

He also played supporting roles in major

US films like "The Amazing Spider-Man," "Jurassic World" and "Inferno."

Despite his success both at home and abroad, Khan remained humble, Chhabra said.

"There is a certain kind of stardom that one cannot deny ... but he didn't have the kind of arrogance that one often notices -- especially in India. Irrfan was a very approachable, very warm-hearted kind of a guy."

Khan's overseas legacy

In Hollywood, South Asian actors are few and far between. That makes it all the more remarkable that Khan was able to break through.

A testament to Khan's success was that he was sometimes cast in roles that didn't require a South Asian actor. "He had reached the stage where Hollywood producers were willing to cast him for what he could offer as an actor, without having to point out 'look, he's Indian' also," Chhabra said. "That situation is emerging more and more. Hopefully there will be more change."

Following Khan's death, a number of overseas stars shared their sadness.

Riz Ahmed, a British actor of South Asian descent, described Khan as his inspiration and hero.

"Rest in peace one of the greatest actors of our time, Irrfan Khan," he tweeted. "His work was consistently transcendent, he was a guiding light for so many of us."

Canadian YouTuber Lilly Singh, who is also of South Asian descent, tweeted: "You were and will continue to be magic and an inspiration to myself and so many others." The Academy, meanwhile, described Khan as a "mainstay of Bollywood cinema and incredible talent."

"Irrfan Khan left his imprint on global cinema. An inspiration to millions, he will be greatly missed," The Academy tweeted. Back in India, Khan will leave a different legacy -- he has helped broaden the idea of what an actor needs to look like in an industry where he isn't the traditional idea of what is handsome, Chhabra said.

In India, fans flooded Twitter with messages of support.

Fellow Bollywood stars also shared their grief. "My friend...inspiration & the greatest actor of our times," Shah Rukh Khan tweeted. "(We will) cherish the fact that you were part of our lives."

Heartbreaking pictures: Irrfan Khan's wife and kids saying their final goodbyes

The late actor Irrfan Khan's wife Sutapa Devendra Sikdar and kids, Babil and Ayan were seen first at Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital in Mumbai and then at a cemetery in Yari Road, Mumbai.

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Irrfan Khan, gone too soon

The late actor Irrfan Khan's wife Sutapa Devendra Sikdar and kids, Babil and Ayan were seen first at Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital in Mumbai and then at a cemetery in Yari Road, Mumbai.

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Heartbreaking pictures: Irrfan Khan's wife



Irrfan Khan and Singer Mohammed Vakil

and kids saying their final goodbyes

Team IndiaYahoo Lifestyle29 April 2020 Actor Irrfan Khan passed away on Wednesday, 29 April, morning after being admitted to Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital due to a colon infection. He was diagnosed with a neuroendocrine tumour in 2018 and spend two years in the United Kingdom for his treatment.

As per an official statement by his spokesperson, the actor was buried in Versova cemetery in Mumbai at three in the afternoon. Our photographers spotted late actor Irrfan Khan's wife Sutapa Devendra Sikdar and kids, Babil and Ayan at Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital in Mumbai and then at a cemetery on Yari Road, Mumbai.

"Present were his family, close relatives and friends. Everyone paid their final respects and mourned the loss of his passing away", the statement read.

The actor's spokesperson had earlier released a statement about his demise. "I trust, I have surrendered"; These were the some of the many words that Irrfan expressed in a heartfelt note he wrote in 2018 opening up about his fight with cancer. And a man of few words and an actor of silent expressions with his deep eyes and his memorable actions on screen. It's saddening that this day, we have to bring forward the news of him passing away."

