

## Boris Johnson visits Al-Hikmah Centre



During a visit to the Al Hikmah Centre on the 1st of February, Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, lavished praise on the Indian Muslim Welfare Society (IMWS) for doing “an absolutely amazing job,” in helping to dispel myths around the Covid-19 vaccine.

Whilst addressing present members of the community, he looked at a copy of the January 2021 issue of Paigaam and said “The vaccine is not Haraam.”

“I have a copy of the Magazine here and I can say that IMWS is indeed a House of Wisdom thanks to the manner in which they have dispelled such myths about the vaccine and encouraged people from the Muslim community along with many other communities to come forward and take the vaccine.

“It is imperative that people take the vaccine so that they can protect themselves and their loved ones. So, the work that the IMWS is doing is pivotal in ensuring that infection rates fall.”



# Boris Johnson: IMWS is truly a House of Wisdom

Mr Johnson thanked the local community for abiding by the rules and taking the threat that the virus poses very seriously. with most points in the last 12 months, a really very high level. “So, the risk is if you take your foot off the throat of the beast, as it were, and you allow things to get out of control again then you could, alas, see the disease spreading again fast before we have got enough vaccines into people’s arms. That’s the risk.”

The Prime Minister told Paigaam: “I would like to thank everyone for doing their bit and abiding by the rules. He also played down fears about vaccines being ineffective against variant coronavirus. “The fact is we are going to be living with Covid for a while to come in one way or another, I don’t think it will be as bad as the last 12 months – or anything like – of course, so it is good to see people from the local community coming forward to take the vaccine. The Prime Minister said: “We are confident that all the vaccines that we are using provide a high degree of immunity and protection against all variants.”

“Thanks to the IMWS I have seen first-hand that the message is filtering through to people who after reading the magazine (Paigaam) are absolutely doing the right thing by taking the vaccine.” He said the vaccines could be adapted to deal with new variants if necessary. It is very important that our vaccines continue to develop and to adapt, and they will,” he said.

However, he warned against complacency and urged the community to continue to maintain social distancing. “We are starting to see some signs of a flattening and maybe even a falling off of infection rates and hospitalisations. The Prime Minister encouraged them all to keep working hard at home. “It is great to hear that the Children

are really making an effort whilst being home schooled by their parents. I can only thank them for their effort and for trying extremely hard.”

He singled out Batley Grammar School pupil Adam Bhana and his little brother, Ismaeel for working so hard at home whilst they are being home schooled by their mother. “It is great to hear that the boys are working so hard whilst also enjoying their play time. Keep working hard and thank you for persevering and ensuring that school work is being completed. “Their mother along with all the parents in the locality will be ensuring their children are getting the best education possible and I would like to thank her and everyone in Batley and throughout the country who is home schooling their children.”

To conclude the Prime Minister personally thanked IMWS Chair Dr Imtiyaz Patel along with members of the executive committee and congratulated them for doing a sterling job in helping to dispel myths and safeguarding the local community whilst approvingly holding a copy of Paigaam.



Boris Johnson with IMWS women members



Boris Johnson with Nadeem Raja General Manager IMWS

## PAIGAAM EDITORIAL

# USA Elections, What a Fiasco

We all witnessed the debacle with the USA elections and the aftermath which left us all gasping.

How can this be we asked ourselves? We had been told very loudly that the great USA is the world leader in democracy.

This is the same country that has been responsible for leading the destruction of most of the Middle East.

They told us they did it in the name of democracy to topple the so called dictators, but they also lied

to us about the weapons of mass destruction. They told us the lies to convince their allies, like the UK, to join them in the massacre.

Now many years later it seems the great democracy has become a laughing stock and the whole world saw Trump and his cronies creating a storm that led their own mainly white extremist people attacking the Senate.

It seems the USA is always on the alert for external attack but was completely powerless to prevent their own people from attacking

their "sacred" Senate from within.

We also remember the very violent way in which the Police attacked the Black Lives Matter rallies in the summer and overwhelmed the mainly black people who were merely standing up for their rights to live in peace without being murdered by white police.

All we can do now is hope that President Biden does bring some order, peace and equality to the country which is well overdue. We are also very pleased to see the back of Trump.

# Vaccine Debate Rolls On

It will be almost a year since we heard the word Coronavirus but of course no one would have been prepared for what was to come.

Here we are still in the middle of it all with three lockdowns and various tiers all over the country which have restricted our movements.

Now the question that many people are debating is whether the vaccines that are being administered are safe.

Within the Muslim community the debate has also been rife as to whether the vaccines are Halaal.

Even though, many leading Scholars and organisations have pronounced the vaccines Halaal.

We have all seen the media recently reporting that people in the BAME communities are more likely to reject the Covid-19 vaccine.

A major reason seems to be due

to the spreading of fake news and conspiracy theories with much of the disinformation about the ingredients or side effects.

The misinformation seems to originate in the West by conspiracy theorists or by anti-vaxxers.

Also, some of the misinformation on social media is religiously targeted with messages claiming the vaccine has haraam ingredients.

People are therefore getting their information from unsubstantiated sources.

This is important because many in our community have disproportionately suffered due to covid-19 yet are less likely to take up the vaccine which means they are putting their lives and the lives of others around them at risk.

The media has also reported that anti-vaccination messages have been specifically targeted at some ethnic

and religious communities.

So within such tight-knit communities a small numbers of influencers can have a very detrimental effect.

But the question arises why would people in the BAME communities believe the unsubstantiated information coming from conspiracy theorists rather than trust government sources?

This could well be due to the mistrust BAME communities have of government and authorities as a result of a legacy of issues where, as an example, the BLM of last year was a symptom.

Even recently the government's SAGE Group found that BAME people may actively resist Covid-19 guidance because they do not trust the government due to "historical issues".



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# Chair's Message

As we enter the New Year, the main news, unfortunately is still the Covid 19 pandemic.

We as a community need to do our part by following the government guidelines: STAY HOME, PROTECT THE NHS, and SAVE LIVES.

Again I must praise all those who are working tirelessly and putting themselves and their loved ones at risk to help the wider community.

In particular those volunteers in our community who are involved in the burial of our loved and dear ones those who are helping deliver food parcels to the need y and vulnerable in our community.

On a personal level, I had to go into isolation again for the second time due to family members testing positive for the virus.

This time they were three of my children, all in their early twenties, fit and well and no underlying illness.

With the grace of our Creator and everybody's duas they have all fully recovered. It is worrying as parents when watching the news you hear of young people not surviving the pandemic.

The virus has to taken very seriously so lets not become complacent.

I also appeal to everyone, that if you are offered the opportunity to have the vaccine then please do so.

Myself along with my parents and all the medics that I know have had the vaccine.

Unforttunately, I can also announce that the 63rd Annual AGM of the society had to be postponed due to the government guidelines.

The AGM was scheduled for Saturday 13 February. We will, if guidelines allow, hold the AGM at a later date, and the current elected executive trustees will continue until such time.

However, the annual report will be prepared and made available to our

members as per the usual channels.

It was also sad to report the passing of Moulana Yusuf Patel Mama, a teacher, friend and menor to most in our community. I had the pleasure of knowing him in a different light as he was one of my patients.

I every much admired his simplicity, humbleness and joival character. I pray that our creator grants all those who have passed away, Jannatul Firdaus, and forgives them.

With best wishes  
**Dr Imtiyaz Patel**  
Chair  
IMWS



## General Manager's Column

As many of you are aware, In Batley, our local clinical commissioning group is using the Al Hikmah Centre as a vaccination site for both the local and wider community.

It is fantastic to see that over 15,700 people from both the local and wider community have made their way to the Al Hikmah Centre in order to receive the Covid-19 vaccine.

IMWS has put a great deal of time and effort into fighting this pandemic.

Regional media have also picked up on what

we have been doing as BBC Look North recently showcased how we have been helping to assure the community that the Vaccine is indeed safe.

Contary to certain misconceptions the vaccines have been certified as Halal by our respected Ulama.

In additio, many Muslim Health professionals including Doctor Ismail Lunat and our very own Dr Imtiyaz patel have had the vaccines.

Data also shows that 4 to 5 hundred vaccines are being

given out almost every day.

However, on very busy days, we have been told that around 900 vaccines have been given.

We will continue our efforts during this difficult time and help ensure that as many people as possible are vaccinated.

Thus far, the signs are certainly looking good!

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# Thousands vaccinated at the Al-Hikmah Centre

Figures released by Curo Health, the GP Federation supporting the 27 General Practices across North Kirklees show that over 15,700 people from both the local and wider community have been to the Al Hikmah Centre and received the Covid-19 vaccine.

People from a plethora of communities and backgrounds have recently visited the centre in order to receive their jabs and greatly appreciate the time and effort IMWS has put into fighting this pandemic.

Commenting on the news that over 15,700 people have been vaccinated, IMWS Chair, Dr Imtiyaz Patel, told Paigaam: "The fact that so many people have been vaccinated is testament to the effort and commitment of our executive committee, staff and relevant partners who have worked so diligently to make this happen.

"Police officers, NHS staff and so many

members of the community have made their way to the Al Hikmah centre to receive their jabs because they trust the set up here and we can only thank everyone who has taken the time to come to the centre and receive their vaccine."

On average between 4 to 5 hundred vaccines are being given out every day with as much as 900 being administered on some days.

Dr Patel also confirmed that over 80 percent of over 80's have been vaccinated with Curo health staff also taking vaccines stored at the Al Hikmah centre to care homes in the vicinity.

"The fact that over 80 percent of over 80's have been vaccinated in the Batley and Birstall area is a fantastic achievement.

"Everyone has worked diligently to ensure no one who is eligible

has been left out thus far.

"We have worked collaboratively with our primary care networks (PCN) and their practices to design a Covid-19 service that will keep patients and staff safe in the coming days, weeks and months."

When approached for comment a spokesperson for Curo Health confirmed that their decision to use the Al Hikmah centre as a vaccination centre was a prudent decision: "We have been overwhelmed by public support for the manner in which we are delivering and every member of staff is very proud of what they have achieved thus far and what they are involved in.

"We would also like to remind everyone that this is a truly historic milestone and we take this opportunity to thank the Al-Hikmah centre first and foremost for allowing this to happen."

## Covid vaccine will not break your fast

The Indian Muslim Welfare Society recently gave our local CCG (clinical commissioning group) permission to use the Al Hikmah Centre as a vaccination site for both the local and wider community.

With the Covid-19 vaccination programme set to continue for the foreseeable future until the majority of the population have been vaccinated, IMWS have been approached by several organisations.

These groups are responsible for administering vaccinations on behalf of the

NHS along with members of our local Muslim Community, in order to ascertain whether it is permissible to take the vaccine whilst fasting.

Chairman, Dr Imtiyaz Patel requested Mufti Zakaria Akudi to advise and guide IMWS in relation to whether individuals are allowed to receive any form of vaccination or injection whilst one is in the state of fasting inside or outside Ramadan.

Mufti Akudi responded by confirming that one's fast will not be invalidated should

they take a Covid-19 vaccine.

He said: "In principle, the fast is only nullified when a substance entered into the body reaches the stomach or brain through the natural openings of the body such as the mouth, nose, front and back private parts.

Therefore, taking an injection while fasting is permissible and will not invalidate the fast."

With the month of Rajab set to begin on the 13th of February and the holy month set to begin in April, those

who are expecting to take the vaccine during Ramadan are free to do so without worrying about whether their fast is broken or not.





# IMWS freeze wedding hall charges

The Indian Muslim Welfare Society is pleased to announce that for 2021 the executive committee has decided to freeze our wedding hall hire prices.

Nadeem Raja, IMWS General Manager insists that once government restrictions are lifted, IMWS will not increase prices and will be happy to help those who have been affected during this "pretty unique but difficult time."

He said: "It has been hard; I have never known a year like it as it is

completely unprecedented. "Many people were hoping to attend weddings or get married at the Al Hikmah Centre during 2020. Unfortunately, we were unable to facilitate any weddings due to the restrictions put in place by the government. "Because of lockdown people could not celebrate as the wedding season was virtually cancelled."

Nadeem insists although he has been very busy helping the needy and the vulnerable by facilitating the delivery of food parcels, vaccines and so

much more, the management committee is conscious of the needs and requirements of local people and made the decision to freeze prices.

"We envisage we will get busier so once lockdown is lifted, all wedding hall prices booked this year for 2021 will remain the same."

"I hope this comes as a relief to those who are hoping to get married in 2021. We are here to help you begin your journey together and make your wedding a day to remember for

yourselves and your families."

Nadeem says locals will once again appreciate the trusted and relaxing environment of the Al Hikmah Centre.

