

Fond and Respectful Remembrance



Gajendra Haldea

29.01.1949-15.01.2021

“Father of India’s Infrastructure PPP”





Extracts from the Will of Gajendra Haldea

“My last rites should be simple and no condolence or prayer meetings/gatherings be held after my demise. By the grace of God, I have led a very productive and creative life, especially for the good of my country and its people. It also led to billions of dollars in productive investment and creation of national wealth, besides millions of jobs and billions in income. I led a self-less life and donated all my salary from August, 2005 to February, 2020 to the Prime Minister’s National Relief Fund in order to strengthen my motivation and resolve for service. In fact, I do not have any regrets or unfulfilled desires. God has been extremely kind to me. I would, therefore, want my life to be celebrated. Let a sum of at least Rs. be expended from the proceeds of my Assets to hold multiple get-togethers to celebrate my life in such manner as my surviving family deems fit.”

“A sum of Rs. may be set apart over a period of next four years and credited to a charitable trust in my memory. The managing trustee shall be Prithvi Haldea who shall take all necessary steps to create the trust, ensure its proper operation and decide upon the use of its funds for charitable and philanthropic purposes.”



Devoted to public service...



Gajendra Haldea graduated in Economics and Law at the University of Rajasthan and joined the Indian Administrative Service in 1973. He later went for a Fellowship at the London School of Economics.

In his field assignments at the sub-district, district and state level, he topped at the state and national level in implementing several flagship schemes of the Government.

Among a wide array of assignments, he spent 10 years ending 1998 with the Union Finance Ministry where his portfolio included infrastructure, ADB, UNDP, economic relations with USA & Canada, World Bank projects and exchange control. He also spent 10 years ending 2014 at the erstwhile Planning Commission of India as head of the Secretariat for Infrastructure & Public Private Partnership (PPP). He has also advised several State Governments during the past two decades, besides serving on the boards of several public sector companies and banks.

He authored the Electricity Act 2003 and the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999, among other laws.

He challenged the forays of several foreign power producers, including Enron, and saved tens of thousands of crore rupees for the country by renegotiating or rejecting their contracts while serving in the Finance Ministry during the mid-1990s, when several other developing nations were contracting high cost power that later bled their economies.

He was the architect and author of much of the institutional and policy framework as well as the standardized model documents that attracted and sustained private participation in infrastructure sectors such as power, highways, ports, airports, metro rail, storage etc. These enabled India to attain the top slot for investment in PPP during 2007-13, as per data published by The World Bank.

The Government of India has published 31 books authored by him, comprising policy and regulatory frameworks, guidelines and model documents for private participation. His book "Infrastructure at Crossroads: The Challenges of Governance", (Oxford University Press) provides a rare insider view of infrastructure reforms in India.



The PPP projects based on his work include over 300 highway projects, numerous power generation and transmission projects, Hyderabad Metro Rail project, Vizhinjam Port in Kerala and a \$6 billion contract for production and maintenance of locomotives, among others. All national highway projects in India are currently being built on the basis of various model documents authored by him for BOT, annuity and EPC projects. All these investments have led to creation of enormous wealth, employment and income across states and sectors.

The hallmark of his work lied in transparency, integrity and public service, which has been widely acclaimed. None of his frameworks, documents and projects have faced legitimate or sustained criticism from auditors, investigators, experts, policy makers or media. On the contrary, his relentless efforts have prevented or exposed malfeasance in scores of large projects and contracts, thus preventing potential scams and saving huge sums of public resources for the national economy.



What others said about him (During his lifetime)

In the eight or nine so called fast track projects, which were initiated around 1993, and which were still under discussion in 1996 when I took over as Cabinet Secretary, I tried hard to coordinate the forward movement; by bringing the various agencies and parties together, and coaxing them to find mutually accepted positions. Despite the endless hours that were spent, I could not make much headway. Various junior officials, including those from the finance ministry, saw it as a game to constantly throw a spanner in the works, to impede any forward movement. They would demonstrate authority without accountability. There used to be one officer who on first sight at a coordination meeting, I valued as worth a billion dollars. The Indian nation would have been better off paying him a billion dollars and retiring him from its services. Towards the end of my tenure, I found that he was in fact worth five billion dollars!

