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"Hard work, willpower & Dedication; for a person with these qualities, the sky is limit" - Milkha Singh

Captain Milkha Singh, also known as the Flying Sikh, after a month-long battle with the virus, fell victim to Covid-19 complications on the 18th of June 2021.

Milkha Singh was born on the 20th of November 1929 in Gobindpura in Muzaffargarh district which is now in Pakistan. He was the second youngest child among 14 other siblings but lost half of them due to health problems and poverty. He was left an orphan during the partition of India. Taking to petty crimes and odd jobs, he survived his days until finally, he found a place in the Indian Army. It was there that he realized his abilities as an athlete. His coach Havildar Gurdev Singh inspired him and motivated him to practice and work hard. During the National Games at Patiala in 1956, he came into the limelight as an athlete. He broke the 200m and 400m race records in the National Games at Cuttack in 1958, then won Gold at the 1958 Commonwealth Games in Cardiff and finished fourth in the 400 meters at the Rome Olympics, missing out on a bronze medal by 0.1 seconds. He was awarded the Padma Shri by Shri Jawaharlal Nehru in 1959.

He had also won four Asian gold medals and finished fourth in the 400m final at the 1960 Rome Olympics and in 1960 at a race in Pakistan. He defeated Abdul Khaliq, the winner of the 100 meters gold at the Tokyo Asian Games. He was nicknamed the "The Flying Sikh" by then Pakistan President Ayub Khan. In 2013, his story was made into a biographical film, Bhaag Milkha Bhaag.

Milkha has left behind a legacy that many Indian athletes can only hope to match.

NATIONAL FLYING SIKH

Headlines

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North Korea raising Arguments and ready to Confront the US!

This news about the clash between two countries has been the talk of the town.

Lately, we hear that North Korea's leader, Kim Jong-Un has been planning about the confrontation with the United States under Joe Biden. In clear words, Kim Jong-Un has said: "My government and my people need to be prepared for the dialogue and confrontation, 'especially confrontation' with the United States in order to protect the dignity of our state and its independent development and also to reliably guarantee a "Peaceful Environment". He also emphasized on promptly reacting and coping with the evolving situation and endeavouring the stable control of the ongoing situation in the Korean Peninsula.

As a clever retort to this, Biden remarked "Interesting Signal". But would certainly wait for direct communication with Pyongyang before taking any potential actions. Later, President Joe Biden transmitted that the United States is prepared to engage in principled negotiations with North Korea about its nuclear program. Biden has also said, referring to past administrations, "I would not give him [Kim] what he's looking for- *International Recognition*".

North Korea had earlier rebuffed the efforts by the new US government to initiate diplomatic communication. The US has been urging North Korea to cede its nuclear weapons but Pyongyang has repeatedly declined and will continue to ignore it until the US abandons its so-called "hostile" policies.

We all know that the political and diplomatic relations between Korea and the United States of America have been historically hostile since the Korean war. After this, on 12th June 2018, there was a meeting between former US President Donald Trump & Mr. Kim. The Panmunjom Declaration signed during the inter-Korean summit on 27th April pledged to consent to a peace treaty to officially end the Korean war by the end of 2018

What happens next, only time can define!

A WAR AGAIN??

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The Tragic Death Of The Afzaal Family - Islamophobia In Canada

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On the seventh of June, Canada woke up to the news of a hate crime that had robbed a young child of his family.

The Afzaal family had been taking an evening stroll in their neighbourhood when the driver of a pick-up truck ploughed into the curb. Four were declared dead in an attack that the London police believe was premeditated by the driver. The family had been targeted by virtue of their faith - Islam.

Salman Afzaal and his wife Madiha Salman were active members of the London community alongside Salman's mother Talat. The community fondly remembers Yumna Afzaal (15) as the painter of a mural inside a mosque that reads - "Shoot for the moon, if you miss, you'll land among the stars." While addressing Faye Afzaal (9), who remains the sole survivor of the attack, the Premier of Ontario labelled the crime as an act of terrorism - the London police have considered pressing terrorism charges against the perpetrator, Nathaniel Veltman, alongside four charges of first-degree murder. Canadian Muslims called for a national summit on Islamophobia, voicing their concerns and sharing their stories of discrimination at the memorial held for the Afzaals. The incident stood to prove that Canada, too, wasn't spared from uneasy divides and prejudices among its citizenry like other countries in the world. The 9/11 attacks led to an uproar of Islamophobia in Canada, and the burning of a Hindu temple in Hamilton indicated that the discrimination wasn't limited to Muslims and had morphed to include the general hate of 'outsiders'.