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Virtues of Ramadan

Ramadaan is one of the twelve Arabic months. It is a month which is venerated in the Islamic religion, and it is distinguished from the other months by a number of characteristics and virtues, including the following:

Allaah has made fasting this month the fourth pillar of Islam, as He says :

“The month of Ramadan in which was revealed the Qur’aan, a guidance for mankind and clear proofs for the guidance and the criterion (between right and wrong). So whoever of you sights (the crescent on the first night of) the month (of Ramadan i.e. is present at his home), he must observe Sawm (fasts) that month...” [al-Baqarah 2:185]

And it was narrated in al-Saheehayn (al-Bukhaari, 8; Muslim, 16) from the hadeeth of Ibn ‘Umar that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said:

“Islam is built on five (pillars): the testimony that there is no god except Allaah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allaah; establishing prayer; paying zakaah; fasting Ramadaan; and Hajj to the House (the Ka’bah).

The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) used to tell his Companions the good news of the onset of Ramadaan, and urge them to make the most of it.

Abu Hurayrah (may Allaah be pleased with him) said: “The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said,

“There has come to you Ramadaan, a blessed month. Allaah has made it obligatory on you to fast (this month). During it the gates of Paradise are opened and the gates of Hell are locked, and the devils are chained up. In it there is a night that is better than a thousand months, and whoever is deprived of its goodness is deprived indeed”.

(Reported by al-Nisaa’i, 4/129; Saheeh al-Targheeb, 1/490)

* Good News on the onset of Ramadan*

May Allaah bless our time to perform abundant good deeds in this blessed month of Ramadan and accept all our good deeds.

May Allaah make us from those who are freed from Hell fire every day and night.

May Allaah aid us to fast and perform Qiyaam al-layl consistently with belief and seeking reward only from Allaah.

May Allaah aid us to perform plentiful deeds in the last ten nights of Ramadan.

May Allaah make us from those who witnesses the Night of (Decree) Laylat al-Qadr.

May Allaah protect entire Muslim Ummah from every calamity.

May Allaah aid all the Muslims who are struggling and fighting for peace and justice around the world, grant them victory and defeat the oppressors.

May Allaah ward off this calamity of Corona from the nation of his beloved Messenger Muhammad

May Allaah accept all our good deeds and unite us in Jannat al-Firdaws in Aakhirah.

May Allaah guide all the Muslim rulers upon Siratemustaqeem and guide all the non-Muslims towards Islam, so that they see the beauty of Islam and taste the Eemaan in their hearts and live a happy life in this world and in the hereafter.

Allaah has made fasting Ramadan and spending its nights in prayer out of faith and in the hope of reward a means of forgiveness of sins.

As was proven in al-Saheehayn (al-Bukhaari, 2014; Muslim, 760) from the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah according to which the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said:

“Whoever fasts Ramadan out of faith and in the hope of reward, his previous sins will be forgiven.”

And al-Bukhaari (2008) and Muslim (174) also narrated from Abu Hurayrah that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said:

“Whoever spends the nights of Ramadan in prayer out of faith and in the hope of reward, his previous sins will be forgiven.”

And Allaah knows best

In this month, Allaah opens the gates of Paradise and closes the gates of Hell, and chains up the devils, as is stated in al-Saheehayn (al-Bukhaari, 1898; Muslim, 1079), from the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah who said that the Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said:

“When Ramadaan comes, the gates of Paradise are opened and the gates of Hell are closed, and the devils are chained up.”

“Every night Allaah has people whom He redeems from the Fire”.

Imam Ahmad (5/256) narrated from the hadeeth of Abu Umaamah that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said:

“At every breaking of the Fast of Ramadan, Allaah has people whom He redeems from Hell-fire”.

Classed as Saheeh by al-Albaani in Saheeh al-Targheeb, 987.

Al-Bazaar (Kashf 962) narrated that Abu Sa’eed said: The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said:

“Allaah has people whom He redeems every day and night – i.e., in Ramadaan – and every Muslim every day and night has a prayer that is answered.”

And Allaah knows best

Fasting Ramadaan is a means of expiation for the sins committed since the previous Ramadaan, so long as one avoids major sins.

It was proven in Saheeh Muslim (233) that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said:

“The five daily prayers, from one Jumu’ah to the next and from one Ramadaan to the next are expiation for (sins committed) in between, so long as you avoid major sins.”