"This will be facilitated online once we launch our new web site. Visitors to the new site will be able to book the Al Hikmah Centre as their preferred wedding venue from the comfort of their own home.

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# Residents unhappy with council

As reported in the November 2020 issue of Paigaam, residents living in the Bradford Road area of Batley which is in close proximity to Redbrick Mill, have come forward to voice their concerns and explain the distress caused to them by the activities of a business called Concrete Mix.

Residents believe Kirklees Council should use their powers to close Concrete Mix down as they have been running their operation illegally without a permit, yet they say the Council has failed to take action against the company.

After many months of suffering the residents are extremely angry by the lack of action by the Council.

Speaking to Paigaam, one resident who wishes to remain anonymous said: "If this was in a predominantly white affluent area the Council would have been forced to take swift action to deal with the problem."

Worried residents say they have sufficient evidence to prove blustered sand has been seen all over the road, onto residents' cars, onto house windows and even onto

young children whilst they are passing.

Another unnamed resident said: "They have created such a mess that it has prevented children playing out in the summer and also caused problems for children walking past to go to school and Madressa as sand has been moving in all directions even onto the poor children's faces."

When contacted by Paigaam, Kirklees Council said Concrete Mix has signed up to adopt the appropriate regulatory framework, which requires them to make sure that the roads and land surrounding the site are kept clear.

Therefore, they have 6 weeks to install wheel washing facilities, appropriate drainage and surfacing. In the meantime, they will also be required to make sure street washing is carried out twice a day.

If the business fails to take action to improve the site the council will look to carry out further enforcement, which could lead to prosecution.

Cllr Paul Davies, Cabinet member for greener Kirklees said: "Our officers take incidents like these seriously as the spreading of materials from a business or construction on to public land is not only unsightly but also potentially dangerous, as it impacts on the road surface.

"Businesses have a duty to deal with the waste materials they generate in a responsible manner, these regulations hold them to account, and set the standard required for updating the facilities on site.

"Our officers will continue to monitor the site in the meantime, and take further action if necessary."

The council is encouraging local residents to contact [pollution@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:pollution@kirklees.gov.uk) if they witness dust escaping the site boundary, or vehicles bringing material off the site onto the highway.

They will also be arranging a virtual meeting, where local people can discuss issues regarding the site and how to report issues.



# Obituary: Hazrat Allamah Yusuf Mama Sahib

Upon completing his Zohar prayer, renowned Batley based Islamic scholar Hazrat Allamah Yusuf Mama Sahib returned to the mercy of the Almighty on the 4th of January 2021.

One of the very first scholars to arrive in Batley in the early 70's, he diligently served the community of Batley and Dewsbury.

A graduate of the prestigious Darul Uloom Deoband in India, Hazrat was the last surviving student of Fakhreh Gujarat Allama Mufti Muhaddith Ali Mohammed Tarajwi, who was the student of Shaikh Ul Hind Hazrat Moulana Mahmud Hasan, who was imprisoned in 1917 by the British in Malta together

with the Ottoman Ulama. He also studied under prominent Ulama, notably, Hazrat Moulana Sayyed Anzar Shah Kashmiri Sahib (RA).

IMWS Chair, Dr Imtiyaz Patel said that words cannot describe the level of ethical and moral character and the depth of knowledge Hazrat Allamah Yusuf Mama Sahib possessed in various fields of Islamic theology.

He said: "Hazrat will be dearly missed by all, he leaves behind thousands of students across the globe as Sadaqah-e-Jaariyah.

"Hazrat Allama Yusuf Mama Sahib has taught

in the Alimiyyah Course since the inception of Dewsbury Markaz and was recently teaching Hadeeth at Darul Ilm, Dewsbury.

"Hazrat Allama Yusuf Mama Sahib was one of the early Imams at Jumma Masjid, Bradford Road when the community had only one masjid.

"It is with the sacrifices and Duas of elders and Ulama, we are now blessed with several Masaajid's and Makaatibs in our community.

"We hope and pray this will be a means of salvation in the Hereafter, Ameen."

Mufti Mohammed Amin

Pandor of The Peace Institute said Hazrat Allama Yusuf Patel Sahib taught students across the world and was teaching the Bukhari Shareef only a week before his passing.

"Words are not enough to describe the Ethical, Moral and Ilmi level of Hazrat Allama Yusuf Patel Sahib.

"Many a time other elder scholars used to refer students to Hazrat Allama Yusuf Patel Sahib on difficult issues.

"Hazrat Allama Yusuf Patel Sahib will be missed very much by all. We are hopeful that the Almighty is pleased with him and makes his grave a garden of Paradise."



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# Lessons to be learnt from the pandemic

A prominent Batley based scholar addressed the local community by delivering a sermon which has been lauded by many across the country as truly inspiring.

The venerable Sheikh who has served under the tutelage of great scholars such as Moulana Masihullah Khan Saheb and Haji Faruk Saheb (senior khalifa of Moulana Masihullah Khan Saheb) and is of the Chisti branch of Tassawuf - said 2020 has taught us not to get caught up in the modern day rat race and to prioritise matters that are not trivial.

"The Almighty has showed us his absolute power and unlimited knowledge as opposed to our restricted and limited knowledge," said the humble scholar who politely requested anonymity.

The Sheikh asked the community to take stock and press the rewind button in order to think about how many plans we had made.

"Some were going to Umrah, some were going to get married or expand their businesses. Suddenly and abruptly, like a bolt out of the blue, all our plans came to a screeching halt.

"You plan, they plan, everyone plans but ultimately it is the plan of the Almighty that prevails."

The senior scholar said that we must remain loyal to noble objectives as the Almighty has the power to overwhelm our plans.

"Life can change to suddenly and drastically. Airports which are a beehive of activity, where you cannot find parking are now akin to deserted graveyards.

"Industries that were pumping 24/7 have grounded to a halt. Streets and shopping malls that were a hive of activity became deserted during Lockdown.

"Businesses collapsed overnight, never to start again although people who were struggling found opportunities such as selling facemasks and became millionaires."

He also warned everyday people to refrain from activities such as passing on fatwas and conspiracy theories on WhatsApp, and to instead ask those who are qualified to pass rulings in relation to Islamic theology, whilst also calling for the public to speak to doctors and medical professionals for any health advice.

"Ordinary people were passing big fatwas on WhatsApp on what it means to have Tawwakul. Every Tom, Dick and Harry started giving their interpretation of hadeeths even though there was no chain of narration or authenticity.

"The discussion and the debate has degenerated in our community, we overcomplicate issues."

The respected Shaikh also paid tribute to those who put their lives on the line in

order to help the masses.

He insists we also witnessed first-hand the best of humanity during these uncertain times.

"When our doctors put their lives at risk every single day by treating those patients, imagine what was going through their minds when they were at the hospitals and surgeries dealing with all the patients and then having to go back home to their families who they could have put at risk simply because of their profession.

"All the doctors that we trusted with much more complicated issues, now all of a sudden, we want to doubt them because of some WhatsApp Doctor or so-called Muftis?"

He also paid tribute to the 'hidden gems' within our community who have worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic.

"Those who were on the front line, the nurses and paramedics along with those who were ready to give ghusal to those who had passed away due to Covid 19, showed us the best of humanity.

"They are the hidden gems because they organised and took part in arranging burials, shrouding, ghusal and much more on a voluntary basis without being paid a penny."

He also explained how the Lockdown has taught us that we do not need to indulge in extravagant weddings and social events.

"The Lockdown has taught us that you can get married without a colour scheme, fancy decor, weddings planners, mehndi nights, weeks of preparation before weddings.

"People still got married and we know that we are more resilient than we realised.

We all had to make major changes. Suddenly, children are being schooled in the dining room or the lounge. Everybody has had to adapt."

He advised people to take heed and not to indulge in futile discussions as there is only one thing for certain and that is death.

"People of intelligence will take lessons from all of this, whilst people who are not of a spiritual nature will debate minor and irrelevant differences.

It is time for us to reflect on the unbridled power of the Almighty because he can take a virus that we cannot see and humble humanity."

He advised people to enjoy life, every moment, including the small things like the smell of roses and the taste of a cup of tea whilst appreciating that life is short and the akhira is a certainty.

"The only constant is change and 2020 showed us that change can happen very suddenly and very abruptly. Let this Covid-19 be a test that we passed and we are all closer to the Almighty and not a test that we failed."



# IMWS Chair Dr Imtiyaz Patel donates 130 Quran Cubes to hospitals

IMWS Chair Dr Imtiyaz Patel and his brother Dr Ismail Patel have donated over 130 Quran cubes for Covid patients.

Dr Imtiyaz and Dr Imtiyaz decided to help after hearing of high numbers of unwell Muslim patients who due to Covid-19 national protocols, were prevented visits from family members.

Unfortunately, this ensured inpatients including those on end-of-life care were left without family members to comfort them.

Therefore, a collection amongst family and friends towards the beginning of December in order

to purchase and donate Quran Cubes was initiated.

The MP3 players in the shape of a cube play recitations and prayers from the Quran and were donated to the Mid Yorkshire Trust and hospitals in Bradford, Manchester, Huddersfield and Glasgow.

"It feels me with immense contentment to say that we have raised in excess of £6,000.

"This amount has enabled us to purchase and contribute over 130 Quran Cubes. The Cubes have been passed to a number of acute hospital trusts," said Dr Imtiyaz.

"We are very humbled to have received

extraordinarily positive feedback from healthcare professionals, patients and from family members of some of the deceased.

They've all been so thankful about the comfort and contentment the patients had at listening to the words of the holy Quran.

"Many have contributed, and I wanted to pass my sincere gratitude to all those who have contributed towards the donation of the Cubes.

"Having prayers and Quran recitation played next to the beds of people, particularly for end-of-life patients during the pandemic, who are too

weak to pray for themselves, can make a big difference."



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## IMWS AGM POSTPONED

**Due to current government guidelines, the 63rd IMWS AGM scheduled for Saturday 13 February has had to be postponed.**

**The AGM will be held as and when the restrictions are lifted and we are able to do so.**

**The current elected executive trustees will continue as per our constitution.**

**The 63rd annual report will be made available to members from either the Al Hikmah office or from the affiliated Masjid's by mid February.**

# Tracy Brabin: It is great to see that IMWS Is fighting disinformation



I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday period, and that you were able to take some time off and relax after what was an extremely difficult year for all of us in Batley & Spen.

I have seen first-hand the hardships people across the constituency have endured since the beginning of this pandemic. I've spent time working with foodbanks, speaking to families and working with businesses, and in doing so I have seen the true Yorkshire spirit in action.

Volunteers who were out in half a foot of snow delivering much needed food parcels to families suffering, people working through the day to ensure that our vaccination centre at the Al-Hikmah centre was able to stay open, meaning our key frontline workers in the NHS and Police service, as well as vulnerable over 80s like my own mum.

I want to take the time in this month's column to pay tribute to every single person

who has donated their time and worked to keep Batley & Spen going throughout these tough months, as well as thank them in advance for the tough months ahead.

I also want to encourage everyone who has been offered the COVID vaccine to take it.

It has been reported that many people from ethnic minority backgrounds are cautious about the vaccine, which is worrying due to the fact that COVID is disproportionately affecting people from a South Asian background.

I understand there are fears that the vaccine is not halal but these fears are unfounded.

I know how hard COVID has hit our communities in Batley, with one family that I am aware of having three generations in the same household with confirmed COVID cases, with an elder in the family tragically passing away in hospital.

We must do all we can to prevent any more loss of life.

This lockdown has been particularly tough, with poor weather making life even harder, not helped by the government's reluctance to provide healthy meals for children and working technology for those without.

For Example, one local school needed 354 tablets and laptops, but the Department for Education gave them an allocation of zero.

Our children deserve better and I raised this in a debate in Parliament, where I spoke of my concern, especially as a child growing up on Howden Clough estate on free school meals, I know I would have been in the same situation as children locally.

With that in mind, I'm proud that by working with our Labour Council, Councillors and MPs, we have been able to force the government to rethink their approach.

Sadly, the government is still trying to withdraw the £20 uplift in Universal Credit from the end of March, at a time when family finances are stretched more than ever.

When the government spent £22bn of taxpayers' money on a testing system that doesn't work and billions on PPE contracts to Tory donors, it is clear this is a political decision.

Just 1 of the 900 Deloitte consultants could be used to restore the £20 uplift for a family for a year.

This is a tough time, and more than ever we must stand together as a community, and rest assured I am stood by your side during this crisis.