A total of 1946 hate crimes were reported in 2019 with a 10% increase in atrocities against Muslims. The 2017 anti-Islam march in London and the shooting at a mosque in Quebec were attributed to the rise in Islamophobia. The unearthing of a mass grave containing the remains of 215 Indigenous children in British Columbia, who were believed to have been subjected to mistreatment and neglect in the years they spent forcefully boarded away at residential schools, opened the deep wound of cultural genocide and religious discrimination in the country.

With 46% of Canadians harbouring an unfavourable view of Islam, prime minister Trudeau deemed it fit to end his speech saying, "Islamophobia is real. Racism is real. We must stand together and say no to hatred."

On 7th May 2021, the last Friday of Ramadan, thousands of Palestinian worshippers gathered to pray outside the Dome of the Rock.

Al-Aqsa Mosque, located in the Old City of Jerusalem is the third holiest site in Islam. It is a colossal open space with multiple indoor praying spaces and has been designated a World Heritage site by the United Nations cultural agency, UNESCO, and is epoch-making to the three Abrahamic religions.

The international law devised in 1947 describes the division of land into Israel and Palestine comprised of Gaza and the West Bank. Jerusalem was entitled to be divided into West Jerusalem, belonging to Israel, and East Jerusalem, belonging to Palestine. Al-Aqsa is located in East Jerusalem, thereby belonging to Palestine. However, in 1967 Israel encroached on East Jerusalem and took control over Al-Aqsa and the neighbouring precincts. Israel thus has illegal control over the Old City and all religious sites in it.

Sheikh Jarrah is a Palestinian neighbourhood located in the occupied East Jerusalem. Palestinians have been facing imminent dispossession of their homes in the neighbourhood and have been protesting against Israeli settlers. In total, 58 people, including 17 children, are set to be forcibly displaced to make way for Jewish settlers. After Friday prayers on 7th May 2021, Palestinians at the mosque raised a protest against the events in Sheikh Jarrah. Israeli police had deployed large numbers of officers to the city of Jerusalem, especially in the Old City, and closed off the surrounding streets that led to the mosque. Those who came to take part in the prayers were met with iron barriers and forced to go through identity checks.

Later that evening, Israeli forces used tear gas, stun grenades, and rubber-coated steel bullets to disperse worshippers at the mosque. Hundreds were injured and hospitalized, according to the Palestinian Red Crescent. At least 205 Palestinians and 17 officers were injured in the nighttime clashes. Israeli forces carried out arrests and raids throughout occupied East Jerusalem and built up their presence in the city on Saturday. This created a tense atmosphere ahead of the 27th night of Ramadan, one of the month's holiest nights, which typically draws large crowds of worshippers to al-Aqsa, filling its courtyards.

INTERNATIONAL

ATTACKS ON AL-AQSA, SHEIKH JARRAH-EXPLAINED

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NATIONAL

Journalist Of Indian Origin Wins Pulitzer Prize For Exposing China

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Megha Rajagopalan, a journalist of Indian origin, along with two other contributors have won the Pulitzer Prize for modern investigative studies. Their work focused on the unlimited infrastructure of prisons and mass internment camps secretly constructed by China for detaining a whole lot of Muslims in its restive Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region. Miss Rajagopalan is a journalist from BuzzFeed News.

How did she manage to expose China's secret detainment camps for Uighur Muslims?

They used satellite imagery and 3D architectural simulations to support her interviews with two dozen former prisoners from the detention camps. The camps hosted as many as a million Muslims from Uighur and other minority ethnicities. According to BuzzFeed News, the Chinese government tried to silence her by revoking her visa and ejecting her from the country. However, the determined journalist, refusing to be silenced, partnered with two contributors and resumed working from London. The three then began analysing thousands of satellite images of the Xinjiang region to calibrate where China was detaining the 1 million Uyghurs, Kazakhs, and other Muslim minorities.