T. S. R. Subramanian, Former Cabinet Secretary

Gajendra Haldea is the man who decides who will and will not get counter-guarantees. It's a tricky job that makes for unpopularity but people in some quarters feel he has acquitted himself superbly. He was praised for withstanding his ground against enormous pressures from the PMO and other influential people when it comes to making sure that no private company or MNC takes the country for a ride. A person of very high calibre. **Heroes of the Power Sector (1997) Power Line**

It was owing to the efforts and good work done by Shri Gajendra Haldea that the exposure of GOI under the counter-guarantee was substantially reduced. Shri Haldea's contribution becomes all the more remarkable in view of the considerable clout that Enron wielded at that time. It would have taken exceptional brilliance, skill, integrity and courage of conviction to be able to modify the draft of the counter-guarantee proposed by Enron. I would humbly commend Shri Haldea for the recognition that is legitimately due to him. **Soli Sorabjee, Then Attorney General of India's Letter to the Union Finance Minister**

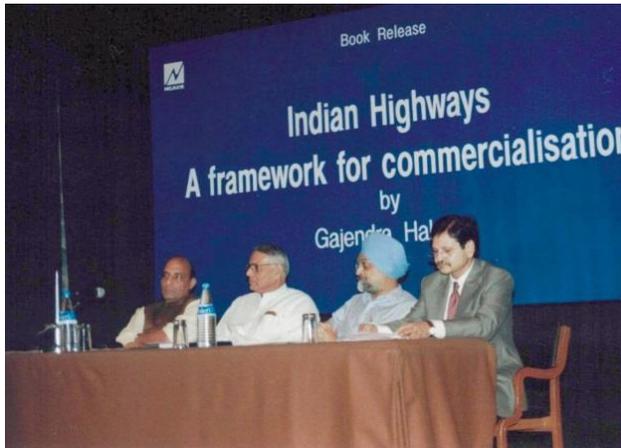
Gajendra Haldea, was an extremely efficient officer with a flair for detail. He was also a hard nut to crack. **Yashwant Sinha, Former Union Finance Minister**

Gajendra Haldea, ranked at No. 5 in the list of "Top 10 Bureaucrats" in India. **Indian Express, February 22, 2009**

Haldea has been leading the dissent war on the process of privatisation of Delhi and Mumbai airports. As a result of this, the UPA-led coalition finds itself in one of the hottest soups. **Anjali Bhargava, Contributing Editor, Business World**

Gajendra Haldea, an unusual economist-lawyer of integrity and conviction, drew up these model contracts. As a result, he is the most hated man in Delhi's infrastructure ministries. He

has demolished opportunities for corruption. Soon we shall have 20,000 km of highways, hundreds of private container trains, bridges and many private ports and airports – all in public-private partnership. These quiet steps teach us that reforms are not about “what” but the “how”. The key to the success of PPP lay in transparent contracts which tried to get around the ever-present danger of crony capitalism. Such contracts had helped create a level of trust and enabled the country to access funds, skills and technologies from the best companies in the world. The ministry would have preferred building the highway through its own contractors and earning a cut on every substandard kilometer. **Gurcharan Das, Author and Columnist**



What he says always makes sense. His big contribution is in the model concession agreement in roads and the nice feature in this is that the regulatory aspects of the tariff are built into the contract. So, we do not need an independent regulator for roads. Regulation through contract is an important idea. **Rajiv Lall, MD & CEO, IDFC Ltd.**

For over a decade and a half, he has been leaving his distinctive imprint in sector after sector – ports, airports, highways, power and now railways. And leaving many gnashing their teeth and foaming at the mouth. As a wag remarked, the recent history of infrastructure in India is divided into two periods – BH and AH. That is, Before Haldea and After Haldea. In doing all this path-breaking work. He is the nation’s conscience-keeper for infrastructure projects..... It is often said that you should count the impact a person has made on society by the number of detractors he has. Gajendra Haldea’s detractors are legion. H is for “Haldea”, Gajendra Haldea. No other H matters. Those who love the infra sector, love him. **Vinayak Chatterjee, Chairman of CII’s National Council on Infrastructure**