Fasting in Ramadaan is equivalent to fasting ten months, as is indicated by the hadeeth in Saheeh Muslim (1164) narrated from Abu Ayyoob al-Ansaari: Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said:

“Whoever fasts Ramadaan then follows it with six days of Shawwaal, it will be like fasting for a lifetime.”

Ahmad (21906) narrated that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said:

“Whoever fasts Ramadaan, a month is like ten months, and fasting six days after al-Fitr will complete the year.”

And Allaah knows best

The disease of Nationalism has affected us. Why is it people follow only the moon sighting in their nation?

Who has created the borders between these nations?

Abu Hurayrah (r.a.) narrated that the Messenger [Sallallahu Alayhiwa Sallam] said:

“He is not one of us who calls for Nationalism or who fights for Nationalism or who dies for Nationalism”. [Sahih Muslim (6/21)]



Abdur Rahman Founder and President Helping 2 Hands The AR Foundation an NGO working for underprivileged since 4 years in Hyderabad. We are supporting two orphanages for BOYS and GIRLS around 300 kids located in Vijayanagar Colony and Musheerabad in Hyderabad. During Covid 19 we are providing breakfast and lunch to 100 people at Indo American Cancer Hospital in Banjara Hills.

Renowned Urdu Journalist Aijaz Quraishi passes away

From: Siasat, POSTED BY RASIA HASHMI
Hyderabad: Renowned journalist Mr Aijaz Quraishi passed away this morning after prolonged illness in a corporate hospital in Hyderabad. He was 85. Namaz-e-Janaza (funeral prayer) was performed in Muradnagar, Hyderabad and he was laid to rest in the Jamalikunta graveyard. Quraishi is survived by four sons, including Ahsan Quraishi, a senior journalist and Expert in Electronic Media (USA), Arshad Quraishi, a sports commentator, Hafiz As'ad Quraishi (KSA) and Rashid Quraishi and four daughters. Renowned Civil engineer and consultant Sri Yousuf Saleem is his eldest son-in-law.

A born journalist Aijaz Quraishi started his career in his teens as an editor, printer and publisher of the Urdu daily from Nizamabad district titled 'Zindagee' way back in early 50s.

He was the founder editor of the leading Urdu News Agency 'Bharat News Service, Hyderabad' in 1954. The News Agency catered to the needs of the leading Urdu dailies published from Hyderabad. The News Agency covered all the important events of the State, right from

Janab Khaja Anwar passes away

From Mohammed Niaz Ahmed Khan:
It is very shocking and saddened to share the news of the demise of my very dear friend and a great human being Khaja Anwar who was suffering from Cancer. He was Chairman of Facade Fyziks Group, Dubai and well known Personality in Gulf region. Because of Late Khaja Anwar bhai presentation to Central Government today NRI's Children have reservation in professional colleges in India. May Allah SWAT Grant him the highest place in Jannat Al Firdaus. Aameen.....Aameen.....
Inna lilla hi wa inna ilahi rajioon...



politics to sports, literature to films, and culture to religion.

It was the first News Agency to cover the proceedings of the AP Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council besides the Hyderabad Municipal Corporation in the days when Urdu dailies did not have their

own reporters. Under his guidance the agency became the most reliable agency providing authentic and unbiased news items.

The Bharat News Service has the unique distinction of being an institution of Journalism and the agency produced several renowned journalists who are serving in respon-

sible positions in the newspapers, magazines, journals and TV channels not only in India but also abroad.

A multifaceted personality Aijaz Quraishi was a versatile writer, poet, broadcaster, film and sports critic and an orator.

He was founder member of the Press Guild of Hyderabad, founder president of the Hyderabad Film Study Circle, and the President of Sports Journalists Association for decades together.

He was the Secretary/Director of the AP State Urdu Academy Andhra Pradesh and served for three years and brought in several reforms in the administration.

He edited the world famous Urdu monthly on films and literature entitled 'Filmy Tasveer' published from Hyderabad having worldwide circulation. He was the editor of Urdu Morcha a multi colour Urdu weekly published from New Delhi and Associate Editor for the International Urdu Weekly Aitebar published from Hyderabad.



