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Sacred Blessings at Bungalow New York

"Some Call It Coincidence. We Call It Purpose."

Haji Syed Salman Chishty, 26th Generation Gaddi Nashin,
Dargah Ajmer Sharif & Chairman, Chishty Foundation
brings Sacred Blessings to Bungalow on Its Historic 786th Day

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A DIVINE CONVERGENCE



Haji Syed Salman Chishty and Chef Vikas Khanna embrace outside Bungalow, New York — 21st May 2026

In a moment that transcended planning and entered the realm of the divine, Haji Syed Salman Chishty — the 26th-generation Gaddi Nashin of the sacred Dargah of Hazrat Khwaja Moinuddin Chishty (r) in Ajmer Sharif, India, and Chairman of the Chishty Foundation — arrived at Bungalow, the celebrated New York restaurant by legendary Master Chef Vikas Khanna, on the very day it completed 786 days since its opening.

In the Sufi spiritual tradition, the number 786 holds profound sacred significance — it is the numerical representation of Bismillah ir-Rahman ir-Rahim (In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful). Neither Haji Syed Salman Chishty nor Chef Vikas Khanna had planned this alignment. When Vikas Khanna called his 'Sufi Musafir brother' at 3 a.m. to request a prayer and chadar for Bungalow's 786th day, he discovered that Haji Chishty was already en route to New York without any knowledge of the milestone.

Haji Syed Salman Chishty arrived carrying a blessed chadar inscribed with 786 from the Dargah of Ajmer Sharif, along with blessings from the Dargah of Hazrat Nizamuddin Auliya in Delhi. The sacred chadar was placed at the entrance of Bungalow so that every guest entering would walk through its prayer and spiritual energy. He also prepared heart-shaped dates blessed with love and prayer from the Dargah Sharif, which were shared with guests throughout the evening.

Some moments cannot be planned. Some blessings cannot be explained. This was one of those rare convergences where faith, timing, love, and the universe all arrived together at the same doorstep.

THE EMBRACE & THE CHADAR



A Sufi embrace of brotherhood — Haji Syed Salman Chishty and Chef Vikas Khanna, New York City



The sacred chadar inscribed with 786, carried from the Dargah of Ajmer Sharif — presented at Bungalow, New York

The chadar — a cloth of devotion inscribed with the sacred number 786 and blessed at the Dargah of Hazrat Khwaja Moinuddin Chishty (r) — was draped above the entrance of Bungalow, transforming it into a threshold of spiritual grace through which every guest would pass.

BLESSINGS AT BUNGALOW



Haji Syed Salman Chishty with Chef Vikas Khanna and Jimmy Rizvi at the entrance of Bungalow, New York



Heart-shaped dates blessed from the Dargah Sharif



Unity of hands — a moment of shared purpose

Also present at this blessed gathering were Jimmy Rizvi, Bungalow's partner and entrepreneur; Yakub Mathew, author of 'Seeking the Infinite' and investment banker; Jonathan Granoff, Executive of the Peace Pledge; and Shaila Rizvi, the acclaimed interior designer of Bungalow.

GATHERINGS & HOSPITALITY



The tradition of the Rajasthani turban — a gesture of honour and welcome



Haji Chishty with Chef Vikas Khanna wearing the Arabic calligraphy shawl



An embrace of spiritual brotherhood

Bungalow is more than a restaurant. Under the vision of Chef Vikas Khanna, it has become a spiritual and cultural embassy of India in the heart of New York — a space where the sacred traditions of Indian hospitality, langar, seva, and inner connection are shared with the world through the language of food. On its 786th day, that purpose was made visible in the most extraordinary way.

VOICES

"In the living spiritual traditions, we do not believe in coincidences — we believe in purpose as divine appointment. We did not know Bungalow was completing 786 days. We were simply being carried here by a force greater than ourselves. When the chadar from Khwaja Gharib Nawaz (r) was placed at the entrance of Bungalow, it was not just fabric — it was 800 years of prayer wrapping itself around a space already built on love and seva. Vikas Bhai has created not a restaurant but a living sacred space of hospitality, where every guest is a seeker and every meal is soul's nourishment. The number 786 confirmed what the soul already knew: Bungalow is blessed."

— **Haji Syed Salman Chishty**

26th Generation Gaddi Nashin, Dargah Ajmer Sharif
Chairman, Chishty Foundation

"Last week, monks from the office of His Holiness the Dalai Lama visited Bungalow to pray with us for Buddha Jayanti. And then, without any planning, my Sufi Musafir brother Salman Bhai arrived from Ajmer Sharif on our 786th day carrying a blessed chadar and heart-shaped dates filled with prayer. Some moments cannot be planned. Some blessings cannot be explained. Bungalow was always meant to be more than food — it was meant to be a space where faith, timing, love, and the universe all arrive together at the same doorstep. This was that moment."

— **Chef Vikas Khanna**

Founder, Bungalow New York



THE SACRED SOURCE



The blessed Dargah of Hazrat Khwaja Moinuddin Chishty (r), Ajmer Sharif, India — illuminated at dusk



Devotees at the Dargah Sharif — where the blessings and chadar for Bungalow originated

The blessings carried to Bungalow on its 786th day originated from the Dargah of Hazrat Khwaja Moinuddin Chishty (r) in Ajmer — the spiritual heart of the Chishti Sufi tradition for over 800 years. For twenty-six generations, the Chishti family has served as custodians of this sacred threshold, carrying its message of love, peace, and universal compassion to the world.

Bismillah ir-Rahman ir-Rahim

In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

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