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# Elon Musk escalates his feud with MAGA loyalists over H-1B visas

President-elect Donald Trump's backers in Silicon Valley are at odds with his MAGA loyalists over a key issue: immigration.

In recent days, Elon Musk and others in the tech sector have voiced support for H-1B visas, which allow US companies to hire highly skilled workers from overseas. Their comments angered Trump backers who favor stricter immigration rules.

Musk's latest response to the backlash came late Friday in an expletive-laden X post. He said an H-1B visa allowed him and others to build "SpaceX, Tesla and hundreds of other companies that made America strong."

"I will go to war on this issue the likes of which you cannot possibly comprehend," he posted.

Trump appeared to side with Musk on Saturday, telling The New York Post that he has "always liked the visas."

"I have many H-1B visas on my properties. I've been a believer in H-1B. I have used it many times. It's a great program," he said.

In 2020, Trump authorized a freeze on visas, including the H-1B, in what his administration said was an attempt to reserve jobs for Americans amid the economic hardships brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The debate over H-1Bs began after Trump offered Sriram Krishnan, a Chennai-born, Indian American investor, a role as a senior policy advisor for artificial intelligence.

Krishnan, who recently lived in London while leading an expansion of the venture capital firm A16z, moved to the United States after graduating from college in India and worked at several tech firms, including Microsoft, Twitter, and Meta.

Criticism has largely come from anonymous social media accounts — one X post asked if anyone had voted "for this Indian to run America," prompting a defense from Trump's AI and crypto czar, David Sacks.

Krishnan's appointment has prompted a wider debate on the merits of H-1B

visas.

Some tech leaders who have been deeply critical of illegal immigration have stepped up to defend immigration policies that allow high-skilled foreign workers to stay in the United States legally.

Musk said on Thursday his priority was bringing in top engineering talent legally — saying it is "essential for America to keep winning"

"Thinking of America as a pro sports team that has been winning for a long time and wants to keep winning is the right mental construct," he wrote on X.

"America rose to greatness over the past 150 years, because it was a meritocracy more than anywhere else on Earth. I will fight to my last drop of blood to ensure that it remains that land of freedom and opportunity," he added later.

Musk's co-lead at the Department of Government Efficiency, Vivek Ramaswamy, also took to X on Thursday to



argue that tech companies often hire foreign-born engineers to avoid what he called an American culture that has "venerated mediocrity over excellence for way too long."

"A culture that celebrates the prom queen over the math olympiad champ, or the jock over the valedictorian, will not produce the best engineers," he wrote in a nearly 400-word post.

In a later post, he said immigration rules should be reformed more effectively to funnel talent to the United States. The H-1B system was not effective, he said, and "should be replaced with one that focuses on selecting the very best of the best."

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We would like to extend our deepest gratitude and admiration to Dr. Shehzad, a distinguished eye Surgeon from Dallas, Texas, USA, for his quick thinking and heroic actions that saved the life of an infant during a pilgrimage to Makkah, Saudi Arabia.

The incident occurred in the early hours of the morning at the open seating area of the Anjum Hotel in Makkah. An Indonesian family on their pilgrimage was enjoying a peaceful moment when their infant suddenly began to choke on food. The child quickly became

unresponsive and lifeless, leaving the family and friends in sheer panic, desperately crying out for help.

In this critical moment, Dr. Shehzad, who was nearby, immediately sprang into action. With calmness and precision, he performed back blows and administered CPR on the infant. After several tense attempts, the child finally began to breathe again, to the immense relief and gratitude of the parents and those present.

Dr. Shehzad's quick response, medical expertise, and cour-

age in the face of an emergency exemplify true heroism. His selfless act not only saved the life of a child but also brought comfort and hope to a family during their sacred pilgrimage.

We are incredibly proud of Dr. Shehzad for his extraordinary efforts and for embodying the highest ideals of compassion and humanity. His actions serve as a powerful reminder of the importance of preparedness and kindness, even in the most unexpected situations.

Dr. Shehzad, thank you for your life-saving intervention and for being an inspiration to us all.

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**By: Shawkat Mohammed**

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## A prayer and condolence gathering held in Dallas-Fort Worth, USA

**Report by: Shoaib Khan For Asia Times.US**

In the U.S. state of Texas, a prayer and condolence event was held on November 26, 2024, Sunday, in Dallas-Fort Worth, following the call of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Imran Khan to observe Martyrs' Day.

The event began with Hafiz Umar reciting verses 84 to 86 from Surah Al-Baqarah of the Quran, which speak against oppression and cruelty. After the recitation, PTI officials and members paid heartfelt tributes to the martyrs. They also demanded justice and legal action against those responsible for the tragedy.

Dr. Nasrullah Khan, a pioneer of PTI in Dallas-Fort Worth, and core committee member Qazi Latif, expressed their sadness, anger, and grief over the cruelty faced by innocent and peaceful Pakistani citizens. The emotional atmosphere left many participants in tears, with sorrow and frustration visible on every face.

Stage Secretary Shoaib Khan also expressed controlled but deep anger and grief. Toward the end, Syed Usman Shah led a heartfelt prayer in

a trembling voice, asking Allah to elevate the ranks of the martyrs, heal the injured, and free the missing and innocent prisoners.

The attendees were overcome with emotions, praying with tears in their eyes and seeking Allah's mercy.

Remember:  
 "Call upon Allah, give no one pain, for Allah is the master of the world—fear Him always."



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 Denton: 1:45  
 Desoto-HOP: 1:30  
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At Ravindra bhārathi 100 th birthday of Mohammad Rafi Sahab's , seen is Sarwat ali sahab and Shujath Ali Sahab the organisers



Wedding ceremony of Saber Quadri Sahab's daughter at Metro classic garden, Aramghar , Hyderabad, seen with Iftekhar Shareef is Ahmed Qaudri of Kohinoor group , Abrar Quadri and Saber Quadri



Marriage ceremony of niece of Abdul Qader business man , seen with Iftekhar Shareef is groom , Abdul Qader , ESA Misri , Noor Syed

with K. Kavitha a former Member of Parliament in the Lok Sabha for the Nizamabad constituency.



Marriage ceremony of daughter of Zakir Quershi businessman from Pune , at Red Rose Garden , Nampally, Hyderabad. Seen in pic with Iftekhar Shareef is Zakir Quareshi , Azmatullah Hussaini Wakf Board Chairman, Government of Telangana, Mohammed Saleem businessman and former Wakf Board chairman, Telangana state .

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Ahmed Ilyas Sharief and Mohammed Naseeruddin, proud and humble Dads of the grooms. Ahmed Nomaan Sharief, MS Miami, FL and Mohammed Ameenuddin MS, Chicago IL respectively. Both events attended by MJCET Alumnis and Civil Engineers Dawood Ali, Javeed Kaleem, Ghayaz bhai, Asad bhai, Shakeel Ayjaz, Md. Mohsin, Samiuddin, Saleem Basha



Mubashir Sayeed's wedding reception. He's the son of Dr Siftur Sayeed. Prominant attendees were MIM president Wasif ullah Quadri, Chicago in charge. Khan Saif Khan, Moin baig MD, Rafi kidwai, Khaled osmani, Azeem Shareef and others



Fareed Sabiri, Editor in chief, Common news with his Grandson Isa Sabiri Rashid Son of Haroon Rashid and Fariha Fatima Sabiri

**The Indian American Medical Association, Illinois Commemorates 44th Anniversary with a Vibrant Gala**

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Chicago, IL: The Indian American Medical Association, Illinois (IAMA-IL) marked 44 years with a fundraising gala that featured a cocktail reception, a vendor expo, an awards presentation, a dinner, and musical performances on December 07, 2024 at the Matrix Club in Naperville. The event was a grand success, bringing together leaders, influencers, and community members.



IAMA-IL President Radhika Chimata, MD, organized a splendid gala that included speeches from Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi, U.S. Representative for Illinois's 8th Congressional District, and Indian Consul General Somnath Ghosh. She also shared her vision for the upcoming year as the Board of Directors chair. Her objectives include continuing significant fundraising initiatives, establishing a comprehensive database of physician mentors for medical trainees, and boosting IAMA-IL membership among second- and third-generation Americans.

Honorees during the awards presentation included Ashok Fulambarker, MD, recipient of the Distinguished Physician Award; Samir Shah, MD, who received the Lifetime Achievement Award; and Archana Chatterjee, MD, honored with the Dr. Usha Rani Nimmagadda Woman Physician Leadership Award. Rajeev Kumar, MD, Terence Chiramel, MD, and Utpal Parekh, MD, were acknowledged for their contributions to IAMA-IL and our communities.

Advocate Health CEO Dia Nichols provided the keynote speech and participated in a fire-side discussion alongside President Chimata, Sreenivas Reddy, MD, and Shruti Nathan from Advocate Health. The conversation addressed contemporary challenges faced by physicians, including reimbursement rates.

We express our gratitude to our Distinguished Guests, including Gerard Moorer

Deputy Chief of Staff to Congressman Danny Davis, U.S. Representative from Illinois's 7th Congressional District, Tara Stamps, Cook County Board Commissioner for the 1st District, and Harry Benton, Illinois House Representative for District 97.

The Ghungroo Bollywood dance troupe captivated the audience with their elegant perfor-

mances and stunning attire. We appreciate the talent of director Sridevi Pandalai. Biju Zacharia's artistic vision shone through the gorgeous audio-visual presentation, which complemented the eloquent emceeing by Shana Mohan perfectly. During dinner, Radhika delivered an incredible unplugged performance, accompanied by guitarist Vikas Deo, and concluded the event with an electrifying concert supported by Orchestra Saregama.

Before the entertainment got everyone dancing the night away, IAMA welcomed their new President, Dr. Dilip Shah, and the 2025 executive committee as they assumed their roles for IAMA-IL's 45th year.

The celebration was made possible with the backing of the Grand Sponsor, Wealth Planning Network of Oak Brook, IL, and gold sponsors Orchard Corporation and Neelyx. All attendees received a lovely keepsake provided by Tanishq of Naperville.

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# Former President Jimmy Carter dies at 100

Carter, who lived longer than any other U.S. president, entered home hospice care in Plains, Georgia in February 2023 after a series of short hospital stays.

The only Georgian ever elected to the White House, Carter left office after a single term that was highlighted by forging peace between Israel and Egypt, but was overshadowed by the Iran hostage crisis. In the decades after, his reputation grew through his and wife Rosalynn Carter's work at the Carter Center in Atlanta and his philanthropic causes such as Habitat for Humanity.

"People will be celebrating Jimmy Carter for hundreds of years. His reputation is only going to grow," Rice University history professor Douglas Brinkley wrote in his book "The Unfinished Presidency of Jimmy Carter."

James Earl Carter Jr. was born in Plains on Oct. 1, 1924, the first of four children of Earl Carter, a farmer and businessman, and Lillian Gordy Carter, a registered nurse.

He gained an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy, graduated and joined the Navy submarine branch where in seven years he worked his way into "Rickover's boys," the elite nascent unit of America's nuclear submarine fleet championed by the iconic Admiral Hyman Rickover. Carter was on his way up until a death at home changed his destiny.

His father Earl, a farmer, businessman and cornerstone personality in the Plains community, died from cancer. Carter left the Navy and its far-from-Plains postings such as Hawaii, and he, Rosalynn and their growing family returned to Georgia in 1953 to take over the family farming business. It was there he first ran for school board, then state senator.

He was elected governor in 1970. Carter served one successful term before launching an improbable bid to become president, winning the Democratic nomination and then defeating Republican President Gerald Ford in November 1976.

On his inauguration day, rather



than driving past the crowds in an armored limousine, Jimmy and Rosalynn emerged from the car with daughter Amy at their side and walked down Pennsylvania Avenue, holding hands and waving.

Carter's successes included promoting human rights, adding to the national park and preserve system, reestablishing governmental credibility after the Watergate Crisis, and the Camp David Accords, which forged a peace agreement between Egypt and Israel.

They were overshadowed by trouble at home and abroad. At home, Carter and his advisers, most of them Washington outsiders, met resistance from his own party.

Then, in November 1979, Iranian militants stormed the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and took hostages. He tried negotiation, then launched a bold rescue mission that never reached its target because of helicopter failure. He could not resolve the situation until the last day of his administration.

At home, a foundering economy exacerbated by oil embargoes from Mideast countries and the rise of the Republican Party under Ronald Reagan helped lead to his defeat in November 1980.

Carter returned to tiny Plains and used the power of an ex-president's bully pulpit as the springboard to

his last, and, some say, his best act.

Carter began volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, a fairly new Americus-based organization, building houses for the poor. Then, together with Rosalynn, he founded the Atlanta-based Carter Center, which focused on making peace and spreading health and democracy around the world. It will carry the couple's humanitarian and democratic work forward.

From his work as president and as the leader of the Carter Center, he won the Nobel Prize, the United National Human Rights Prize and many other notable awards from countries, organizations and world leaders. The Carters both were awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Bill Clinton.



"Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter," Clinton said, "have done more good things for more people in more places than any other couple on the face of the Earth."

Rosalynn Carter, Jimmy Carter's wife of 77 years, died in November 2023.

They are survived by their children Amy, Chip, Jack and Jeff; 11 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Atlanta Journal

Ernie Suggs  
Christopher Quinn

Below pic: with Moarji Desai, Indian PM



# Manmohan Singh, the former Indian prime minister passes away

NEW DELHI (AP) — Manmohan Singh, the former Indian prime minister widely regarded as the architect of the country's economic reform program, was cremated after a state funeral on Saturday as politicians and the public mourned his death.

The veteran leader, who was also credited for a landmark nuclear deal with the United States, died late Thursday at age 92.

Singh's body was taken Saturday morning to the headquarters of his Congress party in New Delhi, where party leaders and activists paid tributes to him and chanted "Manmohan Singh lives forever."

Abhishek Bishnoi, a party leader, said Singh's death was big loss for the country. "He used to speak little, but his talent and his actions spoke louder than his words," he said.

Later, Singh's body was transported to a crematorium ground for his last rites as soldiers beat drums. Government officials, politicians and family members paid their last respects to Singh, whose casket was adorned with flowers and wrapped in the Indian flag. Security personnel honored him with a ceremonial gun salute.

Indian President Draupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who called Singh one of the country's "most distinguished leaders," and several Cabinet ministers participated in the funeral ceremony. Singh's body was then transferred to a pyre and cremated as religious hymns played.

Authorities declared a seven-day mourning period and canceled all cultural and entertainment events during that time. Government buildings across India are flying the national flag at half-staff.

A mild-mannered technocrat, Singh was prime minister for 10 years and leader of the Congress party in Parliament's upper house, earning a reputation as a man of great personal integrity. He was chosen to be prime minister in 2004 by Sonia Gandhi, the widow of assassinated Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

Singh was reelected in 2009, but his second term was clouded by financial scandals and corruption charges over the organization of the 2010 Commonwealth Games. This led to the Congress party's crushing defeat in 2014 national elections by the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party under the leadership of Narendra Modi.

Singh adopted a low profile after relinquishing the post of prime minister.

As finance minister, Singh in 1991 instituted reforms that moved India away from a socialist-patterned economy and toward a capitalist model in the face of a huge balance of payments deficit, skirting a potential economic crisis.

Singh was the first Sikh to hold the country's top post and made a public apology in Parliament for the 1984 Sikh Massacre in which some 3,000 Sikhs were killed after then-Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was assassinated by her Sikh bodyguards.

In a move hailed as one of his biggest achievements apart from economic reforms, Singh ended India's nuclear isolation by signing a deal with the U.S. that gave India access to American nuclear technology.

But the deal hurt his coalition government, with Communist allies withdrawing their support and criticism of the agreement growing within India in 2008 when it was finalized.

U.S. President Joe Biden in a condolence statement called Singh a true statesman and a dedicated public servant who "charted path-breaking progress that will continue to strengthen our nations — and the world — for generations to come."

"The unprecedented level of cooperation between the United States and India today would not have been possible without the prime minister's strategic vision and political courage," Biden said.

AIJAZ HUSSAIN, AP News



Iftekhar Shareef receiving First Overseas Citizenship (OCI) card from Late Prime Minister of India on January 6 th 2006 .



# Neil deGrasse Tyson

We aren't the only human species to have ever walked on the face of the Earth.

We, homo sapiens, have a close relative with a tragic history - the Neanderthals or the neanderthalensis.

These cousins of ours lived in Europe and West Asia about 45,000 years ago. Even though we share 99.7% of our DNA with the Neanderthals, we look slightly different from each other. Compared to humans, Neanderthals were shorter and thicker, had more developed jaws and weak chins.

They also had large nostrils that allowed them to breathe the cold air in Europe. Interestingly, Neanderthals had bigger heads and thus bigger brains than our ancestors. It is unclear whether this made them extra clever. But if we were so similar in many ways, why did we survive while they went extinct? The Neanderthals disappeared from different parts of Europe at different time points. The reasons behind their disappearance varied from one location to another. Similar to modern extinction of animals, Neanderthals may have disappeared due to competition and environmental factors. For centuries, our ancestors, who gave rise to modern humans, lived alongside the Neanderthals and both of them may have interbred, which shaped the evolution of modern humans. Neanderthals had bodies that evolved to withstand cold, while Homo sapiens had technology on their side. Humans sewed clothing with needles and lived in complex shelters. They hunted a wide range of animals, birds, and fish with bows and arrows. Unlike Neanderthals, our ancestors may have also lived in larger groups. This allowed them to develop advanced social and cognitive skills. With all these factors, Homo sapiens could have simply been better equipped to survive. At the same time, Neanderthals had a shorter lifespan. Their children died at an earlier age. Ultimately, the emergence of a new, technologically more advanced species called humans,

may have created too much of a pressure for the Neanderthals. Recent findings, however, suggest that Neanderthals were as smart as Homo sapiens. They invented similar tools and developed a culture of their own. The only big difference seems to lie in the size of their groups. They formed smaller communities that lived far from each other. It turned out that networking was as important back then as it is now. As small groups disappeared, their culture and progress perished with them. Climate could have also played a role in the disappearance of the Neanderthals. 70,000 to 12,000 years ago, the climate greatly fluctuated. There is evidence of dramatic cold waves that roughly coincide with the extinction of the Neanderthals. Imagine being used to living in a warm and mild land, when suddenly you are surrounded with icebergs or violent erupting volcanoes. They had to rebuild their shelters, get accustomed to hunting new species and gathering new plants. Even though it is unlikely that a major environmental disaster killed the Neanderthals, these constant shifts in climate could have been detrimental to their survival. One theory suggests that Neanderthals may have also engaged in violent clashes with their rival Homo sapiens. It's unlikely to be the case because Neanderthals were powerful hunters who couldn't be easily wiped out in battle. Another theory suggests that Neanderthals died out because of deficiencies in their diet. During cold conditions where plants hardly grow, Neanderthals relied on meat as their source of energy. Meat is rich in protein, but their bodies were



not equipped to metabolize high amounts of protein. And since winters were long, they were forced to eat meat for long periods of time, which may have contributed to their extinction. In reality, the Neanderthals never perished. They live in us. Our ancestors may have interbred with the Neanderthal and passed on their DNA to us.

Analysis of human DNA showed that up to 4% of modern human DNA may have come from the Neanderthals. Neanderthals are not the only long lost human species. Denisovans from Siberia faced the same fate as our ancestors slowly spread around the globe. Unfortunately, we have far too little data to understand the interactions between these coexisting species. Perhaps, an unexpected finding will change our view of our cousin species once and for all.

