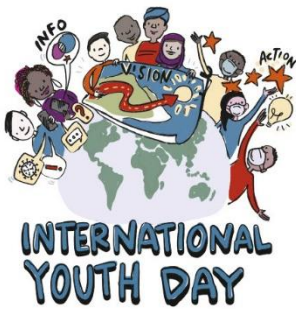


International Youth Day 2020 – August 12



International Youth Day Webinar
**“YOUTH ENGAGEMENT
FOR GLOBAL ACTION”**
12 August 2020, 12:30-14:00 (CET)

With the participation of:
Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General,
and Ms. Audrey Azoulay, UNESCO Director-General
For more information and registration:
<https://on.unesco.org/3a3EBzC>

The United Nations (UNs) International Youth Day (IYD) is annually celebrated on 12th August to raise awareness on the legal and cultural problems related to the youths all over the world and to celebrate and focus on the

voices, actions and initiatives of young people.

IYD 2020 is convened by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) in partnership with the Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development (IANYD) Youth Caucus and Create2030.

The First International Youths day was observed on **12th August 2000**. The **IYD 2020** is celebrated under the theme – “**Youth Engagement for Global Action**” to highlight the methods in which the engagement of the young people at the local, national and global levels promotes the national and multilateral institution and processes.

Background:

In December **1999**, The United Nations General Assembly endorsed the recommendation made by the **World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth** held in Lisbon from **8th to 12 August 1998**, adopted the resolution A/RES/54/120 declaring the 12th of August as International Youth Day.

World Elephant Day 2020 – August 12

The 12th August of every year is celebrated as the World Elephant Day to create awareness on the need to conserve and preserve the elephants and their habitats.

The **First** World Elephant Day was celebrated on 12th August 2012.





Background:

The Idea to celebrate World Elephant Day was initiated by Sivaporn Dardarananda, Secretary General of **Elephant Reintroduction Foundation** and Canadian filmmakers Patricia Sims and Michael Clark in **2011** to focus global attention on the plight of Asian and

African Elephants which were facing the threats of extinction. The day was officially launched on **August 12, 2012.**

MoTA: The Nine 'Tribal Freedom Fighters' Museums to Recognise the Tribal Freedom Fighters will be Completed by 2022

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs(MoTA) announced that the nine Tribal Freedom Fighters Museums that are under development by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to recognise the contribution of the tribal freedom fighters will be completed by the end of 2020.



DEVELOPS

NINE

'TRIBAL FREEDOM FIGHTERS' MUSEUMS

Background:

i. During the Independence day speech on 15th August 2016, Prime Minister

Narendra Modi made the announcement regarding the establishment of Tribal Freedom Fighters Museums by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

ii. The museums are being developed in the states where the tribal leaders lived and fought against British rule.

iii. These museums will enable the future generation to understand the contribution of the tribal freedom fighters.

Tribal Freedom Fighters Museums:

i. The approval of the museums and the monitoring of their progress were constituted by the National Level Committee headed by Secretary of MoTA.

ii. Out of the 9 sanctioned museums, 2 museums are near completion and 7 are at the different stages of progress.

iii. The nine museums are being developed in Gujarat(Rajpipla), Jharkhand(Ranchi), Andhra Pradesh(Lambasingi), Chhattisgarh(Raipur), Kerala (Kozhikode), Madhya Pradesh (Chhindwara), Telangana (Hyderabad), Manipur (Senapati) and Mizoram (Kelsi).

Jajendra Singh Shekhawat Launched the Swachh Bharat Mission Academy



Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Union Minister for Jal Shakti launched the **Swachh Bharat Mission(SBM) Academy**, an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) based free mobile online training course with modules on the Open Defecation Free (ODF) Plus programme at an event in New Delhi. It is

launched as part of ‘GandagiMukt Bharat’, the ongoing week-long behaviour change campaign.

