

Poetry section

The chilly nights

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Wake up! Wake up!
Wake up! Wake up! Call my mother
It's 3 O'clock in the morning;
Time to read! Time to read!
Splash your face with water; murmuring
Gaping and rubbing my eyes;
Stretching and reaching the bucket;
Oh! The horning water
It's paining; it's hurting;
Numbing my fingers; I blink wide open
'm trying; trying reserving my body secure
I walk lavish and captivating;
I feel nothing; compulsive
And I am occupied.

Wondering myself- gazing;
I lost my rhythm of how and where
Floating with the rhythmic breeze; cold and dry
Coating my spirit with this dark-
Dark velvety starry cosmic sheets;
Sitting in quadrangle; still not alone
Spreading opus and notepad;
I breathe cold;
I freeze to dry deeper amidst this null;
I cuddle tightly;
And I couch on this piece-gunny bag;
Lifting my ears out clear;
Winking my eyes rapidly;
I absorbed this Shimmer flame
I feel nothing; compulsive
And I am occupied.

Wondering myself- gazing;
I lost my rhythm of how and where;
Floating with this rhythmic breeze; cold and dry
I am tingling;
And I heard a call;
I rose inside out;
I travelled far in the dark grove;
I wave out this fear;
I speak of false;
I sense my fantasies; assembling
I talk of my phantom urge; holding
This shadow-shadow of gusty branches;
Holding me tightly; And I am breathing cold
I absorbed this Shimmer flame
I feel nothing; compulsive
And I am occupied.

Wondering myself- gazing;
I lost my rhythm of how and where;
Floating with this rhythmic breeze; cold and dry
I am tired, in the middle of nowhere;
And I see no move;
I feel heavy-heavy lifting;
I am drown -drowning with this drowsiness
Soaking myself with;
Lumbering mouth water; as I lay
I smell dirty;
O! My hair
I care and I scouted this Shimmer flame;
Lurching hither and thither; still untouched
I feel nothing; compulsive
And I am occupied.

Wake up! Wake up!
Wake up! Wake up! Call my mother
Wondering myself- gazing;
I lost my rhythm of how and where;
Floating with this rhythmic breeze; cold and dry
'm still couching on this piece-gunny bag;
Alas! Sobering my inner being
I was softening my ally; wondering
I absorbed this Shimmer flame
I feel nothing; compulsive
And I am occupied.

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National & International News

Gujarat: Communal clash in Patan district kills two people, injures ten others

PTI Ahmedabad, March 26: Two persons were killed, one of them in police firing, and 10 others injured while around 50 houses were ransacked and set ablaze along with many vehicles following a communal clash in a village in Gujarat's Patan district on Saturday evening, police said.
Patan Superintendent of Police

Ashwin Chauhan said a minor altercation between two students over some dispute while going for the high school examinations in Vadavali village soon assumed communal overtones and flared up into a major clash involving people from at least three surrounding villages.
Violent mobs first ransacked and then torched around 50 houses of a

particular community. More than two dozen vehicles parked in front of the houses were also burnt down.
Police from Patan and Mehsana rushed to the spot but with the situation threatening to spiral out of control, in-charge Director General of Police PP Pandey despatched Inspector General of Police, Gandhinagar to the riot-torn village to oversee matters. It also took more

than 10 fire engines from Mehsana, Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar to douse the fire in the houses and vehicles set ablaze.
Police carried out a baton-charge and used teargas shells to disperse the mob but the violence continued, forcing them to open fire in which one youth was killed. At least 10 people sustained injuries in stone throwing between the two groups.

SC upholds life term for 3 for killing Gujarat Shiv Sena leader

PTI New Delhi, March 26: The Supreme Court has upheld the life term awarded to three persons for killing a Shiv Sena leader in Gujarat whose younger brother had married a woman from a minority community.
A bench of Justices P C Ghose and Ashok Bhushan said the homicidal death has been proven beyond all reasonable doubt with the recovery of the weapon which was a "sharp knife" and the high court order did not call for any interference.
"The fact that the accused had been identified and recovery made from accused no.1 has left no room for doubt that all the appellants were involved in the commission of the murder with the common object to

do away the deceased...
"We are of the view that the present appeal is devoid of merits and we, therefore, do not find any reason to interfere with the order of the high court. Hence, the appeal is dismissed," the bench said.
On July 4, 2009, five persons had barged into the house of Rameshbhai Prajapati, a taluka president of Shiv Sena when he was sleeping with his wife and children, and had assaulted him with the knife inflicting grievous injuries in his neck.
The whole incident was witnessed by Prajapati's wife as she woke up after hearing the noise and saw the men escape from the spot.
The trial court in 2010 convicted

four persons including Soyebbhai Yusufbhai Bharania who had led the group and awarded them life sentence while holding them guilty for murder and rioting. It has said that the younger brother of the victim had got married to a woman hailing from a particular community despite protest by the men.
The trial court, however, had given benefit of doubt to Umarbhai, one of the five men, and acquitted him.
The four convicts had challenged the verdict of the trial court in the Gujarat High Court which had upheld the life sentence given to three persons and acquitted one of them.
The apex court, while dismissing

the appeals, said that in furtherance of the common intention to kill Prajapati, the men had entered his house and they were seen by his wife.
It said that since out of the five men, two were acquitted by the trial court and the high court respectively, the charge of unlawful assembly does not meet the pre-requisite condition of a minimum of five persons.
"In our view, albeit the murder is proved but the ingredients of the unlawful assembly remained elusive, as pre-requisite condition for an unlawful assembly i.e., minimum five persons, has not been met. Nevertheless, the common object has been proved by the prosecution," it said.