In 1977, a miner's bulldozer unearthed an extraordinary find in the Siberian permafrost—the well-preserved carcass of a baby mammoth. Two men carefully lifted the frozen remains, revealing an astonishing glimpse into a world that existed tens of thousands of years ago. This baby mammoth, later named "Dima" after a nearby stream, had lived and died approximately 40,000 years ago during the Ice Age. At just 6 to 8 months old, Dima's remains were so well-preserved that scientists found traces of his mother's milk in his stomach, offering rare insights into the diet and life of these ancient creatures.

Dima's discovery provided an invaluable opportunity for paleontologists to study mammoths and the ecosystems they inhabited. His small size, soft tissues, and even traces of fur have helped researchers understand how mammoths adapted to cold climates and their role in prehistoric environments. This remarkable find continues to captivate the imagination, connecting us to a time when massive ice sheets dominated the earth and creatures like Dima roamed the tundra.



# Opinion - Elon Musk wants to 'delete' many Americans' financial lifeline

Nearly every exit poll conducted on Election Day found that, more than any other issues, voters' concerns about the economy helped to return Donald Trump to the White House and put Republicans back in charge of both houses of Congress. Americans who felt the sting of inflation and who had trouble making ends meet, as companies steadily increased prices for essential goods like groceries and clothing, voted in the hopes that a new administration and new Congress would bring relief for their families. So it is especially surprising that one of the first federal agencies to come under scrutiny from the incoming administration is one that has returned billions of dollars to many of the same consumers who were counting on leaders in Washington to look out for their wallets.

On Nov. 27, Elon Musk — who, along with Vivek Ramaswamy, has been tasked by President-Elect Trump with running a new Department of Government Efficiency — posted on his platform X that he wants to “Delete CFPB,” referring to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. The agency, Musk said, was part of a problem of “too many duplicative regulatory agencies” in Washington. But there are no other agencies in the federal government returning money to Americans' bank accounts in the way the CFPB does.

Since its founding, the agency has returned more than \$19 billion in cash to people who have been scammed by financial institutions, including predatory payday lenders and even some of the largest banks in the country. It has done so under Republican and Democratic presidents, including major actions against Wells Fargo and Equifax during President Trump's first term in office, which, combined, returned \$425 million to consumers. (Those actions both began under the Obama administration, but Trump's CFPB directors oversaw the execution of those fines.)

The money recovered is made available to those who have been impacted by the institutions' wrongdoing through the CFPB's victims' relief

fund. To date, more than 200 million Americans have been eligible for payments from the fund. The agency has also cancelled many consumers' debts altogether and reduced loan principles for many others.

In fact, just days after Musk posted his message on X, the CFPB announced that it was mailing refund checks to more than 4 million people who were scammed by so-called credit repair companies, including Lexington Law and CreditRepair.com, which illegally collected fees from consumers seeking relief for the effects of economic woes weighing down them and their families. The companies will pay \$2.7 billion in consumer redress and civil penalties; \$1.8 billion of that will go directly to those who lost money as a result of the scam.

It's no wonder the agency enjoys broad, bipartisan support, with more than eight in 10 Americans supporting the CFPB's various enforcement actions. In red and blue states, Americans seem to support returning money to those who have been cheated.

The agency's impact is felt in other ways, too. In Oklahoma, CFPB collected evidence that helped retired Lt. Col. Susan Parisi in her fight against loan company GreenSky — which scammed her into a high-interest loan she never agreed to. The CFPB found that GreenSky was using “deceptive” and “fraudulent” tactics and ordered the company to return \$9 million to consumers. My organization is representing Lt. Col. Parisi in her class action on behalf of others who were scammed by GreenSky.

So why is an agency that has been so effective, and returned so much money to so many people, being targeted for “deletion?” Because, in the course of holding wrongdoers accountable, it has crossed paths with some of the most powerful people in the country.

Musk's post on X, for example, seems to have been prompted by complaints from Marc Andreessen, a venture capitalist whose com-



panies have been sanctioned (and, in the case of LendUp Loans, shuttered) because of CFPB investigations and actions. Andreessen accused the agency of “terrorizing financial institutions,” and was clearly infuriated when the CFPB found that LendUp had misled customers about high-interest loans and overcharged U.S. service personnel.

President-elect Trump and Republicans in Congress should not let Andreessen's views overshadow the overwhelming opinion among Americans that the agency is doing important work that makes a real difference to those who turn to financial institutions and lenders for help during tough financial times. By one count, even under the first Trump administration's CFPB directors — who tended to enforce far fewer fines against companies than Biden and Obama appointees — the agency brought more than \$1 billion in redress back to consumers' wallets. That's direct relief, and money in wallets, for millions of Americans. “Deleting” the agency would almost certainly ensure that no such future relief ever reaches consumers again.

Fortunately, neither Musk nor the incoming administration can completely eliminate the CFPB, whose funding comes from the Federal Reserve in a model, upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court, that is meant to protect it from political meddling. Republicans and Democrats alike should ensure that firewall remains in place, and the CFPB remains on the job, if they're serious about providing real, meaningful economic relief to Americans.

Yahoo/Finance

Sharon McGowan, opinion contributor

## Trump says Elon Musk is 'not taking the presidency'

“You know, they're on a new kick, Russia, Russia, Russia, Ukraine, Ukraine, Ukraine, all the different hoaxes. The new one is President Trump has ceded the presidency to Elon Musk. No, no, that's not happening. But Elon's done an amazing job. Isn't it nice to have smart people that we can rely on? Don't we want that? He's done a great job.”

“But no, he's not going to be president, that I can tell you. And I'm safe, you know why? He can't be. He wasn't

born in this country. But the fake news knows that, but no he's a great guy and we want to have him. So many people are in this audience who have helped.” The comments, which Trump made in front of conservative supporters in Phoenix, Arizona, come after Musk and Trump defeated an initial bipartisan deal this week to continue government funding, throwing the U.S. Congress into disarray. Congress however passed spending legislation early on Saturday (Decem-

ber 21) in a down-to-the wire burst of activity that will avert a destabilizing government shutdown ahead of the busy holiday travel season.

The final version stripped out some provisions championed by Democrats, who accused Republicans of caving in to pressure from an unelected billionaire who has no experience in government.

Trump has tasked Musk, the world's richest person, with heading a budget-cutting task force but he will hold no



official position in Washington. Yahoo/News Reuters

# Important Recall Info That MAY Affect Your Vehicle

Your vehicle MAY be involved in a safety recall and MAY create a safety risk for you or your passengers. If left unrepaired, a potential safety defect could lead to injury or even death. Safety defects must be repaired by a dealer at no cost to you.

Why am I getting this email?  
You are receiving this message because you requested to be notified by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) if there is a safety recall that may affect your vehicle.

The following may apply to one or more of your vehicles if your vehicle is listed below. Click on the NHTSA Recall ID Number below to read more about the safety issue and the reason for the recall.

To find out if your specific passenger vehicle is included in the recall, use our VIN Look-up Tool.

NHTSA Recall ID Number : 24V920  
 Manufacturer :Kia America, Inc.  
 Subject : Fuel Line May Become Damaged During Crash  
 Make Model Model Years KIA SORENTO PHEV 2025  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 24V922  
 Manufacturer :Great Dane Trailers  
 Subject : Missing Kingpin Welds May Allow Trailer Separation  
 Make Model Model Years GREAT DANE CHAMPION 2025  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number

: 24V923  
 Manufacturer :Suzuki Motor USA, LLC  
 Subject : Fuel Supply Hose May Leak Fuel  
 Make Model Model Years SUZUKI AN400 2023-2025  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 24V924  
 Manufacturer :Daimler Trucks North America, LLC  
 Subject : Unexpected Engine Shutdown  
 Make Model Model Years FREIGHTLINER BUSINESS CLASS M2 2015-2020  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 24V925  
 Manufacturer :General Motors, LLC  
 Subject : Insufficient Pedestrian Warning Sound/  
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 Make Model Model Years CHEVROLET EQUINOX EV 2025  
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 Subject : Improper Air Bag Deployment/FMVSS 208,301  
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 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 24V927  
 Manufacturer :Jaguar Land Rover North America, LLC  
 Subject : High-Voltage Battery May Overheat  
 Make Model Model Years JAGUAR I-PACE 2019  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 24V928  
 Manufacturer :Oshkosh Corporation  
 Subject : Rearview Camera Image May Not

Display/FMVSS 111  
 Make Model Model Years OSHKOSH DEFENSE NGDV ICE 2025  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 24V929  
 Manufacturer :Forest River, Inc.  
 Subject : Propane Tanks May Detach  
 Make Model Model Years R-PODR-POD2025  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 24V930  
 Manufacturer :Daimler Vans USA, LLC  
 Subject : Instrument Cluster Display Too Bright/  
 FMVSS 101  
 Make Model Model Years MERCEDES-BENZ SPRINTER 1500 2019-2022  
 MERCEDES-BENZ SPRINTER 2500 2019-2022  
 MERCEDES-BENZ SPRINTER 3500 2019-2022  
 MERCEDES-BENZ SPRINTER 4500 2019-2022  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 24V931  
 Manufacturer :Featherlite Trailer Manufacturing, LLC  
 Subject : Cooktop Gas Line May Overheat and Start a Fire  
 Make Model Model Years FEATHERLITE 7821 2023-2024  
 FEATHERLITE 7841 2023-2024  
 FEATHERLITE 9807 2023-2024  
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 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 24V932  
 Manufacturer :Mitsubishi Fuso Truck of America, Inc.  
 Subject : Electric Motors May Unexpectedly Shut Down  
 Make Model Model Years

MITSUBISHI FUSO FEC7K2024  
 MITSUBISHI FUSO FEC9K2024  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 24V933  
 Manufacturer :VinFast Auto, LLC  
 Subject : Center Air Bag May Deploy Improperly  
 Make Model Model Years VINFAST VF8 2023-2025  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 24V934  
 Manufacturer :Cummins, Inc.  
 Subject : Unsecured Wire Leads May Chafe And Short  
 Make Model Model Years CUMMINS POWER GENERATOR SET 2022-2024  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 24V935  
 Manufacturer :Tesla, Inc.  
 Subject : TPMS Light May Not Remain Illuminated/  
 FMVSS 138  
 Make Model Model Years TESLA CYBERTRUCK 2024  
 TESLA MODEL 3 2017-2025  
 TESLA MODEL Y 2020-2025  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 24V938  
 Manufacturer :Volvo Car USA, LLC  
 Subject : Driver's Side Inner Air Bag May Deploy Improperly  
 Make Model Model Years VOLVO C40 2023-2024  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 24V939  
 Manufacturer :Polestar Automotive USA, Inc.  
 Subject : Driver's Side Inner Air Bag May Deploy Improperly  
 Make Model Model Years

POLESTAR POLESTAR 2 2024  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 24V941  
 Manufacturer :Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC  
 Subject : Rear Axle Carrier May Fail  
 Make Model Model Years MERCEDES-BENZ E 350 2025  
 MERCEDES-BENZ E 350 4MATIC 2025  
 MERCEDES-BENZ E 450 4MATIC 2025  
 MERCEDES-BENZ E 450 4MATIC ALL-TERRAIN 2025  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 24V942  
 Manufacturer :Chrysler (FCA US, LLC)  
 Subject : Inoperative Headlights/  
 FMVSS 108  
 Make Model Model Years RAM 1500 2025  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 24V943  
 Manufacturer :Chrysler (FCA US, LLC)  
 Subject : Brake Pedal May Detach from Brake Booster  
 Make Model Model Years ALFA ROMEO GIULIA 2019-2020  
 ALFA ROMEO STELVIO 2019-2020  
 NHTSA Recall ID Number : 24V944  
 Manufacturer :Chrysler (FCA US, LLC)  
 Subject : Rearview Camera Image May Not Display/  
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What is a recall?

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.

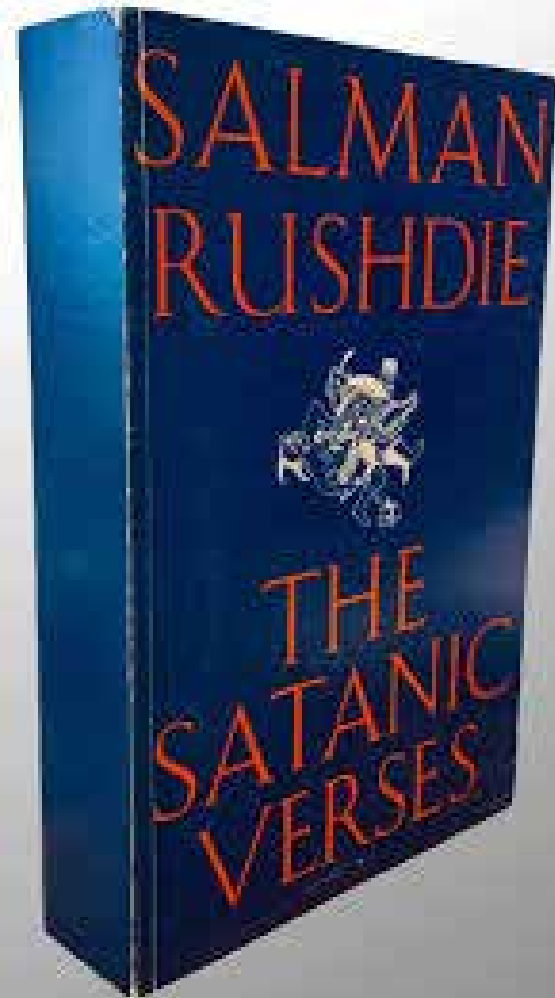
# Muslim organisations express outrage over return of ‘The Satanic Verses’; urge Centre to reinstate ban

Salman Rushdie’s controversial book has returned to Indian bookshelves, 36 years after it was banned by the Rajiv Gandhi government in 1988. Some Muslim organisations condemned the resumption of sales of Salman Rushdie’s “The Satanic Verses” in India and urged the Centre to reinstate the ban on the controversial book

Maulana Kaab Rashidi, legal advisor for the Uttar Pradesh unit of Jamiat Ulama-e-Hind (AM), said that religious sentiments cannot be hurt under the garb of freedom of expression guaranteed by the Con-

stitution. “If freedom of expression hurts someone’s sentiments, it is a legal offence. ‘The Satanic Verses’ is a blasphemous book. Selling such a controversial book under the pretext of freedom of expression cannot be accepted in any form. It goes against the spirit of the Constitution,” he told news agency PTI.

Rashidi also called the renewed sale as an “attempt at provocation”. He also noted that Muslims, who regard Allah and the Prophet as dearer than their own lives, would never tolerate attempts to hurt their religious sentiments



## Legendary Indian filmmaker Shyam Benegal dies at age 90

NEW DELHI (AP) — Shyam Benegal, a renowned Indian filmmaker known for pioneering a cinema movement that tackled social issues in the 1970s, has died after chronic kidney disease. He was 90.

His contribution to cinema was recognized as a director, editor and screenwriter. He came into the limelight with films — Ankur (1974), Nishant (1975), Manthan (1976) and Bhumika (1977) — that challenged mainstream Bollywood by dealing with the social realities of a poor nation.

Benegal died Monday at Mumbai’s Wockhardt Hospital, and his cremation will take place on Tuesday, the Press Trust of India news agency reported, citing his daughter Piya.

“Benegal had been suffering from chronic kidney disease for several years but it had gotten very bad,” Piya said.

Many paid tribute to the filmmaker on social media platform X.

Filmmaker Mahesh Bhatt wrote that Benegal told stories without pretense. “They were raw and real, about the struggles of ordinary people. His films had craft and conviction.”

“Deeply saddened by the passing of Shyam Benegal, whose storytelling had a profound impact on Indian cinema. His works will continue to be admired by people from different walks of life,” Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi posted.

Benegal was a mentor to top Indian actors including Shabana Azmi, Smita Patil, Naseeruddin Shah and Om Puri who made their mark in Bollywood’s popular cinema as well.

“I have lost my foster father, a man to whom I owe more than I can say,” Shah posted.

“Shyam Benegal was not just a legend; he was a visionary who redefined storytelling and inspired generations,” said actor Manoj Bajpayee.

The film Ankur explored the feudal divide in India, while Manthan was based on the story of the country’s cooperative dairy milk movement.

Benegal also was widely known for “Bharat Ek Khoj,” a landmark 53-episode television series based on the book “Discovery of India,” written by India’s first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru. It chronicled the country’s troubled passages, from ancient times to modernity.



He also directed a 2023 biopic on Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, who led Bangladesh’s freedom struggle against Pakistan in the 1970s. Former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who fled to India in August following a student movement, is the daughter of Rahman.

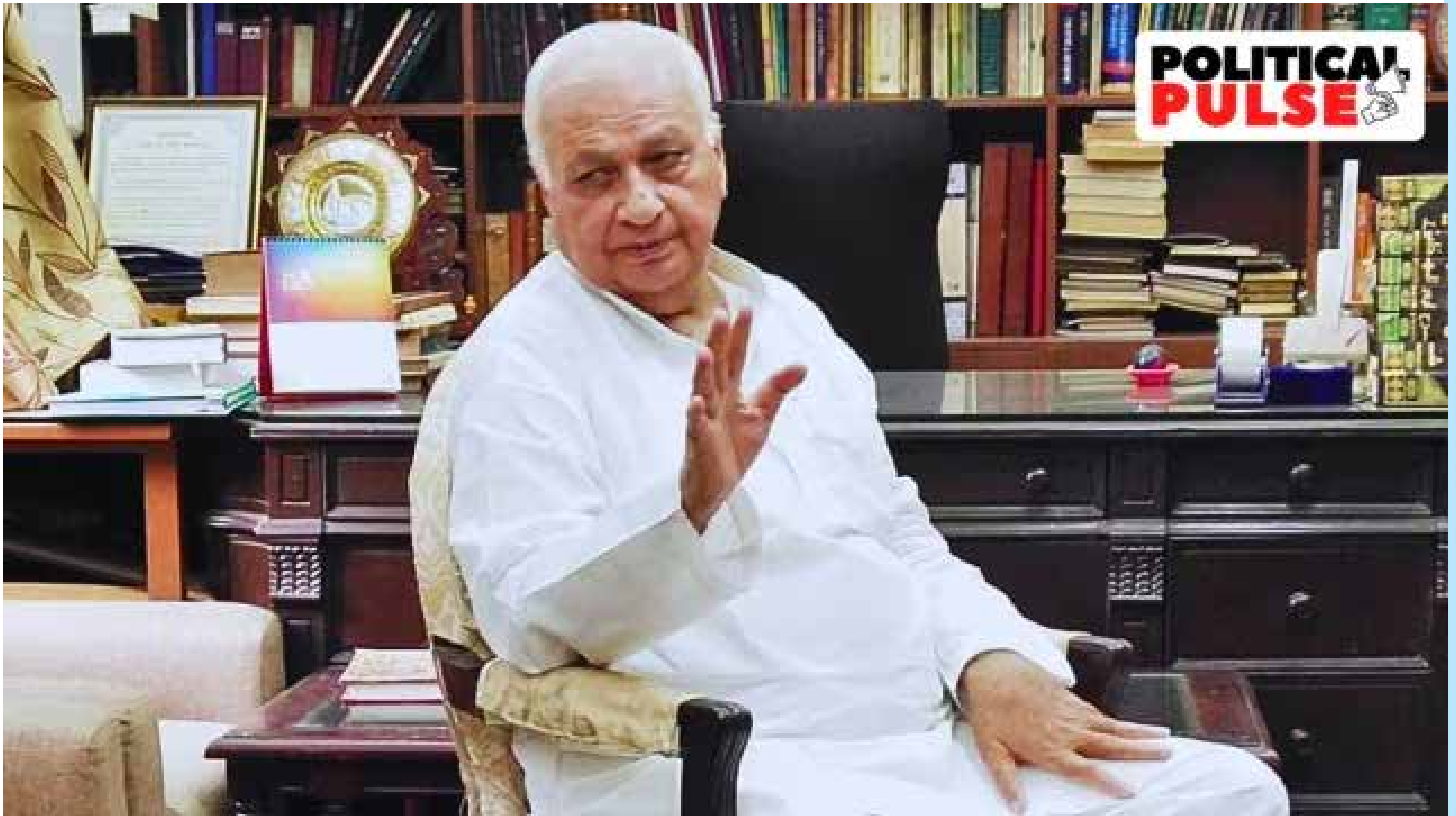
Benegal was born in 1934 in Hyderabad in southern India. He earned an economics degree from Hyderabad’s Osmania University and established the Hyderabad Film Society. He also ventured into advertising, where he directed over 900 sponsored documentaries and advertising films.