- He launched by dialling the designated IVR toll-free number (18001800404) and listening to the welcome message of the SBM academy
- SBM Academy’s functionalities and key roles are anticipated under Phase 2 of Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen)-SBM(G)

About Swachh Bharat Mission Academy

Significance

It will help to sustain behaviour change and enhance capacity building efforts to train Swachhagrahis and PRI members, community-based organizations, voluntary organizations, self-help groups and others associated with the second phase of SBM (G).

Course

i. It contains a 60 minutes module spanning various topics under ODF-S and Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM).

ii. The course has 4 chapters. The user must answer at least 50% of the questions correctly to be considered useful. Currently the content is available in Hindi.

Benefits

i. It will provide access to the training course anytime and anywhere with high quality and standardized content over basic mobile phones.

ii. It enhances the knowledge and interpersonal communication skills so as to improve the quality of interaction with the beneficiaries.

Note– The Phase II of the SBM (G) was launched in 2020, which focuses on ODF sustainability and SLWM.

Russia Becomes 1st Country to Register COVID-19 Vaccine, 'Sputnik V'

Russia becomes the **1st country** to officially **register** a coronavirus(**COVID-19**) **vaccine** and declare it ready for use. The vaccine will be marketed in foreign markets under the name '**Sputnik V**', after the world's first satellite Sputnik. The vaccine has been developed jointly by the Gamaleya Research Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology and the Russian Defence Ministry.



It is expected that Russia will make the vaccine available to the public on Jan 1, 2021. India is among 20 countries which has expressed interest in obtaining the vaccine

Finances for Production of Vaccine

The production of the Sputnik V in Russia is financed by Russia Development Investment Fund or RDIF (Russia's sovereign wealth fund) on the basis of production capacities of its portfolio companies, R-Pharm and Binnopharm, a part of the Alium Group,

Key Info

i. Phase-III clinical trials will be held in different countries, including India, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Brazil and Philippines.

