

# REKHTA REWIND

All the things you loved in

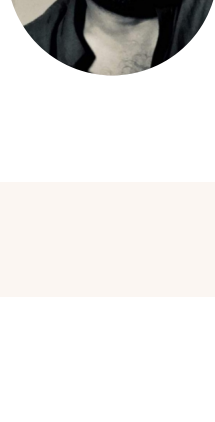
# 2020

Arts and literature have always held a prominent place in defining who we are as human beings. This is all the more apparent during moments of crisis like current Covid-19 pandemic. Prompted by the outbreak of COVID-19, Rekhta has been campaigning and arguing for life in the way we best do: through poetry.

Urdu Poetry has always stood for the tenacity of life against the cruelty of death. It became one of our companions during these tough times, who consoled us - taught us and offered us solace. As this year comes to its conclusion, we present before you an array of our top-performing content in 2020:

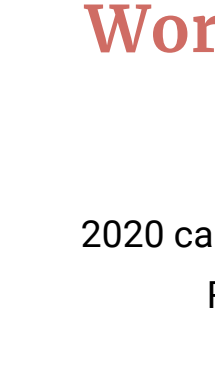
## Top-Read Poets Of The Year

Poets who kept our company during ups and downs of 2020 and helped us in discovering ways to find solace, perspective and connection.



**Tum aaye ho na shab-e-intizar guzri hai**

Faiz Ahmad Faiz



**Bhulata lakh hun lekin barabar yaad aate hain**

Hasrat Mohani



**Koi ham-dam na raha koi sahaara na raha**

Majrooh Sultanpuri



**Bulati hai magar jane ka nai**

Rahat Indori



**Tera chup rehna mere zehn mein kya baith gaya**

Tahzeeb Hafi

## Words That Made Your Vocab Rich

2020 can't be summed up in a single word. Here are the words that Rekhta Dictionary users searched for most this year.

Ehtijaaj



**Protest**

Muzahireen



**Protesters**

Markaz



**Center**

Samaji doori



**Social Distancing**

Muatassir



**Affected**

Muhajir Mazdoor



**Migrant Workers**

Waba



**Pandemic**

Qaza



**Death**

Sehhat



**Health**

Alaamaat



**Symptoms**

## POETRY OF THE YEAR

A compendium of top-read poetry in the year 2020

## Couplets That Made To Your Conversation

*dil na-umid to nahin nakaam hi to hai  
lambi hai gham ki sham magar sham hi to hai*

**Faiz Ahmad Faiz**

*koi hath bhi na milaega jo gale miloge tapak se  
ye nae mizaj ka shahr hai zara fasle se mila karo*

**Bashir Badr**

*andaaz apnaa dekhte hai.n aa.ine me.n vo  
aur ye bhii dekhte hai.n ko.ii dekhtaa na ho*

**Nizam Rampuri**

*sarfarooshi ki tamanna ab hamare dil mein hai  
dekhna hai zor kitna bazu-e-qatil mein hai*

**Bismil Azimabadi**

*mai jab mar jaun to meri alag pehchaan likh dena  
lahu se meri peshani pe hindustaan likh dena*

**Rahat Indori**

## Most Hummed Nazms of 2020

### Hum Dekhenge

Faiz Ahmad Faiz

hum dekhenge  
lazim hai ki hum bhi dekhenge  
wo din ki jis ka wada hai...

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### Dastur

Habib Jalib

dip jis ka mahallat hi mein jale  
chand logon ki khushiyon ko le  
kar chale...

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### Hamesha Der Kar Deta Hoon Main

Muneer Niyazi

zarur baat kahni ho  
koi wada nibhana ho  
use aawaz deni ho...