Benegal also is survived by his wife, Nira Benegal.

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By ASHOK SHARMA

## First Bihar Muslim Governor after 26 years, Arif Khan's new stint enthuses NDA, sparks Opposition concern



Though the transfer of Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan to the Patna Raj Bhavan has come as part of the reshuffle in gubernatorial posts undertaken by the Centre, the “political” reasons behind the move, especially ahead of the next year’s Assembly polls in Bihar, have not gone unnoticed.

The ruling JD(U) has welcomed the decision citing Khan’s credentials as a “liberal and a progressive minority face”, even as its NDA ally BJP has warmed up to the decision. The BJP, which rules the Centre, has often flagged Khan’s role in “exposing the Congress’ politics of Muslim appeasement in the Shah Bano case”.

The principal Opposition RJD also “welcomed” Khan’s appointment but raised doubts over his past record of allegedly “defying federal structure”, referring to his gubernatorial innings in Kerala.

JD(U) advisor and former MP K C Tyagi told The Indian Express that the party welcomed Khan as a “friend, scholar, and a liberal and progressive minority face. “He was one of the first Muslim leaders to expose the Congress’s appeasement politics. We had worked together during our early days. He then moved to the Congress, from which he quit after being disenchanted with the party over then Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi’s stand over the Shah Bano case and Muslim appeasement,” Tyagi said.

Khan had resigned as the Minister of State in the Rajiv Gandhi government citing his govern-

ment’s stand on the Shah Bano case in which the Supreme Court held that Muslim women could seek maintenance under Section 125 of the then Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 like women from other religious communities.

Asked if the JD(U) sees Khan’s appointment as a message to Muslims to keep the party in their good books, Tyagi said: “Both Nitish and Khan are liberal and secular leaders in their own rights.”

Tyagi said Khan takes on Muslim fundamentalists with reason. “His appointment as Bihar Governor will send out a good message among Muslims while his scholarly inputs in the field of higher education could further add value to his ex-officio position as the Chancellor of state universities,” he said.

In his previous stint as the Kerala Governor, Khan had been at odds with the Pinarayi Vijayan-led Left Democratic Front (LDF) government, which had accused him of trying to “saffronise” universities by nominating members of the Sangh Parivar in their Senates.

Khan has become Bihar’s first Muslim Governor after 26 years after A R Kidwai, who served in the post from August 1993 to April 1998. Brushing aside the claims that his appointment was the party’s “subtle bid at Muslim appeasement”, BJP spokesperson Manoj Kumar Sharma said the NDA was a “solid unit” under Chief Minister Nitish Kumar’s leadership. “There is no need for

any extra message. We hail Khan as a visionary scholar and administrator. We welcome his appointment as the flag-bearer of the counter debate on the Shah Bano case which exposed the Congress’ Muslim appeasement,” he said.

Khan’s appointment also comes amid some differences between the JD(U) and the BJP over certain issues related to the Muslim community like the Centre’s proposed Waqf Amendment Bill. Nitish, who is currently on his Pragati Yatra, continues to emphasise that he will continue to work for Hindus and Muslims irrespective of Muslims “voting for him or not”. On the other hand, the BJP has been pushing its Hindutva agenda selectively.

The differences between the two allies also emerged over Union Minister Giriraj Singh’s Hindu Swabhiman Yatra in Muslim-dominated areas of the Seemanchal region like Araria, Purnia, Katihar and Kishanganj following which Nitish had sent out a clear message at an NDA meeting that “development with justice” alone had to be the alliance’s key agenda. On its part, the RJD said as the state’s principal Opposition party it welcomed Khan’s appointment. “However, we are a bit concerned keeping in mind his background of defying the federal structure as Kerala Governor. The BJP is wrong if it thinks that Khan’s appointment is a message to Muslims. Our chief Lalu Prasad continues to be a champion of minorities and secularism,” RJD national spokesperson Subodh Kumar Mehta said. INDIAN EXPRESS



Azharuddin and Sania's families together

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## Trump appoints Indian-American Sriram Krishnan as policy advisor on AI

“Sriram Krishnan will serve as the Senior Policy Advisor for Artificial Intelligence at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy,” Trump announced on Sunday, alongside a series of appointments focused on AI advancements.

Krishnan, a renowned venture capitalist and author, has an impressive background, having worked with tech giants like Twitter, Microsoft, Facebook, Yahoo!, and Snap.

In his new role, he will collaborate closely with David Sacks, who has been designated as the White House AI & Crypto Czar.

“Working closely with David Sacks, Sriram will focus on ensuring continued American leadership in AI and help shape and coordinate AI policy across government, including working with the President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology. Sriram started his career at Microsoft as a founding member of Windows Azure,” Trump highlighted.

Following the announcement, Krishnan expressed his gratitude on X, posting, “I’m honoured to be able to serve our country and ensure continued American leadership in AI working closely with David Sacks.”

Krishnan’s appointment has been widely applauded by the Indian-American community, recognising his contributions to technology and leadership.

Born in Chennai, India, Krishnan moved to the United States after completing his graduation. Apart from being a seasoned tech leader, he is also a venture capitalist, podcaster, and author.

Together with his wife, Aarthi Ramamurthy, he co-hosted The Aarthi and Sriram Show, a podcast centred on various aspects of startups, which gained significant popularity within the entrepreneurial community.

In February 2021, Krishnan joined Andreessen Horowitz (a16z) as a general partner. He later

led the firm’s London office in 2013. However, He exited the firm in late November.

In 2022, Krishnan collaborated with Elon Musk on restructuring Twitter following Musk’s acquisition of the platform.

He is also credited with helping former UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson reconnect with Elon Musk after the latter’s nomination to the proposed Department of Government Efficiency.

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## Mike Tyson Fans

During Mike Tyson's career, Don King, his former promoter, was known for showering Tyson with lavish gifts, including luxury cars, jewelry, and other expensive items. King often used these extravagant gestures to keep Tyson loyal and maintain their close professional relationship. This dynamic was a significant aspect of their association, with King positioning himself as a father figure to Tyson, particularly during his younger years when Tyson was rising to fame.

However, this relationship eventually became contentious. Tyson later accused King of exploiting him financially, filing a lawsuit against him in the late 1990s, claiming King had defrauded him out of millions. The lawsuit was eventually settled out of court. Tyson has openly expressed regret over how he was managed during that time, highlighting the complex and tumultuous nature of their partnership.



## A sight to the world's Post

**Bouvet Island: The Most Remote Island on Earth**

Bouvet Island, often called the "loneliest place on Earth," is an uninhabited volcanic island located in the South Atlantic Ocean. As a Norwegian dependency, it lies approximately 2,600 kilometers (1,615 miles) southwest of South Africa and over 1,600 kilometers (1,000 miles) from Queen Maud Land in Antarctica, making it one of the most isolated landmasses in the world.

The island covers just 49 square kilometers (19 square miles) and is almost entirely covered by glacial ice. It is surrounded by steep cliffs, making landings extremely challenging. The harsh weather, with freezing temperatures and frequent storms, further emphasizes its inaccessibility.

Despite its isolation, Bouvet Island holds scientific importance. It is designated as a nature reserve, and its pristine environment provides valuable data for studying global weather pat-

terns and Antarctic ecosystems. Occasional visits by researchers and adventurers are rare due to the logistical difficulties and extreme conditions.

A notable feature of Bouvet Island is its active volcano, which lies hidden beneath the ice cap. The island is also home to a small yet resilient ecosystem of mosses, lichens, and seabirds, including penguins and petrels. Seals often haul out on its rocky shores, adding to its biodiversity.

Bouvet Island is not just remote—it is almost completely cut off from the world. With no airstrip and no permanent human presence, access to the island is limited to specialized vessels capable of navigating the treacherous Southern Ocean. The nearest human settlements are thousands of kilometers away, reinforcing Bouvet's status as an untouched corner of our planet.

For those seeking absolute seclusion and the raw beauty of nature, Bouvet Island stands as an



unmatched marvel of remoteness and resilience.

## Archeology & Civilizations's

hello | I am King Tutmosis IV, or as Egyptologists later called me, "King of Dreams." I would first like to apologize. Some people may find me a bit scary but trust me these are time factors. I died 3411 years ago, he was an elegant man, he always dyed my hair, cared for my teeth and wore clothes, the most luxurious bracelets, earrings and rings.

I come from a Royal family My father is His Majesty King Amenhotep II and Queen Tiye, and my grandfather is the conqueror, greatest ruler of Egypt and the first emperor of history, Tutmosis III. My grandson is the dreamer king and revolutionary, the owner of the first religious revolution in history, Amenhotep IV (Akhenaton), and my great grandson is the most famous Egyptian king in the world, which is Tutankhamun.

Although he was from a royal family, he was not a legitimate heir of Egypt and had the ambition to rule the country. I had four brothers, so I resorted to using my intelligence. One day, I told my brothers and the priests of the court that I was on a hunting trip next to the great pyramids of our ancestors, and during the break I fell asleep for a while, I saw a dream in which the legendary creature, the

Sphinx, me He asked me to remove the sand from him. and protect it so it won't be wiped out of sight. Our ancestors built the Sphinx 1,300 years before I was born, and in that moment it was wiped away by dust. If I succeeded in my mission, he would reward me with the government of Egypt. In fact "I removed sand from the Sphinx and built a wall around it and secured it." This dream was on a wall and I placed it between its feet and it exists to this day. That's why historians called me the dreamer king. In fact, the trick involved palace priests, but it didn't involve my brothers, so things took a different course that I didn't prefer, but the crown of Egypt deserves me to give up some of my principles so I can get placed. Top of my head

I married Queen Nefertari, Queen Jaaret, and a foreign princess named (Mut-Um-Wia) and had 4 children, including my successor, who inherited the throne after me, Amenhotep III, and 9 daughters.

I ruled Egypt for only nine years and died young, when I was a little over thirty years old, but during my reign I carried out disciplinary campaigns against the Bedouin and some rebellious Nubian tribes, and I fought



against the Kingdom of Mitanni in Syria, the enemy of Egypt this time, and made a peace treaty with her king, "Artatama", and later married one of her daughters. Difficult negotiations with him, because I am the owner of the first peace treaty in history, and not, as rumored, that King Ramses II, who ruled Egypt 100 years after me, is the owner of the First Peace Treaty.



# How policy changes in US, UK, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Germany will impact Indian students

From changes in study visas to increased work hours allowed to international students, a lot has happened in the study abroad domain this year. We will find out how some countries are making stricter visa rules to curb immigration while a few are easing norms to attract foreign students.

As per the data released by the Indian government in Rajya Sabha, over 13.35 lakh Indian students are pursuing higher studies abroad. The number of Indians studying abroad increased from 13,18,955 in 2023 to 13,35,878 in 2024. While the year-on-year has been slow this time, the number of students pursuing higher studies abroad has dramatically increased from pre-pandemic years. The number has gone up from 675541 in 2019 to 685097 in 2020, after which it jumped to 1158702 in 2021 but declined to 907404 in 2022. However, the number shot up to 13,18,955 in 2023 to 13,35,878 in 2024.

Interestingly, despite several ups and downs, popular English-speaking countries such as Canada (427000), the US (337630), Australia (122202), and the UK (185000) remain the top choice for Indian students hoping to pursue a degree abroad.

## New Zealand

In November this year, New Zealand announced that international students who study for a postgraduate diploma for 30 weeks and transfer to a Master's degree immediately afterward are now eligible for a Post Study Work (PSW) visa.

"Students who studied a Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip) for 30 weeks and immediately progressed to a Master's degree, but were not enrolled in the Masters for 30 weeks, are now eligible to apply for a Post Study Work visa (PSWV) based on their PGDip enrolment. This will give students more flexibility in their course of study and ensure they can remain eligible to work following their qualification," the official notice stated.

## Germany

In the 18th Asia-Pacific Conference of German Business, the German Chancellor Olaf Scholz announced that Germany plans to increase the number of visas granted annually to skilled Indian workers to 90,000 from 20,000. The updated dataset by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) also revealed that Indians continued to be among the top contributors to

Germany's international academic community, with around 49,000 students and 6,700 researchers from India enrolled at German universities. Interestingly, almost 80 per cent of international researchers in Germany work at universities – including around 4,000 professors – and around 20 per cent at non-university research institutions. Most international researchers came from India (6,700), China (5,900) and Italy (5,800).

## UK

A dataset shared by the United Kingdom's Home Office revealed there has been a fall of 23 per cent in Indian students going to the UK for higher studies, even as they continue to represent the largest group granted leave to remain on the Graduate Route visa which allows foreign students to work in Britain for two years after their degree.

Experts feared this decline in the number of Indian students is the first sign of the impact of stricter restrictions on most student visa holders' right to bring along dependent family members, which took effect earlier this year. Meanwhile, while the former PM Rishi Sunak wanted to remove the graduate visa route, which permits international students to work or look for a job for two years after graduation, the Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) report recommended that the UK's graduate visa route "remains in place in its current form."

With the non-immigration friendly policies promoted by Rishi Sunak, the number of international students in the country declined in the past few years, leading to a possible financial crisis for some of the leading UK universities. Two recent reports — one by PricewaterhouseCoopers and the other by the Office for Students (OfS), the higher education regulator for the UK — predicted that 40 per cent of England's universities face the danger of budget deficits this year. Following several reports, UK announced a rise in university tuition fees by £285 for the first time in eight years. This inflation-linked increase will now take the fees up to a record £9,535 per student.

Meanwhile, the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS), a charity and private limited company that provides a central service between applicants and universities, has decided to launch a new format for personal statement/ statement of purpose from the 2026 academic session.



## Australia

Australian government has given several shocks and surprises to international students this year as the country announced a proposal of limiting the number of international student enrollments at 2.70 lakh for 2025, with the intention of capping the migration levels. However, as this proposal was blocked by the Liberals and the Greens in the final sitting days of Parliament, the Australian government has now announced that the federal government will attempt to reduce the international student numbers by ordering a "go-slow" on visa processing, once applications reach a target for each university.

The new Ministerial Direction 111 (MD111) will divide student visas into two categories now: 'high priority' and 'standard priority'. All universities will receive high-priority processing up to 80 per cent of their cap, after which the 'standard priority' processing will begin.

Additionally, international students must show proof of savings of at least A\$29,710 (\$19,576) to get their visa, the second increase in about seven months. It was raised to A\$24,505 from A\$21,041 in October. In addition to this, English language requirements for student visas were increased in March and the government has been taking steps to end settings that allowed students to prolong their stay. Australia also launched a new visa programme that can benefit Indian students — MATES. Australia and India are further strengthening ties with the new Mobility Arrangement for Talented Early-professionals Scheme (MATES). This scheme is being introduced from late 2024. On May

23, 2023, Australia and India entered into a Migration and Mobility Partnership Arrangement (MMPA). Under MATES, Indian university graduates and early career professionals from India's top universities will be able to apply for the MATES stream visa under the Temporary Work (International Relations) (Subclass 403), giving them the opportunity to live and work in Australia for up to two years. However, MATES participants will not be eligible to take part in this scheme more than once.

## Philippines

The Philippines government this year approved an amendment to the Philippine Medical Act allowing foreign nationals to practice medicine in the island nation. Now, international students, including Indians, will be able to practice medicine in the Philippines.

## Italy

Although a small change, but starting from January 10, 2025, Indian applicants of type D visa will be required to schedule individual appointments for fingerprinting at Italian consulates. Type D visas are eligible for long-term stay. The study visa also falls in the 'type D' visa category. This visa option is for applicants who wish to study or do research in Italy for a duration of more than 90 days — this includes both undergraduate and postgraduate studies.

This comes a year after the Italian government announced that Indian students hoping to stay in Italy after the completion of their degrees will now be allowed to stay in the country for an additional 12 months.

By: Education Desk  
The Indian Express

# SAFE DRIVING IN INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS



Inclement weather can pose many hazards and dangerous road conditions for operators. Workers should be aware of impacting weather events and its effects on safely driving and operating vehicles and equipment.

## BE PREPARED

### CHECK LOCAL FORECAST

Stay caught up on the latest weather conditions for your area. In the event of severe weather, operations may need to be altered to accommodate the changes.

### CONDUCT PLAY OF THE DAY

Based on current and future weather conditions, detailed communication in regards to each worker's assigned task, safe routes to take, and specific operations should be discussed in-depth.

### PERFORM THOROUGH PM

Check tires, windshield wipers, fluids, lights, and other essential equipment functions that will ensure the vehicle is ready to operate safely and efficiently.

## SLOW DOWN

### BE DEFENSIVE & OFFENSIVE

Practice safe driving techniques related to defensive driving and Smith System 5 Keys. By using these tools, drivers can remain vigilant in their efforts to arrive safely.

### USE SAFE DRIVING TOOLS

Drive with lights on and use warning devices to effectively communicate with other drivers. When pavement is wet, you should decrease speed, turn off cruise control, and increase following distance.

### SEEK COVER

With a threat of excessive wind gusts, hail, or even tornadoes, limit driving to an as needed basis. Secure loads, protect vehicles and equipment, and seek shelter when severe weather is near.

## STAY FOCUSED

### MAINTAIN AWARENESS

Situational awareness will be essential during inclement weather. Pay careful attention to weather, roadway, and traffic conditions as they may change abruptly.

### BE PROACTIVE

Remember to Stop. Speak. Act! It is important to stay engaged with the environment around you and make good decisions to ensure the safety of yourself and your teammates.

### COMMUNICATE

Keep constant communication with team members about conditions. Radios will be an essential resource in the event that cell towers or electricity are impacted by storms.

# HIGH WATER ON THE ROAD & AVOIDING HAZARDS



## BE PREPARED

### VERIFY CONDITIONS

In high water operations, it is important to remain aware of locations that may become impacted by flooding. All employees should be briefed and updated regularly regarding this information.

### ENSURE ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES

Equip vehicles with necessary supplies to respond to flooded roadways. This includes PPE, signage, tools, and water/snacks, especially if employees will be stationed for long hours at these locations.

### PLAN FOR MORE

Flooding creates hazardous conditions for workers. Verify that first aid kits are stocked, and fire extinguishers are charged before response.

## SLOW DOWN

### TURN AROUND

When roadways are covered in water, turn around and never attempt to drive through. It may be worse than what it initially appears. Vehicles are not equipped to handle high water, which may cause the engine to flood or be carried away.

### BE CAUTIOUS

In the event of rain or wet pavement, drive carefully to the current conditions to avoid loss of traction on the roadway. Operators should turn off cruise control, slow down, and increase following distance.