You don’t have to agree with Haldea on everything, but the issues he flags are serious enough to warrant detailed investigation, certainly not the slanging match that Kamal Nath reduced it to. Haldea wrote up model concession agreements, the Electricity Act 2003, after a great deal of study and wide-ranging consultations, these have by and large laid down the ground rules by which India’s infrastructure is to be developed. Like his models or not, there’s little you can do in the infrastructure sector without running into, or across, Haldea. When the Lok Sabha passed the Electricity Act, he had drafted but left out the period by which “open access” would be mandated, Haldea lobbied hard and the Act got passed in Rajya Sabha only after the minister promised he would bring in this vital amendment in the next session - it actually took three, but it got done. **Sunil Jain, Columnist and Editor, Financial Express**

..... a known devil, so to speak, as much for creating solid contractual and regulatory frameworks for infrastructure PPPs as his proclivity for taking on the establishment and highlighting inconvenient truths. From the Enron debacle to initial bids for the airport projects for Delhi and Mumbai, to the road projects and Delhi’s flawed power sector

privatisation, he has proved irritatingly right and annoyingly honest while going about it. “Intellectually robust”, a Haldea frenemy told me, “and clean as a bone.” **Kanika Datta, Business Standard**

I owe immense gratitude to this intellectual, honest and brilliant officer, Gajendra Haldea. Everyone criticized him for raising objections, but no one had the courage to challenge or shift him since everyone perhaps supported his objections but were not prepared to admit it. The same Haldea who was accused of blocking progress by not clearing our PPAs, negotiated projects in 1993 and later, was appointed to write the new 2003 Electricity Act. He did an extremely good job. Later, Haldea was asked to write the agreements in many sectors even by the states and continues to do so. Many, including ministers in the UPA-II, criticised him but were not able to touch him. **Pradeep Baijal, Former Chairman, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India**

I have had the pleasure of working with Haldea and know his capacity for detail, his familiarity with the subject and his habit of incisive analysis. He has had a very close association with the power sector and has not just inspired but also authored the new electricity law. **Harish Salve, Former Solicitor General of India**

Haldea’s essay, “Infrastructure at Crossroads”, is a valuable piece, which reflects the courage, the knowledge and the wisdom of the author. **Dr Y. V. Reddy, Former Governor, RBI**

Hats off to Gajendra Haldea for daring to question E. Sreedharan. **Sucheta Dalal, Journalist**

At times, he reminds me of Rana Sanga, the famous warrior, who wore innumerable scars from the battles he fought for a cause. **Montek Singh Ahluwalia**



There are few persons about whose ability and integrity I have greater respect than I have for Shri Haldea. **Dr Manmohan Singh**

What others have said about him (Obituaries)

GAJENDRA HALDEA: 1949-2020

A guru for a generation of infra project administrators

SUBHOJYI BHATTACHARJEE

At a time when the government plans to give a massive infrastructure project push in its budget for FY22, Gajendra Haldea, one of India's most respected names in the sector, would have been an important voice. Haldea, 71, died on Monday.

More than a generation of India's administrators have picked up their toolkit to administer infrastructure projects from this Rajasthan-cadre Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer who wrote extensively on policies and drafted many contracts for infrastructure projects.

In the process, he not only helped build up India's ability to handle complex infrastructure challenges, but was also willing to share his formidable knowledge with anyone who cared.

A good portion of the credit for India's 2020 top rank in the 2020 World Bank database of countries with the largest number of public-private partnership (PPP) projects must go to him.

As joint secretary (infrastructure) in the 1990s in the Union finance ministry, Haldea had warned the government against signing on the sovereign guarantee clause in the power purchase agreements with Iran. That signal service ensured that the government didn't land up in a costly arbitration, though it

did not stop the Maharashtra government from signing on it and creating a subsequent mess.

Around this period, he also authored the Electricity Act 2003 and the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999. The former broke the monopoly rights of power distribution companies, while the latter clipped the role of the state in vic-timizing companies for transactions in foreign exchange.

The offences were made into civil ones from criminal, a rare show of trust

in government-business relationship in the early days of liberalisation.

He was, however, not done when he moved out of the ministry. He again came back to the erstwhile Planning Commission as head of the Secretariat for Infrastructure & PPP during the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government's two terms.