They compared censored Chinese images with uncensored mapping software for months. They began with an enormous dataset of about fifty thousand locations and Christo Buschek (the data analyst among the three) built a custom tool to sort through the plethora of images. They went through thousands of images one by one, verifying many of the sites against other available evidence and ultimately identified more than 260 structures that appeared to be fortified detention camps. Finally, they were able to conclude with evidence that these buildups seemed to be fortified detention camps. Some of these sites have been able to hold greater than ten thousand individuals and a multitude of factories where these detainees have been coerced to perform hard labour.

FATHER'S DAY

A link to the past
and a bridge to
the future

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UNNERVING. That is what I felt when I realized how very few people matter the most in our lives. Rewind a year and a half back, when we had our hands full with busy schedules and social media interactions. As a result, we started ignoring the people who were so near and dear to us. Be it our parents, or the extended family with whom we used to spend precious moments, our hectic lifestyle made us forget to love and appreciate the present. Empathy and compassion took a backseat.

It has been rightly stated, "When life stops, we count our blessings." Covid played havoc in our lives and imparted several painful life lessons. Millions of us lost our loved ones, forcing us to contemplate relationships. Work from home, online schooling, virtual yoga sessions and zoom interactions brought a sea change in our daily routines. We changed the way we lived and related to other people in society.

Post-Covid, students who were busy with their school, tuitions, sports clubs and social media updates have time in hand to help elders with household chores, play indoor games and engage in fruitful conversations with family members. The ever-busy parents now enjoy quality time with the family, cherishing the company of one another. Elders have become chirpier than ever, being in the company of their loved ones.

On Father's Day this year, I made a handmade gift for my dad and I could sense a stronger connection with him. We knew and understood each other much better than yesteryears. I am truly grateful to my father, in whom I see a friend. A person who is never hesitant to right my wrongs and guide me on the best course of action.

Covid has taught us the true value of relationships. From a pessimist's view, Covid turned out to be a nightmare they are unable to wake up from. On the other side of the coin, from an optimist's view, it was a golden opportunity. A chance to discover their interests, strengthen bonds and nurture what really mattered



Many a time, fathers get a bad rep.

Why is it that they are ever so often portrayed to be 'out of the picture' when it comes to their family? Whether it's a cartoon, television show, or movie—why is the father (nine times out of ten) a man so clueless of the state of affairs in his own household that he doesn't even know what his family is up to?

This sentiment is time and again echoed in real life—in the twenty-first century! Fathers actually attempting to fulfil their paternal duties are repeatedly ridiculed, belittled, and their 'masculinity' is put into question. Just take a look at the infamous British TV personality Piers Morgan, who had an outrageous reaction to Daniel Craig (the current actor playing James Bond) carrying his child on a baby sling, calling him an 'emasculated Bond'...

Is that what we do to fathers who care for their children? Berate them based on preconceived notions of what is 'masculine'? Sure, there was plenty of outrage against Morgan, but there were several people who supported him. I can only wish that I was making this up.

This mentality is deep-rooted in society. In fact, when Father's Day was first proposed as a commercial holiday, there were several objections against it. People laughed and jested at the thought of dedicating a day for fathers, and it took years for the day to become mainstream.

Evidently, society has a bone to pick with caring fathers. Dads are stereotyped to be lazy, not really involved in their children's lives, yet are insulted even when they're trying to be good parents. No matter what they do, they never get the approval of society.

That is precisely why I think Father's Day is so important. It's a celebration of fatherhood—of the unconditional and unchanging love and devotion fathers shower their children with. It's even more relevant for us to display our appreciation for them in these testing times, when everyone is more stressed and anxious than usual, especially our parents. Being a parent isn't easy, and the difficulties have been heightened during the pandemic, which is why we need to make it a point to remind our fathers that they are loved and appreciated for all that they do to make our lives better—and that being excellent fathers makes them the best kind of men.