4 th Ramzan On 18th death Anniversary of Gaazi e Millat Late Mohd Amanullah Khan .

MBT president Majidullah Khan farhat along with Syed Mustafa Mahmood , Rashad Hashmi, Altaf Naseeb khan, Md shakil saab and other leaders and workers did Fateha and Dua for the late leader.



رشید شیخ

ہم تو دل اور جاں فدا کرتے رہے
وہ جفاؤں پر جفا کرتے رہے
خود فریبی میں رہے ہم بتلا
بے وفاؤں سے وفا کرتے رہے
چاند تارے توڑ لائے بھی تو کیا
وہ تھائے اور گلا کرتے رہے
آگے وہ پھر اچانک خواب میں
اور رنجوں کو ہرا کرتے رہے
اک تمنا پامل رہ گئی
عمر بھر جس کی دعا کرتے رہے
جھوٹ کو اپنے چھپانے کے لیے
جھوٹ کی وہ انتہا کرتے رہے
جام و مینا توڑ ڈالے شیخ نے
میکڈے میں وہ یہ کیا کرتے رہے

غزل

تسلیم الہی زلفی - (کینیڈا)

یہ بھی ممکن ہے کہ، قسمت کا اشارہ ہو جائے
جو کسی اور کا ہے، اب وہ ہمارا ہو جائے
وہ مجھے نہ بھی ملے، پر مرے امکاں میں رہے
صرف اتنا ہو کہ جینے کا سہارا ہو جائے
مدتیں ہو گئیں سینے سے لگائے اُس کو
مدد اے شوق! کہ یہ کام ہمارا ہو جائے
قدر کم اُس کی نہ ہو جائے مری نظروں میں
یہ نہ ہو، مجھ کو محبت میں خسارہ ہو جائے
پیار مانگا نہیں ہم نے کبھی، حد سے بڑھ کے
اتنا مل جائے کہ بس اپنا گزارہ ہو جائے
جس کو ہم مل گئے، یہ اُس کا مقدر زلفی
اپنی قسمت میں کہاں وہ، جو ہمارا ہو جائے



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رمضان کا مہینہ

ایمان کو چمکے باراں رحمت برساتے رمضان کا مہینہ
گناہ سے بچانے جنت کی راہ دکھانے رمضان کا مہینہ
خدا کا پیام سارے جہان کے نام اس ماہ میں اتارا گیا
توحید کا سبق پڑھانے سراط مستقیم دکھانے رمضان کا مہینہ
ہر بشر سے ملے کر سائیں بھی قائل ہے اس کا
جسم و روح کو ہر برائی سے بچانے رمضان کا مہینہ
صرف ایک ماہ نہیں سال بھر رکھو اس عمل کو
سچائی کو بتائے جہنم سے نجات دلائے رمضان کا مہینہ
نیکی کے کام کر لو تم تازہ ایمان کر لو تم
ولی کو شیطان سے بچانے رمضان کا مہینہ
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وہ ایسی جو ہمارے ذہن سے بولتا ہے
بہت سے راز جہان و گھر پہ کھولتا ہے
خرد کے وہم میں دھیت طلب کا ناپنا
گماں کے جسم کو تحقیق سے ٹٹولتا ہے
وہ جانے کون سے ماحول کا ہے پروردہ
ہمارے شوق کو جلوؤں سے اپنے مولتا ہے
وہ کون کون سا موقع ہے جب وہ نور نژاد
دریچہ جلوہ نمائی کی مد میں کھولتا ہے
یہ کون شخص ہے آداب بزم سے لا علم
زمانہ سازوں کی باتوں کے سچ بولتا ہے
عجب طرح کا شاعر ہے، اپنا اسلم بھی
خیال و خواب کا رس تخیلوں میں گھولتا ہے