He famously decided to charge only one rupee as his monthly salary and courted the ire of state governments for repeatedly pointing out flaws in their agreements with companies in their PPP contracts.

Most of his apprehensions came true. Last year, he engaged in a discussion with this correspondent over the execution of viability-gap model with respect to the Hyderabad metro project.

He never gave up on the infrastructure sector, having advised several state governments during the past two decades.

While at the Planning Commission, he wrote a 89-volume series on PPP in India, which also included his well-known standardised model documents to build private participation in infrastructure sectors.

He was not unwilling to be fettered, once adding for rights to the bidding documents, but more as a claim for authorship than to earn anything. It was a well-earned right.



Extremely saddened. Gajendra Haldea was a celebrated IAS officer. His contributions to infra development in India are immense. **Arvind Kejriwal, Chief Minister, Delhi**

He always worked on forward looking ideas to put policy framework in place for growth of infrastructure. **Suresh Prabhu, Former Union Minister**

He was a valued colleague of mine in the Finance Ministry and his contribution is unforgettable. **Yashwant Sinha, Former Union Finance Minister**



He was both a very knowledgeable person and very principled. A truly exceptional individual. And totally dedicated professionally, an attitude that did not always evoke the appreciation it should have from his colleagues. He was a karmayogi who never deviated from the strict and narrow path of what he believed was correct and his instinct was almost always right. He was one of the few people whose junior staff members genuinely believed that they learnt a great deal from him professionally. It is no secret that he also generated antipathy from the system. Goodbye Gajendra. It was great knowing you and learning from you. RIP. **Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Former Dy. Chairman, Planning Commission**

Profound shock and sorrow that a good friend and colleague, Gajendra, had passed on. Shock because one always thought of him as a healthy, fit and highly disciplined person; so it was difficult to accept that he had left us so soon. And sorrow because he was not just a fine officer but, more importantly, an extraordinary human being. God had gifted him with a razor-sharp mind and, as if that was not enough, with also a warm and kind heart. Many found him difficult to deal with but I would say that he went out of the way to stand up for the right people and the right issues, whatever be the price that he might have to pay. **Ashok Chawla, IAS (Retd.)**

Shocked and horrified. There was no one like Gajendra; no bureaucrat with his intellectual integrity and clarity of purpose. **Pradip Baijal, IAS (Retd.)**

As India's leading infrastructure expert, Shri Gajendra Haldea gave us invaluable advice on Trivandrum's Vizhinjan port project. **Shashi Tharoor, Member of Parliament**

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His painstaking and pioneering work will be his unprecedented contribution to the crucial economic sector. In his untimely demise, the country has lost a highly committed civil servant, who like a true karmayogi, worked relentlessly in the public service. **V. S. Ailawadi, IAS (Retd.)**

His two seminal books on PP partnership have become an authoritative reference material. May his soul rest in peace. **Sunil Arora, IAS**

Gajendra Haldea was a Guru for a generation of infra project administrators. In an administrative structure that punishes rather than builds up expertise in any sector, Haldea doggedly stuck to building up one, extensively writing policies and contracts for infrastructure projects. In the process, he not only helped build up India's ability to handle complex infrastructure challenges, he was also willing to share his formidable knowledge with anyone who cared. He was not unwilling to be feted, once asking for rights to the bidding documents, but more as a claim for authorship than to earn anything. It was a well-earned right to vanity. **Subhomoy Bhattacharjee, Business Standard**

Gajendra's completely unexpected demise has made me very sad. He has long been my friend, confidant and adviser. **K. M. Chandrasekhar, Former Union Cabinet Secretary**

His was a brilliant mind, and he was a Gutsy Man whom I respected greatly. **Senthil Chengalvarayan, TV Anchor**

He made a mark in respect of his contributions to the development of policies for private sector infrastructure development. **Chitra and Pawan Chopra, IAS (Retd.)**

I was very fond of the person he was, and very respectful of his intellect and forthrightness. In grief. **M. Damodaran, Former Chairman, SEBI**

Had the opportunity to work with Sir as a young professional in Planning Commission and I continue to be deeply influenced by his strong ideals and integrity. My guru. **Payal Dey**