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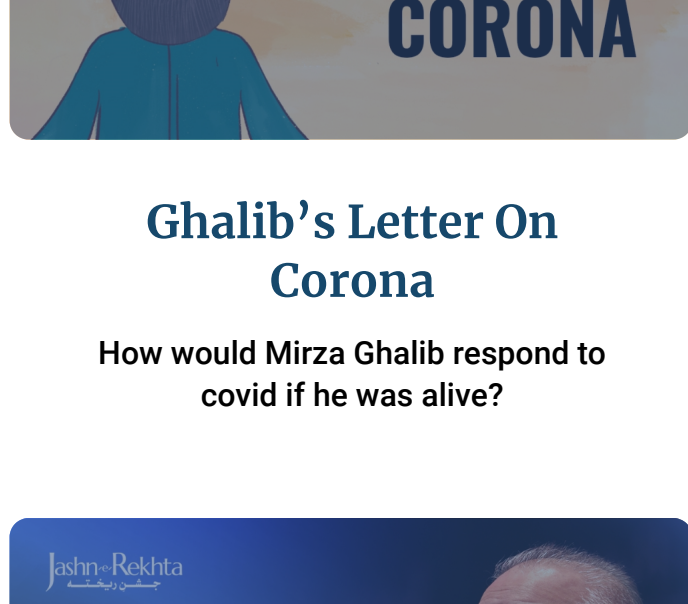
### Naya Hukm Naama

Javed Akhtar

kisi ka hukm hai sari hawaen  
hamesha chalne se pahle  
bataen

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## Videos you played on loop



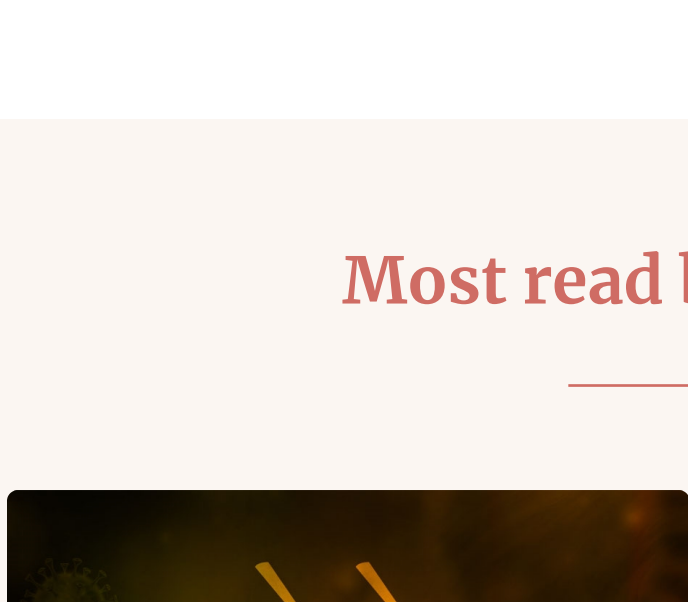
### Ghalib's Letter On Corona

How would Mirza Ghalib respond to covid if he was alive?



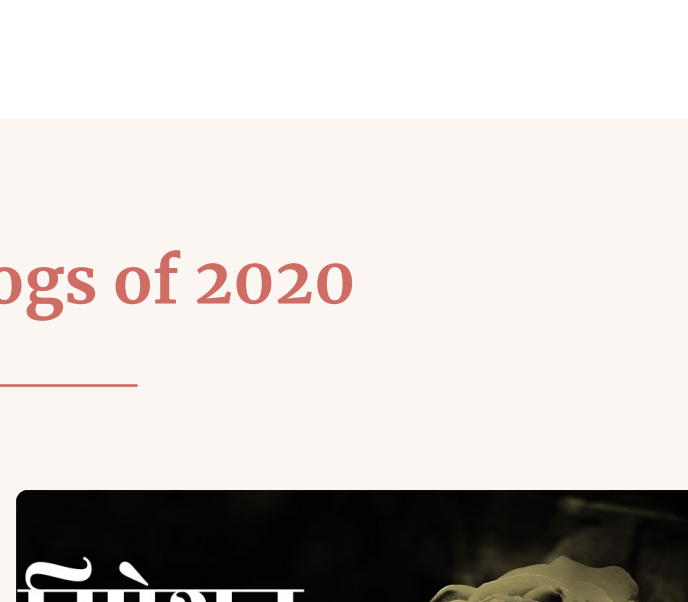
### Top 20 Sher On Social Distancing

Selected best Urdu couplets on social distancing and self-isolation.