بھلاواں
غزل

ہاتھ سینے پہ مار لیتا ہوں
اپنا غصہ اتار لیتا ہوں
جو بھی آوارہ بھینس ملتی ہے
دودھ اُس کا بٹھار لیتا ہوں
میں پیازوں کی سمت رخ کر کے
شجھ کو اکثر پکار لیتا ہوں
سوگھ لیتا ہوں جنت الفردوس
میں بھی لطف بہار لیتا ہوں
ایک دن نقد ہاتھ میں دے کر
سال بھر تک ادھار لیتا ہوں
جب بھی تعریف میری ہوتی ہے
میں بھلاواں اتار لیتا ہوں

مختلف شعراء کی ایک ہی زمین پر کبھی گئی تین غزلیں

غزل
فاطمہ تاج

ہر ایک چہرے پہ یہ عکس چھکی کیا ہے
کوئی تائے تمنا میں آگئی کیا ہے
ہر اک خیال کی آہٹ پہ دنگوں کا گماں
اک انتظار مسلسل ہے زندگی کیا ہے
ماہ جو موقع میں پوچھوگی ساری دنیا سے
حیات تم ہی اگر ہے تو پھر خوشی کیا ہے
بگم رہے ہیں کئی کارواں اندر سے میں
ہے ابتدا یہ سفر کی تو رہبری کیا ہے
مرے مکان سے ذرا دور کچھ بلندی پر
دکھائی دیتی ہے اکثر جو روشنی کیا ہے
ن انکس ن گھوہ ن رابطہ کوئی
خودی ہے ہم اسی کا تو بے خودی کیا ہے
یہ طر تاج نہیں ہے تو اتنا تلاء
تمہارے ہنوں پہ اُن ہونٹی کسی کیا ہے

غزل
خار بارہ بنگوی

ہزار رخ سر آسموں پہ بات ہی کیا ہے
تری خوشی کے تمدن مری خوشی کیا ہے
خدا بچائے تری نست نست آسموں سے
فرشتہ ہو تو بیک جائے آدمی کیا ہے
گزار دوں ترے غم میں جو مر حضرتے
ترے ہزار یہ وہ دن کی زندگی کیا ہے
بھری بہار کہاں اور قفس کہاں ضیاء
سمجھ میں آئے یہ آیا کہ بے بسی کیا ہے
وہ اور ہیں جو غلب کار غلب ہیں واعدا
گلو پار سلامت مجھے کی کیا ہے
کھڑے ہوئے ہیں وہ کب سے کھر بھگائے ہوئے
خمار ہوش میں آؤ یہ بے خودی کیا ہے

انتخاب خاص



تری نگاہ کرم سے تو پھر کی کیا ہے
ترے ہار مجھے فکر زندگی کیا ہے
جبب شے ہے محبت کا جذبہ رنگیں
پھر اس کے بعد بسا غم و خوشی کیا ہے
نگاہ اہلی زمانہ پہ کاش کمل جائے
یہ ایک مرگ مسلسل ہے، زندگی کیا ہے
مری نظر ہے بہار و خزاں سے نکلتا
میں جانتا ہوں تال کھٹکتی کیا ہے
بہت بلند مقام حیات ہے ہم
زمانہ ساز مقام حیات ہے ہم
زمانہ ساز دکھوں کو آگئی کیا ہے
چمک رہے ہیں تمہاری نگاہ کے ساغر
پھر اس کے بعد تمہارے میکش کیا ہے
جو بے نیاز غم و درد ہیں حسن اب تک
انہیں خبر ہی نہیں غم کی زندگی کیا ہے

ڈاکٹر احمد علی برقی اعظمی

ایشیا ٹائمز یو ایس ایشیا کا ہے سفیر
جس کے مندرجات بوتے ہیں نہایت دلنڈیر
گرچہ انگریزی میں ہیں اس کے شمارے دلنشین
اس کی یو ایس میں اشاعت ہے یہ لانا جوئے شیر
جس کی یہ آواز امریکا میں کرتا ہے بلند
منعکس ہوتا ہے اس میں خطہ بر صغیر
ادبی تخلیقات کا بھی ایک کالم اس میں ہے
جس کے اردو کے صفحہ کے ہیں حسن چشتی مدیر
کرتے ہیں اپنی ثقافت کو جو اس میں منعکس
مستحق ہیں داد اور تحسین کے اس کے سب مدیر
ہر شمارہ اس کا امریکا میں ہے ہر دل عزیز
سحر کا دہلی میں برقی بھی ہے جس کے اک اسیر