In Gajendra Haldea's death, India loses a keen upholder of public interest. He believed that the private sector and competitive markets could provide public services — efficiently and affordably. Haldea liked to be a thorn in the flesh. He never hesitated to point out flaws in agreements or tendering processes that were detrimental to public good. His critics found his concession agreements rigid. But Haldea was a man of principle. As a civil servant, he keenly protected the public interest even at the risk of un-friending people. **Vivian Fernandes, The Federal**

Extremely shocked. He was a man of firm convictions and steely resolve to see his viewpoint, mostly right, accepted and implemented even when there was massive opposition from the higher ups. He was a restless soul in the cause of public service. **Subhash Garg, IAS (Retd.)**

He was the most vibrant, most cultured, most congenial. कहाँ से लाएँ ऐसे इंसान को? His smiling face has risen several times today. **Syeda Hameed, Former Member, Planning Commission**

Gajendra was a man of character. He formed an opinion after deep reflection and would defend it till the end. He was always graceful and pleasant. **Anwarul Hoda, IAS (Retd.)**

Went too early. Obstinate he was but for the right reasons. **Gulrez Hoda, IAS (Retd.)**

Big loss! A true warrior. And such a towering personality. (An aside...When we were at lunch, he told me how I was tilting my bowl of soup the wrong way. I tilted it towards me to get the rest of the soup. He had lived in England, and seen that you had to tilt it away from yourself). RIP my friend **Sunil Jain, Editor, Financial Express**

He was a brother to me. **Najeeb Jung, IAS (Retd.)**

Extremely sad. I cannot forget the day last year when he came to my house and sang a beautiful ghazal of Mukesh. We had an amazing evening. **Huma Khalil**

Shocked. I have great memories of my wonderful discussions and debates with him. **Uday Kotak, CEO & MD, Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.**

Gajendra was a rare human being. He shaped my thoughts in multiple ways. It's a great personal loss. I have lost a close friend. **Paras Kuhad, Former Additional Solicitor General of India**

He was great person, very intelligent, had no vices and had the ability to go into the depth of any subject he handled. **Sanjaya Kulkarni, MD, Indian Direct Equity Advisors Pvt.Ltd.**

He was an icon for the civil service. **Manoj Kumar, IAS**

Too shocking. Speechless. Never met a person like him. A true friend, a phenomenal guide and a great host. **Ashok Lavasa, IAS (Retd.)**

God has really been cruel. **Dr. Shakuntala Lavasa**

Remarkable human being. **Vivek Law, TV Anchor**

Interacted with him a few times on infra related matters. Very knowledgeable and outspoken and a straight shooter. Very well regarded and respected. **Vikram Limaye MD, NSE**

He was a diligent, fearless, professional and distinguished civil servant. A role model for young civil servants. **Prashant Mahapatra**

Passing away of Gajendra has left a void for me. We were almost intertwined into one another ever since we met in college. After that there was no looking back. I miss Gajendra my 360-degree friend. I will write about our memories one day and share them with you. Strength to the family to bear the loss of a golden senior. **Subhash Mathur**

Mr. Haldea was truly an intellectual giant...committed to improving governance. **Yadi Mathur**

A man of immense integrity and intellectual capability, he has left an indelible imprint on infrastructure development in India. He will be deeply missed. **Arvind Mayaram, IAS (Retd.)**

He was an upright, decent person and a rare find in the government. **Anjana Menon, Journalist**

Can't comprehend his not being amongst us any longer. **Sudhir Mital, IAS (Retd.)**

Had spent memorable moments with him. Always smiling and passionate about his various initiatives. **Rakesh Bharti Mittal, Vice Chairman & MD, Bharti Enterprises**

Can't look forward to unending absorbing discussions. The nation has lost a dedicated rare ethical public servant. He was one of a kind. **Dr. Rakesh Mohan, Former Dy. Governor, RBI**

It is an irreparable loss. His contributions to the governance and policy with regard to infrastructure development especially by the private sector are immense. He was one of the very few cerebral civil servants who fearlessly and with much analytical insight could, much before it happened, point to risks in PPPs for the government, and to users. We academics have lost a person whom we all admired. **Prof. Sebastián Morris, IIM Ahmedabad**

His documents on PPP were akin to crafts, no less than the finest artworks adorning museums. **Anirban Mukerji**