**If you need help, you can always email my office Tracy.Brabin.MP@parliament.uk.**

**Alternatively, please also feel free to call my office on 01924 900036.**



# Wifaqul Ulama: Astrazeneca coronavirus vaccine is halal



The Pfizer/ BioNTech coronavirus vaccine was recently certified as halal by Wifaqul Ulama who recently released a Fatwa (religious edict) confirming it has been certified as halal.

In addition, the British Islamic Medical Association (BIMA) also confirmed in a statement that they have consulted various experts and concluded that it is safe to take the vaccine.

However, questions have since been raised about the status of the AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine.

In response to a number of enquiries, respected personalities such as Mufti Zakaria Akudi, Mufti Amjad Mohammed along with one of the most senior Imam's in London, Qari Muhammad

Shoyaib Nurgat Saheb of Walthamstow Masjid in London have once again conducted research into whether the AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine is halal.

Wifaqul Ulama have confirmed that the fact that a miniscule amount of ethanol which contains a very small amount of alcohol (0.002 g of alcohol (ethanol) per dose of 0.5 ml) is not deemed to cause any noticeable effects.

In their opinion, this original amount (0.002 grams) of ethanol cannot cause any intoxicative effects. Wifaqul Ulama also found that a group of cells were originally taken from an aborted foetus in 1966.

AstraZeneca also disclosed that the available vaccine does not use MRC-5 cells. The vaccine however does use the

HEK 293 TREX producer cell line which have been derived from kidney cells from a female foetus aborted in the 1970s.

However, it has been certified that none of the originally (foetus) derived cells are used in the vaccine and purification was performed by CsCl gradient ultracentrifugation to remove the cell culture material.

Having conducted and analysed the relevant research, Wifaqul Ulama have once again released a fatwa.

The scope of the Fatwa is limited to discussion regarding the ingredients of the AstraZeneca Vaccine (exclusively) and should not be misconstrued to support vaccination in general or specifically for COVID-19.

A statement released on behalf of the scholars reads: "Thus in the light of the available data, official statement and clarification, we have concluded the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine to be permissible for British Muslims."

The signatories stressed that the decision to use the vaccine is a personal decision for each individual to make.

It is recommended that individuals read the patient information leaflet to understand the benefits and risks and also discuss with medical professionals should they require further information."

The British Islamic Medical

Association (BIMA) said the vaccine is safe to use and adheres to the guidelines as set out by scholars and medical experts alike.

A statement read: "The vaccine remains safe and recommended for at-risk eligible individuals. Foetal cells are not present in current vaccines and have been declared acceptable to use by the majority of Islamic scholarly bodies worldwide."

The Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine will be used at vaccination centres across the whole country.

Those aged 80 or older will be among the first people in the community to get the Oxford vaccination and will be contacted by their health board for appointments.

All adults in the UK will be offered a Covid-19 vaccination by the autumn, the health secretary has said.

Matt Hancock added that the UK has 350 million doses on order.

The first vaccination target is to immunise the most vulnerable 13.9 million people in the UK by mid-February, which Mr Hancock said the government was on track to achieve.

This group includes all over-50s, the extremely clinically vulnerable, and frontline health and social care workers.



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# A fight with Tablighi Jamaat is one that Modi will lose

In a clear attempt to create problems for UK based individuals who visit India as guests of the respected Tablighi Jamaat group, the Indian Home Affairs (MHA) committee has specifically inserted "engaging in Tablighi work" as a specific visa violation in India's OCI visa policy guidelines.

To add as much confusion as possible, the MHA insist a foreign resident entering India on a tourist visa, in theory is not necessarily banned from attending any religious functions or discourses.

However, they are barred from preaching an ideology, delivering a speech at a religious place or distributing audio or visual displays and pamphlets pertaining to religious ideologies and spreading conversion."

According to the newly inserted point 15 of the amended guidelines, under "Restriction in Engaging in Tablighi Activities", it says:

"Foreign nationals granted any type of visa and OCI cardholders shall not be permitted to engage themselves in tablighi work.

There will be no restriction in visiting religious places and attending normal religious activities like attending religious discourses.

However, preaching religious ideologies, making speeches in religious places, distribution of audio or visual display/ pamphlets pertaining

to religious ideologies, spreading conversion etc. will not be allowed.

"For undertaking missionary, mountaineering & tablighi activities, OCI cardholder may seek prior permission from the Indian Mission/ Post/ FRRO concerned. For undertaking journalistic activities, requisite permission may be sought from the External Publicity (XP) Division of the Ministry of External Affairs."

Anyone who falls foul of the rules will be hit with a \$500 fine and possible deportation. In addition, a foreigner who is blacklisted cannot get a visa to come to India.

Despite Narendra Modi's insistence on the rules – in June the Bombay High Court at Aurangabad not only dismissed police charges against 29 foreign nationals and six Indians who were accused of participating in Tablighi Jamaat activities, the Court said that foreigners partaking in Tablighi Jamaat activities were not violating the terms of their OCI passports.

Justice TV Nalawade said: "Under recent updated terms and conditions of the OCI Visa, there is no restriction on foreigners for visiting religious places and attending normal religious activities like attending religious discourses.

"From so many years Muslims from various countries have been coming to India to visit that place and they have been coming on tourist visa. The aforesaid material shows that

the visits of these foreigners to Masjids from India were not prohibited and even discourse was not prohibited."

He also stated that foreigners could not be prevented from visiting Masjids to observe religious practices, given the right to life and freedom of religion under articles 21 and 25 of the constitution and labelled the charges against the accused as "very vague in nature."

"There is nothing on the record to show that this activity is prohibited permanently by the Government. These things need to be kept in mind while considering the cases filed against the petitioners", said Justice Nalawade.

He also ruled that Narendra Modi's extremist government had pre-emptively charged individuals such as Mirfield based Sohail Hughes on the presumption that they were already infected with Covid-19, despite many testing negative for the virus.

"A political Government tries to find the scapegoat when there is a pandemic or calamity and the circumstances show that there is probability that these foreigners were chosen to make them scapegoats," added Justice Nalawade.

He also lambasted the propaganda against those who attended Nizamuddin Markaz in Delhi, going as far as saying the accused were persecuted and discriminated by the government.

He said: "There was big propaganda in print media and electronic media against the foreigners who had come to Markaz Delhi and an attempt was made to create a picture that these foreigners were responsible for spreading Covid-19 virus in India. There was virtually persecution against these foreigners.

"The action of the central Government was taken mainly against Muslims who had come to Markaz Delhi for Tablighi Jamaat purposes.

"Similar action was not taken against other foreigners belonging to other religions. Due to these circumstances, the background of the action and what is achieved needs to be considered by the Court."

Saville Town based businessman, Saeed Patel, believes the issue around the OCI passport has been used as a political football by the authorities in order to stigmatise Tablighi Jamaat and the good that they do.

"The principal issue surrounding the saga is because holders of an OCI Passport which entitles holders to visit India without a Visa are not entitled to undertake any Missionary, mountaineering and research work in India.

"However, the authorities have rounded up honest and hardworking young men who have been subjected to such degrading treatment."



# Joe Biden on collision course with the BJP

Incoming American president Joe Biden has appointed a vast number of Indian Americans to key positions in his administration.

However, the list does not include some Indo-Americans who worked on the Biden campaign trail, allegedly because of their links with India's extremist BJP government and the RSS, a right-wing Hindu nationalist paramilitary organisation.

The two individuals in question are Sonal Shah and Amit Jani.

Shah's father was the president of the overseas friends of BJP-USA and is the founder of the RSS backed group – Ekal Vidyalyaya.

As for Amit Jani, he was the Muslim Outreach coordinator for the Biden campaign.

However, after it was pointed out that his family has ties with Modi and various BJP leaders, he did not make the cut.

Biden's new team includes three Kashmiri origin

women, namely diplomat Uzra Zeya, Samira Fazili and Aisha Shah in key positions.

Zeya previously stepped down from the foreign service where she railed against the policies put in place by Donald Trump.

The hijab-clad Fazili had famously taken part in protest rallies in the US against the anti-Muslim Citizenship Amendment Act passed by the Narendra Modi government in India, the NRC and the Kashmir lockdown after the abrogation of Article 370.

She has been named as the new Deputy Director of the National Economic Council at the White House.

Aisha Shah, another Kashmir-born woman, has been appointed the new Partnerships Manager at the White House Office of Digital Strategy, which would be headed by Rob Flaherty, Director of Digital Strategy.

Both Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris have repeatedly

voiced opposition to the contentious politics pushed forward by the Narendra Modi government against religious minorities in India.

Biden had explicitly condemned the measures that the government of India took 'instead of the implementation and aftermath of the National Register of Citizens in Assam and the passage of the Citizenship Amendment Act into law.'

He had called them "inconsistent with the country's long tradition of secularism and with sustaining a multi-ethnic and multi-religious democracy."

Outlining his plans for Muslim Americans, Biden said, "Muslim-Americans are essential to the American fabric and working with Muslim-American communities is critical to ensuring that Muslim-Americans are uplifted and empowered and that their issues of concern are addressed within our democracy."

Harris, who is of Indian descent was, very outspoken

when Kashmiri Muslims were forced to live in brutal lockdown following the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019.

Harris assured Kashmiris that they were not alone.

"We have to remind Kashmiris that they are not alone in the world," she was quoted by TIME in October 2019.

This was when she was still trying to win support from her party members in the Democratic primaries.

She had said, "There is a need to intervene if the situation demands."

Biden's campaign was based on providing a 'healing touch' to Americans and ending the politics of hate in the country.

Therefore, it seems as if having Indian-Americans with the BJP/RSS links would prove to be a PR nightmare in his quest to see a hate-free United States Of America.



# Saudi Arabia to resume international flights and reopen borders from May 17



The Saudi Arabian government plans to re-open the kingdom's land, sea, and air borders on the 17th of May.

Under the new mandate, Saudi authorities will allow residents to travel outside of and return to the kingdom on May 17 instead of March 17.

This is due to the current global delays in vaccine deliveries by manufacturers and in light of the second wave of the virus spreading rapidly around the world, the ministry said it will be extending its travel restrictions.

Saudi Arabia was forced to reschedule the opening of their borders after pharmaceutical company Pfizer said they would be delaying deliveries of the COVID-19 worldwide.

Once borders are opened, all international travel and cross-border traffic will, however, be subject to restrictions implemented to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The existing suspension of international commercial flights will also be lifted.

Only non-Saudis who hold valid exit and entry, work, or residency visas are currently permitted to enter Saudi Arabia; travellers with tourist visas are barred from entry.

In addition, all non-Saudis, except for children aged eight and under, will have to present a negative COVID-19 test in order to travel to the Kingdom.

The COVID-19 test must have been administered within no

more than 72 hours prior to departing for the kingdom; travellers who do not provide the required negative test result will be barred from boarding their flight.

Travellers are also required to complete a health disclaimer form which is available to download and register on the Tatamman and Tawakkalna applications prior to arrival in Saudi Arabia.

All arrivals are subject to a maximum of seven days' home quarantine; however, the quarantine period may be reduced to three days upon the completion of an additional COVID-19 test.

However, some special restrictions imposed due to concerns over a new COVID-19

variant remain in place.

Non-Saudis arriving from the UK, South Africa, India, Brazil, Argentina, and other countries where the new variant of the virus has been detected must remain outside of these countries for 14 days before entering Saudi Arabia.

Saudi nationals who are permitted to enter the kingdom from countries where the new variant has been found must quarantine for 14 days and submit to two COVID-19 tests.

Domestically, commercial and business activities are operating, however strict public health measures are in place.



# How Trump's antics on Twitter incited white supremacists

Upon being voted President of the United States of America - Sheikh Donald Frederick Christ Fred Ibn John Trump boarded the Air Force One presidential plane for Saudi Arabia.

Trump was the only Commander in Chief to make Saudi Arabia - or any Muslim country - his first stop abroad.

Upon arrival to Saudi Arabia, the man with the pseudo tan was spotted swaying and jiving with Saudi statesmen for the ceremonial war dance.

The traditional men's sword dance is known as the ardash, according to the Saudi Embassy.

The President's Chief of State Reince Priebus and former Chief Strategist Steve Bannon, who Trump fell out with a few years later, labelling him "Sloppy Steve", also made a brief appearance but did not jive along.

However, this is where the fun and games ended. Trump's real motives were laid bare as he negotiated the largest arms deal in history with Saudi Arabia despite accusing them of being complicit in war crimes and after blaming Saudi Arabia himself for producing the terrorists behind 9/11.

Trump then confirmed on Twitter that he had signed a weapons deal with the Saudis worth \$109.7 billion, predicted to grow to a \$380 billion Saudi investment within 10 years.