Belarus leader Alexander Lukashenko wins sixth term with 80% of votes

The Central Election Commission of the Republic of Belarus said that the

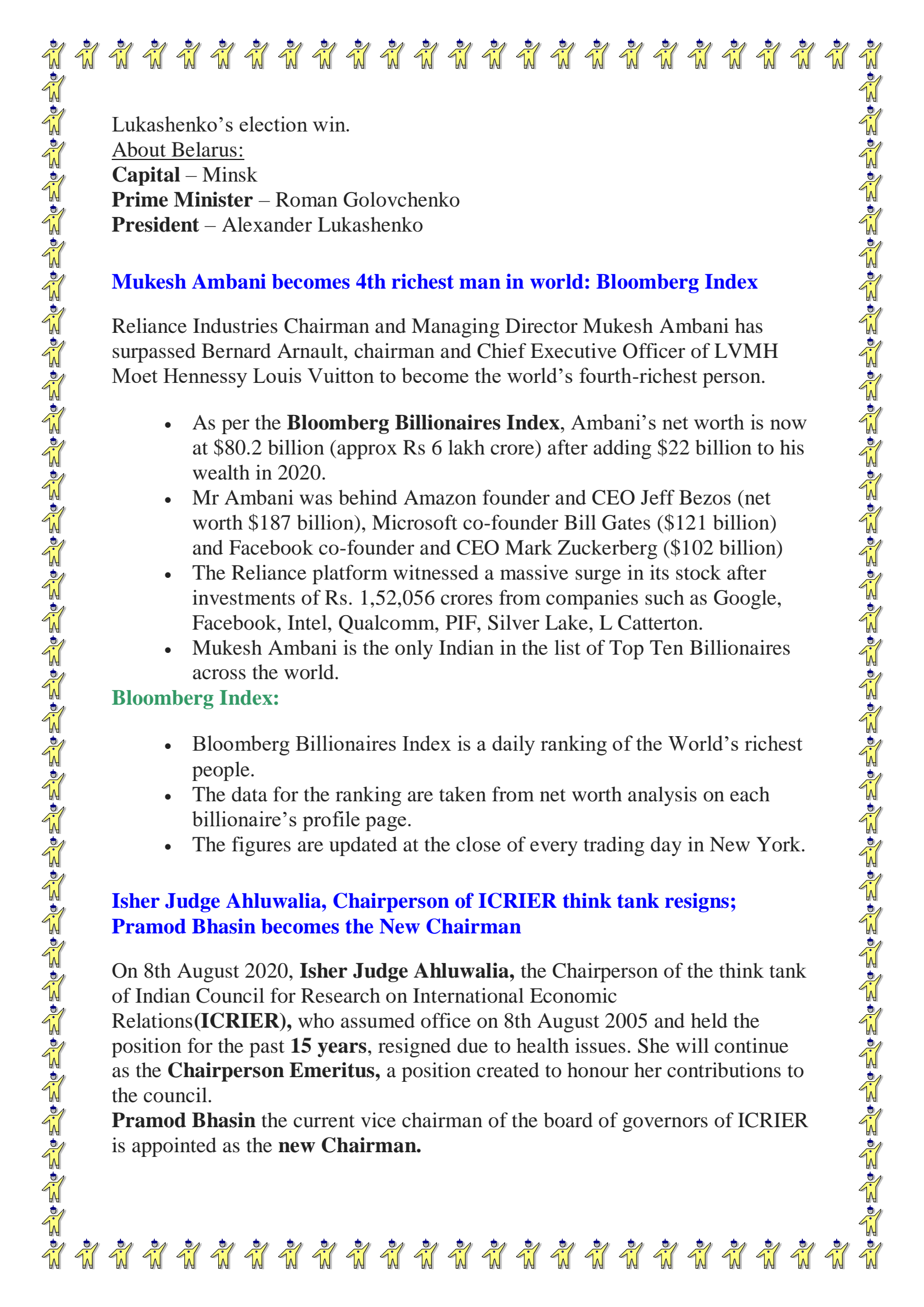


country's longtime authoritarian leader Alexander Grigoryevich Lukashenko has won his sixth consecutive presidential term (1994-present) by taking over 80% of the votes.

i. His main opposition challenger Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya has secured only 9.9% of votes.

ii. The Opposition party has rejected the official election results and called for recounting of the votes.

iii. 5,000 protesters in the capital city of Minsk took to the streets to protest



Lukashenko's election win.

About Belarus:

Capital – Minsk

Prime Minister – Roman Golovchenko

President – Alexander Lukashenko

Mukesh Ambani becomes 4th richest man in world: Bloomberg Index

Reliance Industries Chairman and Managing Director Mukesh Ambani has surpassed Bernard Arnault, chairman and Chief Executive Officer of LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton to become the world's fourth-richest person.

- As per the **Bloomberg Billionaires Index**, Ambani's net worth is now at \$80.2 billion (approx Rs 6 lakh crore) after adding \$22 billion to his wealth in 2020.
- Mr Ambani was behind Amazon founder and CEO Jeff Bezos (net worth \$187 billion), Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates (\$121 billion) and Facebook co-founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg (\$102 billion)
- The Reliance platform witnessed a massive surge in its stock after investments of Rs. 1,52,056 crores from companies such as Google, Facebook, Intel, Qualcomm, PIF, Silver Lake, L Catterton.
- Mukesh Ambani is the only Indian in the list of Top Ten Billionaires across the world.

Bloomberg Index:

- Bloomberg Billionaires Index is a daily ranking of the World's richest people.
- The data for the ranking are taken from net worth analysis on each billionaire's profile page.
- The figures are updated at the close of every trading day in New York.

Isher Judge Ahluwalia, Chairperson of ICRIER think tank resigns; Pramod Bhasin becomes the New Chairman

On 8th August 2020, **Isher Judge Ahluwalia**, the Chairperson of the think tank of Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations(**ICRIER**), who assumed office on 8th August 2005 and held the position for the past **15 years**, resigned due to health issues. She will continue as the **Chairperson Emeritus**, a position created to honour her contributions to the council.