He was amongst my most intellectually upright colleagues. **Dr. P.J. Nayak, IAS (Retd.)**

He was such a gentleman in his own right. He was so warm and welcoming. He demonstrated his integrity and incorruptibility of the highest order. **Mridula and Vivek Pande**

He was a true mentor for me. Truly a Guru. Pioneering ideation and long-lasting actions on Indian Infrastructure. Always candid. **Shailesh Pathak, MD, L&T Infra**

He was generous, large-hearted and extremely self-confident. Surely, it feels like losing a close friend, in addition to the cadre losing a stalwart. **Priyadarshi**

His congenial smile, mild manners and helpful attitude made him a centre of all the festivities that we attended. **S.Hassan Rizvi**

It is so characteristic for him to have his life celebrated – and he leaves behind a wonderful legacy. I will miss him. **Harish Salve, Former Solicitor General of India**

No words can suffice when you lose your dearest people! **Sanjiv Saraf, MD, Polyplex**

Oh God! What a genuine person! **Dr. Shiv Sarin**

A Real Real promoter of PPP in true sense. Worked with him closely on few projects, found him so open to initiative if worth it against the apprehensions many people thought Gajendra Haldea A guru for a generation of infra project administrators. **Ajay Saxena, IAS (Retd.)**

I have seen few officers with his intellectual status. India is poor without him. **Manmohan Sethi**

One of most accomplished civil servants in India. I had the privilege of working with him for a year, when he was our member and made important contributions to many of our policies. **Jasmine Shah, Member, Dialogue & Development Commission, Delhi Government**

Always immaculately turned out, he did not appear to age at all. And now he is no more! His intellect was sharp and his energy and ability to personally work very hard was extraordinary. He could write and argue so well. He had a missionary zeal in pushing policy in the PPP space in which he spent many years at his peak. He was a forceful proponent of his ideas. And a formidable opponent but enjoying a 'good fight'. While to many in the system, he became a good example of 'How not to win friends and influence people', in the outside world, he was seen as a visionary crusader for PPPs. He became *sui generis*. **Ajay Shankar, IAS (Retd.)**

A man of sterling integrity, probity and enormous creative contribution to restoring institutionalized mechanisms for fair play. **Kamal Sharma**

Such a loss. Gajendra Haldea was the final word on Infra and PPP Projects. Learnt so much from him. Sir, you will be missed. **Abhishek Singh, IAS**

Lively intelligent domain knowledge and amazing rectitude. He was so close to me. How deeply I mourn his demise. Have no words really. **N.K. Singh, IAS (Retd.)**

A rare person, intelligent, committed, dedicated his life for public good. **Justice G. S. Singhvi**

I was always impressed with his knowledge and intellect, both while he was with the Ministry of Finance and later with the Planning Commission. **U. K. Sinha, Former Chairman, SEBI**

My memories of serving with Shri Gajendra Haldea ji in 1993 had over the past 3 decades matured into deep and abiding friendship. **V. Srinivas, IAS, Addl. Secretary, Govt. of India**

Gajendra Haldea was a selfless infrastructure expert. His contribution was immense and noteworthy. **K.R. Srivats, Hindu Businessline**



गजेंद्र हल्दिया की कुछ पसंदीदा रचनाएँ

ऐ जज़्बा-ए-दिल गर मैं चाहूँ हर चीज़ मुक़ाबिल आ जाए
मंज़िल के लिए दो गाम चलूँ और सामने मंज़िल आ जाए
ऐ दिल की लगी चल यूँही सही चलता तो हूँ उन की महफ़िल में
उस वक़्त मुझे चौंका देना जब रंग पे महफ़िल आ जाए
ऐ रहबर-ए-कामिल चलने को तय्यार तो हूँ पर याद रहे
उस वक़्त मुझे भटका देना जब सामने मंज़िल आ जाए
इस जज़्बा-ए-दिल के बारे में इक मशवरा तुम से लेता हूँ
उस वक़्त मुझे क्या लाज़िम है जब तुझ पे मिरा दिल आ जाए
ऐ बर्क-ए-तजल्ली कौंध ज़रा क्या मुझ को भी मूसा समझा है
मैं तूर नहीं जो जल जाऊँ जो चाहे मुक़ाबिल आ जाए
कश्ती को खुदा पर छोड़ भी दे कश्ती का खुदा खुद हाफ़िज़ है
मुश्किल तो नहीं इन मौजों में बहता हुआ साहिल आ जाए