(شاہد مہدی صبی)

ہے ہدف جو جمل نظر سے اٹکی ہے ہما ہما ہاش
آؤ کراک دوسرے کو ہم کریں باہم ہاش
کر رہے ہو دھوپ میں تم رہتے پر شہنم ہاش
اک نیاسر اک بی لے، اک نیاسر گم ہاش
ہے ضروری اب کریں ہم ایسا اک ماتم ہاش
اک کرن تمھی کی جو کرتا رہا گوتم ہاش
اور فیسی دوست کس کرتے رہے ہم ہاش

ہے کسی نادیدہ منزل کی اے پیما ہاش
تم کو میں نہ پاسوں تو کھو تم بھی ڈھونڈنے
ہوگی غم جہاں کردار کی ساری زمیں
بریلوٹیم جہاں پر تم ہی دھن میں کرو
ہانت دے خیرات اک عالم کو حرف ہاش
بیٹھ کر برسوں تک رگد کے نیچے گیان میں
چوٹ گہری دل پہ کما کر آخراش وہ چل بسا

تم جو دیتے ہو وہ تم نہیں دیتے
تمہیں تو دینے کی توفیق بھی
تمہیں دینے والا دیتا ہے!



On the lighter side....

The same guy has robbed the same bank three times in the last 30 days.

The FBI, in charge of preventing a fourth robbery ask the nervous bank teller, "Have you noticed anything in particular about the robber?"

"Yes," the teller replied. "I notice that each time he comes into the bank he's much better dressed."

The son has finally saved enough money to buy his own house. It is just a few houses down the road from where his parents still live.

On the day he moves in he invites some friends over, turns On the music and drinking a few beers. As the son was making his toast and said, "I don't have to listen to my parents anymore", the phone rings. He goes inside to answer and is silent when he rejoins the party.

"Who was that?" ask one of the guests.

"Well," replied the son. "It was my father telling me to turn down the music as there are people in the neighborhood that are trying to sleep."

My husband made me mad today so I poured some water in front of the washer.

He's been in there for 2 hours trying to fix the washer.

At the airport check-in counter I overheard a woman ask for window seats for both she and her husband.

The clerk pointed out that this would prevent them for sitting together.

"Sweetie," the woman replied, "I've just spent 10 days of quality time in a compact rental car with this man. I



KNOW what I'm requesting!"

Police Chief: The thief got away, eh? Did you guard all the exits?

Deputy: Yes, we did. But he tricked us. He went out through an entrance.

Just seen a burglar kicking his own door in.

I asked: "What are you doing?"

He said: "Working from home."

Sunday School Teacher: "Now Little Johnny, I want you to memorize today's motto, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Little Johnny: "Yes mam, but I know it already. My father says he has always used that as his motto in his business."

Teacher: "Oh, how noble of him! And what is his business?"

Little Johnny: "He's a boxer."

The new chairman, giving his acceptance speech at the

annual meeting of a local society club indicated his concern...

"In most associations half the members do most of the work while the other half does nothing. Beginning today this will change. From this day forward this will be revers

Son: Why is my sister's name Paris?

Dad: Because we conceived her in Paris.

Son: Thanks dad.

Dad: No problem Quarantine.

Self isolation is getting so bad I'm starting to crush on my roommate...

And we've been married for more than 20 years.

My husband is wonderful with our baby daughter, but often turns to me for advice. Recently I was in the shower when he poked his head in to ask, "What should I feed Lily for lunch?"

"That's up to you," I replied. "There's all kinds of food. Why don't you pretend I'm not home?"

A few minutes later, my cell phone rang. I answered it to hear my husband saying, "Yeah, hi, honey. Uh...what should I feed Lily for lunch?"

I trained my dog to fetch me beer...

It may not sound too impressive, but he gets them from the neighbors fridge!



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