### Zindagi Se Badi Saza Hi Nahin

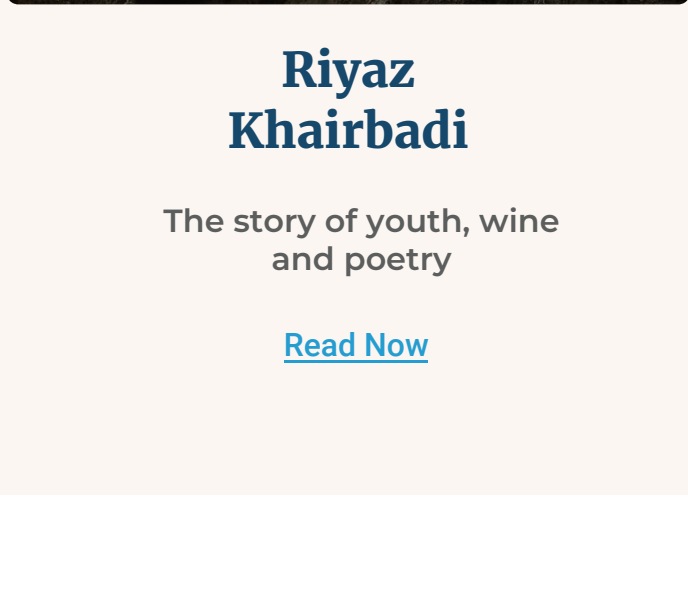
Renowned Sitar player Ustad Shujaat Ali Khan carrying forward a tradition rich in musical legacy.



### Soulful Kabir Bhajan

Spreading the message of Sant Kabir and explaining his relevance in the modern world.

## Most read blogs of 2020



### Corona ke baad ki duniya

The Post-Pandemic World

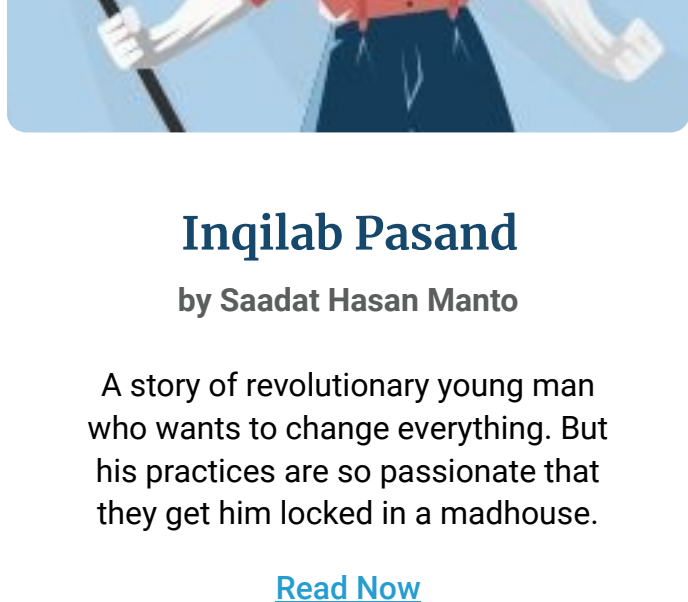
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### Depression Mein Shayari Kaise Kaam Aati Hai

Poetry Heals Depression Whether You Read It Or Write It.

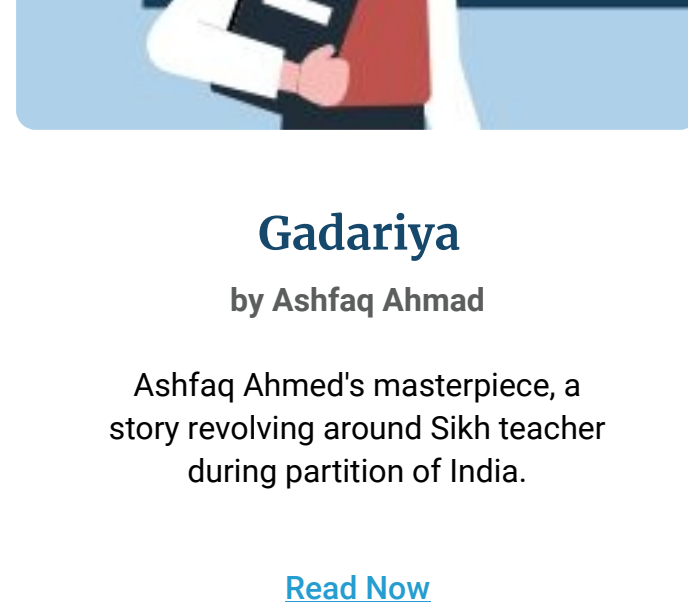
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### Riyaz Khairbadi