Whilst some countries benefited from Trump's transactional, business-like approach to diplomacy that largely left certain issues alone - particularly in Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt and Israel - Trump's refusal to lambast white supremacists has fostered heightened acrimony and tension

The violent riot which led to scaling of the walls inside the US Capitol by pro-Trump mobs and far-right groups seeking to overturn the results of the presidential election have led to calls for Trump to be

prosecuted and impeached for inciting who his supporters who incoming President Joe Biden described as terrorists.

Trump had previously tweeted a number of lies including that it was "statistically impossible" for him to have lost the presidential election. He gave his first notice of a "big protest in DC" on 6 January. "Be there, will be wild!" he said.

Within hours, ardent Trump supporters began to heed Trump's rallying cry. Kylie Jane Kremer, founder of a Stop the Steal group banned by Facebook, picked up the notice about the march and ran with it. "The calvary is coming, Mr President!" she said.

Trump himself then addressed the crowd just outside the White House for more than an hour, urging them to march on the Capitol building. "We will not take it anymore," he said.

"You'll never take back our country with weakness. You have to show strength, and you have to be strong ... I know everyone here will soon be marching over to the Capitol building. To peacefully, patriotically make your voices heard."

The crowd followed his instructions and began marching on the Capitol.

Trump has used Twitter as his primary means of communication throughout his stint as President. However, that platform has been taken away from him permanently, following the deadly riots.

In the midst of the attack on the Capitol, CNN commentator Van Jones was one of many to echo a quickly growing call: "Imagine if #BlackLivesMatter were the ones who were storming the Capitol building".

In June 2020, American police officers all over the country unleashed grenades, tear gas and rubber bullets upon peaceful Black Lives Matters protesters assembled in Lafayette Square, mere blocks from the Capitol, so that Trump could pose

for a photograph in front of a Church.

When speaking of protestors outside the White House the day before, Trump said that if they breached the gates they "would ... have been greeted with the most vicious dogs, and most ominous weapons, I have ever seen."

Cities across the country witnessed violence unleashed on peaceful protesters with over 10,000 people were arrested.

Those national protests were, according to the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project, 93 per cent peaceful.

MSNBC commentator Joy Reid stated the seemingly obvious: "Guarantee you if that was a Black Lives Matter protest in DC there would already be people shackled, arrested or dead".

A difference too stark to ignore. The contrast in responses to the storming of the Capitol and the BLM protests over the American summer was too stark to ignore.

Black Lives Matter's official account tweeted that authorities provided "one more example of the hypocrisy in our country's law enforcement response to protest."

Both reactions showcase exactly how black Americans feel: it is safer to be white and wrong than it is to be black and right.

Grief is only justifiable when it is aired by those with white voices.

It is exactly why a thoroughly decent black man (Colin Kaepernick) receives a barrage of constant abuse when he takes a knee when the US national anthem is played in protest against the injustices faced by African Americans.

It is also why white hillbillies can storm the Capitol Building dressed in military uniform, draped in the rebel flag, and pay tribute to their ugly patriotism which in the real world can only be described as terrorism of the highest order.

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Solve any puzzle and send it in to WIN a PRIZE!!!

Which surah of the Qur'aan is named after a woman?

Which two Surah's of the Qur'an are named after insects?

Who was the master reader of the Qur'an among the companions of the prophet ?

Aayatul Kursi comes in which Surah?

How many verses are in the Qur'an?

How many words in Qur'aan

How many letters in Qur'aan

No of Makki Surahs in Qur'an

No of Madani Surahs in Qur'an

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# Wierd and wonderful!

## Borrower returns book to Berlin library after 46 years

You know the feeling when you lose an earring or a sock, and you put the other one aside, hoping that its partner will one day show up again?

Well, that happened to a library in Berlin, and the missing book did show up - 46 years later!

The Central and Regional Library (ZLB) announced

that volume 26 of their multi-part series *Probleme der Reichsgründungszeit 1848-1879* had finally been returned to them, after being loaned out way back in 1974!

The reader in question somehow jogged their memory about this long overdue book. They returned it - in perfect condition - with a heartfelt letter of apology.

Surely the reader was charged a late fee, you ask? According to ZLB's current policy, a late return fee of 25 cents per calendar day for the past 46 years would have amounted to a fine of around 4.000 euros.

However, ZLB spokesperson Anna Jacobi said that the library was just happy to have volume 26 back. They

have thus thanked the reader and waived the late fee.



## Pensioner turns conman into the hands of police



We all love an underdog, and that's why this story about a 95-year-old pensioner getting her own back on a conman is such a great one.

Recognising that the man

was trying to scam her out of thousands of pounds, the pensioner managed to turn the tables and lure the fraudster into a trap, ensuring he was arrested by police.

The pensioner sprang into action after receiving a phone call from a woman pretending to be a friend, who told her that she was in hospital and urgently needed money for a ventilator.

Luckily, the wily old woman immediately recognised the call as a fraud attempt and played along. She told the woman she would get over £20.000 from the bank.

Unknown to the caller, however, she asked her caretaker to alert the police while she was still on the telephone. When the officers arrived, they listened in on the phone call and guided her.

The scammer asked for

yet even more money, and she promised an additional sum of £10.000.

Then, the caller said that a hospital employee would come to her home to collect the money, which she was supposed to hand over in an envelope.

A little while later, a man got out of a taxi and began to walk towards the woman's home.

Special investigators were on standby. They watched as she handed an envelope to the man, and then swooped in to arrest him.

This guy messed with the wrong lady!

# Paigaam Legal Column



## **Couple overturns Capital Gains Tax Demands Raised on Sale of Their Home**

HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) can sometimes be proved wrong.

In one case, a couple overturned a CGT liability following the sale of their home to a developer.

The couple reluctantly sold their substantial home when faced with the prospect of new houses being built all around them.

On the basis that the property was their principal private residence (PPR) and thus exempt from CGT, they did not report the gain arising from the sale on their tax returns.

About three years later, however, HMRC raised CGT demands of £162,820 against each of them.

HMRC stated that the property's garden – which extended to 0.94 hectares – was larger than it needed to be and that CGT relief was only available in respect of 0.5 hectares.

However, in challenging the demands before the First-tier

Tribunal (FTT), the couple stated that the whole of the garden was required to enable reasonable enjoyment of the property.

Ruling on the matter, the FTT noted that, in deciding whether the garden was larger than required, context was everything.

At one extreme it might be said that nobody needs a garden at all. At the same time, what might be viewed as a large garden in a city centre would be considered far too small for a stately home.

Upholding the couple's appeal, the FTT stated that the property was located in a rural setting and comprised a large main house, a one-bedroom cottage, a three-car garage and a swimming pool.

The garden was proportionate to the property's scale and character and its size was comparable to the grounds of other substantial country homes. The couple were thus entitled to full PPR relief in respect of the property's sale and the CGT demands were reduced to nil.

referred to, and a wish to do her harm, the Court issued an

interim injunction banning any further publication of the book. The order would remain in force pending a full trial of the woman's claim or further order.

## **Buying a Business? Always Carry Out Due Diligence**

Dispensing with professional advice and buying a business on nothing more secure than a handshake is a recipe for disaster.

One such entrepreneur had high hopes for the future when he paid £100,000 to the owner of a company to acquire its trading stock, equipment and other assets.

He set up a new company to operate the old company's former business.

He sought no professional assistance and carried out only the most rudimentary due diligence checks before proceeding with the acquisition.

The owner took up employment as manager with the new company, to which he owed a duty of fidelity.

However, the new company went into liquidation. The

owner was said to have operated the new company for his own benefit. Following its demise, he was said to have revived the old company, continuing to trade as before from the same premises.

The entrepreneur launched proceedings against the owner on the basis that he had worked against the new company's interests.

Following a trial, a judge found that the owner had diverted payments that were due to the new company to his personal bank accounts and to the bank accounts of the old company, over which he retained control.

He also used his position as manager to divert business opportunities away from the new company.

There were no financial accounts in respect of the new company, and the old company's accounts did not accurately record its turnover.

The Court did the best it could in the circumstances and ordered the owner to pay the entrepreneur damages which, when totted up, would run well into six figures.



# Brain Teasers

1. Riddle: What has to be broken before you can use it?

Riddle 2: Riddle: I'm tall when I'm young, and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?

Riddle 3: What month of the year has 28 days?

Riddle 4: What is full of holes but still holds water?

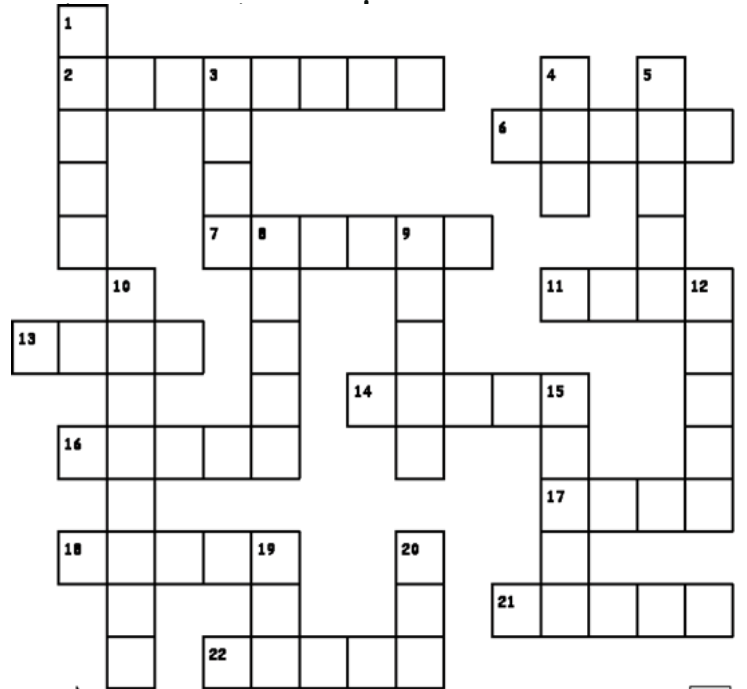
Riddle 5: What question can you never answer yes to?

Riddle 6: What is always in front of you but can't be seen?

Riddle 7: There's a one-story house in which everything is yellow. Yellow walls, yellow doors, yellow furniture. What color are the stairs?

Riddle 8: What can you break, even if you never pick it up or touch it?

Riddle 9: What goes up but never comes down?



CROSSWORD CLUES

2. The first pillar of Islam.

6. Prophet \_\_\_\_ was thrown in the well.

7. The Friday prayer.

11. The Lion is the \_\_\_\_ of the jungle.

13. The \_\_\_\_ leads the prayer.

14. The third pillar of Islam.

16. The pillar performed five times daily.

17. Almighty gave us this \_\_\_\_ as a test.

18. Cloth worn during Hajj.

21. The creator of the stars.

22. Musa's staff turned into a \_\_\_\_.

1. The religion of the Muslims.

3. The duty to be performed once in a lifetime.

4. This creation of Almighty gives us heat and light.

5. A guide to mankind.

8. A small version of Hajj and can be performed at anytime.

9. A call made five times a day before Salah.

10. We fast during this month.

12. The Qur'an is a \_\_\_\_ from

Almighty for all of mankind.

15. We must always eat \_\_\_\_ food.

19. Adam was the first \_\_\_\_.

20. Adam \_\_\_\_ from the tree.

## Answers

1. Answer: An egg  
2. Answer: A candle  
3. All of them  
4. Answer: A sponge  
5. Answer: Are you asleep yet?  
6. Answer: The future  
7. Answer: There aren't any—it's a one-story house.  
8. Answer: A promise  
9. Answer: Your age  
10. Answer: Ramadan  
11. Answer: King  
12. Answer: A book  
13. Answer: Imam  
14. Zakat  
15. Halal  
16. The Kaaba  
17. The Quran  
18. Ihram  
19. Adam  
20. Adam  
21. Allah  
22. A serpent

# 10 Early Signs and Symptoms of Alzheimer's

**Memory loss that disrupts daily life may be a symptom of Alzheimer's or other dementia. Alzheimer's is a brain disease that causes a slow decline in memory, thinking and reasoning skills.**

**There are 10 warning signs and symptoms. If you notice any of them, don't ignore them. Schedule an appointment with your doctor.**

## 1. Memory loss that disrupts daily life

One of the most common signs of Alzheimer's disease, especially in the early stage, is forgetting recently learned information. Others include forgetting important dates or events, asking for the same questions over and over, and increasingly needing to rely on memory aids (e.g., reminder notes or electronic devices) or family members for things they used to handle on their own.