### HAVE A WAY TO ESCAPE

Avoid areas that would require backing. If backing becomes necessary, use a spotter, when available. Perform 360 walkaround to confirm surroundings are free of hazards.

## STAY FOCUSED

### OBSERVE SURROUNDINGS

Identify unsafe travel paths and avoid driving through these areas. Debris, fixed objects, downed powerlines, or other items may be hidden. If you don't know, don't go!

### CALL A TIME-OUT

When faced with situations that may become unsafe, workers should utilize stop work authority and communicate hazards with others. When conditions improve, a new plan of action may be taken.

### REMAIN ALERT

Long hours in this type of emergency response may affect workers ability to remain vigilant. It is essential to communicate with supervision about this to ensure operational readiness.

# RECIPES

## Aloo Tikki

These potato cutlets are bursting with flavour, thanks to the array of spices and fresh coriander. You can play around with the spices if you so wish - use the following spices and their amounts as a guideline and get creative in the kitchen! This is a great recipe to have on hand when you are short on ingredients but still want to make something more than a standard meal.

### Ingredients

- 2 medium potatoes, raw (about 500g or 1.1lb)
- ½ small onion
- 2 cloves garlic minced
- 1 teaspoon salt (or to taste)
- 2 teaspoon ground coriander powder
- 1.25 teaspoon cumin seeds
- 0.5 teaspoon red chilli powder
- 0.5 teaspoon chat masala optional, adds a slight tang
- 0.5 teaspoon garam masala optional, adds richness
- 1 small handful chopped fresh coriander

1 teaspoon butter or ghee optional

1 egg for shallow frying

oil for shallow frying

### Instructions

Cook your potatoes as per your preference (boil, steam, roast, microwave etc). Refrain from over-cooking the potatoes if you are steaming or boiling them.

Once cooked, peel and mash the potatoes

Add the rest of the ingredients (except the egg and oil for frying) and mix in, making sure to evenly distribute the spices. Don't be afraid to use your hands!

Form 6 equal cutlets (tikki) from the potato mixture

Refrigerate for a few hours. This step is optional but I find it helps the cutlets firm up and prevents them from breaking during the flipping process when cooking

When ready to cook, beat one egg in a bowl and set aside. Heat a pan on medium heat with a



light spray of oil.

Dip each cutlet into the egg mixture and place on the pan. Allow to cook on medium heat for about 5 minutes. Gently flip and let the other side cook, again for approximately 5 minutes. You may need to adjust the flame if you find the cutlets are browning too much or too little. Your Aloo Tikki is ready! Serve however you want - these go lovely with rice and lentils, or on their own with chutneys.

## Sitaphal Rabdi Recipe

Rabdi is a traditional Indian dessert, made during the festivals or on special occasions. The milk is reduced to a creamy pudding texture and mildly sweetened. There is no short cut to a rich, creamy and luscious Rabdi recipe. The full fat milk needs to be slow cooked, and slowly keep collecting the layer of cream that forms at the surface. Sitaphal Rabdi Recipe is a delicious and clever way of sweetening the rabdi with the de-seeded custard apple chunks. Well ripe custard apple is pretty sweet on its own, so you would not need any sugar to be added to the recipe. Serve the chilled Sitaphal Rabdi Recipe

### Ingredients

- 1-1/2 liter Milk , full fat
- 3 Custard apple (Sitaphal) , de-seeded and pulp collected

1/4 cup Whole Almonds (Badam) , slivered

1/4 cup Pistachios , slivered

1 teaspoon Cardamom Powder (Elaichi)

### How to make Sitaphal Rabdi Recipe

To begin making Sitaphal Rabdi Recipe, de-seed the custard apples and collect the pulp in a bowl

and keep aside.

Pour the milk in a heavy bottom pan and bring it to a rolling boil.

Add the cardamom powder and simmer the milk.

Lower the heat and let it simmer till a thick layer of cream forms on its surface.

Collect the cream on the sides of the pan and simmer the milk further.

Keep collecting the thick layer of milk till the milk is reduced to a considerable amount.

Once you collect all the thick layer of the cream, switch off the heat and transfer the collected cream to a big bowl and let it cool completely.

Add in the custard apple pulp, slivered almonds, pistachios and mix gently.



Refrigerate for 2 to 3 hours before serving. Serve the chilled Sitaphal Rabdi Recipe at the Diwali party menu at home the coming season and let your guest rejoice in its sweetness.

Serve the chilled Sitaphal Rabdi Recipe at the Diwali party menu along with other Diwali dessert

## Cinnamon Palmiers

### Ingredients

- ½ cup white sugar
- ¾ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ⅛ teaspoon ground cardamom
- ¼ cup white sugar
- 1 sheet frozen puff pastry, thawed
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted

### Directions

Gather all ingredients.

Mix 1/3 cup sugar, cinnamon, and cardamom together in a small bowl.

Sprinkle remaining 1/4 cup sugar onto a work surface. Unfold puff pastry and place over sugar; roll out to a 10x15-inch rectangle. Brush pastry

with melted butter, then sprinkle sugar mixture evenly over top.

Starting with one long edge, roll pastry tightly around filling, stopping in the middle of the rectangle.

Repeat with the opposite edge, rolling to the center and meeting the first roll. Wet your finger with water and dot along the long edges where the two rolls touch; press gently to seal. Refrigerate until slightly firm, 5 to 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

Cut chilled pastry into 1/4-inch slices; place 1 inch apart onto the prepared baking sheet. Bake in the preheated oven until golden and crisp, about 12 minutes. Let rest briefly on the baking sheet before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.





REMEMBERING RAFI SAHAB...on his birthday Dec 24th ...!!!!  
Legends Greet- This pic was clicked during foreign tour when Kishore ji  
visited Rafi Sahab' s residence in London ( Most probably in 1969 or in  
1972)

## Javaid Iqbal

Professor Irfan Habib—a giant of medieval Indian History. Born in 1931 in a family with a rich history in the Indian freedom movement. He is a Professor Emeritus at Aligarh Muslim University and still rides his bicycle to the Department at the age of 93.



## Abdul Rauf Khan'

Abdul Rauf Khan is with ICNA Relief and in Oklahoma City, OK. Inna Lillahi wa Inna Ilayhi Raji'un Today, the ICNA Relief family came together in Oklahoma to attend the Janazah of our beloved brother, Br. Tuseef Cheema nephew of Dr. Zahid Cheema. At just 27 years old, Br. Tuseef tragically passed away in a car accident while traveling back from class. He leaves behind a grieving wife and two young children. Br. Tuseef was not just a colleague but a shining example of dedication

and compassion. As a member of our ICNA Relief team, he worked tirelessly at our Shifa Clinic, serving those in need, all while pursuing his degree to build a brighter future for his family. His life was a testament to hard work, service, and faith. Standing by his graveside today, seeing this young man lowered into the earth with all his dreams and plans unfulfilled, we were reminded of the verse: ”\* And you do not will except that Allah wills. Indeed, Allah is Ever-

Knowing and Wise.”\* (Surah Al-Insan: 30) Indeed, we make plans, but Allah is the best of planners. May Allah forgive his shortcomings, and grant him the highest ranks in Jannat-ul-Firdous. May Allah (SWT) be the Guardian and Sustainer for his wife and children, granting them SABR (patience) and strength during this unimaginably difficult time. Please keep Br. Tuseef and his family in your duas.

## The Business Man's Post

This image is the FOUNDER of TESLA.... He's not Elon Musk.

His name is Martin Eberhard...

Martin ran his company Tesla from 2003 to 2008...at one point, he and his Co founder, Marc Tarpennin needed money and they started hunting investors. Their path crossed with Elon Musk who had just sold a business and had some cash.... Elon Musk saw the opportunity in Tesla and invested about \$6 million dollars... Fast forward to 2024, Tesla is now worth Billions, while Martin and Marc who were the founders have both lost their positions in Tesla. Here's the lesson...

Tesla Founders, Martin and Marc are ENTREPRENEURS whose business was at the point

of bankruptcy ..... They had a great idea and worked for 5 years to build that idea into a business... But they didn't have the money to invest in that idea.

Another entrepreneur with the mind of an investor saw a bigger picture. His name is Elon Musk. Today, Elon Musk, with an initial investment of about 6 million dollars controls Tesla and has become one of the world's most influential man.

My take; life sometimes can be very complicated!

Martin and Marc had two options. Either find an investor or watch the firm go into bankruptcy. Selling for 6 million dollars and retaining minimal stake that is now valued at \$230 mil-

lion was good business. They actually saved the big picture.



## Auto Veteran's

How to Read & Determine Tire Size for Your Vehicle:

With a little explanation, it's easy to understand what all of the letters and numbers mean on your tire's sidewall. The numbers are indicators of the size, type, and performance of the tire.

1. Tire Type:

The letter "P" at the beginning of the "Tire Size" tells us the tire is a P-Metric tire, referring to tires made to certain standards within the United States, intended for Passenger vehicles.

2. Tire Width:

It is the width of the tire measured in millimeters from sidewall to sidewall. The first three-digit number in the tire size refers to the tire width. For instance, in a size P215/65 R15 tire, the width is 215 millimeters.

3. Aspect Ratio:

It is the ratio of the height of the tire's cross-section to its width. The two-digit number after the slash mark in a tire size is the aspect ratio. For example, in a size P215/65 R15 tire, the 65 means that the height is equal to 65% of the tire's width.

4. Construction:

The letter "R" in a tire size stands for Radial, which means the layers run radially across the

tire.

5. Wheel Diameter:

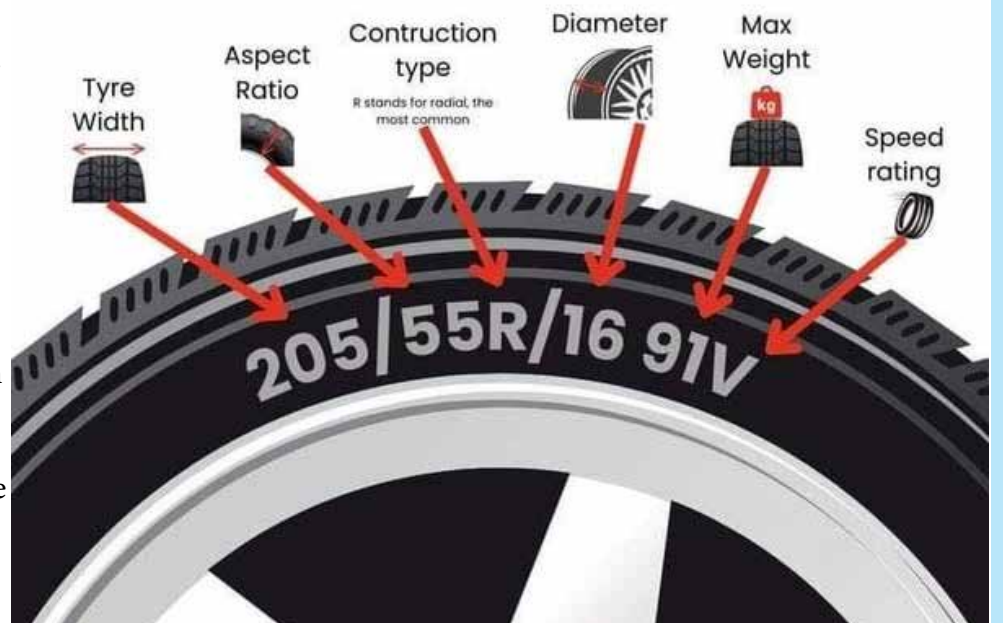
It is the size of the wheel measured from one end to the other. It tells us the size of the wheel that the tire is intended to fit. A size P215/65 R15 tire is made for a wheel with a 15" diameter.

6. Load Index: Indicates the maximum load that the tire can support when properly inflated. You'll also find the maximum load on the tire sidewall, in both pounds and kilograms.

7. Speed Rating:

Tells you the maximum speed capability of a tire. Often speed ratings are matched to the top speed capability of the vehicle. For example, a tire with an H-speed rating has a maximum speed capability of 130 mph or 210 km/h.

## How to read tyre size



8. DOT Symbol:

The letters "DOT" on the sidewall indicate that the tire complies with all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards in the United States.

# IS YOUR AIRBAG DEFECTIVE?

Nearly 70 million Takata airbag inflators, in approximately 47 million vehicles, are or will be under recall in the United States by 2020.

Even a minor fender bender can cause these airbag inflators to rupture, spraying metal shrapnel into drivers and passengers.

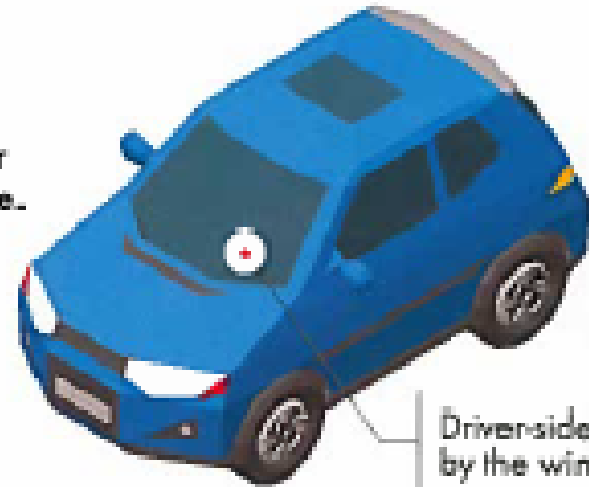
**DON'T RISK INJURY OR DEATH, CHECK YOUR VEHICLE TODAY.**

## Here's How:

### Find it

Write down your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) or take a photograph of your license plate.

- Look for your VIN on the driver-side dashboard by the windshield or on your insurance card.



Driverside dashboard by the windshield

### Search it

Visit [AirbagRecall.com](http://AirbagRecall.com) to upload a photo of your license plate or to look up your 17-digit VIN.

Then follow the on-screen instructions to prove you are not a robot.

Upload a photo

or

Enter a license plate or VIN manually

### Fix it

If you see text that reads **recall incomplete...**

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# Health & Wellness

## What's preventive care and what's covered?

When it comes to your health, there's no such thing as starting too early. Eating whole, nutritious foods, staying active, limiting alcohol, managing stress and getting routine checkups are all part of your preventive care.

Think of preventive care appointments like car maintenance. You likely bring your car in regularly for an oil check, tire rotation and break inspection to catch any issues and help keep your car running smoothly for as long as possible. Preventive care is routine health care that helps you stay on top of your health — and catch anything before it becomes serious.

What's considered preventive care?

Preventive care includes the services you get as part of your routine well exam. Most health plans cover eligible preventive care services, which means you'll pay \$0 out of pocket. Preventive care includes:

Your annual physical care exam

Vaccines

Well-baby and well-child care

Recommended cancer tests and screenings at certain ages for skin, breast, colon, prostate, lung and cervical cancer

Other health screenings for things like osteoporosis and diabetes

What's not considered preventive care?

There are times when certain tests and screenings aren't considered preventive care. Things like diagnostic care, bloodwork and sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing may or may not be considered preventive.

Diagnostic care

Health plans cover preventive and diagnostic care differently. It's important to know which services fall into each category so you can budget. Diagnostic care includes care or treatment when you already have symptoms or risk factors and your doctor wants to diagnose them. For example, if a woman finds a lump in her breast and gets a mammogram, that screening is considered a diagnostic mammogram instead of a preventive mammogram.

Bloodwork

Labs are an important part of your health care. Labs done during or as part of your well exam, including a complete blood count (CBC) and bloodwork used to check cholesterol levels and diabetes markers are likely always going to be covered. However, other blood chemistry tests (like kidney or liver function and vitamin D or iron levels) are not considered preventive care.

STI testing

Certain STI tests, like HIV, hepatitis B and C and syphilis are considered preventive for people at certain ages or with specific risk factors. Ask your doctor which STI tests may be covered as part of your preventive care visit.

What to expect at preventive care exams

You might be wondering where to get a physical exam. Typically, you'll see your primary care provider (PCP) for your annual checkup. You can see any provider you'd like as long as they're in your plan's network. Otherwise, you may pay out of pocket for your preventive care visit. So, what is in a physical exam? Each person's visit will look a little different, but here's what you can expect.

Height, weight and body mass index (BMI) assessment

Your Body Mass Index (BMI) is an estimate of your body mass based on your height and weight. It can help you determine if you're at a healthy weight.

Heart rate check and heart exam

A healthy resting heart rate for adults is typically between 60 and 100 beats per minute (bpm).<sup>4</sup> During a heart exam, your doctor listens to your heart with a stethoscope to check for signs of heart disease, like an irregular heartbeat or murmur.

Lab work

Regular lab work can help you and your doctor understand how well your body is functioning. Ask your doctor which tests are considered preventive (like cholesterol and blood glucose) and which you may have to pay for out of pocket (like a thyroid panel).

Blood pressure test

Normal blood pressure is considered 120/80 mm Hg (millimeters of mercury) or less.<sup>3</sup> It's important to know your numbers so you can keep your blood pressure in check.

Lung exam

Like a heart exam, lungs are checked for signs of disease, like wheezing or crackling.

Cancer screenings for adults

Common cancer screenings are recommended based on your age and risk factors.

Vaccines

Recommendations depend on your age and other factors. Some, like the flu shot, are recommended annually.<sup>5</sup> See more about immunizations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

How can I prepare for my preventive care visit? Make the most of the time you have with your provider during your annual checkup. Use these checklists to come prepared, and leave feeling confident and informed.

What to bring

Your member ID card and a photo ID (like your driver's license).

A list of your medications, including over-the-



counter products, prescriptions, vitamins and supplements you currently take. Some medicines and even "natural" products can interact with each other, which can be dangerous.

Quick tip: Bring your bottles and containers in a bag if it's easier than making a list.

Health history with details about your family medical history as well as your personal health history.

Questions, concerns and any symptoms you're experiencing.

A family member or friend. (They can help make sure you catch all the details.)

Quick tip: Jot down important information on a notepad or on your phone. Ask your doctor for a copy of your appointment notes.

Common lab tests typically covered under preventive care include: a complete blood count (CBC), lipid panel (cholesterol levels), blood sugar checks for diabetes, certain sexually transmitted infection (STI) tests like HIV and Hepatitis B/C, depending on risk factors, and sometimes basic metabolic panels depending on your health situation; always check with your insurance plan for specific coverage.

Key points about preventive lab tests: The office visit and the lipid screening, recommended by the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF), are covered under the 100% preventive benefit.



## List of Bollywood films of JANUARY 2025

Opening	Title	Director	Cast	
J A N	<i>Fateh</i>	Sonu Sood	Sonu Sood · Naseeruddin Shah · Jacqueline Fernandez	
	10 <i>Santosh</i>	Sandhya Suri	Shahana Goswami · Sunita Rajwar · Sanjay Bishnoi · Kushal Dubey	
	17	<i>Emergency</i>	Kangana Ranaut	Kangana Ranaut · Anupam Kher · Shreyas Talpade · Mahima Chaudhry · Milind Soman · Satish Kaushik
		<i>Azaad</i>	Abhishek Kapoor	Aaman Devgan · Rasha Thadani · Ajay Devgn · Diana Penty · Mohit Malik · Piyush Mishra
		<i>Mission Grey House</i>	Naushad Siddiqui	Abeer Khan · Puja Sharma · Rajesh Sharma · Kiran Kumar · Nikhat Khan · Kamlesh Sawant · Raza Murad
	24	<i>Lahore 1947</i>	Rajkumar Santoshi	Sunny Deol · Preity Zinta · Ali Fazal · Shabana Azmi · Abhimanyu Singh
		<i>Sky Force</i>	Sandeep Kewlani · Abhishek Anil Kapur	Akshay Kumar · Sara Ali Khan · Veer Pahariya · Nimrat Kaur
	31	<i>Deva</i>	Rosshan Andrews	Shahid Kapoor · Pooja Hegde

## Indian Cinema Old's Post

Karan Kapoor, born on January 18, 1962, is a photographer, former actor, and model, and the son of legendary actors Shashi Kapoor and Jennifer Kendal. He first gained recognition as a model, becoming the face of Bombay Dyeing in the 1980s. Karan made his acting debut in Shyam Benegal's critically acclaimed Junoon (1978), which featured his family. He went on to appear in films like Sultanat (1986) and Loha

(1987) and the British series The Jewel in the Crown (1984), but his acting career was short-lived. Karan eventually found his passion in photography. Now based in Chelsea, London, he runs a photography business and lives with his wife Lorna and their children, Aliya and Zak. After nearly 25 years, he returned to India with his Time & Tide exhibition, capturing Anglo-

Indian communities. Deeply connected to his roots, Karan continues to explore India through his lens, blending his artistic heritage with his love for storytelling.