6 dead, 40 injured in attack outside militants' hideout in Bangladesh

PTI Dhaka, March 26: Six people were killed and nearly 40 others injured, including a top intelligence officer, in two powerful blasts outside a building occupied by the Islamist militants as commandos prepared for a final assault to flush them out in Sylhet city in Bangladesh, police said today.
The first blast happened around 7:00 p.m. yesterday about 400 metres off the five-storey building where the militants were holed up. It targeted the huge crowd witnessing the operation codenamed 'Twilight' and policemen deployed there.
Another blast took place in front of the hideout an hour later. Six people including two police officers were killed in the attack.
The dead included two police inspectors and four onlookers, two of them being college students.
Hours later the Islamic State claimed responsibility for the attack through its propaganda news agency 'Amaq'.
The target of the attack was security forces, it said.
This was the third attack in Bangladesh in eight days for which the ISIS claimed credit.

Elite Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) Intelligence Wing chief Lt Col Abul Kalam was seriously wounded in blasts and flown to Dhaka for treatment.
Citing one of the injured people, bdnews24.com said that the second blast took place when RAB and police personnel went to the spot after the first blast.
"A ban has been enforced barring entry of ordinary people within the vicinity of the building as final preparations were underway to flush the militants out from their den," a police officer told reporters.
Sylhet-based 17 Infantry Division's Major General Anwarul Momen is leading the operation, which was assisted by police's SWAT and counter-terrorism units. The elite Rapid Action Battalion is also involved.
Police had raided the building early morning Friday and cordoned off the area.
Counter-Terrorism and Transnational Crime (CTTC) chief Monirul Islam said they got information that JMB chief Musa along with some other JMB militants were in Sylhet, but it was not clear if they were the ones hiding in the building.
The neo-JMB, said to be inclined

to the Islamic State, was behind the July 1 terror attack on a Dhaka cafe in which 22 people, including 17 foreigners, were killed.
TV channels were barred from broadcasting the operation "live" but their reports showed commandos taking positions around the building.
Eyewitnesses said sounds of intermittent gunshots and explosions were heard, indicating militants response to the security siege that continued for the last three days.
The Operation Twilight was launched after a suicide bomber on Friday night blew himself up at the international airport in Dhaka in an attack claimed by the ISIS.
It came a week after an identical attack on a RAB camp in Dhaka.
Police had tracked down the Sylhet hideout less than a week after they busted two militant dens on the outskirts of the southeastern port city Chittagong.
Bangladesh has been witnessing a spate of attacks on secular activists, foreigners and religious minorities since 2013. The country launched a massive crackdown on militants specially after the Dhaka cafe attack.

12 Indian fishermen arrested by Sri Lankan Navy

PTI Rameswaram (TN), March 26: Twelve fishermen from Tamil Nadu have been arrested by the Sri Lankan Navy on the charge of fishing in the territorial waters of the island nation.
The fishermen, who had put out to sea from Jegadapattinam in Pudukottai district, were arrested near Neduntheevu late last night, a Fisheries official said today.
The fishermen along with their two mechanised boats had been taken to Kankesanthurai Port in northern Sri Lanka, Assistant Director of Fisheries Alexander said.
Besides, around 2,000 fishermen from Rameswaram who were fishing near Neduntheevu in 500 boats were chased away by the Lankan Naval personnel and they returned to the shores here last night, officials here said.
The latest incident of arrest is the fifth such detention of Indian fishermen by the Sri Lankan Navy this month.
While Sri Lanka released 77 fishermen on March 14, as many as 38 fishermen, including those arrested today, are in the custody of the neighbouring nation.
Tamil Nadu Chief Minister K Palaniswami had on March 23 written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking his intervention to ensure the release of the fishermen and 131 boats in the custody of Sri Lanka.
Voicing concern over the recurring detentions of fishermen, he had appealed to the Prime Minister to direct the External Affairs Ministry to take up matter with Sri Lankan authorities in a "concrete and decisive manner".
Fishermen in the state have also staged protests, including over the recent killing of a colleague allegedly by Sri Lankan Naval personnel, and demanded steps to resolve the issue of fishing rights in the Palk Straits and ensure that their livelihood was protected.

Received death threats from Jaitley's team during defamation case: AAP

ANI New Delhi, March 25: The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Sunday alleged that they had received death threats from Arun Jaitley's legal team during the court proceedings in the defamation battle between Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and the Union Finance Minister. "While arguments were going, a person who is a part of Jaitley's legal team started giving death threats. Such death threats were given while the proceeding was going on. We have filed a written complaint and have also sought legal advice from our council. But if this is the process of justice, it is shocking state of affairs," AAP leader Raghav Chaddha

told ANI. Meanwhile, the Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) has said the AAP should have thought twice before denting Jaitley's image, adding that the court will decide and deliver its verdict correctly. "They were living in their dream world. They should have thought twice before saying anything against a person who is so transparent and clear," BJP leader Maheesh Giri told ANI. Earlier on Saturday, in a major jolt to Kejriwal, a Delhi court put him on trial in connection with the Delhi and District Cricket Association (DDCA) criminal defamation case filed by Jaitley. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Sumit Dass also framed a defamation notice against

Kejriwal and other AAP leaders. Meanwhile, Kejriwal and other AAP leaders pleaded not guilty and claimed trial. The trial in the case will start on May 20. Earlier, Jaitley had filed a criminal defamation complaint against Kejriwal and five other AAP leaders for allegedly defaming him in the Patiala House Court, while a civil defamation case was filed in the Delhi High Court. Jaitley had filed the suit seeking Rs. 10 crore in damages after Kejriwal and five other AAP leaders accused him of alleged irregularities and financial bungling in the DDCA, of which the former was the president for about 13 years until 2013.