

Sunday Poetry

Pains

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If only I knew; I'd haven't tasted life for betterment;  
If only I had encounter; I'd haven't carrying burden;  
'Unification' a legal practice, isn't that wholly without;  
Binding 'me' too tightly, norms and regulations;  
Rules and cultures, isn't that beauty?  
Ah! It's a mere thing 'he' does loving, surprisingly;  
Frame work and orders, early morning liveliness;  
Constituting bodily work animated, as though;  
The 'system' isn't natural, it's framed inducing;  
Tired and very tired, I'm to this socially instigation;  
Had I ever knew such a wonder encouragement?  
Its paining urge, 'you' never notice this system;  
Charmer as always wondering visioning;  
How faithful 'I' to this patriarchal lines.

Life's a behold miracle; life's a establish distress anguish;  
You never discern without recognizing it, sadness;  
All I perceived, just a naked truth, liar and unhappiness;  
Feel that agony; just sweeten that soreness;  
'Boy or Girl', It's a boy! How contented?  
Merry making and cheerful and feeling blessed;  
Bravo! Everyone greeted, 'you're the man';  
Favored and supporting and delighted and willing to;  
Had 'they' ever detected 'the pangs of contractions'?  
'Laboring' isn't a happy game, its paining achy feeling;  
Wondering over again, how 'they' reacted?  
'She's a girl' 'she cries whole night';  
Recommending 'try one more' child;  
How faithful 'I' to this patriarchal lines.

Struggling for living isn't different, when all money matters;  
Anger and hypertension, tools I should shelter;  
Thought life's an empty darkness and thrilling space;  
All well's unwell, lives without fences and boarders;  
All I knew, I wasn't knew rubbish joys and freedom;  
Overwhelming those empty needful, sticking to same old;  
How successful will 'I' become? When he misunderstood;  
Weeping my passion; tears my adoring jewelry;  
Can't treasured rude and filthiness, never does 'he' listens;  
It's hurting, traumatizing and blaming inside 'me';  
'Companion' all that matters, unpleasant to habitual tipsy;  
Wondering how many unforgettable nights!  
Without sleep just waiting, holding a lantern;  
It's paining endlessly, throbbing and holding back;  
How faithful 'I' to this patriarchal lines.

Life isn't a lesson, experiences make it living;  
How exotic 'I' to him?  
Duties I carried so hard, never does 'he' understand;  
Bearing and rearing, educating and nurturing;  
Supporting and raising, breeding and keeping;  
All my calling, opening a pursuit to happiness;  
Sickening inside 'me' throes and struggling,  
And hardening, bravely I does escapade;  
Suffering inside 'me' dies, with those jovial playful smiles;  
Holding 'me' in restricted paining pride;  
How faithful 'I' to this patriarchal lines.

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National & International News

Rajnath Singh: India will meet one Pakistani bullet with countless bullets

**Express Web Desk**  
**New Delhi, Feb. 4:** Addressing poll-bound Tripura on Saturday, Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh said the Indian forces have been directed to fire countless bullets while retaliating to even one Pakistani bullet. "I have given standing orders to our forces to shoot limitless bullets to retaliate a single fire on our territory by the Pakistani forces," the Home Minister said at an election rally at Barjala, Agartala. Singh said that though India was interested in maintaining peaceful relations with the neighbouring nation, it was Pakistan which tried to disintegrate India. "As our neighbour, we do not want to attack on Pakistan first. We want to live with peace and harmony with our all neighbours. But, most unfortunately Pakistan is trying to tear down Jammu and Kashmir and continue attacks on

our forces and Indian territory," he was quoted as saying by news agency IANS. Reiterating that Kashmir was, is and will always be an integral part of the Indian territory, Singh said: "Our neighbouring country, Pakistan, continuously tries to create havoc and destabilise India. It continues to engage in nefarious activities in Kashmir. "Kisi ne ma ka doodh nahi piya jo Kashmir ko Bharat se alag kar de. Kashmir hamara tha, hai aur rahega (There is no one who can separate Kashmir from India, Kashmir was, is and will remain ours)." Singh's comments come at a time when Kashmir has seen an increase in ceasefire violation from the other side of the border. Last week too, Singh hit out at Pakistan for continuously violating the

ceasefire agreement with India, saying Islamabad should not misinterpret India's "decency". "India is no more a weak country. India has now become a powerful country," Singh said and added that Pakistan, being a neighbour, should have a friendly attitude towards India. While making a pitch for the BJP in Tripura on Saturday, the Home Minister also hit out at the Left Front government. He said that during its 25-year uninterrupted rule, the Left Front did nothing for the development and economic prosperity of Tripura or tackle the state's poverty and unemployment. Singh added that only BJP can develop the country and the northeastern states including Tripura. "During CPI-M's 35 years rule in West Bengal, they ruined that state,

and if the Left parties after the February 18 assembly polls are allowed to rule Tripura further, they would destroy the future of the state and its people," he said. "BJP and its allies are now ruling 19 states in India. Why so many states are under BJP and its allies' governance? Because people of these states trust BJP and people sincerely believe that only BJP can remove their poverty and provide jobs to the youth." The Home Minister also promised that Tripura's natural resources would make the state number one in India if the BJP came to power. "You have given scope to the Left parties in Tripura many times, give scope to BJP once this time to rule for genuine development of the state with all-round growth of all sections of people," he said.