## Bollywood fans Club Roshan Alam

The Remarkable Journey and Tragic End of Divya Bharti: A Bollywood Star Gone Too Soon Divya Bharti (February 25, 1974 - April 5, 1993) was a talented Indian film actress who quickly rose to fame in the early 1990s. Born to Meeta and Om Prakash Bharti, she abandoned her studies at the age of 16 to pursue a career in acting. Her debut film, "Bobbili Raja" (1990), was a Telugu movie co-starring Venkatesh and later dubbed into Hindi as "Rampur Ka Raja." She continued to shine in Telugu cinema with notable films such as "Dharma Kshetram," "Tholi Madhu," and "Rowdy Alludu," working alongside prominent actors like Chiranjeevi and Prashanth.

Divya's Hindi film debut came in 1992 with "Vishwatma." Though the film did not perform well at the box office, it showcased her acting abilities, and the song "Saat Samundar" from the

film became a hit. She quickly became a sensation in Bollywood, starring in several successful films that year, including "Dil Hi To Hai," "Deewana," "Shola Aur Shabnam," "Dil Aashna Hai," "Kshatriya," "Jaan Se Pyaara," and "Geet." Her performances earned her the Filmfare Lux New Face Award in 1992, solidifying her position as a leading actress in the industry.

In May 1992, Divya secretly married Bollywood producer Sajid Nadiadwala, converting to Islam and taking the name Sana Nadiadwala. She kept her marriage hidden due to family issues and concerns about its impact on her burgeoning career.

Tragically, Divya's life was cut short on April 5, 1993, when she fell from an apartment building in Mumbai. The circumstances surrounding her death remain shrouded in mystery, with various theories suggesting accidental fall, foul play, or

intoxication. Despite an investigation, no conclusive evidence was found.

Two of her films, "Rang" and "Shatranj," were released posthumously and dedicated to her memory. Her husband, Sajid Nadiadwala, continues to honor her legacy by dedicating his produced films to her memory. Divya Bharti's brief yet impactful career and her untimely demise left an indelible mark on Indian cinema, making her a beloved figure whose legacy endures in the hearts of her fans.



## Karnajit Chowdhury's Post

Ajit vs. Pran: Bollywood's Legendary Villains and Character Actors

Ajit and Pran, two stalwarts of Bollywood's golden era, redefined the art of portraying antagonists and unforgettable supporting roles with their charismatic performances and unique personas.

Ajit, born in Golconda, Hyderabad, in 1922, stood tall at 5'11" and was best known for his suave villainous roles. Making his debut with "Shahe Misra" (1946), he initially played heroic roles before gaining fame as the quintessential Bollywood villain in films like "Zanjeer" and "Kalicharan". Known for his iconic dialogues and stylish demeanor, Ajit also had a colorful personal life, with marriages to an Anglo-Indian woman, Shahida Ali Khan, and Sara Ahlu-

walia. A father to five sons, including Shehzad, Ajit's legacy endures through his distinctive contribution to Indian cinema.

Pran, born in Lahore in 1920, was a master of versatility. At 5'7", he began his illustrious career with "Yamla Jat" (1947) and went on to appear in over 350 films. Renowned for his villainous roles in classics like "Madhumati" and "Jis Desh Mein Ganga Behti Hai", Pran later won hearts with his transition to positive characters in films like "Upkar" and "Zanjeer". Married to Shukla Sikand, he was a devoted father to three children, including Sunil Sikand. Pran's enduring influence earned him the title of Bollywood's most versatile actor.

Both legends defined eras with their magnetic performances and remain timeless icons in



Ajit		Pran	
Age	1922 - 1993 (aged 76)	Age	1920 - 2013 (aged 93)
Occupations	Actor	Occupations	Actor
First film	Shahe Misra (1946)	First film	Yamla Jat (1947)
Height	5 ft. 11 inches	Height	5 ft. 7 inches

Indian cinema.

## Indian Cinema Old's Post

Nafisa Ali was born in Kolkata to a Bengali father, Ahmed Ali, and an Anglo-Indian mother, Philomena Torresan. She comes from a family with a rich heritage—her grandfather, S. Wajid Ali, was a Bengali writer, and her aunt, Zaib-un-Nissa Hamidullah, was a prominent Pakistani journalist. Nafisa is also related to the Bangladeshi freedom fighter and soldier Bir Pratik Akhtar Ahmed. Growing up, she attended La Martiniere Calcutta, and later studied Vedanta under Swami Chinmayananda.

Nafisa has achieved success in multiple fields. She was the national swimming champion

from 1972 to 1974, and in 1976, she won the Femina Miss India title and placed as the 2nd runner-up at the Miss International contest. She was also a jockey at the Calcutta Gymkhana in 1979.

Her acting career began in the 1970s, and she has been part of several popular Bollywood films, including Junoon (1979) with Shashi Kapoor, Major Saab (1998) with Amitabh Bachchan, Bewafaa (2005), Life In A... Metro (2007), and Yamla Pagla Deewana (2010) with Dharmendra. Nafisa also appeared in the Malayalam film Big B (2007) alongside Mammootty.



## Timeless Classic Cinema's

Zakir Hussain was married to Antonia Minnecola, a Kathak dancer and teacher who also managed his career. Together, they had two daughters—Anisa, a filmmaker and UCLA graduate, and Isabella, who is studying dance in Manhattan. Zakir Hussain, the legendary tabla player, composer and music producer brought Indian classical music to the global stage. The eldest son of the renowned tabla maestro Alla Rakha, Zakir Hussain's remarkable talent and versatility earned him worldwide recognition. Over his illustrious career, he received seven Grammy nominations, winning four, including three in 2024.

Apart from his global fame, he was honored with prestigious awards like the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1990 and the Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship (Ratna Sadsya) in 2018. In the United States, he was awarded the National Heritage Fellowship, the highest honor for traditional artists. Zakir Hussain's life was a perfect blend of tradition and innovation. His contributions to Indian music, his collaborations across genres, and his ability to connect cultures have left a legacy that will inspire generations to come.



## Olden Indian Cinema's

This is a lovely and intimate image of the legendary playback singer Talat Mahmood Sahab at home with his family, showcasing his warmth and grounded personality. Sitting alongside his wife Nasreen, son Khalid, and daughter Sabina, the photo offers a rare

glimpse into the personal life of one of India's most melodious voices. Talat Mahmood, known as the "King of Ghazals," enthralled audiences with his soulful renditions and distinct voice, which brought unparalleled emotion

to Indian music. Beyond his musical genius, this photo reflects his life as a devoted family man, exuding simplicity and love.



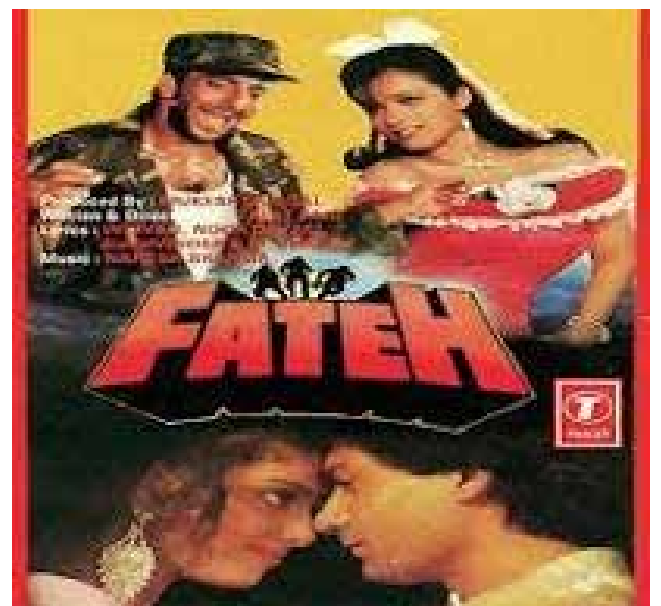
## FATEH

Fateh, a mystery man who believes he has left his past behind him, devotes himself to starting a tranquil new life in Punjab. However, when a local girl falls victim to cyber mafia and goes missing in Delhi, he is unable to walk away. With his powerful skills, Fateh emerges from self-imposed retirement as an avenging angel, determined to bring down the entire cyber mafia syndicate.

The teaser for Fateh, starring Sonu Sood, has set pulses racing with its promising glimpse into an action-packed and brutal cinematic experience. Sood, known for his impactful performances, appears poised to deliver yet another powerhouse role in this upcoming film. The teaser hints at intense action sequences and a gripping narrative that promises to keep audiences on the edge of their seats. With Sood's commanding presence and the teaser's adrenaline-fueled moments, Fateh emerges as a highly anticipated movie that is set to captivate fans of action cinema with its raw intensity and compelling

storytelling. < On our channel we create a trailer mashups > Also known as recut trailers, involve collecting multiple pieces of film footage from one or multiple movies and Add Our Own Dialogues To Make A New And Fresh Story, editing them to create a new trailer. Trailer mashups are often created for a movie that does not exist now or to change the genre of an existing film. These are derivative works as defined by the United States Copyright Act 17 U.S.C. § 101, and as such, may find protection from copyright claims under the doctrine of fair use.

The trailer mashups are not only a user-generated form of digital creativity but a way to create anticipation for future releases, working in tandem with current movie trailers. Movie trailers are designed to give minimal plot detail and to create hype and anticipation. Fan made trailer mashups allow the audience to perform their own cinematic spin on current movie footage.



This allows the trailer to focus on a specific actor or portion of the film. It could even change the plot or genre of the film entirely.

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## Azaad teaser: Ajay Devgn introduces Rasha Thadani, Aaman Devgan in period drama

Actor Ajay Devgn has released the teaser for his upcoming period film Azaad, which tells the story of a family's love for their loyal horse. The movie marks the debut of his nephew, Aaman Devgan, and Raveena Tandon's daughter, Rasha Thadani.

Set in Pre-Independence India, the film features Ajay Devgn as a skilled horse rider deeply bonded with his loyal horse. As he evades the brutal English armies, leaping over valleys, the horse goes missing amidst the chaos. His

nephew, portrayed by Aaman Devgan, is then tasked with the mission to find the lost companion. Azaad is directed by Abhishek Kapoor, known for films like Kai Po Che, Kedar-nath, Rock On and others. The upcoming film is bankrolled by stalwarts Ronnie Screwvala and Pragya Kapoor. Apart from Ajay Devgn, Rasha and Aaman, the film also stars Diana Penty.

Azaad is set for release on the big screen in



January 2025.

# Binaca Geetmala Annual List (1965)



Thumb / Rank	Song Heading	Singer / Movie	Music By / Lyricist	Actor / Category
 <b>IMAGE</b> COMING SOON 1	Jis Dil Me Basa Tha Pyar Tera YouTube    4.34 - 171 votes	Lata Mangeshkar	Kalyanji Anandji	Kalpana, Pradeep Kumar
		Saheli (1965)	Indeevar	Sad Songs
 <b>IMAGE</b> COMING SOON 1	Jis Dil Me Basa Tha Pyar Tera (Male) YouTube    4.32 - 257 votes	Mukesh	Kalyanji Anandji	Pradeep Kumar
		Saheli (1965)	Indeevar	Sad Songs
 <b>IMAGE</b> COMING SOON 2	Aao Twist Kare Jaag Utha Mausam YouTube    4.32 - 114 votes	Manna Dey	R D Burman	Mehmood, Tanuja, Mohan Choti, Ameen Sayani
		Bhoot Bungla (1965)	Hasrat Jaipuri	Masti Bhare Geet, Dance Songs
 4	Laal Chhadi Maidan Khadi, Kya Khub Ladi YouTube    4.30 - 161 votes	Mohammed Rafi	Shankar Jaikishan	Rajshree, Shammi Kapoor
		Janwar (1965)	Shailendra	Ched Chad Songs
 5	Tumhi Mere Mandir, Tumhi Meri Pooja YouTube    4.50 - 428 votes	Lata Mangeshkar	Ravi	Sunil Dutt, Om Prakash, Nutan
		Khandan (1965)	Rajinder Krishan	Tareef Songs, Filmfare Awards Winner, Romantic Songs
 <b>IMAGE</b> COMING SOON 6	Ek Tu Na Mila YouTube    4.16 - 206 votes	Lata Mangeshkar	Kalyanji Anandji	Mala Sinha, Manoj Kumar
		Himalay Ki God Mein (1965)	Indeevar	Sad Songs, Raag Based Songs, Raga - Charukeshi
 7	Aaja Aai Bahar, Dil Hai Beqraar, O Mere Rajkumar YouTube    4.35 - 270 votes	Lata Mangeshkar	Shankar Jaikishan	Shammi Kapoor, Sadhana
		Rajkumar (1964)	Shailendra	Romantic Songs, Intezaar
 8	Tumse Achchha Kaun Hai, Dil Lo Jigar Lo Jaan Lo YouTube    4.52 - 172 votes	Mohammed Rafi	Shankar Jaikishan	Rajshree, Shammi Kapoor
		Janwar (1965)	Hasrat Jaipuri	Masti Bhare Geet, Romantic Songs, Ched Chad Songs
 9	Vaqt Se Din Aur Raat YouTube    4.41 - 209 votes	Mohammed Rafi	Ravi	Balraj Sahni, Achala Sachdev
		Waqt (1965)	Sahir Ludhianvi	Title Song
 <b>IMAGE</b> COMING SOON 10	Saanson Ke Taar Par, Geet Gaya Pathro Ne YouTube    4.41 - 128 votes	Kishori Amonkar	Ramlal	Nana Palsikar, Rajshree, Jeetendra
		Geet Gaaya Pattharon Ne (1964)	Hasrat Jaipuri	Happy Songs, Classical Songs, Title Song

# Binaca Geetmala Annual List (1965)



Actor Rahul Roy with Iftekhar Shareef and Mumtaz Ali Akram



Najmuddin Javed hosted a grand live show by the name of Ashiqui nights with bollywood hero Rahul Roy  
Rahul has released audio romantic song sung & composed by Najmuddin



Al-Jeelani Saqeb Pasha had a distinguished meeting with the esteemed Shuyukh of Jamia Nizamia, during which he felicitated the esteemed scholars, specially Hazrath Moulana Saifullah Sahab, on his appointment as the new Shaykh ul Jamia of Jamia Nizamia. The prominent scholars present were (R-L):  
Hazrath Moulana Mufti Khaleel Ahmed Sahab - Chancellor of Jamia Nizamia  
Mawlana Shaykh Najmuddin Al-Jeelani Saqeb Pasha - Chairman, All India Sunni Ulama Board  
Hazrath Moulana Saifullah Sahab - Vice Chancellor of Jamia Nizamia  
Hazrath Moulana Syed Ziauddin Naqshbandi Sahab - Chief Mufti of Jamia Nizamia

## Property registrations in Hyderabad saw 12 per cent dip in 2024

**HYDERABAD:** Property registrations in Hyderabad declined by 12% year-on-year (YoY) to 5,516 units in November 2024, compared to 6,268 units in the same period last year. The registrations also dropped 6% month-on-month from 5,894 units in October 2024, according to the latest report released by Knight Frank India.

The total value of home sales in November 2024 stood at Rs 3,495 crore, marking a 7% YoY decline from Rs 3,741 crore in November 2023 and a 3% MoM drop from Rs 3,617 crore in October 2024. Despite the overall decline in registrations, there was an increase in the registration of high-value homes.

The report highlighted a 3% YoY rise in the

demand for premium homes priced above Rs 1 crore. Properties priced under Rs 50 lakh continued to dominate registrations, but the share of high-value properties rose from 12% in November 2023 to 14% in November 2024, reflecting a trend toward luxury property investments.

In terms of property sizes, units ranging between 1,000 to 2,000 square feet accounted for 69% of all registrations. Among the districts, Medchal-Malkajgiri led with 42% of registrations, followed by Rangareddy with 41%, and Hyderabad contributing the remaining 17%.

Between January and November 2024, Hyderabad's home sales reached Rs 43,574 crore, representing a 27% YoY increase compared to

Rs 34,205 crore during the same period in 2023. The number of units registered also rose from 64,658 in 2023 to 70,796 in 2024.

Knight Frank India CMD Shishir Baijal said: "Property registrations in Hyderabad moderated in November 2024, but demand for high-value homes remains robust, reflecting a growing preference for larger and premium properties. This trend is driven by strong economic fundamentals and aspirations for improved lifestyles."

The Hyderabad residential market includes Hyderabad, Rangareddy, Medchal-Malkajgiri and Sangareddy districts, covering transactions in both primary and secondary real estate markets.

# Bareilly Court issues notice to Asaduddin Owaisi for raising "Jai Palestine" slogan during oath-taking as MP



A Bareilly Court has issued a notice to All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) President Asaduddin Owaisi, instructing him to appear in court. The notice pertains to an incident where Owaisi raised pro-Palestine slogans while taking his oath as a Member of Parliament. The court has asked the AIMIM Chief to appear for a hearing on January 7, 2025.

The case has been filed by advocate Virendra Gupta who has accused Owaisi of violating constitutional and legal norms. Earlier in June, Asaduddin Owaisi concluded taking his oath as a member of the Lok Sabha with the words "Jai Palestine".

Owaisi defeated Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate, Madhavi Latha Kompella, with a margin of 3,38,087 votes in the recent parliamentary election for a fifth consecutive victory from Hyderabad in Telangana.

While being sworn in as an MP in the 18th Session of the Lok Sabha, Owaisi ended his oath with the words, "Jai Bhim, Jai Meem, Jai Telangana, Jai Palestine."

Total ORR Exit Numbers are 19.

Distance Between Exit No 17 (Rajendra Nagar Entry Point) To Exit No 16 (Shamshabad Exit Point) is 8.25km

- Exit No 1 - Kokapet/Financial District
- Exit No 2 - Edula Nagulapally/Kollur
- Exit No 3 - Patancheru/Mumbai Highway
- Exit No 4 - Sultanpur
- Exit No 5 - Dindigal/ Medak Road/Balanagar Road
- Exit No 6 - Medchal/Nizamabad-Nagpur Highway
- Exit No 7 - Shamirpet/Karimnagar Highway
- Exit No 8 - Keesara
- Exit No 9 - Ghatkesar/Yadadri-Warangal Highway
- Exit No 10 - Taramptipet/Gourelly/Nagole Road
- Exit No 11 - Pedda Amberpet/Vijayawada Highway
- Exit No 12 - Bonguluru/Nagarjuna Sagar Road
- Exit No 13 - Raviryal/Wonderla
- Exit No 14 - Tukuguda/Srisailam Highway
- Exit No 15 - Pedda Golconda

- Exit No 16 - Shamshabad/Kurnool-Bangalore Highway
- Exit No 17 - Rajendra Nagar
- Exit No 18 - TSPA/Vikarabad Road/Chilkur Temple Road
- Exit No 19 - Nanakramguda/Narsingi


Total length - 158 Km  
 Design speed - 120 Kmph  
 Right of Way (ROW) - 150 m  
 Main Carriage Way - 8 lanes  
 Hard shoulder for emergency Parking/break-down vehicles - 3 m wide.  
 Width of Central Median - 5 m  
 Service Roads on either side - 2 lanes  
 Interchanges - 19  
 Speed limit - 100 kmph  
 Challan for overspeeding - INR 1035


# Hyderabad: Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC)'s standing committee has approved 8,440 crore budget for the 2025-26 fiscal.