## 2. Challenges in planning or solving problems

Some people living with dementia may experience changes in their ability to develop and follow a plan or work with numbers.

They may have trouble following a familiar recipe or keeping track of monthly bills. They may have difficulty concentrating and take much longer to do things than they did before.

## 3. Difficulty completing familiar tasks

People with Alzheimer's often find it hard to complete daily tasks. Sometimes they may have trouble driving to a familiar location, organizing a grocery list or remembering the rules of a favourite game.

## 4. Confusion with time or place

People living with Alzheimer's can lose track of dates, seasons and the passage of time.

They may have trouble understanding

something if it is not happening immediately. Sometimes they may forget where they are or how they got there.

## 5. Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships

For some people, having vision problems is a sign of Alzheimer's. This may lead to difficulty with balance or trouble reading. They may also have problems judging distance and determining color or contrast, causing issues with driving.

## 6. New problems with words in speaking or writing

People living with Alzheimer's may have trouble following or joining a conversation.

They may stop in the middle of a conversation and have no idea how to continue or they may repeat themselves. They may struggle with vocabulary, have trouble naming a familiar object or use the wrong name (e.g., calling a "watch" a "hand-clock").

## 7. Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps

A person living with Alzheimer's disease may put things in unusual places. They may lose things and be unable to go back over their steps to find them again.

He or she may accuse others of stealing, especially as the disease progresses.

## 8. Decreased or poor judgment

Individuals may experience changes in judgment or decision-making. For example, they may use poor judgment when dealing with money or pay less attention to grooming or keeping themselves clean.

## 9. Withdrawal from work or social activities

A person living with Alzheimer's disease may experience changes in the ability to hold or follow a conversation.

As a result, he or she may withdraw from hobbies, social activities or other engagements.

They may have trouble keeping up with a favorite team or activity.

## 10. Changes in mood and personality

Individuals living with Alzheimer's may experience mood and personality changes.

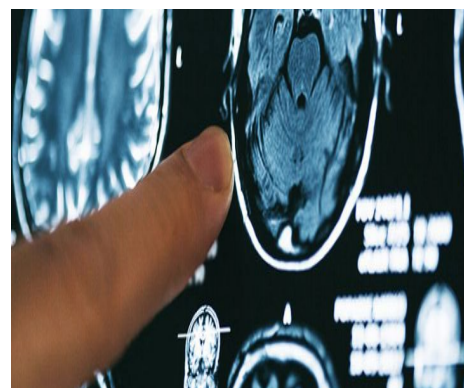
They can become confused, suspicious, depressed, fearful or anxious. They may be easily upset at home, with friends or when out of their comfort zone.

## Get checked. Early detection matters.

If you notice one or more signs in yourself or another person, it can be difficult to know what to do.

It's natural to feel uncertain or nervous about discussing these changes with others. Voicing worries about your own health might make them seem more "real."

Or, you may fear upsetting someone by sharing observations about changes in his or her abilities or behavior. However, these are significant health concerns that should be evaluated by a doctor, and it's important to take action to figure out what's going on.





## ચાલો આજે કંઈક સાઈ જાણીએ

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**કોઈએ ખૂબજ કમાલની વાત કહી છે કે, પોતાને ખુશ રાખવાના બહાના શોધો. કારણ કે, તકલીફ તો તમને શોધી જ રહી છે.**

આજે આપણે એક વૃદ્ધ મહિલાની કહાણી સાંભળીએ. જેની ઉંમર લગભગ ૭૦-૭૨ વર્ષની હશે. જે ફલાટમાં તે રહેતી હતી તેને ખાલી કરવા તેના ઉપર લગાતાર નોટીસ આવી રહી હતી. આ વૃદ્ધ મહિલાના પતિનું મરણ થઈ ચૂક્યું હતું અને તેના કોઈ સંતાન ન હતાં. તેણે સગાંઓને વારંવાર ફોન કરી તેનો સાથ આપવા અને મદદ કરવા વિનંતી કરી, પરંતુ સગાંઓએ તેની ઉંમરના કારણે મોં ફેરવી લીધું અને તેની મદદ કરવા કોઈ તૈયાર ન હતું.

આખરે એક દિવસે ફલાટનો જે માલિક હતો તેણે સિક્યુરિટી ગાર્ડને ફલાટ ખાલી કરાવવા આ વૃદ્ધાને ત્યાં મોકલ્યો. તેણે મહિલાને કહ્યું માજી આજે ફલાટ ખાલી કરવાનો છેલ્લો દિવસ છે. ગાર્ડ સામે હતો અને વૃદ્ધાને કંઈ સમજમાં આવી રહ્યું ન હતું. તેણે ગાર્ડની સામે હાથ જોડ્યા અને કહ્યું કે, મને જો બે દિવસની મહોલત મળી જાય તો હું બીજે રહેવાની વ્યવસ્થા કરી લઉં. પરંતુ ગાર્ડ કોઈ પણ વાત સાંભળવા તૈયાર ન હતો. મહિલા ખૂબજ પરેશાનીમાં હતી અને હાથ જોડી રહી હતી. તેજ સમયે એક વ્યક્તિ ત્યાં આવી પહોંચી જેના હાથમાં કેટલાક કાગળો હતાં. તેણે ગાર્ડને કહ્યું તમે અહીંથી ચાલ્યા જાવ. આ ફલાટના માલિક હવે આ મહિલા છે. ગાર્ડને કંઈ સમજમાં આવી રહ્યું ન હતું. તેણે પેલી વ્યક્તિને પૂછ્યું, તો તેણે કહ્યું મેં આ ફલાટ આજે ખરીદી લીધો છે અને તેને આ વૃદ્ધાના નામે કરી દીધો છે. જે એની હવે માલિક છે જેથી તેણે ફલાટ ખાલી કરવાની જરૂરત નથી. તે હવે અહીંજ રહેશે. ગાર્ડ આ વાત સાંભળી ત્યાંથી ચાલી જાય છે.

વૃદ્ધા પેલી વ્યક્તિને પૂછે છે અચાનક મારી જિંદગીમાં તમે એક મહેરબાન બનીને ક્યાંથી આવ્યા? તે વ્યક્તિ કહ્યું છે કે માજી તમને યાદ છે! આજથી લગભગ ૩૦-૩૨ વર્ષ પહેલાં તમે તમારા પતિ સાથે એક ગલીમાંથી પસાર થઈ રહ્યા હતા અને તે ગલીના ખૂણામાં હું પડેલો હતો. મારી ફેમિલીમાં કોઈ પણ બચ્ચું ન હતું અને મારો સાથ આપવા માટે કોઈ પણ ન હતું. જેથી હું ત્યાં ભીખ માંગી રહ્યો હતો. મેં તમને વિનંતી કરી હતી કે, તમારી પાસે કંઈક હોય, કોઈ કેશ રકમ હોય તો મારી મદદ કરો. તમારા પતિએ તમને કહ્યું કે મને પૈસા ન આપીશ. એ નશો કરશે કે પૈસા બરબાદ કરી દેશે. એને મદદ ન કરો એમ કહી તેઓ આગળ વધી ગયાં. પરંતુ તમે ત્યાંજ ઊભા રહ્યા. તમે તમારું પર્સ ખોલ્યું અને જે રકમ હતી મને આપી દીધી અને સાથે જ એક લોકેટ હતું તે પણ મને આપ્યું અને કહ્યું કે, આ લકી ચામ છે જેને હંમેશાં તારી પાસે રાખજે.

હું કયા શબ્દોમાં તમારો આભાર વ્યક્ત કરું તે મને સમજમાં ન આવ્યું. બસ ફક્ત તમારું નામ જાણ્યું અને તમે ત્યાંથી ચાલી ગયાં. તે પૈસાથી મેં મારી જિંદગીને સંભાળી થોડું ભણતર મેળવ્યું. ૩૦ વર્ષ મેં મહેનત કરી આગળ વધ્યો અને આજે રીયલ એસ્ટેટના બીઝનેસમાં હું પ્રખ્યાત વ્યક્તિ બની ગયો છું. એક દિવસ હું મારા લાપટોપ ઉપર એક લીસ્ટ જોઈ રહ્યો હતો જેમાં એવી વ્યક્તિઓના

નામ હતા જેમના ફલાટ ખાલી કરાવવામાં આવી રહ્યા હતા. અચાનક મને તમારું નામ દેખાયું અને મારી આંખો ત્યાંજ ટકી રહી ગઈ. મેં દરેક બાબતની તપાસ કરાવી સરનામું મેળવ્યું અને આ ફલાટ ખરીદી લીધો અને તમારા નામે કરી દીધો. આ તેના પેપરો છે અને તે હું તમને સુપ્રત કરું છું. ૩૨ વર્ષ પહેલાં તમે જે મને મદદ કરી હતી, મારી જિંદગી બનાવી હતી. હું ઈચ્છું છું કે, આજે આ મોડ ઉપર તમારું જીવન કોઈ બરબાદ ન કરે. હું તમારી જિંદગીને સવારવાનું કામ કરવા માંગુ છું. અને મારું એ લોકેટ જે તમે મને આપ્યું હતું તે પણ હું તમને પાછું પરત કરવા માંગુ છું. કારણ કે, હવે એ તમારું લકી ચામ રહેશે. વૃદ્ધાની આંખોમાં આંસુ આવી ગયા. આ નાની વાત જિંદગીમાં ઘણું શીખવે છે. જો તમે દુવા કમાઈ છે તો ઉપરવાળો તમારો સાથ જરૂર આપશે. નીચેવાળા તમારું કંઈ પણ બગાડી શકશે નહીં. પૈસા તો દરેક માણસ કમાઈ છે, દુવા કમાવું સૌથી મુશ્કીલ કામ છે. લોકોની મદદ કરો અને એવું કરી બતાવો કે, દુનિયા તમારા જેવું કામ કરવા માંગે.

### હળવી પળોમાં:

- ઘર ગુલઝાર સુને શહર,  
બસ્તી, બસતી મેં કેદ હર હસ્તી હો ગઈ  
આજ ફીર જિંદગી મહેંગી ઔર દોલત સસ્તી હો ગઈ.
- યે કેસા વક્ત આયા કી દૂરીયા હી દવા બન ગઈ  
જિંદગીમેં પહેલી બાર એસા વક્ત આયા  
ઈન્સાનને જિંદા રેહને કે લીયે કમાના છોડ દીયા.

### ગઝલ

યાદોં મેં બસને વાલે ભુલાયે ન જા શકે  
દિલમેં મચલતે અરમાં દબાયે ન જા શકે  
રહતે હૈં ખવાબ મેં વો હરદમ બસે હુવે  
ચાહત કે પનપે જજબે છુપાયે ન જા શકે  
ખાયે કદમ કદમ પે હમને હજાર ઘોકે  
હમસે જખમ કે સદમેં બચાયે ન જા શકે  
ફૂરકત ને તેરી કિતના તનહા કિયા હમેં  
સરપે યે બોજ ગમ કે ઉઠાયે ન જા શકે  
બેતાબ સી નજર કો થી દીદ કી તમન્ના  
વાઅદે વફા કે ઉન્સે નિભાયે ન જા શકે  
ચાહા થા જિંદગી કા વો આસાર બનેંગે  
સીનેસે ફીરભી ઉન્કો લગાયે ન જા શકે  
ઉમ્મીદ થી મીલેંગી ‘માસૂમ’ હસીન ઘડીયાં  
મનકી તડપ કે શોલે બુઝાયે ન જા શકે.

-મહુમ માસૂમ મોડાસવી.

(સંકલન: સફી ડોરા,

આચાર્ય:આલીપોર હાઈસ્કૂલ)

## આહ ! મૌલાના યુસુફ મામા ચલ બસે

-મહંમદ યુસુફ સુફી લાજપુરી, બાટલી.

૨૦૨૧ના વર્ષનો હજુ આરંભ જ થયો હતો કે, તારીખ ૪થી જાન્યુઆરી સોમવારે બાટલીના જાણીતા અને માનીતા આલિમેદીન હઝરત મૌલાના યુસુફ મામા પટેલ સાહેબે આ ફાની જગતથી ૮૦વર્ષની ઉંમરે વિદાય લીધી. ઈલીવએરા.