The story of youth, wine and poetry

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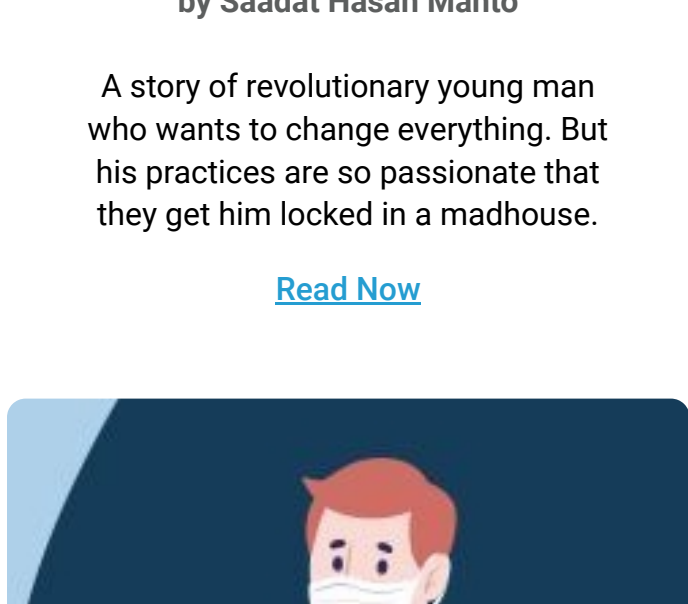


### Hamse poocho ki ghazal kya hai

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## Stories that touched your heart

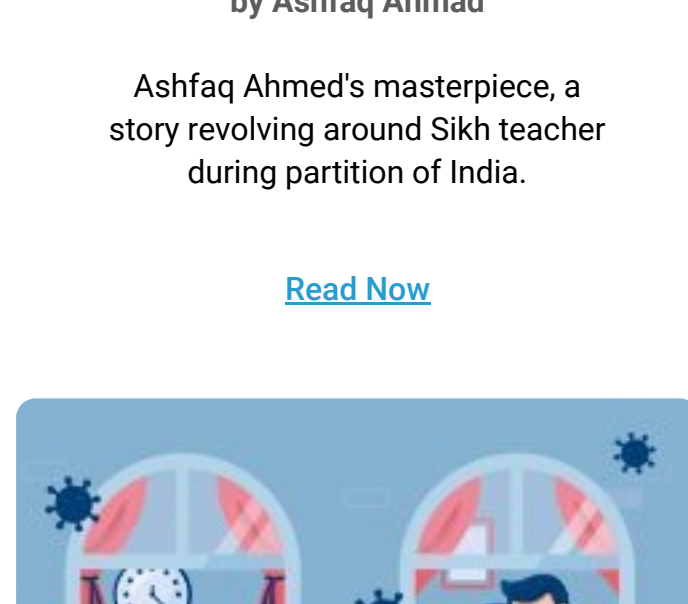


### Inqilab Pasand

by Saadat Hasan Manto

A story of revolutionary young man who wants to change everything. But his practices are so passionate that they get him locked in a madhouse.

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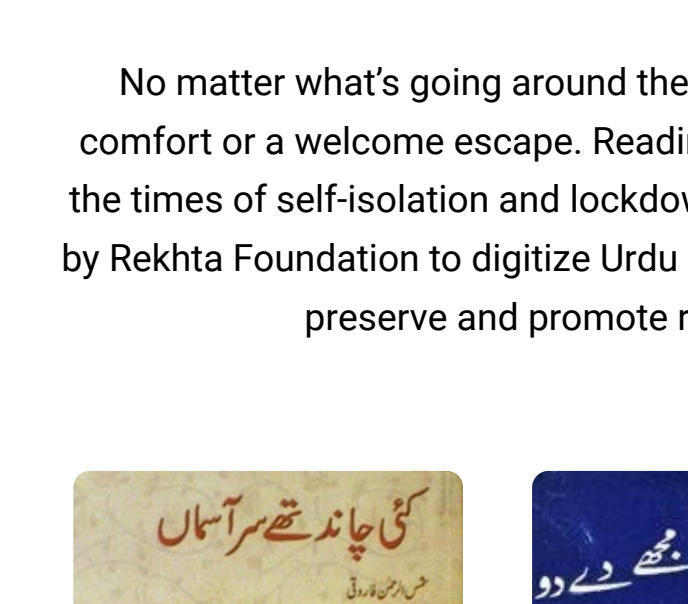


### Gadariya

by Ashfaq Ahmad

Ashfaq Ahmed's masterpiece, a story revolving around Sikh teacher during partition of India.