The estimated revenue receipts and revenue expenditure have been proposed at 4,445 crore and 4,000 crore respectively, with 445 crore surplus.

The revenue receipts estimated in the 2024-25 budget were 5,938 crore, which included 1,200 crore of govt grants (compensation to GHMC for debt servicing). However, the govt considered and allocated funds of 2,654 crore to GHMC under assistance for H-CITI (capital grants).

Accordingly, revenue receipts were revised from 5,938 crore to 4,052 crore in the revised budget estimates for 2024-25. The major share of revenue expenditure was towards establishment expenditure. tnn

  
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Namaaz e Janaza, baad Namaz e Zohar Masjid e Shaheda, Kings Colony phase 5. Opp Police Academy Tadfeen, Maqbera Munawar ud Dowla, Santosh Nagar. Opp Dargah Barane Shah Sahab.

Death Anniversary of Qaid-e-Millat Nawab Bahadur Yaar Jung (RA) founder AIMIM party on 5th Jan 2025 :

Under the banner of Majlis Bachao Tehreek (MBT) there will be a "Jalse Yaad-e-Qaide Millat Nawab Bahadur Yaar Jung (RA)" to mark the death anniversary of departed leader Bahadur Yaar Jung founder AIMIM. The said Public Meeting will be held on 5th Jan 2025 (Sunday) from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM at Da-beerpura Drwaza, Yakutpura Presided by Majeed Ullah Khan @ Farhat Khan (President) MBT and addressed by other other MBT leaders.

Before the Public Meeting there will be recital of Quran after Namaz-e-Zohar at MBT Office, Chanchalguda followed by MBT leaders visiting the Grave Yard in Musheerabad to pay floral tributes after Namaz-e-Asar.

All MBT workers & sympathizers are requested to attend above said programs without fail.

Amjed Ullah Khan (Spokesman) MBT



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ROSHAN



ولی الدین

## روشن کے نام

(سالگرہ پر)

حسین ہو، جوان تم آج بھی ہو  
میرا دل میری جان تم آج بھی ہو  
اتنے برسوں سے تمہارا ساتھ ہے  
پر دل اب بھی کہتا یہی بات ہے  
میری محبت کا جہاں تم آج بھی ہو  
میری شاعری کا عنوان تم آج بھی ہو  
حسین اور جوان تم آج بھی ہو  
میرا دل میری جان تم آج بھی ہو  
آج تم نہ ہوتے تو یہ رات نہ ہوتی  
یہ محفل یہ دوستوں کی بارات نہ ہوتی  
ایک راز تھا جس سے پردہ اٹھا دیا  
اس دل میں جو تھا سب کو بتا دیا  
کہ میری دھڑکن میں رواں تم آج بھی ہو  
میری محبت کی داستان تم آج بھی ہو  
حسین اور جوان تم آج بھی ہو  
میرا دل میری جان تم آج بھی ہو

اور بھی گنتی ہو حسین ایک سال گزرنے کے بعد  
جیسے سخن اور سنور جانے بکھرنے کے بعد  
روشن کی قربت میں دتی کو جنت ملی  
اب تمنا نہیں حمدوں کی مرنے کے بعد

ڈاکٹر توفیق انصاری احمد  
شکاگو، امریکہ

## گل بو کی حکایت

سدا بہار، سبق آموز مذہبی، سماجی و اخلاقی بنیادوں کا انمول و نادر خزانہ



ڈاکٹر توفیق انصاری احمد



حضرت شیخ سعدی شیرازی رضی اللہ عنہ

### 56 اُدھار لینا عزت کو گھٹالینا ہے

اُردو حکایت: اک شخص بازار میں گھوم پھر کر گناہیچ رہا تھا۔ اُس نے کونے میں اک درویش کو دیکھا جو اُس کا شناسا تھا۔ اُس نے کہا۔ بھائی تو بھی گنا لے لے۔ پیسوں کی فکر نہ کر۔ جب تیرے پاس ہوں دے دینا۔ درویش بڑا قناعت پسند اور سمجھ دار تھا۔ اُس نے جواب دیا نہیں شکریہ۔ شاید تو پیسوں کی وصولی کے لئے زیادہ صبر نہ کر سکے لیکن میں گتے سے صبر کر سکتا ہوں۔

فارسی شعر:

حلاوت ندارد شکر در نیش  
چو باشد تقاضا تلخ از پیش

حاصل کلام:

اُس گتے کی شکر مٹھاس نہیں رکھتی جس کے پیچھے تلخ تقاضہ ہو۔

منظوم ترجمہ:

گتے کی اُس شکر میں نہیں ہے کوئی مٹھاس  
وہ جس کے پیچھے تلخ تقاضہ لگا رہے



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

کتابوں گلستاں اور بوستاں نے لازوال عالمی شہرت حاصل کی اور حضرت سعدی کے مقام کو بلند و بالا کر کے اورج کمال پر پہنچا دیا۔ گلستاں اور بوستاں کی بنیاد قرآن، حدیث، تربیت، اخلاقیات، تجربات، دور رس اور دانشوری پر رکھی ہوئی ہے۔ ان دو کتابوں کی حکایات میں کچھ ایسا سبق پوشیدہ ہے کہ جس کو پڑھنے کے بعد آدمی اپنے علم و عمل سے انسانیت کے اعلیٰ مقام پر پہنچ سکتا ہے اس لئے ان کا مطالعہ بنی نوع انسان کے لئے نہایت فائدہ مند ہے۔ اُردو ادب کے ممتاز ادیب و شاعر ڈاکٹر توفیق انصاری احمد نے حضرت شیخ سعدی شیرازی کی سدا بہار فارسی تصانیف گلستاں و بوستاں کی افادیت کو پیش نظر رکھتے ہوئے ان دونوں کتابوں کی منتخب حکایات کے نثری و منظوم ترجمہ کا کام کئی برس پہلے شروع کیا تھا جس کی اشاعت و رسم اجرائی کا اہتمام زیر ترتیب ہے۔ ویسے تو گلستاں و بوستاں کے تراجم دُنیا کی تقریباً تمام بڑی زبانوں میں ہو چکے ہیں لیکن صرف انگریزی و عربی میں نثر کا ترجمہ نثر اور نظم کا ترجمہ نظم میں کیا گیا ہے۔ اُردو زبان میں موثر اور مفید ترجمہ کی ایسی کوئی مثال نہیں ملتی۔ ”گل بو“ (گلستاں سے گل اور بوستاں سے بو) گلستاں اور بوستاں کی منتخب مثالی حکایتوں کا اور ڈاکٹر توفیق انصاری احمد کا زیر ترتیب اُردو زبان کا وہ سب سے پہلا شاہکار مشترکہ و منفرد گلدستہ ہے جس میں فارسی نثر کا ترجمہ اُردو نثر میں اور فارسی نظم کا ترجمہ اُردو نظم میں کیا گیا ہے۔ ”گل بو کی حکایت“ کے عنوان سے ہم گلستاں و بوستاں کی حکایات کو عوامی استفادہ کی خاطر ”ایشیا نامہ کی الیکٹرانک اشاعتوں میں ثواب جاریہ کی نیت سے سلسلہ وار شائع کر رہے ہیں۔ (ادارہ)



## کبھی نہیں چاہوں گی میری بیٹیاں انڈسٹری میں آئیں، آمنہ ملک

شوہز انڈسٹری کی معروف اداکارہ آمنہ ملک کا کہنا ہے کہ میں کبھی نہیں چاہوں گی کہ میری بیٹیاں انڈسٹری میں آئیں۔ اداکارہ آمنہ ملک نے حال ہی میں ایک پوڈ کاسٹ میں شرکت کی

جہاں انہوں نے نجی زندگی سمیت شوہز کیریئر کے حوالے سے اظہار خیال کیا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ



ماؤں کی غیر ضروری فرمائشوں کا ذکر کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ وہ چاہتے ہیں کہ بہو پتلی، لمبی اور گوری ہو، مگر کسی ایک انسان میں یہ تمام خصوصیات نہیں ہو سکتیں۔ انہوں نے سوال اٹھایا کہ اگر لڑکی شادی کے بعد موٹی ہو جائے تو کیا اسے چھوڑ دیا جائے گا؟ انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ لڑکوں کی مائیں جب ایسی لڑکیوں کے رشتے کے لیے جاتی ہیں جو بیرون ملک سے تعلیم یافتہ ہوں، تو غیر مناسب سوالات کرتی ہیں، جیسے کہ کیا بیرون ملک تعلیم کے دوران آپ کا کسی لڑکے سے تعلق رہا ہے؟

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### فہد شیخ اور زوہا تو قیر کی عادت پر پرفارم کرنے کی ویڈیو وائرل

فوٹو اور ویڈیو شیئرنگ ایپ پر ڈرامہ سیریل 'آپا شیم' کے اداکار فہد شیخ (عبدالباری) نے اداکارہ زوہا تو قیر (کشف) کے ساتھ ویڈیو شیئر کی جس میں دونوں کو خوشگوار موڈ میں دیکھا جاسکتا ہے۔ فہد شیخ نے ویڈیو شیئر کرتے ہوئے کپشن میں ڈرامے کے کردار عبدالباری اور کشف لکھا جبکہ اے آر وائی ڈیجیٹل کا ہیش ٹیگ استعمال کیا۔ انہوں نے چند گھنٹوں قبل یہ پوسٹ شیئر کی ہے جسے ہزاروں کی تعداد میں مداح دیکھ چکے ہیں اور ڈرامے میں ان کے کردار کی تعریف کر رہے ہیں۔ واضح رہے کہ زوہا تو قیر 'آپا شیم' میں فہد شیخ کی کزن (چچا کی بیٹی) کا کردار نبھاتی رہی ہیں جو ڈاکٹر بننے جا رہی ہے جبکہ عبدالباری نوکری کی تلاش میں ہیں۔ گزشتہ قسط میں دکھایا گیا کہ کشف کو کلاس فیلو دھوکا دیتا ہے اور رشتہ لانے سے انکار کر دیتا ہے جس کی وجہ سے ان کے والد کو دل کا دورہ پڑتا ہے اور بڑے بھائی منور سعید بیٹے عبدالباری کا رشتہ کشف سے طے کر دیتے ہیں۔ عبدالباری اور کشف کے رشتے کی بات سن کر آپا شیم غصے میں آجاتی ہیں اور اس رشتے کو ماننے سے انکار کر دیتی ہیں۔ کیا عبدالباری اور کشف کی شادی ہو جائے گی؟ یہ جاننے کے لیے ڈرامہ سیریل 'آپا شیم' کی اگلی قسط شام 7 بجے اے آر وائی ڈیجیٹل پر دیکھیں۔

ایک منٹ کے 1 کروڑ کمانے والی اور 550 کروڑ کی مالک اداکارہ، کترینہ کیف، دپیکا پڈوکون اور کرینہ کپور جیسے۔۔۔

بالی ووڈ کی ایک ماڈل و اداکارہ مرکوز ہے اور اس دلکش گھر کا ماہانہ کرایہ انڈسٹری میں سب سے زیادہ معاوضہ 6 لاکھ روپے ہے۔ دراصل یہ اداکارہ



لینے والی اداکاراؤں میں سے ایک بن گئی ہے، اداکارہ اتراکھنڈ میں پیدا ہوئی اور وہیں پرورش پائی، انہوں نے مس دیوا، مس یونیورس انڈیا 2015 کا خطاب جیتا اور رواں سال مس یونیورس بھارت کی نمائندگی کرنے کے بعد شہرت حاصل کی۔ بھارتی میڈیا رپورٹ کے مطابق اداکارہ نے 15 سال کی عمر میں اپنے ماڈلنگ کیریئر کا آغاز کرتے ہوئے، 2013 میں سنگھ ساب دی گریٹ کے ساتھ اپنی اداکاری کا آغاز کرنے سے پہلے مس ٹین انڈیا 2009 کا ٹائٹل بھی جیتا تھا، اس کے بعد وہ صن رے، گریٹ گرینڈ مستی، ہیٹ اسٹوری 4 اور پاگل پنٹی جیسی قابل ذکر فلموں میں اداکاری کے جوہر دکھائے۔ حال ہی میں اداکارہ ممبئی کے پریمیم ویل پارلے ویسٹ علاقے میں پریش 3 بیچ ایچ کے اپارٹمنٹ کرایے پر لینے پر شہ سرخیوں میں رہیں، یہ گھر 3600 مربع فٹ پر

## اللہ پر توکل ہونے کی دُعا

فَقُلْ حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ وَهُوَ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ ﴿٣١﴾ (پ ۱۱، سورۃ التوبہ، حیۃ الصحابہ، ابوداؤد: ۴/۳۲۱)

**فضیلت:** یہ دُعا پڑھتے رہنے سے گناہ مٹتے رہتے ہیں، دین و دنیا میں ان شاء اللہ امن سکون ملے گا۔

❖ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ عَدَدَ خَلْقِهِ وَرِضَا نَفْسِهِ وَزِينَةَ عَرْشِهِ وَمَدَادَ كَلِمَاتِهِ (مسلم کتاب الذکر: ۴/۲۰۹)

**فضیلت:** یہ دُعا روزانہ صبح و شام تین تین دفعہ پڑھتے رہو۔

## پریشانی اور مصیبت دور ہونے کی دُعا

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ سُبْحَانَكَ إِنِّي كُنْتُ مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٥٠﴾ (پ ۷، آیت ۸۷، سورۃ الانبیاء، ترمذی کتاب الدعوات)

**فضیلت:** یہ دُعا پڑھتے رہنے سے مصیبت و پریشانی دور ہوتی ہے۔ حضرت یونسؑ کو مچھلی نکل گئی تھی تو آپؐ، اللہ کے حکم سے یہ دُعا پڑھتے رہے۔ مچھلی نے آپ کو پیٹ سے باہر اُگل دیا۔ روزانہ 41 دفعہ پڑھتے رہو۔

فَدَعَا رَبَّهُ أَنِّي مَغْلُوبٌ فَانْتَصِرْ ﴿١٠﴾ (پ ۲، آیت ۱۰، سورۃ القمر)

**فضیلت:** حضرت نوحؑ کو جب بھی کوئی مصیبت آتی تو یہ دُعا پڑھتے تھے۔ ہر مشکل و پریشانی میں پڑھتے رہنے سے مشکلیں دور ہو جاتی ہیں۔

أَعُوذُ بِكَلِمَاتِ اللَّهِ التَّامَّاتِ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا خَلَقَ (جامع ترمذی شریف ۳/۱۸۷)

**فضیلت:** روزانہ یہ دُعا صبح و شام ۳، ۳ دفعہ پڑھا کرو، ان شاء اللہ اس دُعا کے پڑھنے سے کوئی موذی جانور نقصان نہیں پہنچائے گا۔

## مشکل دُور ہونے کی دُعا

حَسْبُنَا اللَّهُ وَنِعْمَ الْوَكِيلُ ﴿٦٠﴾ (پ ۴، سورۃ آل عمران، معارف الحدیث، ج ۵، ص ۲۲۹)

**فضیلت:** حضرت عبداللہ بن عباسؓ روایت کرتے ہیں جب حضرت ابراہیمؑ کو نمرود نے آگ میں ڈالا تو آپؐ یہ دُعا پڑھے تو اللہ تعالیٰ کے حکم سے سلامتی کے ساتھ ٹھنڈی ہو گئی اور آپؐ محفوظ رہے۔

## موذی جانوروں سے بچنے کی دُعا

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الَّذِي لَا يَضُرُّ مَعَ اسْمِهِ شَيْءٌ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي السَّمَاءِ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ (ابن ماجہ، ۲/۳۳۲، ابوداؤد: ۴/۲۲۲)

**فضیلت:** یہ دُعا روزانہ صبح و شام تین تین دفعہ پڑھا کرو، یہ دُعا پڑھنے سے کوئی موذی جانور نقصان نہیں پہنچاتا ہے۔

## طلب رزق کی دُعا

رَبِّ إِنِّي لِمَا أَنْزَلْتَ إِلَيَّ مِنْ خَيْرٍ فَقِيرٌ ﴿٣١﴾ (پ ۲۱، سورۃ القصص، آیت ۲۳)

**فضیلت:** یہ دُعا پڑھتے رہنے سے اس کی روزی میں برکت پیدا ہوتی ہے اور غیب سے مدد ملتی ہے، ان شاء اللہ پریشانی دور ہوگی۔

❖ اللَّهُ لَطِيفٌ بِعِبَادِهِ يَرْزُقُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ ۚ وَهُوَ الْقَوِيُّ الْعَزِيزُ ﴿١٩﴾ (پ ۲۵، سورۃ الشوریٰ، آیت ۱۹)

**فضیلت:** یہ دُعا صبح و شام روزانہ پڑھتے رہنے سے روزی میں برکت اور اضافہ ہوتا ہے۔

❖ لِلَّهِ مَا فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْاَرْضِ ۗ اِنَّ اللّٰهَ هُوَ الْغَنِيُّ الْحَمِيدُ ﴿٢١﴾ (پ ۲۱، سورۃ لقمان)

**فضیلت:** یہ دُعا روزانہ پڑھتے رہنے سے ان شاء اللہ رزق میں کشادگی ہوگی۔

## رزق میں اضافہ کی دُعا

اللَّهُ يَبْسُطُ الرِّزْقَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ وَيَقْدِرُ لَهُ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٣١﴾ (پ ۲۱، سورۃ العنکبوت)

**فضیلت:** یہ دُعا روزانہ بعد نماز فجر 11 مرتبہ پڑھنا چاہئے۔ اس دُعا کے پڑھنے سے رزق میں برکت ہوتی ہے۔

❖ قُلْ هُوَ الَّذِي أَنْشَأَكُمْ وَجَعَلَ لَكُمُ السَّمْعَ وَالْأَبْصَارَ وَالْأَفْئِدَةَ ۗ قَلِيلًا مَّا تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٢٩﴾ (پ ۲۹، سورۃ ملک)