**મામા યુસુફ ભુલાયે કેસે તેરી જાતકો**

**તેરે હર અંદાજકો, ઈલ્મ અમલકી બાતકો.**

### પેદાઈશ અને તાલિમ:

આપનો જન્મ ૭ સપ્ટેમ્બર ૧૯૪૦માં સુરત જિલ્લાના કફલેતા ગામમાં થયો હતો. પ્રાથમિક શિક્ષણ પોતાના ગામમાં પ્રાપ્ત કર્યું. ત્યાર પછી ગુજરાતનો પ્રથમ મદ્રેસો જામીઆ ઈસ્લામિયાહ ડાબેલમાં ત્રણ વર્ષ રહી કુરઆને કરીમનો હિફઝ પૂરો કર્યો. હાફિઝ થયા પછી ગુજરાતનો એક જુનો મદ્રેસો મિફતાહુલ ઉલૂમ, તરાજમાં દાખલો લઈ ત્રણ વર્ષમાં અરબીના ત્રીજા દર્જા સુધીની તાલિમ ફરે ગુજરાત હઝરત મૌલાના મહમદઅલી સાહેબ તરાજવી રહ.ની દેખરેખ હેથળ હાંસિલ કરી. ત્યારપછી વધુ તાલિમ અર્થે ઈન્ડિયાનો પ્રખ્યાત મદ્રેસો દાઝલ ઉલૂમ દેવબંદમાં દાખલો લીધો. અહીં પાંચ વર્ષ રહી ૧૯૬૫માં આલિમની સનદ મેળવી ફરાગત હાંસિલ કરી.

### આપના ઉસ્તાદો:

બુખારી શરીફ ફરે મિલ્લત હઝરત મૌલાના ફખરુદ્દીન મુરાદાબાદી સાહેબ રહ. પાસે પઢવાનો શર્ફ હાંસિલ થયો. એ સિવાય બીજા ઉસ્તાદોમાં હઝરત મૌલાના ઈબ્રાહીમ બલ્યાવી રહ. હઝરત મૌલાના સૈયદ અન્જરશાહ કશ્મીરી રહ. હઝરત મૌલાના સામીમ સાહેબ કાસમી રહ. જેવા મહાન ઉલ્માએ કીરામથી પઢવાનો મોકો મળ્યો.

### મદ્રેસામાં ખીદમત:

દાઝલ ઉલૂમ દેવબંદથી ફારિગ થઈ મદ્રેસામાં પઢાવવાની ખીદમતની શરૂઆત નવસારીમાં બે વર્ષ સુધી કરી. ત્યારબાદ મિફતાહુલ ઉલૂમ તરાજના સરપરસ હઝરત મૌલાના અલી મહંમદ તરાજવી રહ.ની ખાસ દાવત પર તરાજમાં દર્સે નિઝામીની કિતાબો પઢાવવાનો મોકો મળ્યો.

### ઈંગલેન્ડમાં આગમન:

૧૯૭૧માં ઈન્ડિયન મુસ્લિમ વેલ્ફેર સોસાયટી, બાટલી ની ખાસ દાવત પર બાટલી આવવાનું થયું. સોસાયટી પ્રત્યે હઝરત મૌલાનાની સુંદર સેવા રહેવા પામી હતી.

### વિવિધ દીની ખીદમતો:

ઈંગલેન્ડની સૌથી જુની લગભગ ત્રીજા નંબરની મસ્જિદ બ્રાડફર્ડ રોડ જુમ્મા મસ્જિદમાં લગભગ ૭ વર્ષ સુધી ઈમામતની ખીદમતને અન્જામ આપી. સોસાયટીના દેખરેખ હેથળ ચાલતા મદ્રેસાઓમાં એક શફીક ઉસ્તાદ તરીકે પઢાવતા રહ્યા, પરિણામે બાટલીમાં અને પૂરા ઈંગલેન્ડ તથા બીજા દેશોમાં તેમના શાગીર્દોની લાંબી લીસ્ટ રહેવા પામી છે.

ડ્યુઝબરી ખાતે જ્યારે તબ્લીગી મરકઝની શાનદાર ઈમારત બની એના સાથે દાઝલ ઉલૂમ મરકઝની પણ સ્થાપના થઈ, ત્યારથી જ

એમાં એક ખંતીલા, મહેનતુ ઉસ્તાદ તરીકે આપની નીમણુંક થઈ. મૌલાનાએ મદ્રેસામાં અરબીની મુશ્કીલ કિતાબો શર્હે વકાયા, શર્હે તહઝીબ, તયસીરૂલ મન્તીક, મુખ્તસર મઅાની તથા હદીસની મોઅત્તા વગેરે કિતાબોનો દર્સ આપતા હતા. એ સિવાય ઈમ્તેહાનના પેપર તૈયાર કરવું, તહરીરી ઈમ્તેહાન (લેખીત પરીક્ષા)નો બંદોબસ્ત કરવું. એકઝામ પેપર ચેક કરવું વગેરે મુશ્કીલ જીમ્મેદારી, સમયની કુરબાની સહીત તેને સારી રીતે અન્જામ આપતા હતા.

મદ્રેસા તાલીમુદ્દીન હેનરી સ્ટ્રીટ, બાટલીમાં સદર મુદર્રીસ તરીકેની ખિદમત સુંદર રીતે આપી હતી. સાલાના ઈમ્તેહાન માટે મુમતહીન (એકઝામીનર) ને દાવત આપવી, વાર્ષિક જલ્સા માટે બાળકોને તૈયાર કરવું. આખા પ્રોગ્રામના એનાઉન્સની જીમ્મેદારી સંભાળવી વગેરે કામો ખૂબજ ઉત્સાહ અને જવાબદારી પૂર્વક કરતા હતા.

ડ્યુઝબરી થોર્નહીલ ખાતે દાઝલ ઈલ્મ છોકરીઓના મદ્રેસામાં સતત ૧૨ વર્ષ જીવનના અંતિમ દિવસો સુધી ખીદમત આપતા રહ્યા હતા. દાઝલ ઈલ્મ મસ્જિદના ઈમામ હઝરત મૌલાના સલીમ સાહેબ મદ. અને મદ્રેસાના મોહતમીમ હઝરત મૌલાના મકબુલ સાહેબ મદ. મૌલાના વિશે ખિરાજે અકીદત પેશ કરી કહેતા હતા કે, મૌલાના છોકરીઓને બુખારી શરીફના દર્સ આપવા પહેલા બે રકાત નફીલ નમાઝ પઢી અલ્લાહતઆલાથી કબુલિયતની દુઆ કરતા હતા. મદ્રેસો મૌલાનાના ઘરથી દૂર હોવા છતાં સમયના બેહદ પાબંદ હતા. મદ્રેસામાં પઢતી છોકરીઓએ જે તઅસ્સુરાત મૌલાના વિશે અભિપ્રાય લખ્યા હતા તે વાંચવા, સમજવાલાયક હતા. મૌલાનાની અનેક વિવિધ ખીદમતો છે જેમકે, મૈય્યતને ગુસલ આપવું, કફનની સેવા વગેરે. મૌલાનાનો સ્વભાવ ખૂબજ નરમ મિજાજ, હંમેશા હસતો ચહેરો, નાના મોટા દરેક સાથે વિવેકપણે વાત કરવી, શરીઅત બાબતે જો કોઈ તેમને પ્રશ્ન કરતા તો એક ખાસ અંદાજમાં તેની સમજ આપવી એ એમના ગુણો હતા. અંતમાં દુઆ છે કે, અલ્લાહપાક મૌલાનાની તમામ કીમતી ખીદમતોને કબુલ ફરમાવી જન્મતુલ ફીરદૌશમાં આલા જગા અતા ફરમાવે અને તેમના કુટુંબીજનોને સબ્રે જમીલ અતા ફરમાવી તેમના નકસે કદમ ઉપર ચાલવાની તૌફીક અતા કરે આમીન.

**કર રહે હૈ હાથ ઉઠા કર એ દુઆ ઝાર ઝાર**

**હો અતા તુજકો અબદ તક સાયએ પરવરદિગાર**

### મૌલાનાની યાદમાં એક પ્રોગ્રામ:

કોરોનાના કારણે સરકારી પ્રતિબંધોને ધ્યાનમાં લઈ રવિવાર તારીખ ૧૦મી જાન્યુઆરીના રોજ ઈશાની નમાઝ બાદ હેનરી સ્ટ્રીટ, જામે મસ્જિદ બાટલી ખાતે મહુમ મૌલાનાની તાજીયત માટે મસ્જિદના રીસીવર ઉપર એક પ્રોગ્રામ આયોજન થયું હતું. જેમાં બાટલી, ડ્યુઝબરીના અગ્રણી ઉલ્માઓ, હેનરી સ્ટ્રીટ મસ્જિદના કમિટી સભ્યો અને ઈન્ડિયન મુસ્લિમ વેલ્ફેર સોસાયટીના સામાજિક કાર્યકર્તાઓના બયાનો પહેલેથી રેકૉર્ડિંગ કરી અંગ્રેજી, ઉર્દુ, ગુજરાતીમાં તેને રીસીવર ઉપરથી પ્રસારણ કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું. જેમાં મૌલાનાની તાલિમ, ખિદમત અને તેમની જીવનશૈલીનો સમાવેશ હતો. સાથેજ આ અનેક ઉલ્માએ કિરામનો મૌલાના સાથેના સંબંધો, ભણતર, અને તેમની ખીદમતો વગેરેને ઉજાગર કરી હતી.



## વિચાર વિનિમય

-અહમદ ગુલ

### મૌલાના યુસુફમામા સાહેબનો દુઃખદ ઇન્તેકાલ

મોત વો જુસ પર ઝમાના કરે અફસોસ

શું તો હર આદમી આતા હૈ જાને કે લીએ

તારીખ ૪-૧-૨૦૨૧, સોમવારનો દિવસ આપણા માટે એક દુઃખદ સમાચાર લઈને હાજર થયો. જેનાથી સમગ્ર બાટલી શોકની લાગણીમાં ડૂબી ગયું. એ પીડાકારક સમાચાર હતા મૌલાના યુસુફમામા સાહેબના અચાનક ઇન્તેકાલના. આ રીતે મૌલાના મામા સાહેબ વિદાય લેશે એવું તો કોણે ધારેલું? પણ સત્ય હકીકત તો એજ છે કે, મૌલાના આજે આપણાં વચ્ચે નથી.

આ પહેલાં મૌલાના અચ્ચુબ ખોલવાડીયા સાહેબ (રહ.) હાફેજ પટેલ સાહેબ (રહ.) અને મૌલાના યુસુફ મોતાલા સાહેબ(રહ.)ની વિદાયથી જે ખોટા અનુભવાયેલી કંઈક એવાજ પ્રકારની અને કદી ન ભરપાઈ થનાર ખોટા મૌલાના મામા સાહેબની વિદાયથી આપણે અનુભવી રહ્યા છીએ.

મૌલાના મામા સાહેબના જીવન વિશે, એમના પ્રતિભાવંત વ્યક્તિત્વ વિશે વાત કરવી હોય તો એમની જિંદગીના વિવિધ પાસાઓને સમજવા પડે. એક સજ્જન નેક ઇન્સાન, એક પ્રખર આલિમ અને હદીસોના ઉસ્તાદ. એક સાહિત્ય-અદબ-પ્રેમી વિદ્વાન પુરુષની વિવિધ કાબેલીયતને મુલવવી પડે. અત્યારે આપણી પાસે જગ્યાની મર્યાદા છે તેથી હું ટૂંકમાં મારી વાત રજૂ કરીશ.

એમનો તાલિબે ઈલ્મનો સમયકાળ અને તે પછી દીની તાલિમ ક્ષેત્રે એમનું યોગદાન, એ વિષયોની ચર્ચા હું ઉલ્માએ દીન ઉપર છોડું છું. એમનો સોસાયટી સાથેનો સંબંધ અને એમના સાહિત્ય પ્રેમ વિશે હું ટૂંકમાં થોડી વાતો કરીશ.

ઈન્ડિયન મુસ્લિમ વેલ્ફેર સોસાયટીની સ્પોન્સરશીપ માટેહત એમનું યુ.કે.માં આવવાનું થયેલું. એમના આગમન ટાણે સોસાયટીના તે સમયના પ્રમુખ મર્હુમ યુસુફભાઈ દાઢીવાલા અને ઉપપ્રમુખ મર્હુમ અહમદભાઈ છીબડા લંડન હીથ્રો એરપોર્ટ ઉપર એમને સત્કારવા માટે ગયેલા. એમના આગમનનું વર્ષ હતું ૧૯૭૧, ડીસેમ્બરનો મહિનો. જોગાનુજોગ રમઝાનુલ મુબારકનો મહિનો પણ હતો. આવતાની સાથેજ એમણે બ્રાડફોર્ડ રોડ મસ્જિદમાં તરાવીહ પઢાવેલી, અને તે સમયના મુતવલ્લી અને મોહતમીમ મર્હુમ ઈબ્રાહીમભાઈ હસન દાજીના ઘરે ૭૧, વોરવીક રોડ ખાતે એક બે અઠવાડિયા મહેમાન તરીકે રહેલા. તે સમયે સોસાયટીનું નામ “મુસ્લિમ વેલ્ફેર સોસાયટી” હતું, જેનું છેક ૧૯૭૭માં “ઈન્ડિયન મુસ્લિમ વેલ્ફેર સોસાયટી” તરીકે નામકરણ થયેલું. એમનો સોસાયટી સાથે ધનિષ્ઠ સંબંધ રહેલો.