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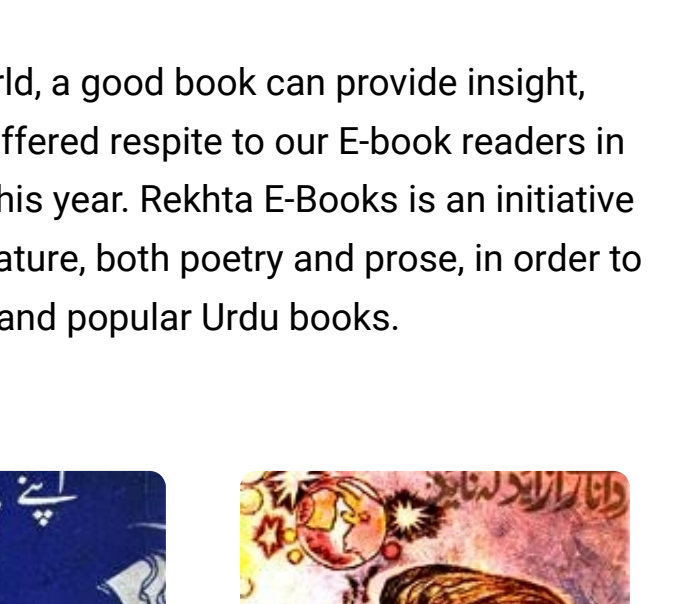


### Keemiya-gar

by Mohammad Mujeeb

A Tale of a doctor and his struggles to fight epidemic.

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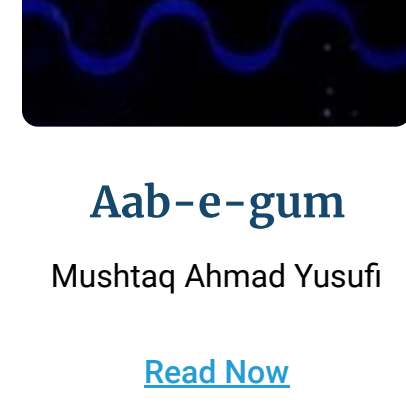
### Quarantine

by Rajinder Singh Bedi

A Tale of two tragedies: Plague and Quarantine

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## Books that kept you hooked



### Kai chand the sar-e-aasman

Shamsur Rahman Faruqi

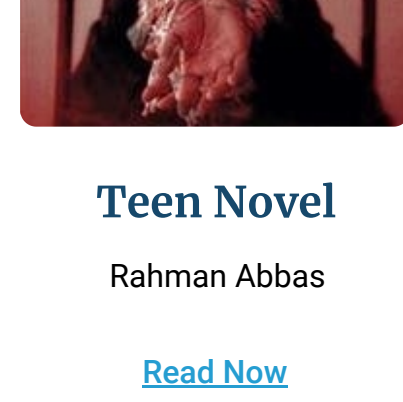
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### Apne Dukh Mujhe De Do

Rajinder Singh Bedi

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### Kulliyat-e- Iqbal

Allama Iqbal

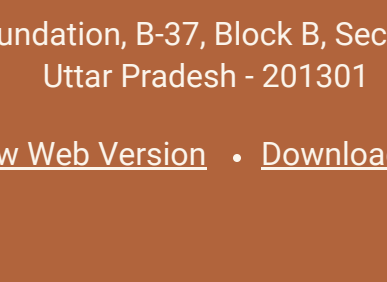
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### Aab-e-gum

Mushtaq Ahmad Yusufi

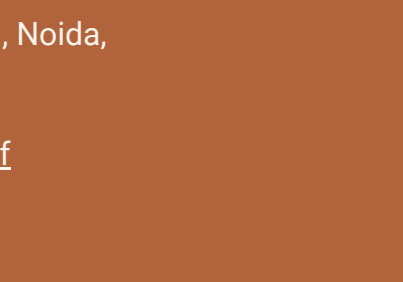
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### Parchhaiyan

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### Teen Novel

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