**فضیلت:** یہ دُعا ہر فرض نماز کے بعد پڑھتے رہنے سے رزق میں برکت اور اضافہ ہوگا۔ ان شاء اللہ کبھی بھی بھوکا نہیں رہے گا۔

# ڈونلڈ ٹرمپ آگیا!

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قارئین وطن! امریکن الیکشن ہو گیا امریکی عوام نے اپنا فیصلہ کر دیا اور اپنے پسندیدہ امیدوار ڈونلڈ ٹرمپ کو ایک مرتبہ پھر امریکی صدر منتخب کر دیا ہے اس الیکشن میں سفید فارم امریکی تعداد نے اور امریکہ میں آباد مسلمانوں بشمول پاکستانیوں نے کھل کر ووٹ دیا امریکہ بھر میں جہاں ٹرمپ کی کامیابی پر جشن منایا گیا وہیں پر کمالہ ہیرس کی حیران کن شکست پر رنجیدہ بھی تھی اور امریکی اور بیرونی دانشوروں نے جن کی نظریں الیکشن پر جمی ہوئی تھیں کا کہنا ہے کہ ڈونلڈ ٹرمپ کو عوام نے امریکی اسٹیبلشمنٹ کو ہرا کر کامیاب کیا ہے لیکن میں سید مشاہد حسین کے تجزیہ اور ابزیریشن کی داد دوں گا کہ وہ پہلے دن سے کمٹ تھے کہ ڈونلڈ ٹرمپ امریکن سہولت کاروں کو بری طرح شکست دے گا اور وہ ہی صدر منتخب ہوگا اور وہ یہ بھی کہتے تھے کہ ٹرمپ نے آتے ہی اپنے دوست عمران خان کو رہا کروانا ہے جس طرح نواز شریف کو بل کلنٹن نے جرنل پرویز مشرف کے جبر سے رہائی دلوائی خیر دیکھتے ہیں کب دوست دوست کو رہا کروانے میدان میں کودتا ہے۔ قارئین وطن! امریکہ سے زیادہ ڈونلڈ ٹرمپ کی کامیابی کا جشن پی ٹی آئی کی صفوں میں منایا گیا اور وہیں پر نواز شریف کی ن لیگ زرداری کی پیپلز پارٹی اور ان کے گماشتوں میں ٹرمپ کی کامیابی نے صفہ ماتم بچھایا ہوا ہے۔ ایک کو امید کے ڈونی کی ایک کال عاصم صاحب بہادر خود اڈیالہ جیل کا دروازہ کھولنے جائیں گے لیکن دوسری طرف نواز زرداری ملاپ کو امریکن نیشنل سیکورٹی پر پورا بھروسہ ہے کہ وہ ڈونی کو منع کریں گے کہ عمران کی رہائی کے لئے جرنل صاحب کو کال مت کریں کہ وہ ہمارے مفادات کے لئے کام کر رہا ہے اور عمران ہمارے مفادات کا مخالف ہے اس جستجو میں پاکستانی بتلا ہیں اب دیکھتے ہیں کہ ڈونی کی چلتی ہے یا پاکستانی معافیاں کی۔ قارئین وطن! پچھلے کالم کے حوالے سے میرے بہت سے کرم فرماؤں کا گلہ تھا کہ میں ایک طرف عمران کا سپورٹر ہوں لیکن یہاں میں ڈونلڈ ٹرمپ کا مخالف بات اصل میں یہ ہے کہ میں چالیس سالوں سے امریکی سیاست کا مطالعہ کر رہا ہوں میرے نزدیک ریپبلکن اور ڈیموکریٹس میں کوئی فرق نہیں ہے یہ نہ ہمارے دوست ہیں نہ نواز زرداری عمران کے یہ سو فیصد اپنے مفادات کے دوست ہیں اور ہم کو مقامی طور پر بھی دیکھنا ہوتا ہے کہ اب یہ ہمارے بچوں کا ملک ہے نواز اور زرداری ان کے جمہوری چہرے ہیں جن کو وہ دکھا کر اپنے ٹیکس پیئرز کو خوش کرتے ہیں ان کو اسلوٹ ناٹ تھوڑی چاہئے اور پھر امریکیوں کے مفادات کے اصل پہرہ دار تو ہماری خاک کی ہے اس لئے میں روایتی طور سے ہٹ کر ان دو جماعتوں کے پیور دیکھ کر ووٹ کا فیصلہ کرتا ہوں۔ لیکن ایک بات تو ڈونلڈ کے آنے سے ثابت ہو گئی کہ ہمارے سیاست دان جو اس وقت فارم ۷۷ کی کرسیوں پر بیٹھے ہیں کتنے خوف زدہ ہیں جیسے ڈونلڈ ٹرمپ نہیں کوئی بھاؤ بلا آگیا ہے جو ان کو ہڑپ کر جائے گا۔ ان کے منہ سے ایسے ایسے بیانات نکل رہے ہیں جیسے گند پر چھائی ہوئی جھاگ خاص طور پر خواجہ آصف جیسے کماش کے سیاست دان اور دوسری طرف نجم سیٹھی جیسے دانشور جو امریکیوں کو عمران کی بے باکیوں سے ڈراتا رہتا ہے اللہ ان سے پاکستان کو محفوظ رکھے امریکن اتنے خطرناک نہیں جتنے یہ لوگ ہیں۔

یاد دہانی: اردو کی حفاظت ہم سب کی ذمہ داری ہے۔

# امریکہ کے شہر ڈیلس فورٹ ورٹھ میں دعائیہ تعزیتی تقریب کا انعقاد



لطیف نے اپنے خطاب میں پر امن نہتے پاکستانی شہریوں پر ہونے والے ظلم و بربریت پر دکھ غم اور غصہ کا اظہار کیا تمام شرکاء فرط وجذبات پر قابو نہ رکھ سکنے پر آبدیدہ ہو گئے ہر ایک چہرے پر دکھ غم و غصہ کی لہریں نمایاں تھیں۔ اسٹیج سیکرٹری شعیب خان نے اپنے کنٹرول شدہ جذبات سے انتہائی غم و غصہ کا اظہار کیا۔ تقریب کے آخری لمحات میں سید عثمان شاہ نے درد و غم میں ڈوبی آواز میں اللہ سے مانگتی گڑ گڑاتی دعا نے ماحول میں مزید افسردگی پیدا کر دی اور تمام شرکاء سرنگوں غم و رنج کی تصویر بنے آنسوؤں سے اللہ تعالیٰ کے حضور شہداء کے درجات بلند، زخمیوں کی صحتیابی، لاپتہ افراد اور معصوم قیدیوں کی رہائی کیلئے دعا گور ہے۔ اللہ اللہ کیا کرو دکھ نہ کسی کو دیا کرو اللہ دنیا کا مالک ہے ہر وقت اسی سے ڈرا کرو۔

امریکہ کی ریاست ٹیکسز میں پاکستان کی جان پاکستان کی آن عمران خان کے حکم پر شہر ڈیلس فورٹ ورٹھ میں پی ٹی آئی کی یوم شہداء 26 نومبر 2024ء بروز اتوار دعائیہ/تعزیتی تقریب کا انعقاد کیا گیا۔ تقریب کا آغاز حافظ عمر کی قرآن مجید کی تلاوت سورہ بقرہ کی آیات نمبر 84 تا 86 سے کیا گیا ان آیات کا ترجمہ ظلم و بربریت کا احاطہ کئے ہوئے تھیں۔ بعد از تلاوت منعقدہ تقریب میں شرکاء پی ٹی آئی کے عہدے داران و کارکنان نے شہداء کو زبردست خراج تحسین و خراج عقیدت پیش کیا اور واقعہ کے ذمہ داروں کو قانون کے دائرے میں لاتے ہوئے ان کے خلاف قانونی چارہ جوئی اور انصاف کا مطالبہ کیا۔ تقریب سے پابینیر پی ٹی آئی ڈیلس فورٹ ورٹھ ڈاکٹر نصر اللہ خان اور کور کمیٹی ممبر قاضی

## پورے قرآن کی مختصر ترین تفسیر آپ سے زندگی میں ایک بار ضرور پڑھیں

1 انگشور کے دوران بدتمیزی نہ کیا کرو، سورۃ البقرۃ آیت نمبر 83	2 نیسے کو تاپوش رکھو، سورۃ آل عمران آیت نمبر 134	3 دوسروں کے ساتھ بھائی کر دو، سورۃ القصص آیت نمبر 77	4 تکبر نہ کرو، سورۃ النحل آیت نمبر 23	5 دوسروں کی غلطیاں معاف کر دیا کرو، سورۃ النور آیت نمبر 22
6 لوگوں کے ساتھ آہستہ بولا کرو، سورۃ القمان آیت نمبر 19	7 اپنی آواز چنی رکھا کرو، سورۃ القمان آیت نمبر 19	8 دوسروں کا لہان نہ مار لیا کرو، سورۃ الحجرات آیت نمبر 11	9 والدین کی خدمت کیا کرو، سورۃ الاسراء آیت نمبر 23	10 والدین سے نافرمانی نہ کرو، سورۃ الاسراء آیت نمبر 23
11 والدین کی اجازت کے بغیر ان کے کمرے میں داخل نہ ہوا کرو، سورۃ النور آیت نمبر 58	12 یمن دین کا حساب لکھ لیا کرو، سورۃ البقرۃ آیت نمبر 282	13 کسی کی امداد نہ تھمید نہ کرو، سورۃ الاسراء آیت نمبر 36	14 اگر مقررہ شکل وقت سے گزر رہا ہو تو اسے ادا رکھنے کے لیے حرج وقت سے دیا کرو، سورۃ البقرۃ آیت نمبر 280	15 سو نہ کھاؤ، سورۃ البقرۃ آیت نمبر 278
16 رشتہ زادو، سورۃ المائدۃ آیت نمبر 42	17 دھرو نہ توڑو، سورۃ الرعد آیت نمبر 20	18 دوسروں پر اعتماد کیا کرو، سورۃ الحجرات آیت نمبر 12	19 حج میں جموت نہ ملایا کرو، سورۃ البقرۃ آیت نمبر 42	20 لوگوں کے درمیان انصاف قائم کیا کرو، سورۃ ص آیت نمبر 26
21 انصاف کے لیے مشابہتی سے کھڑے ہو جایا کرو، سورۃ النساء آیت نمبر 135	22 مرنے والوں کی دولت خاندان کے تمام ارکان میں تقسیم کیا کرو، سورۃ النساء آیت نمبر 8	23 خواتین بھی وراثت میں حصہ دار ہیں، سورۃ النساء آیت نمبر 7	24 یتیموں کی جائیداد پر قبضہ نہ کرو، سورۃ النساء آیت نمبر 2	25 یتیموں کی حفاظت کرو، سورۃ النساء آیت نمبر 127
26 دوسروں کا مال بلا ضرورت خرچ نہ کرو، سورۃ النساء آیت نمبر 6	27 لوگوں کے درمیان صلح کراؤ، سورۃ الحجرات آیت نمبر 10	28 ہنگامی سے بچو، سورۃ الحجرات آیت نمبر 12	29 نفیبت نہ کرو، سورۃ الحجرات آیت نمبر 12	30 جاسوسی نہ کرو، سورۃ الحجرات آیت نمبر 12
31 خیرات کیا کرو، سورۃ البقرۃ آیت نمبر 271	32 غریبوں کو کھانا کھلایا کرو، سورۃ المدثر آیت نمبر 44	33 ضرورت مندوں کو تلاش کر کے ان کی مدد کیا کرو، سورۃ البقرۃ آیت نمبر 273	34 فضول خرچی نہ کیا کرو، سورۃ الفرقان آیت نمبر 67	35 خیرات کر کے جگایا نہ کرو، سورۃ البقرۃ آیت نمبر 262
36 مہمانوں کی عزت کیا کرو، سورۃ الذاریات آیت نمبر 24-27	37 نیکی پہلے خود کرو اور پھر دوسروں کو تلقین کرو، سورۃ البقرۃ آیت نمبر 44	38 زمین پر برائی نہ بھجایا کرو، سورۃ العنکبوت آیت نمبر 36	39 لوگوں کو مسجدوں میں داخلے سے نہ روکو، سورۃ البقرۃ آیت نمبر 114	40 صرف ان کے ساتھ لاؤ جو تمہارے ساتھ لائیں، سورۃ البقرۃ آیت نمبر 190
41 جنگ کے دوران جنگ کے آداب کا خیال رکھو، سورۃ البقرۃ آیت نمبر 190	42 جنگ کے دوران بیٹہ نہ کھاؤ، سورۃ الانفال آیت نمبر 15	43 مذہب میں کوئی تخی نہیں، سورۃ البقرۃ آیت نمبر 256	44 تمام انبیاء پر ایمان لاؤ، سورۃ النساء آیت نمبر 150	45 جنس کے دونوں میں مہاشرت نہ کرو، سورۃ البقرۃ آیت نمبر 222
46 بچوں کو دو سال تک ماں کا دودھ پلاؤ، سورۃ البقرۃ آیت نمبر 233	47 بھنی بکھاری سے بچو، سورۃ الاسراء آیت نمبر 32	48 عسکرانوں کو بیٹ پر تخب کرو، سورۃ البقرۃ آیت نمبر 247	49 کسی پر اس کی ہمت سے زیادہ بوجھ نہ لاؤ، سورۃ البقرۃ آیت نمبر 14-16	50 منافقت سے بچو، سورۃ البقرۃ آیت نمبر 14-16
51 کائنات کی تخلیق اور عذاب کے بارے میں گبرائی سے غور کرو، سورۃ آل عمران آیت نمبر 190	52 عورتیں اور مرد اپنے اعمال کا برابر حصہ پائیں گے، سورۃ آل عمران آیت نمبر 195	53 بعض رشتہ داروں سے شادی حرام ہے، سورۃ النساء آیت نمبر 23	54 مرد و خاتمان کا سر برابر ہے، سورۃ النساء آیت نمبر 34	55 نکلیں نہ بنو، سورۃ النساء آیت نمبر 37
56 حسد نہ کرو، سورۃ النساء آیت نمبر 54	57 ایک دوسرے کو قتل نہ کرو، سورۃ النساء آیت نمبر 29	58 فریب (فریبی) کی وکالت نہ کرو، سورۃ النساء آیت نمبر 135	59 گناہ اور زیادتی میں دوسروں کے ساتھ تعاون نہ کرو، سورۃ المائدۃ آیت نمبر 2	60 نیکی میں ایک دوسری کی مدد کرو، سورۃ المائدۃ آیت نمبر 2
61 اکثریت حج کی کوئی نہیں ہوتی، سورۃ المائدۃ آیت نمبر 100	62 حج راستے پر رہو، سورۃ الانعام آیت نمبر 153	63 جرم کی سزا سے کرٹھال قائم کرو، سورۃ المائدۃ آیت نمبر 38	64 گناہ اور انصافی کے خلاف جدوجہد کرتے رہو، سورۃ الانفال آیت نمبر 39	65 مردہ جانور، خون اور سوکا گوشت حرام ہے، سورۃ المائدۃ آیت نمبر 3
66 شراب اور دوسری نشیات سے پرہیز کرو، سورۃ المائدۃ آیت نمبر 90	67 جواز نہ کیلیو، سورۃ المائدۃ آیت نمبر 90	68 بیزا بھیری نہ کرو، سورۃ الاحزاب آیت نمبر 70	69 نکلی نہ کھاؤ، سورۃ المومنون آیت نمبر 1	70 کھانا اور پیو لیکن فضول خرچی نہ کرو، سورۃ الاعراف آیت نمبر 31
71 نماز کے وقت اچھے کپڑے پہنو، سورۃ الاعراف آیت نمبر 31	72 آپ سے جڑ لوگ مدارج تک نہیں ان کی حفاظت کرو، سورۃ الاحزاب آیت نمبر 6	73 گھبرات قائم رکھو، سورۃ التوبہ آیت نمبر 108	74 اللہ کی رحمت سے مانگیں نہ بنو، سورۃ الحجرات آیت نمبر 56	75 اللہ تعالیٰ تمہاری غلطیوں کی جانے والی غلطیاں معاف کرتا ہے، سورۃ النساء آیت نمبر 17
76 لوگوں کو ناپائی اور اطمینان نہایت کے ساتھ اللہ کی طرف بلاؤ، سورۃ النحل آیت نمبر 125	77 کوئی شخص کسی کے گناہوں کا بوجھ نہیں اٹھائے گا، سورۃ فاطر آیت نمبر 18	78 غربت کے خوف سے اپنے بچوں کو قتل نہ کرو، سورۃ النحل آیت نمبر 31	79 جس چیز کے بارے میں علم نہ ہو اس پر گفتگو نہ کرو، سورۃ النحل آیت نمبر 36	80 کسی کی نود میں نہ ہا کرو (تجسس نہ کرو)، سورۃ الحجرات آیت نمبر 12
81 اجازت کے بغیر دوسروں کے گھروں میں داخل نہ ہو، سورۃ النور آیت نمبر 27	82 اللہ اپنی ذات پر یقین رکھنے والوں کی حفاظت کرتا ہے، سورۃ یونس آیت نمبر 103	83 زمین پر عاجزی کے ساتھ چلو، سورۃ الفرقان آیت نمبر 63	84 اپنے بھلا کام کو اللہ سے منسوب کرنا اور اللہ سے منسوب ہونے کے لیے اللہ سے دعا کرو، سورۃ التوبہ آیت نمبر 105	85 اللہ کی ذات کے ساتھ کسی کو شریک نہ کرو، سورۃ الکہف آیت نمبر 110
86 ہم جنس پرستی میں تہیز نہ کرو، سورۃ النحل آیت نمبر 55	87 حق (حج) کا ساتھ دو، لہذا (جموت) سے پرہیز کرو، سورۃ توبہ آیت نمبر 119	88 زمین پر اذیتاں نہ پہلو، سورۃ الاسراء آیت نمبر 37	89 عورتیں اپنی زینت کی نمائش نہ کریں، سورۃ النور آیت نمبر 31	90 اللہ شریک کے سوا تمام گناہ معاف کر دیتا ہے، سورۃ النساء آیت نمبر 48
91 اللہ کی رحمت سے مانگیں نہ بنو، سورۃ زمر آیت نمبر 53	92 برائی کو اچھائی سے فہم کرو، سورۃ حمہ آیت نمبر 34	93 فیصلے مشاورت کے ساتھ کیا کرو، سورۃ الشوری آیت نمبر 38	94 تم میں دو زیادہ معزز ہے جو زیادہ پرہیزگار ہے، سورۃ الحجرات آیت نمبر 13	95 اسلام میں ترک دیا نہیں ہے، سورۃ الحدید آیت نمبر 27
96 اللہ علم والوں کو قدم رکھتا ہے، سورۃ الجاثیہ آیت نمبر 11	97 غیر مسلموں کے ساتھ میرانی اور اطلاق کے ساتھ خوش آواز، سورۃ الحجۃ آیت نمبر 8	98 خود کو لالچ سے بچاؤ، سورۃ النساء آیت نمبر 32	99 اللہ تعالیٰ ہاتھ دوسروں کو دے کر ان سے روکنا اور ان سے روکنا، سورۃ البقرۃ آیت نمبر 199	100 جو دست سوال ارا کر اسے نہ چھو بلکہ حسب تہنیک چھو، سورۃ النحل آیت نمبر 10

اسے لازمی پڑھیں اور دیکھیں کہاں کہاں اصلاح کی ضرورت ہے۔ ایک ڈائری بنائیں تو زیادہ اچھا ہے۔ ایک بہترین معاشرے کی تشکیل کے لئے قرآن پاک کے 100 مختصر مگر انتہائی موثر پیغامات



## تیسری۔ میری کہانی

ولی الدین  
شاعر و ادیب

کیونکہ پہلی مرتبہ اس نے فل ٹائم نوکری بھی کی ، اس زمانے کی باتوں میں ایک اور بات میرے دل پر نقش ہے، کہ مجھے پہلی جاب ایک یہودی نے دی، اور اس کے بعد میری فیملی کے لئے پارٹنٹ اور فرنیچر وغیرہ لانے میں اور خریدنے میں ایک یہودی Couple نے میرا بہت ساتھ دیا، جو میرے ساتھ نوکری بھی کرتے تھے، ہر مذہب اور رنگ میں ہر طرح کے لوگ ہوتے ہیں، مخلص اور محبت کرنے والے بھی۔

شکر ہے کہ میری فیملی بڑھی، دو لڑکے اور ایک لڑکی کا اضافہ ہوا، اور آج کے دن میں ماشاء اللہ سے چار گرینڈ کڈ کا بھی دادا ہوں، میں نے اپنے بہن بھائیوں کو بھی امریکہ کے لئے Sponsor کیا، پھر ایسا بھی لگتا ہے کبھی کبھی کہ زندگی کس موڑ پر لے آئی ہے، اُداس شام ہے، تنہائی ہے، ایک ایک کر کے پرندے اڑ گئے، کیسی تھی قید، کیسی یہ رہائی ہے، اب زندگی میں کچھ اور مشغلے بھی شامل ہوئے، جب وقت ملا اور روشن کے بہت زیادہ حوصلہ افزائی کرنے پر میں نے لکھنا شروع کیا اخباروں میں، پھر میں نے بڑے بڑے پروگراموں کی Hosting کی، شکاگو اور دوسرے شہروں میں، اس دوران کافی سے زیادہ مقبولیت رہی، اور بڑی بڑی شخصیتوں سے ملنے کا موقع رہا، ابھی کچھ دن پہلے روشن کی ساگرہ پر میں نے کچھ یوں کہا!