જ્યારે આપણે જમીયતે ઉલ્મા યુ.કે.ના માટેહત આપણે રમઝાન માસ અને ઈદની વ્યવસ્થા કરતા હતા તે સમયે એ અંગેની મીટીંગ બ્રાડફોર્ડ ખાતે જમીયતના જનરલ સેક્રેટરી મૌલાના ફતેહમોહમ્મદ લહેર સાહેબના નિવાસસ્થાને મળતી, જેમાં આપણી સોસાયટીનું પ્રતિનિધિત્વ મોટે ભાગે મુસા કાઝી (ઓફીસર) અને મૌલાના

મામા સાહેબ કરતા. ઘણી વેળા મારા મિત્ર ઈસ્માઈલ દાજી પણ સાથે જતાં. ત્યાં જે નિર્ણય થતો તેની તરત ખબર મુસા કાઝી આપતા પણ સોસાયટી અને મસ્જિદો તરફથી કહેવામાં આવતું કે, મૌલાના સાહેબને ફોન આપો અને મૌલાના પોતે ફોન ઉપર આવીને ખબર આપતા ત્યારે જ ચાંદના નિર્ણયને માન્યતા અપાતી અને તે આધારે ઈદની જાહેરાત થતી અને આપણે એકત્રીતે ઈદની ઉજવણી કરતા. આ હતી મૌલાના મામા સાહેબ પ્રત્યેની શ્રદ્ધા.

મૌલાના ઈસ્માઈલ મમણીયાતે એમની નાદુરસ્ત તબીયતના કારણે નમાઝના ટાઈમ ટેબલનું કાર્ય છોડ્યું, ત્યારે મૌલાના મામા સાહેબે બે વર્ષ સુધી એની જવાબદારી બખૂબી નિભાવેલી. કફન દફનના કાર્યોની જવાબદારી સોસાયટી એના સ્થાપના કાળથીજ નિભાવતી રહી છે. એ કાર્યમાં પણ મૌલાના સાહેબે નોંધપાત્ર સેવા આપી છે. ખાસ કરીને કફનના સામાનની ખરીદી અંગે મૌલાનાની સલાહ લાભદાયી રહેતી. મૈયતના ગુસલ વેળા પણ મૌલાનાની હાજરીનો લાભ મળતો.

મૌલાના સાહેબના સાહિત્ય-અદબ-પ્રેમ વિશે તો ઘણું કહી શકાય. ખાસ કરીને ગુજરાતી સાહિત્ય સાથે તો એમનો ખૂબ જ લગાવ. ગુજરાતી ભાષાનો ઊંડો અભ્યાસ પણ ખરો. ગઝલના છંદોની પણ જાણકારી. સાહિત્યિક ચર્ચાઓ એમનો ખાસ વિષય. નવા પ્રગટ થયેલા પુસ્તકો અને સાહિત્યની વર્તમાન પરિસ્થિતિઓ પર અચૂક ચર્ચાઓ કરતા. એજ કારણે મારા સાથે પણ એમનો આત્મીયતાપૂર્ણ સંબંધ રહેલો. સાહિત્યકારો પ્રત્યે ખૂબ લાગણી રાખતા અને ખાસ સંબંધ રાખતા. સાહિત્ય રસિક શબ્દીરભાઈ કાઝી મસ્જિદથી નીકળે ત્યાં સુધી એમની રાહ જોતા મૌલાના ઊભા રહેતા અને એમની કારમાં બેસાડી સાહિત્યિક ચર્ચા કરતા. કોમ્પ્યુટરની જાણકારી અને પ્રેક્ટીસ તેમણે પોતે ઘગશથી શીખેલી અને ગુજરાતી ઉર્દુ ટાઈપિંગ ઉપર ખૂબજ સારો પ્રભાવ મેળવેલો, જેના કારણે તેમણે ઉર્દુ અને ગુજરાતી કેટલીય કિતાબોનું ટાઈપ સેટીંગ પણ કર્યું હતું. પયગામના ગુજરાતી-ઉર્દુ વિભાગ માટે જ્યારે પણ ટાઈપ સેટીંગ વગેરેની જરૂર પડતી, મૌલાના એમાં આનંદપૂર્વક સહાયભૂત થતાં. એમણે આપેલી નોંધપાત્ર સેવા હંમેશાં યાદ રહેશે.

અત્યંત વિનમ્ર, વિવેકી, મિલનસાર સ્વભાવ એમની ખાસ પહેચાન હતી. બધા પ્રત્યે સમભાવની લાગણી રાખનારા સજ્જન માનવ અને પ્રખર આલિમેદીનની વિદાયથી જે અવકાશ પેદા થયો છે તેની ભરપાઈ વરસો સુધી અશક્ય છે. ખરેખર! મૌલવી મામા સાહેબ કોઈ એક જ વિરલ વ્યક્તિ હોય શકે! મર્હુમની તમામ ખીદમતોને અલ્લાહપાક કબુલ ફરમાવી જન્મતુલ ફીરદૌશમાં આલા મુકામ અતા ફરમાવે અને તેમના સગા સંબંધીઓને સબ્રે જમીલ અતા કરે આમીન.

**પુદાકી રહેમત ઉલકી લહદ પર સાચા કરે**

**હમેશાં ઉલકી કબ્ર પર ફરિશ્તે ફૂલ બરસાવે**

જિંદગી છોટી નહીં હોતી, બસ હમારી જ્વાહીશ બદલ જાતી હૈ

ઉસી તરહ કોઈ બુરા નહીં હોતા,

બસ હમારી સોચ બદલ જાતી હૈ.

## બ્રિટનમાં ત્રીજું લોકડાઉન

બ્રિટન ખાતે કોરોનાના ત્રીજા ઉછાળામાં કેસોની સંખ્યા વધી રહી છે. કોરોના ટેસ્ટીંગ અને કોરોના પોઝિટીવ કેસોમાં ઘણી વખતે વાયરસના લક્ષણો દેખાતા ન હોવાના કારણે હેલ્થ વિભાગની ચિંતા વધી છે. ઉપરાંત કેટલાક કેસોમાં આ વાયરસનો સ્ટ્રેન ૭૦ ટકા જેટલો વધુ જોવા મળ્યો છે અને તે ખૂબજ ઝડપથી ફેલાય છે. જેના કારણે એક ઈમરજન્સી જેવી પરિસ્થિતિ ઊભી થઈ છે. પરિણામે સરકારે પૂરા બ્રિટનમાં પમી જાન્યુઆરીથી ત્રીજા લોકડાઉનની જાહેરાત કરી છે. જેમાં બિન જરૂરી દુકાનો, હેર સલૂનો, બ્યુટી પાર્લર વગેરે બંધ કરવાનો હુકમ કર્યો છે. સાથેજ સગાં, ફેમિલીઓને મળવા ઉપરના પ્રતિબંધો વધુ સખત બનાવ્યા છે. બિન જરૂરી મુસાફરી અને કામ વગર ઘરથી બહાર ન નીકળવાની સખત સૂચનાઓ અપાય છે. પોલિસો આ બાબત ઉપર ધ્યાન આપી જરૂરી પગલાં પણ ભરી રહી છે. સ્કૂલો અને કોલેજોને પણ બંધ કરવામાં આવ્યા છે. આ લોકડાઉન ફેબ્રુઆરીના આખર સુધી રહેશે એવી જાહેરાત સરકારે કરી છે.

જો કે આ વખતે આપણે થોડા લકી છે કે, નમાઝ પઢવા માટે મસ્જિદોને બંધ કરવામાં આવી નથી. પરંતુ પૂરી તકેદારી રાખવા ઉપર ભાર મૂકવામાં આવ્યો છે. જેથી આપણાં દરેકની ફરજ છે કે, આપણે આરોગ્ય અને સલામતીના નિયમોનું ચુસ્તપણે પાલન કરીએ. જરૂરી ન હોય તેવી મુસાફરીથી કે ઘરથી નીકળવાનું ટાળીએ. સલામતીના સાધનોનો ઉપયોગ કરી પૂરી કાળજી રાખીએ. હવે તો કોરોનાની જે રસી આવી છે તે આપવાનું કાર્ય ચાલુ છે અને તેમાં વધારો પણ થઈ ચૂક્યો છે. જેથી વાયરસ ઉપર કાબુ મેળવવામાં કંઈક સફળતા મળી શકે. બીજી તરફ હવાઈ મુસાફરી ઉપર પણ પ્રતિબંધ લદાયો છે. ૨૦૨૦ની ભયાનકતા આપણે જોઈ અને દુવાઓ માંગી, બનતા પ્રયત્નો કર્યા કે ૨૦૨૧ના વર્ષમાં એનો અંત આવે. પરંતુ એવા ચિન્હો દેખાય રહ્યા છે કે, માર્ચ-એપ્રિલ સુધી તો આપણે આ વાયરસ સાથે લડત લડવી જ પડશે.

## ઈન્ડિયન મુસ્લિમ વેલ્ફેર સોસાયટીની ગાઝા વિન્ટર અપીલ

દર વર્ષની જેમ ચાલુ વર્ષે પણ આપણી ઈન્ડિયન મુસ્લિમ વેલ્ફેર સોસાયટી, બાટલીએ ગાઝાના મઝલુમો માટે વિન્ટર અપીલ શરૂ કરી હતી. જેમાં ત્યાંના હાજતમંદો અને ગરીબોને બ્લેન્કેટ અને ઠંડીથી બચવા ગરમ કપડાં વગેરે પહોંચાડવામાં આવે છે. જાન્યુઆરી માસમાં ગાઝા વિસ્તારમાં ખૂબજ ઠંડી પડે છે અને ત્યાંના લોકોને ઠંડીથી બચવા પૂરતા સાધનોનો અભાવ રહે છે. અને તેમાં પણ આ વખતે કોવિડ-૧૯ના કારણે લોકોની પરિસ્થિતિ ઘણીજ નાજુક બની છે. પરિણામે તેમણે ખાસ કરીને બહારથી મળતી મદદ કે ચેરિટી ઉપર નિભાવ કરવો પડે છે. આપણે જ્યારે ગાઝા પેલેસ્ટિનના આ ગરીબ અને હાજતમંદોની પરિસ્થિતિ વિશે ટીવી કે મીડિયા મારફત જાણકારી મેળવીએ છીએ ત્યારે ખરેખર તેમની લાચારી અને કફોડી હાલતથી આપણાં હૃદય કંપી ઉઠે છે.

આપણી સોસાયટી મારફત છેલ્લા ૪-૫ વર્ષથી જાન્યુઆરી માસમાં વિન્ટર પ્રોજેક્ટ હેઠળ અલ-હિકમાહ સેન્ટર અને આપણી મસ્જિદોમાં કલેક્શન માટે અપીલ કરવામાં આવે છે. એમાં આપ સૌ તરફથી સુંદર સહકાર મળે છે. આ વર્ષે આપ દરેકના સહકાર અને સખાવતથી ૧૭ હજાર પાઉન્ડ જેટલી રકમ એકત્ર થઈ છે જે ગાઝાના જરૂરિયાતમંદોને પહોંચાડવામાં આવી છે. આ મદદથી આપણે કંઈક અંશે તેમની મુશ્કેલીમાં એક સહારાનું ઉદાહરણ બનીએ છીએ. સોસાયટીની ચેરિટી કમિટી આપ સૌનો ખૂબજ આભાર માને છે અને આશા રાખે છે કે, ભવિષ્યમાં પણ આવોજ સહકાર મળતો રહેશે.