Pramod Bhasin the current vice chairman of the board of governors of ICRIER is appointed as the **new Chairman**.

Skyroot Aerospace, India's 1st Private Aerospace Company to Test Fire 1st of its Kind Upper Stage Rocket Engine Named "Raman"



Skyroot Aerospace, Indian aerospace startup successfully test fired an upper stage rocket engine "**Raman**", India's first 100% 3D printed bi-propellant liquid rocket engine injector named after the nobel laureate **Sir CV Raman** and became the first private aerospace company in India to test a rocket engine developed in India.

i. Raman is a lightweight 3D printed rocket engine featuring a fewer number of moving parts.

ii. Raman can hurl a satellite of **250 to 700 kilograms** into the lower orbits.

Skyroot Aerospace:

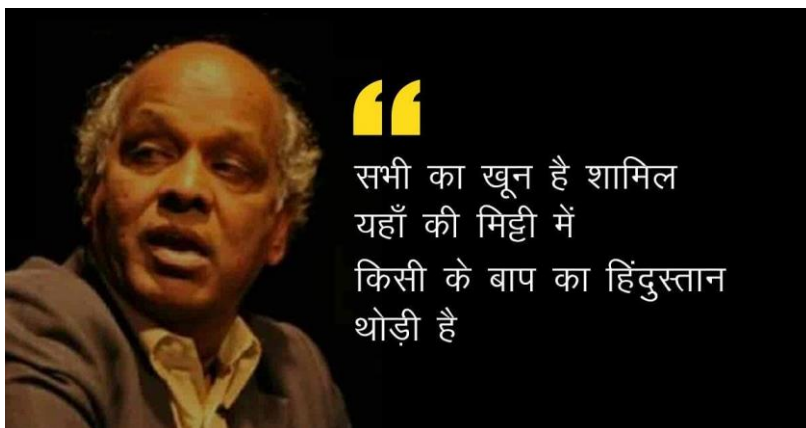
i. The startup was founded by Pawan Kumar Chandana and Naga Bharath Daka, former Indian Space Research Organisation (**ISRO**) scientists and backed by founders of **Curefit** – Mukesh Bansal and Ankit Nagori and **Solar Industries**.

ii. The company completed multiple test fires to qualify their solid propellant formulation.

Skyroot has raised around **31.5 crore** from investors to develop a family of rockets named '**Vikram Sarabhai**' which can launch satellites of about 250-700 kilograms into low earth orbits is working on to raise another **90 crores by mid-2021**.

iii. The first launch Vehicle "**Vikram-I**" which hosts an Orbit Adjustment Module (**OAM**), which enables the insertion of multiple satellites into space, is targeted to launch in December 2021.