बहज़ाद लखनवी

जहाँ भी देखा उन्हें सर झुका दिया मैंने, ये क्या किया कि खुदी को मिटा दिया मैंने
चमन से दूर भी रह कर अरे चमन वालों, कली को फूल को हँसना सिखा दिया मैंने
तड़प के लाख गिरें बिजलियां तो क्या गम है, खुद अपने हाथों नशेमन जला दिया मैंने
घिरा भी रहने दो इशरत सफ़ीना तूफ़ाँ में, हर एक मौज को साहिल बना दिया मैंने

इशरत जहाँ बेगम

न थी हाल की जब हमें खबर रहे देखते औरों के ऐब ओ हुनर
पड़ी अपनी बुराइयों पर जो नज़र तो निगाह में कोई बुरा न रहा
'ज़फ़र' आदमी उस को न जानिएगा वो हो कैसा ही साहब-ए-फ़हम-ओ-ज़का
जिसे ऐश में याद-ए-खुदा न रही जिसे तैश में ख़ौफ़-ए-खुदा न रहा

बहादुर शाह ज़फ़र

न ताब-ए-मस्ती न होश-ए-हस्ती, कि शुक्र-ए-नेमत अदा करेंगे
खिजाँ में जब है ये अपना आलम, बहार आयी तो क्या करेंगे
जिधर से गुज़रेंगे सरफरोशाना, कारनामे सुना करेंगे
वो अपने दिल को हज़ार रोकें, मेरी मोहब्बत को क्या करेंगे
न शुक्र-ए-गम ज़ेरे लब करेंगे, न शिकवा-ए-बरमला करेंगे
जो हम पे गुज़रेगी दिल ही दिल में, कहा करेंगे सुना करेंगे

जिगर मुरादाबादी

खिजाँ के दौर में ऐसे भी कुछ मकाम आये, गुलों पे वक़्त पड़ा है तो खार काम आये
किसी ने कद्र न की मेरे दीदा-ए-तर की, ज़मीं पे अशक़ गिरे आसमां के काम आये
कमाल-ए-ज़ब्त-ए-मोहब्बत इसी को कहते हैं, तमाम उम्र जुबां पर न उनका नाम आये
वो शमा क्या जो किसी एक अंजुमन में जले, इक ऐसी शमा जलाओ जो सब के काम आये

राज़ अलाहाबादी

भूली बिसरी चंद उमीदें, चंद फ़साने याद आये, तुम याद आये और तुम्हारे साथ ज़माने याद आये
दिल का नगर शादाब था फिर भी खाक सी उडती रहती थी, कैसे ज़माने ऐ गम-ए-जाना तेरे बहाने याद आये
ठंडी सर्द हवा के झोंके आग लगा कर छोड़ गये, फूल खिले शाखों पे नए और दर्द पुराने याद आये
हंसने वालों से डरते थे छुप छुप कर रो लेते थे, गहरी गहरी सोच में डूबे, दो दीवाने याद आये

राज़ी तिरमाज़ी

हाँ में दीवाना हूँ चाहूँ तो मचल सकता हूँ, खिलवत-ए-हुस्न के कानून बदल सकता हूँ
खार तो खार हैं अंगारों पे चल सकता हूँ
मेरे महबूब मेरे दोस्त नहीं ये भी नहीं, मेरी बेबाक तबीयत का तकाज़ा है कुछ और
इसी रफ़्तार से दुनिया को गुज़र जाने दूँ, दिल में घुट घुट के तमन्नाओं को मर जाने दूँ
तेरी जुल्फ़ों को सर-ए-दोश बिखर जाने दूँ
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एक दिन छीन लूँ मैं अज़मत-ए-बातिल का जुन्नूँ, तोड़ दूँ तोड़ दूँ मैं शौक़त-ए-दुनिया का फुसूँ
और बह जाये यहीं नफ़ज़-ए-ज़रोसीम का खूँ
गैरत-ए-इश्क़ को मंज़ूर तमाशा है यही, मेरी फ़ितरत का मेरे दोस्त तकाज़ा है यही