## અલ-હિકમાહ સેન્ટરના વેડીગહોલ ભાડા સ્થગિત

ખાસ કરીને ડીસેમ્બર માસના આખરમાં અલ-હિકમાહ સેન્ટરની કમિટી વેડીગહોલ અને કોન્ફરન્સ બુકીંગ વગેરેના ભાડા અંગે ચર્ચા વિચારણા કરે છે અને તેમાં વધારા ઘટાડા અંગે નિર્ણય લેય છે. જેનો અમલ વર્ષની શરૂઆત જાન્યુઆરી મહિનાથી કરવામાં આવે છે. કોરોના મહામારીના પરિણામે આપણે જે પરિસ્થિતિમાંથી પસાર થઈ રહ્યા છે તેને ધ્યાનમાં લઈ આ વર્ષ ૨૦૨૧માં ભાડામાં કોઈ પણ જાતનો વધારો ન કરવાનો નિર્ણય કમિટીએ લીધો છે. જે મુજબ ૨૦૨૦ના વર્ષમાં જે ભાડાઓ હતા તેજ ભાડા ૨૦૨૧ના ૩૧મી ડીસેમ્બર સુધી ચાલુ રહેશે.

સરકારના કોવિડ-૧૯ના પ્રતિબંધોના કારણે શાદી અને કોન્ફરન્સની તમામ બુકીંગ જ્યાં સુધી સરકાર આ પ્રતિબંધ ન ઉઠાવે ત્યાં સુધી કેન્સલ કરવામાં આવી છે. જેમણે શાદી માટે વેડિંગ હોલ અથવા બીજી સુવિધા બૂક કરાવી છે તેમને સેન્ટરના મેનેજર સંપર્ક કરી જાણકારી આપશે.

જો તમને વધુ માહિતીની જરૂર હોય તો તમે અમારા ટેલીફોન નંબર: ૦૧૯૨૪ ૫૦૦૫૫૫ ઉપર ફોન કરી અથવા અમારા ઈ-મેઈલ [info@imws.org.uk](mailto:info@imws.org.uk) ધ્વારા મેળવી શકો છો.

## ઈન્ડિયન મુસ્લિમ વેલ્ફેર સોસાયટી, બાટલીના સભ્યોને એક જરૂરી સુચના

આપ સૌ જાણો છો કે સોસાયટીની જનરલ મિટીંગ દર વર્ષે ફેબ્રુઆરી માસમાં રાખવામાં આવે છે. આ વર્ષે દુરમી જનરલ મિટીંગ ૧૩મી ફેબ્રુઆરી ૨૦૨૧ના નક્કી કરવામાં આવી હતી. પરંતુ કોરોનાને લીધે સરકારી નિયમોને ધ્યાનમાં લઈ એ મિટીંગ હાલ મોકૂફ રાખવામાં આવી છે. જ્યારે સરકારી પ્રતિબંધો ઉઠાવી લેવામાં આવશે ત્યારે શક્ય હોય તે સમયે મિટીંગનું આયોજન કરવામાં આવશે અને તેની જાણકારી સભ્યોને અગાઉથી આપવામાં આવશે. આ પરિસ્થિતિને ધ્યાનમાં લઈ આપણાં બંધારણ મુજબ હાલના ચૂંટાયેલ કમિટી સભ્યો તેમની જવાબદારી ચાલુ રાખશે. સંસ્થાનો દુરમી વાર્ષિક રિપોર્ટ ફેબ્રુઆરીના મધ્યમાં તૈયાર થશે જે અલ-હિકમાહ સેન્ટરની ઓફિસ અને એરિયાની મસ્જિદોમાંથી મેળવી શકાશે.



## عراق: بغداد میں تین سال بعد خود کش دھماکے، کم از کم 32 افراد ہلاک

عراق کے دارالحکومت بغداد کے ایک مصروف تجارتی علاقے میں جمعرات کے روز دو خود کش حملوں میں کم از کم 32 افراد ہلاک اور درجنوں زخمی ہو گئے ہیں۔ حکام کے مطابق دو خود کش حملہ آوروں نے بغداد میں کپڑوں کی مارکیٹ طاران میں اس وقت خود کو دھماکے سے اڑا لیا جب سیکورٹی اہلکاران کا پیچھا کر رہے تھے۔ شہر میں آخری خود کش حملہ جنوری سنہ 2018 میں اسی بازار میں ہوا تھا جس میں 35 افراد ہلاک ہو گئے تھے۔ دہشت گردی کی اس واردات کی ذمہ داری کسی گروپ نے قبول نہیں کی ہے لیکن عام خیال یہی ہے کہ اس کے پیچھے نام نہاد دولت اسلامیہ کا ہاتھ ہے۔ عراق کی حکومت نے سنہ 2017 میں دولت اسلامیہ نامی دہشت گرد تنظیم کے خلاف جنگ میں فتح کا اعلان کیا تھا۔ لیکن اس تنظیم کے بچے کچے عناصر زیادہ تر ملک کے دیہی علاقوں میں محدود پیمانے پر کارروائیاں جاری رکھے ہوئے ہیں اور اکثر ان کا نشانہ سیکورٹی اہلکار ہی ہوتے ہیں۔ عراقی فوج کے ترجمان یحییٰ رسول نے بتایا کہ جمعرات کو جن دو خود کش حملہ آوروں نے دھماکے کیے سیکورٹی اہلکاران کا پیچھا شہر کے باب شرقی نامی علاقے سے کر رہے تھے۔ ان حملہ آوروں نے کھلے آسمان تلے استعمال شدہ کپڑوں کے بازار طاران سکوائر کو نشانہ بنایا جو تقریباً ایک سال بعد کورونائرس کی وجہ سے عائد کردہ پابندیوں کے بعد چند دنوں قبل ہی کھولا گیا ہے۔ وزارت داخلہ نے ایک بیان میں کہا ہے کہ پہلے خود کش حملہ آور نے بازار میں داخل ہو کر یہ تاثر دینے کی کوشش کی کہ اس کے پیٹ میں شدید تکلیف ہے۔ جب لوگ اس کے ارد گرد جمع ہونے لگے تو اس نے اپنی کمر کے گرد لپٹی ہوئی بارود کی بیلت کو اڑا دیا۔

بازار میں موجود ایک دکاندار نے برطانوی خبر رساں ادارے روائٹرز کو بتایا کہ ایک خود کش حملہ آور زمین پر گر پڑا اور اس نے پیٹ پکڑ کر کراہنا شروع کر دیا اور اس کے بعد اس نے ہاتھ میں پکڑا ہوا ڈیوٹیوٹر ایام کاٹن بادیاء، جس کے بعد ایک زوردار دھماکہ ہوا۔ 'قریب میں موجود لوگوں کے چیتھڑے اڑ گئے۔' عراقی وزارت داخلہ کے مطابق دوسرا دھماکہ اس وقت ہوا جب پہلے دھماکے میں زخمی ہونے والے افراد کی مدد کے لیے لوگ آگے بڑھے۔ سوشل میڈیا پر لگائی جانے والی ایک ویڈیو میں دیکھا جاسکتا ہے کہ دوسرا دھماکہ ایک گلی میں موجود لوگوں کے درمیان ہوا۔ دھماکے کی دوسری ویڈیو میں دھماکے کے بعد گلی میں بکھری لاشیں دیکھی جاسکتی ہیں۔ دھماکے کے فوراً بعد ایسوی لینسز زخمی کو ہسپتالوں میں پہنچانے کے لیے وہاں پہنچنا شروع ہو گئیں۔ جمعرات کو ہونے والی دہشت گردی کی واردات کی ذمہ داری کسی گروپ کی طرف سے قبول نہیں کی گئی ہے تاہم شہر کی دفاع کی تنظیم کے سربراہ میجر جنرل خادم سلمان نے کہا ہے کہ ان دھماکوں میں نامہ نہاد تنظیم دولت اسلامیہ کا ہاتھ ہو سکتا ہے۔ عراق کے دارالحکومت بغداد میں دہشت گردی کی وارداتیں دولت اسلامیہ نامی شدت پسند تنظیم کو ملک کے شمال مغربی علاقوں میں شکست کے بعد تقریباً گئے ہونے کے برابر رہ گئیں تھیں۔ شدت پسند تنظیم دولت اسلامیہ کو شکست دینے میں عراقی سیکورٹی فورسز کو امریکہ کی فوجی قیادت میں عراق میں موجود کثیر الملکی شدت پسند تنظیم دولت افواج اور ایران کی حمایت یافتہ ملیشیاؤں کی مدد بھی حاصل تھی۔

## سعودی عرب میں سزائے موت دینے کی شرح میں 'نمایاں' کمی کی

### وجوہات کیا ہیں؟

سعودی عرب کے ایک حکومتی ادارے کے مطابق گذشتہ سال ملک میں موت کی سزا پانے والے افراد میں نمایاں کمی واقع ہوئی ہے۔ سعودی ہیومن رائٹس کمیشن (ایس ایچ آر سی) نے بتایا ہے کہ سنہ 2020 میں 27 افراد کو سزائے موت دی گئی ہے۔ ادارے کے مطابق یہ تعداد سنہ 2019 کے مقابلے 85 فیصد کم ہے۔ اس رپورٹ میں کہا گیا کہ منشیات سے متعلق جرائم پر سزائے موت دیے جانے میں غیر اعلانیہ طور پر پابندی لگائی گئی ہے۔ اس طرح 'کم سنگین جرائم کا ارتکاب کرنے والوں کو دوسرا موقع دیا جا رہا ہے۔' انسانی حقوق کے کارکنوں کے گروہ رپورٹ نے متنبہ کیا ہے کہ رواں سال (سنہ 2021) سزائے موت پانے والوں کی تعداد بڑھ سکتی ہے۔ اس کا کہنا تھا کہ 'اس کمی کی وجہ فروری سے اپریل تک کووڈ 19 کی وجہ سے لگنے والے لاک ڈاؤن کو قرار دیا جاسکتا ہے۔ حکومت نے وائرس سے بچاؤ کے لیے عالمی سختیوں کی وجہ سے لوگوں کو سزائے موت نہیں دی۔' 2020 کی آخری سہ ماہی کے دوران حکومت نے بڑی تعداد میں موت کی سزائیں دینے کا اعلان کیا۔ صرف دسمبر میں گذشتہ سال دی جانے والے سزائے موت کا ایک تہائی دیا گیا۔ 'انسانی حقوق کے تحفظ کی بین الاقوامی تنظیم انٹرنیشنل کے مطابق سعودی عرب نے سنہ 2019 میں 184 افراد کو سزائے موت دی۔ ان میں سے نصف غیر ملکی شہری اور چھ خواتین تھیں۔ رپورٹ اور انسانی حقوق کی یورپی۔ سعودی تنظیم (ای ایس او ایچ آر) نے ایسے 80 افراد کے کیسز پر نظر رکھی ہوئی ہے جو سزائے موت پانے کے مختلف مراحل پر ہیں۔ ان میں کئی افراد پر ایسے جرائم کے الزامات ہیں جن میں انسانی حقوق کی تنظیمیں تحفظ فراہم کرتی ہیں۔

## امریکہ کے نئے صدر بائیڈن کے دور میں انڈین نژاد امریکی چھائے رہ سکتے ہیں

### ہیں

گذشتہ سال صدر ڈونلڈ ٹرمپ نے ہیوسٹن میں انڈیا کے وزیراعظم نریندر مودی کے ساتھ ایک ریلی نکالی تھی جس میں تقریباً 50 ہزار ہندو امریکیوں نے شرکت کی تھی۔ منتظمین نے اس پروگرام کا نام 'ہاؤڈی مودی' رکھا تھا۔ اس ریلی میں وزیراعظم مودی نے ایسی پیش گوئی کی تھی جیسے کہ نومبر 2020 میں ہونے والے انتخابات میں صدر ٹرمپ جیت رہے ہیں۔ فروری 2020 میں مودی نے انڈین شہر احمد آباد میں ہیوسٹن سے بھی زیادہ بڑی ریلی میں ٹرمپ کا خیر مقدم کیا تھا۔ مودی اور ٹرمپ کی گہری دوستی سے ایسا لگتا تھا کہ انڈین۔ امریکی کمیونٹی کا روایتی جھکاؤ ڈیموکریٹک پارٹی سے ہٹ کر ریپبلکن پارٹی کی طرف بڑھ رہا ہے۔ انتخابات کے قریب ہونے والے ایک سروے کے مطابق ریپبلکن پارٹی کی جانب یہ میلان مکمل حمایت میں تبدیل نہیں ہو سکا۔ بہر حال انتخابات کے بعد کرائے گئے ایک سروے سے یہ ظاہر ہوا کہ ریپبلکن پارٹی کو ہندو نژاد ووٹروں کے نسبتاً کچھ زیادہ ووٹ ملے، لیکن 72 فیصد انڈین نژاد امریکیوں نے ڈیموکریٹک پارٹی کے صدارتی امیدوار جو بائیڈن اور نائب صدر کی امیدوار کملا ہیرس کو ووٹ دیا۔

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