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Fatherhood
and
Masculinity

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FATHER'S DAY

An outsider's guide to dealing with loss

By: Akanksha
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As a 17 year old girl, I have come to realise that my personal encounters with the concept of losing someone have been limited. But as someone who has always watched from the sidelines as my friends and family have lost loved ones, I have also realised that it will never be possible for me to truly understand the gravity of the void that has been created in their lives.

When I was 9 years old, my grandfather passed away. I think that was the first time I had ever seen my father cry. And while I was way too young to understand the situation at that moment, I sat and watched as the depth of the loss ate at my father and the rest of my family. Now that I am older, I have been told that dealing with loss usually comes in 6 stages. Denial, Anger, Guilt, Grief, Acceptance, and Recovery. I wonder how long it might have taken for my father to work through those 6 stages. Maybe he hasn't reached recovery yet. Maybe he didn't go through the stages in that order.

Maybe he never dealt with his loss in that way.

But every year on Father's Day, while the whole world is celebrating the joy of being and having a wonderful parent, I look at my father and I can feel the emptiness. Though we can't empathise, my sister and I try our best to keep the memories of our grandfather alive, to show our father that though not physically, his father still lives on.

As the Covid-19 pandemic progresses, news about infections and death has become an unfortunate daily occurrence. Millions of people around the world have lost someone dear to them. Now, more than ever, we need to stick together.

Our inherent humane nature has always been to help. I believe that maybe that's why we are so fascinated with the idea of the afterlife. Throughout millennia, all we have ever wanted to do was look for a way to justify and nullify the chasm, for ourselves and for others.

There will always be someone around you in need of help. Whether you can provide it to them or not, the least you can do is to let them know that you are there to listen. Listen to them talk about their loved ones. Listen to them cry, listen to them yell. Listen to them if they find themselves feeling a tsunami of different emotions, and listen to them if they feel numb. Be there for them when they come out the other side, or wait for them there, however long it takes. In the end, perhaps, they'll find that their love for the person overcomes the feeling of loss. And when they get there, give them a tight hug.

“the phrase ‘till death do us part’
agonises me
how could someone be so foolish
so as to believe
that my love for them could perish
at the hands
of something as trivial
as oblivion?”

This Father's Day might have been hard for some people. Check up on each other. And love, love, love.

On the morning of Father's Day, I had a nightmare.

It was the oddest thing. Consciousness stole most of it from me, but the shadows of it still haunt my mind.

I just knew that my father was no more. When they had taken him, he had dropped all our important documents: passports, licences, agreements. I just sat by a dark wet unknown road. I tried multiple times, with uncooperating cold hands, to gather up the scattered bits he had left behind. But every time I managed to gather a pile, I would break, crying incoherently a monosyllable, the first one I had ever spoken; Papa, and everything would scatter again.

I don't know how long it went on. I was stuck in a loop. No matter how many times it happened, nothing braced me for the wave of pain that swallowed me in whole each time I remembered my loss.

Then in the day, it hit me. This was a distant echo of what it must feel like to lose a parent. And while I got to ease my fear by spending Father's Day with my father, many don't, not anymore.

Like my cousins, who lost their father too to a heart attack. Grief cannot be compared, but it struck them just as suddenly. They had been on a vacation, away from home and carefree. Death slunk up with its merciless scythe. They didn't have time to accept the shock. They didn't have time to think. To say goodbye. To say I love you.

But I see them now, and I have not seen stronger, fiercer young women. One had barely been seventeen. Then and now, they are fighters.

And so are you. If you have lost a parent or a loved one, I cannot fathom the pain you are going through right now.

Try to recall what they did when they were at their lowest. Try to remember their stories, pass them on. Because stories keep them alive, as do you. Their favoured quips, maybe a favourite movie, an odd habit, their favourite food. Maybe try to find those which embedded themselves in you, the part of them that lives as you breathe.

It's never going to be easy. But maybe, over time, it can be less hard. Because only where there is love, there is pain.

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Where there is
love

By Milee Dangayach
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SPORTS

THE UEFA EURO 2020 HAS BEGUN!