Renowned Urdu Poet Rahat Indori passes away at 70



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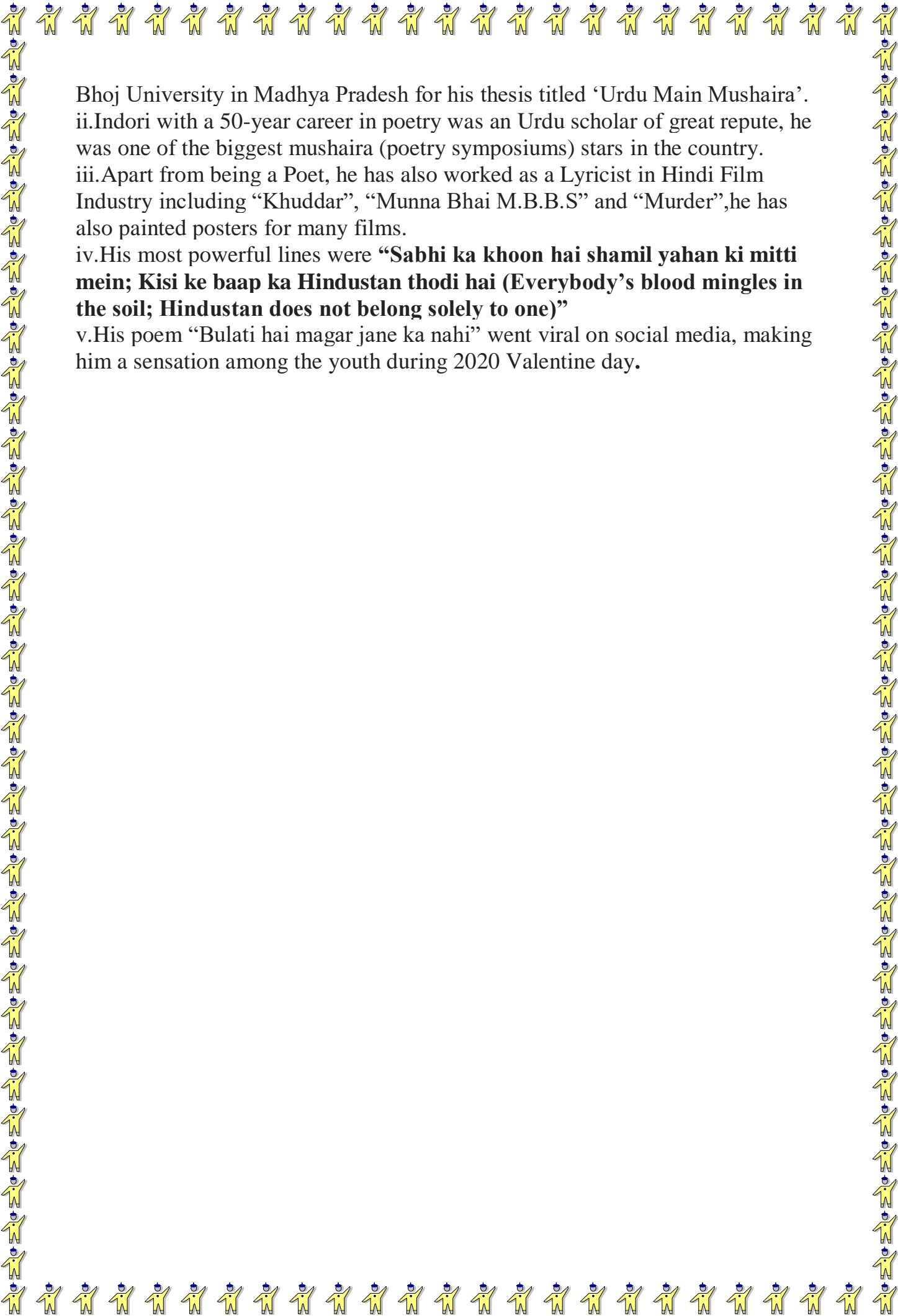
सभी का खून है शामिल
यहाँ की मिट्टी में
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Urdu Poet & Lyricist, Rahat Indori who was being treated for COVID-19 died of Heart Attack at Aurobindo Hospital, Indore.

Key Points:

i. He was born as Rahat Qureshi on 1 January, 1950 in Indore. He

taught Urdu literature at Devi Ahilya University, and was awarded PhD from



Bhoj University in Madhya Pradesh for his thesis titled ‘Urdu Main Mushaira’.

ii. Indori with a 50-year career in poetry was an Urdu scholar of great repute, he was one of the biggest mushaira (poetry symposiums) stars in the country.

iii. Apart from being a Poet, he has also worked as a Lyricist in Hindi Film Industry including “Khuddar”, “Munna Bhai M.B.B.S” and “Murder”, he has also painted posters for many films.

iv. His most powerful lines were **“Sabhi ka khoon hai shamil yahan ki mitti mein; Kisi ke baap ka Hindustan thodi hai (Everybody’s blood mingles in the soil; Hindustan does not belong solely to one)”**

v. His poem “Bulati hai magar jane ka nahi” went viral on social media, making him a sensation among the youth during 2020 Valentine day.