

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:

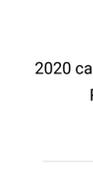
Top-Read Poets Of The Year

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 hai

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 Hafiz

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

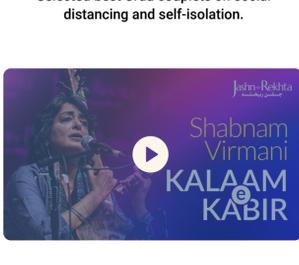
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Videos you played on loop



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

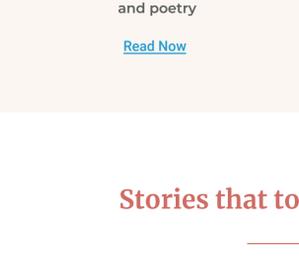
Renowned Sitar player Ustad Shujaat Ali Khan carrying forward a tradition rich in musical legacy.



Soulful Kabir Bhajan

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

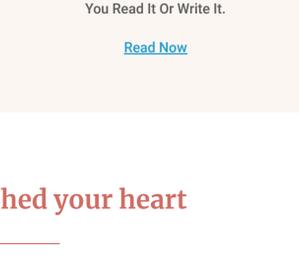
Most read blogs of 2020



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.

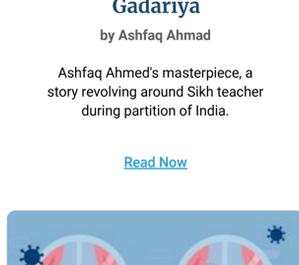
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Riyaz Khairbadi

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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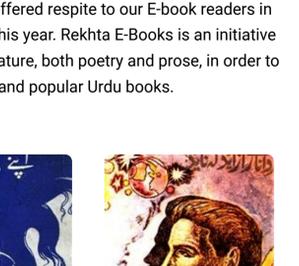


Keemiya-gar

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

No matter what's going around the world, a good book can provide insight, comfort or a welcome escape. Reading offered respite to our E-book readers in the times of self-isolation and lockdown this year. Rekhta E-Books is an initiative by Rekhta Foundation to digitize Urdu literature, both poetry and prose, in order to preserve and promote rare and popular Urdu books.



Kai Chand the sar-e-aasman

Shamsur Rahman Faruqi

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Rajinder Singh Bedi

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