By: Gautham P
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The UEFA Euro 2020 has started. It was scheduled for the year 2020 but was postponed to 2021 due to Covid-19. However, the name Euro 2020 still sticks. The 24 teams have been divided into 6 groups, that is -Group A, Group B, Group C, Group D, Group E and Group F. This years UEFA Euro 2020 will be played from the 11th of June to the 11th of July 2021. 26 of 51 matches have been played by 21-Jun-2021.

Cristiano Ronaldo and Patrik Schick are the leading goal scorers this year with 3 goals each. Meanwhile, Italy is the team to have scored the most goals. As a team as they have scored 7 goals so far. Netherlands, Belgium and Portugal are tied in second place for the same post at 5 goals each. Portugal, the defending champion will be looking to retain their glory.

In Group A, Italy has 9 points, the highest number of points in the group. In Group B and C, the highest number of points are 6 which has been achieved by Belgium and Netherlands respectively. In the last three groups, 4 is the highest number of points acquired by any team. Czech Republic and England from Group D, Sweden from Group E and France from Group F have done this.

SPORTS

NEW ZEALAND: THE INAUGURAL WORLD TEST CHAMPIONS!!

By: Om Joshi
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New Zealand (NZ) has finally emerged as the first World Test Champions. Here is the sequence of events of the exiting 6-days final!

DAY-1

The battle for the crown was between India and New Zealand at Southampton. The rain spoiled the excitement and no play happened on day 1.

DAY-2

NZ won the toss and opted to field. The Indian openers, Rohit Sharma and Shubman Gill, gave India a steady start but fell after a solid 50-run partnership but India's condition was shaky at the score of 88-3! Virat Kohli and Ajinkya Rahane stitched a good partnership and took India to 146-3 until bad light hit Hampshire Bowl. The play was called off again!!

DAY-3

India continued batting but was completely outplayed by Kyle Jamieson. He bagged a 5-wicket haul and, India got tumbled out for 217. NZ started batting with a good start. At the end, India managed to get 2 wickets and NZ were 101/2 despite Devon Conway's 50.

DAY-4

The only thing that was possible on day-4 was RAIN!!!

DAY-5

India started very well courtesy a Mohammed Shami special. He scalped a 4-wicket haul. With the help of the pace-trio and the spin-duo, India managed to bowl NZ out for 249. India had to survive 30-overs which they could not. At the end of day India scored 64-2.

DAY-6

India had to post a big total to win or draw the match but got all-out for 170. NZ needed 139-runs to win. India managed to get just 2 wickets and as a result New Zealand is crowned as the first world test champions. Good guys don't always come last. India have suffered a heartbreak, but it's time now to introspect and move on.

WTC-Statistics:

- Most runs:** Marnus Labuschagne {1675-RUNS} (AUSTRALIA)
- Most wickets:** Ravichandran Ashwin {71-WICKETS} (INDIA)
- Highest individual score:** David Warner {335*} (AUSTRALIA)
- Man of the match of WTC-final:** Kyle Jamieson {7-61} (NEW ZEALAND)



LOVE, THE SIXTH ELEMENT

By - Dhruvi Hegde, XI - K



The wind ruffled my hair, and my hands pressed onto the handles of the bicycle as a laugh bubbled out of me, as bright as the sun shining above my head. It was strangely surreal, the feeling of moving so fast all on my own.

Of course, I wasn't all on my own.

Because holding onto my bicycle was my father, running by my side and laughing by my side.

I still remember that feeling of knowing that I would be okay, that I wouldn't fall, not as long as my dad was there.

For every book he made me read that I eventually fell in love with, every math problem he helped me solve, and every cup of 'Death by Chocolate' ice cream that we shared, I knew that he'd always be there, laughing by my side.

My father is like the ocean, so profoundly filled with knowledge that I could drown in it.

He's like the sky, ever so calm and pleasant, never failing to bring a smile on my face.

He is like the air, always there with me, even when I can't see him.

He is like a tree, tall and comforting, rooting for me and protecting me.

Really, what I'm trying to say is that he is my world, and one day isn't enough to appreciate the millions of days of love and affection he's shown me.

But there is one day made just for him.

And so, Happy Father's Day, Dad. Don't ever stop holding onto me.

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