Russian jet shot down in Syria by group linked to former al Qaeda branch, pilot killed

**Agencies**  
**Saraqib, Feb. 4:** A Russian warplane was shot down in Syria on Saturday and its pilot killed on the ground after he ejected from the plane, Russia's defence ministry and Syrian rebels said. A jihadist group linked to the former branch of al Qaeda in Syria claimed responsibility for shooting down the Russian SU-25 warplane with a shoulder launched anti-aircraft missile. The group Tahrir al-Sham released a statement on social media quoting a commander in charge of its air defences as saying one of its fighters had hit the jet during an air raid over the city of Saraqib in the northwestern province of Idlib. Tahrir al-Sham includes the group formerly known as the Nusra Front, which served as al Qaeda's Syrian branch. Idlib province has seen heavy air strikes and fighting on the ground between government forces backed by Russia and Iran, and rebels who oppose President Bashar al-Assad. Syrians opposed to Assad see Russia as an invading force they blame for the deaths of thousands of civilians since Moscow joined the war on the side of the Syrian government in 2015. Although the Russian pilot escaped the crash, he was killed by rebels who had tried to capture him, a source said. "This work is the least we can do to revenge our people. Let the criminal invaders know that our skies are not a picnic and they will not pass through without paying a price God willing," senior Tahrir al-Sham commander Mahmoud Turkomani said in a statement released by the group. Russia's defence ministry also said that the aircraft was downed by a portable surface-to-air missile. The pilot reported that he had ejected by parachute, and he was later killed on the ground. "The pilot died in a fight with terrorists," it said.

Tass news agency quoted the Russian defence ministry as saying Moscow retaliated with a strike from an undisclosed high-precision weapon that killed more than 30 militants in an area of Idlib province where the plane was downed. The Syrian opposition released footage on social media that purported to show the wreckage of the plane and the body of the pilot surrounded by fighters. Rebels said the downed warplane had taken part in strikes that targeted civilian convoys fleeing along a major Syrian highway from villages that the army and foreign

militias had overrun. Syria's civil war, which is now entering its eighth year, has killed hundreds of thousands of people and driven more than 11 million from their homes. A Russian plane was blamed for the death of seven civilians and scores of injuries after cars were targeted on the highway, according to a witness and two rebels sources. Syrian soldiers and Iranian-backed militiamen were now around twelve kilometres from Saraqib, advancing towards the Damascus-Aleppo highway under cover of heavy Russian air strikes, two opposition

sources said. At least five civilians were killed in Saraqib city on Saturday, which residents blamed on Russian planes. Syrians in rebel-held areas say they can distinguish between Russian warplanes and those of the Syrian air force, because the Russian planes fly at higher altitude. Residents say thousands of people have been forced by air strikes to flee the area, moving further north to the safety of makeshift camps on the Syrian side of the Turkish border. Russia's defence ministry regularly says it targets only headline Islamist militants in Syria.

Central govt jobs go up 2.53 lakh in two years

**PTI**  
**New Delhi, Feb 4:** An estimated 2.53 lakh central government jobs were generated in the last two years, reveals an examination of Union budget 2018-19. According to the budget documents, presented by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley on Thursday, the estimated workforce of central government establishments will be 35.05 lakh as on March 1, 2018. This is 2.53 lakh more than the head count of 32.52 lakh in March 2016. About 2.27 lakh jobs are estimated to have been added in central government departments between 2016 and 2017. An estimated 34.8 lakh people were working with central government departments as on March 1, 2017, the budget documents say. Though the lion's share of jobs has been added in police departments, the numbers have also gone up in various ministries and departments. A reading of the budget papers, which gives a sector-wise break-up, details how the numbers stack up. The budget says, for instance, that

the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers' Welfare will add 1,944 jobs by March 1. Its actual strength in 2016 was 3,996. Similarly, about 1,519 new jobs are estimated to have been added by the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries between 2016 and March 2018. The department's estimated strength on March 1 will be 3,861 against 2,342 in March 2016. The Department of Atomic Energy is estimated to have added 6,279 jobs between March 1, 2018 and 2016. Its actual strength on March 1, 2016 was 30,639 and it is projected to be 36,918 by next month, the documents say. The Ministry of Civil Aviation had a strength of 1,145 personnel in 2016 and will add 1,197 jobs by March. Similarly, 3,024 jobs will be added by Ministry of Culture by next month, against its strength of 7,675 on March 1, 2016. The Home Ministry (excluding police force, cabinet and police departments under it) will add 5,386 more personnel to take its strength to 26,188 by next month.

About one lakh more workforce is estimated to have been added in police departments under the home ministry to take the total head count to 11,25,093 by March 2018. The strength of police departments under the central government was 10,24,374, as on March 1, 2016. There will be an estimated increase of 1,196 persons in the Ministry of External Affairs by March 2018 as against its actual strength of 9,672 in 2016, the budget documents say. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change is estimated to add 2,234 more jobs by March to take its strength to 5,119 as against 2,885 in 2016, it said. An estimated 772 people will be part of the workforce of the Minority Affairs Ministry by next month. Its actual strength in 2016 was 774. The Mines Ministry will have 772 more personnel to take its strength to 8,562. There were 7,790 personnel employed with the ministry in 2016, the documents say. The numbers of jobs in other government departments are also given in the document.

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