اور بھی لگتی ہو حسین ایک سال گزرنے کے بعد جیسے حسن سنور جائے بکھرنے کے بعد ولی کو روشن کی قربت میں جنت ملی اب تمنا نہیں حوروں کی مرنے کے بعد خدا کے کرم سے زندگی رواں دواں ہے، پچھلے دنوں میں پچاس سال سے زیادہ کام کرنے کے بعد ریٹائرڈ ہو گیا ہوں، مجھے کافی ایوارڈز، پروفیشنل لیول پر ملے ہیں اور ساتھ ہی ساتھ میرے Passion میں بھی مجھے چار ایوارڈ ملے۔

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روشن نام کی لڑکی میری زندگی میں آئی تھی جب اس نے مجھے بتایا کہ اس کو پکانا نہیں آتا، میں نے کہا تھا میرے دل جیتنے کا معاملہ میرے Stomach سے گزرتا ہے، شادی کے تقریباً ایک سال بعد تک میری امی سے جیسے اس نے پکوان میں ٹریننگ لی، جبکہ میری امی کے پکوان کا سارے خاندان میں چرچہ تھا، پھر ان کے ساتھ رہ کر روشن بھی ایک سے ایک بڑھ کر پکوان کرنے لگی، پھر جب پاکستان کا دوسری بار ہنوارہ ہوا یہ بھی عجیب سے بات تھی کہ پہلے ہندوستان کا ہنوارہ ہوا تھا، اور اب مشرقی پاکستان الگ ہو رہا تھا، اور انڈیا کی مدد سے یہ کام ہو گیا، آدھا پاکستان بنگلہ دیش بن گیا۔

اس دوران ملک میں ایمر جنسی بھٹو صاحب نے Declare کی دوستوں میں بہت Depression تھا اور ہر کوئی باہر جانے کے بارے میں سوچ رہا تھا، لوگ بڑے دلبرداشتہ تھے، میرا ایسا کوئی پروگرام نہیں تھا، لیکن ایک دن میرے گلکسو کے دوست جاوید نے مجھے بتایا کہ امریکہ میں فارماسٹ اور imigration مل رہا ہے اور ایک دن وہ مجھے اپنے ساتھ امریکن ایمپیسے لے گیا، سارے فارم لاکر کئی دن تک میں نے سنبھال کر رکھے پھر ایک دن ہم فارمو بھر کر جمع کیا کچھ عرصے بعد imigration کا نمبر آ گیا، یہ جنوری 1972ء کی بات ہے، روشن کی آنکھوں سے آنسوؤں کی جھڑی برستی رہی، چونکہ میں اس کو شادی کے تھوڑے عرصے کے بعد ہی چھوڑ کر شکاگو جا رہا تھا، شکاگو اس لئے کہ میں وہاں ایک دوست کو جانتا تھا، جنہوں نے مجھے بہت Discourage بھی کیا کہ مت آؤ یہ وہ زمانہ تھا کہ جب خط و خطابت کے لئے Aerogram استعمال ہوتا تھا اور پندرہ دن آنے میں اور پندرہ دن جواب آنے کا لگتا تھا، بہت کوششوں کے بعد اور پڑھائی کے بعد میں نے فارمیسی کا لائسنس حاصل کیا، روشن نے بھی ان دنوں میری بہت مدد کی،

اک اُجالا سا گھر میں رہتا ہے اس کا نام روشن تھا، پھر روز روز اس سے ملنے کی عادت سی ہو گئی اور رفتہ رفتہ اس سے محبت کی ہو گئی بعد میں پتا چلا کہ ایک دو امیدوار مجھ سے آگے تھے لیکن میں کہاں تھا ہار ماننے والا، میں تو ہمیشہ ہر کوشش کو جیت میں تبدیل کرنے کا خواہش مند تھا، عجب زمانہ ملاقات بہت ہی مشکل تھی، یعنی کہ Mission Impossible تھا۔ پھر یہ بھی سنا کہ وہ برقعہ پہنتی تھیں۔ میں نے یونیورسٹی میں بھی کئی فنکشن میں بلایا لیکن وہ ایک مرتبہ ہی شریک ہوئیں۔

رفتہ رفتہ میرے تمام کلاس میٹ لڑکے اور لڑکیوں کو پتا چل گیا، فارسی پڑھنے کے بعد گلکسو میں جاب مل گئی، پھر ٹریننگ کے لئے لاہور ٹرانسفر ہوا، یہ بڑا ظلم ہوا، جاتے جاتے ملاقات کرنے گیا یہ وہ زمانہ تھا کہ کال بک کر کر تین منٹ فون پر بات ہوتی تھی، رات بھر تیز گام کا سفر اور پھر صبح ان سے ملاقات وہ بھی عجب زمانہ تھا، ہماری کہانی بالی وڈ کی کہانی بننے لگی، جب میں نے سنجیدگی کے ساتھ زندگی گزارنے کی بات شروع کی تو میرے والدین اور فیملی کی طرف سے کافی مزاحمت رہی، پہلی بات وہ میمن اور میں حیدر آبادی، میرے والدین کسی طرح بھی راضی نہ تھے، کیونکہ ان لوگوں نے میرے لئے کسی اور کو سوچا ہوا تھا، دو دن تک میرا کیس والدین کے کورٹ میں رہا، اس کے علاوہ اپنے نو بھائیوں اور چار بہنوں میں میرا نمبر پانچواں تھا اور میں لائن توڑ کر آگے آ رہا تھا، مجھے اچھی طرح یاد ہے آخر میں غصہ اور جذبات دل و دماغ کے درمیان جنگ ہوتی رہی، اور ساتھ ہی یہ فیصلہ بھی ہوا کہ میرے والدین نے کہا خود ہی شادی کی تیاری کرو، خرچہ بھی برداشت کرو اور ہمیں بلا لینا، ایک لحاظ سے یہ میرے لئے ایک بڑا چیلنج تھا، دوستوں کی مدد سے سب انتظام ہو گیا، بعد میں شادی کے انتظامات والدین نے مدد کی اور بس۔ محبت کی شادی ولی نے بھی رچائی تھی

جب میں نے پہلی مرتبہ اس کو دیکھا تو بس دیکھتا ہی رہ گیا، شادی کی تقریبات میں اس کی حسین مسکراہٹ بے حد دلکش اور پرکشش تھی، میں ان دنوں گورنمنٹ کالج میں پڑھ رہا تھا، اپنی فیملی میں پہلا فرد جو کہ

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میں پڑھائی کر رہا تھا، وہاں کالج کے الیکشن میں شامل رہا تھا، اس میں Dramatic Committee میں شامل تھا، میرے ساتھ اس زمانے کے لوگ آگے چل کر TV اور Radio پر کافی مشہور رہے، جس میں حسن جلیل اور قاسم جلالی تھے، ہم نے ساتھ مزاحیہ ڈرامے کئے اور ایکٹنگ بھی کی، ہماری شوٹل لائف اچھی رہی اور اس ہی طرح کچھ مقبول اور حسین لڑکیوں سے بھی دوستی رہی، لیکن میں نے ایسی خوبصورت شخصیت کو پہلے کبھی نہیں دیکھا تھا۔

پتا چلا کہ اس خوبصورت لڑکی کے چاہنے والے کافی ہیں، میں ٹھہرا تھوڑا ہے پاگل یا جذباتی، مجھے ہمیشہ Competition میں مزا آتا تھا، میرے اس زمانے کے دوست احباب یہ اچھی طرح جانتے تھے، لیکن اس لڑکی نے کبھی کوئی خاص لفٹ نہیں دی، اور یہی بات میری ضد بن گئی، پھر یوں ہوا کہ ہم دوست احباب موٹر سائیکل پر حیدر آباد جا رہے تھے، تین موٹر سائیکل پر ڈبل سواری کا کارواں چلا کر اپنی سے، موسم ابر آلود تھا لیکن پھر ہلکی ہلکی بارش شروع ہوئی، تقریباً آدھے راستے میں ایک دوست کی موٹر سائیکل آئل کی وجہ سے سڑک پر پھسل گئی، اور اس کو کے پیچھے دو آنے والے بھی ایک کے بعد ایک لکرا گئیں۔ شکر خدا کا کہ زیادہ ٹریفک نہیں تھا، اس کے بعد چوٹوں میں ہڈی کا فریکچر بھی رہا، بستر پر پڑے رہے، دو ایک روز کے بعد اس لڑکی سے ملاقات ہوئی، وہ میری طبیعت کا سن کر اپنی امی کے ساتھ آئی تھی، اس نے اپنی خوبصورت آواز میں خیریت دریافت کی تو میں نے ایک شعر پڑھا:-

اک روشن چہرہ نظر میں رہتا ہے

ہری چندراخترا

غزل



شیخ و پنڈت دھرم اور اسلام کی باتیں کریں  
کچھ خدا کے قہر کچھ انعام کی باتیں کریں  
یاس و حرمان و غم و آلام کی باتیں کریں  
آ دل ایذا طلب کچھ کام کی باتیں کریں  
یہ سنائیں پاک نغمے اولین الہام کے  
وہ خدا کے آخری پیغام کی باتیں کریں  
ہم کھڑے سنتے رہیں اور دل میں یہ کہتے رہیں  
اب یہ رخصت ہوں تو ہم کچھ کام کی باتیں کریں  
دوست سے کہہ دیں دل بے مدعا کی داستاں  
آج ساقی سے شکست جام کی باتیں کریں  
عمر بھر کا عہد الفت اک خیال خام تھا  
آؤ لیکن اس خیال خام کی باتیں کریں  
زندگی بے شک ترا انعام ہے یارب مگر  
سن سکے تو کچھ ترے انعام کی باتیں کریں

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نوح ناروی

غزل



آپ جن کے قریب ہوتے ہیں  
وہ بڑے خوش نصیب ہوتے ہیں  
جب طبیعت کسی پر آتی ہے  
موت کے دن قریب ہوتے ہیں  
مجھ سے ملنا پھر آپ کا ملنا  
آپ کس کو نصیب ہوتے ہیں  
ظلم سہہ کر جو اف نہیں کرتے  
ان کے دل بھی عجیب ہوتے ہیں  
عشق میں اور کچھ نہیں ملتا  
سیکڑوں غم نصیب ہوتے ہیں  
نوح کی قدر کوئی کیا جانے  
کہیں ایسے ادیب ہوتے ہیں

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جون ایلیا

غزل



جاؤ قرار بے دلاں شام بخیر شب بخیر  
صبح ہوا دھواں دھواں شام بخیر شب بخیر  
شام وصال ہے قریب صبح کمال ہے قریب  
پھر نہ رہیں گے سرگراں شام بخیر شب بخیر  
وجد کرے گی زندگی جسم بہ جسم جاں بہ جاں  
جسم بہ جسم جاں بہ جاں شام بخیر شب بخیر  
اے مرے شوق کی امنگ میرے شباب کی ترنگ  
تجھ پہ شفق کا ساہاں شام بخیر شب بخیر  
تو مری شاعری میں ہے رنگ طراز و گل فشاں  
تیری بہار بے خزاں شام بخیر شب بخیر  
تیرا خیال خواب خواب غلوت جاں کی آب و تاب  
جسم جمیل و نوجواں شام بخیر شب بخیر  
ہے مرا نام ارجمند تیرا حصار سر بلند  
بانو شہر جسم و جاں شام بخیر شب بخیر  
دید سے جان دید تک دل سے رخ امید تک  
کوئی نہیں ہے درمیاں شام بخیر شب بخیر  
ہو گئی دیر جاؤ تم مجھ کو گلے لگاؤ تم  
تو مری جاں ہے میری جاں شام بخیر شب بخیر  
شام بخیر شب بخیر موج شمیم پیرہن  
تیری مہک رہے گی یاں شام بخیر شب بخیر

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ولی الدین

آج کل



ڈیڑھ اینٹ کی مسجدیں بناتے ہیں  
اُلٹے سیدھے سبق پڑھاتے ہیں  
یہ خود ساختہ مولوی بھی آج کل  
اتحاد کے نعرے لگا کر آپس میں لڑاتے ہیں

انکل

میں بھی بوڑھا ہو رہا ہوں ولی  
ہو گیا اس کا احساس کل مجھے  
جس شوخ و چنچل کے دیوانے تھے ہم  
اس حسینہ نے کہہ دیا انکل مجھے

انسان اور خدا

جو کچھ کیا مانگنا ہو تو بس خدا سے مانگ  
نہ سجدے کر کے مزاروں پہ نہ درگاہ سے مانگ  
ولی انسان کو انسان بھلا کیا دے گا  
جو بھی دے گا وہ تو بس خدا دے گا

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ساحر لدھیانوی

غزل



کبھی خود پہ کبھی حالات پہ رونا آیا  
بات نکلی تو ہر اک بات پہ رونا آیا  
ہم تو سمجھے تھے کہ ہم بھول گئے ہیں ان کو  
کیا ہوا آج یہ کس بات پہ رونا آیا  
کس لیے جیتے ہیں ہم کس کے لیے جیتے ہیں  
بارہا ایسے سوالات پہ رونا آیا  
کون روتا ہے کسی اور کی خاطر اے دوست  
سب کو اپنی ہی کسی بات پہ رونا آیا

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ابن انشا

غزل



کل چودھویں کی رات تھی شب بھر رہا چرچا ترا  
کچھ نے کہا یہ چاند ہے کچھ نے کہا چہرا ترا  
ہم بھی وہیں موجود تھے ہم سے بھی سب پوچھا کیے  
ہم ہنس دیئے ہم چپ رہے منظور تھا پردہ ترا  
اس شہر میں کس سے ملیں ہم سے تو چھوٹیں ٹھنلیں  
ہر شخص تیرا نام لے ہر شخص دیوانا ترا  
کوچے کو تیرے چھوڑ کر جوگی ہی بن جائیں مگر  
جنگل ترے پر بت ترے بستی تری صحرا ترا  
ہم اور رسم بندگی آشفٹگی افتادگی  
احسان ہے کیا کیا ترا اے حسن بے پروا ترا  
دواشک جانے کس لیے پلکوں پہ آ کر تک گئے  
الطاف کی بارش تری اکرام کا دریا ترا  
اے بے دریغ و بے اماں ہم نے کبھی کی ہے فغاں  
ہم کو تری وحشت سہی ہم کو سہی سودا ترا  
ہم پر یہ سختی کی نظر ہم ہیں فقیر رہ گزر  
رستہ ہم بھی روکا ترا دامن کبھی تھا ترا  
ہاں یاں تری صورت حسین لیکن تو ایسا بھی نہیں  
اک شخص کے اشعار سے شہرہ ہوا کیا کیا ترا  
بے درد سنی ہو تو چل کہتا ہے کیا اچھی غزل  
عاشق ترا رسوا ترا شاعر ترا انشا ترا

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جاوید اختر

غزل



بہانہ ڈھونڈتے رہتے ہیں کوئی رونے کا  
ہمیں یہ شوق ہے کیا آستیں بھگونے کا  
اگر پلک پہ ہے موتی تو یہ نہیں کافی  
ہنر بھی چاہئے الفاظ میں پرونے کا  
جو فصل خواب کی تیار ہے تو یہ جانو  
کہ وقت آ گیا پھر درد کوئی بونے کا  
یہ زندگی بھی عجب کاروبار ہے کہ مجھے  
خوشی ہے پانے کی کوئی نہ رنج کھونے کا  
ہے پاش پاش مگر پھر بھی مسکراتا ہے  
وہ چہرہ جیسے ہو ٹوٹے ہوئے کھلونے کا

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وسیم بریلوی

غزل



کچھ اتنا خوف کا مارا ہوا بھی پیار نہ ہو  
وہ اعتبار دلائے اور اعتبار نہ ہو  
ہوا خلاف ہو موجدوں پہ اختیار نہ ہو  
یہ کیسی ضد ہے کہ دریا کسی سے پار نہ ہو  
میں گاؤں لوٹ رہا ہوں بہت دنوں کے بعد  
خدا کرے کہ اسے میرا انتظار نہ ہو  
ذرا سی بات پہ گھٹ گھٹ کے صبح کر دینا  
مری طرح بھی کوئی میرا غم گسار نہ ہو  
دکھی سماج میں آنسو بھرے زمانے میں  
اسے یہ کون بتائے کہ اشک بار نہ ہو  
گناہ گاروں پہ انگلی اٹھائے دیتے ہو  
وسیم آج کہیں تم بھی سنگسار نہ ہو

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**On the lighter side....**

Dispatching her ten-year-old son to pick up a pizza, my sister handed him money and a two-dollar coupon.

Later he came home with the pizza and the coupon.

When asked to explain, he replied, "Mom, I had enough money. I didn't need the coupon."

Judge asks the defendant, "Why did you steal that car, Mr. Jones?"

Mr. Jones looks down, "I just had to get to work for an important meeting."

The judge keeps asking, "Well why didn't you take a bus?"

Mr. Jones looks up, surprised, "Don't you need a special license to drive the bus?"

I came home from work this evening and said to my wife, "Are we having salad for dinner?"

"Yes we are, how did you know?" she asked.

I replied, "Because I can't hear the smoke alarm."

A little old lady sold pretzels on a street corner for 25 cents each. Every day a young man would



leave his office building at lunch time and, as he passed her pretzel stand, he would leave her a quarter, but would never take a pretzel.

This went on for more than five years. The two of them never spoke. One day as the man passed the old ladies pretzel stand and left his quarter as usual, the pretzel woman spoke to him,

"Sir, I appreciate your business. You are a good customer, but I have to tell you that the pretzel price has increased to 35 cents."

When a new child visited our Sunday school, the teacher greeted him and asked his age. The little boy held up four fingers.

"Oh, you're four," said the teacher. "And when will you be 5?"

The child stared at her and after a few seconds replied, "When I hold up the other finger."

"Are you an actress, auntie?"

"No darling, why do you ask?"

"Because Daddy says whenever you come over, we have a scene."

A nursery school driver was delivering a van full of kids home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties.

"They use him to keep crowds back," said Tommy.

"No," said Billy, "he's just for good luck."

Peter brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," he said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."

Little Johnny ran into the room sobbing as through his heart would break. "Whats the problem Johnny?" asked his mother. "Oh, daddy was hanging a picture and he dropped it on his toe," replied Johnny.

"Why, that's nothing to cry about. You should be laughing at that," said his mother.

"I did," Johnny replied.



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