शौक़त परदेसी

मैं घमण्डों में भरा ऐंठा हुआ, एक दिन जब था मुण्डेरे पर खड़ा
आ अचानक दूर से उड़ता हुआ, एक तिनका आँख में मेरी पड़ा
मैं झिझक उठा, हुआ बेचैन-सा, लाल होकर आँख भी दुखने लगी
मूँठ देने लोग कपड़े की लगे, ऐंठ बेचारी दबे पाँवों भगी
जब किसी ढब से निकल तिनका गया, तब 'समझ' ने यों मुझे ताने दिए
ऐंठता तू किसलिए इतना रहा, एक तिनका है बहुत तेरे लिए

अयोध्या प्रसाद हरिऔध

Forever in love-Immediate Family (Living)

Mother: Laxmi Haldea
(Wife of Late Raosaheb Triloki Nath Haldea)

Spouse: Rukmani Haldea

Daughter: Rohini Haldea

Spouse: Jai Decosta
Children: Aayan, Tarana

Son: Rohan Haldea

Spouse: Sunaina Sinha Haldea
Children: Anika, Vihaan, Rishaan

Brother: Prithvi Haldea

Spouse: Priyanka Haldea

Daughter: Pooja Haldea

Spouse: Aditya Singh Yadav
Children: Jai, Parth, Dev

Son: Pranav Haldea

Spouse: Neerja Chauhan

Brother: Dr. Daulat Haldea

Spouse: Dr. Asha Haldea

Daughter: Shruti Tina Haldea

Spouse: Dr. Neil Kumar
Children: Aria, Leela

Son: Sidharth Haldea

Sister: Seema Lall

Son: Rohit Lall

Spouse: Ashima Lall
Children: Gauri, Raghav

Sister: Rashmi Gupta

Spouse: Atul Gupta

Daughter: Manasi Gupta

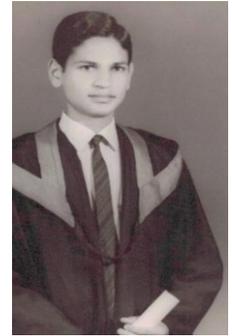
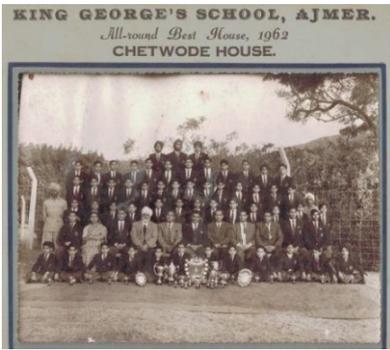
Son: Karan Gupta

Spouse: Natasha Nair Gupta
Children: Shivraj

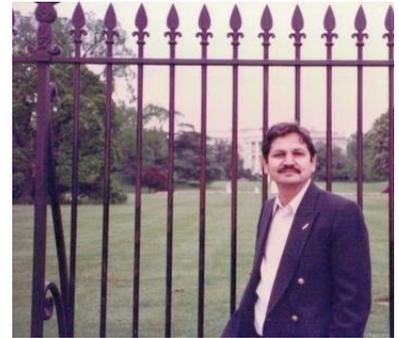


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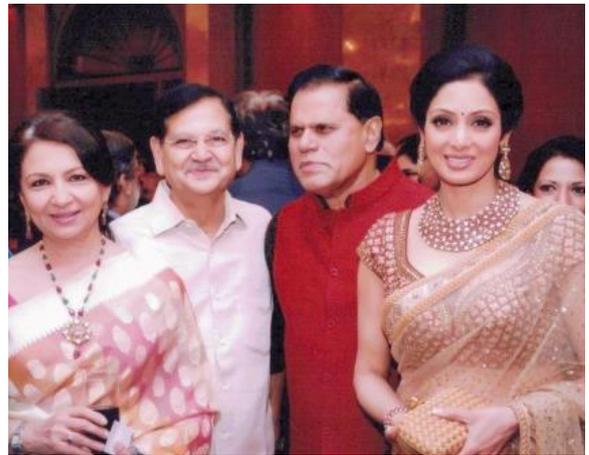
Early days...



His love for travel...



In perfect moods...



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